



Matahuru Wetland restoration



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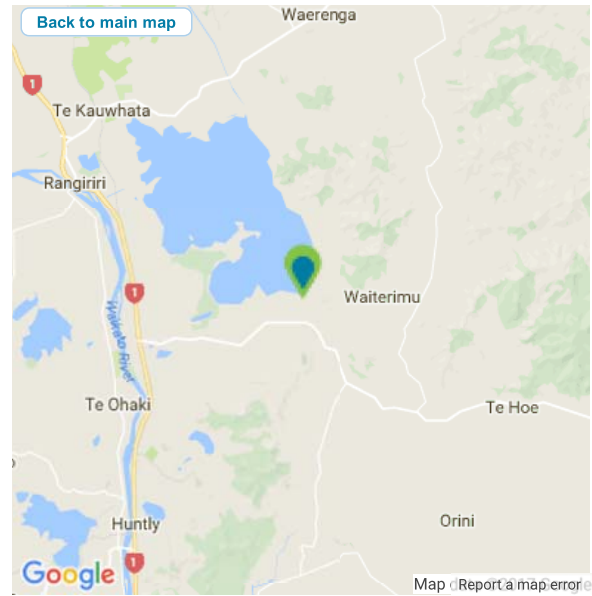
The overarching purpose of this restoration project is the restoration of the ecological and cultural values of the Matahuru Wetland on the shores of Lake Waikare, in order to make a significant contribution to the restoration of the lake ecosystem itself.

The lake and wetland are part of the Matahuru Papakainga Marae rohe, to whom the lake and much of its margins has been returned to the Waikato Tainui by the Crown in 2008.

The Matahuru Papakainga Marae have a vision of enhancing the lake, its wetlands and streams based on the principles of kaitiakitanga, in order to improve ecological and cultural values, and to return the lake, its wetland and streams to a state where their children and grandchildren can swim in its waters and gather food from once again.

The long term vision of the Matahuru Papakainga Marae is to restore the health of Lake Waikare through collaboration with all stakeholders within the catchment. This is also consistent with the objectives of the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan, which included the protection and enhancement of existing wetlands as one of its key goals. This is a Waikato River Authority funded project (WRA 14-026)

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