



### Orakei Korako/Red Hills Wilding Pine Control



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To undertake wilding pine control within the Orakei Korako/Red Hills.

Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whaoa Runanga Trust – the iwi authority for Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whaoa have undertaken substantial wilding pine control work within Orakei Korako/Red Hills, Tutukau Forest, along the lower Mangatoetoe Stream and Waikato River margins.

The area where work is currently underway has high biodiversity values as well as geothermal features and covers areas along the margins of the Waikato River. Control of wilding pine and other weeds will assist in restoring and protecting these values.

This area is also of great importance to Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whaoa and is the iwi ūkaipō or birthplace. Control of wilding pine will also assist in protecting and enhancing cultural values.

Work is now in its second year and the progress made to date is very visible on the landscape. Further follow up work is planned for the summer of 2014/2015.

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