

Case Study – Old Tai Tapu Road Streamcare Group

WET has been involved in the Old Tai Tapu Road Streamcare group (OTTR) since its formation. The group comprises landowners adjoining an 8km section of the Halswell River. Since forming the group, members have learned about the issues associated with land use and water quality on their stretch of the river, the downstream effects and the value of a well managed drainage network.

Funds were raised from a range of sources including: Environmental Enhancement Fund (ECan), Honda Tree Fund (ECan), Sustainable Farming Fund (MAF), and Sustainable Management Fund (MfE) and a partnership was formed with the ECan Living Streams programme.

Site preparation involved input from Community Max (a work experience programme run by Ngai Tahu and funded by the Ministry for Social Development) who poisoned the willows, and from ECan river engineers who cleared the willows and prepared the site. The OTTR committee put in countless hours in planning, preparation and promotion.



Willows are drilled and injected with poison to kill them prior to their removal

A community planting day was held on May 23rd, 2010 which attracted around 60 community members of all ages. Planting was finished off by contractors soon after. Within 12 months of the group forming 2460 plants were in the ground.

To ensure a good survival rate and rapid development of the plant community into a self supporting native habitat, WET will work with landowners and funders to carry out maintenance and weed control.



Community Planting Day, 23rd May 2010



OTTR's Osterholts Rd site on the Halswell River