

Groups gather for conservation

HIRD and aqua life will benefit from the most recent collaboration of core groups in Taumarunui. Three organisations, Te Uruanga B2 Incorporation, Taumarunui Community Gardens (TCG) and

Horizons Regional Council (HRC) came together on the consensus of forming positive working relationships to ensure the wellbeing of the environment and the community.

The three groups got together last month at Te Uruanga Incorporation farm to help retain some of the waterlands. The aim was to get the water quality up to help the bird and aqua life.

Petra Specht of HRC was on hand to help with planting and said there is a lot of good environmental work being undertaken by landowners in the Ruapehu region. "Here is one great example where the landowner undertaking environmental works has asked for advice from HRC," she said.

Vonda Houpapa, committee of management member of Te Uruanga B2 Inc said safe habitats are fast disappearing.

"Plantings such as these help to create and provide safe habitats for a wide range of our biodiversity."

The collaborative efforts have enabled an on-going relationship to blossom and the next project will include over 2000 native plants to be planted on riparian areas on the incorporation.

This project has created another opportunity for TCG, who will be part of a collaborative project with Kiwirail, Tuhua Hikurangi Regional Committee and the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board.

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WORKING TOGETHER: The Taumarunui Community Garden team, along with Petra Specht from Horizons Regional Council (far right) worked together to help plant at Te Uruanga B2 Incorporation.