



At the completion of a project that received community funding, recipients are required, as stated in the Community Grant Policy, to submit a Project Report to the Community Board. Project Reports are to be received no later than two months after the completion of the project or if the activity is ongoing, within two months of the funding being spent.

Applicants who fail to provide a project report within the required time will not be considered for future funding.

Please return the completed form to: funding@fndc.govt.nz PDF attachment via email is preferred) OR:

Funding Advisor

Far North District Council Private

Bag 752

KAIKOHE 0440

Name of organisation: Friends of Rangikapiti Reserve Society Inc.

Name & location of project: Weeding project, Rangikapiti Reserve

Date of project/activity: August 2024 onwards

Which Community Board did you receive funding from?

Te Hiku

Kaikohe-Hokianga

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa

Amount received from the Community Fund: \$975

Board meeting date the grant was approved: July 2024

Please give details of how the money was spent:

- **Your contribution to the project and the funding you received from the Community Board must be accounted for**
- **Attach supplier receipts or bank statements to show proof of expenditure of Community Board funds.**

Supplier/Description	\$amount	Receipt/s attached (please tick)
Rat traps, Grantley Imports Ltd.	\$158.40	
Weedkiller gel bottles, LandMan Ltd.	\$237.60	
Tool pouches, Bunnings	\$124.90	
Foldable pruning saws, Bunnings	\$174.35	
Replacement saw blades, Placemakers	\$279.90	
Total:	\$975.15	

Give a brief description of the highlights of your project including numbers participating:

Our weekly weeding group involves between 8 – 12 volunteers who have cleared areas of Rangikapiti Reserve overlooking Coopers Beach from rampant asparagus scandens, moth plant, tobacco weed, wattle and other invasive exotic weeds. Our pest control team comprises 5 volunteers and they each have a trap run with various types of traps to catch rats, mice, possums and mustelids.

The weeding group were very appreciative of the pouches, weedkiller and new saws as, for the long-term members, their original saws had become blunt.

The pest control team were glad of the new rat traps which are being deployed as new trap areas are identified.

Describe the main findings in your evaluation of the project/event; describe how your project/event benefited the community:

The outcomes of our project are threefold. Firstly the ngahere/native trees and shrubs in the forest are now able to reseed the forest floor and regenerate te taiao/ the natural environment where insects and bird life benefit when the variety of fruits and food increases. The efforts of the trapping team mean there is less vegetation loss from browsing possums which are reducing in number, and the other rodents and mustelid numbers are being kept in check which benefits the birds and insects.

Secondly, the local users of the pathways through the Reserve tell us how much they enjoy being in the forest now that the forest floor looks vibrant and healthy and they can hear more bird song.

Finally, the strong volunteer spirit between the volunteers enables greater community bonding and communication. This linking is particularly beneficial to new volunteers who can quickly be introduced to into the local community, resulting in other activities such as assisting at the Volunteer Centre and the new Hospice Shop, and connecting with Te Matarahuru ki Mangōnui and Kenana Te Ranginui Marae.

Please provide details and attach or email photos and/or any marketing collateral that was produced for your event/project acknowledging the Community Board:

We will acknowledge Te Hiku Community Board funding in our January newsletter.

Te Hiku Community Board is acknowledged on the walking track signage boards in Rangikapiti Reserve from previous funding we were very grateful to receive in 2022.

If you have a Facebook page that we can link to please give details:

This report was completed by:

