



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:

Governance Support
Far North District Council
Private Bag 752

KAIKOHE 0440

or email [to: governance@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:governance@fndc.govt.nz) (PDF attachment via email is preferred)

Name of organisation: Bay of Islands Maritime Park Inc—Living Waters-BOI working group

Name & location of project: Ecological Restoration of Pipiroa and Te Wahapu Reserves at Okiato

Date of project/activity: Start 2015 and ongoing. Includes animal pest control 2018-19 year

Which Community Board did you receive funding from?

Te Hiku



Kaikohe-Hokianga



Bay of Islands-Whangaroa

Amount received from the Community Fund: \$500.00 contribution to 2018-19 animal pest control

☐ **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)
Russell Landcare Trust (part funding of animal pest control in 100ha of Council lands in 2018/19)	\$ 1500.00	invoice
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total:	\$ 1500.00	

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

The past year's work on the project has included ongoing intensive animal pest control in the twin catchments of the Pipiroa and Te Wahapu streams. The Councils Scenic Reserves and adjoining reserves and other lands total about 100 hectares at the core of these catchments, so are included in the comprehensive programme over 250 hectares. The animal pest control work on the Council land is contracted to Russell Landcare Trust, under an authority granted by Andy Finch within the Project Management Agreement that Living Waters BOI has with FNDC. In addition to the contracted animal pest control work, the ecological restoration project this past year has included 550 hours of volunteer work on other animal pest control, intensive plant pest control (especially wild ginger, banana passionfruit, pampas, etc), site preparation and planting of 500 native plants in the Reserves

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

Our main findings from the project were that animal pests can be reduced to such low numbers that the native forests and wetlands start to regenerate and recover from decades of browsing by possums, seed eating by rats and wildlife predation by stoats, weasels and rats. We also found that the control needed to be both intensive (at closer than 100m spacings with multiple trap and bait station types) and extensive (large enough scale that the pests do not reinvade far from the uncontrolled margins). As well as benefitting the forests, wetlands and wildlife, the project also benefitted the 3000+ people who walk through these Council Reserves each year along the Okiato-Russell Walkway, who now get to hear or see much higher numbers of kiwi, weka, tui, fernbirds, kukupa/kereru, tomtits, and other wildlife, as well as admiring the lush understorey of regenerating native forest. The Council also benefits in terms of having the community undertake several of FNDC's statutory obligations under the Reserves Act 1977 as the Administering Body for the Reserves it vested in itself after subdivisions.

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

Earlier grants by the Community Board were acknowledged in signage and Living Waters newsletters, but the grant spent this last year has not yet been acknowledged publicly.

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

N/A

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