

WAIKANAE ESTUARY CARE GROUP



Waikanae Estuary Care Group welcomed help from the Conservation Volunteer trainees. It was a win/win situation when 8 trainees and their supervisor from the Conservation Volunteer Group joined with 5 members of the Waikanae Estuary Care Group to complete planned conservation work at the Scientific Reserve on 4 and 5 March 2020. Clothed with good gear and armed with knowledge our volunteers were able to put into practise skills learnt in their training. Hopefully this practical experience for them will translate into future employment.

With 132 hours of combined supervised help over 2 days, a huge area was promptly cleared of gorse, blackberry and other invasive weeds using our group's weed eaters. Hand weeding, nursery work, translocation of wet plants and site preparation completed the experience. We were most appreciative of our volunteers help as our planned work programme was interrupted by the Covid -19 lockdown and without this extra help our planting for this season would have been severely curtailed.

Should this course be held again in our area, a very warm welcome will be extended to any future volunteers from the Conservation Courses. Thank you for your invaluable help.


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**Te Hua o te
Mahi Tahī**
The benefit of working together