

Appendix 1: Care groups funded by Greater Wellington in 2005-06

Take Care groups funded 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2006				
Care Groups by Division	TA	Ecosystem	Facilitator	Key activities
Environment Management				
Churton Park Care Group	WCC	riparian	John Holmes	In its first year of funding, the Churton Park Care Group undertook a planting project along the Porirua Stream at the intersection of Middleton Road and Wingfield Place. Contractors prepared the area by clearing blackberry and a large volume of accumulated litter. Forty one volunteers, including a local brownie troop, planted 500 native trees and shrubs at a community planting day in early June.
Day's Bay Restoration Group	HCC	dune	Jo Fagan	The dune restoration project is now complete and the group's funding ended this year. The site will be maintained by Hutt City Council, members of the Eastbourne Residents Association and Wellesley College.
Eastbourne Dunes Protection Group	HCC	dune	Paula Loader	The group has planted over 1500 native coastal plants including the sand binders spinifex & pingao along the foreshore south of the Rona Bay wharf. Volunteers collected and prepared over 10,000 spinifex seed to grow on for the next planting season and held regular working bees to maintain their plantings & control invasive weeds. A small scale marram grass eradication trial has been started. This site is expected to need at least 3 years herbicide control. The group featured in two articles in the Dominion Post and Eastbourne Herald in connection with Restoration Day.
Friends of Greendale Reserve	KCDC	riparian	Jo Fagan	The Friends of Greendale hold weekly working bees to control weeds and care for thousands of native plants that have been planted along the banks of the Muaupoko Stream in Otaihanga. In September, the Friends held their seventh annual planting with pupils from Kenakena School.
Friends of Kaitawa Reserve	KCDC	riparian	Paula Loader	A small group of around half a dozen members holds working bees in the reserve every Thursday morning. They are working to restore native vegetation to the margins of the Wharemauku Stream in this Paraparaumu Scenic Reserve, which also contains a small native forest remnant.
Friends of Millennium	MDC	wetland	Kate Mackenzie	The group is working to restore small streams and wetland ponds at the old trout hatchery in Masterton. It raises many plants from seedlings in the onsite nursery and these are planted out by local school children. This year the group has also removed crack willow and pond weed from the wetland and ponds.
Friends of Ngati Awa	KCDC	riparian	Jo Fagan	In their first year of funding this group purchased a shadehouse and irrigation equipment so that they can begin to propagate native plants from local seed sources and restore the banks of the Ngati Awa, a tributary of the Waikanae River.
Friends of Owhiro Stream	WCC	riparian	Cate Pates	In addition to the usual weeding and planting regime, the friends have developed a brochure to help recruit new members and signage to advertise the work they are doing to restore this Wellington City stream. 1500 plants were planted in 2005-6.
Glenside Streamcare	WCC	riparian	John Holmes	Glenside Streamcare's funding was extended this year and the group has planted 2000 native shrubs and grasses along the Porirua Stream near the Rowell's Road intersection. The group has an ambitious long term plan to restore natives to the entire catchment.
Henley Trust	MDC	wetland	Paula Loader	Henley Trust held a planting day with nearly 500 pupils from Lakeview School to celebrate Conservation Week in August 2005. Members of the group were also recognised recently with a regional Weedbusters Award. The group will continue to restore wader ponds and small streams in this popular Masterton reserve with their second round of funding from 2006-07.
Kaiwharawhara sites	WCC	riparian	John Holmes	Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust and the Trelissick Park/Ngaio Gorge Working Group made a joint application to restore riparian vegetation to the Kaiwharawhara Stream in Otari-Wilton's Bush and two locations in Trelissick Park. In their first year, they have planted out 3000 native trees and shrubs beside the stream above the Troop picnic area and near Blackbridge Rd.
Millwood Estate Community Group	UHCC	riparian	John Gibson	This group of local residents has continued planting native streamside vegetation along Hull's Creek in Upper Hutt.
Moehau Stream Care	UHCC	riparian	Kate Mackenzie	Good progress has been made removing willows and replanting natives along this small tributary of the Hutt River. Corporate volunteers, pupils from Fergusson Intermediate participating in <i>Take Action</i> and Community Service workers have also assisted the group at the site. Volunteers from Accor Hotels attended a planting day at Moehau Stream on Friday 9 th of June. Approximately 350 trees grown by Upper Hutt Forest & Bird were planted.
Nga Uruora Kapiti Inc	KCDC	escarpment	Joanna Noble	This group is working to restore native bird habitat along the Paekakariki Escarpment. Greater Wellington supports the group's two community based nurseries at Paekakariki and Pukerua Bay schools where the group propagate all their plants from local seed sources.
O Te Pua	KCDC	wetland	Melanie Dixon	Changes in land ownership led this group to withdraw from the programme before the year's end. However, some landowners will continue to receive support and advice through the Wetland Incentives Programme.
Oku Coastcare (Island Bay)	WCC	dune	Jo Fagan	Members of Oku Coastcare are working to protect and to enhance the significant pingao remnant at Island Bay. The group has held several working bees to remove invasive weeds and plant native dune vegetation. 2600 plants were planted in 2005-6.
Otaki North Beach Care	KCDC	dune	Paula Loader	Otaki North Beach Care asked that their funding to be suspended pending a decision from Greater Wellington about a new protocol for cutting the mouth of the Waitohu Stream.
Paraparaumu Beach (DUNE)	KCDC	dune	Paula Loader	DUNE, a branch of the Paraparaumu Community Beach Management Interest Group held two very successful plantings, each attended by over sixty local residents. 2270 native coastal plants were planted in dunes at the north end of Manly St where a major blowout had occurred. The dune was mechanically recontoured and the seaward face planted with spinifex by KCDC in mid 2005. This site is surveyed at regular intervals to monitor the effectiveness of the native plants at trapping and retaining sand compared with nearby dunes which are dominated by introduced marram grass.
Silver Stream Railway Group	UHCC	riparian	Susan Hutchinson-Daniel	The group working to restore Hull's Creek on land owned by the Silver Stream Railway Society Incorporated have completed planting at the sites listed in their initial application. The group has extended its vision for the area & applied for a further two years funding to restore a new site downstream. The group also received a substantial grant from the Sustainable Management Fund to construct a fish pass & remove several large willows from the new restoration area.

Silverstream Straight Wetland Group	UHCC	wetland	Tami Woods	The project to restore the Silverstream Straight Wetland is now complete. Members of the Upper Hutt Forest and Bird Society will maintain the planting for a further year and control any regrowth of crack willow saplings.
Waikanae Estuary Care Group Inc	KCDC	estuary	Kerryn Penny	Waikanae Estuary Care Group held a second successful beach clean up day to celebrate Seaweeek in March. The group has held several very successful planting days and holds regular monthly working bees. Unfortunately the group's first pingao planting was completely destroyed by rabbits. Rabbit control has now been identified as a priority by DOC and a joint strategy for rabbit control is being prepared. The group successfully applied for SMF funding and received \$38,600 to extend their planting areas in 2006-07. In July 2005 group members planted approximately 500 native plants, continued planting in August, and in June 2006 put in another 900 plants at two planting events. The group has received assistance from Kapiti Plants, Composting NZ, and KCDC in the form of advice, compost and plants. Kapiti Coast District Council also erected a new fence to protect the new plantings from trampling by beach users. The group became an incorporated society in May in order to raise more funds from other sources.
Waimeha Restoration Group	KCDC	wetland	Melanie Dixon	This group started restoring the wetland on Waimeha Reserve, just north of the Waikanae River in 2000. They are working to re-establish native plant and bird life in this formerly neglected area. A dozen or so regulars attend working bees every fortnight. Their main activities are planting, weed control, pest control & monitoring water quality & bird life. The group has made further good progress this year and is making a visible difference to the wetland.
Waitohu Streamcare	KCDC	combined	Paula Loader	Waitohu Streamcare's funding round also ended this year, but has been extended for a further five years. The group continues to expand their project and involve the local community in restoring the lower reaches of the Waitohu stream, estuary and sand dunes at the north end of Otaki Beach. The group works with Otaki College students and Kiwi Conservation Club members as well as hosting a number of interested visitors. The group has been monitoring birds throughout the year and maintains trap lines in the Wootton Wetland. Working bees are held every Monday, and a wide variety of native plants including some threatened species are propagated in the community nursery. The dune project has once again suffered considerable vehicle damage, but the group's spinifex plantings are thriving and the remnant pingao population has recovered well following a rabbit control programme carried out by Greater Wellington's Biosecurity team.
Catchment Management				
Enaki Stream Care	SWDC	riparian	Don Bell	The group has continued a riparian enhancement project to reduce erosion along the Enaki Stream, planting 1000 flax, 300 native trees, 120 exotic hardwoods and over a kilometre of willow poles.
Friends of the Otaki River	KCDC	riparian	Kim Wall	This year the Friends have focussed on building up stock at their new Otaki Depot nursery to provide plants for the continued enhancement of the Otaki River Estuary and associated wetlands. The Friends were successful in their application to the Otaki Community Board for a \$500 grant to help stock the nursery with native growing on lines.
Friends of the Waikanae River	KCDC	riparian	Kim Wall	Friends of the Waikanae River Inc. planted out over 3000 native trees grown and lovingly hand watered in their community nursery. 100 Students from Kapanui School helped out at an Arbor day planting near the Oxbow. The Friends have also been assisting GW to document planting progress to date, including a survey of most of the south bank using GPS equipment & producing GIS overlays. This information will contribute to a review of the Waikanae River Environmental Strategy.
Motuwaireka Stream Care	MDC	riparian	Dave Cameron	Over 500 native trees were planted in the final year of funding for the group working to restore native riparian vegetation along the Motuwaireka Stream.
Papawai Stream Care	SWDC	riparian	Don Bell	The Papawai group held two community planting days and with help from Greytown School, planted over 1400 native trees and shrubs.
Riversdale Beach Care	MDC	dune	Dave Cameron	The Riversdale group planted a second demonstration area featuring native sand binders and ground covers and installed a sand ladder to improve beach access. Acacias, which have become a weed problem at the South end of the beach, were also removed. A planting day, involving school students, occurred in June.
Water Supply, Parks and Forests				
Battle Hill Farm Forest Park	PCC	riparian	Ross Jackson	Three years ago, a large part of Swampy Gully was fenced off and retired. Since that time additional areas have been retired and a total of 2100 plants were planted by volunteers from the Westpac Bank, community members and local school students at a successful Arbor Day
Friends of Maara Roa	PCC	riparian	Ross Jackson	The Friends of Maara Roa continue to do an outstanding job on this project in line with the restoration plan recommendations prepared jointly with GWRC in 2001. Planting and maintenance is carried out in earnest every second Saturday morning during June, July and August. <i>Take Care</i> funds were used to purchase plants, which have been supplemented by plants grown by the Friends. Contractors have been hired to cut bait lines through the gorse and the Friends continue to maintain bait stations for pest control.
Queen Elizabeth Park	KCDC	combined	Ross Jackson	Community and corporate planting events have taken place at three locations in the park this year. These were the kahiketea bush remnant, the wetlands south of the remnant, and in the low lying dunes adjacent to the Paekakariki Surf club.