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Our Environment—supporting Whaingaroa Weedbusters



Led by Leanne, Whaingaroa Weedbusters is a citizens initiated and led voluntary group working to preserve the natural environment and conserve habitat for New Zealand's native flora and fauna local to Raglan by removing pest plants.

Leanne concentrates their efforts on specific sites of value to the community such as the 2.5km long Kaitoke Walkway in central Raglan. They work on private land and roadside reserves, and target specific pest plants, such as Privet, that harm the environment anywhere they arise locally.

In doing this Leanne helps to ensure the local populations of precious taonga species such as Tui, Piwakawaka, Moho pereru, Weta, Riroriro and many others, will stay in our local environment for future generations to see and enjoy in our own backyards, rather than a fenced sanctuary miles away, because their habitats and their food sources are intact. "we're trying to create a culture of caring and collective responsibility for nature that feeds and sustains us," says Leanne. "Nature has huge benefits to personal and societal wellbeing and working together to preserve nature fosters care for each other as well as the natural world."

As a happy side effect Leanne's recent work controlling privet will also remove from our environment an allergen that causes hay fever and asthma.

With a donation from Tui Trust Leanne purchased drill bits, syringes and gloves that were together with other donated tools at a recent weedbusting working bee with *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*. Leanne concludes "We can go on and use these tools at future events and again, we are very grateful that Tui Trust sees the value in what we are trying to bring about."

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Maara Kai Garden to Table Project

*Photos: Tui Trust supports ECE Moko Club
Ngāruawāhia vegetable gardens and orchard.*





*Photo: Tui Trust supports ECE Moko Club
Ngāruawāhia vegetable gardens, orchard, native
plants and herb gardens.*



*Photo: Supporting vegetable gardens in the home
our whānau support programme produced
potatoes, corn and gorgeous row of sunflowers.*