

Waihora Ellesmere Trust Annual Report 2014/15



The Trust

- Steady membership of around 100 – 120 individual/family members plus 5 organisations
- 349 subscribers to the newsletter/ 147 Facebook followers
- 2 staff members - General Manager and Finance Manager
- Several active volunteers, working on specific projects and events
- MOUs with ECan, CCC, SDC and TAK
- Funding & support from SDC, ECan & Ngāi Tahu, and project funding
- Regular website updates, newsletters and articles in local media
- Action Plan to guide Trust's activities – reviewed in 2015



Some highlights for the year.....





Harts Creek Restoration – a short video

Our new video features the work of the Harts Creek and Birdlings Brook Streamcare Group over the last 15 years – with Colin Patterson and Peter Chamberlain.



Te Waihora Agencies Group

WET is contracted to facilitate meetings of the organisations with an interest in governance and management of the lake and environs, and the projects the group identifies.



Integrated Monitoring Strategy for Te Waihora

We supported Ken Hughey (Lincoln University/WET) in developing a strategy to improve the monitoring across range of values. This has included working with LU staff and students.

We were actively involved in several volunteer restoration projects, including the Green Footprint Project, the Canterbury Plantout, and working with several local schools.



What's coming up for 2015/16

- The fifth Living Lake Symposium in November
- Publication of the 2015 State of the Lake Report
- Continuing to work closely with Whakaora Te Waihora on several key projects
- Working with DOC/Fonterra to support their Living Water initiative at Yarrs Flat/Ararira Wetland
- 2016 bird survey (Feb 13, 2016)
- And lots more.....

