

Guardians of the Ruakituri

Catchment Catchup

ROUND UP: The Executive committee have been working away behind the scenes getting the formal structure in place to ensure the **Guardians of the Ruakituri** can operate in a professional way and is eligible to apply for Grant funding and seek external expertise as required.

- We are now an Incorporated, not for profit society with charitable status.
- The Financial structure is in place with Bank account & xero
- IRD sorted
- an independent administrator engaged to ensure transparency across all dealings

There have been quite a few inevitable costs incurred throughout this process and we are now in a strong position to move forward. Fiona Woon has been engaged in this role as catchment administrator, she will issue invoices straight out of xero and you will see the activation pledge one pop up on your emails shortly. If you need any assistance managing this process give Di Roadley a whistle.

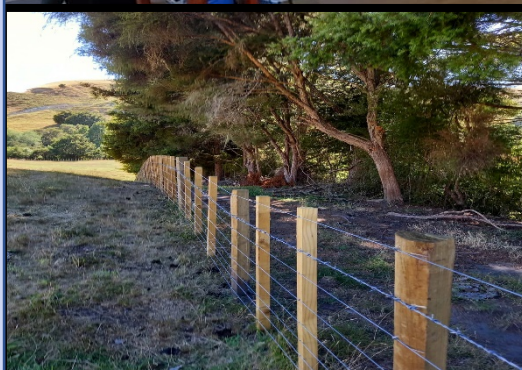


LINKS: We are establishing a Facebook page you will be invited or can request to join, this will be a less formal venue for catchment chat and updates. Website is live:

[Website link](#)



Doing the Mahi!



Cheers, Good buggers!

- Nuku Hadfield consultancy mahi donated back to the GotR \$5000
- Eastland & Central Community Trust Grant \$7000
- The Executive Committee putting in the hard yards to make all the formal stuff happen.
- Nic for his help & guidance



River health Assessment: Benchmark testing has been completed at Erepeti Bridge & Spences Bridge, which gives us a starting snapshot of the health of the river. Vickie McCarthy & Pete Larsen used the scientific kits to measure the level of living inhabitants (micro invertebrates & invertebrates) which are indicators of the water quality, our result came back very positively. This information will be added to annually, to create an accurate history over time. Official electronic water monitoring already being conducted by HBRC at Tauwharetoi station -

[Click here for a look](#)

Next Steps: All properties who signed the MOU (*Memorandum of understanding*) will be asked to make good their pledge of \$1000 to ensure the group can operate, (*properties under 300ha is \$500*) **

On the horizon: completing all the valley Farm environment plans, including GHG number, Update the Farm mapping images for everyone, attract professional development courses and expert advice opportunities, use our collective voice to influence local & national lobby groups that impact our farming business.

**Invoice will come via xero directly to your email, to be paid by 20th January 22