

# Clean Stream Waitakere Volunteer Registration Form

- I would like to **adopt-a-stream**. Please provide me with bags and gloves for cleanups.

Please write name and location of stream

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- I would like to do a **one off cleanup**. Please provide me with bags and gloves.

- I would like to become a sponsor. Enclosed is my donation.  
(THANK YOU! ☺)

- I would like more info on weeds  on free native plants

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Send or fax this form to:  
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**Waitakere City**  
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## Clean Stream Waitakere

*This leaflet contains information about the Clean Stream Waitakere project and can help you decide what volunteer work would suit you best. Please fill out the information sheet on the back of this leaflet and post or fax it back to us.*

Imagine our streams planted with native plants, the water clean and healthy. A place we can all enjoy and a natural habitat for birds, fish and other wildlife. Luckily, in Waitakere City, some of our streams, starting in the Ranges, are already like this. Wouldn't it be great if they all could be, from Stream to Sea?

However, in urban areas we have problems with litter, pollution, weeds and artificial waterways creating unhealthy streams. A lot of good work has been done to restore and clean up streams and stream banks in urban areas such as the removal of litter, noxious weeds, and replanting banks with native plants.

**Much more needs to be done.**

### Clean Stream Waitakere

The Clean Stream Waitakere project is part of Keep Waitakere Beautiful and the Council's Green Network strategy linking the Waitakere Ranges to the sea. Replanting and cleaning up the streams is essential to improving our environment, preventing further damage and bringing back our native wildlife.

You can choose how you want to help from these various projects

- Adopt-a-Stream where you live, work or play
- Organise a one off clean-up of the stream
- Monitor stream water quality (see Wai Care below)
- Become a sponsor
- Join a "Friends of" group to volunteer in clean-ups
- Start your own "Friends of" group
- Plant locally sourced native trees
- Inspire more community involvement by including friends or a community group in a clean up.

### **Adopt-a-Stream**

Streams are an important part of the environment as they provide stormwater drainage, a place for recreation and a natural habitat for native wildlife. Most streams are protected from development by a 10m margin (esplanade reserve) so can become a place of beauty and enjoyment for the entire community.

Some of our volunteers have adopted their local stream and have arranged cleanups with others in their neighbourhood. They visit the stream regularly and plan work to be done. Regular maintenance (once every 3 months) is a large part of the work as litter and weeds must be kept in check. Once weeds and litter have been removed, we recommend dense planting (every 0.5m) with locally sourced native plants during the autumn and winter months to keep weeds away. We can provide free gloves, bags, and advice should you decide to adopt-a-stream. Free native plants, spray and mulch may also be available depending on certain requirements.

### **One off cleanup of a stream**

Some areas simply need a one off cleanup to look beautiful again. One of the reasons why people litter is because, once rubbish accumulates in a particular area, people feel they have "permission" to litter. Once cleared, there is less chance that the litter will come back.

We can provide free gloves, bags and bag collection. This may be an option if you don't have the on-going time available to adopt-a-stream.

### **Wai Care**

Wai Care is a programme starting in the Auckland Region, which brings together schools, community groups, landowners and others to monitor water quality in local streams. The results are used to plan practical actions to restore, enhance and/or protect our precious freshwater resources. Volunteer samplers are required for 1-2 hours once a month for water testing and entering the results into the Wai Care website. Visit the web page <http://waicare.org.nz/> or contact the Waitakere City co-ordinator Ruby Jones on 09 834-6612.

### **Become a Sponsor**

Local businesses help with sponsorship of clean stream work. Civic Contractors remove blue KWB rubbish bags filled at clean stream events for free. EcoWater Solutions is another key sponsor of Clean Stream Waitakere. Thanks Civic & EcoWater! Can you help with financial assistance, or some other 'in kind' contribution? Contact K.W.B. on 826 4276.

### **"FRIENDS OF ..."**

#### **Friends of the Whau** (pronounced foe)

Most streams in the Green Bay, New Lynn, Avondale and Kelston areas flow into the Whau River. Local residents and business people who were concerned at the decline in wildlife at the Whau River originally formed the FOW in 1999. Since then they have participated in Wai Care's water monitoring programme and have organised many clean-ups & plantings at parks & along streams. To volunteer or for information phone Melissa Marler on 826 4276.

#### **Friends of Waikumete**

A community group involved in the maintenance and historical aspects at Waikumete cemetery in Glen Eden. A recent ecological survey of the Waikumete (or Gaden) stream found banded kokupu, a rare native fish for urban streams. Contact Peter Maddison on 818 6803 for more information.

#### **Friends of the Kaurimu Stream**

A small group of volunteers have been working to restore this beautiful stream just off West Coast Road in Oratia. Approximately 50 metres of the stream bank has been cleared of weeds and replanted with native trees and shrubs. Contact Sharon Walker on 8133 884 for more information.

#### **Friends of the Oratia Stream**

Groups including Pacific Youth Trust, the Latter Day Saints and NZ School of Outdoor Studies have undertaken restoration work on the Oratia Stream. These volunteers have removed hundreds of tonnes of weeds and many trolleys. Thousands of plants have been planted to prevent erosion, reduce reinvasion & to beautify this important urban stream.

Contact Keep Waitakere Beautiful on 826 4276.