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Who are we?

Project Steering Group:

- Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG)
- Beef + Lamb NZ
- Te Uri o Hau
- Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara
- Ngāti Manuhiri
- Sustainable Business Network "Million Metres" programme
- Auckland Council

Special edition!

Kia Ora and welcome back to the 4th Hōteo Sediment Reduction Project newsletter. This is a special edition newsletter – the project has been progressing since the last issue (August, 2019) with more detailed concept plans being developed and a baseline survey about to be conducted at our three GEMS sites – for more information please read previous newsletters or email sarah.nolan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

However, the purpose of this newsletter is to farewell one and welcome another to the project team. So without further ado!

Haere rā from Dylan...



Kia ora!

As many of you will know, I have finished working with Auckland Council last month so my role with the project has finished, and Sarah Nolan will be the project manager, I'm sure she'll continue to do an amazing job 😊

My new role is helping to set up a retreat centre up near Kaiwaka. Part of the project is establishing a kahikatea forest which has kept me busy as we planted over 20,000 trees this winter.

It's been great working with you all, thank you for welcoming me and for your enthusiasm for helping the Kourawhero, Hōteo and Kaipara Harbour.

Wishing you well with the project.

Kind regards, Dylan.

... And kia ora from Laurene!

Kia ora! My name is Laurene Dearlove and I have the privilege of being part of the Hōteu Sediment Reduction Programme as the new Project Co-Ordinator. I say privilege, because to me, it really is just that! I am a Kaipara Village local, with my youngest son attending the primary school. I am extremely passionate about the area and the community I live in and plan to be here for life! To be part of such an important and significant project, ensuring our beautiful piece of paradise is still a piece of paradise for generations to come, is truly a gift! I knew the Kaipara Harbour was the largest harbour in New Zealand - what I did not know, was that it was the second largest harbour in the world! Such powerful words, spoken by Willie Wright of IKHMG at the community meeting “If we do nothing, the Kaipara Harbour will be the largest mud flats in the world.” I look forward to working with the community, the Council and the local iwi to ensure this statement never becomes a reality!

Feel free to have a chat about the project when you next see me!

Laurene



Assistance with planting and fencing available

If you live along the 12km stretch of the Project reach (from the confluence of the Hōteu river – 12km upstream), or are on the main tributaries, there is a great chance you will be eligible to get assistance with fencing and planting of your waterway. The project is offering to pay 75% of your projects (including any alternative water supply you may require from fencing off the stream), and your 25% contribution can be the labour (planting bee anyone?) or simply 25% of the cost.

This is a great opportunity to get those projects done that you have wanted to do for years!

If this is something you are interested in or would like to check if you qualify for the funding please email Laurene at laurene.dearlove1@gmail.com.