




Year 2 Achievements

HIGHLIGHTS

 Wetland planted with **41,000** carex secta

 **2** perched culverts installed to protect galaxiid

 **234** exotic fish removed in Thomsons Creek

 **34km** of riparian fencing completed by farmers

KEY STATS

ACTION ON THE GROUND



47,250
Plants planted



7399
People hours worked



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7 Water monitoring sampling rounds at 7 sites

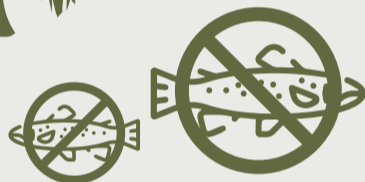


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WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

10 Committee Meetings

12 Visits

4 Events



20 Contractors

10 Agencies

1 School

Contact with **2** Catchment Groups (upper Taieri, IDA Valley, OCC, South Otago River Care)



15 Planting Days



11 Local businesses

MANAGING THE MONEY



Year 2 spend **\$852,000**



57 in kind donations of time

Audit completed in **Oct 2023**

2 Grants

SHARING THE MAHI



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TIMELINE

JULY 2023

Winter 2023 newsletter released, Riparian fencing continues and preparation for October wetland planting.

AUGUST 2023

Year two Budget signed off of MCG, over 500 plants planted.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Hills Galaxiid fencing continued, wetland workshop with NIWA's Chris Tanner and supported by OCC with over 40 attendees. Willows removed along Thomsons Creek.

OCTOBER 2023

MCG new website launched where the Thomsons Catchment Project page is hosted. 41,000 carex secta planted in the wetland. Sediment traps finished at the wetland.

NOVEMBER 2023

Audit completed, around 4000 plants were planted across 10 properties in the catchment and 1000 rare black billed gulls moved onto the wetlands for breeding season.

Soil scientist Jim Moir visited 3 properties in the catchment.

DECEMBER 2023

School Planting of Kowhai at the wetland and ongoing monthly water monitoring with the school undertaken, weed control at the wetland. Visits from MPI. Two perched culverts installed in Thomsons tributaries to protect galaxiid.

JANUARY 2024

Annual wetland bird count with Fish and Game Otago, the start of our bird monitoring group, buried remainder willow piles.

FEBRUARY 2024

Wetland field day, winning wildlife photographer visits the wetland, stall at the Central Otago A&P show. Removal of more willows. Weed control at the wetland.

MARCH 2024

Omakau School completes water quality check, Wetland management plan was submitted to council, flood flaps added to the exit weir, Pioneer Energy donated culvert pipes for our walkway around the wetland, drainage and fill tidied up at the north end of the wetland. Bird monitoring. Electric fishing in Thomsons to remove trout.

APRIL 2024

2,300 plants planted on the wetland islands and Galaxiid fencing project completed. Bird monitoring.

MAY 2024

Year 3 Planning meeting with the Thomsons committee, Bird monitoring a team of six people. Wetland fencing north side completed 2nd round of fish removal in Thomsons. Bird monitoring.

JUNE 2024

\$5000 funding agreed at committee for pest work, and planning goes underway for planting at 3 Galaxiid sites. Water monitoring. Soils fieldday with Jim Moir.

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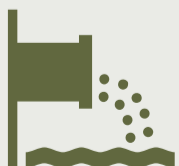
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