

Appendix One: Summary of care group activities 2006-07					
Site	Group	Ecosystem	Facilitator	TA	Key activities
1 Battle Hill Farm Forest Park	Corporate activities	riparian	Ross Jackson	PCC	Planting has taken place Swampy Gully for the fourth year now and the results are really starting to show. Cabbage trees are approaching two metres in height. Additional planting in side gullies has also been undertaken. The annual Arbor Day planting had 150 enthusiastic school pupils along with parents, teachers and GW staff planting 900 plants out of a total of 2,600. The remainder were planted at a community "Creating Habitat Day" and a corporate planting day with URS, an environmental management consultancy who like to have the opportunity to get their hands dirty in a practical manner.
2 Canon's Creek, Belmont Regional Park	Friends of Maara Roa	riparian	Ross Jackson	PCC	With the purchase of Waitangirua Farm, the continuation of the Friends of Maara Roa's project to restore 100 hectares in Cannons Creek Valley is now more certain. 40% of the area is native bush that has been covenanted, and the remainder is retired farmland. The group are incredibly committed, with planting days every alternate Saturday throughout the winter months and regular weed releasing days over the summer. In addition, they operate a successful nursery and use their Take Care funds to supplement the plants they grow themselves. The group have focused on the development of a number of "green corridors" where they have used fire resistant species in an effort to prevent a major fire as occurred four years ago destroying much of their previous hard work. Using independent funds, they have developed a interpretative walk through one of the covenanted areas.
3 Eastbourne Beach	Eastbourne Dunes Protection Group	dune	Paula Loader	HCC	The Eastbourne Dunes' Protection Group have successfully eradicated the introduced weed marram grass from their trial site on Marine Parade following only two years of selective herbicide application by an approved contractor. The 2500 native sandbinding and hardy coastal plants planted by the group between May and September are now well established. The group holds regular monthly working bees attended by between eight and thirty people, and also regularly hosts international volunteers from the Global Volunteer Network.
4 Enaki Stream	Enaki Stream Care	riparian	Don Bell	CDC	Activities have taken place on eight properties during the year; with the main plantings taking place in tributaries on Steve and Kate Pitney's farm. Subsequently, Steve and Kate were to receive the Dairy Farm Award and Habitat Improvement Award at the Wellington Balance Farm Environment Awards. Overall, 1800 native trees, shrubs and grasses, 900 tree & shrub willow (200 cut on-site) and tree lucerne have been planted with good establishment and growth rates being achieved thanks to timely rain and generally a lack of wind over the summer months. On top of this there was only one minor flood event during the year, which had little effect on the young plants.
5 Henley Reserve wetlands, Masterton	Henley Trust Inc	wetland	Warren Field	MDC	Using funds provided by Banrock Wines, the Henley Trust has enlarged and deepened two wader ponds used for bird watching. While the earthworks undertaken have enlarged the ponds, there are a number of water quality issues that remain unresolved. Greater Wellington's wetland specialist provided a detailed report for the group offering advice and recommending a course of action to improve water quality in the ponds and contributing streams. The group has used this year's take care funds to undertake extensive native planting in collaboration with several local schools. Tenick Dennison and the Henley Trust won the habitat restoration category of the 2006 Wellington Conservation Awards.
6 Hull's Creek, Upper Hutt	Millwood Estate Community Group	riparian	John Gibson	UHCC	The group restoring native vegetation along the Hull's Creek corridor beside the Millwood estate planted several hundred native trees along the stream at their working bees this year. With the departure of John Gibson to Hokitika, the group is now without a Greater Wellington staff member to act as their contact person and facilitator.
7 Hull's Creek, Silverstream	Silverstream Care Group	riparian	Richard Romijn	UHCC	The Upper Hutt Forest and Bird Society's project to restore the lower part of the Hull's creek riparian corridor has made great progress this year, with over 1500 native shrubs, flaxes and sedges being planted along the stream banks. The extensive willow control undertaken by Greater Wellington's biosecurity team at this site has been very successful and little follow up has been needed. This group also has funding from SMF.
8 Island Bay Beach	Oku Coastcare	dune	Jo Fagan	WCC	The Oku Coast Care group working to restore the dunes at Island Bay have planted almost 3,000 native dune plants during the year - mostly the native sand binders spinifex and pingao. They have held a number of regular working bees to control invasive weeds as well a couple of public planting day events. They have now planted about 10,000 plants on the dunes over the last four years. The group was recently awarded a merit award in the 2007 Wellington Conservation Awards.
9 Kaiwharawhara Stream	Otari/Ngaio Kaiwharawhara Group	riparian	Kate MacKenzie	WCC	Most of the activities on this joint project by the Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust and the Trelissick Park Working Group in the Kaiwharawhara catchment have taken place in Trelissick Park this year, with Otari-Wiltons Bush Trust providing support and expert advice based on previous successes. The Global Volunteer Network continue to monitor all of the sites in Wilton's Bush. This season's planting is well underway already, with corporate volunteers helping by planting at two sites in Trelissick Park. The site at Blackbridge Rd was planted by the Global Volunteer Network on a very wet and cold day. Kate MacKenzie has taken on the facilitation of this group since John Holme's retirement.
10 Makara Estuary	Makaracarpas	estuarine	Kirsten Forsyth	WCC	The Makaracarpas did not become an official care group until they made an application in February, but were offered funding this year to prepare a restoration plan for the estuary. The group worked with ecological consultant Clive Anstey to prepare the plan and also held community clean up days most Sundays to remove rubbish from the estuary and beach. The project is off to a flying start - the Makaracarpas have galvanised the community into action to restore the estuary and attracted support and extra funding from other sources including Wellington City Council, the Wellington Branch of Forest and Bird, the Wellington Natural Heritage Trust, as well as support from the Makara Community Board and Makara Model School, who will help them grow their own plants from locally collected seeds.
11 Mangarara Stream, Greytown	Papawai Stream Care	riparian	Don Bell	SWDC	The Papawai group's vision is to restore the mauri of this local stream and many members of the community are involved. Local contractors were employed to fell and clear willows and wild plum trees from along the stream in preparation for planting by Greytown School. In December, the Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre ran a fencing course at the site in which four local boys participated. 180 metres of conventional fence were erected over four days (free). The Care Group provided all materials. Don Bell also hosted a willow clearing demonstration at the stream in May.
12 Marine's Wetland, Whareroa Estuary	Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park	combined	Ross Jackson	KCDC	Take Care funds have been used to supplement three major habitat restoration projects in the park. These include; planting spinifex in the dunes at Raumati, planting around the MacKay's wetland area and increasing the buffer zone around the Kaihikatea remnant. The ongoing funding has been really invaluable to support the work volunteers are doing in the park. These projects are really looking good now and have attracted further support from a variety of groups and organisations. For example, there have been at least six corporate groups helping to plant and maintain these three projects and volunteers regularly help to grow additional plant material in the Park's nursery.
13 Millennium Reserve, Masterton	Friends of Millennium	wetland	Warren Field	MDC	The Friends of Millennium Reserve continue to raise a large number of native plants in their nursery to support their restoration plan.
14 Moehau Stream	Moehau Stream Care	riparian	Kate MacKenzie	UHCC	The Moehau Stream restoration project next door to Barton's Bush in Trentham is led by the Upper Hutt branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Society. Several businesses have also assisted with much of the planting and litter collection at the site through our Corporate Volunteer programme. To date several large skips of refuse have been removed from the site. Upper Hutt City Council has contributed by controlling several large willows, and our biosecurity team has prepared the planting sites by controlling woody weeds including blackberry, old man's beard and buddleia etc. Upper Hutt College planted 700 trees alongside the stream in June and will continue to have a role in providing both plants and planting effort in the future. Students from the college raise native plants from seedling provided by Forest and Bird in their shadehouse sponsored by the Trees for Survival Trust.
15 Muaupoko Stream, Otaihanga	Friends of Greendale Reserve	riparian	Jo Fagan	KCDC	The Friends of Greendale have continued to hold their weekly working bees in conjunction with the Kapiti Botany Group and the Kapi Mana branch of Forest and Bird and have planted 1450 native plants this financial year. The group was presented with a merit award at the Wellington Conservation awards for their efforts in restoring the stream corridor through the Greendale Reserve in Otaihanga, and linking with other groups in the community. Kenakena School won the Young Conservationist category for their contribution to this project over the last eight years.
16 Ngati Awa River	Friends of Ngati Awa	riparian	Jo Fagan	KCDC	This group has bought a number of potting up benches and finished installing the gravel base for their shadehouses so that they can start propagating and growing their own ecosourced native plants for restoring native vegetation to the Ngati Awa stream. They also purchased 280 native plants for the steepest part of the stream bank to plant out this planting season.
17 Onehunga Bay	Onehunga Bay Beachcare	dune	Jo Fagan	PCC	Community volunteers along with students and staff from the Whitirea Polytechnic planted 900 native sand-binding plants including spinifex, pingao, sand tussock and shore spurge in the dunes at Onehunga Bay in Whitirea Park. The area has been roped off using wooden bollards to protect it from vehicle and pedestrian damage.

18	Otaki Beach North	Sims family	dune	Paula Loader	KCDC	Greater Wellington's Biosecurity team carried out an extensive rabbit control operation on the Sims' property to reduce the impact of rabbit browse on a range of rare and important coastal plants at this sensitive site. The long term benefit of this work is not yet clear; as rabbit numbers on adjacent land remain high. Recreational use of this area by beach visitors on off road vehicles, especially motorbikes and ATVs continues to be a major problem. Fencing was carried out by flood protection staff to reduce vehicle access to the estuary and dunes. Unfortunately, most of the fence has been lost following changes in the path of the Waitohu Stream.
19	Otaki River	Friends of Otaki River	riparian	John Bissell	KCDC	The Friends of the Otaki River take an active role in the management and care of the Otaki River and are restoring riparian ecosystems at key sites along the river corridor. Over the previous planting season the group put in around 3000 native trees and shrubs. To make their project self-sustaining, the group built a nursery in 2005, which is now producing most of their planting material. The nursery is well looked after by convenors Barry Bayston and Lenore Winterburn and their band of enthusiastic volunteers. The group has additional funding from the KCDC Heritage Fund and the Otaki Community Board, which helped to fund the completion and opening of a walkway, a key achievement for the group this year.
20	Owhiro Stream	Friends of Owhiro Stream	riparian	Shanthie Walker*	WCC	The Friends group (FOOS) is continuing with its programme of riparian planting alongside Owhiro Stream. The group has planted over 2000 native plants at five community planting days held throughout the year. FOOS is working alongside Wellington City Council to remove asphalt from the stream and reduce stream bank erosion.
21	Paekakariki Escarpment	Nga Uruora Kapiti Inc	escarpment	Paula Loader	KCDC	This group, working to restore the dawn chorus to the escarpment between Pukerua bay and Paekakariki has perhaps the biggest challenge of all the groups we support. This year the group celebrated its tenth year and held a big Solstice party to raise funds to continue the project. Greater Wellington will continue to provide a modest level of support (\$2000/year towards the cost of running Nga Uruora's two community nurseries at Pukerua Bay and Paekakariki Schools) for a further two years.
22	Paraparaumu Beach	DUNE	dune	Paula Loader	KCDC	The DUNE group has enjoyed considerable success in their project to reduce sand dune erosion along the North end of Paraparaumu Beach and educate beach users about looking after the sand dunes. Members of the group continue to care for the sand binding vegetation they have planted along to the dunes in previous years, by removing weeds and applying nitrogen fertiliser to native sand binding plants when it rains. They have also collected seed from local plants to be grown on contract for future plant supply. Rabbit control undertaken by the Department of Conservation in the adjacent Waikanae Estuary has benefitted the group's new plantings. The group held a very successful community planting day on 9 June and put in 2000 spinifex, followed by a shared barbeque.
23	Porirua Stream	Churton Park Care Group	riparian	Paul Denton	WCC	With support from both Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council, the Churton Park group cleared a large suite of invasive weeds from their Wingfield Place site in preparation for the planting season. This year, the group have held three successful planting days involving the wider community and the planting at this site is now complete. Weed releasing of the young trees will be required for a further year. Since John Holme's retirement, Paul Denton has taken over the role of facilitating both this group and Glenside Stream Care.
24	Porirua Stream	Glenside Streamcare	riparian	Paul Denton	WCC	The Glenside group continues to restore native vegetation to parts of the Porirua stream corridor. Care group members have raised hundreds of native plants in their own nursery and have prepared the site at Rowells Road for planting over the coming winter months. The group hosted 17 corporate volunteers from ANZ National Bank at their Stebbings Dam site in June. The bankers helped plant a range of native riparian species and also cleared weeds and rubbish from the planting site as part of Volunteer Wellington's 'Volunteer Challenge' week.
25	Riversdale Beach	Riversdale Beach Care	dune	Dave Cameron	MDC	The Riversdale group has been active in the last year on a number of activities. They continue to plant spinifex and pingao plants along the foredune in conjunction with Whareama School. Additionally they have upgraded one of the sand ladders, installed information boards in the resotation area and continue to remove weeds and exotic invaders along the foredunes.
26	Waihora River, Martinborough	Waihora Watch	riparian	Lucy Harper	SWDC	Waihora Watch is in its first year of care group funding, although the catchment has had intensive pest animal control provided by Greater Wellington through the KNE programme for three years. This year repairing fencing has been a priority, with the balance of the funds being used to purchase plants to create another section of a green corridor from the bush down to the Ruamahanga River.
27	Waikanae Estuary	Waikanae Estuary Care Group Inc	estuarine	Kerryn Penny	KCDC	The Waikanae Estuary Care Group Inc. continues to gain momentum and has had another busy year. In addition to take care funding, the group successfully utilised a grant of \$38 600 from the Sustainable Management Fund & completed an ambitious planting programme in June 2007. The group's second application to the fund was successful, with a further \$34 500 allocated over the next three years (approx. \$11 500 annually). The group held its second Open Day on Saturday 28 May 2007, in conjunction with a planting day, community barbeque and guided walking tour led by Geoff Park (author of the Waikanae Estuary Restoration Vision).
28	Waikanae River	Friends of Waikanae River	riparian	John Bissell	KCDC	The Friends of the Waikanae River were formed as a result of the Waikanae River floodplain management plan process and have been an incorporated society since 2001. This year the FOWR reached a milestone of 30,000 trees planted along the Waikanae River below the State Highway bridge. Approximately 3500 plants were put in by members this year and they expect to do the same again next season. A lot of effort has also been put into site preparation and maintaining existing plantings. As well as this, the FOWR have also been involved in consultation and were involved in the Waikanae River Environmental Strategy workshop held last November.
29	Waimapehi Stream, Kaitawa Reserve	Forest and Bird Kapi-Mana Branch	riparian	Paula Loader	KCDC	This local branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Society have been working to restore the margins of the Wharemauku Stream and small coastal forest remnant in the Kaitawa Reserve for over ten years. They have received take care funding since the programme began in 2000. The group's funding was due to conclude this financial year, but they were successful in securing an extension of funds for a further three years to complete their ambitious riparian planting programme.
30	Waimeha Lagoon	Waimeha Restoration Group	wetland	Tim Park*	KCDC	The Waimeha Restoration group have established a new nursery to raise plants for their project at the Works Depot in Waikanae, belonging to the Kapiti Coast District Council. The group hosted two wetland plant identification workshops in February, attended by people from all over the region. The workshops were led by wetland plant expert Dr Paul Champion from NIWA and Tim Park, Biodiversity and Wetlands Policy Advisor. Using funding from the Key Native Ecosystems programme, Greater Wellington's Biosecurity team mapped and undertook control of two of the most invasive weed species present in the wetland; Japanese honeysuckle and blackberry, with excellent results. The group have followed up this extensive weed control by planting the weed cleared areas with native plants grown from local seed sources.
31	Waitohu Stream, Otaki Beach	Waitohu Streamcare Inc	combined	Paula Loader	KCDC	Despite futher setbacks in the form of vehicle damage and vandalism, the Waitohu group continue to refine and share their restoration skills and experience with confidence and enthusiasm. The group's work was recognised in the 2006 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards, where they won the Supreme Award in the Heritage and Environment category. The group continues to grow and engage successfully with the local community in its project to restore the lower reaches of the Waitohu stream, estuary and sand dunes at the north end of Otaki Beach. Otaki College students and members of the Kapiti Kiwi Conservation Club have been involved again this year and the group contines to host a number of interested visitors from around the region. The group continues to monitor bird numbers and maintain its trap lines in the Wootton Wetland. Working bees are held every Monday, and an increasing variety of native plants including some threatened species are being propogated in the community nursery. The new season's pingao are safe from browsing damage following a further rabbit control programme carried out by Greater Wellington's Biosecurity team in May.