



# PENRITH WETLANDS

## HABITAT RESTORATION PLANTING PROJECT



Dear Resident,

Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust is planning to undertake a habitat restoration planting project at the wetlands near your Penrith property. This project has been approved by QLDC and we are currently seeking your interest and involvement. We have plants at our community-based nursery ready to be planted out and wish to start this project as soon as possible so that the plants can settle into their new home before the summer season.

### Who are we?

Te Kākano Aotearoa Trust is a not-for-profit charitable organisation registered with the NZ Charities, #CC23553. We have our own community-based native plant nursery that specialises in propagating plants of local origin. We support native habitat restoration in the Upper Clutha Basin and we work with local community groups, schools, organisations & businesses in the effort to connect New Zealand communities with their land.

### Why restore wetlands?

Wetlands provide specialised habitats for a variety of fauna and flora including indigenous aquatic and wetland plants. Many of New Zealand's wetland fauna are found nowhere else in the world. Despite the limited area covered by remnant wetlands in New Zealand, wetlands are home to 22% of our bird species and 30% of our native freshwater fish. Wetlands are home to a huge diversity of plants and we need to treasure them to help ensure our wildlife survives into the future.

(Source: Land Care Research NZ - Wetland Restoration: Handbook for NZ Freshwater Systems)

### What can you do?

We will be calling on volunteers to help during any planned planting sessions and, as the project is currently unfunded, we welcome any donation towards it. We are also keen to hear about what you think of our project. To send your feedback or to register your interest as a volunteer, please email us at [info@tekakano.org.nz](mailto:info@tekakano.org.nz). Donations can be made online via our website or by cheque to PO Box 339, Wanaka 9343.

We look forward to your feedback, time and support.

Best regards,  
The team at Te Kākano