

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Fieldtrip log of the Doubtless Bay Working Group,
of the Environmental Management Committee
held at Doubtless Bay Farms,
Wednesday 16 April 2014,
commencing at 2 pm

Present:	Dr Greg Blunden	(Catchment Group Chair, NRC EMC, QEII Trust, NZ Kiwi Foundation)
	Peter Wiessing	(NRC – Catchment Lead)
	Clara Lugnet	(Doubtless Bay Promotions)
	Murray Walden	(Dairy farming rep)
	Wayne Parsonson	(Clean Waters to the Sea)
	Allan Heteraka	(Te Whanau Moana Te Roruhuri ki Karikari)
	Timoti Flavell	(Te Runanga a Iwi O Ngati Kahu)
	Mike Ward	(Te Hiku Community Board)
	Gerald Messenger	(Friends of Taumarumaru)
	Andreas Kurmann	(Recreational users)
	Julian Peters	(Beef farming rep)
	Dennis O'Callaghan	(Beef farming rep)
	Grant Parker	(Dairy farming rep)
In Attendance:	Natalie Glover	(NRC)
	Yvonne Steinemann	(DB Marine Protection Group)
	Mrs Ward	
	Larry Matthews	(Beef farmer)

REPORT

The Doubtless Bay Working Group attended a fieldtrip on 16 April 2014 to learn about biodiversity and soil and water quality management initiatives undertaken on the farms of Larry Matthews and Dennis O'Callaghan. The group also visited the site where the Taipa Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges and where samples will be taken for the Aurere Catchment Investigation.

Discussion topics and outcomes

- Riparian planting – the group discussed how they could provide practical help to farmers and agreed to make an Environment Fund application for riparian plants, to be planted by catchment group members over winter. Weed infestation in riparian vegetation and control methods were discussed.
- Intensive beef farming systems that can provide benefits for water and soil management by reducing nutrient runoff and erosion were discussed.



Discussion on managing the riparian zones



Larry Matthews explains his riparian planting programme in the coastal zone