



# MID ORETI MINI FOREST MOVEMENT

## PROJECT OUTLINE

The Mid Oreti Catchment group has operated for the last 4 years holding events and carrying out projects by utilising funding from Thriving Southland and local businesses. Moving forward, the Mid Oreti Catchment Group would like to move into making positive physical environmental change across the Mid Oreti Catchment Group area and become more financially independent. This will give the group more freedom with what can be achieved in the community, for example purchasing capital resource such as plants and fencing materials. In 2022 AB Lime kindly donated x1000 Native plants and the man power to plan out projects and plant to the Mid Oreti Catchment Group and offered the future use of the AB Lime native nursery space to propagate more plants for more projects moving forward. The Mid Oreti Mini Forest Project was born from this start-up.

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In 2022-23 we tackled 5 projects with these donated plants, we went out prior to planting to plan the site, and helped them with the planting. There were 2 community groups which we donated to (Lochiel School and Makarewa Headwater Catchment Group), and the remaining 3 were landowners who donated \$200 each to help us get more materials for future plantings.

1. Lochiel School: Lochiel School recently created a bike track at the school. We helped them pick hardy plants that wouldn't grow too high around the track and also complimented their existing native plantings.
2. Nelsons - Lochiel: Cam, Christina and Wally had a low lying area in a paddock that was continually wet. They fenced off this area and we provided plants that were tolerant to getting wet. They planted these with a local kindergarten.
3. Makarewa Headwaters: Our neighbouring catchment group created a recreation area with picnic tables and the plants were planted along the Lora stream.
4. Thomsons - the Thomsons had a creek that had recently been fenced. They wanted to plant this up to reduce contaminants getting into the stream, promote biodiversity, but most importantly get the local school involved. We went and talked to the kids about the plants and why we are doing it, then headed out and planted it out.
5. Bart and Martina - they had recently fenced off an area that was always wet and full of willows. They removed the willows and continuously sprayed the regrowth for around a year, then we planted out the site with natives. This links up well to other riparian plantings on the farm.

The Mid Oreti catchment Group asks that there is a donation of at least \$1.00 a plant from projects planted on private land and all donation money goes back into the propagation of future plants for this project. From the donation money so far the Mid Oreti Catchment Group has propagated over 800 plants with more being potted up at monthly nursery open evenings. Most of these plants will be ready to plant out in 2024 and every year moving forward plant propagation will continue which will enable to project to continue without external funding in the future.

200-300 plants is perfect for an area of around 200 - 600m<sup>2</sup>. As the project progresses, larger areas and more plants may become available! Anyone in our catchment group area can apply for plants however all applicants must go through an application process which includes agreeing to future planting maintenance to ensure a good survival rate and that the project aligns with the catchment groups goals and aspirations. If we get many applications community groups and schools are first in line and then private landowners who apply for plants who fence off new critical source areas or are creating wetlands are favoured as this aligns with improving water quality and biodiversity in our area.



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- If you are a private landowner it is requested that there is a donation to cover a part of the cost for the propagation of the plants at \$1.00 a plant minimum. All donation money will go back into propagating future plants for other Mid Oreti Mini Forest Movement projects or go toward other events and projects held by the Mid Oreti Catchment Group
- The Mid Oreti Group will provide the following service
  - Visit the project space in mind and give advice regarding preparing for planting
  - Provide all plants
  - Provide the man-power to plant all plants
  - Provide aftercare advice
- Projects must reside in the Mid Oreti Catchment Group area. A map of this area can be found on Thriving Southlands website.
- Planting sites must be stock proofed.
- Successful applicants are chosen on a basis of how their project aligns with improving water quality and biodiversity in our area. For example a project that fences off critical source areas or creates a new wetland.
- Maintenance of the plantings must be carried out by the landowner or project applicant as this is a vital part to the plants survival.
- Plants must be planted within 1 year of an application being approved
- The landowner or project recipients agree for the Mid Oreti Group to take photographs and use these to gauge before and afters of a planted area. These photographs may be used for promotional purposes for the project on social media and/or email.
- There are limited plants available in the initial years which have been kindly donated therefore the projects will be limited to a few spaces of up to 300 plants each.
- It would be appreciated if recipients of the Mid Oreti Mini Forest Project attended open days at the AB Lime Nursery to help with the propagation of native plants for their own projects or for future projects across the Mid Oreti Area. Also it would be appreciated if time was spent attending events held by the Mid Oreti Catchment group.
- We strongly encourage non-profit and community groups to apply and the donation fare will be waived in this instance.



# MID ORETI MINI FOREST MOVEMENT APPLICATION FORM

<b>Contact Info</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Name/s</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Contact Address</b>	

<b>Information About the Area You Would Like to Plant</b>	
<b>Address for Planting</b>	
<b>Estimated (or actual) size of the area for planting</b>	
<b>Description of area</b>	

<b>Information About the Area You Would Like to Plant</b>	
<b>Why would you like to plant this area?</b>	
<b>What values would you like to achieve by planting this area</b>	

<b>The area I would like to plant is; or will be fully fenced and stock proofed</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>I am committed to maintaining the plantings once planted</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

**I have read and understand the terms and conditions associated with the “Mid Oreti Mini Forest Movement” project (terms and conditions are found accompanied with this document)**

**Please scan or send photos of completed form to [midoreticatchment@gmail.com](mailto:midoreticatchment@gmail.com)**