

**Interim report for WAI Fund Application: 01 December 2022 – 31 July 2023**

**Title of Project:** Braided Rivers biodiversity restoration

**Name of Grant Recipient:** BRaid Inc.

**Date:** 23 August 2023

**Name of author of report:** Sonny Whitelaw

**List of parties involved in the project (providing both in-kind and funding support):**

- Environment Canterbury (funding for seminar catering \$4,000.00 + GST)
- Department of Conservation (funding for seminar catering \$2,500 + GST)
- Sonny Whitelaw (445 volunteer hrs. \$15,575: ie 50% discount invoiced hours Dec-July)
- Nick Ledgard (80 volunteer hours Jan-July)

**List progress towards achieving each deliverable in your grant agreement:**

**Activities**

**Deliverables /Milestone**

Provide up-to-date information braided rivers research and management of BRaid website	<b>Currently up to date</b> including paid annual subscriptions to hosting server, third-party plugins, and software applications
Running a free annual seminar open to the public and sharing outputs	<b>Completed</b> July: <a href="https://braidedrivers.org/seminar2023/#1">https://braidedrivers.org/seminar2023/#1</a> See attached programme and report
Writing and distributing e-newsletters and updating social media	<b>Completed</b> 5 newsletters (#77-#81) distributed to 287 registered recipients <a href="https://braidedrivers.org/news/">https://braidedrivers.org/news/</a> <b>Ongoing:</b> Facebook as items come to hand
Creating signs, short videos, and other information material where needed	<b>Completed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 updated signs and maps for Ashburton</li> <li>○ 2 x new double-width panels plus 1 welcome sign for Dotterel Point</li> <li>○ 2 x new information signs</li> </ul> Low resolution PDF attached  <b>Submitted</b> on Natural and Built Environment and Spatial Planning Bill, February 2023: <a href="https://braidedrivers.org/wp-">https://braidedrivers.org/wp-</a>

	<a href="#">content/uploads/BRaid-submission-Natural-and-Build-Environment-Bill-and-Spatial-Planning-Bill.pdf</a> <b>Presentation:</b> 16 August: Sanctuaries of NZ
<b>Planned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maintain and update website as information/reports etc. comes to hand</li> <li>○ Write and distribute 3 newsletters</li> <li>○ Write article: New Zealand Rivers Group newsletter FLOW</li> <li>○ Support Manawa Energy to expand existing trapping network and bird habitat creation, bird surveys, SBBG control, and island creation</li> <li>○ Follow up initial discussions with Central Plain Irrigation to follow similar strategy to Manawa Energy</li> </ul>