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## BRaid coordination as per ECan contract dated 01 September 2019

### Report #1: 19 December 2019

Description of Products	Delivery date	Outputs completed
Organise one Braided River Seminar	By 30 August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lincoln University venue for 190 people booked and confirmed for 06 July 2020; \$1,000.00 deposit paid</li> <li>Meeting with LINZ and Boffa Miskell followed by application to LINZ for additional funding to cover venue and catering costs for 190 people: \$9,1780.00 + GST</li> <li>Initial notification to newsletter recipients of the 2020 event</li> </ul>
Rebuild website <a href="http://www.braid.org.nz">www.braid.org.nz</a>	By 30 October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed rebuild on new platform. Additional domain name <a href="http://www.braidedrivers.org">www.braidedrivers.org</a>; either domain name will point to the same website. As of 17 December pages total: 108; posts: 103: <a href="https://braidedrivers.org/news/">https://braidedrivers.org/news/</a></li> <li>Respond to queries and requests for use of information and photos</li> <li>When upgraded, we opted to spend funds on site security to block malicious attacks, rather than more expensive site statistics software....</li> </ul>
Manage website and social media	01 Sept – 19 Dec 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...however, I have just installed reasonably priced backup software to ensure the site has a backup plan in the event of a catastrophic breakdown, and this software comes with site statistics, which will begin collecting data again as of today.</li> <li>Updated content when provided or when information changes, eg, reports such as the SBBG strategy, videos from DOC etc are loaded to Youtube then linked to website, so we should not suffer as many linkage breaks in the future</li> <li>Facebook posts during this period: total 132</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain new calendar on Facebook rather than website as it's much more visible</li> </ul>
Produce regular newsletters	01 Sept – 19 Dec 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two completed and sent to 183 verified emails. Total email numbers are down slightly from last year as some emails were checked by security software and found to be spurious, ie designed to collect data to generate spam, however, 'real' email addresses increased. The newsletters also appear as blog/news pages</li> <li>• 22 Sept: <a href="https://braidedrivers.org/newsletter-48/">https://braidedrivers.org/newsletter-48/</a></li> <li>• 19 Nov: <a href="https://braidedrivers.org/newsletter-49/">https://braidedrivers.org/newsletter-49/</a></li> </ul>
Make available, assist or lead in designing awareness resources		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respond to requests for signs based on samples: <a href="https://braidedrivers.org/conservation/signs/">https://braidedrivers.org/conservation/signs/</a></li> <li>• Produced 5 x A0 posters for booth presentation at Nov. Environmental Compliance Conference (4 already used elsewhere, fifth attached: 'Going Going, Gone')</li> <li>• Created sign for Orari River group (sample attached)</li> <li>• Currently working with local restaurant to design a kid's menu based on braided rivers birds</li> <li>• Run Wilberforce River Field Day in lieu of bird survey (due to high water -see flyer attached)</li> <li>• Presented to Hurunui Zone Committee and ECan staff climate change impacts on braided rivers. The full length PPT has been made available to ECan</li> </ul>
Additional outputs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded 2019 Environmental Accreditation certificates to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Makarora School (Bronze)</li> <li>○ Southern Alps Air (Bronze)</li> <li>○ Karikaas Cheese (Silver)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



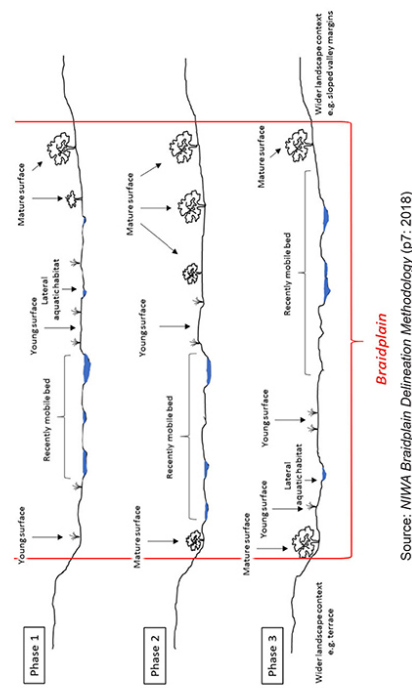


Historic attitude towards rivers as water sources to be exploited and hazards to be controlled combined with the perception that braidplains are 'wastelands' to be converted into 'productive' forestry and agriculture, has forced these once-mighty rivers into ever-narrowing confined spaces.

**Between 1990-2012 an astonishing 11,630ha of braid river margins was converted to intensive agricultural use.**

Under the Resource Management Act, riverbeds are defined as "...the space of land which the waters of the river cover at its fullest without overtopping its banks."

Braidplains are not recognised as being the space in which 'braided' rivers occupy. Unprotected, they and the extraordinary biodiversity that depends on them is systematically being destroyed.





# CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

## Braided River Birds nest in this area

**CRITICALLY  
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Black-billed gull  
tarāpuka

**ENDANGERED**



South Island pied  
oystercatcher  
tōrea

**DECLINING**

Pied stilt  
poaka



**CRITICALLY  
ENDANGERED**

Black-fronted tern  
tarapiroe



**ENDANGERED**

Banded dotterel  
pohowera



# STOP



it is **ILLEGAL** to  
disturb or kill birds

**PENALTY: Up to \$100,000  
&/or 2 yrs. prison**

**ORARI RIVER PROTECTION GROUP**

**Ph: 0210 236 9674**



Nests are hard to see & very vulnerable



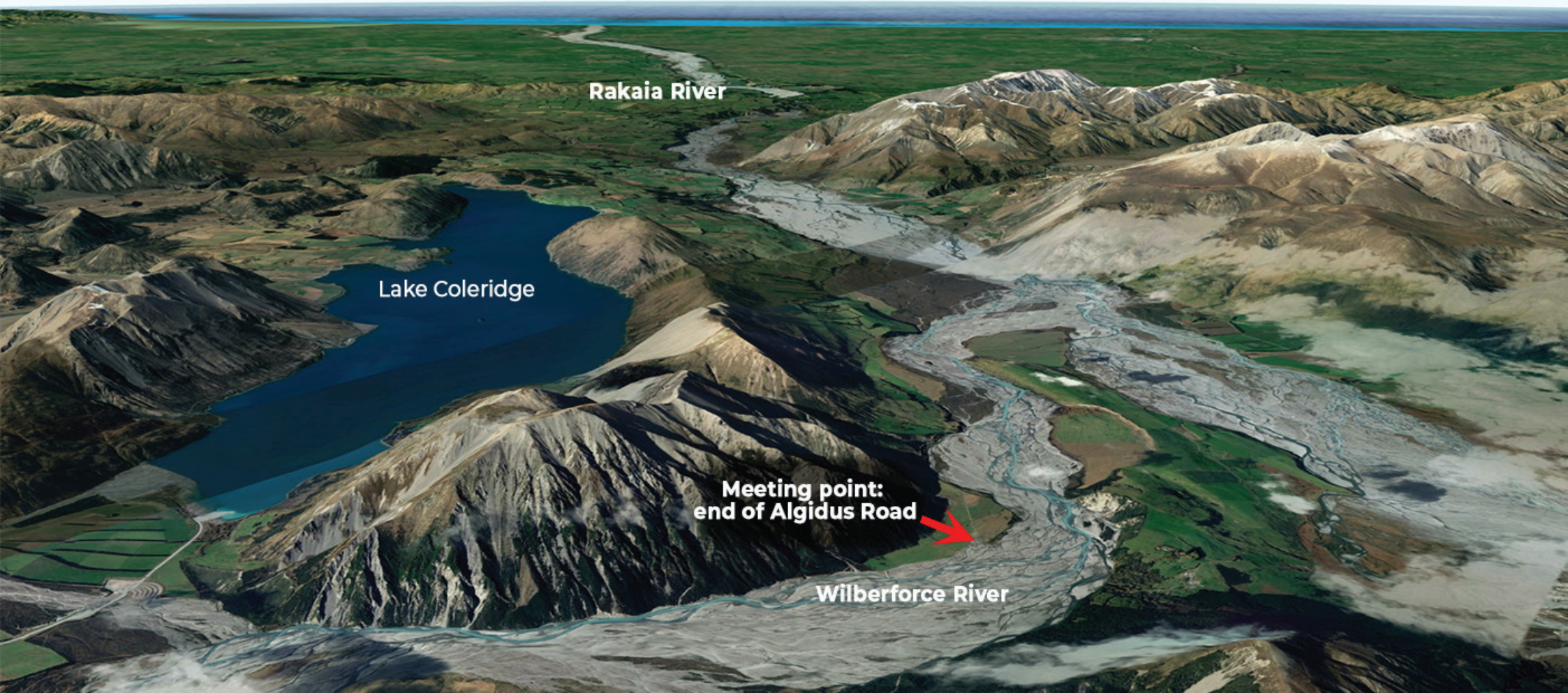


# Wilberforce River Field Day:

10am Tuesday November 5

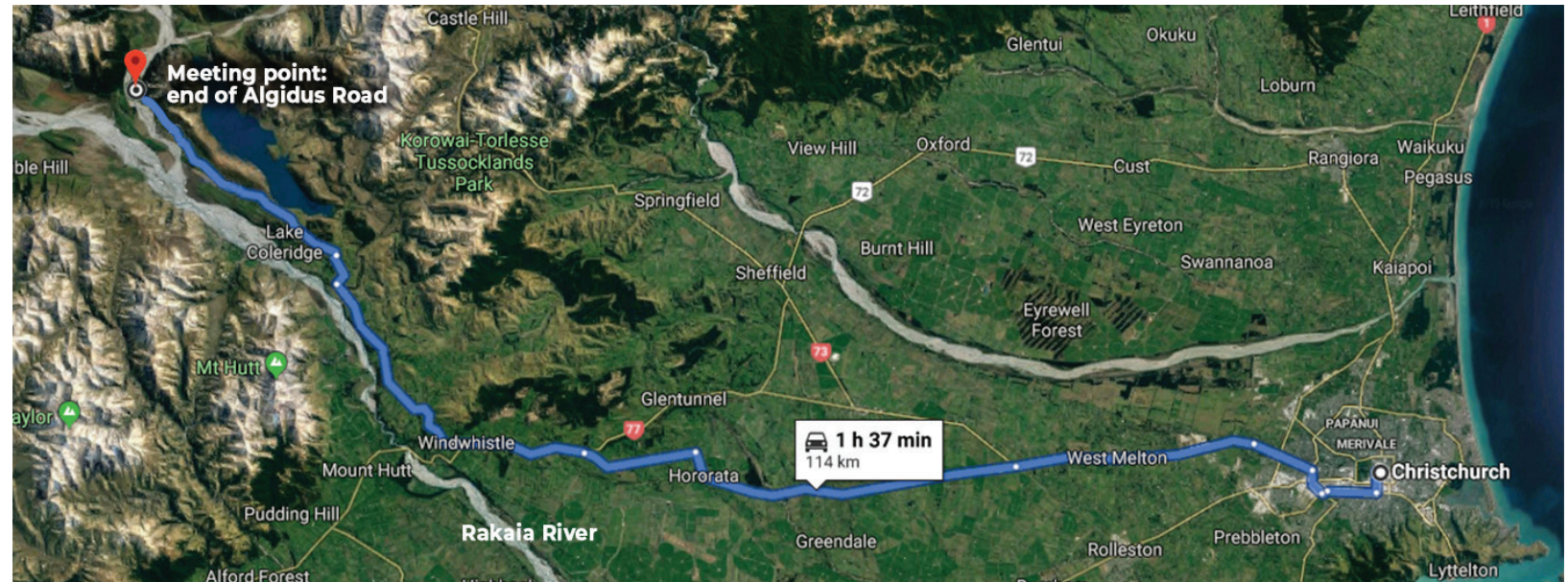
Join us for a FREE day on this stunning high country braided river. Explore accessible parts of the river, learn about and identify braided river birds including wrybill/ ngutupare, and find out what's being done to manage the river.

We will be walking on rough ground and across some shallow channels so a reasonable level of fitness, appropriate walking shoes, and clothing for exposed and potentially extreme weather is mandatory. No children or dogs; BYO lunch and refreshments. See the packing list next page.





## Getting there:



## Suggested items to bring:

- Sunscreen, lip balm, sun hat and sunglasses
- Good boots or shoes – which you don't mind getting wet
- Polypropylene top/leggings or warm gear to wear. It may be hot, cold, wet or windy
- Waterproof jacket and warm hat
- Gaiters (to keep stones out of your boots)
- Walking stick / lecki poles. Up to you, but great for keeping balance on a rough riverbed.
- Binoculars. Bring a scope if you have one – but you will be carrying it.
- A small pack with lots of front pockets is useful to allow carrying multiple gear within quick easy reach.  
Eg. pencils, notebook, phone, camera, snacks, hat, gloves etc.
- Water & food for the day. Lunch.
- Ziplock plastic bags to keep phones, wallet etc. dry
- A change of clothes for afterwards (assume you may get wet)
- Hi-vis vest (if you have one - bring any spares for others)
- Any emergency medicines you may need (antihistamines, epi pen etc.)
- Hand-held radio (if you have one). Not essential, but useful if we separate into different groups.



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