

Final report for WAI Funding: 01 December 2022 – 22 November 2023

Title of Project: Braided Rivers biodiversity restoration

Name of Grant Recipient: BRaid Inc.

Date: 22 November 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 (704 volunteer hrs. \$24,640.00: ie 50% discount on invoiced hours Dec. 2022 - Nov. 2023)
- Nick Ledgard (138+ volunteer hours Jan. 2022 - Nov. 2023)

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	Currently up to date 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	Completed July: https://braidedrivers.org/seminar2023/#1 See interim report for programme and seminar report
Writing and distributing e-newsletters and updating social media	Completed 8 newsletters (#77- #84) distributed to 299 registered recipients https://braidedrivers.org/news/ Ongoing: Facebook as items come to hand
Creating signs, short videos, and other information material where needed	Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15 signs and maps for Ashburton – see interim report for details
Additional activities outside of deliverables	Submission: Natural and Built Environment and Spatial Planning Bill, February 2023

	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 16 August: Sanctuaries of NZ ○ 28 Nov: Lions <p>Bird survey: 08 November Waiau River</p> <p>Article: New Zealand Rivers Group newsletter FLOW (University of Canterbury)</p> <p>Support: Manawa Energy to expand existing trapping network and bird habitat creation, bird surveys, SBBG control, and island creation.</p>
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