

Interim Report for WAI Funding: 01 December 2024 – 30 March 2025: GA 45-24/25 ID 1404

Title of Project: Braided Rivers biodiversity restoration.

Name of Grant Recipient: BRaid Inc. **Date:** 31 March 2024.

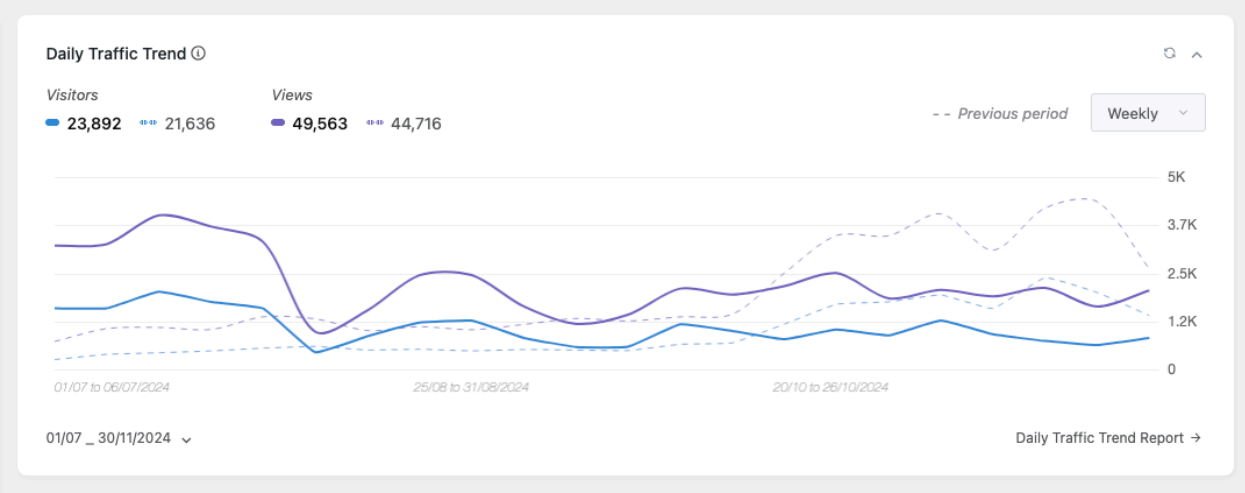
Name of author of report: Sonny Whitelaw

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

- Environment Canterbury (Frances Schmechel Seminar advisory)
- Department of Conservation (C. Ellery Mayence)
- Sonny Whitelaw (91.23 volunteer hrs. \$1793.05: ie 50% discount on invoiced hours. 01 December 2024 – 30 March 2025)
- Nick Ledgard (~31 volunteer hours 01 December 2024 – 30 March 2024)

Activities Deliverables /Milestone

Provide up-to-date information braided rivers research and management of BRaid website. Refer to site statistics page 2.	Currently up to date including paid annual subscriptions to hosting server, third-party plugins, and software applications.
Writing and distributing a minimum of two e-newsletters	Completed 3 newsletters #95, #96, #97 distributed to 327 registered recipients 01 December 2024 – 30 March 2025 https://braidedrivers.org/news/
Presenting to community groups, schools, and councils/zone committees on request	Note: these are also in conjunction with the Ashley Rakahuri (AR) Rivercare group: Dec: bird surveys AR 01 February: AR access blocks removed 28 February: BRaid General Meeting 20 March: Ecan Braid seminar planning 21 March: Waimakariri DC expo display Waikuku
Produce the annual Braided River Seminar that is open to the public and sharing the outputs with attendees	Underway. Preparation for 2025 seminar. Venue confirmed, format confirmed, some speakers and topics confirmed. Next committee meeting 09 April 2025.
Creating signs, short videos, and other information material where needed.	Underway: Discussions re additional signage bird and trap signage at Waikuku



BRAid website statistics for the period 01 December 2024 – 30 March 2024. Total visitors 16,148 viewed an average slightly more than 2 pages/person (total 36,767). The dotted lines show weekly trends.