

Report for WAI Funding: 01 December 2023 – 22 November 2024: Grant Funding Agreement 1263

Title of Project: Braided Rivers biodiversity restoration.

Name of Grant Recipient: BRaid Inc. **Date:** 30 November 2024 for period 01 August – 30 November 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 (88.38 volunteer hrs. \$3,093.00: ie 50% discount on invoiced hours. 01 August 2024 – 30 November 2024)
- Nick Ledgard (98 + volunteer hours 01 August 2024 – 30 November 2024)

Activities Deliverables /Milestone

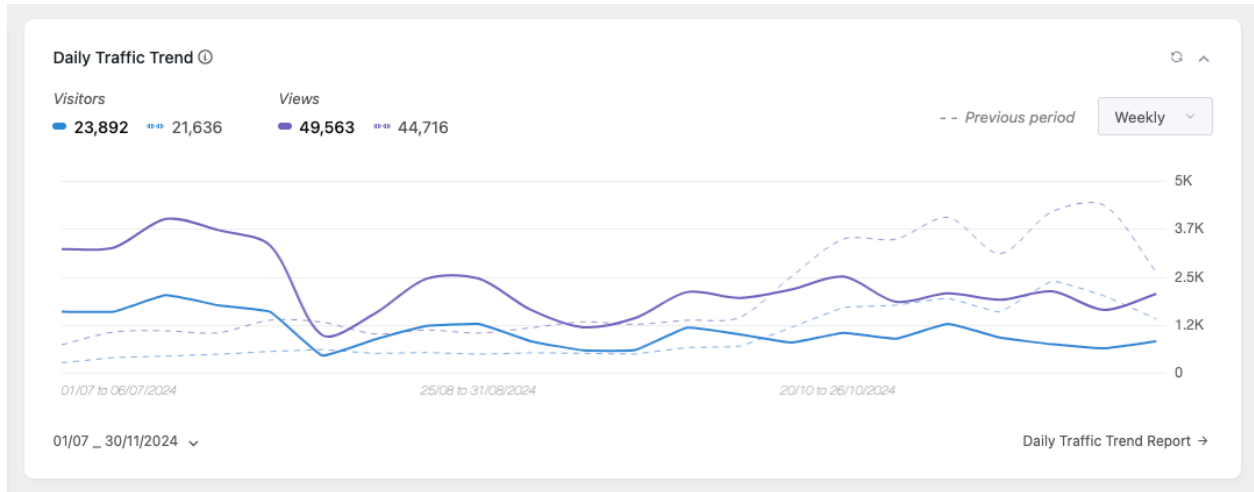
Provide up-to-date information braided rivers research and management of BRaid website. Refer to site statistics page 2.	Currently up to date including paid annual subscriptions to hosting server, third-party plugins, and software applications.
Writing and distributing a minimum of two e-newsletters	Completed 4 newsletters distributed to 327 registered recipients 01 August – 30 November 2024 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 Rivercare group: July 5: CompassFM interview July 10: BRaid seminar July 23 / Sept 26: Discussions on proposed bird viewing platform at Waikuku August 4 & 11: Volunteer weed pulling on A-R August 13: Ppt to U3A Rangiora August 30: Accessway blocking on A-R with contractor Sept 2: Talk to Rangiora Borough School Sept 22: World Rivers Day gathering Sept 27: BRaid AGM Oct 31: Talk to St Joseph's School Nov 18: Talk to teachers group on riverbed Nov 27: Talk to Fernside school
Produce the annual Braided River Seminar that is open to the public and sharing the outputs with attendees	Completed July 11: https://braidedrivers.org/seminar-2024/ Underway. Preparation for 2025 seminar. Venue confirmed.

Creating signs, short videos, and other information material where needed.

Completed edits of 2024 seminar presentations; uploaded to website and Youtube

3 FINAL (finally!) 2 panels Rakaia River mouth (see page 2-3). The earlier draft trapping panel remained unchanged.

Underway: Discussions re additional signage bird and trap signage at Waikuku



BRAid website statistics for the period 01 July 2024 – 30 November 2024. Total visitors 27,761 viewed an average slightly more than 2 pages/person (total 58,399). The dotted lines show weekly trends.



Final Rakaia River mouth 2-panel sign completed November 2024