

BRaid Manager's report 17 September 2026

Funding: from the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund for 2026 will end 28 February 2027. While there is uncertainty around the future of ECan, I will apply for funding from the joint contestable fund for February 2027 – February 2028, primarily to retain and update the website, deliver newsletters, design any signage needed, and run the Braided Rivers Conference again in 2027.

Education/outreach/support

Ten newsletters were sent since the last meeting, delivered to 328 verified emails; down by 2 since my last report however several people have come and gone during that period.

Website: Thanks to feedback and contributions, information and reports are added regularly. The statistics plugin shows that from 1 October 2025 – 31 August 2025, 25,281 visitors have viewed 75,605 pages. The number of page visits per visitor (3) is consistent with the same period in 2024-5. As per the last meeting, I rebuilt the website coding on every page, added another couple of pages, and updated the contents of every page. This maintenance does not prevent hacking attempts, which are increasing exponentially due to the use of AI. This unfortunately means spending more time each week to ensure its functioning correctly and protected as best as possible.

Member's area: includes all minutes, reports, funding reports, submissions, financial statements, and audit reports to date.

2026 Seminar: Thanks to Greg Stanley and his team, videos of most presentations are on the website under individual pages according to their topics, and on the main 2026 conference web page. Ironically, Greg's presentation is the only one that failed to record, however along with everyone else's presentation it is available online as a PDF.

2027 Seminar: subject to funding.

Awareness signage: Some queries have come in but nothing has yet been requested this year.

Presentation (Q&A): Papanui High School media studies request: impact of climate change on birds.

Correspondence: primarily by email. These and phone calls are almost entirely requests for information or in some instances supplying me with information for the website and newsletters.

Reports:

- Interim report to Waitaha Action to Impact Fund Feb. 2026 – August 2026 completed. This is available on the Member's area of the website.
- 2026 Conference report completed. This was submitted to ECan as part of the WAI funding. It is not online as it's primarily an internal document for the BRaid committee.

Monitoring/bird counts: Promoted through newsletters; results are added to the relevant 'rivers' and 'bird' pages on the website. Miles Burford has been sharing with me, and likewise, I sent him whatever I receive.