

BRaid Manager's report 7 November 2025

Funding

Funds for the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund for 2025 have now ended. In theory, I have completed the final report for 2025, and we should be eligible for the 2025/2026 funds. There was some confusion in the date of the deliverables after the contract was signed so that's technically subject to a final 'project completion report' to ECan due 28 February 2026.

Education/outreach/support

Nine newsletters were sent since the last meeting, delivered to 331 verified emails; same number as 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 since January 44,600 visitors have viewed 127,200 pages. Over the previous reporting period and for some years prior to that, visitors looked at 2 pages on average. The number has increased to almost three pages. Due to an increase in attempts to hack or insert malware into the site, I recommend that over the next few months I go over all the coding on every page and image and make sure it's valid, as the level of sophistication to insert 'non-click' coding is rapidly increasing. Good time to also check for broken links.

Member's area: includes all minutes, reports, submissions, financial statements, and audit reports: <https://braidedrivers.org/members/>

Facebook posts: As per the 2023 AGM, vastly reduced after June 2022 as we do not have the same budget. This doesn't appear to have affected interest in braided rivers given seminar bookings and website traffic.

2025 Seminar: Some 164 people were booked to attend. Four additional people turned up on the day. A rough show of hands indicated that around 20-25% of attendees had never previously attended a braided rivers seminar. Videos of each presentation were edited for clarity and are available on the website on both a dedicated page and throughout, according to the topics

2026 Conference: Lincoln University has confirmed our booking: Wednesday 08 July

Awareness signage: Provided [templates](#) and [signage](#) for [The Flock](#) to [Waimakariri District Council](#)

Correspondence:

- Interim report to Waitaha Action to Impact Fund Dec 2024 - March 2025
- Interim report to Waitaha Action to Impact Fund March 2025 - August 2025
- Respond to Seminar abstract submissions

Monitoring/bird counts

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