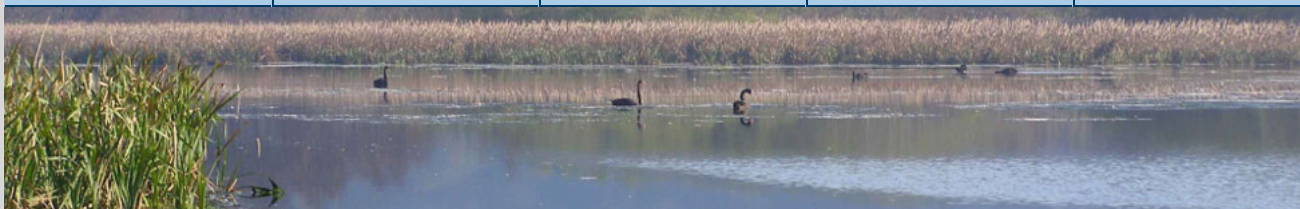


# Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project

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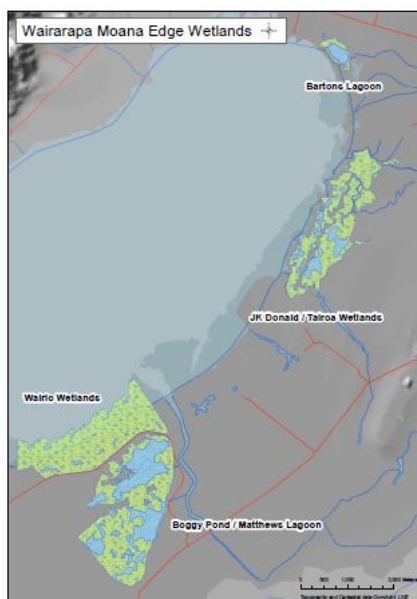
## Fresh Start for Fresh Water

### The "Clean-up Fund"

The Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project has received \$1 million from the Ministry for the Environment for work to improve the water quality of the lake over three years from 2013 – 2015. The Project partners have matched Crown input through funding and staff resources.

There are four work streams in five target areas of wetlands. These five areas are Barton's Lagoon, Boggy Pond, Matthews Lagoon, J.K. Donald Block (Hayward's lagoon) and Wairio Block. The four workstreams are:

- [On Farm programme](#)
- [Restoration of the edge wetlands](#)
- [Technology information transfer](#) (On farm field days)
- [Assessment monitoring programme](#)



The programmes of work aim to reverse the continuing degradation of wetland habitat around the edge of Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke. More information about what the funding sets out to achieve is provided in this downloadable booklet: [Restoring the Edge Wetlands](#) (PDF, 1366KB).

## On farm programme

### On-farm assessments

A farm assessment helps to identify projects to improve both biodiversity and water quality.

### On-farm works

Delivery of works such as fencing to protect waterways, wetlands and native tree stands and planting to enhance biodiversity and to protect banks.

## Restoration of the edge wetlands


- Restoration activities includes
- Exotic fish removal project at Barton's lagoon

- Pest plant control – aerial spraying of willows and alder and ground control
- Pest animal control – the installation and maintenance of traps around Wairio Wetlands, Boggy Pond and Matthew's Lagoon
- Planting – native plant re-vegetation at Barton's Lagoon and Wairio
- Diversion of waters into and around the wetlands

### Technology information transfer (field days)



Field days with particular themes are being held to inform the farming community about opportunities to make improvements to water quality and biodiversity. Topics for the field days include:

- Effluent management and potential technology options to monitor the on-farm works
- The values of wetlands and biodiversity
- Soil and water - the key ingredients
- Soil moisture and nutrients (handout " Maximising pasture growth and limiting losses", PDF, 732KB)
- Drain management

### Assessment monitoring programme

Surveys and monitoring are being carried out to provide baseline information and to measure the outcomes of the work. These include:

- Water quality monitoring – Barton and Matthew's Lagoons
- [Bird surveys](#) – Eastern lake shore and wetlands
- [Native fish surveys](#) – lake edge wetlands
- Hydrology surveys



