

## Report for Dominion Flats 2022.

July 2022 means we are coming up to 9 years since the start of the restoration of the area now known as Dominion Flats Scenic Reserve and what a change has been made over that time.

We now have a patch of native trees with paths meandering through that are used by many people every day. This year we have planted over 400 new plants, most of which were provided through the Tasman Environmental Trust and this has almost filled the gaps in the 6.2 hectare area. These plants have been planted by the group of helpers who go each week. Through most of the year the group clear weeds from around the plants and keep the long grass down between plants and it is this regular care that gives us such a high survival rate.

It is hard to believe now, that at the beginning of the year we were crying out for rain as everything was so extremely dry and now the ground is wetter than it has ever been with water lying in many places.

This year we have been lucky to have been given money from The Cool Store Gallery and together with a grant from the Mapua Ruby Bay and District Community Trust we are currently having some display boards made by the Mens Shed in Motueka which will show the changes since the beginning of the project. It will be good to show the progress that has been made in such a short time.

A big thank you to the team who go so willingly each week to make this project happen.

Helen Bibby.