

Push for Whangawehi funding

WITH less than a month left to go, members of the Whangawehi Catchment Management Group (WCMG) are calling on financial assistance from the community to fundraise for its restoration project.

The group is focused on improving the water quality and biodiversity in the Whangawehi catchment, working in collaboration with Marae, landowners and other agencies.

In June 2015, the award-winning group started an online fundraising campaign to help with the next stage of the Whangawehi restoration, which includes two streambank planting projects, the Taharoa/Grandy Lake planting and the Pongoroa Station planting.

WCMG Project Manager Nic Caviale-Delzescaux said while the group had already managed to achieve a lot to restore the health of the waterway, there was

still much to do.

So far they had fundraised a significant percentage of their target, but the countdown is on as the campaign closes in October, and Mr Caviale-Delzescaux said they wanted to push as hard as they could to reach their goal.

The group is campaigning for financial support through the Million Metres Stream Project (MMSP) initiative.

The MMSP is a web-based programme which offers a platform to raise money for restoration projects.

WCMG and MMSP have signed a Memorandum of Understanding and are working together to crowd-fund for two projects in the catchment.

Mr Caviale-Delzescaux said anyone interested can donate to one of the stream restoration projects at www.millionmetres.org.nz