



**WAIKATO UNIVERSITY
HOCKEY CLUB**

WEEDBUSTING FUNDRAISER

WHO: The Waikato University Hockey Club is the biggest hockey club in the Waikato region. It provides the opportunity for a wide range of people to get involved in an awesome hockey community while endeavouring to achieve the highest personal and team sporting standards.

WHAT: As a new initiative for benefiting both our club and the community, we propose to tackle one of the most nuisance weeds in Hamilton; *Tradescantia fluminensis* (Wandering Jew) at Claudelands Bush and raise funds based on the quantity removed.

Funds will go towards annual club expenses to avoid future fee increases. An example of the expenses our club needs to meet is our annual \$23,000+ turf fees.

WHY: This event will be hugely beneficial to the Hamilton community; Claudelands Bush is a key reserve for residents to enjoy and learn from. It is one of few remaining Kahikatea forests that used to be dominant in the local landscape and provides an easily accessible island of native vegetation in the middle of urban development. Because of its highly-disturbed surroundings the bush has been continually invaded by nuisance weeds and a lack of man-power has meant that Wandering Jew has not yet been removed from the ecosystem, despite continued attempts from various parties. We offer a larger workforce to hopefully make a real impact on the invasion of Wandering Jew and, pending initial success, plan to continue in the future to hopefully remove it once and for all. We have the permission of the council but must clarify that this is not any part of their weed control programmes.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Help get this idea up and running by sponsoring bags for us to fill with Wandering Dew. We are asking for **\$10-20 per bag** and are hoping to fund enough bags to keep us busy for a few hours on the 27th of September.

Deposit donations into the club's Westpac account: 03 1555 0091780 000 with name and email if possible

Contact Catherine Bryan at womens@varsityhockey.co.nz with comments or receipt requests

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!