

Whangawehi aim is 40 thousand plants

AN ambitious aim of 40,000 is the number of plants the Whangawehi Catchment Management Group hope to get in the ground this season.

So far 16,000 plants have been dug in with project drivers wanting \$200,000 plants planted in a seven kilometre area over the next two to three years.

Planting will take place this weekend at Taharoa Trust — Pat and Sue O'Brien's property at 1637 Mahia East Coast Road.

Plantings will take place from 8.30am to 3.30pm

finishing with a sausage sizzle and free accommodation and food at the Tuahuru Marae.

The group extends an invitation to members of the community to join in the weekend planting to help enhance and protect the environment in the Whangawehi catchment riparian area.

The Whangawehi Catchment Management Group is a collaborative approach to address community concerns over the potential effects of the then proposed wastewater treatment system.

The award-winning group identified a shared desire to create better management to protect and enhance the natural, physical, cultural and spiritual resources of the catchment as a whole.

The group wants to return the Whangawehi Awa to its most pristine condition, flowing into the Mahinga Kai for future generations.

A further planting day will be held on June 13 and 14 at Pongaroa Station just above the Whangawehi bridge.