

building the...

PEKAPEKA WETLAND INTERPRETATION SITE



overview

- Location
- Wetland type
- Catchment



restoration objectives

- Restore ecological function
 - hydrology
 - plant pest control
 - fencing
 - planting
- Provide for public use
- Create a champion wetland



1983



2013

interpretation site?

- education
- passive recreation



project processes

- **Concept plan**
- **Stakeholder ID**
- Consultation
- Construction element ID
- Rough order cost estimate
- Council commitment
- Resource consents
- Detailed cost estimate
- Programming
- Fundraising
- Construction



project constraints

- Railway
- State highway
- Rubbish dump
- Waahi Tapu site
- Challenging construction site
- Engineer vs Landscape Architect



construction elements

- Access off SH2
- Carpark
- Pathways
- **Viewing platform**
- Landscaping / planting
- **Boardwalks**
- Signage
- Seating & tables







so... what went wrong

- **Weather**
- **User Assessment**
- Consent oversight
- Unit error (15k)
- Changing project scope
- Car accident
- Theft



and what went right!

- Fundraising
- Successfully completed
- To budget
- Great support
- **Site is being well used**
- Jeremy Dwyer Supreme award
- Resene Pride of Place award
- Confidence to embark on another...



key philosophies

- keep it real
- Keep an open mind
- crack some eggs
- be grateful
- **And don't forget about maintenance!**



Questions

