


Establishment of Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee

The membership of Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee will be approved by the Regional Council in early December and commence its work in early 2015. There will be a selection process for community members, including an application period from mid-September to the end of October, with interviews in early November.

Find out more

Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee information evening, Pataka Art + Museum at 6pm.

Visit www.gw.govt.nz.

View the Whaitua video:
You  (keywords "whaitua video")

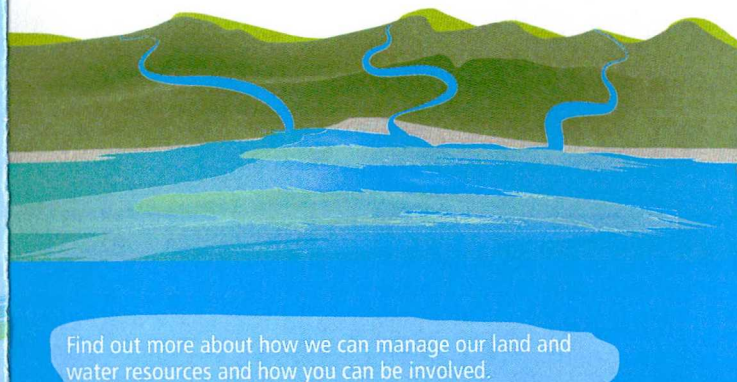
Ki uta ki tai, he taonga te wai -
From the mountains to the sea,
water is life



What is a whaitua?

The word whaitua means a designated space or catchment. Whaitua committees are collaborative community groups.

Whaitua committees are being set up in Porirua, Wairarapa Coast, Wellington City and Hutt Valley, and Kapiti Coast over the next few years. A whaitua committee has already been established in the Ruamahanga Valley.



Find out more about how we can manage our land and water resources and how you can be involved.

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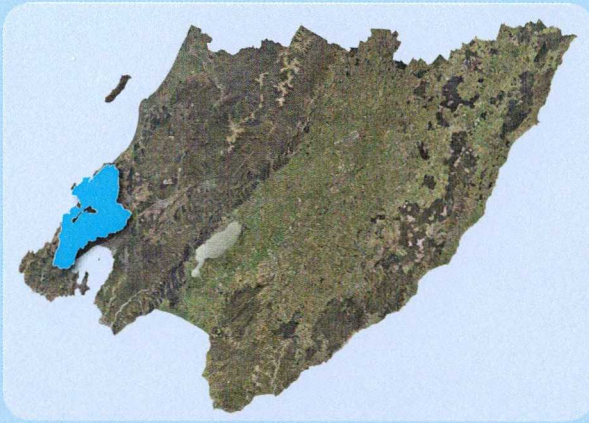


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Porirua is moving to a
new way of managing
land and water resources.

This is your chance to
be involved.



How can you make a difference?

We know you're passionate about where you live.

So now you can influence the way our land and water are managed, and make sure you're proud of the legacy we leave for our children and grandchildren.

We want the community to help lead the way so we have introduced community based whitua (catchment) committees. Te Awarua o Porirua Whitua Committee is the next committee to be set up.

How do whitua committees work?

Whitua committees gather community, scientific, economic and geographical information to gain an understanding of the current state of water in their catchment area.

They then work with the community and newly formed Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee to develop a set of environmental goals or a vision for their catchment area. This might include setting targets and limits for water as suggested by the National Policy

Statement for Water. This is called a whitua implementation programme or WIP.

Some of the WIP recommendations will be incorporated into the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region, others will be picked up and implemented by the community.

How do whitua committees make a difference?

Once a whitua committee has developed its implementation programme, it will be added as a whitua chapter through the normal Natural Resources Plan change process.

These whitua chapters will sit alongside other regional policies and regulations that control how resources are managed in the area.

By providing a prioritised plan of action, the whitua implementation programme helps focus efforts on improving the management of land and water.

Membership of Te Awarua o Porirua Whitua Committee

An official selection process will be used to select seven or eight people from Porirua communities who have an interest in working collaboratively on land and water management issues. A further five members



will be appointed from Te Upoko Taio Natural Resource Committee, Iwi, Porirua and Wellington City Councils.

Who are we looking for?

The members of the Te Awarua o Porirua Whitua Committee must be able to work confidently to collect and relay knowledge and information between the community and the whitua committee.

They will be willing to work well with, and on behalf of, others and at any time they may need to consider:

- business interests
- native flora and fauna and the environment
- mana whenua values
- recreation
- wider economic development interests
- urban interests
- general community interests

Key dates

11 September	Te Awarua o Porirua information evening, Pataka Art + Museum, 6pm
11 September	Membership application period opens
31 October	Membership application period closes
Early November	Interviews for community membership
10 December	Committee membership approved by Wellington Regional Council
February 2015	Committee workshops and meetings begin