

Three Waters Education

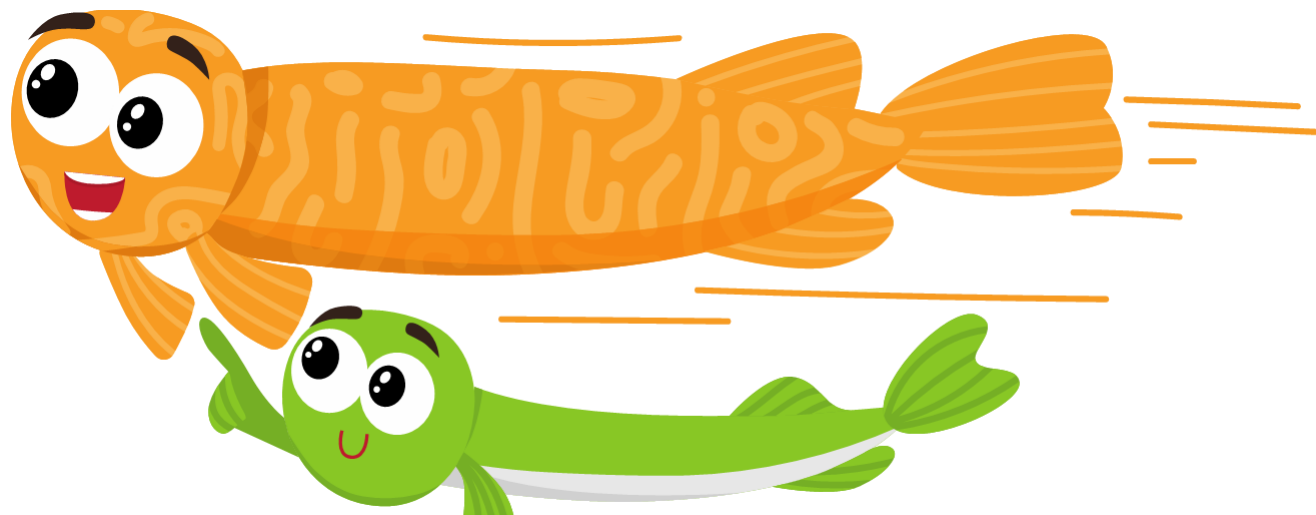


Hi I'm Ian the Inanga

I'm Koro the Kokopu

Taranaki He Puna Wai

Kia ora! I'm Koro the kōkopu. We are kaitiaki native fish of our stream: it's our job to protect and look after water.



And I'm Ian the inanga. We are looking for wai warriors to help us protect water.

Ranginui and Papatūānuku

In the beginning, Tāne separated Ranginui and Papatūānuku to bring light into the world.

Everything living between the two comes from their union and is therefore related through whakapapa.

As they separated, valleys, rivers and waterways were formed.



He kore, he kore,
He pō, he pō,
he ao, he ao,
tākiri mai te ata,
kōrihi te manu, tino awatea,
ka ao, ka ao,
ka awatea,
tihei, mauri ora.



From the nothingness, becomes the darkness.
From the darkness, becomes a glimmer of light,
the breaking dawn, welcomed by birds' chorus,
breaks into day bringing forth the essence of life.

Protecting fresh water

Many issues are affecting our waterways: pollution, introduced predators, rubbish, development, climate change and more!



Mauri

The life force (mauri) that connects all living things is also in water. Mauri is strong when we look after the water and life is thriving.

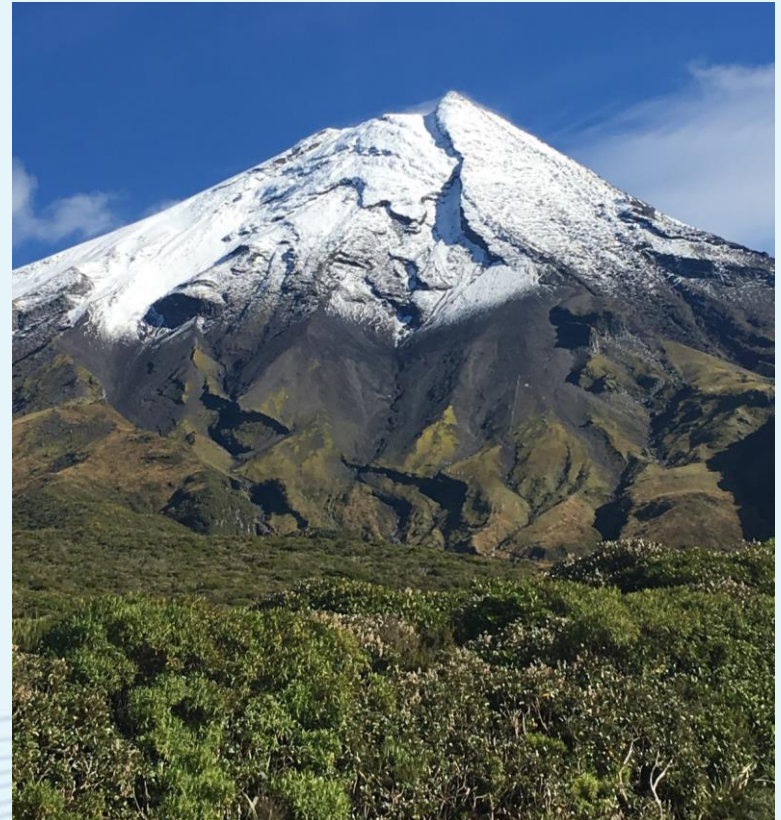


Taranaki Maunga

Taranaki Maunga is a source of water for the region.

Taranaki he puna wai e kore e mimiti, ka koropupū tonu ka koropupū tonu.

Taranaki, the source of our water and giver of life to our people. The springs of Taranaki will never be diminished, they will continue to flow and provide sustenance to the people of Taranaki.



Legend of Taranaki



By Jamie Tuuta
Courtesy of Taranaki Mounga

Te Mana o te wai

Water has its own mana (authority).

The first right to water must go to the water and waterways.

If we do not look after our water and its sources, it will not be able to sustain life on earth.



The importance of water

Water is important in so many ways!

We need water to drink, cook, wash and clean with. We must protect our water.

How do you use water?



All things need water to survive



Water for the future

Water is a big part of our lives. Water is a taonga, it is a precious gift that we need to take care of.



Drinking water

In Taranaki, our water comes from Mt Taranaki

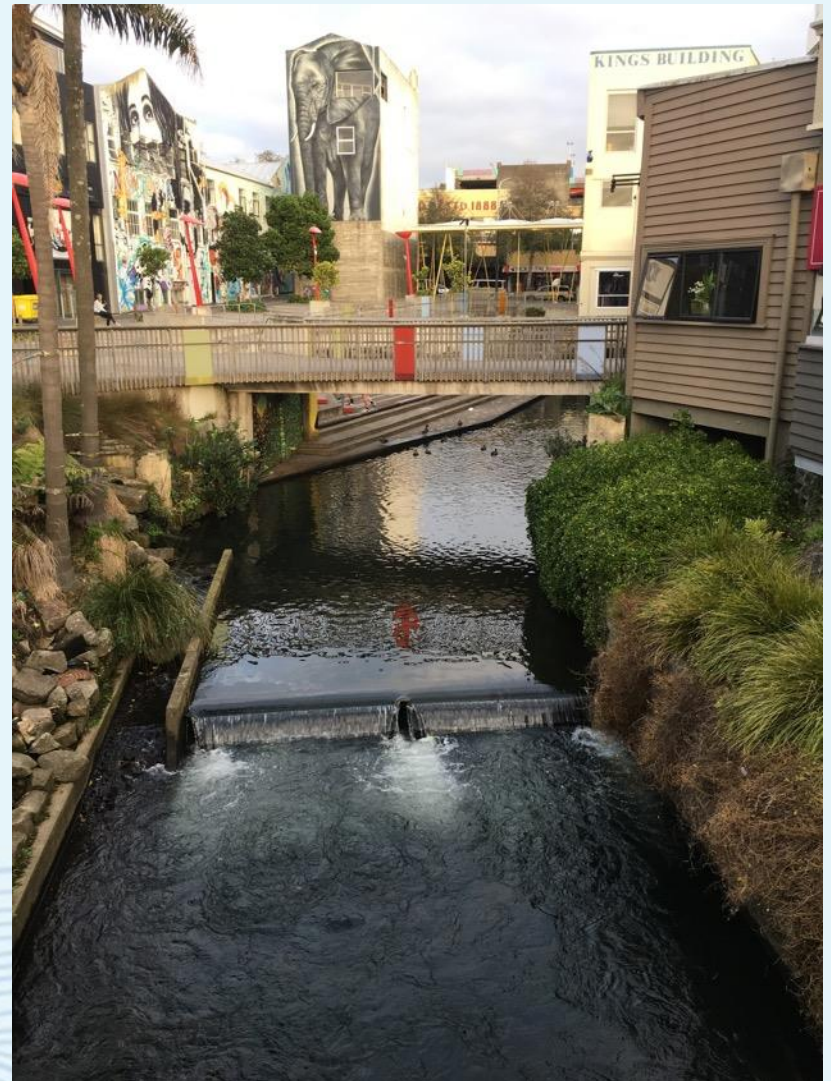
New Plymouth drinking water is sourced from the Waiwhakaiho River.

If you live in Okato, Oakura or Inglewood then your water is sourced locally from other places. Some people also collect their own water.



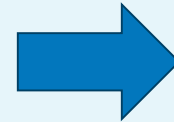
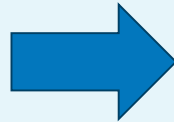
Stormwater

Stormwater is the water that doesn't soak into the ground but flows across roads and other hard surfaces.



Where does Stormwater go?

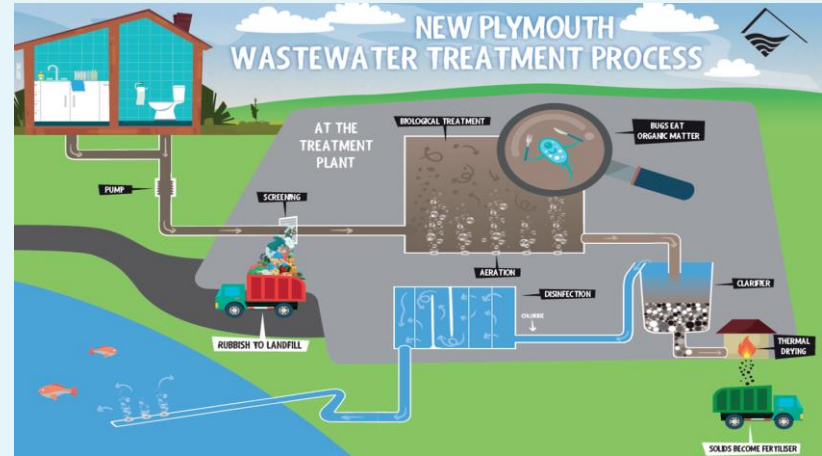
Water from stormwater drains ends up in streams and then flows to the sea.



Wastewater

Wastewater is the dirty water from bathrooms, laundry and kitchen sinks. It is treated at the New Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant.

If you live in Egmont Village, Lepperton, Tikorangi, Onaero, or Urenui your wastewater will go into a septic tank.



We can have a lot of fun with water



Kaitiakitanga: protecting water

Water keeps us healthy.

We have a responsibility to care for water.



Using water carefully

We need to protect and look after the water, using it carefully.

Te mana o te wai: we need to respect the rights of the water.



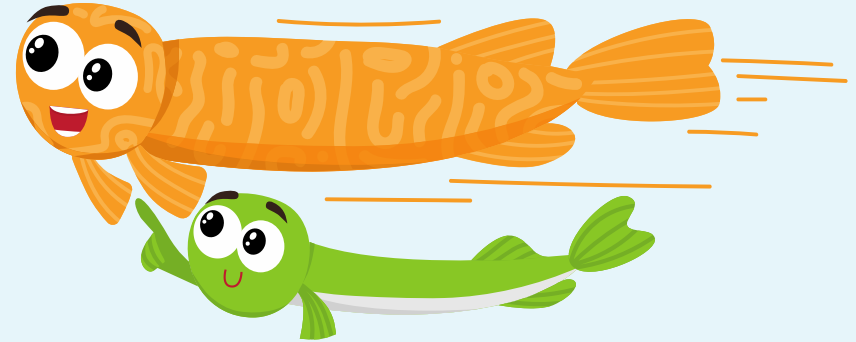
Looking after our streams

How are the streams looking in your neighbourhood?
Is your awa healthy for the animals which live there?



Wai warriors

Let's help to protect and restore water for our future.



Thanks for
joining us today!



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