



# Help us shape the future of the Rangitāiki River

What does the Rangitāiki River mean to you? How can we protect and enhance the river, and balance its use with these values?

Let us know so we can help plan for the river's future.

The ancestral river (tipuna awa), treasure (living taonga) and resource for tangata whenua (local Māori associated to the river). Its tuna (eels) have been vital to the traditional economy.

Today, the Rangitāiki River is an important economic resource used by industries for hydroelectricity, agriculture and forestry.

## Focus on the Rangitāiki River catchment

The Rangitāiki River Forum is putting together a document that will give us direction for work we do to improve the health of the Rangitāiki River during the next 50 to 100 years. It's an important document that will be used to guide the future management of the river.

To help us get the direction right, we need to know your thoughts about the Rangitāiki River and those that flow into it – the Whirinaki, Wheao and Horomanga Rivers.

- What changes have you seen in your lifetime?
- How do you think we can make positive changes to the River?
- What's important to the future of the rivers for you and your family?

Come along to one of our open days and get involved in building a healthy future for the Rangitāiki River catchment.

Later this year, the Forum will be asking for your feedback on a proposed future of the Rangitāiki River. The future for the Rangitāiki River belongs to everyone who has an interest in it.

## What is the Rangitāiki River Forum?

The importance of the Rangitāiki River has been recognised as part of Treaty of Waitangi Settlements. It led to the establishment of the Rangitāiki River Forum in May 2012.

The Forum is a co-governance partnership of Ngāti Whare, Ngāti Manawa, Ngāti Awa, and Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty), and Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Whakatāne District Council representing the wider community.

Its purpose is to protect and enhance the life-giving capacity (mauri) of the Rangitāiki River and its tributaries for the benefit of present and future generations.

Let us know at one of the Rangitāiki River Information Open Days. You can drop-in and speak to our friendly team anytime.

### Murupara

10 am – 2 pm, Wednesday 18 June 2014  
Murupara Motor Camp, Main Road

### Edgecumbe

10 am – 2 pm, Friday 20 June 2014,  
Riverslea Shopping Mall, 14 College Road

We'll be using this information to prepare a draft document which we'll ask for your feedback on later this year.

Our freshwater resources are coming under increasing pressure so we want to know what the rivers mean to you, how we can protect and enhance the things we value and also how we can balance these with economic uses.

For more information please phone Jane Waldon on 0800 884 881 extn 9183.

Email [rangitaiki@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:rangitaiki@boprc.govt.nz) to register your interest or visit [www.rangitaiki.org.nz](http://www.rangitaiki.org.nz) to find out more.



# The Rangitaiki River catchment

*Ko au te awa,  
ko te awa, ko au  
I am the river and  
the river is me*

Rangitāiki headwaters begin near the Napier/Taupo highway and run to the sea at Thornton.

**4,500 km**

of waterways in the catchment, including the Wheao, Whirinaki and Horomanga rivers

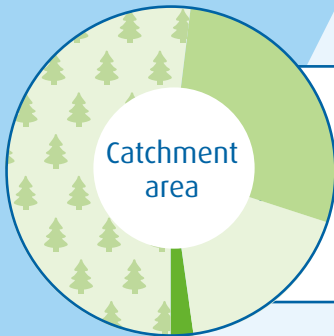
**155 km**

The Rangitāiki River is the longest river in the Bay of Plenty

Rangitāiki headwaters

**740 m**  
above sea level

**139 km**  
inland



- 52% exotic forest
- 28% native forest
- 18% pasture
- 2% other cover

**2,987 km<sup>2</sup>**  
(298,705 ha)  
catchment area

**7,400**  
people live in the Rangitāiki catchment (approx)

= 100 people

