

# Estuary Care Groups of Tauranga Harbour

**Locality:** Tauranga Harbour  
Catchment within the Bay of Plenty region



*Estuary Care groups have formed to maintain estuary values such as open water, clean and clear water, abundant fish and shellfish, estuary margins free of plant and animal pests and rubbish, and to promote native estuarine and bird habitats in their estuaries.*

Care Groups are organised community groups which work to protect and enhance a local area of environmental importance. The focus can be coastal, estuary, stream/lake, and/or pest control. Each year, we support Care Groups with funding as well as offering technical advice and support.



Education session in the Matua Estuary



Royal Spoonbill



Matua Estuary Care Group restoration work in Bay Street Reserve



Clearing Mangroves from Waikareareao Estuary



**11** There are currently eleven care groups around Tauranga Harbour in eleven distinct locations.

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| 1 Tanners Point/Athenree Harbour Care Group | 6 Waikaraka Estuary Managers        |
| 2 Uretara Estuary Managers                  | 7 Matua Estuary Care Group          |
| 3 Morton Prestidge Estuary Care Group       | 8 Waikareao Estuary Care Group      |
| 4 Omokoroa Estuaries Restoration Group      | 9 Waimapu Estuary Care Group        |
| 5 Te Puna Estuary Managers                  | 10 Welcome Bay Catchment Care Group |
|   | 11 Aongatete Estuary Care Group     |

If you would like more information on care groups in your local area contact the Estuary Care Coordinator at Bay of Plenty Regional Council on 0800 884 880



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