



FREE Waiora Workshop

Professional Development opportunity for schools and community groups

Tēnā koe!

Bay of Plenty Regional Council will be holding its popular one-day **Waiora Workshop** for teachers on April 17 at the Kawerau Bowling Club.

The Waiora Water Workshop is a fantastic **full day of professional development** for teachers and community leaders around freshwater knowledge, conservation and monitoring, and covers basic freshwater science, local knowledge and comprehensive hands-on practical instruction in and around the water.

The course is free to attend, and at the end **each school or community group participating for the first time will be gifted a complete Water Monitoring Kit valued at over \$500**, to continue long-term freshwater education with students. (schools who have previously attended will be welcome to send a new staff member to attend the training but will not be eligible to receive a kit)

What you need to know:

Date: Wednesday 17 April

Venue: Kawerau Bowling Club, Prideaux Park, Plunket St, Kawerau 3169

Time: 9am-3.30pm. Please arrive promptly! Morning tea and lunch provided for all participants

What to bring: Comfortable clothes that you are happy to wear near and in the water (up to knee depth). A rain coat and warm clothing – gumboots are a great idea!

What you'll get: This workshop has been designed to help teachers use the Stream Monitoring kit and resource confidently at school and in the field. The programme will focus on:

- Unpacking the kit
- Learning how to use the stream monitoring kit
- Building your own stream monitoring kit free of charge for your school to keep
- Practising with the equipment alongside a beautiful stream with water scientist

Places for this workshop are limited, and will fill up fast. To register your interest **please email natalie.ridler@boprc.govt.nz by Friday 1st April** with the name of the attending teacher/leader, a contact email and a contact number. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

