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## Caring for Ōhiwa

There are many simple steps you can take to care for Ōhiwa Harbour: at home, around your garden or farm, and of course, on and around the water.

### Your home and garden

- Make sure your septic tank is in good working order
- Don't pour pollutants or wash paint brushes into storm water drains
- Wash your car on grass so pollutants don't go into storm water drains

### At the harbour

- Walk on marked paths and tracks
- Park in marked areas
- Keep vehicles off the beach, dunes or mud flats
- Keep your dog on a leash near bird habitats
- Regularly check that your boat is not leaking oil or pollutants
- Avoid gathering shellfish after a heavy rain as poor water quality may mean they are unsafe to eat.

### Your farm or lifestyle block

- Fence streams and waterways to keep stock off streambanks and out of the water
- Plant along streams and waterways
- Avoid overgrazing steep slopes and pasture near waterways
- Apply fertiliser sparingly and with care, especially near waterways
- Run a nutrient budget to avoid overuse of fertiliser



## Our place

Ōhiwa Harbour is often regarded as the Jewel in the crown of the eastern Bay of Plenty. We are privileged to have it in our backyard. We swim, fish and sail in it and enjoy its tranquility. We share it with the unique bird and fish-life that also make it their home. It's a delicate place and we need to look after it.

## A vision for Ōhiwa

The Ōhiwa Harbour Strategy provides the vision for the care of the harbour and many actions to ensure its protection. It was produced collaboratively by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Ōpōtiki and Whakatāne District Councils, the Department of Conservation, local iwi and the community.



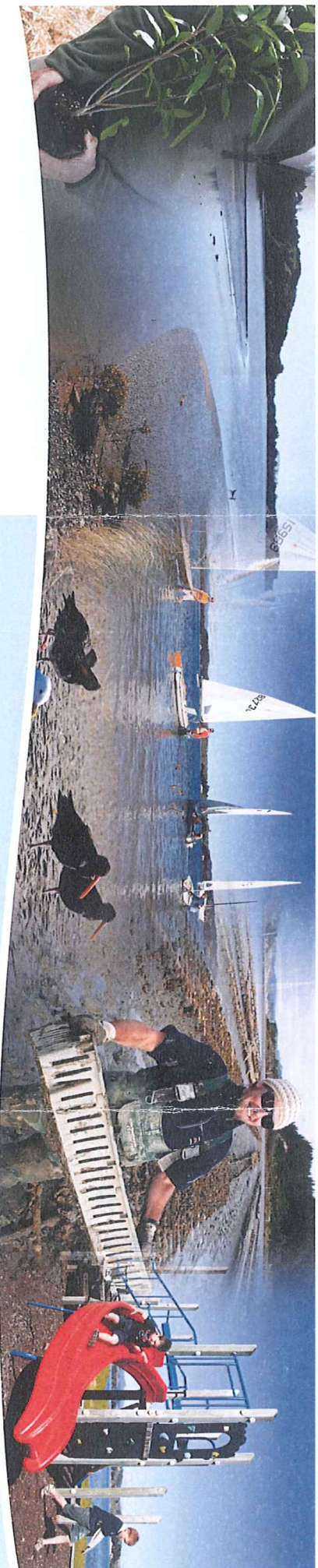
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[www.boprc.govt.nz](http://www.boprc.govt.nz), search: Ōhiwa harbour

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# Ōhiwa Harbour

Shared treasure





# Ōhiwa Harbour Implementation Forum

Ōhiwa Harbour catchment residents are represented on this forum by representatives nominated by all the seven Ōhiwa Harbour Strategy partners.

The forum oversees the implementation of the Ōhiwa Strategy on behalf of residents and makes recommendations to their respective organisations. The forum has six-monthly meetings which are advertised and open to the public.

## The forum members are:

Councillor Selby Fisher	<i>Opotiki District Council</i>
Councillor Christine Chambers	<i>Whakatane District Council</i>
Councillor Malcolm Whitaker	<i>Bay of Plenty Regional Council</i>
Maui Manuel	<i>Upokorehe</i>
Nika Rua	<i>Waimana Kaaku Trust</i>
Maude Edwards	<i>Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board</i>
Te Kei Merito	<i>Te Runanga o Ngāi Awa</i>

## Making the vision a reality

The Ōhiwa Harbour Strategy Coordination Group is made up of representatives from each of the partners and has the job of making the actions of the strategy happen – often with the active support of community members and groups. A number of agencies have responsibility for various aspects of the harbour. Their responsibilities and contact details are:

### Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Phone 0800 884 880 or email [info@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:info@boprc.govt.nz)

- Navigation rules, boatie issues
- Protection of natural areas
- Pest animals, invasive weeds
- Pollution, earth moving, erosion
- Mangrove management
- To receive your copy of the regular 'Ōhiwa Harbour Shared Treasure' newsletter

### Whakatāne District Council

Phone 306 0500 or email [info@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:info@whakatane.govt.nz)

In the western part of the harbour administered by them:

- Land use
- Planning
- Bylaw enforcement
- Rubbish, toilets
- Council reserves
- Recreation: walking, things to do, places to see

### Opotiki District Council

Phone 315 3030 or email [info@odc.govt.nz](mailto:info@odc.govt.nz)

In the eastern part of the harbour administered by them:

- Land use
- Planning
- Bylaw enforcement
- Rubbish, toilets
- Council reserves
- Recreation: walking, things to do, places to see

### Department of Conservation

Phone 07 315 1001

- Native birds, animals
- Marine mammals
- Islands and reserves managed by DOC

### Ministry of Fisheries

Phone 0800 476 224

- Fisheries, shellfish quotas