



Greater Wellington is seeking community members to join each of the nine River Management Groups for the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment area.

If you own property in this area and care about your local rivers – you can apply to join a local River Management Group.

New River Management Groups

A July 2022 change means that all people who own property in the Te Kāuru catchment now:

- fund local river management through their rates
- can be involved in how local rivers are managed through new River Management Groups.

What does a River Management Group member do?

Greater Wellington delivers flood and erosion protection projects to help protect people, property and critical infrastructure from river flooding.



This work is guided by the *Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan*, which was developed with community input and includes an aim to give rivers more room to move.

The River Management Group (RMG) for a river (or section of a river) represents the interests of ratepayers and other key groups. They provide input when decisions are being made about annual river maintenance programmes and related funding. The RMG can also provide recommendations to the Upper Ruamāhanga River Management Advisory Committee.

Members attend an annual meeting at Greater Wellington’s Masterton office and an annual walkover of their specific section of river. In the future, we plan to improve how we communicate with River Management Group members.

What River Management Groups can I join?

Property owners can join any of the nine RMGs for Te Kāuru catchment:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upper Ruamāhanga – Mount Bruce 2. Upper Ruamāhanga – Te Ore Ore 3. Upper Ruamāhanga – Gladstone 4. Waipoua – urban 5. Waipoua – rural | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Waingawa 7. Kōpuaranga 8. Whangaehu 9. Taueru |
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How do you decide who gets to join a River Management Group?

If there are more nominations than there are positions on a RMG:

- we'll contact each person who has expressed interest in joining the group to discuss the requirements of the position and learn more about why they're interested
- a panel of Greater Wellington river management experts will decide who will join the RMG.

When will I know if my application has been successful?

Final decisions will be made by late April 2023. Everyone who has submitted a self-nomination form will be contacted by email.

How do I express my interest or find out more?

To express your interest in joining a River Management Group, visit gw.govt.nz/te-kauru and fill out a self-nomination form. Nominations are due by 15 March 2023.

If you have further questions, please contact Madeliene Playford, Flood Protection Project Manager, by emailing tekauru@gw.govt.nz or calling 021 819 509.