



**Meeting:** Rangitāiki River Forum

**Meeting Date:** 30 August 2024

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## Presentation and Tabled Document

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**Agenda Item 3.1 Department of Conservation -  
Rangitaiki Wetland Day - 7 September  
2024**

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# RANGITĀIKI WETLAND DAY

Sat 7th Sept  
10 am to 12 noon  
Awakaponga Town Hall

Need help restoring a wetland area?

Join us at the Rangitāiki Wetland Day

- an event dedicated to conservation and practical support for landowners interested in wetland restoration.

- Funding and materials
- \$500 Coastlands Nursery voucher to be won
  - Free native trees
  - AT220 giveaway on the day
  - Lunch provided!
- Expert advice on restoring wetlands



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## ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council works with landowners to implement sustainable land management practices to help manage and protect soils, water and wildlife.

Learn about:

- Environmental Programmes
- Funding available



Local farmer, Bridie Virbickas, major funding recipient.



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 Free Entry

**Please RSVP to**  
**[fcarr@doc.govt.nz](mailto:fcarr@doc.govt.nz)**

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Expert advice on restoring wetlands.
- Support to access funding and materials for eligible properties.
- Discuss solutions for your weed issues.
- Speak with other farmers who have restored wetlands.

## MATUKU HŪREPO

The Matuku hūrepo, or Australasian bittern, are classified as “nationally critical” they rely on wetlands in the EBOP for survival. They are a relic of the past and you can help by extending their wetland habitat.



Call 0800 DOC HOT if you see a matuku hūrepo on the Rangitāiki plains.

## EXPERTS



### Kendall Smith

For eligible sites, Kendall can offer financial assistance with fencing, animal pest control and weed control.

### Heather MacKenzie and Pete Livingston

Local ecologists, Heather and Pete will provide advice on safe and effective weed control and plant identification.

### Bridie Virbickas

Local farmer Bridie has recent lived experience restoring wetland habitat, she now sees matuku hūrepo on her farm.

### John Mickle

Wetland specialist, John, will provide practical advice on restoration methods.