

Join Our Team
WAIRARAPA MOANA



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Freshwater Coordinator
(0.5 FTE Permanent Role)

Mountains to Sea Wellington is recruiting!

Are you passionate about freshwater biodiversity and keen to play your part in supporting community and school led conservation? This is an exciting opportunity to join our small and busy team and support our growing work right across the Wairarapa region in a new role as the *Wairarapa Moana - Freshwater Coordinator*.

About the role

In this role you will be responsible for planning, managing and delivering our hands-on Whitebait Connection school education programs, event engagement, and community support for freshwater restoration and scientific monitoring in the Wairarapa Moana region.

This will involve working with a wide range of stakeholder and community partners, from a variety of backgrounds, cultures and age groups, to build effective working relationships and achieve meaningful action for freshwater biodiversity.

You'll work with and be supported by our Regional Freshwater Manager and other members of our team. You'll also play a key role in managing volunteers, contractors and members of the public and building strong relationships with our partners in the region.

You will be responsible for managing health and safety for education and events, leading communications on Wairarapa freshwater projects, applying for funds to support the ongoing role and maintaining systems to support tracking of project budgets and reporting.

Training in the delivery of our education and science-based training programs will be provided in the role, and through attendance at our annual Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust Wānanga in 2021

To apply please send us a cover letter telling us why you would like to work with with MTSW and what you bring to the role. Include a current CV and the names of two referees. Applications close 5pm on the 25th of January 2021. Please send to freshwater@mtsw.org.nz

What we are looking for

We're looking for a motivated and positive individual who loves sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for nature and the local environment with others.

You will be working with a tight-knit and hard-working team within the non-profit sector and we want you to be a part of our team for the long-haul.

You will often operate independently and will need to be highly self-motivated, committed to the work and role of the Trust and deliver great value and support to the groups we work with. An ability to manage your own time and past project delivery experience are important attributes.

The role is very physical and provides science-based learning in local environments. You'll need to love the outdoors to enjoy this role and be fit and able to carry out fish trapping, water monitoring and moving equipment for field trips and events.

Your expertise and an ability to share your knowledge in an engaging way in the outdoors, whilst managing tight H&S requirements, is fundamental to the success of these programmes.

Skills/ attributes - Ideally you will have some of the following expertise and experience:

- Passion for conservation and grass roots community solutions
- A connection to and local knowledge of the Wairarapa region and its history
- Experience or relevant training in Aotearoa environmental resource management / freshwater science/ mātauranga pūtaiao
- Experience working with and for young people – and able to relate to students from all walks of life, ages and stages. Teaching experience an advantage.
- A sensitivity and commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Ability to work in true partnership with hapu, iwi and community stakeholders, understanding their aspirations, to sustain and grow conservation
- Excellent communication, data management and reporting skills
- Team focus with ability to self-motivate and work independently
- Project management skills and experience
- Able to connect and work with a wide variety of people
- Fit and resilient. Our job is often hot, cold, wet & windy. We work far and wide, especially during summer.
- Hold NZ citizenship or permanent residency
- Hold a full driver's license and a vehicle suitable for field work.

- Organised, self-starter, manages varied workload cheerfully and effectively
- Professional, constructive, problem solver, able to work with others.
- Fluency in te reo māori or a commitment to working towards this goal would be a great asset
- Skills in fund-raising, communications, photography, websites, promotions would also make a great contribution to our team.

What's in it for you

A supportive and collaborative working environment with an organisation that values whanaungatanga. We offer a range of flexible working options depending on the needs of the role and its work context.

We'll also provide training and access to a network of support to grow your own knowledge, expertise and capability.

We highly value the new expertise and fresh perspectives brought into our organisation. This is your chance to contribute to our culture of continuous growth and improvement

Timing

This is a permanent 0.5 FTE role and is available from February 2021 (start date negotiable). Work hours are between 7am – 7pm Monday to Friday and will also include some overnight and weekend work to meet the needs of schools and community.

Location: The role will be based in the Wairarapa, and also require approximately 2-3 days a month at our current base at The Settlement in Porirua. The role will involve a lot of travel within the Wairarapa region. At this stage this vehicle must be supplied by the applicant, with a view to finding funding for a vehicle once in the role.

Salary: Our anticipated salary range for the 0.5 FTE role is \$26,000 - \$35,000, plus expenses, depending on the level of skill and experience you bring to the role.