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**July 2025**

**Porirua Harbour Trust seeking new volunteer trustees**

The Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchments Community Trust has vacancies for two trustees. The trust is a registered charitable organisation whose purpose is to advocate for restoration of the health of the harbour and its catchments.

The Trust comprises up to 10 trustees who contribute in a purely voluntary capacity and meet on a formal basis once a month. There is also provision for appointment of additional Advisory trustees. Activities include scrutinising and making submissions on the plans of local authorities, central government and other organisations and businesses whose actions have an impact on the harbour. We also work to raise community awareness of the state of pollution of the harbour and promote potential remedies. We work closely with all groups and organisations striving to improve catchment and harbour health.

We are seeking individuals with a passion for improvement of the health of our harbour and its contributing waters. The geographic area covered by the Trust extends from Newlands in the south to Pukerua Bay in the north. Trustees usually reside within either the northern suburbs of Wellington or anywhere within Porirua City. Residency is not a rule, however, and individuals with a keen interest in the harbour and its streams but who live and work further afield can be considered. The time commitment is a minimum of five hours per month.

Skills and experience we are particularly looking for are:

- Policy analysis: To help draft cogent submissions.
- Digital communications including website and social media: Helping build and maintain our role as a source of information and inspiration on our harbour and streams
- Environmental sciences: Helping enhance our standing as credible advocates for improving harbour and stream water quality and biodiversity
- Urban and rural planning: Sharpening our promotion of Porirua as a great place to live, work and play in harmony with nature.
- Infrastructure engineering: An ability to thoughtfully critique plans for development and redevelopment of three waters and transport infrastructure in a city that is growing as well as adapting to the impacts of climate change.
- Community relationship building and iwi liaison: Strengthening the Trust's ability to talk with and relate to mana whenua, other strategic partners and diverse audiences.

If you share our vision for a reversal of nearly 200 years of degradation of the twin arms of Porirua's beautiful harbour and believe you have skills and experience that can be useful in advancing our cause then please send a copy of your curriculum vitae and a covering letter, indicating why you believe you could add value to the trust to:

The Chair,  
Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchments Community Trust  
Email: [phacctsec@gmail.com](mailto:phacctsec@gmail.com)

**Applications should be made no later than 24 August 2025**