

# Tauranga Harbour sub-catchment action plan progress report 2013-16

## Uretara

The Uretara sub-catchment includes the township of Katikati. It spreads west of Katikati to the top of the Kaimai Ranges between Lindemann and Rea Roads, and east towards the Tauranga Harbour.

The sub-catchment is 12 kilometres long and four kilometres wide, covering an area of 4,162 hectares. It includes 171 kilometres of stream margins and 11 kilometres of harbour margin.

The primary waterway in the sub-catchment is the Uretara Stream.



### Keeping water clean



By excluding stock and restoring vegetation beside waterways we can reduce the amount of faecal bacteria, nutrient and sediment run-off that enters the waterways and receiving harbour.

That means cleaner water, less mangrove habitat, and healthier kaimoana (shellfish).

#### Length of stream margins protected from stock



### Reducing erosion risk



Soil loss from erosion reduces land productivity and contributes to sediment run-off into nearby waterways and the harbour. Steep land is especially prone to erosion when used for cattle or deer grazing. Earthworks can also result in serious soil loss if not carefully managed.

#### Number of properties 'at risk' of erosion which are managed through a property management plan



\*equates to 174.5 ha of land use change



### Protecting wildlife habitat

By protecting and restoring wetlands, forests, saltmarsh and coastal margins, we can help wildlife to thrive. Pollination, water filtration, plentiful kaimoana (seafood) and pest suppression are just some of the benefits that healthy habitats and native wildlife populations can provide.

#### Number of areas of indigenous forest, estuary margin or wetland being actively managed by the community to protect biodiversity values

