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|  | Your role |
| Title | Former County Catchment resident |
| Description | * You are a member of the Te Tairawhiti tribe and were born and raised in the County catchment. * You left the catchment at a young age to pursue university studies, and you’ve never returned home after finding work overseas. * You currently work as an engineer in an environmental consultancy. * You continue to feel a strong connection to your land and people. |
| Goals | * You want to maintain your ties with family and friends in the catchment. * You want to retain and strengthen the connection you feel with the land. * You’d like to help ensure that the catchment land and community thrive now and into the future. * You’d like to be more involved in catchment decision-making even though you no longer live there. |
| Values | * Te Tairawhiti pride. * Building community, home and away. |
| Relationships | * You are in frequent contact with your family and friends back home in the catchment. * You’ve also built up a growing (online and in-person) network of “expat” catchment residents and Te Tairawhiti tribe members, some of whom live in your current city. * You have contacts in the international environmental sector through your environmental consultancy job. |
| Resources | * Environmental and engineering knowledge and skills. * Large network of current and former catchment residents. * Professional contacts in the international environmental sector. |
| You are here because … | * Although you no longer live in the area, you still feel connected to your land and people. You want to contribute where you can to building a viable, sustainable catchment environment and community. * You’d like to find out what needs to be done to help strengthen and maintain a thriving catchment environment. You have your own ideas to share, but you’re also willing to follow the lead of your family and friends who are actually living in the catchment. |