



## INNOVATIVE LEARNING TOOLKIT

**PROJECT TITLE:** Guardians of the Mauri, Nga Kaitiaki o Te Mauri DVD

**Tags; DVD, school, streamlife**

Te Kawerau a Maki and Waitakere City Council worked in partnership to develop this innovative educational DVD, as a classroom resource aimed at children under twelve years old. It supports a variety of stream-related workshops and activities provided to Waitakere Schools by the Council, and other partners, which include PTS and Wai Care.

The imaginative mix of live and animated action traces the epic journey of humans who have been magically turned into fish. As they travel along Henderson Creek and the Opanuku River, they learn about stream life, and the negative impact of humans on the environment. They also learn local legends, myths and stories as they endeavour to find Te Awhiorangi, the Taniwha, and Guardian of the Mauri.

The DVD comes with a poster which names freshwater animals shown in the video and lists actions that can improve stream health. It is also linked to a more extensive set of online classroom resources available from the WCC website.

It is important to point out that 'Nga Kaitiaki o te Mauri', the Maori language version is an award-winning cultural resource in its own right.

Facts:

Duration 20 mins

Maori and English Language

For more information: <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/AbtCit/ei/EcoWtr/guardian.asp>