

## [People and Water \[1\]](#)



Welcome to ***People and Water - looking at our water networks.*** Explore the journey of water from its

This field trip is supported by [Wellington Water \[2\]](#). The field trip is from **23-25 May**. [Enrol now \[3\]](#).



### **Introduction**

Water is essential to life and is sacred to Māori. About 70% of the surface of the Earth is covered by water yet only one percent of this water is useable freshwater. With a growing population and increasing use of water, we all need to learn how to better manage this precious resource.

Every time you make a drink, take a shower, wash the dishes, or go to the loo

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there is a story about where this water came from and another story about what happens to the remaining wastewater. On this field trip you will trace the journeys of fresh water, in particular drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater and relate these stories to the story of water use in your region and ultimately to your own water use.

**Meet** [Shelley](#) [4] the LEARNZ field trip teacher



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**Watch** the [introductory video](#) [6] on vimeo.

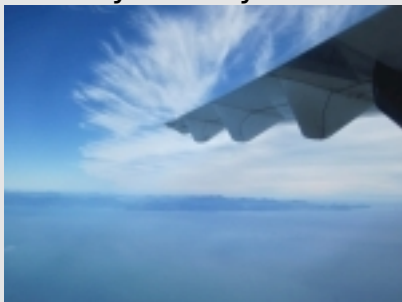
### Location

The capital city of Wellington is the perfect place to see how our water network operates. The Wellington area has a steady supply of water, but even Wellington can have water shortages. People in the Wellington region use an estimated 240 litres of water per person per day. This is a very large amount compared to people in other countries.

During your field trip to Wellington you will explore a water reservoir and a treatment plant. You will look at how people can use water more wisely. You will discover what happens to water once it enters the drain and meet Wellington locals who are investigating different methods for managing and conserving water.

### Field Trip Plan - May 2017

Monday 22 May



**Travel Day.** Read the [diary](#) [7] and the [ambassador updates](#) [8] about the journey from Dunedin to Wellington to begin the *People and Water* field trip.

Tuesday 23 May

**Water From its Source to Your Tap.** Read in the [diary](#) [9] about the journey

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of water from its source to your tap. Watch the [videos](#) [10] to see where drinking water comes from and how it is treated to ensure it is safe to drink. Read the [ambassador updates](#) [8] and listen to the recorded [web conference](#) [11].

Wednesday 24 May



**Managing Wastewater.** Read the [diary](#) [12] to discover what happens to water once it goes down the drain. Watch the [videos](#) [10] to see how the wastewater treatment station works and look at ways to save water. Read the [ambassador updates](#) [8] and listen to the recorded [web conference](#) [11].

Thursday 25 May



**How to Use the Water Network More Responsibly.** Read the [diary](#) [13] to find out more about stormwater. Watch the [videos](#) [10] to see how to keep stormwater clean and how you can help look after our water network. Read the [ambassador updates](#) [8] and listen to the recorded [web conference](#) [11].

Monday 22 May

[Newsletter 3](#) [14] was sent to all enrolled classes.

Monday 24 April

The *People and Water* [background pages](#) [15] and their easy reading versions and student [activities](#) [16] are now online.

Monday 24 April

The *People and Water* field trip website is now online.



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[2] <https://wellingtonwater.co.nz/>

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- [4] <http://www.learnz.org.nz/water172/meet-shelley-the-learnz-field-trip-teacher>
- [5] <https://www.learnz.org.nz/sites/learnz.org.nz/files/hc152-intro-video.mp4>
- [6] <https://vimeo.com/217128287>
- [7] <http://www.learnz.org.nz/water172/diary-1>
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