

The third networking event was held on 3 August 2017 at Te Hāpua, the Halswell Service Centre in Christchurch. The event was well attended with 52 people representing community based/Third Sector Organisations (TSO), government agencies and philanthropic organisations.

The topic for the day was “The future of funding” with the objective of providing participants the opportunity to learn, discuss and explore different funding models from government grants to social enterprise. Big Thanks to Olivia Smith (ECan) for facilitating the day, Clive Appleton (CCC) and Alex Hannant (Ākina) for presenting, Brenda Greene (CCC), Shelley Washington (ECan) and Adrienne Lomax (ECan –former WET) for their ongoing support.

Introductions and Announcements:

Participants introduced themselves and had an opportunity to make brief announcements about upcoming events and other items of interest to the wider group. There were many great projects and events mentioned, far more than can be listed in this brief summary. Groups were encouraged to list their events on the ECO Canterbury Calendar. Please refer to their website (provided below) to see all that is happening-apologies that not all were captured in this way:

- ECO Canterbury Calendar <http://ecocanterbury.org.nz/events/2017-08/>
- Christchurch Enviro Hub <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchenvirohub>
- Eco-Centre Timaru <http://www.ecocentretimaru.org/>
- Future Living Skills <https://sustainableliving.org.nz>
- Social Enterprise World Forum <https://www.sewf2017.org>
- Strengthening Communities Hui <https://strengthening-communities-hui-2017.lilregie.com/step1>
- Third Sector Report onevoicetereokotahi.blogspot.com
- Christchurch Conversations <https://engage.regeneratechristchurch.nz/christchurch-conversations>
- Nature Space <https://www.naturespace.org.nz/>

Enviro-Hub

Sophie Allen and Terra Dumont gave an update on the progress on an Enviro-hub for Christchurch and asked for expressions of interest to join the board of trustees for the development phase. Rhys Taylor talked about synergy with the proposed Eco-Centre for Timaru. He also invited people to sign up for the Future Living Skills programme.

Plenary Session- What Next? The future of funding:

The objective of the short 15 minute presentation was to give people a sample of the workshops to help them decide which to attend.

1. Waterways Partnership- A proposed programme of behaviour change, education and awareness to improve water quality, waterway health and water use in Christchurch and Banks Peninsula. Presented by Clive Appleton- Team leader Natural Environment Strategy and transformation, Christchurch City Council.
2. Social enterprise- Exploring models and approaches. Ākina Foundation provides a range of support services that enable social enterprise to start-up and succeed- from skill building to investment strategy. Presented by Alex Hannant- Chief Executive of the Ākina Foundation in New Zealand.

Concurrent Workshops: for notes and presentations from this session see the ECan website

<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/our-natural-environment/networking-for-the-environment/>



1. **Waterways Partnership-** Clive Appleton and Shelley Washington talked about Christchurch City Council's proposal for a new initiative for their Long Term Plan, a Community Water Partnership. This will be a joint CCC, Zone Committee, Community and Environment Canterbury programme to improve waterways incorporating behaviour change, education and awareness initiatives. One of the goals is to establish an environmental waterway fund, to help foster and empower citizens and community groups to get more involved in waterway projects in Christchurch and Banks Peninsula.

The aim of this workshop was to understand the current community initiatives being undertaken and then hear what new projects these groups might wish to undertake if a fund is established. If the Community Water Partnership proceeds, then this information will be used to develop the detail of how the environmental waterway fund will operate and assist Council staff in their engagement with community groups. Refer to ECan website for the "Notes from Waterways Partnership Workshop" to read what the groups had to say.

2. **Social Enterprise Models and Approaches-** Alex Hannant showed us that social enterprises can look like many different things. Some are trusts, others are companies, and many are charities and community organisations. Fundamentally, social enterprises are mission driven organisations that trade for a social or environmental purpose. They aim to earn a profit and reinvest some of it towards fulfilling that purpose. All over the world, more and more entrepreneurs and organisations are realising the opportunity to drive social and environmental change through sustainable business. Alex showed examples of Social Enterprises from across the world and right here at home. Refer to ECan website for Alex's PowerPoint presentation entitled "Social Enterprise Models and Approaches by Alex Hannant Ākina 3 August 2017"

Open forum discussion- ideas for things which could galvanise people to make changes in behaviour regarding waterways;

- Christchurch Biodiversity Forum- Technical group on policy, protection and management of biodiversity
- Avon- Red zone demonstration
- 2030 goal of swimmable rivers in Christchurch
- Celebrity raft race
- Styx Summer- Art and Environment
- ECO City Conference- gain support to host in 4-6 years
- Water Fair to get community conversation going
- Freshwater Science Conference
- WET Living Lake Symposium in September
- Acknowledge Christchurch as long-term leader
- Carbon draw-down opportunity via wetlands
- Source to sea kayak trips
- Concerns about hard coastal battering structures and effect on ecosystem (beaches, estuary, coastal retreat, etc.). Policy needed. Sand is most used resource in the world after air and water. Reference from "Sand Wars" movie and "The last beach" book.

What next for the Network- The next event will be hosted by Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust (AHEIT) in Sept/Oct. Date and topics to be confirmed soon.