

## Water Based Recreational Opportunities

Canterbury’s rivers and lakes are highly prized for recreation and used throughout the year by locals and visitors. Recreational and amenity opportunities provide social, cultural, health and economic benefits. CWMS Zone Committees have identified actions and desired outcomes for recreational opportunities and information is being gathered to advance work programmes to support recreation targets.

### Targets

#### From 2010:

Maintain existing diversity and quality of water based recreation sites, opportunities and experiences.

#### By 2015/2020:

A positive trend in the availability and/or quality of recreational opportunities in each zone.

#### By 2040:

Restored at least one major fresh water recreational opportunity in each zone that is not currently available in 2010.

### Progress to 2020

Not started

Started

Progress

Good progress

Achieving

- The CWMS Regional Committee has re-established a Recreational and Amenity Working Group (RAWG) to further work programmes on the availability and diversity of recreational sites within the region. The aims of this working group are to initially develop a better understanding of recreation and amenity values and trends.
- Trends in availability of recreation opportunities are being quantified. The Regional Committee has recently completed comprehensive reporting on kayaking values in the region and on jet-boating values and flow requirements. Work is almost complete on a third report summarising the lake and river swimming opportunities in each zone. Information is being gathered on recreational opportunities across Canterbury including a full catalogue of river access sites. This data is being categorised and is available on Canterbury Maps.
- From this work; the group is formulating a more integrated and better resourced work programme with the aim of providing better leadership on delivering CWMS Targets on Recreation and Amenity. Zone committees have provided their priorities for recreational development options in each zone.
- Zone Committees have provided valuable input into this process, building on the information outlined in Zone Implementation Programmes where they identified action required for recreational opportunities in their zone, including; enhancing sport fishery opportunities, supporting flow regimes that prevent river mouth closures, maintaining recreationally attractive river mouths, environmental flows suitable for kayaking, jet boating and other recreational water sports, and ensuring key swimming and recreation areas are included in seasonal monitoring.