

*Let's create a*  
**Christchurch Enviro Hub**

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## *There is something missing in Canterbury.....*

- Christchurch Environment Centre 1976-2009.
- Call for a new center: One Voice Te Reo Kotahi Matariki Forum 2016, ECO Canterbury hui 2016 and 2017, ECan facilitated Forum 4 April 2017

# A Gap in Greater Christchurch

Lots of similar initiatives – but not overlapping:

- Popular coworking spaces in Christchurch: Community House, Ministry of Awesome, BizDojo, XCHCH.
- Ōtākaro Orchards – Food Resilience Network food forest, café and office.

**What is our point of difference?:** Public ‘bumping space’ and wide environmental focus. Platform for support, leadership and innovation.

## What is our vision & purpose?

To create a catalytic co-working and informal 'bumping space' for environmental organisations in the Greater Christchurch area. This centrally-located 'Enviro Hub' will connect and inspire - building a platform for innovation and environmental leadership in our transforming city.

*'Great things happen when people are connected' –  
Environment Network Manuwatu*

# What does the community want?

## Top 10 roles and services the community wants the Christchurch Enviro Hub to provide:

1. Facilitating collaboration between environmental organizations
2. Creating and promoting sustainable ways of living
3. Educational programmes
4. A “bumping space”/public lounge
5. Co-working facilities
6. Meeting rooms
7. Advocating for the Greater Christchurch environmental sector
8. Supporting sustainable economic activity
9. Demonstrating ways to adapt to environmental challenges
10. Weaving together traditional knowledge, science and technology

# What would it look like? *The concept*

- Centrally located community owned purpose built facility
- Run by a charitable trust (social enterprise)
- Affordable (subsidised and free services)
- Open to full range of environmental, sustainability & conservation groups
- Volunteer opportunities, youth engagement & education
- Evolving services responding to changing community needs
- Hub manager



# THANK YOU

1. Facilitation of the 'Networking for the Environment' Forum event 2 - Let's explore creating an Environment Hub/Centre in Greater Christchurch
2. \$22K from ECan to build the business case and hire an implementation manager to create a charitable trust and funding strategy.
3. Ongoing support from Ali Bower

We would not be where we are today  
without the generous support of  
Environment Canterbury

# Supporting Organisations

Working Waters Trust  
Christchurch Little River Rail Trail Trust  
Addington Bush Society  
Waihora Ellesmere Trust  
Travis Wetland Trust  
Waterwatch Education Trust  
New Brighton Community Gardens  
New Zealand Conservation Trust  
Styx Living Laboratory Trust  
Summit Road Society Inc  
Climate Diet Aotearoa  
Roimata Commons Trust  
Food Resilience Network  
Project Lyttelton  
Conservation Volunteers New Zealand  
The Good Shop Ltd (social enterprise)  
Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust  
NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers Inc  
NZ Salmon Anglers Association Inc  
Christchurch Fishing & Casting Club Inc.  
Social Equity & Wellbeing Network  
Volunteering Canterbury

Network Waitangi Otautahi  
Lincoln Envirotown Trust  
CAREX  
Canterbury Botanical Society  
Generation Zero  
Community Energy Action Trust  
Whole Life Wellbeing  
Trees for Canterbury  
Sustainable South Canterbury Trust  
The Okuti River Project  
Keep Christchurch Beautiful  
Coastal Restoration Trust of NZ  
Opawaho Heathcote River Network  
350.org Christchurch  
Sumner Community Gardens  
North Canterbury Branch Royal Forest and Bird  
Student Volunteer Army  
Canterbury University Tramping Club  
Birds New Zealand (Canterbury branch)



# Timeline

March 2017 - Working Group formed

April 2017 - Christchurch Enviro Hub forum hosted by ECAN & Deputation to the CCC

May 2017 - Developed a working relationship with Ohu

June 2017 - Secured funding from ECAN to fund the development of a legal framework, funding strategy and business case.

July 2017 - Contractor employed to develop a legal framework, funding strategy and support the business case development over the next year.

September 2017 - Implementation Trustees

October 2017 - Contracted Ohu Ltd. to develop a Better Business Case

December 2017 - Governance plan and structure to be in place

April 2018 - Business Case to be completed

May 2018 - Create concept designs

2018/2019 - Secure funding

2019/2020 - Start construction

2020/2021 - Open Christchurch Enviro Hub!

# What can We do for You?

1. Help community environmental groups get the most out of their funding by facilitating strategic cooperation and collaboration
  - Create and implement solutions to manage our freshwater
  - Expedite regeneration of biodiversity
2. Provide community feedback on environmental issues
3. Circulate information
4. Be a central contact point
5. Be an “ear to the ground”
6. Help facilitate sustainable development in Greater Christchurch



# How can ECan help?

1. In the LTP: Provide similar funding (\$20K/yr) for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years as a contribution to implementation/ project management costs.
2. Today we encourage ECan councillors to pass a motion of support for the Christchurch Enviro Hub proposal



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