

## ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

A **Meeting** of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday 26 June 2018

**TIME:** 1.00 pm

**VENUE:** Council Chamber  
2 Baring Square East  
Ashburton

**MEETING CALLED BY:** A Dalziel, Chief Executive, Ashburton District Council  
B Bayfield, Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury

**ATTENDEES:** Mr Chris Allen  
Mr Ben Curry  
Mrs Angela Cushnie  
Mr Gordon Guthrie  
Mr Cargill Henderson  
Mr Bill Thomas  
Mr John Waugh  
Mr Arapata Reuben (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga)  
Mr Karl Russell (Te Runanga o Arowhenua)  
Cr Stuart Wilson (Ashburton District Council)  
Councillor David Caygill (Environment Canterbury)

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Vacant

**Environment Canterbury**



## 4 Register of Interests

Representative's Name and Interest	
Chris Allen	Farm owner of sheep, beef, lambs, crop Water resource consents to take water from tributary of Ashburton River and shallow wells National board member Federated Farmers of New Zealand with responsibility for RMA, water and biodiversity Member of Ashburton River Liaison Group
David Caygill	Environment Canterbury Councillor Chair - Business NZ's Energy Council
Ben Curry	Chief Executive Officer – Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited Chair of Recreation and Amenities Working Group Committee
Angela Cushnie	Owner of Country Copy, a communication and promotion business based in Mid Canterbury Operates a very small lifestyle block in Eiffelton On the Communication Committee for Advance Ashburton Community Foundation Co-author of 'Water, Farming and Families' Freelance writer for Latitude Magazine Author of 'Project 4 Life' a document created with the objective of "Building trust, balance and goodwill through communication and education" and a vision to cultivate a shared vision of environmental, social and financial best practice in rural Canterbury.
Gordon Guthrie	CEO Electricity Ashburton Limited (t/a EA Networks) Farming partnership – Winchmore (Ashburton North branch)
Cargill Henderson	Environmental Manager – ANZCO Foods Ltd
Karl Russell	Arowhenua Marae Trustee
Arapata Reuben	Trustee – Tuahiwi Marae Trustee – Tuhono Trust Trustee – Mana Waitaha Charitable Trust Member - National Kiwi Recovery Group Rūnanga Rep and Chair – Christchurch – West Melton Water Zone Committee
Bill Thomas	Farm owner of Longbeach Estate Ltd (sheep, beef, lambs, arable, dairy) Member of Eiffelton Irrigation Scheme
Stuart Wilson	Ashburton District Councillor and Chair of Service Delivery Committee A son who is a Director of Mayfield Hinds Irrigation Co and RDR
John Waugh	Member of the Ashburton Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Member of Hydrological Society



## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

### Unconfirmed Minutes

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 22 May 2018, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

#### **Present**

Councillor David Caygill (2.41pm), Cr Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Ben Curry, Angela Cushnie, Gordon Guthrie, Arapata Reuben, Karl Russell and John Waugh

#### **In attendance**

Environment Canterbury: Dave Moore (Facilitator), Ashburton District Council: Louise Glennon (Business Support Officer – minutes)

8 members of the public attended the meeting.

#### **1 Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the opening karakia was offered by Arapata Reuben.

#### **2 Apologies**

Chris Allen and Cargill Henderson; Councillor David Caygill (lateness)

#### **3 Extraordinary Business**

None

#### **4 Register of Interests**

None

#### **5 Confirmation of Minutes**

**That** the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 24 April 2018, be taken as read and confirmed.

Thomas/Wilson

Carried

#### **a. Matters Arising**

Angela has been in touch with the Youth Council and has looked at what they are involved in, however feels this needs to be more cohesive. Ashburton College are keen to be involved, but work needs to be done on how this will fit with their busy schedule. There are currently two Enviro Schools in the district which is due to the lack of funding; they were the original pilot schools. Angela to have further discussion with ECan staff on youth involvement.

#### **6 Correspondence**

Email from Ian Mackenzie, Eiffelton Community Group Irrigation Scheme.

Due to a conflict of interest, the Chair excused himself from the discussion and Cr Wilson took the Chair in the absence of the Deputy Chair.

Thomas/Curry

Carried

**That** ECan planners prepare a report providing clarification on timeframes for the change in default allocation and minimum flow regimes.

Guthrie/Russell

Carried

Letter from Wynn Williams Lawyers noted.

## **7 Public Contributions**

None

## **8 Facilitator's Update**

- Dave spoke to his report.
- ECan Communications Team are producing a video on the Ashburton River and invite suggestions of people to interview from a diverse section of the community who use the river.

## **9 Update on Fish Screening**

Nick Daniels spoke to his presentation.

## **10 Plan Change 2 – Hinds/Hekeao Plains Area**

Don Vattala and Clare McDaniel spoke to their presentation.

*Adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.46pm and returned at 3.04pm.*

## **11 Immediate Steps Fund New Projects for Consideration**

Sarah Heddell spoke to her presentation.

**That** the committee approve the request for \$13,550 for the two projects at Staveley Stream with the Morrows and Curries.

Waugh/Reuben

Carried

## **12 Update on BRIDGE Project – Ashburton River/Hakatere Reach**

Ian Whitehouse spoke to his report.

## **13 Reports for Committee Information**

### **14.2 Consents Update**

Ben advised that following the two week hearing for the RDRML application, it has been adjourned for three weeks to allow for further discussion and agreement to be reached before final information is provided. A decision will be provided at the end of June following review of the documentation.

### **13.2 Regional Committee Update**

Mayoral forum meeting this Friday to review strategy and look at interim targets. ECan have set aside some funding for literature review for the Recreation and Amenity Working Group. Aim of review is to understand what is out there and where the gaps are.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee will be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018.

The meeting closed at 3.48pm.

Dated this 26 day of June 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 26 June 2018  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Dave Moore  
Subject Facilitators Update

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### 8 Facilitators Update

#### **Purpose**

To update the Committee on actions from the previous meeting and upcoming engagement opportunities.

#### **Recommendation**

The Zone Committee receive the update

#### **Update**

##### **Carters Creek**

The Ashburton ECan Zone team are continuing with water quality monitoring at selected sites in Carters Creek and are working with the science team on further analysis.

##### **Ashburton River Modelling Workshop**

The Land and Water Regional Plan set a new flow regime for the Ashburton/Hakatere River. Minimum flows will increase to 6 cumecs in 2023, then to 10 cumecs in 2033. Flow modelling work has been undertaken by Environment Canterbury Groundwater staff at the request of the Zone Committee to help determine if consent reviews would be a useful way to increase flows in the river. ECan staff will discuss the initial modelling results with zone committee members prior to the June Committee meeting to help formulate the next steps.

##### **BRIDGE Project (Braided River)**

The aim of the BRIDGE project is to define the extent of the river bed in braided rivers and how to manage for the values in the bed and margins. The Reach selected for study in the Ashburton Zone is the Ashburton/Hakatere river above State Highway 1.

The first Ashburton/Hakatere River Reach meeting and field visit is scheduled for 17 July 2018 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm. More details and invitations will be sent out soon along with some background material.

The Zone Committee members nominated to take part in this project are Ben Curry, Chris Allen, John Waugh, Stuart Wilson, Cargill Henderson and Angela Cushnie. However, anyone with an interest is welcome.

## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 26 June 2018  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Janine Holland  
Subject Review of Zone Delivery Work Programme

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### 9 Review of Zone Delivery Work Programme

#### Purpose

That the committee:

1. Adopt the revised five-year outcomes and milestones which will form the basis of the zone delivery work programme.

#### Background

The purpose of this document is to present, for committee consideration, a revised set of five-year outcomes and milestones for the Ashburton Zone that will help in the delivery of zone priorities.

As a reminder, the zone committee developed its first set of five-year outcomes and milestones in March 2015, so three years later it is timely to review and update these.

Over the past 12 months Environment Canterbury has been working to better define 'regionally focused programmes.' These programmes include the consents to farm campaign, and the monitoring of regionally significant consents. It has become clear that a better alignment of regional and zone programmes is required.

A revised set of outcomes and milestones which reflect CWMS targets, ZIP outcomes and stated zone committee aspirations, alongside regional priorities, is presented for consideration. These build on what has already been achieved in the zone but also recognise that there is significant scope for more to be done.

#### Revised five-year outcomes and milestones

##### Outcome 1: Good management practice showcase (GMP)

*All Ashburton Zone farmers are operating at Good Management Practice (GMP) or better.*

##### Milestones:

**GMP relationships** - Industry supported extension programme implemented to communicate and promote industry agreed GMP practices.

**FEP support** - Targeted FEP support for higher N leaching and irrigated properties, as well as properties outside of schemes.

**Irrigation efficiency** - Work with individual consent holders, industry and schemes to ensure all irrigated properties are undertaking assessments of their irrigation systems, with actions taken to implement improvements that are identified.



**Water user groups** - Work with water user groups to identify opportunities to upskill and educate user group members around GMP.

### **Outcome 2: Biodiversity Step Change**

*Landowners, rūnanga, stakeholders, local authorities and others are working together to protect and enhance biodiversity throughout the zone.*

#### **Milestones:**

**Biodiversity collaboration** - ADC's Biodiversity Working Group provides an ongoing forum for co-ordination of biodiversity work programmes across the zone.

**Braided river bird protection** - Priority weed and pest control in the Rakaia, Rangitata and Ashburton Rivers is implemented with support from Regional IMS and Zone IMS funding.

**Biodiversity focus areas** - Develop and implement a programme to support the management of biodiversity values in two priority areas - the foothills and foothill streams/coast. Support on the ground via Zone IMS funds.

**Mahinga Kai** - Two sites are primarily managed for Mahinga Kai, including one outside of the Hinds catchment.

**Community support for biodiversity** - Increase community awareness of the nature and value of biodiversity and how Ashburton Zone residents can get involved.

### **Outcome 3: A healthy Hakatere/Ashburton River**

*Improve the ecosystem health of the Hakatere/Ashburton River and operationalise the Ashburton River flow plan.*

#### **Milestones:**

**River flow** - Develop and implement a strategy to ensure the flow regime for the Ashburton River is achieved.

**Stockwater network reduction** - Ashburton District Council develop and implement a strategy to reduce stockwater take to 2,900L/s by no later than 2023 - date tbc

**Ecosystem health** - Identify source of spikes in E-coli at SH1 and implement an action plan.

**Pest control** - priority weed and predator control for braided river bird nesting habitat is completed with support from the Zone's Immediate Steps programme.

**Sustainable access** - identify values held by stakeholders for the river mouth and implement an access strategy to provide for multiple interests, while protecting habitat and ecosystem values.

**Carters Creek/Lake Hood** - Understand the health of Carters Creek, and its contribution to Lake Hood's water quality, and identify opportunities to improve ecosystem health

**Stormwater management** - Ashburton District Council to develop and implement an integrated stormwater management plan that contributes to the health of the river.

**Outcome 4: Hekeao/Hinds River and Drains.**

The Hinds River and Drains are sustainably managed in a way that provides for multiple needs and interests.

**Milestones:**

**MAR and TSA** - Managed Aquifer Recharge and Targeted Stream Augmentation Trials are completed by 2021, and the next steps identified; including funding mechanisms and the development of an ongoing programme.

**Fish Barriers and habitat** – Programme to identify and remove (where appropriate) fish barriers, and work with stakeholders to enhance fish habitat, including for mudfish.

**Adaptive Minimum Flow Habitat Trial** – implementation of Boundary Drain trial to inform possible plan change.

**Mahinga Kai** – improve opportunities to gather safe Mahinga Kai.

**Monitoring** - undertake a quality and habitat monitoring programme until Hinds Plan review to determine the effects of actions taken.

**Outcome 5: Community Understanding and engagement**

*The urban and rural community understand the environmental, economic and social trends occurring in the zone and there is widespread ownership of catchment health.*

**Milestones:**

**Community trends** – receive quarterly reporting on water quality and quantity monitoring results and annual reporting on social and economic trends occurring in Ashburton Zone.

**Youth engagement** – create opportunities to involve youth and education facility engagement in waterway and wetland enhancement and/or monitoring projects.

**Media** – regular communications from the Zone Committee and Zone team to profile implementation work in the zone.

**North Ashburton** – landowners in the north Ashburton area understand the catchment health in their area and know what actions can be taken to make improvements.

**Outcome 6: Safe and sustainable drinking water**

*A sustainable supply of water that meets the needs of present and future generations and complies with drinking water standards.*

**Milestones:**

**Community Drinking Water Protection Zones** – focused programme of work to ensure adherence with consent conditions within these catchments and increased public awareness of the zones.

**Risk awareness** – improve community understanding of drinking water supplies, including measures that will protect individual supplies.

**Outcome 7: Compliance**

*Consent monitoring focuses on regionally significant and high-risk consents in Ashburton Zone, alongside high-risk incidents, and consent holders' practices are aligned with community outcomes.*

**Milestones:**

All incident response/daily alert matters are responded to in a timely way.

Comprehensive monitoring programmes are in place for all Regionally Significant Consents, water takes and fish screens.

Compliance support is provided for zone priorities including Hakatere/Ashburton River, the Hinds catchment, Carters creek/Lake Hood and Community Drinking Water Protection Zones.

## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 26 June 2018  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Donna Field  
Subject Immediate Steps Fund New Projects for Consideration

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### 10 Immediate Steps Fund New Projects for Consideration

#### **Purpose**

To present one project for consideration.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the zone committee supports funding this Immediate Steps project.

#### **Report**

#### **Project Updates:**

To date \$85,120 has been allocated of this year's funding allocation of \$100,000. This leaves us with \$14,880 available for biodiversity projects allocation prior to June 2018.

The funding request is for \$54,600.00 over 3 financial years

2018 - \$18,200

2019 - \$18,200

2020 - \$18,200

This would cause an overspend of \$3,320.00

\*Biodiversity advisor Sarah Heddell will explain how this will be managed at the meeting.

#### **Projects for consideration**

One project will be presented for consideration at this meeting. The details of this is provided in the following pages.

<b>Projects name</b>	<b>Funds recommended</b>
Staveley Camp Forest Restoration Project 3	54,600
<b>2018</b>	18,200
<b>2019</b>	18,200
<b>2020</b>	18,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$54,600

## Staveley Camp Forest Restoration Project 3

Project Details	
<b>Supporting Organisation/Community Group</b>	Staveley Campsite Committee
<b>Project Location</b>	Ashburton
<b>Nature of Project</b>	Protection
<b>Habitat Type</b>	Lowland Forest,
<b>Project Aim</b>	<p>Protect the natural character of this valuable forest remnant by the eradication of the tree, ground cover and climbing weeds and prevent the further spread of these species into surrounding forest areas.</p> <p>This will result in significant areas of the forest being cleared of cotoneaster, Darwin's barberry and blackberry; very localised weeds such as English ivy and rhododendron being (hopefully) totally eradicated; and hundreds of seedlings and saplings of sycamore and rowan being stopped from seeding.</p> <p>To encourage the engagement of schools and local community in learning about biodiversity and the need to protect our degraded natural spaces.</p>
<b>Project Outcomes</b>	<p>An area of natural forest that is clear of weeds that could</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prevent the natural revegetation of the indigenous forest species within the project area.</li> <li>2. Spread into the surrounding DOC estate</li> </ol> <p>A parallel outcome is the environmental education programme increasing the awareness of the community and schools on the impact of weeds and the value of indigenous forest</p>
<b>Actions proposed to achieve outcomes</b>	<p>Weed Control</p> <p>A project plan will be drawn up by coordinator will be implemented over the next 3 years.</p> <p>Cutting, frilling and pasting of cotoneaster, sycamores, barberry, rhododendrons and rowans. Ivy will be hand pulled and cut and pasted.</p> <p>Develop a 'Head, Hands, Heart' environmental education programme. (See attached paper)</p>

<b>Overall Assessment Scores</b>	
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score</b>
Ecological Assessment (Existing and Potential) /39	<b>28</b>
Cultural	The remnant Native Bush is an indicator of what was once a substantial forest teeming with Kiore (native rat) all manner of birds and Tuna. This bush was also part of our extensive hunting trails from Maungatere (Mt Grey) in North Canterbury, all the way south to Huatekerekere (Little Mt Peel) and beyond.
Other Criteria Overall Rating	High
Immediate Steps Rating	High

<b>Funding Requested</b>		
<b>From ECAN</b>	<b>From Other Sources</b>	<b>Estimated Total (Applicant)</b>
\$54,600.00 Funding will be given over the next 3 years at \$18,200 per year.	\$17,160.00	\$71,760.00

<b>Funding</b>			
<b>Project Tasks</b>	<b>Funds Requested</b>	<b>Contributions from Other Sources</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Weed Control ,monitoring, photo points and Annual reports.	18,200	5,720	23,920
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>54,600</b>	<b>17,160</b>	<b>71,760</b>

## Project Map



Pin marks Staveley Forest



Overview of camp





Ivy Climbing Beech Tree



Beech tree planted by school group.

## Discussion

The Staveley Camp is owned by the Presbyterian Church and administered by The Staveley Camp Committee, it has a small (roughly 9 ha) remnant of black beech (previously mixed podocarp) forest which has recently been put into a QEII Covenant. The Staveley Camp Forest is of significant ecological value because it is a rare remaining remnant of native alluvial plain forest in the Mid-Canterbury foothills. It is seriously degraded due to early logging and more recent infestation of noxious weeds, however work has been undertaken in the last two years to begin restoration of the forest having had full-perimeter fencing as well as having ongoing pest animal control.

The Staveley Camp Forest restoration project fits well with the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy as it aims primarily to protect and maintain the 9 ha QEII covenanted forest whilst also engaging schools and local community in learning about biodiversity and the need to protect our degraded natural spaces.

The forest has a number of invasive weeds, many of which (notably Contoneaster) are altering the fundamental structure of the forest. Two lots of funding of \$5,000 and \$4,000 from ECan and the QEII Trust Stephenson Fund respectively, have already been utilised, resulting in the purchase of some equipment and glyphosate gel which were used over 230 hours. Contoneaster and Darwin's Barberry were the main target species for the use of this money. Where areas of the forest have been cleared of Contoneaster it is obvious that this weed, when established, prevents the growth of any other species. It was during this work that the idea for a managed, long-term sustainable strategy to kaitiaki the forest began to be formulated.

The camp obviously has the capacity to earn its own income and the vision for the forest restoration project is that with much higher occupancy the camp could support the work of restoring and regenerating the forest by itself. What is needed now is funding to secure ongoing weed control work



over the next three years which will allow for a weed control strategy to be formulated and for the links to be built in the community and with schools to develop the camp into a biodiversity learning centre.

This funding application is for on-going weed control work to be continued. The income from the weed control work will allow the supporting community work to be undertaken on a voluntary basis. The amount requested equates to just over double the total hours funded for weed control last year - each year for three years. This will result in significant areas of the forest being cleared of cotoneaster, Darwin's barberry and blackberry; very localised weeds such as English ivy and rhododendron being (hopefully) totally eradicated; and hundreds of seedlings and saplings of sycamore and rowan being stopped from seeding.

During this time we will also be working with Pudding Hill Lodge, whose school camps are now taking place at Staveley Camp, to develop a 'Head, Hands, Heart' environmental education programme. We see benefits for the forest itself and for the students and teachers in creating purpose built fun forest activities that can awaken interests in the students in subjects as diverse as ecology, history, creative writing, art and complex systems.

We intend to facilitate regular community events in which engagement in caring for the forest is celebrated and enjoyed. We intend to inform every camp user about the sustainable management of Canterbury's biodiversity through information provided on the walls about the importance of the work taking place in the forest. The camp already hosts an astonishing diversity of groups who all use and love the forest – an easy audience in which to spark interest.

The Staveley Camp forest is ideal for teaching about the need for environmental weed control, with its impressive suite of environmental weeds (!), a forest that is big enough to understand the problem, but not too big as to be totally overwhelming, and its cosy indoor learning spaces. Restoration of the Staveley Forest will undoubtedly benefit the local indigenous biodiversity, and can play an important role in the health of the wider eco-system especially with its impact on hearts and minds.

We are asking for funding for 10 hours per week at \$35 per hour for three years = **\$54,600**

We will apply to other funders for equipment; costs to employ subsequent contractors if necessary; costs involved in holding community events and any other costs involved in setting up the project. All going well, it should be a self-sufficient, sustainable, on-going management project by 2021, with obvious regeneration of the forest well underway.

## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 26 June 2018  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Mike Bell, Wildlife Management International Limited, Frances Schmechel and Donna Lill  
Subject Canterbury Southern Black-backed Gull/Karoro Strategy

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### 11 Canterbury Southern Black-backed Gull/Karoro Strategy

#### Purpose

To inform all Zone Committees and stakeholders of the development of a Southern Black-Backed Gull/Karoro strategy for Canterbury and inviting participation in this process.

#### Background

Southern Black-backed Gull/Karoro (SBBG) numbers have increased significantly following the clearance of native vegetation and the shift to an agricultural economy in New Zealand. SBBG are one of the native species which have adapted well to land use changes. Pasture has provided gulls with more foraging area, and easier access to food. SBBG have also readily adapted to new human derived food sources - especially rubbish tips and offal.

In Canterbury, an estimated 30,000 pairs of SBBG are breeding (so over 60000 individuals), predominately on braided rivers (see attached map, with this data collected during an aerial survey on the region's major braided rivers in 2016). Based on historical accounts prior to land clearance and conversion to agriculture, SBBG will have only nested as single pairs and not formed the super large or abundant colonies we see today.

Research on braided rivers have highlighted that SBBG are a significant predator of braided river dependent birds, many of which only breed on these rivers and have declining populations (i.e. wrybill, black-fronted tern, and kaki/ black stilt). The gulls predate the eggs and chicks of most species found on braided rivers. We have direct evidence (through direct observation or video surveillance) of SBBG predating black-billed gull, black-fronted tern, banded dotterel, and wrybill nests (see figure 1).

#### Discussion

Environment Canterbury has contracted Wildlife Management International Ltd (WMIL) to develop a Canterbury Southern Black-backed Gull Strategy. As part of developing this strategy stakeholder meetings will be held to provide you with some background context and, most importantly, to listen to your views.

This is the first stage of developing the Strategy and we have no clear views formed yet. We are very interested to learn about the stakeholders' relationship with Southern Black-backed Gull/Karoro, with braided rivers generally and with the other (in many cases endangered) birds which depend on braided rivers.

**Action**

We look forward to your attendance at meetings to be held:

- Tūhaitara Coastal Park (1 Woodend Beach Rd, Woodend Beach) – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 10am-12pm
- Ashburton (Seniors Centre, 206 Cameron St) - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1pm-3pm
- Waihao Marae (26 Maori Rd, Morven) – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, morning (time to be confirmed)

If you are interested in attending one of these meetings please contact Donna Lill, 027-460-2885, [dwoodley@hotmail.com](mailto:dwoodley@hotmail.com) so that we can provide you with further information prior to the meeting.

If you are unable to attend one of these meetings and have information which you would like to provide to our team please call Donna to discuss.

We welcome you to forward this invitation on to other groups and individuals who may wish to input into the strategy.

**Recommendations**

To engage in the process to develop a Southern Black-Backed Gull/Karoro strategy for Canterbury.

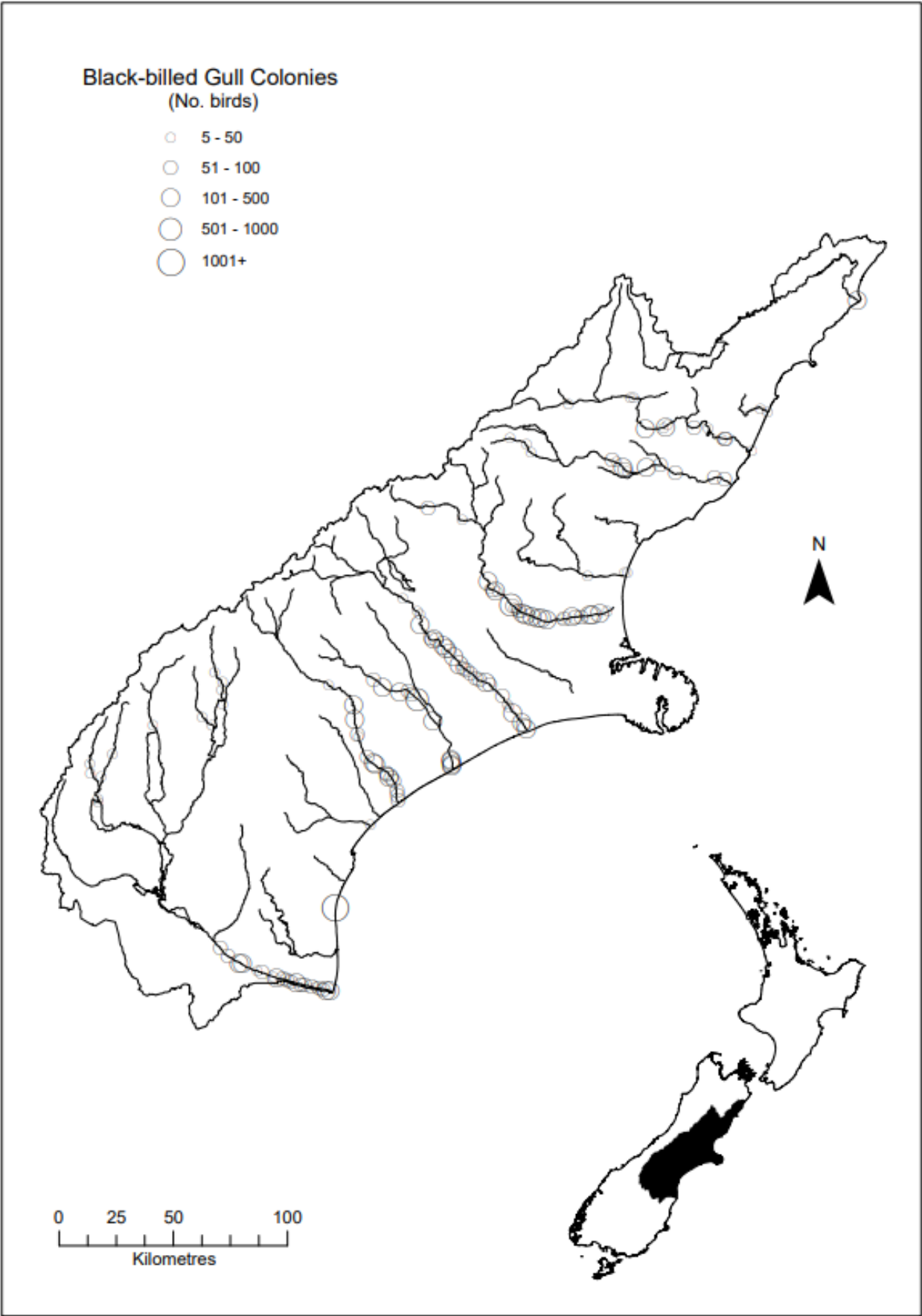
Figure 1. Images of Southern Black-backed Gull/Karoro predating braided river bird nests.

A) SBBG carrying off black-billed gull chick, Wairau River Marlborough.



B) SBBG predating BFT nest, Clarence River, Canterbury.





## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 26 June 2018  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Dave Moore  
Subject CWMS Fit for Future Project

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## 12 CWMS Fit for Future Project

### Purpose

This paper updates the Zone Committee on the Canterbury Mayoral Forum project to ensure the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) is fit for the future needs of the region.

### Recommendations

**That the Ashburton Water Zone Committee:**

- 1. receive the report on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Fit for the Future project.**

### Report

#### Key points

1. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum has agreed to sponsor a project to ensure the CWMS is fit for the future needs of the region. Environment Canterbury is managing the project, working closely with territorial authorities and Ngāi Tahu. The CWMS Regional Committee has been asked to take a lead role in developing advice on intermediary goals (targets) for 2025 and 2030 for the ten CWMS target areas.
2. The process of developing goals for 2025 and 2030 will involve wide engagement with stakeholders. Environment Canterbury will keep Zone Committees informed and engage at two key points:
  - Engagement on draft goals (mid-September to early October 2018 meetings)
  - Engagement on refined goals and measures, and on implementation issues (mid-November to early December 2018 meetings).

### Background

3. On 25 May 2018, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum agreed to sponsor a project to ensure the CWMS is fit for the future needs of the region. The Forum noted that the CWMS strategic framework continues to provide a good foundation for freshwater management in Canterbury and agreed that the focus of the project be on:
  - developing intermediary goals for 2025 and 2030 to ensure that the CWMS continues to provide meaningful guidance for action
  - identifying what is required to maintain and build momentum for implementation of the strategy and ensure that it can and will be delivered.
4. The Forum also agreed that Environment Canterbury will manage the project, working closely with territorial authorities, and that the CWMS Regional Committee be responsible for developing advice on intermediary goals.

5. Environment Canterbury has established a Steering Group with senior staff from each Canterbury territorial authority to provide oversight of the project.

### **Overview of project**

6. The attached A3 provides an overview of the project.

7. Points to note are that:

- A key objective of the project is to build momentum and ownership for implementation of the CWMS. We anticipate that the process of developing intermediary goals to guide the next ten years will also be a vehicle for discussion on what is needed to deliver the strategy.
- The intent is to reflect the collaborative ethos of the CWMS in way the project is managed and delivered. This will involve:
  - Environment Canterbury working collaboratively with the territorial authorities, and with Ngāi Tahu
  - bringing together a mix of interests and perspectives to develop draft goals
  - regular engagement with the Zone Committees and other stakeholders.
- Environment Canterbury is due to report back to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum with final project recommendations by April 2019. Timeframes are tight, and work to develop advice on draft goals for 2025 and 2030 will be undertaken over the next six to eight months.

### **Process for developing intermediary goals**

8. The process of developing advice on intermediary goals will involve:

- bringing together people from a mix of council, Ngāi Tahu, industry and NGO perspectives to be directly involved in developing draft goals for 2025 and 2030 (through task groups)
- seeking input Zone Committees on the draft goals
- engaging with other stakeholders including community groups, young people, iwi and sector interests.

9. There will be two 'rounds' of task group workshops: the first to develop draft goals; the second to refine the goals and measures, and identify what actions and resources are needed to achieve the goals. Each round of workshops will include the development of integrated advice for the Regional Committee by a Goals Working Group, and engagement with key stakeholders. A final working group meeting will be held in early 2019, focused what is needed to enable implementation of the strategy and delivery of the recommended goals.

10. The six task groups will cover the following target areas:

- Environmental limits
- Ecosystem health and biodiversity; Natural character of braided rivers
- Kaitiakitanga
- Drinking water; Recreational and amenity opportunities
- Water-use efficiency; Irrigated land area; Energy security and efficiency
- Regional and national economies.

### **Zone Committee involvement in the process**

11. As noted, the process will involve wide engagement with stakeholders. We propose to engage with Zone Committees at two key points:

- *Engagement on draft goals* – to seek feedback on the draft goals from a zone perspective, including any feedback on measures and views on what would be required to achieve them locally (mid-September to early October 2018 meetings)
- *Engagement on refined goals and measures, and on implementation issues* – to provide an update on how feedback has been incorporated into refined goals and to seek feedback on revised goals

and measures, what is required to give effect to the goals at the zone level and the support required by Zone Committees (mid-November to early December 2018 meetings).

12. In addition, Environment Canterbury will provide an update on project progress to Zone Committee meetings as required, and on the final outcomes of the project in May 2019. We anticipate that some Zone Committee members will also participate in the task groups being established to support the Regional Committee.

### **Next steps**

13. Key steps for this project over the next few months are:

- establishing task groups and a Goals Working Group (underway)
- holding the first meeting of the Goals Working Group (late July)
- holding the first task group meetings to develop draft goals (August 2018)

14. We will be seeking to engage with the Ashburton Water Zone Committee again at the following meetings:

- 25 September 2018 – to seek feedback on draft goals
- 27 November 2018 – to seek feedback on refined goals, measures, and implementation issues.

### **Attachment**

- A3 overview of the project



Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Fit for the Future Project

DRAFT – 5 June 2018

**Purpose of project:**  
Ensure the CWMS is fit for the future needs of the region, and can deliver the outcomes desired by the community for freshwater

**Project objectives:**

- recognise and build on the vision, principles and priorities of the CWMS and other fundamental aspects of the strategic approach
- build momentum and ownership for implementation of the strategy by a wide range of partners
- ensure that the CWMS provides clear guidance for action through the development of intermediary goals for 2025 and 2030

**Deliverables:**

By May 2018:

- Advice to the Mayoral Forum confirming the CWMS strategic framework and seeking renewed commitment to the strategy

By April 2019:

- Intermediary goals for 2025 and 2030
- Advice to the Mayoral Forum on key enablers and barriers to strategy implementation, with recommendations for addressing these
- A summary communication document that sets out the fundamental aspects of the CWMS, including the vision and principles, new goals and key actions

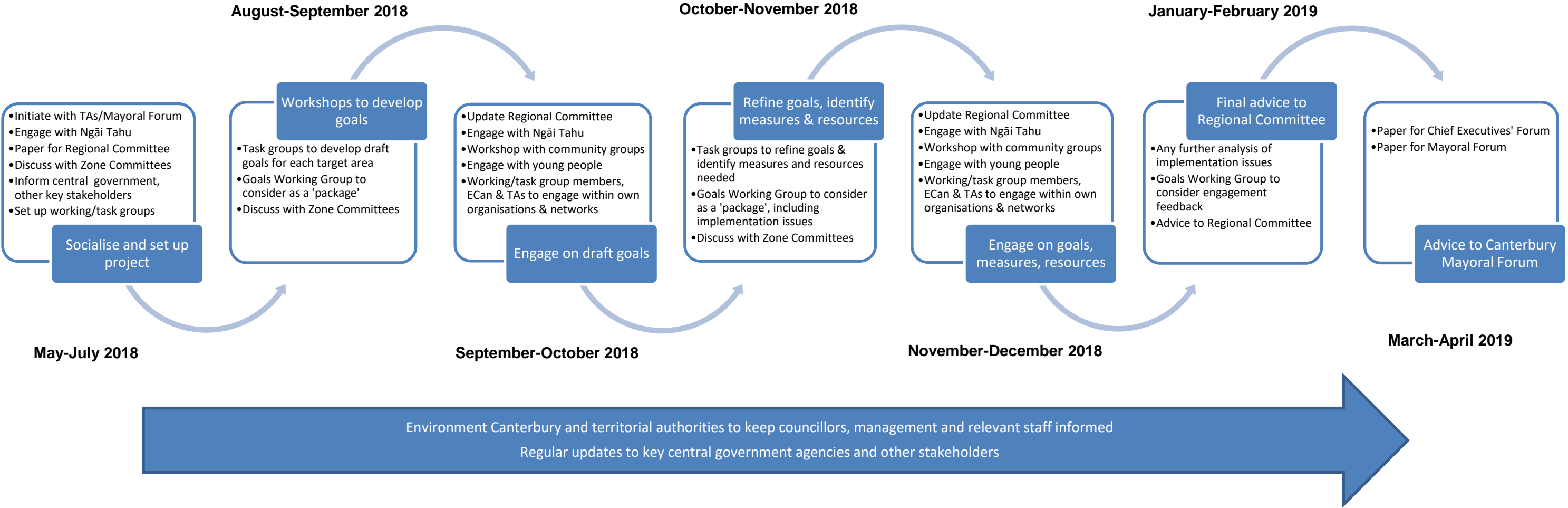
**Project approach:**

- Reflect the CWMS collaborative ethos in the project:
  - o joint project with territorial authorities (TAs)
  - o seek to partner with Ngāi Tahu through the Tuia relationship
  - o bring together a mix of interests and perspectives to develop draft goals
  - o wide engagement with other stakeholders
- Confirm the ongoing relevance of the CWMS strategic framework from the outset
- Focus on developing goals for 2025 and 2030:
  - o to provide guidance for the next 10 years; and
  - o as a means of engaging with agencies on what is needed to ensure the CWMS is delivered.

**Project roles and responsibilities:**

- Mayoral Forum: project owner
- Environment Canterbury: project manager
- Regional Committee: develop advice on goals and associated implementation issues, supported by:
  - o Goals Working Group (to include ECan, TAs, Ngāi Tahu, industry and NGOs)
  - o Task groups focused on developing goals for each of the ten CWMS target areas
- Project Team (ECan staff): manage project, provide information, analysis & support for Regional Committee; manage stakeholder engagement
- Project Steering Group (senior ECan & TA staff): provide project oversight and guidance

Project process & timetable:



<b>Key dates:</b>				
• Mayoral Forum – 25 May	• Ngāi Tahu Watershed hui – early August	• Regional Committee – 9 October	• Regional Committee – 11 December	• CEs Forum – March 2019 (TBC)
• Regional Committee – 12 June	• Regional Committee – 14 August	• Task group meetings – mid-October (TBC)	• Goals Working Group – late January 2019 (TBC)	• Mayoral Forum – April 2019 (TBC)
• Zone Committees – 18 June to 9 July	• Task group meetings – mid-August (TBC)	• Goals Working Group – late October (TBC)	• Regional Committee – February 2019 (TBC)	
• Goals Working Group – late July (TBC)	• Goals Working Group – early September (TBC)	• Zone Committees – 12 November to 5 December		
	• Zone Committees – 10 September to 3 October			

**Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 26 June 2018**

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