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## Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

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**Date:** Thursday 26 July 2018  
**Time:** 6.03pm  
**Venue:** Environment Canterbury,  
200 Tuam Street

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### Present

Chairperson	Arapata Reuben - Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
Deputy Chairperson	Lance Kenyon - Community Representative
Members	Kevin Brown - Community Representative
	Helen Caley - Community Representative
	Carly Sluys - Community Representative
	Robert Wynn-Williams - Community Representative
	Suzanne Furkert - Community Representative
	Councillor Tom Lambie - Environment Canterbury
	Councillor Debra Hasson - Selwyn District Council
	Herewini Banks - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki
	Les Wanhalla - Te Taumutu Rūnanga

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In Attendance: CCC - Diane Shelander, Helen Beaumont, Liz Ryley; ECan – Steve Firth, Shelley Washington, Greg Stanley; DOC – John Benn; Cherry Red – Jackie Curtis; Avon-Heathcote Ihutai Trust – Islay Marsden, Teoti Jardine; Avon - Ian Fox; East Lake Trust – Dave Goodman, Greg Urquhart

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Olivia Smith opened the meeting with a Karakia/Timatanga.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## 1. Apologies

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00022

#### Committee Decision

That an apology from Councillor Cotter be accepted.

Chairperson Reuben/Member Banks

Carried

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00023

#### Committee Decision

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 24 May 2018 be confirmed.

Deputy Chairperson Kenyon/Member Brown

Carried

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

### *Drylands Park*

Olivia Smith updated the Committee about meetings she had with the biodiversity ranger on trials being undertaken, and the lease manager about future opportunities for a drylands park. She suggested the Committee undertake a field trip to view the trials and work, and potential sites.

Robert Wynn-Williams reported that an interagency meeting was held some years ago about a dryland park, and Kevin Brown noted that a concept plan was already completed. Liaison with parties about the concept plan was suggested.

At the conclusion of the meeting Greg Stanley addressed the Committee about the current work being carried out in this area. He suggested the best strategy would be to commence a programme of enhancement for the work already being carried out. The work being carried out was not as part of an interagency approach with a formal MOU. Robert Wynn-Williams advised there was a landscape plan by Colin Meurk. Greg Stanley will connect with the relevant parties to reinvigorate the drylands park idea.

### *Shaving of Riverbanks*

Suzanne Furkert suggested an update to the Committee about the Christchurch City Council's trial of shaving river banks. There was a trial was to assess if this was a feasible method for the whole river. There had been five different reasons for stopping the mowing of the riverbanks, including to reduce E.coli and sediment into river, and the habitat for inanga and small insects.

Lance Kenyon advised he did send a Snap Send Solve to the Council and there had been a meeting with the contractors about bank management.

#### ***Copper Brake Pads***

Congratulations were passed to Suzanne Furkert and the Committee for the work on the Local Government Remit on copper brake pads. At the Local Government Conference the remit received an 86% vote and the Zone Committee was praised for its work. Debra Hasson suggested there should be more communication relating to the fact that there is very little cost difference for the copper brake pads.

Suzanne Furkert thanked the members for actioning this.

## **4. Deputations by Appointment**

### **4.1 East Lake Trust**

Dave Goodman, Chair of the East Lake Trust, along with Greg Urquhart, addressed the meeting on behalf of the Trust. A power point presentation was presented about the East Lake. Concerns that had been noted by Regenerate Christchurch were that the Lake would be in conflict with wetlands that are needed to polish the water, that the water quality of the lake may be subject to algal blooms, the release of water into the lake or reserve and that there would be a better use for the land. The Trust felt there was room for both the lake and wetland, and that DOC modelling indicated a moderate risk of algal blooms. with regular water turn-over. Five cumecs of water per day would need to be released and the water would be good quality. This could be released into Horseshoe Lake Reserve.

Queries from the Committee are summarised as:

- water levels would be controlled and if the river was high there would be a halt to releasing water from the lake;
- disposal of fill from the lake would take place within the red zone and would only create an impact during the construction period;
- some of the fill would be used for bunding and landscaping;
- there would be no issues of significance in regard to asbestos;
- the main cost would be for diesel;
- traffic slowing would not be significant;
- economic benefit would be created from the lake for kayaking, dragon boat racing and general recreation;
- there would be waterfowl management and mitigation required.

From here Mr Goodman advised that the Trust was lobbying for an inclusive plan. A copy of submissions will be forwarded to Committee members for their information. Mr Urquhart asked Committee members to email him if they had further queries, at:

[greg.urquhart@concepts.co.nz](mailto:greg.urquhart@concepts.co.nz)

## **5. Identification of Urgent Items**

Nil.

## 6. Identification of General Public Contributions

Nil.

## 7. Correspondence

### Committee Comment

Diane Shelander advised that a letter had been sent on behalf of the Committee about a single point of contact for the Avon Ōtākaro Network and Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network Groups, and the inclusion of the maintenance of recreation access structures on the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River as part of the regular maintenance schedule for the river. This letter was with the Chief Executive, and when a response was received she would update the Committee.

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00024

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Note the letter sent to the Christchurch City Council regarding:
  - a. A single point of contact for the Avon Ōtākaro Network and Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network Groups;
  - b. Inclusion of the maintenance of recreation access structures on the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River as part of the regular maintenance schedule for the river.

Chairperson Reuben/Member Furkert

**Carried**

## 8. Draft 2018 Zone Committee Communications Plan

### Committee Comment

1. The Committee noted the draft 2018 Communications Plan appended to the report.
2. Arapata Reuben spoke about the Stormwater Superhero branding for community event where large numbers of people gather. Key groups need to be identified, e.g. the Community Boards and connecting with them, attending their meetings and helping them with issues.
3. Jackie Curtis advised that the focus for the Communications Plan was on the Stormwater Superhero branding, how to make it available for use by other groups, on outcomes but also on bigger issues, and to keep the messages simple. The Communications Plan would be available via social media, editorial and paid advertising and by attending community sessions, e.g. Meet in the Middle.
4. Other ideas suggested by Committee members were:
  - wheelie bin stickers with a simple message, e.g. where the water goes when vehicle washing;
  - that the stormwater flows directly into the waterways (becomes the river);
  - advertising at the end of escalators for maximum audience viewing;
  - message about how to correctly clean paintbrushes;
  - key speakers at Committee meetings to encourage public attendance;
  - meeting at venues out in the community;
  - connecting with the Community Water Partnership, applying external funding to create a simple and engaging mobile resource on stormwater that organisations may borrow for their events;

- a package that Committee members can take with them to events.

### **Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00025**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Support the implementation of the 2018 Zone Committee Communications Plan.

Chairperson Reuben/Councillor Hasson

**Carried**

## **9. Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust**

### **Committee Comment**

1. Islay Marsden, supported by Teoti Jardine, gave a power point presentation about the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust. Documents tabled were “Exploring an Estuary A field Guide to the Avon-Heathcote Estuary/Ihutai Christchurch”, and a “Summary of Achievements 2010-2017 Reporting against the Ihutai Management Plan 2013”
2. Islay advised that the Trust was discussing cycleway routes from the estuary into the city, i.e. whether to go along Humphreys Drive on the estuary or marsh side, or to go through Charlesworth Reserve. The Trust’s preference was through Charlesworth Reserve.
3. Discussion following the presentation covered the matters listed:
  - cultural issues – can be discussed following the meeting;
  - funding is still being worked on with further direction next month;
  - short term messages can include:
    - rivers contribute contaminants to the estuary
    - there are a lot of birds
    - it is difficult to improve river water quality to improve estuary;
  - copper brake pads and zinc from rooves to assist improving water quality;
  - opportunity to talk to the Community Board soon on the cycleway matter about access through the Estuary;
  - if there is public access through the Estuary it becomes of interest and more aware to the public;
  - suggestion of boardwalks rather than a lane to be environmentally friendly;
  - discussion about fish species;
  - congratulations to the Trust on its flyway.

### **Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00026**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Avon-Heathcote Estuary/Ihutai Trust report.
2. Request a briefing from the Christchurch City Council on the Avon-Heathcote Estuary cycleway proposal and the expedient development of the Ecological Management Plan.

Councillor Lambie/Chairperson Reuben

**Carried**

## 10. Working Group Updates - 26 July 2018

### Urban Contaminant

The report was taken as read.

### Cashmere Catchment

The report was taken as read.

Olivia Smith will email the Committee members the dates for the International Erosion Control Association Conference and field trip to check who is available to attend.

### Groundwater and Drylands

Kevin Brown provided information about nitrate numbers, specifically from the Waimakariri River. The information will be provided to the Committee.

Debra Hasson noted that the Selwyn District has elevated nitrate levels and even though the numbers referred to in this presentation are low, they do have an overall impact on the invertebrates which impact on the food chain for fish.

The Committee will keep a watching brief on this matter.

### Communication and Engagement

The report was taken as read.

### Biodiversity and Immediate Steps

Cashmere Stream – Lance Kenyon referred to a site funded through the Immediate Steps funding that he had viewed on springheads planting. This is achieving good outcomes regarding plantings and invertebrates.

### Recreation

The report was taken as read.

### Regional Committee

The report was taken as read.

### Liaison with Community Groups

The report was taken as read.

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00027

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Working Group Updates report.
2. Support Zone Committee participation in the Erosion and Sediment Control Conference field trip on 31 August 2018.
3. Identify a Committee member to be part of the judging panel for the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River Network photographic competition – to be confirmed.

Chairperson Reuben/Deputy Chairperson Kenyon

**Carried**

## 11. Facilitator's Update - 26 July 2018

### Committee Comment

1. The Facilitator's report was taken.
2. The Committee noted page 29 of the agenda and the funding in the Christchurch City Council's LTP for stormwater.
3. For the Fit for Future project, the Committee will be provided in September-October with draft goals to provide feedback on, and implementation issues.

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2018/00028

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receive the information in the Facilitator's Update report.
2. Receive the report on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Fit for the Future project.

Chairperson Reuben/Member Caley

**Carried**

Arapata Reuben closed the meeting with a Karakia/Whakamutunga.

**Meeting concluded at 8.15pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST 2018**

**ARAPATA REUBEN  
CHAIRPERSON**