

## ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

**DATE:** Tuesday 25 June 2019

**TIME:** 1:00 pm

**VENUE:** Council Chamber  
137 Havelock Street  
Ashburton

**MEETING CALLED BY:** H Riach, Chief Executive, Ashburton District Council  
B Bayfield, Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury

**ATTENDEES:** Mr Chris Allen  
Mr Ben Curry  
Mrs Angela Cushnie  
Ms Genevieve de Spa  
Mr Cargill Henderson  
Mr Bill Thomas  
Mr John Waugh  
Mr Arapata Reuben (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga)  
Mr Karl Russell (Te Runanga o Arowhenua)  
Mr Les Wanhalla (Te Taumutu Runanga)  
Cr Stuart Wilson (Ashburton District Council)  
Councillor David Caygill (Environment Canterbury)  
Mayor Donna Favel (Ashburton District Council)

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**Ashburton District Council**

**Tangata Whenua Facilitator**

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. Country Copy contracted to the MAR Governance Group to assist with establishing a business case Chairperson and Community Connector, Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust
Genevieve de Spa	Owner of Kakariki Camps focusing on 'Head, Hands, Heart' approach to biodiversity education Employee and member of Stavely Campsite Committee Recipient of Immediate Steps Funding Member Mt Somers Walkway Society and Ashburton District Biodiversity Action Group (ADBAG) Active member and organiser of 'Extinction Rebellion'
Donna Favel	Mayor Representative of Ashburton district at Mayoral Forum Ex Officio Hinds Hekeao Water Enhancement Trust Surface Water Strategy Committee
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
Les Wanhalla	
Stuart Wilson	Ashburton District Councillor and Chair of Service Delivery Committee A son who is a Director of Mayfield Hinds Irrigation Co and Chair of 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 28 May, commencing at 1:00 pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

### Present

Mayor Donna Favel, Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Ben Curry, Angela Cushnie, Genevieve de Spa, Les Wanhalla, and John Waugh

### In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Dave Moore (Facilitator), Ashburton District Council: Carol McAtamney (minutes)

8 members of the public attended the meeting. (Councillors Bell, Rawlinson, Urquhart)

#### 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Facilitator Dave Moore opened the meeting with a Karakia

#### 2 Apologies

**That** apologies for absence be received on behalf of Chris Allen, Cargill Henderson, Arapata Reuben and Karl Russell

Thomas/Wilson

Carried

The Mayor introduced herself and explained that under legislation the Mayor is a member of all Ashburton District Council committees. The Zone committee is a joint committee with the Ashburton District Council and as such she is exercising her right to be a member of this committee.

#### 3 Extraordinary Business

None

#### 4 Register of Interests

Additions

- Angela Cushnie – Chairperson and Community Connector, Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust
- Mayor - Representative of Ashburton district at Mayoral Forum, ex officio Hinds Hekeao Water Enhancement Trust and Surface Water Strategy Committee.

#### 5 Confirmation of Minutes

**That** the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 26 March 2019, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/Curry

Carried

It was advised that the appointment of the Tangata Whenua Facilitator position is in the final stages of completion

#### 6.1 Matters Arising

None

#### 6 Correspondence

##### Outward:

- Nil

##### Inward

- Forest and Bird to Environment Canterbury and copied to the Zone Committee re Ashburton/Hakatere River flows – circulated

- The Zone Committee agreed that they do not need to write to Forest and Bird as their letter was addressed to Steve Lowndes and he has responded.
- Email from Bill Bayfield, Chief Executive of E-Can clarifying claims in Forest and Bird's correspondence – tabled
- A response letter from Environment Canterbury, Chair Steve Lowndes to Forest and Bird was tabled at the meeting.

## **7 Public Contributions**

None

## **8 Hinds School Students Field Trip Presentation**

Unfortunately due to a clash in the school timetable the Hinds school students were unable to present on their school discovery day where they discovered mudfish, wetlands, native flora and fauna at the meeting.

## **9 Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust Update** – Powerpoint presentation by Angela Cushnie

1:20pm – 1:45pm

An update on the establishment of the Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust was provided. The aim of the Trust is to help connect local people, ideas and resources to protect and improve the environment. Funding has been obtained from Fonterra and Murney Trust.

## **10 NZ Landcare Trust Mid Canterbury Network Field Trip** – verbal update by Angela Cushnie

## **11 Proposal for a Biodiversity Seminar** – verbal update by Angela Cushnie

## **12 Facilitators Update**

Dave Moore talked through his report

### **Clarification of Omnibus Plan Change Rule 5.71**

At the previous meeting clarification was sought wording in the Omnibus Plan Change Rule 5.71 in regard to the distance upstream of site where stock are excluded from the river or lake is 1,000.

The official wording is “within 1,000m upstream, in the bed of a river, or within 500m in the bed of a lake of a fresh bathing site....”

A key point to note is that the 500m stock exclusion is within the ‘bed’ of the lake, not the surrounding paddock.

### **Water Zone Committee Newsletter**

The inaugural Ashburton Water Zone Committee newsletter has been produced and was circulated on Tuesday 16 April. It is intended that this newsletter will be circulated on a quarterly basis. A request was made that when a story is being told, to ensure that the challenges that are faced are also included in the articles.

## **13 Ashburton Lakes Basin**

Nick Daniels, Dr Adrian Meredith and Janine Holland provided a briefing on Water Quality issues in the Ashburton Lakes Basin following on from the Department of Conservation presentation on 26 March.

Ashburton lakes that have changed into turbid state are Lakes Denny, Emma and Roundabout. There are also several that are trending towards turbid states Lakes Camp, Clearwater, Front and back Maori lakes, Heron and Emily. Those that appear in a stable state are Spider Lakes and Lake Donne.

In addition the current state of the lakes (as measured by TLI) indicate that 7 out of the 8 lakes monitored in the Ashburton Lakes Basin do not meet the current Land and Water Regional Plan fresh LWRP freshwater outcomes for Lakes, only Maori Lake Back is of accepted levels.

Update on local engagement on the ground:

- all landowners in Ashburton Lakes Basin either have land use consents or are in process to achieve
- properties who have been audited have passed
- compliance monitoring in area occurs every six to eight weeks
- last landowner meeting was held August 2018 with the next meeting scheduled to be held during winter

Any deterioration of water quality is of concern, Ecan Science and zone delivery teams will spend the next three months continuing to work with Runanga, landowners and stakeholders to develop a work programme for the coming 12 months

An e-mail from Zone Committee member Arapata Reuben was tabled expressing concerns with the Department of Conservation report on the Ashburton Lakes and expressing the need for urgent preventative action to be undertaken.

The Zone Committee acknowledged receipt of his correspondence and Nick Daniels from E-can will respond.

#### **14 Ashburton Work Programme Progress Update for Quarter 3 (January-March) FY 208/19**

Janine Holland reported on activities for the January to March

#### **15 Community Drinking Water Protection Zones Monitoring Update**

Liam Tarpey and Janine Holland provided an update on the monitoring project undertaken over the 2018/19 summer which looked at consent compliance within Ashburton's Community Drinking Water Protection Zones.

Recommendations:

- Continue to monitor consented discharge activities within a 12-24 month schedule
- Identify and monitor high risk permitted activities within a 12 month schedule
- Work with Ashburton District Council on joint communications to consent holders, landowners and community drinking water suppliers around good management practices
- Re-release brochure on testing water quality in private wells

The Zone Committee endorsed these recommendations.

#### **16 Immediate Steps Fund – New Project for Decision**

Sarah Heddell presented spoke to the report

**That** the Zone Committee approve the request for Green Skies Dairies restoration project for a mid-plains spring fed stream that flows into the South Ashburton River to the value of \$12,513, to be split over two financial years, 2018/19 - \$2,619 and 2019/20 - \$9,849.

Caygill/Curry

Carried

**17 Reports for Committee Information**

**17.1 Consents Update – circulated**

Noted.

Ben Curry noted that all consents from RDR have been approved expect 107645 and could be removed from the schedule.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee will be held in the Ashburton District Council Chamber at 1:00pm on Tuesday 25 June 2019. An apology for absence is to be registered on behalf of the Chair, Bill Thomas.

The meeting closed at 3:25pm with a Karakia by Facilitator Dave Moore.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

## **Ashburton Zone Committee Report**

Date 25 June 2019  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Dave Moore, Zone Facilitator  
Subject Facilitators Update

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### **8 Facilitators Update**

#### **Purpose**

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

#### **Recommendation**

That the Zone Committee receive the update.

#### **Hinds Community Monitoring Programme and Boundary Drain Trial**

The Hinds Community Monitoring Programme and Boundary Drain Trial project will hold end of season meetings on either 22 or 24 July (date still being confirmed).

Zone committee members are invited to join industry partners and landowners at the Hinds Community Monitoring Programme report back. Details will be circulated closer to the time.

The Boundary Drain Trial end of season meeting will be a closed session between landowners and Environment Canterbury staff to review progress with the trial to date.

An update from this meeting will come to a subsequent Zone Committee meeting.

#### **Election of Regional Committee Representative**

Sadly, long-standing community member, Ben Curry is moving away from the district and this meeting will be his last. As Ben is currently the Zone Committee representative on the Regional Committee we need to elect a new representative.

Extract from the Zone Committee Code of Conduct:

The Zone Committee appoints a representative to the Regional Water Management Committee. This appointee may be the Chair of the Zone Committee or another member appointed by the Committee from its membership.

The Zone representative on the Regional Committee will:

- Speak on behalf of the Zone Committee and act as an advocate for it at Regional Committee meetings.
- Keep the Zone Committee well informed on the activities and deliberations of the Regional Committee.



## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 25 June 2019  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Janine Holland/Donna Lill  
Subject Ashburton/Hakatere River Mouth Management Strategy Update

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### 11 Ashburton/Hakatere River Mouth Management Strategy Update

#### Purpose

To provide an update on the development and finalisation of the Ashburton River / Hakatere Mouth Management Strategy.

#### Recommendation

The Zone Committee receives this report.

#### Background

Consultants Donna Lill and Ines Stager have been working on behalf of Environment Canterbury to develop an Ashburton River / Hakatere Mouth Management Strategy. A discussion document was sent to rūnanga and the community on 30 May 2019. A community meeting on 8 June 2019 was then held to generate feedback. Further meetings have also been held with rūnanga and Central South Island Fish and Game to discuss issues relevant to them. An updated version of the strategy has been prepared and will be discussed with river mouth landowners on 24 June 2019. The final document will then be completed and circulated to the wider community in July.

#### Key Themes at Recent Community meeting

- Concerns about restrictions on vehicle access and parking from anglers and four-wheel drive users. Also concerns about noise, intrusiveness, safety and speeds of vehicles.
- Protection of bird breeding, roosting and feeding habitat and ecosystems is important. Pros and cons of temporary vs permanent fencing/exclusion of vehicles and dogs.
- Good water quality & flow is critical to protecting and enhancing all values and uses. Opening of mouth/hapua on northern side for erosion & ecological values.
- Peace and tranquillity at the river mouth is valued.
- Appropriate signage and education initiatives to upskill community. Ensure vandal proof.
- Support for enhancement of stream on southern side of river mouth.
- Support for proposed wetland area – with need to consider vegetation choice, viability given flows and salt water incursion, and impact on bird life.
- Appeal for freedom campers and different user groups may need further consideration if demand arises in future.
- Upstream influence of Ocean Farm wastewater treatment.
- Designation/bylaws for area

## 12 Reports for Committee Information

### 12.1 Consents Update

CONSENTS UPDATE – June 2019 – ASHBURTON ZONE		
<a href="#">CRC#/Applicant/Description</a>	Activity type	Status
<b>Multiple/Bundled Consents</b>		
CRC184712 - <b>Mr J W Skevington and Ms J P Ruane</b> – Multiple applications for consents associated with a 35 lot subdivision at 36 Huntingdon Avenue, Huntingdon, Ashburton District. All other associated consents have been granted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRC184712, discharge permit to discharge operational phase stormwater to land and water.</li> </ul>	Discharge consent	CRC184712 in process.
CRC170654 – <b>Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited</b> – Klondyke storage application for 10 m <sup>3</sup> /s Rangitata River take and 53 Mm <sup>3</sup> storage pond. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CRC170654</a> – a water permit to abstract an additional 10 cumecs from the Rangitata River, when the flows exceed 142.6 cumecs (as measured at Klondyke).</li> </ul>		appeals received on CRC170654
<b>Dairy Consents</b>		
CRC185171 – Mr T J & Mrs D J Walsh	Change in conditions to extend timeframe for potentially remove condition 3 of CRC141481	In process
CRC185685 – Arlanda Limited	Combine two existing discharge permits, proposal also includes consent for stockholding area (CRC number not yet requested).	In process
CRC191691 – SMK & CM Hay & HC Trustees 2010 Limited	Change of conditions to increase discharge area	Granted

<b>Farming Consents</b>		
CRC176613 – Wallaura Farm Ltd – Use of land for farming	Farming Orange Zone	In process
CRC193329 – Brendan Phillip Dolan	Use land for farming	Awaiting application resubmission
CRC191692 – SMK & CM Hay & HC Trustees 2010 Limited	Use land for farming	Granted
CRC182416 – RDGP Limited	Farming land use – Hinds-Rangitata NAZ	In process
CRC182730 - Jeffrey Harold Bennett	Farming land use – enterprise within orange NAZ	In Process
CRC184488 – Mr TJ & Mrs MA O’Neil	Use land for farming – Ashburton Red & Green NAZ	In Process
CRC185230 – Glen Orchy Dairies Limited	Use Land for Farming – Red NAZ	Granted
CRC185684 – Arlanda Limited	Use Land for Farming – Red and Green NAZ	In process
CRC193556 – Hindsbank Farmming limited	Use land for farming – Hinds	Granted
CRC186057 – Fridd Dairy Limited	Use of land for farming	In process
CRC190617 – Lake Heron Station Ltd	Use of land for farming	In process
CRC185587 – Lindale Farming Company Limited	Use land for farming	In process
CRC191158 – Five Star Beef Limited	Use of land for farming	Returned under s88
CRC190807 – Marwin Land Limited	Use Land for Farming – Red NAZ	In Process
CRC191123 – CMP Canterbury	Use Land for Farming – Red NAZ	In Process
CRC191139 – CMP Canterbury	Use Land for Farming – Red NAZ	In Process
CRC190933 – Peter Norman Butterick	Use Land for Farming – Red NAZ	In Process

CRC191172 – Lovett Family Farms	Use land for farming – Orange NAZ	In Process
CRC191726 – Pekanga O Te Awa Farm Limited	Use land for farming – Red NAZ	In process
CRC192092 – DW & MD Maw Limited	Use land for farming – Red NAZ	Granted
CRC192734 – Springdale Farming Company Limited	Use land for farming – Red NAZ	In process
CRC192357 – 4 Shaws Limited	Use land for farming – Red NAZ	In process
CRC192844 – Mr JW & Mrs RB Maw	Use land for farming – Red NAZ	In process
CRC192961 – Highfield Farm Holdings Limited	Use land for farming – Red NAZ	In process
CRC192950 – Highfield Farm Holdings Limited	Use land for farming – Red NAZ	In process
CRC190681 - Foster	Use land for farming	In process
CRC192699 – Hunt	Use land for farming	In process
CRC193307 – Robert Alan Bennett	Use land for farming	In process
CRC193319 – Mr A M & Mrs A L Schmack	Use land for farming – Lower Hinds	In process
CRC193322 - Mr A M & Mrs A L Schmack	Use land for farming	In process
CRC193329 - Glen Dorrn Farm Limited	Use land for farming – Orange and red NAZ	In Process
CRC193282 - Messrs W G & G G Hayward	Use land for farming – Red Naz	In process
CRC193326 - Antrim Glen Farming Company Limited	Use land for farming – Red NAZ	In process
CRC190564 – Ashleigh Park Limited	Use land for farming – red zone	In process

CRC190798 & CRC183174 – MJP & AT Chapman	Use land for farming – orange zone	In process
CRC190973 & CRC191390 – Tullymet Farm Limited	Use land for farming – orange zone	In process
CRC194065 – White Agri Limited	Use land for farming – red zone lower hinds	In process
CRC194075 – Dunn & Thwaites	Use land for farming – red zone	In process
CRC194657 – Belvedere Montalto Limited	Use land for farming – Hinds	Granted
CRC194725 – Read	Use land for farming – red zone Hinds	In process
CRC194748 – Gray	Use land for farming – red zone Hinds	In process
CRC194956 – Thomas	Use land for farming – Orange zone	In process
CRC194994 & CRC195006 – Townshend	Use land for farming – Hinds	In process
CRC195003 – Raynham Dairies	Use land for farming – Hinds	In process
CRC195014 – Warobar Farm Limited	Use land for farming – Hinds	In process
<b>Land Use Consents</b>		
CRC185412 – Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Limited	To excavate over an aquifer for construction of a dam	Granted
CRC193934 – GR & RC Wilson	To realign a drain	In process
CRC195186 – Simla Farms Limited	Excavation permit to build a dam	In process

<b>Discharge Permits</b>		
CRC184159 – Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited	<u>Discharge permit</u> for the discharge of nutrients onto or into land from the properties within the irrigation scheme.	In Process
CRC185024/CRC185857 – MHV Water Ltd	Discharge permit – discharge of nutrients	In process
CRC185469 - Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Ltd	Discharge permit – discharge of nutrients	In process
CRC194176 – Roberts	Change of conditions to Dairy discharge consent	In process
CRC195110 – River Crossing Limited	Discharge permit – possibly stormwater	Returned under sec 88
<b>Water Consents</b>		
<a href="#">CRC164641</a> ; <a href="#">CRC174196</a> – <b>Lake Extension Trust Limited</b> – Application to take and return discharge additional 0.9 m <sup>3</sup> /s non-consumptively from the Ashburton River. Applicant expecting to provide further information requested in May.	Take and discharge surface water	In process
CRC143122 – Retell Holdings Limited	To take and use groundwater	In process
CRC193526 – G W J Small	Change conditions of CRC022060 – to take and use groundwater	In process
CRC180011 – Small	Take and use groundwater	In process
CRC175779 - Mr GS & Mrs J M Lovett	Change conditions of CRC171382 – to take and use groundwater	Returned under sec 88

CRC192885 – Sim	Substitute surface water consents for deep groundwater (swap)	Limit notified
CRC193214 – Warobar Farm Limited	To swap surface water consent CRC960189.1 to deep groundwater; then amalgamate the surface water to deep groundwater swap consent with existing groundwater consent CRC022107.1; and then change the conditions of the amalgamated consent.	In process
CRC194515 – Hindsbank Farming Limited	To swap surface water takes (CRC183988, CRC184059, and CRC184057) for a new deep groundwater take BY20/0216.	In process
<b>Wastewater Consents</b>		
CRC191417 – Mr PD & Mrs DE Philpott	Discharge On-site wastewater to land	Granted
<b>Stormwater Consents</b>		
CRC186263 – Ashburton District Council – Reticulated Stormwater Network Discharge Consent	Discharge of stormwater into land and surface water within the Ashburton District.	Granted

CRC194398 – Hunt Holdings Limited	To discharge operational-phase stormwater into land.	In process
CRC194530 – Ashburton District Council	To discharge operational-phase stormwater from hardstand areas of Ashburton cemetery into land.	In process
<b>Bore Permits</b>		
<b>Discharge Water to Land Consents</b>		
<b>Discharge sediment or sediment-laden water to surface water Consents</b>		
CRC193935 – GR & RC Wilson	To discharge water to water	In process
CRC183405 – Erralyn Farm Limited (associated with approved consents CRC167731 and CRC167732)	To discharge sediment originating from within the bed of the Rakaia River associated with the installation, maintenance and use of defences against water	In process
<b>Works within a riverbed Consents</b>		



## Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting

Tuesday 25 June 2019

Timetable	
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1:00 pm	Meeting Commences

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