

# Christchurch West Melton Water Zone Committee

## Action Plan July 2021–June 2024

This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years.

For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit [ecan.govt.nz/christchurch-west-melton-water-zone](http://ecan.govt.nz/christchurch-west-melton-water-zone)

### Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within Christchurch West Melton by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

*The CWMS aims to enable present and future generations to gain the greatest social, economic, recreational and cultural benefits from our water resources within an environmentally sustainable framework.*

### Our role:

- **To get involved** in an active programme of community engagement on freshwater management matters
- **To facilitate relevant advice** to councils and other organisations contributing to freshwater management
- **To extend the resources** available to implement the CWMS by: working with stakeholders across all sectors and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS
- **To report back** annually to councils and Rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities.

### Our Councils' priorities for our zone committee are:

#### Christchurch City Council

##### Public awareness and engagement

Model manaakitanga (caring and respect) for our waters and promote takohanga (commitment) and kaitiakitanga (stewardship) through:

- Leading water forums and supporting CCC initiatives to give effect to Te Mana o Te Wai;
- Advocacy of and support for the Community Water Partnership, connections with members' community and professional networks;
- Supporting erosion and sediment control workshops for industry.

#### Selwyn District Council

Align all zone activities with the **overall social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing** for the district.

#### Environment Canterbury

##### Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

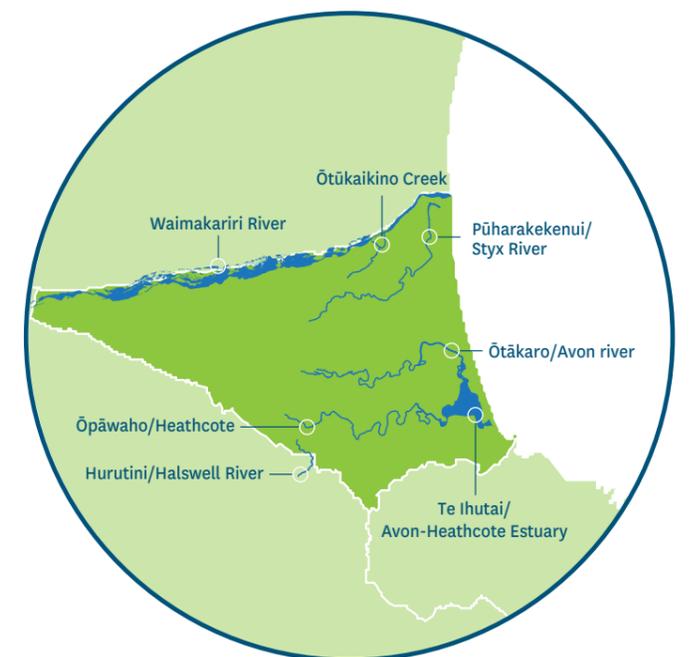
Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

##### Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems
- Reducing the number of fish barriers
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

##### Recreation and amenity targets

Achieving the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.



This taniko (woven pattern for clothing) Pātikitiki, represents lashing or binding together. The smaller diamonds represent pātiki (flounder). The Aramoana are white chevron shaped spaces representing the ocean waves. Together they represent the sustainment of our waters and the binding organisations that protect them. Pātiki is also the symbol for abundance.

– Ariki Creative

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### We will enhance mahinga kai by:

- Seeking ngā rūnanga guidance on priority sites for mahinga kai and wāhi taonga and undertake activities that improve our knowledge. Support ngā rūnanga mahinga kai projects through implementing agreed joint actions and advocating for funding
- Building our understanding of Te Mana o te Wai
- Requesting that the ngā rūnanga and Environment Canterbury Mātauranga Māori monitoring programme begins by 2023
- Supporting implementation of the Iwi Management Plan.

*He rau ringa e oti ai  
(Many hands make light work)*

### We will engage with the community and raise awareness by:

- Supporting the Community Waterways Partnership by assisting with community engagement and providing a conduit to councils
- Advocating that Christchurch City Council resources an effective long-term stormwater behaviour change programme, as part of the Community Waterways Partnership
- Advocating that Christchurch City Council effectively engages with the community to develop Stormwater Management Plans. Providing assistance with engagement activities
- Using the Stormwater Superhero mobile resource at events and undertaking other Stormwater Superhero engagement activities about reducing stormwater pollution at source
- Providing Stormwater Superhero awards to deserving businesses/industries to encourage good practice
- Encouraging use of Storminators once available
- Educating influential professions/industries about the impact of building materials on stormwater
- Engaging with key community groups to understand their main issues and explore how we can help, such as support for applications for funding and making recommendations to councils
- Sharing biodiversity success stories with the community
- Educating the community about the groundwater system and how it connects to surface waterways, such as by hosting a field trip and creating a video
- Sharing Christchurch City Council messages about water use efficiency with the community.

### We will enhance ecosystem health by:

#### Advocating to local, regional and central government for statutory and non-statutory improvements, research and modelling including:

- Advocating to Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury and others for statutory and non-statutory improvements to erosion and sediment control
- Advocating for national measures to manage urban contaminants at source, such as regulation of materials and industry standards for copper and zinc from roofs, tyres and brake pads
- Advocating for central government and/or university research on the potential link between nitrate levels and colorectal cancer
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury for improvements to groundwater model to understand how groundwater from Waimakariri and Selwyn-Waihora catchments may impact on spring fed streams and drinking water
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council for effective water charging
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council that it implements mechanisms to achieve household rain water collection, such as bylaws
- Advocating that Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and central government include water sensitive urban design in spatial planning and developments
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury for reduction of sewer overflows.

#### Supporting landowner, community, and local government work in catchments:

- Supporting Cashmere Stream Care Group and Ōtūkaikino Healthy Waterways Partnership by implementing actions that support the projects and organisations involved. Examples of actions: letters of support for funding applications, recommendations to councils
- Supporting catchment approaches in Addington, Haytons, Ōpāwaho Heathcote, Avon Ōtākaro and Styx waterways by implementing actions aligned with land, water and biodiversity work of Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, community groups and others
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury and others for drylands biodiversity protection.

#### Want to get involved?

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