

## ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

**DATE:** Tuesday 26 October 2021

**TIME:** 1:00 pm

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

**MEETING CALLED BY:** Hamish Riach, Chief Executive, Ashburton District Council  
Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury

**ATTENDEES:** Chris Allen  
Adi Avnit  
Clare Buchanan  
Angela Cushnie  
Genevieve de Spa  
Bill Thomas  
Sidinei Teixeira  
Michael McMillan (Te Runanga o Arowhenua)  
Arapata Reuben (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga)  
Les Wanhalla (Te Taumutu Runanga)  
Brad Waldon-Gibbons (Tangata Whenua Facilitator)  
Councillor Stuart Wilson (Ashburton District Council)  
Councillor Ian Mackenzie (Environment Canterbury)  
Mayor Neil Brown (Ashburton District Council)

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**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
Adi Avnit	Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust - Treasurer
Clare Buchanan	Head of Environment & Innovation at Align Farm Align Farms holds an irrigation resource consent to take water from shallow wells hydraulically linked to the Ashburton river Align Farms holds MHV water and Fonterra Shares Align Farms suffered significant flood damage on their support block
Neil Brown	Mayor Acton Irrigation Limited - Director Irrigo Centre Limited - Director Acton Farmers Irrigation Co-operative Limited - Director Browns Farm Limited – Director and Shareholder
Angela Cushnie	Owner of Country Copy, a communication and promotion business based in Mid Canterbury Freelance writer for Latitude Magazine Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust - Trustee NZ Landcare Trust 'Managing Westlands as Farm Assets's project' – Farmer Engagement Hinds Reserve Board Committee member Community Catchment Groups Flood Recovery Coordinator
Genevieve de Spa	Owner of Kakariki Camps focusing on 'Head, Hands, Heart' approach to biodiversity education Contractor and member of Staveley Campsite Committee (Previous recipient of Immediate Steps Funding) Rakaia Environmental Enhancement Trust
Ian MacKenzie	Environment Canterbury Councillor
Arapata Reuben	Trustee – Tuhono Trust Trustee – Mana Waitaha Charitable Trust Member - National Kiwi Recovery Group Rūnanga Rep – Christchurch – West Melton Water Zone Committee
Bill Thomas	Farm owner of Longbeach Estate Ltd (sheep, beef, lambs, arable, dairy) Member of Eiffelton Irrigation Scheme Hekeao/Hinds Water Enhancement Trust – Settler Director of Longbeach Estate & Longbeach Dairies
Sidinei Teixeira	
Les Wanhalla	Returning good health and mauri O Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere Kaitiakitanga, Whakapapa Rugby league, life member, honorary south Kiwi Trustee – Central Plains Water for Selwyn District Council
Stuart Wilson	Ashburton District Councillor A son who is a Director of Mayfield Hinds Irrigation Co and Chair of RDR

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

Unconfirmed Minutes

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**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 24 August 2021, commencing at 1:00 pm via MS Teams.

### Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Ian MacKenzie (Acting Chair), Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas, Chris Allen, Adi Avnit, Clare Buchanan, Angela Cushnie, Michael McMillan, Araparta Reuben, Genevieve de Spa, Sidinei Teixeira and Les Wanhalla.

### In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Dave Moore (Facilitator) and Carol McAtamney (minutes)

0 members of the public in attendance

#### 1 Welcome

Michael McMillan opened the meeting with a Karakia.

#### 2 Apologies

Nil.

#### 3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

#### 4 Register of Interests

Nil.

#### 5 Confirmation of Minutes

**That** the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 27 July 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/Cushnie

Carried

#### 6.1 Matters Arising

Nil.

#### 6 Correspondence

##### Inward:

Nil.

##### Outward:

Nil.

#### 7 Public Contributions

Nil.

#### 8 Committee Update – Dave Moore

Due to Covid Level the proposed Ō Tū Whareka Ashburton Lakes ECan Council field trip has been cancelled. A new date will be advised.

The 28 September Zone meeting is to be cancelled and replaced with a meeting for all the Southern Zones (Ashburton, OTOP, Lower Waitaki and Upper Waitaki) Chairs, Deputies, Secretaries and new members at the Arowhenua Marae, Temuka. The invitation is also extended to any other interested members.

**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 26 October 2021.

The meeting closed at 1.56pm with a Karakia by Michael McMillan.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

## Ashburton Zone Committee Report

Date 26 October 2021  
Report to Ashburton Water Zone Committee  
From Dave Moore  
Subject Committee Update

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### 8 Committee Update

#### Purpose

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

#### Recommendation

The Zone Committee receive the update.

#### Report

##### 1. Southern Zones Chairs and Deputies Hui

The Southern Zone's Chairs and Deputies hui was held at Te Hapa O Niu Tireni Marae Arowhenua on 28 September with several other Ashburton Zone Committee members also attending. Topics discussed included committee member roles, conflicts of interest, Action Plans and budgets.

##### 1.1. Action Plan

The Chairs from each zone presented their action plans and the group discussed any options for working closer together.

##### 1.2. Action Plan Budget

The Action Plan budget is a non-contestable fund to enable zone committees to focus on implementing their action plan and leverage other funding opportunities to achieve the CWMS priorities.

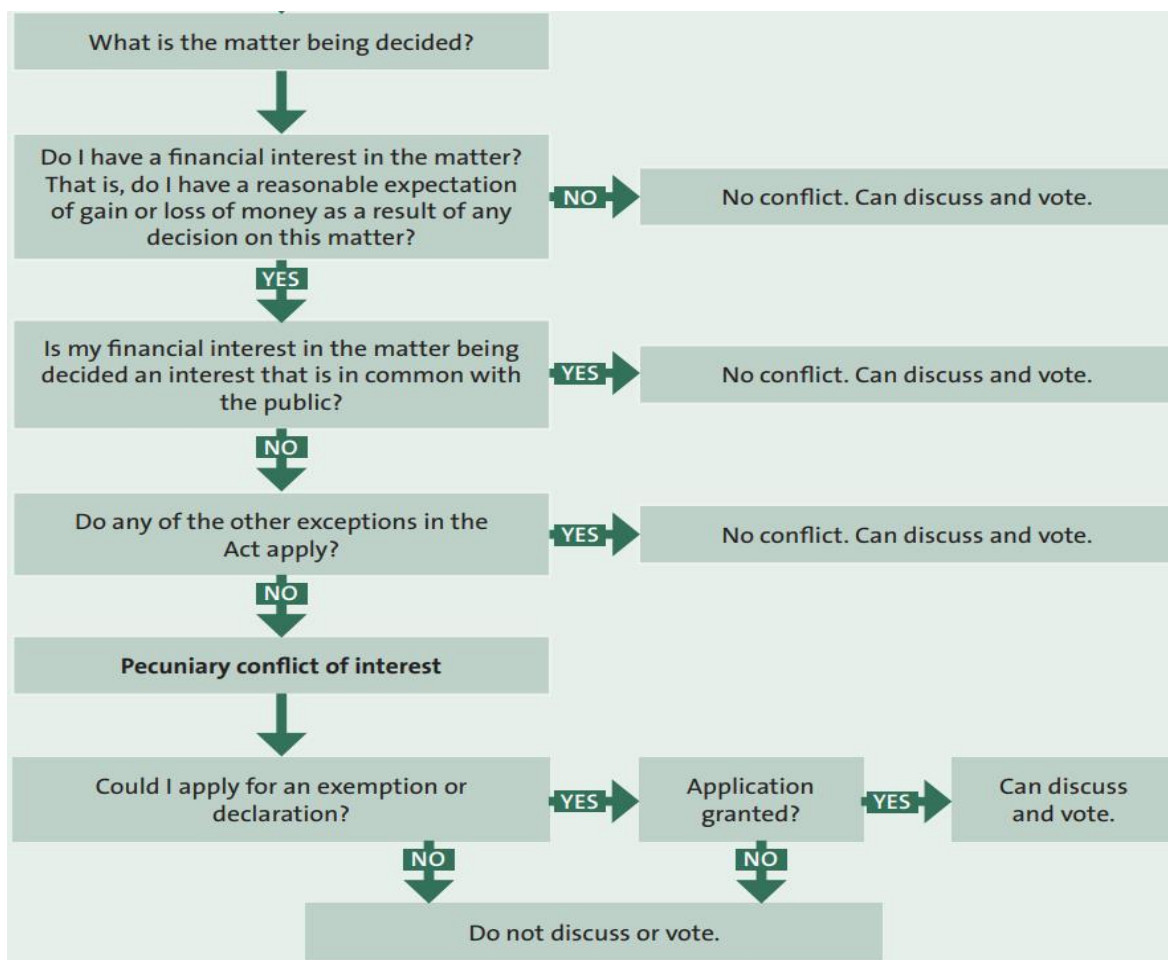
Initiatives unable to be funded include:

- projects that generate personal or commercial profits or compensate individuals
- Environment Canterbury staff and Zone Committee members, and their immediate relatives
- projects that are required under council rules
- discretion may be given under certain circumstances.

The fund must be administered by end of financial year (30 June). We will be working on completing our Zone Committee's draft budget by Christmas.

##### 1.3. Conflicts of Interest

Rules regarding conflicts of interest were discussed and the group utilised the flow chart below to work through some real like scenarios. Further refresher training on conflicts of interest will occur next year.



## 2. Wakanui Working Group

Gen de Spa and Val Clemens are joint Chairs of the Wakanui Working Group (WWG). Despite being in Covid level 3 the WWG managed to meet via Teams on 1 September.

<b>Wakanui Working Group Minutes</b>		
<b>Date:</b> Wednesday 1 September 2021	<b>Time:</b> 7:30 – 8:30 pm	<b>Venue:</b> Teams meeting (online)
<b>Attendees:</b> Adrian Meredith, Arapata Reuben, Michael Mcmillan, Clare Buchanan, Val Clemens, Gen de spa, Kimberley Dynes, Ross Digby, Donna Field, Cr Lynette Lovett, Sidinei Teixeira, Matthew Paton		
<b>Apologies:</b> Paul Churchill, Bert Hofmans, Donna Field (from 8:00 pm), Grant Bennett, Andrew Bennett, Ross Smith, Simon Bonifant		
<b>Support:</b> Dave Moore, Ashburton Zone Committee Facilitator (Environment Canterbury)		

<b>Welcome</b> Gen de spa welcomed participants and each person introduced themselves.
<b>Apologies</b> were accepted

Item	Actions	Who
<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>Discussion included the history of the creek and lagoon, biodiversity (protection last remnants of rare plants, including remnants in the wider Wakanui area), mahinga kai (what resources would have been there to sustain settlement) and science (need for freshwater to sustain biodiversity, groundwater).</p> <p>It was agreed that there are different understandings of the history, and that true historical facts and sound science should be the basis for any analysis or recommendations to come.</p>	<p>Request Ngāi Tahu Archives on the Wakanui area.</p> <p>Investigate history of Wakanui at Ashburton Museum.</p> <p>Investigate setting up basic ground water level monitoring in a bore close to the hāpua to correlate with water in the hāpua.</p> <p>Request information on aquifers in Wakanui from ECan’s groundwater science team.</p>	<p>Arapata Reuben</p> <p>Val Clemens</p> <p>Kimberley Dynes / Adrian Meredith</p> <p>Kimberley Dynes / Adrian Meredith</p>
<p><b>Ground Rules:</b></p> <p>There was insufficient time to discuss the ground rules, however, Dave Moore explained that agreeing ground rules provides a shared understanding of how the group communicates and relates to each other.</p> <p>The list in the agenda was compiled by Dave to start the conversation.</p>	<p>Send any ideas / additions / changes to Dave Moore.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be set up when we have further information to share (from the action points). Hopefully it will be possible to meet kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face).</p>	<p>Send information to Dave Moore who will then share with the group.</p> <p>Liaise with Chair and determine next meeting date.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Dave Moore &amp; Gen de spa</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 8:43 pm with a Karakia from Michael McMillan</p>		

A Microsoft Teams site is being set up for sharing information within the group.



### 3. Ashburton Consent Reviews Project Update

Firstly, the project team would like to acknowledge the consent holders who are affected by these reviews, both those whose reviews are still in process and for those whose reviews have been decided. While we have tried to undertake the reviews in a way that is compassionate, the reviews have resulted in considerable stress and cost to these consent holders and their families. In many instances these pressures will be ongoing beyond 1 July 2023 when the new minimum flows apply.

To date ECan has decided 59 consent reviews (See Table 1 for further information). There are 27 consent reviews (held by 12 consent holders) that have not yet been decided. Of the 12 consent holders, four are looking to 'swap' shallow groundwater/surface water for deep groundwater, leaving nine consent holders with consent reviews still to be decided. They remain on hold while we work with the consent holders to better understand the impact of the new minimum flows on their consented activity. We continue to provide additional support to consent holders where required.

**Table 1: Summary of the consent reviews**

Granted	55	These consent reviews have been decided, with the new minimum flow condition added to the consent.
Declined	4	<p>These consent reviews have been decided, with the proposed new minimum flow not being added to the consent.</p> <p>One was an ADC consent and the rate of take that would be subject to the minimum flow was within the margin of error for the water metering equipment which would mean that it would be impossible to measure compliance with the minimum flow.</p> <p>For three of the consents it was demonstrated that the stream depletion effect was less than 5 litres per second and the taking of water does not need to be subject to a minimum flow.</p>
On hold	27	These consent reviews remain in process but on hold. The timeframes have been extended at the request of consent holder while they further assess the impact of the proposed new minimum flows and how they will respond to the review. Timeframes have been extended for some consent holders until March 2022.
Surrendered	2	The consent holder has surrendered the water permit that was under review, so the review was no longer required.
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	

### 4. 23 November Field Trip

We are planning a visit to the regenerative agriculture trial at Align Farms instead of a meeting on 23 November.

## **Ashburton Zone Committee Report**

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Subject CWMS Water Quality Reporting

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### **9 CWMS Water Quality Reporting**

#### **Purpose**

To discuss and understand the opportunities for enhancing and improving and water quality reporting within the Zone.

#### **Report**

The committee has expressed concern that the format of the CWMS 2021 Progress Report did not adequately reflect the environmental improvements made in the Ashburton Zone. In recent months the Committee has received reports from MHV Water and the Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust, which show more encouraging signs.

Environment Canterbury Chief Executive Stefanie Rixecker and Tim Davie, Director of Science at Environment Canterbury (with responsibility for the Water & Land Portfolio which includes CWMZ), are keen to hear and discuss the committee's views on expanding water quality reporting to include data sources beyond the Environment Canterbury data currently reported on, whilst ensuring there is consistency in interpretation and messaging to the community.

Tim will attend the meeting in person, however, Stefanie will only be able to join the meeting for a short time via Microsoft Teams.

## Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting

Tuesday 26 October 2021

Timetable	
Time	Item
1:00 pm	Meeting Commences

### Order of Business

- 1 Welcome, Karakia
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Extraordinary Business
- 4 Register of Interest ..... 1
- 5 Confirmation of Minutes ..... 2
- 6 Correspondence
  - Outward
    - o Nil
  - Inward
    - o Nil
- 7 Public Contribution
- 8 Committee Updates ..... 4
- 9 CWMS Water Quality Reporting ..... 8
- 10 Other Business
- 11 Close Meeting and Karakia