

MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 12.30PM ON FRIDAY 27 AUGUST 2021 HELD VIA TEAMS DUE TO LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN

PRESENT: Ted Howard (Chair), John Murray, Nicky McArthur, Gina Solomon, Teri Sonal, Councillor Grant Edge (ECan),

IN ATTENDANCE: Jaimee Grant (ECan Zone Facilitator), Kim Whitwell (ECan Communications), Katherine Harbrow (Director Operations ECan), Sandy Bowman (ECan Administrator), Kevin Heays (ECan Zone Delivery Lead), Peter Bradshaw (ECan Land Management Advisor), Heath Melville (ECan Land Management and Biodiversity Officer), Makarini Rupene (ECan Pou Mātai Kō)

1. Order of Business

APOLOGIES: Clint McConchie, Desiree Bolton, Tony Blunt, Robbie Roche

Moved: Gina Solomon Seconded: Nicky McArthur

THAT the CWMS Kaikōura Zone Committee
Accept all apologies.

CARRIED

Meeting opened 12:35 pm.

KARAKIA led by Makarini Rupene

Register of Interests

No changes.

Urgent Business

No urgent business.

2. Opportunity for the public to speak.

N/A

3. Committee Check in

4. ECan Zone Delivery Quarterly Update

Kevin Heays and the Environment Canterbury (ECan) Zone Delivery team provided an

update on the Delivery Team's priorities and progress over the April to June 2021 quarter.

Makarini Rupene – Pou Mātai Kō

Makarini is the ECan Pou Mātai Kō for the Northern Zone running from Kaikōura down to the Waimakariri. Below is an update of the mahi he has been working on for the last three months and for the upcoming months:

- Working with Land and Water Workshop at the Mandeville Sports Centre – a group of Waimakariri Plains farmers looking to diversify their way of farming.
- CWMS Combined Rūnanga Representatives Forum (Wai)
- Alignment hui for Biodiversity/Kaitiakitanga/Runanga priorities
- Biodiversity/Land Management/Pou Matai Ko Functional meeting
- Mahinga Kai Project Site Visit, Leighfield Wetlands
- Te Rōpū Tuia Hui, Governance
- Fish Screen and Water Intake, Mahinga kai input
- Te Rūnanga O Kaikōura and ECan hui
- Glaxby consent discussion and new fish bypass
- Fish Focus Group meeting, Mahinga kai
- Matariki Forestry – giving Mahinga kai presentation North Canterbury
- Zone kaitiaki projects – those going on within the takiwā
- Working with Waipara River Care group
- Working with Te Paiherenga and recently had a regional wetland round of all projects and what they will be focussing on in the future including Hurunui-Waiau catchment

As a Pou Mātai Kō, M Rupene has been helping put together a template for all ECan staff around new legislation and the Treaty partnership, and how these are incorporated into everyone's mahi.

T Sonal noted Makarini's work was very interesting and queried when Ngāi Tahu leaders are invited to meet with farmers, if it is appropriate for the ZC to be invited as well so they can get a clear idea of the future. Makarini advised they will speak with Ngāi Tahu leadership to understand what their direction is and what pathway they want to take and then come back to that.

G Solomon advised his mahi is fantastic and noted to Makarini that a community group that she is involved with has secured some ECan funding. They are putting together a trapping programme and looking for Men's Shed to supply traps. Gina queried whether Makarini could give a talk at a future community hui on Mahinga Kai in those areas, the importance of wetlands from the Māori perspective, and showcase Makarini and the role that he does. Makarini would be happy to have a kōrero and acknowledged it is great to have these groups being set up to look after the environment.

Pete Bradshaw – Land Management Advisor

P Bradshaw has been involved with several projects over the last three months:

- Still involved in the SCAR project
 - 400 poles delivered in the Kaikoura area.
 - Puhi Puhi reversion almost complete
 - More poles looking likely for next year
 - Land Use Capability mapping list growing

- Sustainable catchments program (Fonterra)
 - Three projects completed – Warren’s Creek fencing increasing setbacks, Hale’s wetland fencing and planting, Lambs out at Scotts Road – willow removal, fencing and planting as are forming a corridor
 - One on the go
 - Remaining funds to be used for planting, spread over all projects.
- Pre audit checks(advice)
 - Mapping (several different types needed for audits)
 - Templates
 - general record keeping
 - upcoming bucket testing
 - advice on ground requirements.
- Stream walk (KK plains recovery program/ECan)
 - Mill, Middle, Luke creeks
 - 30 kms covered
 - Key issues
 - Water testing
 - Great tool to help farmers focus on key issues.
- Moving ahead into spring:
 - Finish off Fonterra funding
 - Start bucket testing, irrigation/effluent (high demand)
 - More demand on audit checks
 - SCAR
 - applying stream walk results
 - Day to day farm queries etc.
 - Compliance call outs.

Cr G Edge queried whether those involved with the SCAR project were looking at planting natives as an alternative to poplar poles, or projects that introduce native planting. P Bradshaw noted there is funding for native planting although not so much in this zone as demand has been low. They have fenced off some areas and it is felt they will self-regenerate to natives. There has been a higher demand in other areas where land is to be retired.

K Heays noted every zone received Fonterra funding and P Bradshaw is leading the way in achieving the outcomes set out for that funding. K Heays congratulated P Bradshaw on his work and noted the three projects he has been working on are three regionally significant wetlands.

K Heays also noted that P Bradshaw had done significant work with farmers on their pre-audit checks which has led to some good results for audits.

In response G Solomon’s query around quality of work of farmers to support mahinga kai, P Bradshaw noted that anything that is done that improves that waterway is beneficial and that it is done to a high standard.

G Solomon queried how M Rupene was going with relationships with farmers as previously had heard he had some pushback. K Heays noted the whole community of Canterbury has improved. No negativity around mahinga kai which is a credit to the Communications team and work by stakeholders, and

M Rupene will be supported if it comes up.

M Rupene noted it is time for another mahinga kai workshop and noted that Kaikōura scored highest as to knowledge of mahinga kai in all of Canterbury in an ECan survey last year. G Solomon noted this would be a good communications story.

P Bradshaw note there has been several A Grade and some B grade audit results which is testimony to the mahinga kai efforts made by those farmers.

Heath Melville – Biodiversity and Land Management Advisor

H Melville has been working on several projects over the last three months:

- Oaro, Hapua & Awa Restoration – developing a plan with Rivers, Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura (TROK) and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
- Waiau Toa Hapua project delivery and development – Lupin control on islands in / near the hāpua to reduce the seed source, keep nesting islands clear and create other potential nesting sites. Discussions with TROK about Southern black-backed gull control. Discussions with TROK Ltd about integrating this project with the wider East Coast Predator Control Project.
- Te Tau Wairehu o Marokura | East Coast Predator Control – ECan partnering with TROK to support shorebird protection on the Kaikōura Coast, particularly with the monitoring component
- Immediate Steps (IMS) project development and delivery – agreements in place for Tirohanga Wetlands and Poipoi Kotare Riparian Enhancement. Lots of time working with the contractor at Greenburn wetland to undertake planting of the wetland and scarp
- Seeking funding for Waiau Toa and potential QEII projects (Milton's and Happy's)

Discussion:

J Murray queried when the Waiau Toa spray programme would commence. Melville noted it was tough to call with the constraints around funding so expects there are some delays. They are working hard to get the raft access weed control done before that raft company gets busy. The priority is the last part of the raft access. J Murray noted the gorse is flowering which makes it an ideal time to start. H Melville advised Sian from Boffa Miskell noted the gorse doesn't take as well when it is in flower although it is easier to find.

T Sonal noted it would be good to have those concerned making a decision where that funding would be spent and she agrees with J Murray that the ideal time should be considered and if that is soon, it needs to be actioned. H Melville noted that he and Sian would be starting planning next week.

Cr G Edge queried if the SA2 traps used for cats and ferrets were effective and what was the cost. H Melville has not used them. He noted an issue was dogs could get into the traps so would stay clear of dog walking areas. DOC have deployed some near the peninsula but is unsure how effective they have been. Leg trapping is best.

H Melville noted he is attending an international wetland conference in October. His main priority is the lower Waiau-Toa/Clarence. He has also been spending time planting at Nigel Graham's which is going well.

Next three months:

- Waiau Toa catchment planning – looking to develop as a Braided River Revival project, including the two predator control projects
- Waiau Toa catchment delivery – hoping to conduct SBBG control and feral cat control ASAP in preparation of the nesting season, with tarāpunga / black-billed gulls et al seen roosting at the hāpua a couple of weeks ago
- Wetlands and riparian enhancement – planting Mount Fyffe Wetland and Lower Lyell Reserve late September / early October, along with developing a plan for the i-Site Waikoau Inanga spawning site, which shall become KPS's outdoor classroom. Lynton Downs Stage 2 weed control and planting. Oaro Restoration tendering for a contractor to train and support locals working through Te Ha. Working into 'community catchment' strategy and work program version 8.0
- Te Tau Wairehu – develop a monitoring plan with TROK, DOC and UC and involve Kaimahi Haumanu at the Waiau Toa Hapua for training etc

Discussion:

G Solomon noted H Melville has been doing some great work and queried whether work is being done to promote the Oaro River work with the Oaro community and whether the community had been asked if they wanted to help.

T Sonal agreed with Gina and suggested a community communication network contact he could contact to get the messaging out. H Melville agreed it was a good idea and that he will work with Norm on this.

H Melville noted they had been awarded some funding for addressing the culvert/bridge issue on Mt Fyffe Road to create a suitable gradient for Inanga. They have also received funding for Short Jawed Kokopū eDNA surveying.

K Heays noted H Melville has an amazing array of contacts and networks which is a huge asset to the work being done in Kaikōura.

G Solomon thanked H Melville and the team for the work and support provided to their Ocean Ridge trapping group. H Melville was instrumental in giving them the confidence to undertake it and his help is really appreciated. H Melville said he is happy to provide ongoing support to the group.

K Heays noted the IMS funding has changed and should be discussed with J Grant.

Kim Whitwell – Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor

April – August 2021 communications report for Kaikōura Water Zone Committee

- **Prepared by:** Kim Whitwell, Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor Environment Canterbury
- **Presented on:** Friday 27 August 2021

Date	Content	Channels
April	Kev's Corner (outdoor burning wetlands, firewood)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment Canterbury website and Facebook• Kaikōura Star• Kaikōura District Council channels

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
	Kaikōura Primary School & Timaru Boys High education feature story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
	LTL stormwater graphics story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
	Action on the ground webpage/site update and associated pages	https://www.ECan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/whats-happening-in-my-water-zone/kaikoura-water-zone/our-work-in-kaikoura/
	Ted talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page • Email newsletter
May	Kev's corner (committee refresh, green site closure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
	Email newsletter (recent past content & chair column)	
	Hapuku Scarp wetland / Fonterra funding story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECan web • ECan social • KK Star • KDC channels • KK Noticeboard FB • NCNews • Sent to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canterbury Farming ○ Rural News Group • QEII Facebook
June	Weed control story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page

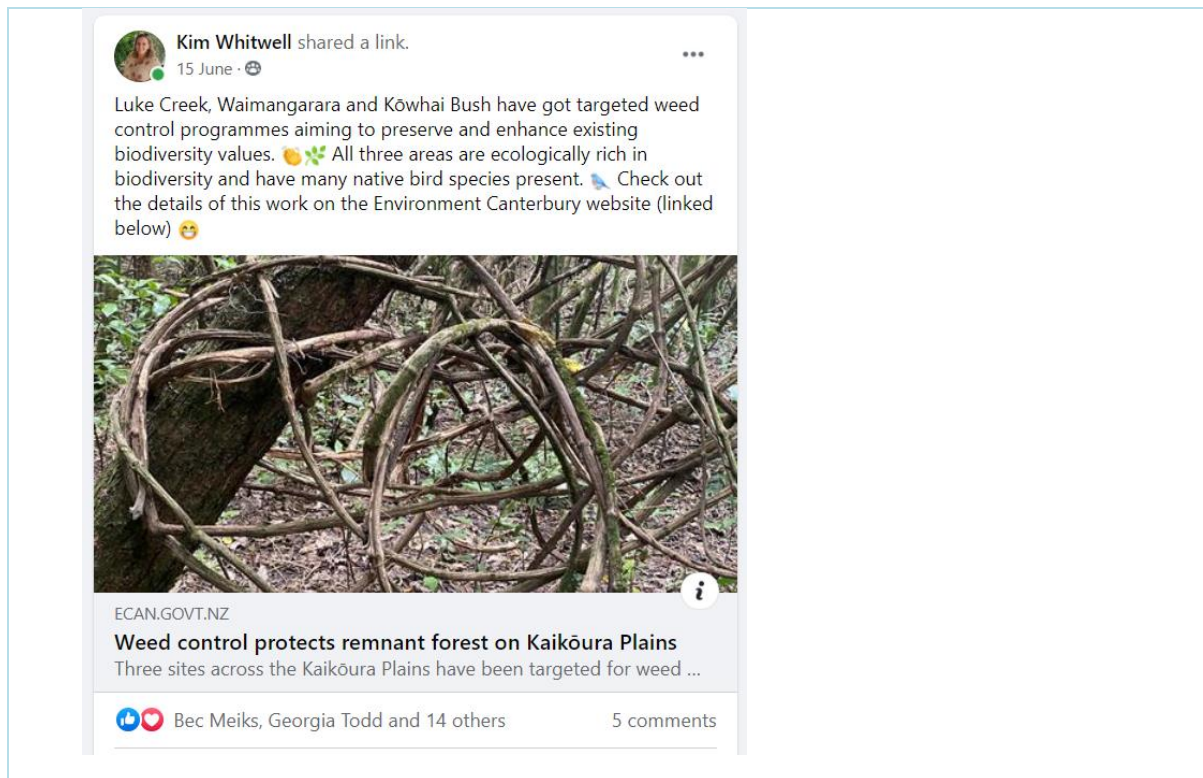
	Kev's corner (Waiau Toa Hapu protection project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
July	Plasback campaign update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website • Kaikōura star • KDC channels • Kaikōura Noticeboard Facebook
	Audit support story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook- and internal channels • Kaikōura Star • North Canterbury News • Canterbury Farming • KDC channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
	Kev's corner (local kōrero, rural recycling, and farm audits in the zone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
	Zone delivery video update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury YouTube and internal channels/use
August	Keys corner (zone delivery priorities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
	Zone Committee Chair column (the committee's new member, a recent field trip and priorities for the next few years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website • Kaikōura Star • KDC channels
	Mike Gilliver profile (new rivers officer for Kaikōura)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KDC website & Facebook • Email newsletter • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page • Kaikōura Star
	Email newsletter (recent past content & chair column)	
	Kev's corner – September (Alert Level 4, outdoor burning at AL4, how to get in touch with KK ZD team)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Canterbury website and Facebook • Kaikōura Star • Kaikōura District Council channels • Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page
Planned content September – November 2021		

- Love the Lyell event (if being held)
- Ocean Ridge biodiversity story
- Waiau Toa update
- Middle Creek stream walk outcomes/update
- Email newsletter & Chair column
- Kev's corner (monthly hot topics)

Popular content and things to note:

- Kaikōura noticeboard Facebook page remains one of the best channels to share zone delivery and committee content
- Audit support story featuring Pete B and a landowner's quote got great engagement through various channels. Was in Kaikōura Star, Canterbury Farming (August edition) and North Canterbury News – shows popularity of human-interest story
- Profile on Mike Gilliver, rivers officer, gained popularity on social media – another human-interest story
- Kev's corners remain to be popular – regularly make top three news stories for engagement on the ECan website on the week of their release
- Ted talks and email newsletter were released last week – good feedback internally for the content
- Weed control story on work completed in three catchments of the district also got good engagement on Facebook
- Coming up – keen to connect with Gina on the Ocean Ridge biodiversity story, planned Lynton Downs biodiversity story
- Any ideas on stories feel free to contact me, Kev or J Grant





K Heays noted that K Whitwell does work that is above and beyond her role. K Whitwell noted the ECan communications space is changing and going forward, the structure will mirror the ECan Operations team. There will be a Principal Northern Communications Advisor who will oversee all ECan communications from the Waimakariri River north. Then there will be two to three other Communications Advisors that support this work e.g. story writing and general comms support. K Whitwell's role/zone is yet to be confirmed.

M Rupene noted that he is working with his team to create some short videos around mahinga kai for farmers which is another upcoming project. K Whitwell noted for Makarini to contact her/the ECan comms team should they need support.

Rob Hubbard – Resource Management Officer

K Heays provided an update on behalf of R Hubbard. The report is limited due to R Hubbard's lack of access to the systems:

- Non-compliant site south is a Kiwirail site and is due to corrosion prevention works pushing the tracks out and blocking the locals access to the beach there.
- NCTIR resource consents are still active, works will be completed by subbies.

Discussion:

T Howard noted the issue that Kiwirail have in their prevention works is their attempts to stop further erosion have meant they have gone out a few metres onto the beach affecting access. K Heays noted beach access is not our issue to address but they could help facilitate a solution.

K Heays noted that given NCTIR work is diminishing, R Hubbard's role or time in Kaikōura has changed and is focussing more on Hurunui and Waimakariri but he is still Kaikōura's Resource Management Officer as required.

T Sonal noted that the beach access is a very sensitive topic that is ongoing for locals in

the area and given the work we do with the community it is good to consider their views and tread with care with the work we do.

Cr G Edge noted that the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement includes a policy around public access which he thinks ECan is required to look at. The policy relates to maintaining public access to, along and adjacent to coastal marine areas.

ACTION: K Heays to pass on to R Hubbard to check.

Kevin Heays – Zone Delivery Lead

K Heays' work from June through to August has been very funding application focussed given the end of the financial has passed and there have been significant funding changes.

Top three focusses going forward:

- Waiau Toa is ECan's biggest focus - weed and pest control
- Kaikoura Flats - wetlands mapping and protection
- Kaikoura catchments - accessing funding for a catchment manager and engaging with its people/surrounding residents
- ECan can support those who wish to apply for funding to get work done in their area. We encourage the community to get off their chairs and get things done.

Gina acknowledged the mahi that Kev and his team do.

Zone team left 2.10pm, John Murrays connection dropped out just before this.

NOTE: With J Murray's departure, the ZC did not have quorum from this point forward. Only five of eleven members were present.

5. Committee Updates

Updates provided as per Agenda paper 5 – points 3.1-3.4.

IMS funding no longer exists but out of ECan's Long Term Plan came what is referred to as the Community Engagement Fund. This is a new fund that allows the Zone Committee to implement their action plan. Going forward ECan is looking at changing the name to better reflect the fund's purpose. The facilitation team are currently putting together the framework/gate keeping criteria for administering this fund and are aiming to have this up and running for the second quarter. J Grant will work with both H Melville and K Heays to see where the funding gaps are for projects and if there are gaps, whether those projects can be put to the Zone Committee for consideration, providing it aligns with the action plan.

Agenda item 5 – point 3.5 - Actions from previous meeting

- G Solomon to send Transit NZ report to Heath – to be completed
- J Grant to work with H Melville to organize an IMS winter visit (completed)
- J Grant will follow up on Farm Environment Plan (FEP) information for the ZC

J Grant noted that FEP information was covered well in P Bradshaw's presentation in April and queried if there was anything further the ZC wishes to know? T Sonal requested a list of the farms and their gradings. She is mainly interested in the positive ones and has a particular interest in the farm around Lake Rotorua for whom she sits on the board. J Grant agreed to follow up to see if that information is publicly available. It was suggested that the committee would pen a letter to Phil Bradfield (South Marlborough DOC Manager) about the standard of the fencing around the lake. J Grant

suggested to get information on the Lake first and then decide what the next steps are. It was suggested the seek information on the status on Rotoiti at the same time. J Grant to action.

- B Apperley will send links to Taumata Arowai information on requirements – not completed.

The ZC requested to regularly receive the results of COVID-19 wastewater testing be sent to them. J Grant to follow up.

ACTION: J Grant to make amendment to July meeting minutes regarding Transit NZ Report

ACTION: J Grant to send LAWA results and relevant information on Lake Rotorua to Zone Committee

ACTION: J Grant to see if the Zone Committee can receive the Kaikōura wastewater COVID test results

Cr G Edge noted the meeting with Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura was supposed to happen this Tuesday, but it will probably be cancelled due to lockdown. ECan have tried very hard to secure this meeting which continuously get delayed.

N McArthur and J Grant attended a Te Titiri o Waitangi two-day workshop at Rāpaki Marae. Nicky said the facilitator was amazing and acknowledged what Cr R Roche has always said about the importance of getting together with other water zones. Please attend if you get the opportunity.

G Solomon requested Microsoft Teams be trialled for sharing documents which J Grant will test. She also queried whether Microsoft Teams could be used for community groups. T Howard noted that server space is required which may make it unfeasible for community group use if they don't have access to one. G Solomon queried whether ECan could provide space and J Grant agreed to check.

ACTION: J Grant to check with ECan IT to see if it can serve as Microsoft Teams host server for community groups.

6. General Business

Minutes from the 25 June meeting reviewed. Correction required: G Solomon to send *Transit NZ Report* to H Melville. J Grant to edit.

ACTION: J Grant to update 25 June 2021 minutes with above edit.

Agenda item Chair appointments for 2021-22 was carried over to the next meeting due to absences and Te Reo session excluded to allow ZC to view national COVID-19 announcement.

Meeting closed 3pm.