

## ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

**DATE:** Tuesday 23 August 2022

**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  
James Meager (Te Runanga o Arowhenua) (via MS Teams)  
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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## 4 Register of Interests

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 Fed Farmers of NZ 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 Hinds Reserve Board Committee member Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective - 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
James Meager	Rakaia Catchment Environmental Enhancement Society Committee – Arowhenua Representative Senior Solicitor at Simpson Grierson (who act for a number of Territorial Authorities, Regional Councils and Ngai Tahu) Resident at Ross Farms, Laghmore – no financial interest (150ha arable cropping) Founder and Principal, Oath Advisory
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	Chemistry Teacher at Christ’s College Master student at Lincoln University Studying Masters in Water Resource Management Intern at MHV Water (groundwater scientist) Past Head of Science at Mt Hutt College Passionate about use of natural resources sustainability
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

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 26 July 2022, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

### Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Ian Mackenzie, Councillor Stuart Wilson, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen, Angela Cushnie and Genevieve de Spa.

MS Teams –Adi Avnit, James Meager, Les Wanhalla, Sidinei Teixeira

### In attendance

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

Ian Hyde (ADC District Planning Manager), Dr Christian Chukwuka (ADC Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor)

5 members of the public in attendance

4 members of the public via Teams

### 1 Welcome

Dave Moore opened the meeting with a Karakia.

### 2 Apologies

**That** apologies for absence be received on behalf of Clare Buchanan and Araparta Reuben and lateness for Chris Allen (1.06pm)

Thomas/Cushnie

Carried

### 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 24 May 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/de Spa

Carried

Correction – Outward correspondence was to the Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective, not Collection as recorded.

### 1. Matters Arising

Nil.

### 6 Correspondence

#### Inward:

Nil.

#### Outward:

Nil.

### 7 Public Contributions

Nil.

## **8 Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes Update – Juliet Earl-Goulet via MS Teams**

Monitoring results from the past summer season had Lake Clearwater showing some improvement, however Lake Heron was showing further decline. More detailed water quality results will be presented at the next meeting.

It was noted that the membership of the recently form Ōtūwharekai Working Group did not include representation from the Zone Committee. It was advised that the group was aimed at an operational level however it was agreed that the Zone Committee would be provided regular updates of test results and findings.

## **9 Ashburton Consent Reviews Update – Bianca Sullivan/JeanineTopelen**

- 88 originally identified and review notices sent

62 granted

6 declined

14 on hold

3 public notification'

3 surrendered

- Science Update

Actual benefits to the Ashburton/Hakatere River will be observed from July 2023.

Some desired outcomes will not be apparent straight away.

- Daily water budget model (2010-2019)

Showed relative change in residual flows/water availability at minimum flow sites between the regime that is in place now and the regime from July 2023.

- Next steps

The project team will continue to work with those remaining consent holders to provide technical and procedural advice.

Aim to have all consent reviews decided by 1 July 2023

## **10 Committee Updates**

- Refresh Committee

The Refresh Committee have recommended to Environment Canterbury and the Ashburton District Council the reappointment of Bill Thomas and Genevieve de Spa to the CWMS Ashburton Zone committee. This will be received for approval at the respective committees August meetings.

## **11 Waitaha Action to Impact Fund – Ali Bower**

Applications for funding from this year's Waitaha Action to Impact fund opened on 18 July and will close on 12 September..

## **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 23 August 2022.

The meeting closed at 2.54pm with a Karakia by Dave Moore.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

<b>HUI/MEETING:</b> Ashburton Zone Committee	
<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b> 8	<b>KAUPAPA/SUBJECT:</b> Election of Chair, Deputy Chair for 2022
<b>KAITUHI/AUTHOR:</b> Dave Moore, Zone Facilitator	<b>WĀ/MEETING DATE:</b> 23 August 2023

## Purpose

Election of:

- Committee Chair
- Deputy Chair

## Background

### Chair

Each year, the Committee will appoint a Chair from its members by simple majority.

There is no limit on how long a person can be in this position.

As a Committee member the Chair shares the same responsibility as other Committee members.

In addition to this the Chair has the following roles:

- Chair Zone Committee meetings with all the commonly recognised authority of that position. The Chair may have the Zone Facilitator facilitate meetings and workshops of the Committee.
- Speak on behalf of the Committee and act as an advocate for it, including taking primary responsibility for interaction with the media and representing the Committee at meetings with external parties.

### Deputy Chair

Each year, the Committee will appoint a Deputy Chair from its members by simple majority.

There is no limit on how long a person can be in this position.

The Deputy Chair exercises the same roles as other members, and if the Chair is absent or incapacitated, the Deputy Chair must perform all the responsibilities and duties of the Chair (as above).

## Process to Elect of Chair and Deputy Chair

(ref. Schedule 7 clause 25, Local Government Act 2002)

For the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson, a local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must **determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:**

### **System A:**

- (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and*
- (b) *has the following characteristics:*
  - (i) *there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and*
  - (ii) *if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and*
  - (iii) *if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and*
  - (iv) *in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.*

### **System B:**

- (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and*
- (b) *has the following characteristics:*
  - (i) *there is only 1 round of voting; and*
  - (ii) *if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.*

## Recommendation

The Ashburton Zone Committee:

1. choose whether to use system A or B (above), and
2. then elect the Chair and Deputy Chair for 2021.

<b>HUI/MEETING:</b> Ashburton Zone Committee	
<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b> 9	<b>KAUPAPA/SUBJECT:</b> Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes water quality monitoring
<b>KAITUHI/AUTHOR:</b> Environment Canterbury and Department of Conservation	<b>WĀ/MEETING DATE:</b> 23 August 2022

### **Purpose**

To update the Committee on Ōtūwharekai / Ashburton Lakes River water quality state and trends.

### **Recommendation**

The Zone Committee receive the update

### **Report**

Environment Canterbury and the Department of Conservation will jointly present an update on the results of water quality monitoring of lakes and streams in the Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes Basin. The report will include state and trends of water quality in the basin and provide a brief overview of new water quality and ecology monitoring carried out in the area.

<b>HUI/MEETING:</b> Ashburton Zone Committee	
<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b> 11	<b>KAUPAPA/SUBJECT:</b> Wakanui pine tree removal
<b>KAITUHI/AUTHOR:</b> Dr Christian Chukwuka	<b>WĀ/MEETING DATE:</b> 23 August 2022

### **Purpose**

To update the Committee on work undertaken to removed pine trees from the Wakanui hāpua to create space for native planting.

### **Recommendation**

The Zone Committee receive the update

### **Report**

In May 2022 the Zone Committee recommended \$4,000 funding towards the cost of clearing introduced pine trees from the Wakanui hāpua to enable planting of species that will grow on the drier parts of the reserve

The attached report from Dr Christian Chukwuka, Ashburton District Council Ecologist / Biodiversity Advisor, provides an update on this project.

## **Report on Pine Removal Project at Wakanui Beach funded by the Ashburton Water Zone Committee and Ashburton District Council**

### **Preamble:**

Tree removal at Wakanui Beach was undertaken by Four Seasons Treecare LTD on 11-12<sup>th</sup> July 2022, to remove pine tree on 8-10 meters from fence line of Wakanui Beach native planting restoration site. This project is in line with the Landscape Management plan adopted by the council in 2017 to restore Wakanui Creek and surrounding area within the Council land with native vegetation. The project was funded partly by the Water Zone Committee and augmented by the ADC Biodiversity operational budget.

### **Scope of the project:**

Remove marked pines at Wakanui beach, limb up selected pines without damage to native plants, and chip as much debris as possible and leave mulch on site. The logs were ringed up into firewood and left on site.

### **Project cost**

**Initial quote:** \$11,770 + GST

**Revised quote:** \$8,870.00 + GST

Quotes was revised to remove cost of GDC digger charge, cut the logs into firewood rings instead of logs to be removed from site.

**Final cost invoiced:** \$8442.9 + GST (see the attached good receipts).

The project was completed in 2 days instead of 3 days as quoted. The cost of the firewood when sold will go into paying for native plants to be used for the revegetation planting in March 2023.

**Photos are attached below**





## Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting

Tuesday 23 August 2022

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 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair ..... 4
- 9 Ōtūwharekai Update ..... 6
- 10 Hinds Drains Working Party Recommendations Review .....Circulated under separate cover
- 11 Wakanui Pine Tree Removal ..... 7
- 12 Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective Update..... Verbal
- 13 Other Business
- 14 Close Meeting and Karakia