



ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

DATE: Tuesday 24 January 2023

TIME: 2:00 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)
Arapata Reuben (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga)
Les Wanhalla (Te Taumutu Runanga)
Brad Waldon-Gibbons (Tangata Whenua Facilitator)
Councillor Ian Mackenzie (Environment Canterbury)
Mayor Neil Brown (Ashburton District Council)

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Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting

Tuesday 24 January 2023

Meeting Commences: 2.00pm

Order of Business

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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 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 Resident at Ross Farms, Laghmor – no financial interest (150ha arable cropping) Founder and Principal, Oath Advisory National Party Candidate for Rakaia
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

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Unconfirmed Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 22 November 2022, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Councillor Rodger Letham, Councillor Ian Mackenzie, Bill Thomas (Chair), Chris Allen, Clare Buchanan, Angela Cushnie, James Meager, Genevieve de Spa and Les Wanhalla.

MS Teams – Adi Avnit, Sidinei Teixeira

In attendance

Environment Canterbury: Dave Moore (Facilitator), John Benn (DOC) and Carol McAtamney (minutes)

3 members of the public in attendance (via MS Teams)

5 members of the public in attendance (in person)

1 Welcome

James Meager opened the meeting with a Karakia.

A special welcome was extended to Councillor Rodger Letham who has been appointed as Council's representative following the recently held Local Body Elections.

2 Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Mayor Neil Brown and Araparta Reuben

Thomas/Allen

Carried

3 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

4 Register of Interests

Nil.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that at the conclusion of the August 2022 meeting the Chair had extended thanks and appreciation to Stuart Wilson for his time and dedication to the Zone Committee as the Ashburton District Council representative. His vast knowledge and input will be greatly missed.

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 23 August 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wanhalla/Allen

Carried

5.1 Matters Arising

Nil.

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective

Outward:

Nil.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Introduction to Hekeao Hinds Science Collaboration Group

Brett Painter and Peter Lowe

Provided an introduction to the Zone Committee of the Hekeao Hinds Science Collaboration group.

Requested feedback on:

- Potential additions or subtractions from the draft priority list
- Potential additions or subtractions from the draft list of consultation parties
- Interest from Zone Committee in collaboration, consultation and/or updates on specific workstreams

9 HHWET Biodiversity Funding Request

Brett Painter

Requesting a funding contribution from the Zone Committee for native planting and maintenance at NRR1 (South Hinds) and MAR17 (Lennies Rd) sites.

Zone Committee requested a further report be submitted outlining specific details of the amount of funding required, where other funds maybe coming from and a breakdown of expenditure

10 Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective Update

Angela Cushnie

- Purpose - to encourage and coordinate an integrated catchment by collective approach to intergenerational land and water stewardship between the Rakaia and Rangitata Rivers from mountains to seas
- Next steps – engage with stakeholders, develop a long-term strategy and support catchment communities
- Community led and solution focused built on collaboration and trust
- Current Catchment Groups/Communities
 - Foothills
 - Hekeao Hinds Hill Country
 - Hekeao Hinds Lowlands
 - Existing Landcare groups – Upper Rangitata Landcare group and Whitcome Landcare group in the Rakaia gorge
- Carters Creek still facing challenges – would like to get Ecan staff to walk parts of the creek (get them up to speed as there are many new staff – Henry Winchester to assist in arranging), followed by another community meeting
- Have engaged a summer student to assist the Catchment Collective group

11 Ōtuwharekai Working Group Update

Judith Earl-Goulet

Presented the second Ōtuwharekai Update on the work underway to address declining water quality and ecosystems values.

- A meeting is to be scheduled in the near future to build action plan (medium and long term action plan), followed by a time-frame and funding plan

- A Public Day is to be scheduled to be held in February – Zone Committee would like to be joint hosts of this day.

12 Professor Pablo Gregorini

Unable to attend meeting due to illness.

13 Committee Updates

- May meeting is scheduled for 23 May, not 26 May as circulated
- It was advised that Henry Winchester has been appointed Ashburton/Hakatere Zone Delivery lead for Environment Canterbury. A request was made for Henry to provide a report to be included in each agenda.

14 Other Business

Staveley Camp

It was agreed to hold a Zone Committee meeting on site at the Staveley Camp, late summer/early spring and that a working bee be incorporated on the same day.

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 24 January 2023.

The meeting closed at 2.56pm with a Karakia by James Meager.

Dated this 24th day of January 2023 _____ (Chair)

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Water Zone Committee	
AGENDA ITEM NO: 8	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Zone Committee Action Plan Budget
KAITUHI/AUTHOR: Dave Moore	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 24 January 2023

Purpose

For the Zone Committee to formally recommend funding to support its Action Plan.

Report

\$50,000 has been allocated by Environment Canterbury to support the Ashburton Zone Committee’s Action Plan initiatives in this financial year (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023).

A workshop on the Action Plan budget allocation will be held from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on 24 January 2023. Any decisions from that workshop may be formally recommended by the Ashburton Water Zone Committee at their official meeting immediately following this workshop.

Recommendation

The Zone Committee recommends allocation of funds to support the implementation of its Action Plan.

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Water Zone Committee	
AGENDA ITEM NO: 9	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Zone Committee updates
KAITUHI/AUTHOR: Dave Moore	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 24 January 2023

Purpose

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

Recommendation

The Zone Committee receive the update and provides Feedback.

Report

1. Zone Committee Schedule 2023

Below is the updated schedule for this year's meetings/workshops/fieldtrips:

24 January	Action Plan Budget workshop followed by a short meeting
25 February	<p>Ōtūwharekai Open Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 25 February • 11:00 am to 2:00 pm • The waterfront at Te-Puna-a-Taka/Lake Clearwater, Mount Darchiac Drive <p>This free 'pop-up' event will help share the work underway to address water quality issues within the lakes and give people the chance to ask questions and learn more.</p> <p>The day is being jointly organised by the Ōtūwharekai Working Group and the Ashburton Water Zone Committee - and will include a sausage sizzle, kids' activities and demonstrations of scientists' water monitoring gear.</p>
28 March	Meeting
April	No meeting (conflicts with ANZAC Day). Field trip to Coldstream Estate. Details and date to be advised
23 May	Meeting/working bee at Staveley Camp
27 June	
25 July	
22 August	
26 September	
24 October	
28 November	