



ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

Tuesday 26 September 2023
1:00 pm
Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton
Hamish Riach, Chief Executive, Ashburton District Council Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive, Environment Canterbury
Chris Allen Adi Avnit Clare Buchanan Angela Cushnie Genevieve de Spa Bill Thomas Sidinei Teixeira TBC (Te Runanga o Arowhenua) Arapata Reuben (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga) Les Wanhalla (Te Taumutu Runanga) TBC (Tangata Whenua Facilitator) Councillor Richardd Wilson (Ashburton District Council) Councillor Ian Mackenzie (Environment Canterbury) Mayor Neil Brown (Ashburton District Council)



Zone Facilitator Dave Moore Tel: 027 604 3908 dave.moore@ecan.govt.nz Environment Canterbury Committee Advisor Carol McAtamney Tel: 307 9645 <u>carol.mcatamney@adc.govt.nz</u> Ashburton District Council **Tangata Whenua Facilitator** TBC

Environment Canterbury



Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting

Tuesday 26 September 2023

Meeting Commences: 1.00pm

Order of Business

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4 Register of Interests

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
Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust - Treasurer
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
Mayor
Acton Irrigation Limited - Director
Irrigo Centre Limited - Director
Acton Farmers Irrigation Co-operative Limited - Director Browns Farm Limited – Director and Shareholder
Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust - Trustee
Hinds Reserve Board Committee member
Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective – Coordinator
Secretary for Hekeao Hinds Lowlands Catchment Group
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
Environment Canterbury Councillor
Trustee – Tuhono Trust
Trustee – Mana Waitaha Charitable Trust Member - National Kiwi Recovery Group
Rūnanga Rep – Christchurch – West Melton Water Zone Committee
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
Chemistry Teacher at Christ's College
Masters student at Lincoln University Studying Masters in Water Resource Management
Intern at MHV Water (groundwater scientist)
Past Head of Scient at Mt Hutt College Passionate about use of natural resources sustainability
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

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Unconfirmed Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee held on Tuesday 29 August 2023, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Richard Wilson, Chris Allen, Clare Buchanan, Angela Cushnie, and Bill Thomas (Chair).

Online

Adi Avnit and Genevieve de Spa

In attendance

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

4 members of the public in attendance

1 Welcome

Dave Moore opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Apologies 2

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Sidinei Teixeira, Les Wanhalla and Councillor Ian Mackenzie.

> Bill Thomas/Chris Allen Carried

3 **Extraordinary Business** Nil.

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Angela Cushnie Remove: Freelance writer Latitude and Country Copy Add: Secretary for Hekeao Hinds Lowlands Catchment Group

5 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Amendment

2022/23 Season Water Quality update for Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes topic: Lake Heron reworded to: Lake Heron is of most concern in Otūwharekai given the trajectory of algal growth. However it is not the highest of any lake in NZ.

That the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on 23 May 2023, incorporating the above amendment, be taken as read and confirmed.

> Bill Thomas/Chris Allen Carried

5.1 Matters Arising

Nil.

6 Correspondence Inward: Mid Canterbury Vision

Following extensive engagement with the Mid Canterbury Community a Mid Canterbury Vision report has been prepared as a submission for Ecan's Regional Policy Statement consultation.

The Vision document will be presented to Ecan at a hearing scheduled to be held on Thursday 28 September at 1.00pm.

That the Zone Committee write to Ecan advising their support of the Mid Canterbury Vision document and request that the Regional Council continue engaging with community groups and the Zone Committee in developments/implementations going forward.

Thomas/Wilson Carried

Carters Creek Catchment Group

Letter of appreciation for the recently received funding allocation of \$15,000

Concerned Tinwald Residents re: Carters Creek

Carters Creek flooding issues will be discussed later in the meeting.

Outward:

Nil.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Hekeoa Hinds Water Enhancement Trust update

Brett Painter and Peter Low (1.23pm to 2.25pm)

There are plans to expand the scheme to conclusively prove that in parts of catchment, making positive difference and in some cases a significant improvement, in conjunction with on farm nutrient leaching reductions and MAR.

Brett is to put report together a report outlining barriers that HHWET are facing and what will inhibit this project from continuing.

It was agreed that the Zone Committee will write to Ecan to confirm their continued support of this project.

9 Carters Creek Catchment Group Update

Willy Leferink, Janine Holland and Keith Gundry (2.26pm to 3.01pm)

Following the significant rainfall in July, Tinwald residents adjoining Carters Creek were inundated with water from excessive storm water flows from Carters Creek. The creek does not have capacity to handle the water flow

Catchment groups members want to understand who can help them stop their homes and buildings from flooding as they clean up rubbish and debris, attempt to repair eroded creek banks, assess damage to gardens/infrastructure and prepare for next storm event. Would like to establish a way that Ecan, ADC and the residents can work collaboratively to fix these issues.

It was noted that Carters Creek upkeep is included in the Zone Committee Action plan 2021/24. Environment Chair Peter Scott has asked Cr Mackenzie to look into possible solutions.

That the Zone Committee write to the Ashburton District Council and Environment Canterbury requesting that they both liaise with Carter Creek Catchment group to establish a maintenance plan for Carters Creek.

Allan/Wilson Carried

10 Wai Connection Overview

Jessica Halsey (Wai Connection Regional Manager) (3.02pm to 3.24pm)

Wai Connection – Tatai Ki Te Wai is a Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust community catchment group engagement project. The project offers on the ground support to assist with catchment issues through tailored, catchment specific change.

11 Ashburton Lakes Catchment Group funding request

Judith Earl-Goulet (3.24pm to 3.35pm)

That the Zone Committee recommend funding of \$10,000 from the Action Plan fund be allocated to the Ōtūwhareka/Ashburton Lakes Catchment group for the purchase of a portable nitrate sensor, with the proviso that the Ōtūwharekai Ashburton Lakes Catchment Group consult with Environment Canterbury to confirm the appropriate model sensor is purchased and a robust monitoring regime is designed.

Allen/Buchanan Carried

12 Zone Committee Update

• Te Tiriti Treaty of Waitangi Training

Environment Canterbury are to host workshops for Zone Committee members over the next few months. The Facilitator is seeking feedback on location and date preferences.

The Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective have also scheduled a Treaty Training day on 30 October. An invitation will be circulated to members.

It was agreed that information on the central Zones' te tiriti training will be shared with the Committee and members who wish to attend can nominate themselves.

• Action Plan

It is proposed that a review of the current Action Plan be undertaken. The Facilitator to provide an update on the progress of the projects on the current Action Plan

• Ashburton River Consent

An update on the current state of the consent on the Ashburton River is to be provided at the September meeting.

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 September 2023.

The meeting closed at 3.47pm with a Karakia by Dave Moore.

Dated this 26th day of September 2023

_____ (Chair)

Ashburton Water Zone Committee

15 September 2023

Cam Smith Senior Strategy Manager Environment Canterbury

Dear Cam

Re: Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust

I am writing to express the committee's support for the ongoing work of the Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust.

At the 29 August Meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee Dr Brett Painter updated the Committee on the Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust's (HHWET) analysis of monitoring data for 2022-23.

This analysis shows ecosystem health improvements in receiving groundwater and Hekeao Hinds waterways resulting from the current Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) scheme – comprising environmental infrastructure components in combination with on-going improvements on-farm. They anticipate the ICM scheme will result in an improved environmental footprint and reduced long-term operational costs compared with the original PC2 concept.

Yours sincerely

Almas

Bill Thomas Chair of Ashburton Zone Committee

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Shaun McCracken Flood Protection Manager Environment Canterbury Shaun.McCracken@ecan.govt.nz

Neil McCann Group Manager Infrastructure & Open Spaces Ashburton District Council Neil.mccann@adc.govt.nz

Dear Shaun and Neil

Re: Carters Creek Maintenance

Following the significant rainfall in July, Tinwald residents adjoining Carters Creek were inundated with water from excessive storm water flows in Carters Creek. The creek does not have capacity to handle such water flow. The Carters Creek Catchment Group members want prevent their homes and buildings from flooding and are frustrated with having to clean up rubbish and debris and repair eroded creek banks, gardens and infrastructure. They are keen to establish a means that Environment Canterbury, Ashburton District Council and the residents can work collaboratively to fix these issues.

The Ashburton Water Zone Committee Action Plan objectives include supporting Carters Creek enhancement and the Committee is keen to see a resolution to the flooding problem so that other planned enhancement activities can get underway.

On behalf of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee I request that Ashburton District Council and Environment Canterbury work with the Carters Creek Catchment Group to establish a maintenance plan for Carters Creek to reduce the flooding risk along the creek.

Yours sincerely

Almas

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12 September 2023

Andrew Parrish Planning Manager Environment Canterbury <u>Andrew.Parrish@ecan.govt.nz</u>

Dear Andrew

Re: Mid Canterbury Vision

On behalf of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee, I am writing to express the committee's support for the Mid Canterbury Vision document which has been submitted as part of the consultation on the Regional Policy Statement.

Yours sincerely

Wormas

Bill Thomas Chair of Ashburton Zone Committee

Attachment: Mid Canterbury Vision document

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Our Mid Canterbury Vision

Mid Canterbury's intergenerational vision is for a thriving and resilient community who are environmentally responsible, culturally respectful, economically viable and socially cohesive, recognising these aspirations are interdependent on one another and underpinned by water.

Our Foundations: Environmental, Cultural, Social and Economic

Environmental

Through responsible stewardship and sustainable practices, we will preserve and enhance the health of our water, land, biodiversity and ecosystems to ensure they remain a source of life, prosperity and wellbeing for generations to come.

- 1. Healthy State of the Environment: Rivers are healthy, swimmable, and abundant with life. Aquatic ecosystems flourish, people can enjoy the amenity and recreational value of the environment and mahinga kai opportunities.
- 2. **Management of Natural Resources:** Ensuring that natural resources are managed in a way that preserves the health and integrity of existing ecosystems, protecting flora and fauna and maintaining the ecological balance, while still providing for the viability of the community. The community's management and use of natural resources needs to reflect the need for flexibility over time and the interconnected nature of the resources.
- 3. **Sustainability:** The sustainability principle aims to ensure that human activities are conducted in a manner that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Humans have an interdependent relationship with natural resources, we depend on them to thrive, they depend on us to thrive. It involves adopting practices that are environmentally responsible, socially equitable and economically viable over the long term.
- 4. **Climate Change:** Natural resources are managed to adapt and optimise outcomes in the face of a changing and more variable climate, and natural hazards are managed for the protection of our community.
- 5. Ambitious and achievable targets: These foundations highlight the importance of long-term knowledge to guide practical management, community involvement, and decision-making. Our community is conscious of all costs and trade-offs, and clear regulations in achieving sustainable water and soil management and environmental conservation, recognising human habitation and the delays between catchment action and evidence of this in the environment.

Cultural

These key foundations reflect a desire for an inclusive, respectful and diverse community for all cultures, respecting the bi-cultural relationship with mana whenua, and the role of Te tiriti in promoting unity for common and shared outcomes now and for generations to come.

- 1. Striving for an inclusive Community: Our vision is to foster a united and inclusive community.
- 2. **Growing Understanding and Respect**: We envision a future where there is an opportunity for all cultures to develop a deeper understanding of each other's values and aspirations. By encouraging transparent and respectful relationships, we aim to navigate differences and collaborate toward shared goals for a sustainable and prosperous community.

Social

This foundation includes a diverse and thriving community that is socially cohesive. We prioritise health and education, safe environments, and strong infrastructure to create opportunities, stability and support our families and businesses.

- 1. **Health and Well-being:** Healthy communities are underpinned by a healthy environment. They enable the physical and mental health of all community members to be met.
- 2. **Strong, Safe Community**: Close-knit, engaged, inter-generational, collaborative communities, with strong identities where safety and security is paramount. Supporting local families, schools and community amenities underpins our social fabric.
- **3.** Interdependence within our community: Our strong and thriving business and urban community is driven and supported by a strong and viable rural and farming economy.
- 4. Quality Infrastructure and amenities: The desire for well-maintained roads, bridges, civic centres, schools, communication networks, water delivery, energy, sports and cultural facilities to support Mid Canterbury residents and visitors to our district.
- 5. Local Control and Decision-Making: The preference for community-led decision-making to give certainty and balance between necessary regulations and the ability to change, innovate and deliver on the community's long term collective vision.

Economic

These key foundations reflect the desire for a prosperous, sustainable and adaptable community that maintains economic viability while caring for the environment and future generations.

- 1. Economic Viability and Resilience: Creating a diverse and profitable economy while ensuring generational environmental, social, and cultural resilience. Interlinked urban, rural and farming businesses create local employment and education opportunities.
- 2. **Critical Infrastructure:** Our strong economy has been founded on generational investment in critical infrastructure. The future resilience and prosperity of Mid Canterbury will be determined by continued investment in significant infrastructure at regional, local and business levels.
- 3. **Regulatory Certainty and Flexibility**: Seeking stable and clear regulatory regimes with long-term certainty to enable planning and investment, while also allowing flexibility for businesses and the community to adapt and diversify. Progress towards goals at a pace that optimises the time to adapt our use of resources, ensuring that no part of the community is disadvantaged or pays a disproportionate cost.
- 4. **Primary Production:** Food and fibre production underpins the economic prosperity and social cohesion of our community, supported by access to reliable water, natural resources and resilient infrastructure.
- 5. **Community Collaboration and Empowerment**: Recognising the importance of collaboration between decision makers, stakeholders and strategic partners. Regionally relevant and well researched information is critical in ensuring our whole community has a say in the use of resources and local development.

These principles and the overarching vision have been formed following extensive engagement with the Mid Canterbury community. We have held 29 sessions in halls, living rooms, businesses and meeting places across Mid Canterbury. 622 members of our community have taken the time to provide their views and then a working group of rural and urban leaders have worked together to ensure that the outputs genuinely reflect the feedback that was received, which has then been circulated back to the community for further feedback prior to finalisation of the draft.

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Zone Committee				
AGENDA ITEM NO: 7	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT:			
	AZC Hampstead School visit to Riverbridge Conservation Park			
KAITUHI/AUTHOR:	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 26 September 2023			
Dave Moore				

To update the Committee on Riverbridge Conservation Park and Hampstead School's recent visit to the park.

Recommendation

The Zone Committee receive the update.

Report

Hampstead School have been learning about wetland habitat this term and a visit to Riverbridge Conservation Park gave everyone an opportunity to see first-hand what a thriving wetland looks like. They looked at Wetlands, Ecosystems and Habitat

- Limestone and fossils right by the gate when we walk in
- Different plant species and talked about their role in a wetland
- Wetland birds and the species Russell has including his newly established raupo wetland, hoping to attract bittern
- What's in the water? Eel, mudfish, native fish, freshwater mussels and crays and macroinvertebrates
- What's relying on the wetland? birds, bees, butterflies, dragon flies, crickets etc

Sophie Blair, the facilitator of the Lagmhor Westerfield Catchment Group, will give an overview of Riverbridge Conservation Park and the Riverbridge Native Species Trust, Russell Langdon's grandson Ben talk about their plans for the future, and Hampstead School student Jakob Blampied will talk about their visit to the wetland.



HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Zone Committee		
AGENDA ITEM NO: 8	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT:	
	Appointment of Chair and Deputy	
KAITUHI/AUTHOR:	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 26 September 2023	
Dave Moore		

Appointment of:

- Committee Chair
- Deputy Chair

Report

1. Election of Officers

Each year, the Committee will appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair from its members. There is no limit on how long a person can be in this position. The Committee's last elections were held on 23 August 2023.

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.

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).

2. Chair

After many years of service in the position of Chair Bill Thomas has decided not to stand for the role this year.

To date, no other members have nominated themselves, or been nominated, for the role of Chair. If there are no nominations at the 26 September 2023 meeting, Bill Thomas has expressed willingness to continue in the role until the refresh process next year. The refresh process will be completed by June/July with new members likely to be onboard by August 2024 at which point a new election for Chair and Deputy will be held.

3. Deputy Chair

Currently Chis Allen holds the position of Deputy Chair. If no other nominations are received Chris is also willing to stay on in the role until the refresh process is complete.

Recommendation

That:

- 1. If any nomination for Chair is received, the Committee hold an election for the role.
- 2. If no nomination for Chair is received, the Committee resolve to extend Bill Thomas's term in the role of Chair until August 2024
- 3. If any nomination for Deputy Chair is received, the Committee hold an election for the role.
- 4. If no nomination for Chair is received, the Committee resolve to extend Chris Allen's term in the role of Deputy Chair until August 2024.

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.

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Zone Committee		
AGENDA ITEM NO: 9	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT:	
	Zone Committee updates	
KAITUHI/AUTHOR:	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 26 September 2023	
Dave Moore		

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.

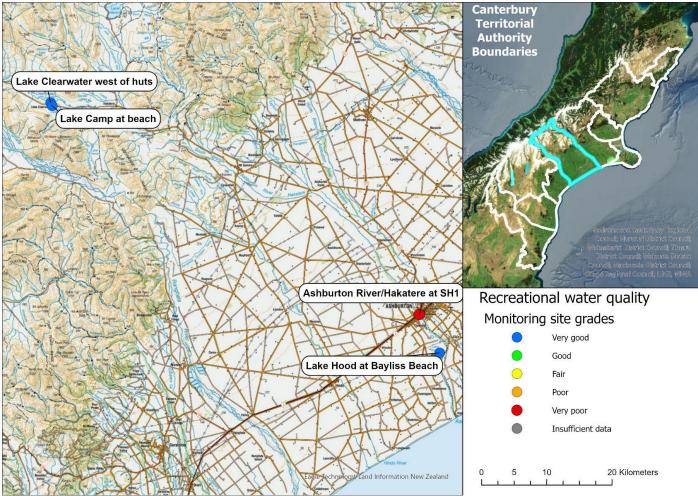
Report

1. Water quality for contact recreation

The Environment Canterbury Annual summary report for the 2022-23 season has been published and can be accessed on the Environment Canterbury Website at https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2023/the-best-spots-for-recreation-this-summer/

Suitability for Recreation Grades (SFRGs) over the past 5 years at freshwater in the Ashburton Zone show no change. The Hakatere Ashburton River at State Highway 1 continues to be graded *very poor*.

Ashburton District



HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee		
AGENDA ITEM NO: 10	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Staveley Camp Forest Weed Wrangling Weekend	
KAITUHI/AUTHOR: Gen de Spa, Forest Care Coordinator, Staveley Camp	W Ā /MEETING DATE: 26 September 2023	

To inform the Zone Committee of the planned weeding weekend at Staveley Camp.

Recommendation

That the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee receives the report and shares the information widely.

Introduction

The beautiful 10-hectare patch of remnant native forest at Staveley Camp is under threat from weeds, so from the 27th to the 29th of October 2023 we are organising the "Weed Wrangling Weekend" to help save it.

We aim to achieve a whopping 400 volunteer hours of weed work in a massive effort to protect and ensure the sustainability of the forest. To that end we need as many people as possible to join us and make a difference. Whether people can spare an hour, a whole weekend, or somewhere in between, by lending their precious time and energy, this wonderful patch of bush can be preserved for future generations.

As they wrangle weeds together, volunteers will have the opportunity to connect with nature, make a positive impact, and have a whole lot of fun along the way.

We'll feed them, show them the best swimming hole to cool down in Bowyers Stream, and we'll even hang the hammocks for a shady resting place.

Mark your calendars now and don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to be a part of our volunteer weekend at Staveley Camp. Let's show those weeds who's boss and make the forest a thriving native sanctuary!

We also need a dedicated team to help run things during the weekend. If you're interested in being a part of our crew and helping with tasks like:

- welcoming and instructing volunteers,
- taking photographs,
- operating chippers,
- keeping the kitchen tidy,
- organising parking,
- and more,

Any support will be greatly appreciated!

Staveley Camp is located at 133 Sawmill Rd, Staveley

If you have any questions or wish to sign up contact Gen de spa on 0211 345 802 or email gendespa@gmail.com

