

ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

DATE: Tuesday 28 November 2023

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
TBC (Te Runanga o Arowhenua)
Arapata Reuben (Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga)
Les Wanhalla (Te Taumutu Runanga)
TBC (Tangata Whenua Facilitator)
Councillor Richard Wilson (Ashburton District Council)
Councillor Ian Mackenzie (Environment Canterbury)
Mayor Neil Brown (Ashburton District Council)

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Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting

Tuesday 28 November 2023

Meeting Commences: 1.00pm

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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	Kanuka Mid Canterbury Regeneration Trust - Trustee Hinds Reserve Board Committee member Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective – Coordinator Secretary for Hekeao Hinds Lowlands Catchment Group
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	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
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
Richard Wilson	Ashburton District Councillor Dairy Farmer at Hinds Shareholder in MHV Irrigation

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Unconfirmed Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** held on Tuesday 26 September 2023, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown, Councillor Richard Wilson, Chris Allen, Adi Avnit, Clare Buchanan, Angela Cushnie, Genevieve de Spa, Bill Thomas (Chair) and Les Wahalla

Online

Sidinei Teixeira

In attendance

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

John Benn - DOC

2 members of the public in attendance

1 Welcome

Genevieve de Spa opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Araparta Reuben and Councillor Ian Mackenzie.

Thomas/Wanhalla

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 29 August 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

Avnit/Wilson

Carried

1. Matters Arising

Nil.

6 Correspondence

Inward:

Nil.

Outward:

- Support letter to Ecan re Hekeao Hinds Water Trust
- Support letter to Ecan and ADC re Carters Creek maintenance
- Support letter to Ecan re Mid Canterbury Vision

It was reported that Councillor Ian Mackenzie had spoken to Ecan engineers in regard to a Carters Creek clean up/maintenance programme. It is estimated that the project would cost around \$3 million. Ecan are looking into possible funding options.

A letter is to be sent to the Carters Creek Catchment group to provide an update on progress.

7 Public Contributions

Nil.

8 Hampstead School visit to Riverbridge Conservation Park

Jakob Blampied (11 years old – Hampstead School) 1.10pm to 1.21pm

Hampstead School students have been learning about wetland habitat during the term and undertook a visit to Riverbridge Conservation Park. Jakob joined the meeting to give a report on his visit.

Sophie Blair, facilitator of the Lagmhor Westerfield Catchment group joined the meeting and gave an overview of the Riverbridge Conservation Park and the Riverbridge Native Species Trust.

- covers approximately 8ha
- located on the south bank of the south branch of the Ashburton River
- began as a millennium project and is still going strong 23 years later
- QEII covenanted
- Spring fed man-made ponds
- Holds permits for breeding native birds
- Biggest challenges are funding and time for the day to day maintenance and operational costs. These expenses are not often eligible to be funded from Charitable organisations.

Members expressed an interest in undertaking a site visit in the future.

9 Appointment of Chair and Deputy

Facilitator Dave Moore took the chair for the elections process.

After many years of service as the current chair, Bill Thomas, has decided to step down from the role. However, if there are no nominations at this time Bill has agreed to continue in the role until the refresh process scheduled for June/July 2024 has been completed.

Nominations for the Chair of the Ashburton Zone Committee

That given there were no nominations received at this point in time Bill Thomas continue in the role as Chair of the Ashburton Zone Committee until the refresh process scheduled for June/July 2024 has been completed.

Wanhalla/Avnit

Confirmed

Nominations for the Deputy Chair of the Ashburton Zone Committee

That given there were no nominations received at this point in time Chris Allen continue in the role as Deputy Chair of the Ashburton Zone Committee until the refresh process scheduled for June/July 2024 has been completed.

Cushnie/Wilson

Confirmed

10 Staveley Camp Forest Weed Wrangling Weekend

A weed wrangling weekend has been scheduled to be held on 27/29 October 2023 at the Staveley Camp Forest.

It was suggested to host the October Zone Committee meeting on the morning of Friday 27 October at Staveley to enable members to participate in the weed wrangling in the afternoon.

Zone Committee to help promote the weekend through the Ecan and ADC channels.

11 Zone Committee Updates

• Facilitator Resignation

Dave Moore announced that he will be moving on as facilitator of the Ashburton Zone Committee to become facilitator for the OTOP Zone Committee. Jaīmee Grant who is the current Selwyn Waihora facilitator has been appointed as his replacement.

• Ōtūwhareka/Ashburton Lakes Catchment Consent Update

Judith Earl-Goulet – Ecan General Manager, Regulatory Services joined the meeting via MS Teams to provide an update around the consents of the landowners in the Ōtūwhareka/Ashburton lakes catchment.

- Ecan have been in contact with the four land-owners re the status of their consents
- Two of the consents for renewals are in the process however they are currently caught up in the backlog
- Two have been called in under section 129 of the RMA
- Working towards a November completion date

A request was made for the Zone Committee to be kept updated on the progress of the consents.

• Te Taumutu Rūnanga Representative Resignation

Te Taumutu Rūnanga representative, Les Wanhalla, indicated his intention to resign from the Committee at the end of the year. A replacement is currently being recruited.

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 October 2023 or Friday 27 October at Staveley Camp.

[Post meeting note: meeting scheduled for 24 October was cancelled]

The meeting closed at 2.18pm with a Karakia by Genevieve de Spa.

Dated this 28th day of November 2023 _____ (Chair)

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Zone Committee	
AGENDA ITEM NO: 9	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Regional Policy Statement and Mid Canterbury Freshwater Management Units
KAITUHI/AUTHOR: Jaimee Grant	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 28 November 2023

Purpose

To provide an update to the Committee on the engagement to date on the Regional Policy Statement and Mid Canterbury Freshwater Management Units.

Recommendation

The Zone Committee receive the update and provides feedback.

Introduction

Phase Two of the consultation for the region-wide campaign, 'What's our future, Canterbury?' led by Environment Canterbury is currently underway. One-day summits are being held across the region including one held in Ashburton on 6 November 2023.

Feedback from the consultation will be used to help shape several plans and strategies and will inform the development of Canterbury's Regional Policy Statement, a powerful tool that sets the direction for all other district and regional plans, along with a climate action plan to build resilience to climate change risks in Waitaha/Canterbury. Phase Two feedback has focussed on testing draft visions, environmental and community wellbeing outcomes, and developing options and actions to meet them.

Freshwater management units (FMUs) must be created to support effective management of freshwater. An FMU can be a waterbody (such as a lake, river or wetland) or a group of waterbodies and their catchments at an appropriate scale for freshwater management. Areas within a large-scale FMU could be divided into smaller sub-FMUs during future planning processes. FMUs is one of several topics for which feedback is being sought in this consultation process.

Lisa Jenkins, Planning Team Leader and Simon Woodlock, Senior Planner, will provide an update on the engagement so far and receive feedback from the Zone Committee and the Mid Canterbury Visions Group.

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Zone Committee	
AGENDA ITEM NO: 10	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Zone Committee Action Plan Budget – applications for funding
KAITUHI/AUTHOR: Jaimee Grant	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 28 November 2023

Purpose

For the Zone Committee to consider two applications received for funding using their Zone Committee Action Plan Budget for FY2023/24.

Recommendation

That the Zone Committee:

1. **Receives** the two applications from Riverbridge Native Species Trust and Staveley Camp Committee, and
2. For each project, confirms whether it:
 - a. **Supports** the project being recommended for funding using the Ashburton Zone Committee Action Plan Budget for FY2023/34, or
 - b. **Does not support** the project being recommended for funding using the Ashburton Zone Committee Action Plan Budget for FY2023/34, or
 - c. **Requests further information** on the project before making a decision.

Introduction

As part of their Long-Term Plan 2021-2031, Environment Canterbury established the Zone Committee Action Plan (ZCAP) Budget. The purpose of the budget is to allow Zone Committees to focus on implementing their Action Plan and leverage other funding opportunities to achieve the CWMS priorities. This financial year, an allocation of **\$75,000** for ZCAP Budgets for each CWMS water zone was confirmed.

At the 29 August 2023 meeting, the Zone Committee recommended, and Environment Canterbury approved, \$10,000 of the ZCAP budget be allocated to the Ōtūwharekai/Ashburton Lakes Catchment Group for the purchase of a portable nitrate sensor, with provisions. This leaves **\$65,000** of the ZCAP Budget to be allocated this financial year.

Applications

Applications have been received from:

- Riverbridge Native Species Trust – Project Mudfish - refer **Agenda Item 10.1**
- Staveley Camp Committee - Staveley Camp Forest Community Possum Trap Library – refer **Agenda Item 10.2**

Copies of both applications, including the financial details for the Staveley Camp Forest Community Possum Trap Library, were sent to the Zone Committee prior to this meeting.

Summaries prepared by the Facilitator for the two projects are provided:

Application 1: Project Mudfish

Applicant	Riverbridge Native Species Trust
Funds requested	\$14,684.98
Project summary	<p>The aim of Project Mudfish is to expand and develop the Riverbridge wetland located at 302 Sheates Road, Ashburton. The project is seeking to increase the size of the wetland, developing habitat suitable for the critically endangered Canterbury Mudfish. The project requires earthworks, an expansion of the predator resistant fencing, planting of eco-sourced native plants and predator management.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expand the QEII covenanted wetland, developing habitat and increasing biodiversity. • enduring impact of this project reaches beyond biodiversity and out to the community. Riverbridge has the capacity to host local community groups, school visits and ornithologists.
Action Plan alignment	<p>We will focus on several waterbodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hakatere/Ashburton River and its tributaries (including Carters Creek and Wakanui hāpua) <p>We will work towards improving ecosystem health and meeting biodiversity targets by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating for the protection of native fish species including uninterrupted access to the sea and the reduction of fish barriers where appropriate.
How funding will be used	Will cover contractor costs, equipment hire, materials, plants, predator management, supplementary food for native species, project management and administration and education centre maintenance.
In-kind contributions and project partners	Trust members will voluntarily provide any other assistance as required.
Community engagement	Several Hampstead School visits have been hosted. Riverbridge welcomes visits from community groups by prior arrangement. The community will be engaged by continuing to build our relationship with local school groups, catchment collectives, forest and bird, the Department of Conservation and Environment Canterbury. Local media will be approached to promote the work being undertaken at Riverbridge.
Mahinga kai considerations <i>(Action Plan notes to ensure mahinga kai is considered in all projects and decisions)</i>	The wetland is home to a number of native and indigenous wildlife including the Canterbury Mudfish, Long Fin eel, Freshwater Crayfish (Koura), Brown Teal, Marsh Crake, Banded Dotterel, Australasian Bittern, Royal Spoon bills and a number of waterfowl species. Although Riverbridge has been created from pastoral land, many species which exist within the reserve are valued Mahinga Kai.



Image 1: General project area

Application 2: Staveley Camp Forest Community Possum Trap Library	
Applicant	Staveley Camp Committee
Funds requested	\$15,000.00
Project summary	<p>As part of Staveley Camp's Regeneration Project, they are looking to launch their Community Possum Trap Library and have been working with local residents and The Fantail Trust to assist and encourage predator trapping in their area. Possum control is a priority in the area and they aim to use the library as a 'hook' to get people actively engaged in caring for local taonga.</p> <p>Outcomes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction in possum numbers through trapping - Grow the knowledge, interest and support of the Staveley Camp Forest Regeneration Project by encouraging and assisting the Foothills community with trapping - Teach our library members how to use TrapNZ to monitor results (or provide other ways to do this if necessary) and to use ebird to monitor birdlife - Educate, encourage and assist with all aspects of native bush and bird vitality
Action Plan alignment	<p>Per application: The aspect of the Zone Committee Action Plan that the Trap Library aligns with is in the role of the Zone Committee to facilitate community engagement and collaboration, and enhancing the delivery capability and coalition of the willing.</p> <p><i>Facilitator notes that depending on reach and uptake of traps used by the community, may support possum control in Hakatere catchment.</i></p>
How funding will be used	Funding will go towards - community engagement coordinator costs, traps, publicity/marketing, signage and launch.

<p>In-kind contribution and project partners</p>	<p>Part of the WAI funding received from Environment Canterbury is going toward this project. At this stage, all project management has been and continues to be provided voluntarily, and at the current rate is a thousand hr pa. For this part of the project specifically, voluntary hours have been 90 and will continue at around 6 per week. Received funding from multiple sources for the wider work undertaken by the Staveley Camp Committee.</p> <p>Partnered with Methven Lions – Birdsong Initiative, The Fantail Trust, DOC Geraldine, Kakariki Camps, Ashburton MenzShed and Kanuka Trust.</p>
<p>Community engagement</p>	<p>Engaged through campaign to promote the trap library and other initiatives at Staveley Camp, networking of members and reporting will be encouraged.</p>
<p>Mahinga kai considerations <i>(Action Plan notes to ensure mahinga kai is considered in all projects and decisions)</i></p>	<p><i>Facilitator notes that trapping may result in protection of mahinga kai species depending on where trap uptake occurs.</i></p>
<p>Project area</p>	<p><i>Will depend on where the traps are utilised. The Staveley Camp and surrounding foothills community are noted in the application.</i></p>

Application for funding - Zone Committee Action Plan Budget 2022/23

Applicant details

Organisation (if applicable):	Riverbridge Native Species Trust
Contact name:	<i>Details provided</i>
Contact email:	<i>Details provided</i>
Contact phone number:	<i>Details provided</i>

About your project

The amount of information and detail we would like you to provide is in proportion to the amount of funding you are requesting. If it is smaller amount, then a simple description of your project, who's involved and what you will be doing, along with a simple budget is sufficient.

Project name:	<i>Project Mudfish</i>
CWMS zone where the activity will occur:	<i>Westerfield (Ashburton)</i>
Provide a brief project summary:	
<i>The aim of Project Mudfish to expand and develop the Riverbridge wetland located at 302 Sheates Road, Ashburton. The project is seeking to increase the size of the wetland, developing habitat suitable for the critically endangered Canterbury Mudfish. The project requires earthworks, an expansion of the predator resistant fencing, planting of eco-sourced native plants and predator management.</i>	
Describe the outcomes or impacts of this project:	
<i>Outcomes or impacts are what will change or who will benefit from this work, including enduring benefits. For example, fencing off springheads will improve biodiversity and improve stream health.</i>	
<i>The primary outcome is to expand the QEII covenanted wetland, developing habitat and increasing biodiversity. The enduring impact of this project reaches beyond biodiversity and out to the community. Riverbridge has the capacity to host local community groups, school visits and ornithologists.</i>	
List the key outputs of the project:	

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An output describes what your group is proposing to do and is measurable. For example, install 250 m of fencing, or train 25 volunteers. Outputs are important and may be used as milestones in a funding agreement.

The key outputs of this project are to utilise the natural landscape specifically, fencing an existing river channel and diverting a spring fed water source to create a new wetland. Culverts will be installed to ensure access is maintained and mudfish have safe passage into the new wetland.

The new wetland will be fenced with predator proof materials to minimise the likelihood of livestock and predators (feral cats, stoats, ferrets, weasels, hares, rabbits, possums and rats) entering the reserve. Predator management tools (traps and poison and manual removal) will be purchased and utilised to promote biodiversity.

Eco-sourced native plants will be purchased to provide habitat for native bird species.

Please state how the project aligns with the relevant Zone Committee's 2021-24 Action Plan:

All action plans can be found as a link at the bottom of the ["What's happening in my zone" page on the Environment Canterbury website.](https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/whats-happening-in-my-water-zone/) (<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/whats-happening-in-my-water-zone/>)

The project is located on the South bank of the South Branch of the Hakatere river. The Rivebridge wetland acts like a sponge, storing, filtering and releasing water slowly back into the Hakatere river. The wetland is home to a number of native and indigenous wildlife including the Canterbury Mudfish, Long Fin eel, Freshwater Crayfish (Koura), Brown Teal, Marsh Crake, Banded Dotterel, Australasian Bittern, Royal Spoon bills and a number of waterfowl species. Although Riverbridge has been created from pastoral land, many species which exist within the reserve are valued Mahinga Kai.

Tell us what activities you're intending to do and when you intend to have the project completed (timeline):

The expansion of the wetland will occur over a 12 month period (November 2023 – December 2024). Expansion milestones will include excavation works to flood pastoral land This will be completed by March 2024. Fencing will begin once the existing river channels on the land have been flooded with water. We anticipate fencing to be completed by June 2024. The soil be prepared for planting in late Winter by applying herbicide. Planting will be commence in early Spring (September 2024). Predator management (traps) will be deployed in Spring 2024. The project will be completed by 1 December 2024.

Tell us about the project management, including leadership and financial oversight:

The project will utilise contractors to complete the earthworks, fencing, spraying and then planting of trees. Volunteer labour will be utilised where possible to minimise the cost. The project milestones, contractor recruitment and financial elements will be managed by the Riverbridge Native Species Trust. The Rivebridge Native Species trust consist of highly experienced wetland builders, a qualified freshwater ecologist and an accountant.

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List any other groups or organisations you are partnering with on this project, such as community groups, schools etc:	
Riverbridge was fortunate to recently host a number of visits by Hampstead School. Riverbridge welcomes visits from community groups by prior arrangement.	
How will you engage the community on the project:	
The community will be engaged by continuing to build our relationship with local school groups, catchment collectives, forest and bird, the Department of Conservation and Environment Canterbury. Local media will be approached to promote the work being undertaken at Riverbridge.	
Do you know of any cultural values associated with this site?:	YES/ NO
If yes, what engagement has occurred or is planned (if any) with local Papatipu Rūnanga about this project?:	
Please provide an accurate location with grid reference and/or map (if relevant to your project):	
302 Sheates Road, Westerfield, Ashburton -43.823390, 171.647558	
Who owns the land?:	
<i>Attach evidence of permission from the landowner, or their representative.</i>	
<i>Landowner name provided.</i>	

Funding details

Please attach a budget to your application if one has been prepared. Your budget should include estimates of income and expenditure, including other funding and in-kind contributions. You should show clearly what you are planning to spend the Action Plan funds on if successful. We would like more detail if your application is for a larger amount

How much funding are you requesting?	\$14,684.98
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If you are successful with this application, what components of your project will you spend the money on?*:

If you have a project budget, please attach it to your application.

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Excavator Hire	\$250/hr	8	\$2000
Fencing Contractor / Machinery hire	\$120/hr	20	\$2400
Fencing Materials	\$1000		\$1000
Culverts (6m x 300mm)	\$499.99	2	\$999.98
Irrigation supplies	\$1000	1	\$1000
Herbicide	\$170	3	\$510
Eco sourced plants	\$1500		\$1500
Mulch	\$500		\$500
Labour	\$25 / hr	60	\$1500
Predator Management	\$700	Traps and bait	\$700
Supplementary food for native species	\$800		\$800
Administration	\$30 / hr	20	\$600
Project management	\$35 / hr	20	\$700
Education centre maintenance and sundries	\$475		\$475
Total			\$14684.98

Have you applied to or received funding from other organisations for this project?:	YES / NO
If yes, please provide details below or note if it is included in your attached budget.	

Is the project receiving any other monetary or “in-kind” contributions from your organisation or others e.g. manpower, use of resources, facilities and equipment?	YES / NO
If yes, please provide details below:	

Trust members will voluntarily provide any other assistance as required.

Working with us and Environment Canterbury

<p>In the last three years have you received funding or other support from Environment Canterbury for this, or any other project?*</p> <p>If yes, what was the funding/support for, and when did you receive it?:</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>
<p>Are you intending on applying to another Environment Canterbury fund this financial year for this, or any other project?</p> <p>If yes, what fund are you applying to?</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>

Additional information

Do you have supporting information you would like to provide (optional)?:

Please attach any supporting information with your application.

Once completed, please send this application form to dave.moore@ecan.govt.nz

Application for funding - Zone Committee Action Plan Budget 2022/23

Applicant details

Organisation (if applicable):	Staveley Campsite Committee
Contact name:	<i>Details provided</i>
Contact email:	<i>Details provided</i>
Contact phone number:	<i>Details provided</i>

About your project

The amount of information and detail we would like you to provide is in proportion to the amount of funding you are requesting. If it is smaller amount, then a simple description of your project, who's involved and what you will be doing, along with a simple budget is sufficient.

Project name:	<i>Staveley Camp Forest Community Possum Trap Library</i>
CWMS zone where the activity will occur:	<i>Ashburton Hinds</i>
Provide a brief project summary:	
<p>Staveley Camp Forest is one of the largest (10ha) intact beech-broadleaf remnant forests on the Canterbury Plains and is a great example of pre-human swamp forest composition with over 200 recorded species. However, it is seriously compromised by invasive weeds. The Regeneration Project weaves several threads together to protect and restore the forest including intensive weed control, community engagement, long-term financial viability and environmental education.</p> <p>We are about to launch our Community Possum Trap Library and have been working with local residents and The Fantail Trust to assist and encourage predator trapping in our area. We know that possum control is a priority in our area and aim to use the library as a 'hook' to get people actively engaged in caring for local taonga.</p> <p>Although the numerical outcomes from the trapping are very important, they will be a side-effect of the primary goals of the project which are to foster community engagement in caring for our local native wildlife habitats. Staveley Camp has a large community of users who generally come from further afield, while our very local community does not necessarily know very much about us or the work we are doing to protect MidCanterbury's equivalent of Dean's Bush in Christchurch.</p>	
Describe the outcomes or impacts of this project:	
<p><i>Outcomes or impacts are what will change or who will benefit from this work, including enduring benefits. For example, fencing off springheads will improve biodiversity and improve stream health.</i></p>	

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We aim to

- * Grow the knowledge, interest and support of the Staveley Camp Forest Regeneration Project by encouraging and assisting the Foothills community with trapping
- * Teach our library members how to use TrapNZ to monitor results (or provide other ways to do this if necessary) and to use ebird to monitor birdlife
- * Educate, encourage and assist with all aspects of native bush and bird vitality

List the key outputs of the project:

An output describes what your group is proposing to do and is measurable. For example, install 250 m of fencing, or train 25 volunteers. Outputs are important and may be used as milestones in a funding agreement.

- * Have at least 50 actively trapping library members by the end of 2024 (preliminary results show this could result in up to 5000 possums caught per year)

Please state how the project aligns with the relevant Zone Committee's 2021-24 Action Plan:

All action plans can be found as a link at the bottom of the ["What's happening in my zone" page on the Environment Canterbury website](https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/whats-happening-in-my-water-zone/). (<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/whats-happening-in-my-water-zone/>)

The aspect of the Zone Committee Action Plan that the Trap Library aligns with is in the role of the ZC to facilitate community engagement and collaboration, and enhancing the delivery capability and coalition of the willing.

Tell us what activities you're intending to do and when you intend to have the project completed (timeline):

This is an ongoing project

- * March 2023 - Collaboration between ECan, Enviroschools, F&B, MenzShed & Staveley Camp Forest "EnviroLeaders" School engagement – Windwhistle, Methven Primary, St Josephs, Wakanui, Carew Peel Forest – predator education and building of DOC 150 traps
- * Launch with a free trapping workshop run by DOC Geraldine 25th November
- * Provide safety information, instructions, signage, traps & support
- * Ensure regular contact with all members to encourage, assist and support
- * Liaise with other local trapping initiatives (ie Mt Hutt, The Fantail Trust and other local trappers) to link results of all trapping work in the area
- * Investigate options for animal carcass disposal which may generate income

Tell us about the project management, including leadership and financial oversight:

Staveley Camp has a nearly 70 year history beginning when the MidCanterbury Presbyterian Bible Class bought the land and adjoining bush for their Bible Class camps in 1959. The Staveley

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Campsite Committee is a Charitable Trust and Incorporated Society whose officers have successfully kept the place running, maintained and improving during the intervening decades. Retired farmer/builder Lindsay Jones is currently the chair, with Wright's Drycleaners owner/operator Stuart Cross as treasurer. The accounts are reviewed annually for the AGM. The chair and treasurer are backed up by twelve other members of the church community who have a long history with the camp.

Project manager is Gen de Spa who came into the camp in 2017 to take on a 120 hour weed eradication contract. Since then, she has started a small business (www.kakarikicamps.co.nz) with two others running nature connection school camps and put in over two thousand hours of voluntary work to ensure the long-term survival of the remnant forest.

The Staveley Campsite Committee has received funding from multiple sources including The QEII Trust's Stephenson Fund, ECan's IMS, CBS and WAI funding and the Ashburton District Council. All of this previous funding has been utilised and accounted for and we are grateful for the continued support of these organisations and agencies.

List any other groups or organisations you are partnering with on this project, such as community groups, schools etc:

- *Methven Lions – Birdsong Initiative
- *The Fantail Trust
- *DOC Geraldine
- *Kakariki Camps
- *Ashburton MenzShed
- *Kanuka Trust

How will you engage the community on the project:

- * letterbox drops, local newspaper articles, social media, email newsletters, posters etc to publicise the trap library and other initiatives at Staveley Camp
- * Library fees \$10 or buy a Timms trap \$65 so a financial incentive to join library
- * Encourage networking (sharing traps with other members eg 3 months on 3 month off) and celebrating results through FB group
- * Encourage reporting of birdlife and bush life to focus attention on what we care about

Do you know of any cultural values associated with this site?:

If yes, what engagement has occurred or is planned (if any) with local Papatipu Rūnanga about this project?:

NA

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Please provide an accurate location with grid reference and/or map (if relevant to your project):

Who owns the land?:

Attach evidence of permission from the landowner, or their representative.

NA

Funding details

Please attach a budget to your application if one has been prepared. Your budget should include estimates of income and expenditure, including other funding and in-kind contributions. You should show clearly what you are planning to spend the Action Plan funds on if successful. We would like more detail if your application is for a larger amount

How much funding are you requesting?

\$15,000

If you are successful with this application, what components of your project will you spend the money on?*

If you have a project budget, please attach it to your application.

Activity to be funded	Briefly Describe	Actual Amount Required	Funding requested
Community Engagement Co-ordinator	10 hpw @ \$25ph	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 7,100.00
Traps	100 @ \$65 ea	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Publicity	4 x Letter box drops	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
	Printing	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
	Social Media Marketing (Recon Marketing)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 600.00

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Signage	50 x <i>Beware Trapping in Progress on this Property</i> signs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	
Launch	afternoon teas	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	
		\$23,900	\$15,000	
Have you applied to or received funding from other organisations for this project?: If yes, please provide details below or note if it is included in your attached budget.			YES	
Applied to WWF and were unsuccessful; some of our WAI funding is allocated to this project				
Is the project receiving any other monetary or “in-kind” contributions from your organisation or others e.g. manpower, use of resources, facilities and equipment? If yes, please provide details below:			YES	
At this stage, all project management has been and continues to be provided voluntarily, and at the current rate is a thousand hr pa. For this part of the project specifically, voluntary hours have been 90 and will continue at around 6 per week.				

Working with us and Environment Canterbury

In the last three years have you received funding or other support from Environment Canterbury for this, or any other project?* If yes, what was the funding/support for, and when did you receive it?:	YES
<p>WAI Fund \$30,000 2023-24</p> <p>WAI Fund \$30,000 2022-23 – For community engagement projects including Social and Ecological Oral History and Book Project; Friends of the Forest/Weed Wrangling Weekends; Community Trap Library</p> <p>CBS Fund \$9,000 2023-24</p> <p>CBS Fund \$9,000 2022-23</p> <p>CBS Fund \$23,000 2021-22– For weed control work specifically cotoneaster and sycamore</p>	
Are you intending on applying to another Environment Canterbury fund this financial year for this, or any other project?	YES

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If yes, what fund are you applying to?	
If there are other funds which could be relevant for us especially for weed control work, we will apply as this forest will still need many thousands of hours of weed control work to ensure its survival as a native remnant.	

Additional information

Do you have supporting information you would like to provide (optional)?:

Please attach any supporting information with your application.

**Once completed, please send this application form to
dave.moore@ecan.govt.nz**

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Zone Committee	
AGENDA ITEM NO: 11	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Committee Updates
KAITUHI/AUTHOR: Jaimee Grant	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 28 November 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. 2024 Meeting dates

Tentative dates for meetings/workshops/field trips for 2024 are listed below for feedback from the committee (4th Tuesday of each month). Note a minimum of four formal meetings are required per year.

- 30 January
- 27 February
- 26 March
- 23 April (falls during school holidays)
- 28 May
- 25 June
- 23 July
- 27 August
- 24 September
- 26 November

Please provide any feedback on these dates to the Facilitator.

2. Action Plan Budget

Advertisements have been placed in the Guardian and Ashburton Courier and on social media during October to increase community awareness of this funding.

\$10,000 has been recommended by the Zone Committee for the purchase of a portable nitrate sensor for the Ōtūwharekai Ashburton Lakes Catchment Group, leaving \$65,000 for other projects.

As at 21 November 2023, two applications noted in Agenda Item 3 have been received along with a further application due to come in.