

# Christchurch - Banks Peninsula Biosecurity Advisory Group

## Meeting Minutes

Group	Christchurch - Banks Peninsula
Date	Tuesday, 28 November 2023
Time	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Venue	Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street
Invited	Colin Meurk, Dawn Hendrikse, Flore Mas, Gilda Otway, John Clemens, Lauren Roberts, Pam Richardson, Philip Hulme, Rob Cruickshank, Stacey Te Pōhue Rose, John Kottier, Cr Greg Byrnes, Nic Head, Paul Devlin, Paige Lawson, Morgan Shields, Tia Matchitt, Laurence Smith, Carl Diamond, Bruce Marshall
In attendance	Pam Richardson, John Kottier, Dawn Hendrikse, Glida Otway, John Clemens, Rob Cruickshank, Philip Hulme, Rowan Sprague, Cr Greg Byrnes, Colin Meurk, Alison Evans, Stacey Te Pōhue Rose, Flore Mas, Lauren Roberts, Cynthia Roberts, Shelley Washington, Nancy Collis, Laurence Smith, Morgan Shields, Paige Lawson, Tia Matchitt, Bruce Marshall, Alice Wills
Apologies	Nic Head, Carl Diamond, Paul Devlin
Chair	Pam Richardson

Item	Subject	Actions
1	<b>Welcome, karakia, apologies, introductions</b>	
2	<b>Previous meeting recap and actions</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pig's ear – presentation. Forming a working group</li> <li>Gilda – Running a working group at Little River. Garden Escapees</li> <li>Garden weeds – Impacting biodiversity group. Develop a brochure with what plants you can plant.</li> <li>Greater Christchurch pest free removal strategy.</li> <li>New <a href="#">Environment Canterbury pest search</a> on website.</li> <li>Rural Matters <a href="#">sign up page</a> (takes a moment to load)</li> <li>Vehicle standards and wash downs</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Biosecurity Group administration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mileage</li> <li>Sharepoint update: a Teams channel has been created. Environment Canterbury staff will provide a session on how to use it if needed.</li> </ul>	Action: Add Alison Evans to Teams channel
4	<b>Public in attendance</b>	

	<i>This time is for members of the public who have requested an opportunity to address the group to do so.</i>	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIL</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Main agenda items</b>	
5.1	Nassella Tussock Advisory Group	Laurence Smith
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sub-group for nassella tussock consisting of landowners from throughout Waitaha Canterbury.</li> <li>Environment Canterbury spend over \$70,000pa to make sure landowners control their properties.</li> <li>A property up to four-hectares was found in South Canterbury.</li> <li>There is worry that the gains we have made over the years will be lost.</li> <li>We have met with contractors who do the work in the industry. Concerns around the compliance date of 31 October each year. Talked through the current programme and inspections.</li> <li>Nassella seeds in November.</li> <li>Monitoring has been going since 1999.</li> <li>There are 20 billion seeds released in the district each year.</li> <li>Last year we did 300 inspections and only issue Action on Default (AOD) twice.</li> <li>Charging for inspections is a bit of an issue. There has been push back on costs issued from Environment Canterbury.</li> <li>As we start looking into the Regional Pest Management Plan, we will be getting the community involved.</li> <li>Pam – Snapshot on BP? Manageable and controlled.</li> <li>John – What’s the push back? Mixture of things, cost, legislation.</li> <li>We have had 23 points of contacts with a landowner before we issue an AOD.</li> <li>Pam – Number of years ago there was a nassella tussock video shown, is that video still available? Number of videos available on YouTube.</li> <li>Colin – Concern about ensuring the community know the difference between nassella and native species.</li> </ul>	I found <a href="#">this historical video</a> on YouTube.
	Pigs Ear Meeting updates	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A working group for pig’s ear has been formed to garner ideas on how it might be managed within BP.</li> <li>Looking at how pig’s ear can be managed in the northeast and top of Banks Peninsula.</li> <li>Not a pest in the regional plan. Have received submissions in the past for it to be added.</li> <li>Could be declared similar to gorse and broom to make sure neighbours control it. First step is looking to do a bit of assessment around where it will sit in the Act, site lead RPMP.</li> </ul>	Tia: Send out one-page pig’s ear information to group.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hasn't gone through cost-benefit analysis yet.</li> <li>• Can stock graze on it? No, poisonous to stock.</li> <li>• Investigations for any herbicides are yet occur.</li> <li>• 1936 – First recorded in Sumner but likely established well beforehand. Had reached Camp Bay in the 1940s.</li> <li>• One of the first step of any programme, survey, surveillance and where else it is on the peninsula. Wanting to update the location map.</li> <li>• Article going in Akaroa Mail encouraging people to report it on the peninsula.</li> <li>• Maybe running field days and get landowners on board.</li> <li>• Community driven.</li> <li>• Hamish Menzie has been spraying pig's ear on his property for years. Worried that his neighbours aren't doing it.</li> <li>• John – Transition from Jobs for Nature, add more pests. Form an entity.</li> <li>• Spot spraying best way for control</li> <li>• Colin – Important to understand the damage of any methodology. Need to be careful not to spray native plants.</li> <li>• Garden escapees workshop with community – Glida, aiming for next year. Could mention pig's ear at workshop.</li> <li>• Will be another pig's ear meeting. Proposed end of Jan around DOC land.</li> </ul>	<p>Paige: to organise field day with working group.</p> <p>See attached invitation.</p>
	Long Term Plan overview	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg – Council has had workshops and briefings. Four core projects/areas.</li> <li>• Pre-draft LTP, submissions. A lot of workshops around the region.</li> <li>• All credit to Vicky Southworth, target rate over and above for ChCh/BP around \$1m for Biodiversity and Biosecurity, for works on the ground.</li> <li>• Make submissions from your views.</li> <li>• Sign off on a draft in December and will be released in the New Year.</li> <li>• Laurence – Applied for funding for new position for marine /freshwater.</li> <li>• Biocontrol – funding for new biocontrol. Landcare are involved in biocontrol.</li> <li>• Local councils contribute to biocontrol.</li> <li>• A lot of work is done overseas before it arrives in NZ.</li> <li>• Biocontrol is a long-term control option and used on widespread species. It is expensive.</li> <li>• Different amounts of funding depending on the size of the Council, e.g \$66,000 for a big council. Environment Canterbury contributed around \$24,000 this year.</li> </ul>	<p>Action: Plan for next meeting around public submission period March - April</p>
	Top ten weeds	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-it notes were provided for top ten weeds.</li> </ul>	Poll attached for the Group to vote their top ten weeds.
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Group member item</b></p> <p><i>The floor is open for any matters of general business.</i></p>	
6.1	Presentation: Dr Philip Hulme	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed invasions on Banks Peninsula</li> <li>• Land use change, a lot of pine shelterbelts around BP. Surveyed BP and where you might find pine.</li> <li>• Shows the link around risk areas.</li> <li>• Funding for the next four years, major weed project.</li> <li>• Understanding what is happening within the landscapes.</li> <li>• Stakeholder day and try to understand who we can work best with.</li> <li>• Colin – we learnt with the fires that many of our weeds on BP have adapted to fire.</li> </ul>	Presentation to be sent out.
6.2	<p>Presentation: Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research: Weed Future focus</p> <p>Tackling Emerging Weeds</p>	Presentation to be sent out.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research proposal for tackling weeds</li> <li>• Garden escapees are going to be more of a problem.</li> <li>• More stress on native ecosystems</li> <li>• How can we shift to more proactive weed management.</li> <li>• If you need references from landowner - Pam Richardson.</li> <li>• Would there be a high-country element as well? Might be something that has dropped off due to funding restrictions.</li> </ul>	<p>Tia to send out link for survey. Closes 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – sent separately.</p> <p>Tia to send link out to other three Biosecurity Advisory Groups – sent.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>General Business</b>	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alison Evans (CCC) – Paul asked me to come along.</li> <li>• Involved with discussions around pig's ear.</li> <li>• Feral goats and ungulate. Group to have a think about legislation.</li> <li>• OMB – infestation, community parks and reserve, leaning on the parks team at CCC to get the work done.</li> <li>• Introducing boneseed leaf roller in Barnett Park.</li> <li>• Two big reserves on Banks Peninsula, Akaroa side with wilding pines that will be removed. Native forest planning is going in place.</li> <li>• John Clemens – presents his points.</li> </ul>	Tia: John's report to be sent out.
	<p>John Clemens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spur valerian growing on roadsides.</li> <li>• If we don't start to seek some public support, we won't get anywhere with this plant.</li> </ul>	Form a working group, talk to Paul and Alison.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Council only council responsible for land between landowner property to curb side.</li> <li>• How does the Group feel about sitting with Alison and Paul at CCC?</li> <li>• Changing the behaviour of people is a big thing. Showing people why it needs control brings more chance of success.</li> <li>• Could we invite CCC parks and gardens and roading along to meeting?</li> <li>• Enviroschools – have a great relationship with schools.</li> </ul>	<p>Community Waterways partnership having a workshop first half of next year. Group to be invited along – Shelly going to send information.</p> <p>Paige – to send information through about Enviroschools from Environment Canterbury.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Summary &amp; Take-Aways</b>	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send Phil's presentation.</li> <li>• Send biocontrol info from Morgan.</li> <li>• Weed strategy on Banks Peninsula. Talk to/engage the community first.</li> <li>• Attending second wild animal conference. \$24m in the pot. Thinking about where money could be spent. Case needs to be put forward for funding and get the community involved.</li> </ul>	<p>Pam Richardson</p> <p>Tia – to send Cat Management Act presentation.</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Next Meeting and closing Karakia</b>	
	<p>Marine pests – knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>Engage with LTP process. Time next meeting around public consultation process March-April 2024.</p>	
	Meeting closed @ 6pm	