

INTRODUCTION

The first stockwater races were constructed in the Ashburton District in the 1860's. There are now around 3,600 kilometres of stockwater race in the district, supplying some 233,000 hectares of land and over 2,000 individual properties.

The Stockwater Race Bylaw was adopted by Council, in November 1999, to replace earlier Water Race Bylaws.

This leaflet explains what land owner/occupiers can and can't do with stockwater races on their property under this bylaw.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

The Council is responsible for

- the maintenance of all **main** stockwater races
- the maintenance of all **culverts under roads** in the District
- enforcing the Stockwater Bylaw

The land occupier/owner is responsible for

- maintaining **all other stockwater races** and associated equipment
- maintaining **all culverts and water race crossings** on their property

WHAT YOU MUST DO

Under the Stockwater Bylaw, as a land owner owner/occupier **it is your responsibility to ensure that:**

- all water races are cleaned and maintained in good order
- original depth and width of the race is not increased as a result of maintenance work
- water quality does not deteriorate as it passes across your property
- any damage to water race banks is promptly and properly repaired
- animals have access to the water race for drinking purposes only, which may mean installing specially constructed and reinforced stock watering bays
- all stockwater culverts are maintained and kept in proper repair and condition
- water is contained within the race banks and able to flow freely along the length of water race at all times
- all material obstructing or polluting the flow of water is removed immediately

WHAT YOU MAY NOT DO

Under the stockwater Bylaw, as a land owner owner/occupier with stockwater races on your property **you may not:**

- irrigate from a stockwater race
- allow pollution of the water
- obstruct the flow of water
- interfere with any stockwater equipment, or control structure
- obstruct any person employed by Council in the discharge of their duties
- allow any dead animal to be in, or live animal to linger in, the water race
- drive or lead any animal, vehicle or machine into or through any race other than at an appointed crossing
- allow any person to bathe in any water race or pond
- allow domesticated waterfowl access to the race
- plant any tree, shrub, gorse, broom or thorn within two metres of the edge or bank of any water race
- allow diversion of the water of any stream, water course, pond, swamp or stormwater runoff from its natural flow into any race
- cause or permit any water to run to waste from any service connected to the water race

ACTIVITIES REQUIRING WRITTEN APPROVAL

You must make a written application to the Ashburton District Council and have written approval before carrying out any of the following activities.

WATER RACE WORKS

- Deviation / extension / closure of existing race
- Construction of new race
- Construction of new culvert / crossing

WATER RACE SERVICES

- Pipe Service
- Pump Service
- Ram Service
- Extension to pipe/pump/ram service
- Pond Service

More information on these activities and how to apply for them is detailed in the Stockwater Race Information Leaflet No 2: "Making a Stockwater Race Application"

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

If you have a problem with your stockwater race or would like further information on the Stockwater Race Network please contact your area water ranger.

STOCKWATER RACE AREA	CONTACT NO.
Methven – Lauriston	027 435 4721
Winchmore – Rakaia	027 435 4722
Montalto – Hinds	027 435 4723
Mt Somers – Willowby	027 435 4724

Alternatively, contact the Ashburton District Council Office.

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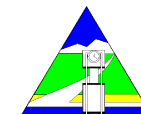
All relevant forms can be downloaded from the above website.

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