

Biodiversity Advisory Group

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

A meeting of the Biodiversity Advisory Group will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 6 October 2020
Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street
Ashburton

Membership

Ashburton District Council:	Cr Lynette Lovett (Chair) Mayor Neil Brown (ex officio) Cr Diane Rawlinson Bert Hofmans (Open Spaces Planner)
DOC:	Ian Fraser and Brad Edwards
Environment Canterbury:	Donna Field (also Whitcombe Landcare Group rep) Janine Holland
Federated Farmers:	Mike Salvesen
Fish & Game:	Jayde Couper and Mark Webb
Fonterra:	Mat Cullen
Foothills Landcare Group:	Gen de Spa
Forest & Bird, ACCT:	Val Clemens and Edith Smith
Forest & Bird Society:	Mary Ralston (also Awa Rata reserve rep)
Kānuka Trust:	No person specified
Mt Somers Walkway Society & Lake Heron Conservation Society:	Barry Austin
Synlait:	Michael Edmundson
QEII Trust:	Alice Shanks
Water Zone Committee:	Bill Thomas

Biodiversity Advisory Group

Timetable	
Time	Item
1.00pm	Meeting commences

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Extraordinary Business**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Previous Minutes & Actions**
 - Receipt of minutes 4/08/20
- 5 Reports and Presentations**
 - 5.1 Update on work Fonterra is doing for indigenous biodiversity – Marcelo Wibmer
 - 5.2 Craspedia (Wakanui) – Val Clemens
 - 5.3 Harris Scientific Reserve – Edith Smith
 - 5.4 Update on meeting with Forest & Bird and ADC regarding Ashton Beach – Edith Smith
- 6 General Matters**
- 7 Agency Updates**
 - Whitcombe Landcare Group
 - ECAN
 - Kānuka Trust
- 8 Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday 8 December 2020

Agency Updates

Donna Field, Whitcombe Landcare Group

- Working with LINZ, Boffa Miskill and DOC on weed management programme. \$3000000.00. Pete Caldwell from Boffa Miskill has taken over the management of the programme from DOC Liz Gunning due to increase in budget funding from LINZ.
- There is also another funding round with an unknown amount of money from LINZ. A meeting is planned for early October to discuss what it will look like.
- Trapping project is up and running for the 2021 season.
- We are waiting to hear from the Trust Powers Rakaia River Biodiversity Enhancement Fund on project funding for the Rakaia Gorge Guardians project. This is a joint project between land owners, ECAN, Selwyn District Council. At this stage ADC is offering moral support for the project via Bert Hofmans.
- Pigs increasing in area exponentially.

Donna Field, Environment Canterbury

- Work in the Ashburton River is in full swing with spraying being done, trapping starting and birds to be found.
- There will be a survey of the Ashburton River on the 21st November.
- Work is continuing to be done at river mouth with walking tack being put in by D and E. There has been some vandalism and we will continue to monitor how to manage it.
- Looking at nest stages for improving the instream habitat for the spring system, continued signage and bird viewing platform developed.
- The surface water team combined with fish and game are going to do a hapua monitoring project looking at water quality and fish species.
- On the land management front we are going to start a campaign on making sure people with winter grazing have consent to farm.

Kānuka Trust

- Since our last meeting we provided our planting equipment for 17 volunteers from the Hinds community to plant 120 plants at Hinds domain.
- Our Hinds School mudfish project has continued with 350 plants being planted by the Piwaka class and some Hinds and district Lions volunteers at the property of Bob Ellis.
- We have rescheduled the Beneficial Bugs field day to Thursday 22nd October, please email kanukatrust@outlook.com for details.