

ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

DATE: Friday 27 October 2023

TIME: 9.00 am

VENUE: Staveley Camp, Sawmill Road, Staveley

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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Environment Canterbury



Ashburton Zone Committee Meeting

Friday 27 October 2023

Meeting Commences: 9.00am

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- 13 Other business
- 14 Close Meeting and Karakia

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

5.1 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.

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

Dated this 27th day of October 2023 _____ (Chair)

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Zone Committee	
AGENDA ITEM NO: 8	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Rakaia River Projects update
KAITUHI/AUTHOR: Dave Moore	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 27 October 2023

Purpose

To update the Committee on projects in the upper Rakaia.

Recommendation

The Zone Committee receive the updates and provides Feedback.

Report

1. Water quality for contact recreation

Billy Bartrum (ECan) and Pete Caldwell (LINZ) will give an overview of the Me Uru Rākau programme and three-catchment based protection/regeneration programmes in the Upper Rakaia:

1. Billy - The Me Uru Rākau program (from ECan) which is a catchment-based protection, planting and restoration programme designed to support communities to enhance biodiversity in their area.
<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/about/your-council/about-us/our-work/biodiversity-and-biosecurity/#MeUruRakau>
2. Pete – Upper Rakaia Weed Control – 12-year project managing braided river weeds in the Upper Rakaia Catchment
3. Pete – Rakaia Predator control – 6-year project trapping to ensure protection of Wrybill and black fronted terns.
4. Billy – Rakaia Gorge weed control – 3-year project managing terrestrial weeds in the Rakaia Gorge

HUI/MEETING: Ashburton Zone Committee	
AGENDA ITEM NO: 10	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Zone Committee updates
KAITUHI/AUTHOR: Dave Moore	WĀ/MEETING DATE: 27 October 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
- 28 May
- 25 June
- 23 July
- 27 August
- 24 September
- 22 October
- 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.