

**Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management
Committee**

on

Monday 6 May 2019

1pm

**Meeting Room 1
Timaru District Council
2 King George Place
Timaru**

Orari-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee

Notice is hereby given that an Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee meeting will be held on Monday 6 May 2019 at 1pm, in Meeting Room 1, Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru.

Committee Members:

Hamish McFarlane (Chairman), David Anderson, Phil Driver, Sue Eddington, John Henry, Richard Lyon, Lucy Millar, Anne Munro, Lan Pham, Luke Reihana, Glen Smith, Herstatt Ulrich and Mark Webb

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee

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Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Management Committee
for the Meeting of 6 May 2019

Report for Agenda Item No 6

Prepared by Lesley Woudberg
Facilitator

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the April 2019 Committee meeting.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 1 April 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee

Minutes of an Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held in Meeting Room 1, Timaru District Council, 2 King George Place, Timaru, on Monday 1 April at 1pm

Present Hamish McFarlane (Chairperson), Phil Driver, Sue Eddington, John Henry, Lucy Millar, Clr Anne Munro, Clr Richard Lyon, Clr Lan Pham, Luke Reihana, Herstatt Ulrich, and Mark Webb

Karakia John Henry opened the meeting with a karakia

Apology Proposed Herstatt Ulrich
Seconded Mark Webb

“That an apology from David Anderson be accepted.”

Motion carried

In Attendance Lesley Woudberg (Facilitator), Clr Peter Scott (Regional Committee), Lyn Carmichael (Senior Planner and Community Lead), Rhys Taylor (Community Engagement Officer), Dan Clarke (ECan Senior Hydrology Scientist and Technical Lead)(from 1.30pm), Lloyd McMillan, Michael McMillan, John Benn (Department of Conservation), Tom Henderson, Jan Finlayson, Jeremy Boys (Opuha Water Ltd)

1. Declaration of Interests

There were no conflicts of interests declared.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed Clr Lan Pham
Seconded Phil Driver

“That the minutes of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee meeting held on 26 November 2018 be confirmed.”

Motion carried

3. Working of OTOP Zone Committee

The Committee considered a report by the Facilitator on the working of the Committee for 2019.

The Committee acknowledged the work of Hamish McFarlane in the chairmanship role over the last year - leading the Committee through the extensive process of completing the Zone Implementation Addendum.

Election of Chairperson

Nominations were called for the position of Chairperson of the Committee.

Proposed Clr Lyon
Seconded Phil Driver

“That Hamish McFarlane be appointed Chairperson of the OTOP Committee for the coming year.”

There being no further nominations Hamish McFarlane was declared elected Chairperson.

Election of Deputy Chairperson

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the OTOP Committee for the coming year.

Proposed Phil Driver
Seconded Mark Webb

“That Herstatt Ulrich be appointed Deputy Chairperson of the OTOP Committee for the coming year.”

There being no further nominations Herstatt was declared Deputy Chairperson.

Regional Committee Representative

Nominations were called for the position of Regional Committee Representative.

Proposed Hamish McFarlane
Seconded Herstatt Ulrich

“That Phil Driver be appointed Regional Committee representative for the coming year.”

There being no further nominations Phil Driver was declared Regional Committee representative.

Meetings for 2019

The Facilitator noted that the OTOP meetings have been confirmed up to the October 2019 local authority elections, with tentative meeting dates after that.

Discussion took place on the timing of meetings and the other commitments of members and noting that the workload on the Committee should be less. It was agreed that on occasions when there is a particularly big agenda, meetings could start earlier.

Although monthly meetings may not always be necessary, it was agreed to leave the monthly schedule in place at this stage until priorities are confirmed in the strategic planning session. While monthly meetings are scheduled, they can be cancelled if a meeting is not necessary.

Key Pieces of Work Envisaged by the Committee

The Committee discussed the functions of OTOP now that the ZIP and ZIPA have been completed. The Chairperson advised that this will be considered in a workshop, and reference will be made to the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

The Facilitator advised that she has identified regulatory and non regulatory actions contained in the ZIPA.

The Committee noted the input from Phil Driver on his views around the future work of the Committee. Phil Driver stressed that the Committee needs to use its time effectively and look at its potential to have input into the zone and how the Committee can influence the outcomes of the ZIPA.

It was pointed out that the Committee needs to -

- be conscious of the background to the CWMS,
- be aware of the role of the Regional Committee in achieving the targets of the CWMS,
- reflect on the ZIPA,
- aim to achieve what can be done especially on non regulatory issues,
- continue to work closely with the community.

The Regional Committee's second meeting for 2019 will be held on 9 April when its advice to Environment Canterbury and the Mayoral Forum on the future evolution of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy will be finalised.

It was suggested that as a first step a cross check be made with the ZIPA and the ZIP, (there may be things in the ZIP that are not adequately reflected in the ZIPA).

The Committee agreed to workshop the issues over the next 2 meetings and the results be presented to a future formal OTOP meeting.

4. Community Forum

Tom Henderson suggested there should be an independent review of the efficiency of what is happening on the big rivers with electricity generation, given the system is many years old. Comment was made that the Waitaki River has been optimised for electricity generation for the benefit of New Zealand rather than the health of the Waitaki.

Clr Peter Scott suggested that Andrew Fairbairn of Meridian who has talked to the Lower Waitaki committee, could talk to OTOP. However it was pointed out that OTOP will have sufficient work to do in concentrating on the OTOP zone, and already there is work to do looking at how the Opihi River is being managed in terms of efficiency.

5. ZIPA and Post ZIPA

The meeting considered a report on the decisions made by councils on receipt of the OTOP ZIPA, a brief outline of the Resource Management Act planning process, and the regulatory and non-regulatory recommendations in the ZIPA. A table was circulated at the meeting, setting out the regulatory and non regulatory ZIPA recommendations.

Catchment Groups have been active while OTOP has been busy with its ZIPA. The Community Engagement Officer gave a verbal update on how the Catchment Groups are progressing. There are also a number of other catchment groups facilitated by volunteers. Over the next year while awaiting statutory actions, there is a great opportunity for the aims of the ZIPA to be acted on by the catchment groups where possible, particularly with the non regulatory actions for good management practice.

6. Facilitator's Update

The Committee considered the Facilitator's update, as well as background information on the Omnibus Plan Change, a table of areas on rivers and lakes used for freshwater bathing and the 2018 OTOP Annual Report.

- The Committee discussed the issue with braided rivers. It is a complex issue including land ownership, definition of a braided river, future management, and policies and rules that will apply. The court decision may be a year or two away, and in the meantime the braided rivers issue cannot be included in the plan change.
- Farmer led workshops on winter grazing are taking place – it would be a good opportunity for the specific recommendations from the ZIPA on winter grazing to be promoted.
- It was suggested that the NIWA tool kit which is now available could be presented to OTOP, possibly facilitated by Senior Water Quality Scientist Shirley Hayward.

7. Meeting closed

John Henry drew the meeting to a close at 2pm with a Karakia.

Chairperson

ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI- PAREORA ZONE COMMITTEE	Agenda item: 7
TOPIC: Context – Environment Canterbury Zone Delivery	
AUTHOR: Lesley Woudberg (Facilitator)	DATE: 6 MAY 2019

Purpose:

To provide the context for the Environment Canterbury's OTOP Zone Delivery Report.

Staff Recommendation

That the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Zone Committee decides to:

Note the report on the context of Environment Canterbury's Zone Delivery work programme report.

Report

Recommendations that the zone committee has made in the ZIP and ZIPA to deliver the Canterbury Water Management Strategy in the OTOP zone fall into two categories;

1. Regulation
2. Non-regulation

Environment Canterbury has picked up many of the recommendation that involve regulation as part of the *Land and Water Regional Plan* and the much-anticipated Plan Change 7. Recommendations are also directed at District Councils to include protection of culturally significant sites and biodiversity.

The committee will continue to receive regular updates on the progress of Plan Change 7 and hopefully district councils will also inform the committee of changes to their statutory documents as they are developed.

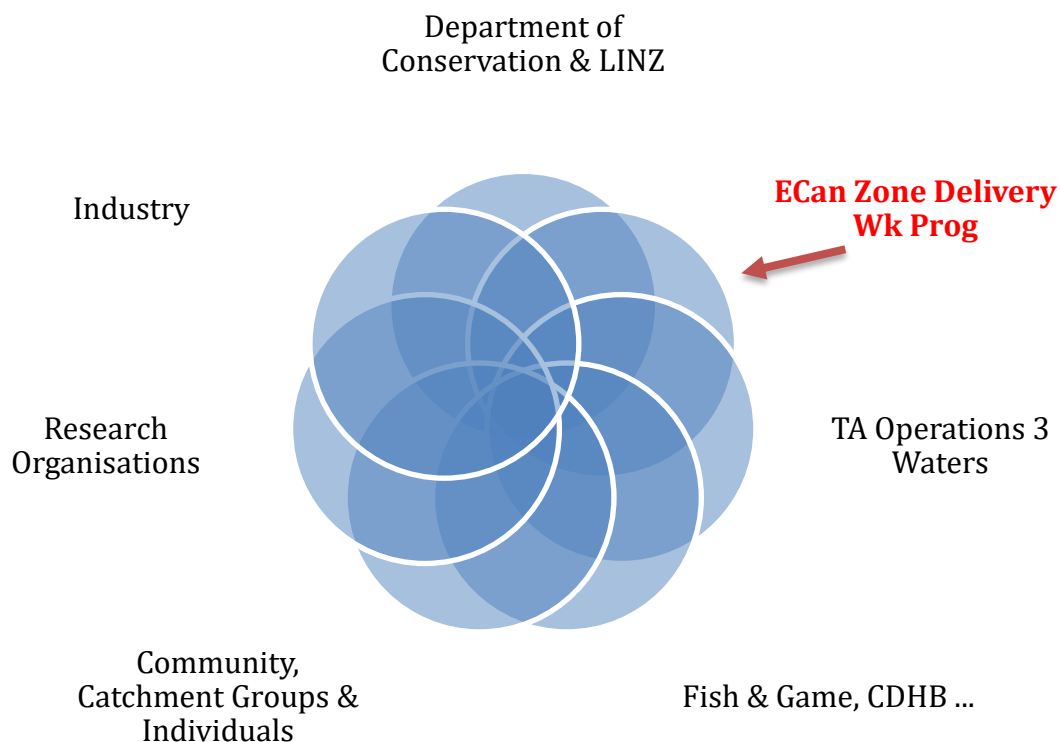
The focus now turns to non-regulatory engagement, action, compliance, monitoring, investigations and reporting. Many of which are jointly delivered by several parties.

Part of this puzzle is Environment Canterbury's Zone Delivery Work Programme.

Brian Reeves, Environment Canterbury's OTOP Zone Delivery Manager, will provide the committee with an overview and update on the current zone delivery work programme.

WHO DELIVERS OUR ZIP AND ZIPA RECOMMENDATIONS?

Indicative diagram only - there are many others who may have a part to play in delivering OTOP ZIP and ZIPA recommendations)



ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI- PAREORA ZONE COMMITTEE	Agenda item:7 (cont'd)
TOPIC: Progress Report - Environment Canterbury OTOP Zone Delivery Work Programme	
AUTHOR: Brian Reeves (OTOP Zone Delivery Lead)	DATE: 6 MAY 2019

Purpose:

To provide a progress report on Environment Canterbury's OTOP Zone Delivery Work Programme.

Staff Recommendation

That the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Zone Committee decides to:

Receive the progress report on Environment Canterbury's OTOP Zone Delivery Work Programme.

Report

The purpose and function of the zone committee is to:

- **Facilitate community involvement in the development, implementation, review and updating of a ZIP that gives effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy in the OTOP area; and**
- **Monitor progress of the implementation of the ZIP.**

This report focuses on the second function of the committee, **monitoring progress** and focuses on the work of Environment Canterbury's Zone Delivery Team.

Environment Canterbury's Zone Delivery Team – Progress Update

The opportunity: (InZone Reporting)

- Growing demands by internal stakeholders, councillors, committees and industry has driven a need for timely, accurate progress reporting across the region and from each zone delivery team.
- The functionality required is now too complex for Excel spreadsheets that were initially established to manage, and report work programmes.

The solution (InZone):

- InZone is being created to manage the content, updates and reporting of work programmes.
- The system will enable flexible reporting to show progress against each zone's work programme which can be segmented by geographic, strategic and stakeholder variables.
- It will be a single source of truth and will be accessed simultaneously by multiple users.
- Monthly project and quarterly milestone and outcome updates will ensure the data is current and accurate.
- InZone is also being designed to enable integration with other systems including the creation of spatial stories in conjunction with ECan maps in the future.
- Work Programmes will **capture and report** the following information for each project:
 - **Project overview:**
Project Name, Description, Zone, Related Milestones and Outcomes, Estimated Start and Completion Dates
 - **Location information:**
Management Catchment, Water Catchments

Note, we will work on integrating with ECan maps in the future

- **Project people:**
Project lead, ECan project participants, Zone Committee Member Sponsor, External Organisations and contacts
- **Strategic Summary:**
Related Levels of Service and associated targets, CWMS targets
- Work Programme status updates will **capture and report**:
- **Outcome Progress (quarterly):**
Outcome Status, Achievements, Commentary
- **Milestone Progress (quarterly):**
Milestone Status and Percentage Complete, Achievements, Commentary
- **Project Progress (monthly):**
Project Status and Percentage Complete, Achievements, Commentary.

Saltwater Creek example:

Reporting Period

Status

20% Complete

Mar FY2018/19

On Schedule

20%

Working bee held Fri 15 March released hundreds of previously planted native shrubs at Otipua Wetland, with group of adult volunteers and ARA students. Photos available. Education event Thur 28 March at Fairview Hall organized with Beef+Lamb on monitoring water quality, using Stream Health Monitoring Assessment Kit. (Our own SHMAK kit is on order from NIWA, too).

Next public meeting session being planned for evening 1 May at Timaru Boys' High School, in association with TDC.

Feb FY2018/19

On Schedule

10%

First InZone report: Mailbox leafletted entire Otipua-Saltwater Creek catchment plus media announcements prior to launch meeting in October. 50 attended launch meeting held 29 Oct at Timaru Boys High School. Webpage created (Kate Doran) and email list started. Second public meeting held 29 November with guests from Cashmere Stream group. Third event a field visit to weir and lower Creek 11 Feb to see water life (including fish trapping by Graeme Clarke). Met Dairy NZ rep (Heather Donaldson) to suggest a dairy open day later in year as educational event.

Planning another public meeting for Group in March or April - timing depends on two TDC guests' availability and progress of draft stormwater management plan.

Helping Beef + Lamb to prepare and host a training session 28 March for farmers in this catchment on water quality monitoring.

Preparing budget for project development after June 2019. Planning Otipua wetland working session for volunteers in mid-March (with TDC and ARA).

Helen Risk, Land Management Advisor update

- **4x Winter Grazing Days in South Canterbury run with Beef and Lamb, Ag Research and DairyNZ 9th and 10th March. 46 farmers attended these events with a lot of good discussions we think it would be worth running again next year. (Kate running an article).**
- **B+LNZ Freshwater Workshop 28th March - Saltwater Creek/ Pareora went over *Stream Health Monitoring and Assessment Kit by NIWA. Zone team purchased a kit for future use in Saltwater Creek catchment.***
- **2x farm visits Arable and Dairy farms in Saltwater Catchment 18th April with Rhys Taylor, Dave Mair and myself. (Note I will be developing a Land Management Plan for permitted activity farmers esp. for this catchment with Rhys)**
- **A lot of PC5 portal/consent queries from consultants/farmers these farmers will need to now use the alternative pathway method – More expensive and time consuming to re model Overseer files.**
- **2x Biodiversity funding query visits**

Attended Dairy Forum Wednesday, 17 April 2019- A lot of science coming out from Dairy NZ regarding the Nitrogen reductions how can they be achieved.

Rob Carson-Isles Bio-Diversity Officer

Bats: pre-felling inspection of willows undertaken in conjunction with DOC; investigating re design of Raincliff trapping program.

Immediate Steps Biodiversity Projects:

- **Fencing around block of native bush on the Geraldine downs completed.**
- **Black Birch Stream QEII fencing – fencing completed around this year's block, scoped out next year's block for a funding application.**
- **Weed control work on Milford and Old Orari Lagoons has been continuing, however high-water levels have slowed work somewhat.**
- **Maze Pastures carried out a planting day near Pleasant Point on the 26th to increase bat roosting/feeding habitat.**
- **Funded purchase of predator traps for Project Peel.**
- **Weed control at Bishops wetland completed.**

Alpine Energy:

A Representative of Alpine Energy has approached Environment Canterbury to advise that each year they distribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to help with projects and events that contribute to growth and promotion of the region. There is also the opportunity for Alpine Energy to provide manpower and access to machinery. An example is their offering the use of Cherry Pickers to enable work on the Long-tailed bat project in Pleasant Point.

The Zone Committee may wish to give consideration to having a similar conversation with Alpine Energy to see what opportunities may arise.

Outdoor Burns:

Crop burning has been an issue over the Summer months, not only in the OTOP area but region wide. We have been in discussion with FENZ, who have been trialing an online permitting system. These permits are required during high risk seasons and are mandatory. Running in tandem with that the farmers must also adhere to Environment Canterbury's permitted Activity Rules, including having a smoke management plan.

We have initiated a proactive approach to this issue and engaged staff to proactively seek out these burn offs to ensure compliance.

Conversations are ongoing with FENZ to ensure a common message to those that engage in this activity.

Alliance:

As you are all probably aware there has been asbestos discovered in the walkway that runs along the seaward side of Smithfield Freezing works. To that end Alliance have engaged Golder Associates to undertake a Preliminary Site Inspection.

The report identifies potential sources of Asbestos based on historical building development from the 1950's.

Site observations and limited sampling of soil have further confirmed the presence of Asbestos within the infill material present within the reclamation.

The advice tendered states that the risk to human health can be mitigated through continued restriction of public access through the walkway with controlled access to those with the appropriate personal protection equipment.

In addition, Alliance have engaged an independent asbestos removalist to inspect and remove asbestos if required from Smithfield Beach monthly.

Taken by visual cue and not invasive.

Disturbance of the fill material within the reclaimed land will trigger the requirements of the National Environmental Standards with reference to the procedures and controls outlined in the Asbestos in Soil Guidelines.

To that end I anticipate Alliance will engage in further discussions with Golder to prepare a comprehensive Detail Site Inspection proposal in the first instance.

Opihi River:

- Environment Canterbury along with the Timaru District Council over the past 12 months or so have responded to concerns about a person living in a caravan on the banks of the Opihi River near Milford Lagoon.
- Environment Canterbury and Timaru District Council are working with several agencies to resolve the issue.

Compliance:

Between October 2018 and February 2019 Environment Canterbury in Christchurch undertook a pilot scheme trailing On the Spot Infringement Notices relating to Erosion and Sediment Controls. There were pre -Trial media and industry campaigns, a parallel uniform and body camera trial. 18 Infringements issued- none challenged. There was positive feedback from both Industry and staff involved.

Consideration via a Steering Committee as to “*where to from here*” with the task of considering whether this trail is suitable for a range of other generic offences. For example, outdoor burns, stock in water way, dumping of rubbish and dust and odour complaints.

Fish and Game:

Meeting with Fish and Game to discuss individual work programmes across the whole Region and how they can complement each other. Both organizations see value in continued meetings to align resource.

ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI- PAREORA ZONE COMMITTEE	Agenda item: 8
TOPIC: POST ZIPAs – What are other committees doing now??	
AUTHOR: Lesley Woudberg (Facilitator)	DATE: 6 MAY 2019

Purpose

To help the OTOP zone committee develop a new set of priorities by providing examples of the work of other zone committees.

Staff Recommendation

Note the work of other zone committees and how some of these ideas could be adapted in the OTOP zone.

Report

The purpose of all zone committees is the same and is set out in each Terms of Reference.

Purpose and Functions

The purpose and function of the committee is to:

- Facilitate community involvement in the development, implementation, review and updating of a Zone Implementation programme that gives effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy in the OTOP zone; and
- Monitor progress of the implementation of the Zone Implementation Programme.

Despite a common purpose and function each zone committee has developed different priorities in response to local issues and opportunities that have presented themselves.

Summaries of priorities and work programmes for four zone committees (Upper Waitaki, Ashburton, Selwyn Waihora, and Waimakariri) are provided. These are working summaries and documents change and adapt to outside influences and opportunities.

Each committee has an A3 work sheet such as the one attached for Upper Waitaki. The A3s are used to help the Chair/Deputy Chair and Facilitator set the agenda for each meeting. OTOP currently does not have an A3s .

Upper Waitaki Zone Committee 2019 work programme (working draft at April 2019 – not confirmed by zone committee)

Focus of meetings: **May** – Lake Middleton (field trip); **June** – traditional Maori place names (joint with Lower Waitaki); **July** – various; **September** – state of water resource; **October** – Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment?; **November** – catchment groups?

	Theme/objective	Zone Committee activity	Indicative schedule							
			Feb	Mar	May	June	July	Sept	Oct	Nov
			Twizel	Omarama	Ohau Lodge	Waihao	Twizel	Twizel	Twizel	Twizel
1	Managing tourist impacts									
	a) Lake Middleton	Field trip with stakeholders to understand issues								
		Identify and discuss what the zone committee needs to do, if anything, to progress issues								
	b) Haldon Arm campground	Identify sewerage disposal system at camping ground								
		Briefing on water quality/lake weed at Haldon Arm								
		Identify and discuss any issues and how these might be fixed								
	c) Love your lakes	Discuss 2019/20 Love your lakes campaign								
		Assist with Love your lakes campaign								
2	Making things happen									
	a) Clay Cliffs erosion	Identification of possible issue								
		Brief report on impact of sediment from Clay Cliffs on lake water quality								
		Identify what zone committee wants done, if anything, to manage sediment losses at Clay Cliffs								
	b) Catchment Groups	Work with existing and new catchment groups, as required								
		Updates from catchment groups (and possibly field trip)								
	c) Implementing Plan Change 5	Community briefing on PC5								
		Update from ECan on PC5 implementation and consent monitoring campaign								
	d) Immediate Steps Biodiversity Funding	Allocate Immediate Steps funding	As projects brought to committee by Biodiversity Officer							
3	Communication and engagement									
		Provide feedback on refreshing Zone Committee signage (at 5 locations across zone)								
		Committee members provide feedback on draft Zone Committee newsletters								
		Love your lakes campaign (see above)								

4	Understanding Te Tiriti o Waitangi & Ngai Tahu values								
	Ka Hura Mana: traditional Maori place names in the Waitaki (joint with Lower Waitaki zone committee)								
	Zone Committee host hangi (for stakeholders and Omarama school)								
	Committee members attend (ECan) Noho marae (at Moeraki, Waihao or Arowhenua)	Members arrange to attend ECan Noho Marae							
	Committee members attend Treaty of Waitangi training (organised by ECan)	Members arrange to attend ECan Treaty training							
5	Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment								
	Feedback requested on “plain-English” info-sheets for Mackenzie Basin Alignment agencies and plans								
	Briefing on Mackenzie Basin Agency Alignment Programme								
	Discuss how zone committee can help								
6	Keeping informed on state of water resource and on water management activities in the zone								
	a) state of water resource								
	Briefing/workshop on state of water resource. Results from monitoring								
	Identify how to share water quality and water use information with locals and visitors								
	b) integrated monitoring								
	Briefing from ECan on an Integrated Monitoring Framework								
	c) Zone Delivery update								
	Progress reporting from ECan Zone Delivery								
7	Waitaki Flow and Allocation Plan Review								
	Briefing on process for review of Waitaki Flow and Allocation Plan								

Ashburton Zone Committee

ZIP – completed 24 November 2011

ZIPA – Hinds Catchment – completed 13 March 2014

Bill Thomas – Chair Ashburton Zone Committee 16 March 2019

“As a committee, we are keen to have a broad section of the community represented on our committee – you can find out some information on one of our new members, Gen, in the story below about the rejuvenation of Staveley.

This year, we are also keen to host more community field days and workshops to help us better understand the issues, build our knowledge, and be more accessible to the community.

Some of the other key priorities for the coming year include:

- *Protecting the values of the Hakatere / Ashburton River*
- *Considering how technology could be used to improve water quality*
- *Engaging more effectively with young people*
- *Working to improve the reliability of water supply to the Wakanui hapua / lagoon*
- *Improve water quality in Carters Creek”.*

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

ZIP – completed 15 December 2011

ZIPA – completed 5 September 2013

In 2019 the Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee aim to achieve;

- Greater engagement with a greater diversity of community members and Rūnanga by holding meetings throughout the zone, going on a field trip(s), liaising with neighbouring zones, meeting on a marae, and seeking ways to encourage public contribution whilst keeping the committee safe;
- Strong focus on the ZIP/ZIPA by linking agenda papers and topics to their ZIP/A recommendation;
- More understanding of kaitiakitanga, Rūnanga perspectives and Te Reo pronunciation by marae visits, field trips, and regular practice in meetings;
- Proactive work as individual committee members by making more connections with local initiatives and sharing ideas with each other and committees;
- More assessment of progress by having more time for discussion and “forward thinking time” in workshop sessions, more time within public meetings for good debate with visitors, papers and meeting themes aligned with the ZIP/A, a request to Environment

Canterbury for a progress report and regular updates on monitoring outcomes, and ensuring that the connections between Environment Canterbury's work programme updates and the ZIP/ZIPA are clear

- Continued relationship building with Co-Governors and with youth throughout the zone by seeking and taking up opportunities to meet.

Waimakariri Zone Committee

Zone Committee Purpose & Role	Priorities for 2019
<p>Purpose – To facilitate improved and sustainable land and water management in the Waimakariri Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To build and sustain relationships ➤ To assist the community to understand, engage and advance the ZIPA recommendations ➤ To support the implementation of the ZIPA as a governance group ➤ Continue to function as a joint committee of ECan and WDC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review of ZIPA recommendations to identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key actions on the ground to address in 2019/20 - Develop an integrated approach to recommendations, e.g. monitoring, education, recommendations already being advanced/addressed (e.g. Fenton Reserves) - Oversee the development of catchment management approach and tools ➤ Maintain engagement with the community, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oversee ongoing media and communications plan - Engagement with landowners, stakeholders and partners ➤ Support WDC/ECan staff and the community on initiatives and actions addressing the ZIPA recommendations

ORARI-TEMUKA-OPIHI- PAREORA ZONE COMMITTEE	Agenda item: 9
TOPIC: FACILITATORS UPDATE 1 APRIL	
AUTHOR: Lesley Woudberg (Facilitator)	DATE: 6 MAY 2019

Purpose:

To provide the OTOP zone committee with information on;

- Upcoming events
- Progress on issues raised in previous meetings
- Media
 - Environment Aotearoa 2019 18 April 2019
 - Winter Grazing workshops 15 April 2019

Recommendation:

That the OTOP zone committee notes the Facilitator's report.

Report:

1. Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
7 May	2018 OTOP Annual Report presented to Mackenzie DC
28 May	2018 OTOP Annual Report presented to Timaru DC
June	Notification OTOP Plan Change <i>Land and Water Regional Plan</i>
June	Notification Omnibus Plan Change <i>Land and Water Regional Plan</i>
1 July	ZC Mtg Focus Biodiversity – Immediate Steps funding proposals
10 July	CWMS Zone Committee Chairs and Deputy Chairs meeting
Oct/Nov	On behalf of the Orari River Protection Group, I would like to invite the OTOP zone committee for a field trip to the Orari gorge in Oct or Nov this year, to see the native vegetation in bloom and show them what we've been able to achieve with our weed control & predator trapping in the gorge.

	Adele Coombs Orari River Protection Group 0210 236 9674 adelecoombs@y7mail.com
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2. Progress on Issues raised in previous meetings

DATE	ISSUE	STATUS
4 March	Dates and time of ZC meetings	Discussion 1 April
	Opportunity for strategic discussion on ZC priorities	Discussion scheduled – 6 May

3. Media

Environment Aotearoa 2019

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/Environment-Aotearoa-2019-Summary>

Environment report reinforces need for Government's plan

The *Environment Aotearoa 2019* report released today shows why the Government's plan to clean up our waterways and make New Zealand carbon-neutral is so crucial, Environment Minister David Parker said.

"The report contributes to our understanding of the impacts land use decisions are having – but there are no big surprises. We've known for years about the pollution and damage we've been causing to our oceans and freshwater, climate and biodiversity," David Parker said.

The Government has work underway that will directly address many of the issues raised in today's report.

Last year it released its Essential Freshwater plan to achieve a noticeable improvement in water quality in five years.

"That will take steps to stop further degradation of our waterways. They include controls on further intensification and on activities with a significant risk of contaminating waterways through pollutant losses, such as intensive winter grazing on forage crops," David Parker said.

"The new rules will also address the loss of our wetlands. Since human habitation 90 per cent of our wetlands have been drained."

Alongside that, Local Government and Associate Environment Minister Nanaia Mahuta is leading work to improve the management of drinking water, wastewater and storm water.

“New Zealanders are facing up to the reality and taking action, be it community groups, farmers groups or the school students who took to the streets over climate change,” David Parker said.

“This Government is delivering on public expectations that we will protect and restore our environment for this and future generations.”

Minister for Climate Change James Shaw said the report underlines the importance of the Government’s plan of action around climate change.

“The introduction of climate change legislation, establishing an independent climate change commission to guide emissions reductions, and the just transition to a low emissions economy are vital, as the evidence in this report shows.

“All the issues in this report are made worse by climate change and that is why this Government is so determined to take strong action on climate change,” James Shaw said.

“This is a critical year for us to start the shift towards sustainable practices across the board. This report on the health of the environment identifies and reinforces where the problems are,” David Parker said.

The report shows that our waterways are polluted in both farming and urban areas, with many rivers in both unsuitable for swimming.

“If, with all our advantages, New Zealand can’t overcome its environmental problems, then the world won’t,” David Parker said.

Farmers engage in winter grazing challenge

Date: 15 Apr 2019

CATEGORY: [NEWS](#) | [Compliance](#) | [Land Use](#) | [Farming](#)

ZONE(S): [LOWER WAITAKI](#) [ORARI TEMUKA OPIHI PAREORA](#) [UPPER WAITAKI](#)

Farmers in South Canterbury were challenged to come up with good winter grazing tactics for ‘tricky’ paddocks at a series of practical workshops to prepare for the colder, wetter months.

The farmer-led workshops, held on farms near Waimate, Geraldine, Timaru and Fairlie, were organised by Environment Canterbury and Beef & Lamb NZ to encourage farmers to plan ahead for winter to reduce run-off into waterways and protect soil from damage.

This neighbourly approach – where the lead farmers invited neighbours and contacts from their area – aimed to improve winter grazing practices for cattle, by sharing tried and tested solutions that suit local conditions.

Farmer-led approach

Ben and Kate Johnson hosted the Timaru workshop at their winter feed blocks, which include some rolling downlands and waterways with an ultimate discharge into Washdyke Waitarakao Lagoon.

Ben said: “As a farmer and a custodian of the land, I’m always looking for ways to improve what we’re doing. Taking part in these workshops is just one way we can work together as a local group of farmers to share some practical ideas to get through the winter weather in a way that’s better for the land, waterways and the stock as well.”

The other host farmers were Dan Studholme (Waimate), John Wright (Fairlie) and Glen Hammond (Te Moana). The groups came up with ideas including fencing off wet areas, increasing grass buffer zones, having a ‘wet weather plan’ ready to go if cattle need to be moved, utilising fenced off areas for other purposes such as manuka production, and ensuring water troughs were well placed in paddocks to allow for strategic grazing.

Farmers worked in small groups to come up with practical ideas for good winter grazing at Ben and Kate Johnson’s property near Timaru.

Representatives from Environment Canterbury, Beef and Lamb NZ, Dairy NZ and AgResearch were also on hand to help answer specific questions on good management practices, rules and regulations and soil productivity.



Sharing best practice tips

Environment Canterbury Land Management Advisor Ian Lyttle said there were some great discussions and experiences shared.

“One of the best ways for farmers to learn about new ideas for improving practice is to look ‘over the fence’ and talk with other farmers. It was great to see some good, practical and low-cost solutions being put forward over the four events,” said Ian.

Winter is just around the corner now but it's not too late to make plans for when your paddocks get too wet to graze or ensure you've got portable fencing on-hand to keep stock away from wet areas.

Good management practices will reduce soil loss and soil damage, helping the environment and future production expectations.

Help with managing winter grazing

Managing winter grazing is an important part of Farm Environment Plans, which many farms are now required to prepare under the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

Farmers who didn't attend the workshops are welcome to get in touch with a Land Management Advisor at Environment Canterbury for free advice on winter grazing via customer services on 0800 324 636 or contact their industry group such as Beef and Lamb NZ or Dairy NZ.