

**CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE  
24 APRIL 2013**

**A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held in  
The Boardroom, Fendalton Service Centre on Wednesday, 24 April 2013 at 6pm**

**PRESENT:** Ian Fox, Community Member (Chairperson)  
Councillor Sally Buck, Christchurch City Council  
Deidre Francis, Community Member (Deputy Chairperson)  
Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council  
Yvette Couch-Lewis, Te Hapu o Ngai Wheke/Rapaki  
Hugh Thorpe, Community Member  
Robert Wynn-Williams, Community Member

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Sally Buck, John Harding, Commissioner Rex Williams and Ann Winstanley.

Apology for lateness were received and accepted for Deidre Francis and Yvette Couch-Lewis.

The meeting was opened by Peter Ramsden, Environment Canterbury, with a Karakia.

**1. MEETING QUORUM**

In the absence of a Quorum, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to 6.20pm.

The Chairman advised that the vacant Te Taumutu Rununga position on the Committee is to be taken up by Les Wanhalla.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **decided** that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to the following amendments:

- Amendment to those Present representation, being changed to that shown in the Zone Implementation Plan
- Clause 5 Heading – the word ‘plan’ being replaced by ‘programme’.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

**Land Use Recovery Plan**

Matthew advised that as water was outside the Ministerial scope for the Land Use Recovery Plan, the committee would instead focus its engagement with earthquake recovery programmes to the implementation of the Natural Environment Recovery Programme. The plan did not include, water, which instead would be included in the NERP.

**4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board is to make a deputation to the Committees next meeting.

**5. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS**

- (a) Christchurch City Council (the Council) and Selwyn District Council:

All Councils have endorsed the Zone Implementation Programme, which can now move on into a new phase. It is now a matter of discussing “what is happening.”

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(b) The Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee have asked staff to report on a process to identify opportunities to improve infrastructure replacement as part of the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Recovery Team's work programme, at their 9 May 2013 meeting.

(c) Council Meeting 24 April 2013:

Both the Banks Peninsula Zone Implementation Programme and Christchurch West Melton Zone Implementation Programme were well received by the Council.

**Correspondence Tabled**

- Environment Canterbury - Hurunui and Waiau River Regional Plan acceptance
- CWMZC - Council Draft Three Year Plan submission
- CWMZC - ECan Draft Annual Plan submission
- Environment Canterbury - Acknowledgment of Council Draft Three Year Plan submission
- Environment Canterbury – Submission to Council Draft Three Year Plan.

The Chairman mentioned that Dame Margaret Bazley had also written to Chairs of Zone Committees complimenting them all. The letter is to be circulated.

Debra Hasson referred to the Waimakariri / Eyre / Cust flood protection work programme.

**Owaka Pit Fire**

Further to a request for information from Debra Hasson, Matthew Ross advised that Environment Canterbury staff had indicated that following a previous fire at the site, groundwater monitoring had been unable to determine any discernible effect from the discharge and soakage of fire water.

It was **agreed** the Committee would recommend that Environment Canterbury consider the need for groundwater monitoring of the current situation and make the information available to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board.

**Recent Sewerage Discharge into the Avon Heathcote Estuary / Ihutai.**

Matthew Ross advised that although Mike Bourke, Christchurch City Council, was currently on leave, he had informed Matthew that the discharge was related to earthquake damage to a pump station.

Matthew Ross further advised that Environment Canterbury staff had been informed that there was a sewer overflow at a consented sewer overflow site (Pump Station 36) from Sunday to Tuesday; that there was a substantial amount of sewage discharged; the cause was a failure in the old pumps (while a new pump station is being built); the Council and City Care have effectively followed agreed consented 'Sewer Overflow Response Programme' which includes notification to affected parties, signage and testing of the river; as part of the 'Sewer Overflow Response Programme' a detailed report is due to Environment Canterbury within one month of the spill outlining the main causes and remediation that was undertaken; that Environment Canterbury would assess the above report and decide whether further action is necessary.

**Turbidity in the Avon Through the Central City**

The Chair advised that he had informally raised concerns about increased turbidity in the Avon River through the central city. It was agreed that the Committee would request a response on this issue from Environment Canterbury at its next meeting. Forward Works Programme – The Zone Committee would discuss the development of the sub-regional chapter of the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan at future meetings, where relevant to the Christchurch West Melton Zone.

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**Christchurch West Melton Zone Boundary Map**

Matthew provided a Power Point Map of the Selwyn-Waihora and Christchurch West Melton Zone boundaries. ~~This showed Consents designed to illustrate the area with which the Committee needed to have conversation with.~~ *That showed consents in the Christchurch West Melton Zone that related to the sub-regional chapter of the Land and Water Regional Plan.* (Amended 22 May 2013 meeting.)

**6. ENGAGING WITH URBAN AUDIENCES ENGAGEMENT CHALLENGES**

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by ~~Catherine~~ *Katherine Trought*, Environment Canterbury Communications. (Amended 22 May 2013.)

The process had been started some time previous but was being adapted along the way:

Topics to focus on next six to nine months:

Zone Committee actions or engagement in next six to nine months:

- Where we have come from
- Why target water audiences
- National Resource Issues
- Water Resource Issues.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Diane Shelander, Council Policy covering:

- Council funded research
- Domestic Use – Council Community initiatives
- Water wise Campaign examples
- Assessing Impacts
- Industrial Use – Council
- Industry focussed initiatives
- Youth Outreach – Council programmes.

The session was added to by ~~Catherine~~ *Katherine Trought* covering: (Amended 22 May 2013.)

- The more traditional communication things ECan is doing
- Multiple channel use to get message across, i.e. micro site information regarding Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

In a workshop style session, the committee identified areas of interest to inform future zone committee discussions on this topic. The Facilitator will develop a specific work programme theme for further discussion at a future meeting.

Key points discussed included:

- Addressing local topics of interest meant greater local engagement in meetings
- Ensuring contact with community boards
- Involving non-governmental organisations by offering opportunities to contribute
- Using local magazines for communication of messages
- How to use messages and demonstrating action, to get people to take responsibility for their own impacts
- The importance of scientific information on water use and consequences in making defensible argument on minimising use
- Perception that zone is not water short, and how to change that perception
- Managing mixed messages
- Making the impact tangible – impact on water resources is not always visible
- A perceived lack of understanding amongst urban people about water management in urban areas
- How to make the individual care
- Keeping a water diary as a tool to help people understand their water use.

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**7. ENGAGING URBAN AUDIENCES CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY GENERAL**

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Key points discussed included:

- More information for the zone committee on Canterbury Water Management Strategy resources available
- Use of a Canterbury Water Management Strategy water blog for questions and answers
- Zone Committee members supporting Commissioners at talks and event in the zone
- Zone Committee helping to identify groups for the Commissioners to engage
- Committee meetings that are spread around the zone at times that are accessible to the public
- Videos and “non-text” content on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy micro-site and UTube
- Zone Committee’s own engagement with community groups.

**9. ENGAGING URBAN AUDIENCES DOMESTIC WATER USE *CONSERVATION* (Amended 22 May 2013.)**

In a workshop style session, the committee identified areas of interest to inform future zone committee discussions on this topic. The Facilitator will develop a specific work programme theme for further discussion at a future meeting.

Key points discussed included:

- Identifying why water use messages were less successful after a perceived ‘crisis’ had passed
- Encouraging grey water reuse and addressing health concerns
- Encouraging water use with incentives
- How to help people understand why they should make a personal difference
- Considering climate change and need to conserve water in the future.

**10. ENGAGING URBAN AUDIENCE INDUSTRY**

In a workshop style session, the committee identified areas of interest to inform future zone committee discussions on this topic. The Facilitator will develop a specific work programme theme for further discussion at a future meeting.

Key points of discussion included:

- Managing sediment from the deconstruction of the CBD
- A field trip to Hayton’s Drain and comparison to Wigram Blue Skies development
- More information on pollution prevent activities
- Role of SCIRT and requirements on contractors.

**11. ENGAGING URBAN AUDIENCES YOUNGER PEOPLE**

In a workshop style session, the committee identified areas of interest to inform future zone committee discussions on this topic. The Facilitator will develop a specific work programme theme for further discussion at a future meeting:

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- Using language appropriate to age group in communications
- Engagement opportunity with Otautahi Youth Council
- Wai Water as a good resource but uncertain when will be replicated for our zone
- Zone Committee members offering themselves to take part in CCC and ECan educational awareness raising events
- How to loop non-governmental organisations into events
- Importance of engaging younger people and associated benefits of informing older people
- Difference in council led versus council funding education/awareness raising programmes.

**12. ENGAGING URBAN AUDIENCES ZONE COMMITTEE**

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The Committee consider key points from earlier discussion on the agenda. Additional points identified were:

- Ensuring that specific regard was given to how to engage with Māori in relation to water in a way that reflected the specifics of cultural values
- The need to consider whether engagement with other groups of people might require a different approach.

Matthew undertook to take the output from each discussion session away, for further discussion with communications staff at the Councils, with a view to fleshing out the details and turning it more into an Action Plan.

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm with the acknowledgment from Peter Ramsden, Environment Canterbury, of all 10 zone committees' work and a closed with a karakia.

**CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF MAY 2013**

**IAN FOX  
CHAIRPERSON**