

**CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE**  
**26 June 2014**

**A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held in  
The Boardroom, Fendalton Service Centre on Thursday 26 June 2014 at 5.09pm**

**PRESENT:** Ian Fox, Community Representative (Chairperson)  
Councillor Pauline Cotter, Christchurch City Council  
Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council  
Commissioner Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury,  
Jane Doogue, Community Representative  
Hamish Keown, Community Representative  
Chris Kelliher, Community Representative  
Hugh Thorpe, Community Representative  
Robert Wynn-Williams, Community Representative  
Les Wanhalla, Te Taumutu Rūnanga  
Arapata Reuben, Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnunga

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Lan Pham and Yvette Couch-Lewis.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Pauline Cotter, who arrived at 5.50pm and was absent for clauses 1-7 and part of clause 8.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Arapata Reuben, who arrived at 5.15pm and was absent for clauses 1-3.

The meeting was opened with a karakia from Peter Ramsden.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was decided that the minutes of 29 May 2014 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil.

**3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

Nil.

**4. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS**

- The Committee has been briefed by Silver Fern Farms.
- A meeting was held with the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board on 14 July 2014.
- The Committee has been asked to flag any fish passage issues with the Zone Facilitator for consideration as part of an Environment Canterbury region-wide project to address fish barriers.

*Note: Otukaikino farm culverts were flagged as a fish passage issue. A request for a report on barriers on the Zone Committee's catchment project streams of Cashmere, Addington and Riccarton was noted. A suggestion to investigate fish barriers around Mahinga Kai exemplar project near Travis Wetland was also noted.*

**5. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

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Nil.

**6. WAYS OF WORKING**

**6.1 Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Regional Representative**

At its 29 May 2014 the Committee agreed to defer the discussion regarding the Chairperson and deputy Chairperson until its 26 June 2014 meeting.

The Committee **decided** to defer the election of a Chairperson for two months until the August 2014 meeting. Ian Fox advised that he would stand down as Chair at the August meeting.

The Committee **decided** to elect Hugh Thorpe as the Deputy Chairperson effective immediately.

**6.2 Regional Committee Representative**

Commissioner Rex Williams called for nominations for the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Committee's representative on the Regional Committee.

The Committee agreed that Lan Pham be appointed as the Committee's representative on the Regional Committee.

**6.3 Meeting dates for the remainder of 2014**

The Committee was asked to consider its meeting dates for the remainder of 2014.

The Committee **decided** to meet at 5pm on the fourth Thursday of each month.

**7. COMMUNITY WATER CONVERSATIONS**

**7.1 Avon Otakaro Network in May 2014**

The Committee received a presentation from Evan Smith and considered the information that came out of the "What's with the Water in our Rivers" public forum run by the Avon Otakaro Network in May 2014.

Key points included:

- Community feedback compares well with the goals and indicators of the Committee
- Community aspirations for management of wastewater and stormwater are high
- More community education is required to achieve a positive outcome.

**7.2 Styx Living Laboratory Trust**

The Committee received a briefing from Chris Phillips of the Styx Living Laboratory Trust on engaging the community around a Canterbury stream.

Key points included:

- The need to reinforce the partnerships with local agencies
- Community volunteers involved with the programme improve their understanding of the environment
- River and springs monitoring are key activities for the trust.

**7.3 Zone Committee Engagement Activities**

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Members reported back on Zone Committee engagements activities since the last meeting including:

- Environment Canterbury Commissioner's Workshop – 12 June 2014
- Heathcote/Opawaho River Water Quality Seminar – 14 June 2014
- Presentation to the Shirley-Papanui Community Board – 18 June 2014

### 7.4 Communications and Engagement Working Group

The Committee received a verbal update from its Communications and Engagement Working group on activities since the last meeting including a meeting with Environment Canterbury's Communications Team regarding further development of a communications and engagement strategy for the zone.

## 8. STORMWATER

Dr Belinda Margetts from the Christchurch City Council's Asset and Network Planning Unit gave a presentation and briefed the Committee on the Monitoring Report for the Council's Interim Global Stormwater Consent.

In a workshop style session the Committee discussed the alignment of the draft Avon Stormwater Management Plan with the "Canterbury Water Management Strategy Goals and Indicators" successful stormwater management in the Avon/Otakaro catchment.

In addition, the Committee **decided** to recommend that Environment Canterbury, Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council jointly work on sizing the cumulative effects of flow in the Halswell River of both Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council stormwater consents and if necessary establish a plan to jointly manage these consents.

## 9. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY ACTION UPDATE

The Committee received an update from Shelley Washington and Hannah Eastgate, Environment Canterbury, summarising actions for the period May 2014 to 26 June 2014 including:

- Staff attended the Cashmere Stream Care Group's meeting in June to discuss developer/contractor and Environment Canterbury's workplan for addressing the concerns around sediment from the Westmorland Heights development and Cashmere Ponds
- Staff attended the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust meetings in May and June 2014
- A communications strategy is being developed for the Addington Brook Catchment Project
- The Joint Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council Stormwater Management Team presented the outcome of their recent workshops to the Stormwater Water Issues Management Group on 23 May 2014
- Staff attended the Heathcote/Opawaho River Seminar organised by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board
- Staff attended The World Fish Migration Day and Avon-Otakaro Event "What's with Water?" events

The Committee noted:

- The Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust meeting pm Wednesday 23 July 2014
- A meeting of key people from Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury District Health Board and local community groups regarding the Estuary.
- The Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council collaborative process for Addington Brook Catchment will be finalised and brochure deliver to business in Addington will be completed.

## 10. GROUNDWATER

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The Committee received an Environment Canterbury report on Water Usage in the Christchurch West Melton Zone for the 2012/2013 Water Year.

The Committee also received the Christchurch City Council's Progress Update report on the Aquifer Recharge Project. Further discussion would take place at the August meeting of the Zone Committee once a report outlining next steps for the project had been finalised.

**12. ZONE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Committee received a verbal update from Matthew Ross, Zone Facilitator, on the forward work programme.

Commissioner Rex Williams suggested that the Zone Committee should actively pursue a meeting with both the Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council to engage on Canterbury Water Management Strategy goals.

The meeting concluded at 9pm

**CONFIRMED THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 2014**

**IAN FOX  
CHAIRPERSON**