



**CHRISTCHURCH WEST MELTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE
25 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee was held in
The Boardroom, Fendalton Service Centre on Thursday, 23 September at 5.00pm**

PRESENT: Arapata Reuben, Tūāhuriri Rūnanga (Chairperson)
Hugh Thorpe, Community Representative (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor Debra Hasson, Selwyn District Council
Commissioner Rex Williams, Environment Canterbury
Yvette Couch-Lewis, Rāpaki Rūnanga
Les Wanhalla, Te Taumutu Rūnanga
Ian Fox, Community Representative
Hamish Keown, Community Representative
Lan Pham, Community Representative
Robert Wynn-Williams, Community Representative

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pauline Cotter and Chris Kelliher.
Yvette Couch-Lewis arrived at 5.20pm and was absent for item 1.

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

The current Chairperson of the Committee has retired from the role and the Committee was required to elect a new Chairperson.

The Committee **decided** that Voting System A be adopted as the method of voting for the election of the Chairperson.

Nominations were called for the position of Chairperson.

Arapata Ruben was nominated by himself, seconded by Les Wanhalla

Hugh Thorpe was nominated by himself, seconded by Hamish Keown.

Arapata Reuben received seven votes.

Hugh Thorpe received three votes.

Arapata Reuben was declared the Chairperson of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee.

The Committee thanked Ian Fox for his work as the previous Chairperson of the Committee.

A karakia was given by Peter Ramsdum.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **decided** that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to the inclusion of an apology for lateness from Councillor Debra Hasson in the 28 August 2014 minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS

The Committee **received** a presentation from Mike Bourke, Christchurch City Council, gave a presentation to the Committee on the impacts of organic matter on wastewater treatment and on non household organic waste discharges to the sewer system.

Key points from the presentation included:

- The use of domestic insinkerators result in a very small increase in water use
- Food is biodegradable and produces gas which can aid secondary treatment processes
- Overall impact of domestic insinkerator use depends on the uptake; currently the uptake is low
- Home composting is the best method of disposing of organic matter
- The placing of non domestic organic matter into the sewerage system is controlled by the Trade Waste Bylaw.
- There are 950 permitted dischargers who pay a flat fee and 120 Conditional dischargers who are charged based on flow and load.
- A Fat Buster” project is in place to reduce blockages.

6. IDENTIFICATION OF GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

The Cashmere Stream Group invited the Committee to a walk following the Cashmere Stream to the Estuary on 1 November 2014.

The walk has been organised in conjunction with the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board.

7. REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee **received** the Regional Committee update and noted that a discussion document is to be put together by members of the Regional Committee regarding the Long Fin Eel which has been identified as a threatened species and in need of a Canterbury-specific focus.

8. COMMUNITY WATER CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP PAPER UPDATE

The Committee **received** the papers from the lapsed 28 August 2014 meeting and noted the key points of the workshop discussion including:

- the Cashmere Stream Care Group presentation and the items highlighted by the group for the Committee’s support
- Correspondence from the Chairperson to the Avon Otakaro Network regarding their presentation to the Committee.
- the Zone Committee’s feedback on the Proposed Christchurch City Council Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater Bylaw 2014
- the Communication Working Group progress in regard to the development of communication material.
- The Addington Stream Project fieldtrip on 11 August 2014

The Committee **agreed**:

8.1 To request that the Environment Canterbury Compliance and Monitoring Board provide a report to the Committee on the monitoring process for the hillside catchment of the Cashmere stream.

8.2 that a Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee Subcommittee be formed to respond to the Cashmere Stream Group within the next 12 months regarding their requests for:

- better Regional Plans that deal with high erosion areas
- a Working Party consisting engineers, contractors, local government staff and community be convened to improve best practice
- the City Council to develop rules, activity monitoring and performance standards.

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The Committee also requested that Draft Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee be presented at the November 2014 Zone Committee meeting.

9. GROUND SCIENCE NEXT STEP – 28 AUGUST 2014

The Committee received the Christchurch Artesian Aquifer System and its Recharge: The Christchurch City Council's Work Programme outlining the next steps.

The Committee noted:

- the summary of information and work required
- current and on-going studies from other organisations that show a general alignment with the Council's proposed studies
- the Next Steps Programme

10. STORMWATER SCIENCE IN CHRISTCHURCH

The Committee received the information on the regulatory context for stormwater management of Christchurch's urban waterways and the summary of the Committee's approach for improving stormwater management of those waterways.

The Committee noted the update from provided by the SWiM (Stormwater Water Issues Management Group) at its 28 August 2014 workshop outlining the progress on the joint working initiatives.

11. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY – ON THE GROUND ACTION UPDATE

The Committee received the an update of work completed by Environment Canterbury's Resource management Group under the Christchurch West Melton Zone Project Schedule for the period 25 July 2014 to 28 August 2014.

12. ZONE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME (ZIP) ANALYSIS

The Committee received information that was discussed at the 28 August 2014 workshop regarding the draft purpose and scope for an Environment Canterbury project to analyse the Christchurch West Melton Zone Implementation Programme.

The committee supported the scope of the project.

13. COMMUNITY WATER CONVERSATION – “HANDS OFF HAGLEY”

This item was deferred until a later meeting.

14. HAGLEY PARK/BOTANIC GARDENS MASTERPLAN 2007

The Committee considered a report updating it on the Hagley Park/Botanic Gardens Masterplan 2007.

Key points included:

- Concept 27 – multipurpose stormwater treatment/wetland and concept 28 – Waterway Enhancement are the two concepts of particular interest to the Committee.
- Two projects are included in the Avon Storm Water Management Plan Blueprint; investigation for a rain garden between Addington Brook and Moorhouse Avenue; investigation for a rain garden on the true right back of Riccarton Drain near Riccarton Avenue

The Committee **agreed** that a field trip will be organised to look at Hagley Stream from 12.30pm until 1.30pm on Monday 20 October 2014 meeting at the Hagley Netball Courts, and that Sue and Ann from Hands Off Hagley be invited.

Committee members unable to attend the field trip are encouraged to visit the area themselves.

15. ADDINGTON BROOK DISCUSSION PAPER

The Committee discussed the following options for enhancing the Stormwater Retention Ponds in Matipo Street:

Option 1 – carry on as we are

Option 2 - Wetland enhancement buy-in from local business

Option 3 – Create an exemplar sub-catchment group, led by Kiwirail, to improve stormwater quality

The Committee **agreed**

- (a) that Option 3 'Create an exemplar sub-catchment group, led by Kiwirail, to improve water quality', be explored.
- (b) that a Subcommittee be formed to discuss Option 3 including what will be achieved in the next 12 months and that its Terms of Reference and timing be brought back to the Committee at its next meeting.

16. GROUNDWATER SCIENCE – NEXT STEP 2

The Committee **received** a further report on the Christchurch artesian aquifer system and its recharge updating it on the costings for the recommended further work as given in the August 2013 – Stage 1 report *Recharge of the Christchurch Artesian Aquifer System: State of the Science, Gaps and Future Work*, and a subsequent workshop.

The Committee noted that the Christchurch City Council budgets for 2014/15 and beyond have not yet been confirmed but should funds are confirmed that Council staff will be able to work with the Zone Committee to:

- (a) prepare a work programme to further the recommendations of the Stage 1 report, and/or
- (b) prepare a work programme to assist the Christchurch-West Melton Zone Committee to work with other organisations to tailor their work programmes to meet the objects sought.

The Committee **agreed** to strongly recommend that the Council progress prioritising the funding of the research identified in the Christchurch Artesian Aquifer System and its recharge: The Christchurch City Council's Work Programme report and request a report from the three Councils about how the options can be progressed at the November 2014 meeting.

17. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY STORMWATER EDUCATION PROGRAMME AND BUS-BACK COMPETITION

The Committee considered a report updating it on the connections made with children and young people and their community as a result of a stormwater education programme and 'bus-back' competition being run with Wharenui School.

The Committee noted that the members of its Communications Working Group met immediately prior to the 25 September 2014 meeting to judge the 'bus-back' competition and two winners were selected.

18. PROPOSED CHRISTCHURCH REPLACEMENT DISTRICT PLAN – STAGE 1

The Committee received a paper updating it on the Stage One process of the Replacement District Plan.

The Committee **agreed**:

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- (a) that a further subcommittee consisting of Lan Pham, Robert Wynn-Williams and one other Committee member, be developed to work with Christchurch City Council staff around the guidelines for the replacement District Plan.
- (b) to request that the City Council include the Committee when the assessments against the rules are being made to allow for the Committee's input.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm with a karakia from Peter Ramsden

CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2014