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## **Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee AGENDA**

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### **Notice of Meeting Te Pānui o te Hui:**

A meeting of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday 27 February 2025  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** Wharekotuia Room at Environment Canterbury,  
200 Tuam Street

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### **Membership Ngā Mema**

Chairperson	Oscar Bloom - Youth Representative
Deputy Chairperson	Mike Patchett - Community Representative
Members	Vacant - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki
	Helen Rutter - Community Representative
	Brynlea Stocks - Community Representative
	Councillor Mark Peters - Christchurch City Council
	Councillor Greg Brynes - Councillor Environment Canterbury
	Councillor Phil Dean - Councillor Selwyn District Council
	Arapata Reuben - Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
	Vacant - Te Taumutu Rūnanga

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**24 February 2025**

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## Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee

### Members' Register of Interests – 2024

Name/Organisation	Interests
Oscar Bloom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student at the University of Canterbury</li> </ul>
Amber Moke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident of Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour</li> <li>• Representative for Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke - Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum Steering Committee</li> <li>• Contractor for University of Canterbury Engineering - Māori Project Co-ordinator for Clean Water Technologies</li> <li>• Member of Endeavour Waste Management Project for Wairewa Marae</li> <li>• Freelance Graphic Designer / Creative</li> <li>• Student at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa</li> </ul>
Mike Patchett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair, Water and Wildlife Habitat Trust</li> <li>• Trustee, The Eco-Action Nursery Trust</li> </ul>
Brynlea Stocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employed by Environment Canterbury</li> </ul>
Councillor Greg Brynes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Manager Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust</li> <li>• Member Environmental Defence Society</li> <li>• Forest &amp; Bird and The Sydenham Socialist &amp; Motorcycle Enthusiast Society</li> </ul>
Councillor Phil Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No interests to declare</li> </ul>
Arapata Reuben	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee – Tuahiwi Marae</li> <li>• Trustee – Tuhono Trust</li> <li>• Trustee – Mana Waitaha Charitable Trust</li> <li>• Member – National Kiwi Recovery Group</li> </ul>

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### Karakia Whakamutunga

## Karakia Tīmatanga

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>English translation</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease the winds from the west
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Cease the winds from the south
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Let the breeze blow over the land
E hī ake ana te atakura	Let the breeze blow over the ocean
He tio, he huka, he hau hunga	Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
Tihei mauri ora!	A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.

### 1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Apologies will be recorded at the meeting.

### 2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

### 3. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

Deputations will be recorded in the meeting minutes..

### 4. Presentations by the Community Ngā Whakaaturanga a te Hapori

- Presentation by Rebecca Inch from Drinkable Rivers.

### 5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 28 November 2024](#) be confirmed (refer page 5).

### 6. Identification of Urgent Items by Committee Members Te Tautohu i ngā Take Nonoi nā ngā Mema Komiti

Raised items will be discussed in Other Matters.

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## Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee OPEN MINUTES

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**Date:** Thursday 28 November 2024  
**Time:** 6.08pm  
**Venue:** Wharekotuia Room at Environment Canterbury, 200  
Tuam Street

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### Present

Chairperson Oscar Bloom - Youth Representative  
Deputy Chairperson Mike Patchett - Community Representative  
Members Brynlea Stocks - Community Representative  
Councillor Greg Byrnes - Councillor Environment Canterbury  
Councillor Phil Dean - Councillor Selwyn District Council  
Arapata Reuben - Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga  
Vacant - Te Taumutu Rūnanga

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## Karakia Timatanga

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

### 1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

#### Committee Resolved CWZC/2024/00016

That the apologies from Helen Rutter and Councillor Peters for absence be accepted.

Oscar Bloom/Mike Patchett

Carried

**Secretarial Note:** The Committee noted that the representative from Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke/Rapaki, Amber Moke, has resigned from the Committee.

### 2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Arapata Reuben and Councillor Byrnes declared an interest in Item 8.

Brynlea Stocks requested that the interest register be updated to show that she no longer works at Environment Canterbury.

Oscar Bloom requested that the interest register be updated to show that he is employed at Environment Canterbury.

### 3. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

There were no deputations by appointment.

### 4. Presentations by the Community Ngā Whakaaturanga a te Hapori

There were no presentations from the community.

### 5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

#### Committee Resolved CWZC/2024/00017

That the minutes of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Thursday, 31 October 2024 be confirmed.

Mike Patchett/Brynlea Stocks

Carried

### 6. Identification of Urgent Items by Committee Members Te Tautohu i ngā Take Nonoi nā ngā Mema Komiti

There were no urgent items.

## 7. CWMS Action Plan Budget – project reporting

### Committee Resolved CWZC/2024/00018

#### Officer Recommendations accepted without change

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the CWMS Action Plan Budget – project reporting Report.

Brynlea Stocks/Mike Patchett

Carried

## 8. CWMS Action Plan Budget 2024/25 – recommendations

### Committee Comment

ECan staff provided an update to the Committee on the joint erosion and sediment control support being provided in the Port Hills through the Soil Conservation and Revegetation (SCAR) Programme.

The Committee inquired whether any of the projects had received additional funding from external sources.

ECan staff provided an update on the joint support received by ECan and Christchurch City Council for the Stormwater Superhero Trailer.

The Committee noted that in 2023 the Committee had provided \$6,000 to the Stormwater Superhero Trailer.

The Committee noted that if the Te Tuna Tāone / Urban Eel - action learning programme did not receive more funding the project would have to be scaled back significantly.

The Committee requested that the funding for (b.) Christchurch Envirohub Trust for the Stormwater Superhero Trailer be reduced from \$10,000 to \$7,500.

The Committee requested that funding for (c.) Christchurch Envirohub Trust for Te Tuna Tāone / Urban Eel - action learning programme be increased from \$10,000 to \$12,500.

### Officer Recommendations

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the CWMS Action Plan Budget 2024/25 – recommendations Report.
2. Recommends that Environment Canterbury approves the expenditure for the following projects to the following organisations:
  - a. \$15,000 to the Avon Ōtākaro Network for the In River Clean.
  - b. \$10,000 to the Christchurch Envirohub Trust for the Stormwater Superhero Trailer.
  - c. \$10,000 to the Christchurch Envirohub Trust for Te Tuna Tāone / Urban Eel - action learning programme.
  - d. \$10,000 to the EOS Ecology Limited for the Nature Agents education project.

- e. \$5,000 to the Summit Road Society for the Horotane Valley project, restoring native bush to the valley catchment.

**Committee Resolved CWZC/2024/00019**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the CWMS Action Plan Budget 2024/25 – recommendations Report.
2. Recommends that Environment Canterbury approves the expenditure for the following projects to the following organisations:
  - a. \$15,000 to the Avon Ōtākaro Network for the In River Clean.
  - b. \$7,500 to the Christchurch Envirohub Trust for the Stormwater Superhero Trailer.
  - c. \$12,500 to the Christchurch Envirohub Trust for Te Tuna Tāone / Urban Eel - action learning programme.
  - d. \$10,000 to the EOS Ecology Limited for the Nature Agents education project.
  - e. \$5,000 to the Summit Road Society for the Horotane Valley project, restoring native bush to the valley catchment.

Mike Patchett/Brynlea Stocks

Carried

## 9. Committee Updates

### Committee Comment

1. The Committee noted the poor water quality outlined in the Water Quality for Contact Recreation Report 2023/24 (the WQCR Report).
2. The Committee requested a presentation from the authors of the WQCR Report at the CWMZC meeting on the 24 April 2025.
3. The Committee noted the importance of identifying sources of contamination and raising awareness among the rest of the Zone Committees.
4. The Committee requested staff invite the other Zone Committees to a hui at the CWMZ meeting on the 24 April 2025 to discuss the increasingly poor water quality outlined the WQCR Report with the objective of coming up with advice for priority actions for Councils.

### Officer Recommendations

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Committee Updates Report.



**Committee Resolved CWZC/2024/00020**

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Committee Updates Report.
2. Requests staff invite the other Zone Committees to a hui at the CWMZ meeting on the 24 April 2025 to discuss the increasingly poor water quality outlined the WQCR Report with the objective of coming up with advice for priority actions for Councils.

Mike Patchett/Brynlea Stocks

**Carried**

**Karakia Whakamutunga**

**Meeting concluded at 7.53pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025**

**OSCAR BLOOM  
CHAIRPERSON**



## 7. 2025 Committee Appointments and Meetings Dates

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/354639

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Muray Griffin, Team Leader Strategy & Planning (Facilitation),  
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### 1. Purpose of Report Te Pūtake Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee to Elect the Chair and Deputy Chair for 2025, as set out in the Terms of Reference (**Attachment A**).
- 1.2 Review and amend, if needed, meeting dates and times and the committee's preference for either a meeting, workshop, field trip/site visit, or briefing.

### 2. Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Determines that the Chair and Deputy Chair be appointed by using [System A OR System B] voting as set out later in this report.
2. Elect {Name} as the Chair and {Name} as the Deputy Chair of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee for 2025 in accordance with the Terms of Reference (Attachment A to this report).

### 3. Report Te Pūrongo

- 3.1 The Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee is established under the auspices of the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with the Canterbury Water Management Strategy 2009 (CWMS).
- 3.2 The Committee is a joint committee of Christchurch City Council, and Environment Canterbury.
- 3.3 The purpose of the Committee is to uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within their zone by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy vision, principles, and targets in their zone.
- 3.4 Committee functions include:
  - 3.4.1 Facilitating community engagement and collaboration.
  - 3.4.2 Facilitating the provision of advice through to councils and others contributing to freshwater management.
  - 3.4.3 Enhancing delivery capability and coalition of the willing – working with stakeholders across all sectors to extend the resources available to implement the CWMS.
  - 3.4.4 Progress annual reporting to the CWMS partners on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities and CWMS target areas identified in the Committee's Action Plan.
- 3.5 The purpose and functions of the Committee are fulfilled by preparing a Zone Committee Action Plan to cover a three-year period that focuses on 3 to 5 priorities.

- 3.6 The Committee does not have the authority to commit any council to any path or expenditure and its recommendations do not compromise the Council’s freedom to deliberate and make decisions.
- 3.7 The Committee does not have the authority to submit on proposed Resource Management or Local Government Plans.





### Elections

- 3.8 Each year, the Committee shall appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair from the membership by simple majority. There is no limit on how long a person can be in either of these positions.
- 3.9 The current Chair is Oscar Bloom, and the Deputy is Mike Patchett.
- 3.10 Oscar has clarified his preference to stand down from the position of Chair in 2025. Mike has clarified he is happy to continue in the position of Deputy Chair, if the committee is happy with this and there are no other nominations.
- 3.11 The election process is included in **Attachment B**.

### Meeting Dates and Times

- 3.12 The Committee will formally meet at least four times per annum and will hold workshops and host additional community engagement opportunities as required throughout the year. At times, the workload will be substantially higher.
- 3.13 The Committee can decide on the location of meetings to encourage greater engagement on issues in particular areas.

### Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

No.	Title	Reference	Page
A  	CWMZC ToR	25/354712	13
B  	Election Process for CWMZC	25/354717	18

## Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee

# Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS)

## Terms of Reference (revised 2020)

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### AREA

The area of the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone is shown on the attached map.

The Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone includes the takiwā of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Rūnanga and Te Taumutu Rūnanga, and the administrative areas of Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury.

### BACKGROUND

The committee is an expression of the partnership between Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council, Environment Canterbury (the Regional Council), Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Rūnanga and Te Taumutu Rūnanga, and local communities to implement the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

The committee is established under the auspices of the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with the Canterbury Water Management Strategy 2009.

The committee is a joint committee of Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury (the Regional Council).

Relevant Territorial Authority Standing Orders apply to the operation of the committee. This includes requirement to make a declaration of conflict of interest, keeping a register of interests and guidance on attendance and absences at meetings.

The committee will work as a committee and as individual members in accordance with Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Committee Code of Conduct.

### PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

The Committee's purpose is to uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within their zone by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy vision, principles and targets in their zone.

The committee functions include:

- a. **Facilitating community engagement and collaboration** – continuing an active programme of engaging with communities on freshwater management matters; and
- b. **Facilitating the provision of advice** through to councils (relevant Territorial Authorities and Environment Canterbury) and others (e.g. private sector) contributing to freshwater management; and
- c. **Enhancing delivery capability and coalition of the willing** – working with stakeholders across all sectors to extend the resources available to implement the CWMS, including connecting others to additional resources and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS; and
- d. **Progress Reporting** – annual progress reporting to CWMS partners on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities and CWMS target areas identified in the Zone Committee Action Plan.

## ZONE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT

1. Ensure the purpose and functions of the committee are fulfilled by preparing a Zone Committee Action Plan that:
  - a. Covers a three-year period
  - b. Focuses on three – five priorities
  - c. States objectives that the zone committee is seeking to achieve
  - d. States the actions that the zone committee will take to achieve the objective
  - e. States SMART measures to track actions and outcomes.
2. Review and amend the Zone Committee Action Plan at the beginning of every year to ensure the zone committee is still in agreement with the priority areas and the actions are still those the zone committee believes will achieve their objectives.
3. Prepare a Progress Report annually that:
  - a. Highlights the actions of the zone committee and the progress it has made toward its objectives.
  - b. Identifies the challenges and opportunities the zone committee see in the coming year.
  - c. Present the report to CWMS partners.
4. In developing the Zone Committee Action Plan, the committee must work within and be aligned to the:
  - a. Zone Committee Terms of Reference.
  - b. Canterbury Water Management Strategy and Targets.
5. In developing the Zone Committee Action Plan, the committee will also be guided by:
  - a. Committee's Zone Implementation Programme and Zone Implementation Programme Addendum.
  - b. Iwi management plans that cover the zone.
  - c. Community engagement and feedback.
  - d. The triennial 'letter of shared priorities' providing joint direction on priorities for the zone committee from the relevant Territorial Authorities, Environment Canterbury and Rūnanga.

## LIMITATIONS OF POWER

The Committee does not have the authority to commit any Council to any path or expenditure and its recommendations do not compromise the Council's freedom to deliberate and make decisions.

The Committee does not have the authority to submit on proposed Resource Management or Local Government Plans.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The committee will comprise:

1. One elected member appointed by Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council respectively.
2. One elected member appointed by Environment Canterbury.
3. One nominated representative from Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Rūnanga and Te Taumutu Rūnanga, with provision for an alternate Rūnanga member to attend zone committee meetings where desired.
4. Between 4-7 community members with provision that this number may be exceeded if Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury agree. Community members are to be appointed in accordance with the process below.

5. One youth representative may be added to committee (in addition to the 4-7 community members) on recommendation of the zone committee on a case-by-case basis.
6. Where a youth representative is recommended, expressions of interest will be drawn from Environment Canterbury's Youth Rōpū, Christchurch City and Selwyn District Youth Councils and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Rūnanga and Te Taumutu Rūnanga, and confirmed by Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury.
7. Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury will appoint their own representatives on the Committee. Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Rūnanga and Te Taumutu Rūnanga will appoint their representatives and notify Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury.
8. Proxies or alternates are not permitted except for Rūnanga, Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council representatives.
9. Any Committee may co-opt such other expert or advisory members as it deems necessary to ensure it's able to achieve its purpose. Any such co-option will be on a non-voting basis.

### SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Community representatives are appointed by a panel of CWMS partners – a councillor from each council and a Rūnanga representative from each Rūnanga whose takiwā is within the zone. The panel will be chaired by an Independent Chair.

To be eligible for appointment to a Committee the candidate must live in or be able to demonstrate a significant relationship with the zone.

The process involves:

1. A public call for expressions of interest.
2. Application
3. Interview and/or workshop

Assessment will be based on the:

- Ability of an applicant to:
  - » Work in a collaborative, consensus seeking manner
  - » Work with local Rūnanga
  - » Establish effective partnerships
  - » Understand the complexity of freshwater management issues
  - » Focus on solutions and actions, considering future generations
  - » Understand the CWMS, the vision, principles, and ways of working
  - » Demonstrate:
    - Commitment to community
    - Existing community networks
    - Previous experience in a leadership role
    - Experience working with community processes and/or groups
    - Initiate and inspire local action
- The Committee's:
  - » Geographic spread of members across the zone
  - » Balance of backgrounds, experience and interests

The selection process above will be primarily focused on appointment of community members to zone committee and may also serve to identify potential future appointees should a community member vacancy arise.

## QUORUM

The quorum at a meeting consists of:

- Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even; or
- A majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

## CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Each year, the committee shall appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair from the membership by simple majority. There is no limit on how long a person can be in either of these positions.

## TERM OF APPOINTMENT

Members of Committees are appointed for a term of three years, which may be extended on a case-by-case basis if Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury agree.

Youth members will initially be appointed for a term of one year, with the option to extend their term up to three years subject to availability.

Each Committee requires confirmation of membership by Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury.

Committee membership refresh will not occur within four months of Local Government elections.

There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms a member may serve.

## FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS

None.

## OPERATING PHILOSOPHY

The Committee will always operate in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and Standing Orders of Territorial Authorities.

The Committee will observe the following principles:

1. Be culturally sensitive observing Ngāi Tahu tikanga.
2. Apply a Ki Uta Ki Tai (from the mountains to the sea) holistic approach that also enables cultural elements including mahinga kai philosophies held by mana whenua to be encompassed.
3. Consider and balance the interests of all water interests in the region in debate and decision making.
4. Work in a collaborative solution-focused approach using best endeavours to reach solutions that take account of interests of all sectors of the community.
5. Contribute knowledge and perspectives but not promote the views or positions of any interest or stakeholder group.
6. Promote a philosophy of integrated water management to achieve multiple objectives of the range of interests in water.
7. Seek consensus in decision-making. If neither unanimous agreement can be reached nor a significant majority view formed, in the first instance seek assistance from an external facilitator to further Committee discussions and deliberations. Where the Committee encounters fundamental disagreements, despite having sought assistance and exhausted all avenues to resolve matters, recommend that respective Councils disband them and appoint a new Committee.





## MEETING AND REMUNERATION GUIDELINES

1. The Committee will formally meet at least four times per annum and will hold workshops and host additional community engagement opportunities as required throughout the year. At times, the workload will be substantially higher.
2. Remuneration for members will be paid in the form of an honorarium currently set at the following levels:
  - a. Appointed members \$ 4,000 pa
  - b. Deputy Chair \$ 5,000 pa
  - c. Chair \$ 6,000 pa
3. An expert or adviser who has been co-opted on to the committee is eligible for an honorarium at the same rate as an appointed member.
4. Staff or elected members of Territorial Authorities or Environment Canterbury are not eligible for remuneration.
5. Mileage will be reimbursed.

## COMMITTEE SUPPORT

The committee shall be supported by staff from the Territorial Authority and Environment Canterbury, primarily through the Committee Secretary and the Zone Facilitator and senior staff member from relevant Territorial Authority and Zone Manager/Lead from Environment Canterbury.

### Process to Elect a Chair and Deputy Chair

A local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:

- a) [System A]; or
- b) [System B].

#### System A

- a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and
- b) has the following characteristics:
  - i. there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and
  - ii. if no candidate is successful in the round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and
  - iii. if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the **previous** round is excluded; and
  - iv. in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

#### System B

- a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and
- b) has the following characteristics:
  - i. there is only 1 round of voting; and
  - ii. if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

[cl. 25, Schedule 7, LGA]

## 8. Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Planting Plan – update

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/355088

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Muray Griffin, Team Leader Strategy & Planning (Facilitation),  
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### 1. Purpose of Report Te Pūtake Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee with an update from the Christchurch City Council’s Urban Forest Team on the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Planting Plan.

### 2. Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Planting Plan – update Report.

### 3. Report Te Pūrongo

- 3.1 The proposed Ōpāwaho Heathcote River planting plan provides a consistent approach to local volunteer groups giving them proposed planting areas along the river from the Heathcote Estuary to Hoon Hay, with clear guidelines in each area of which plant species and where they should be planted in order to support protection and regeneration of indigenous water species and water quality.
- 3.2 The proposed approach to developing this plan includes several identified areas for planting based on where there are existing groups to support, and council owned land. In some areas where it would be beneficial to plant where there are not any existing groups. The purpose of this plan is to provide a consistent approach, incorporate requirements from the broader Christchurch Urban Forest Plan, and provide clear guidelines and information to groups wanting to plant in the future.
- 3.3 Engagement with further audiences beyond those river restoration groups already involved is still being developed and the Urban Forest Team would welcome any feedback on the information that will be shared or any guidance from the Christchurch West Melton Water Zone Committee on who to inform on this plan development.

### Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this report.



## 9. Committee Updates

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/356611

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Muray Griffin, Team Leader Strategy & Planning (Facilitation),  
Murray.Griffin@ecan.govt.nz

### 1. Purpose of Report Te Pūtake Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee to receive updates of relevance to their current work programme and CWMS Action Plan priorities.

### 2. Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Christchurch West Melton Water Management Zone Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Committee Updates Report.

### 3. Report Te Pūrongo

#### Community Waterways Partnership – February Newsletter

- 3.1 Georgina St-John Ives, Community Waterways Advisor, has provided the CWP February Newsletter for the committee. Please find this newsletter attached for the committee's information as Attachment A in this meeting agenda.
- 3.2 The CWP actions for 2025 will be looked at by the Steering Group at its next meeting in March.
- 3.3 CWP Newsletter (**Attachment A**).

#### Local Water Done Well

- 3.4 On 19 February the Council approved seeking public feedback on three different models for delivering water supply, wastewater and stormwater in the future.
- 3.5 The options of enhancing the status quo with an in-house delivery model, a water services Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO), and a Two-Waters (water supply and wastewater) Council-Controlled Organisation were evaluated as part of the Local Water Done Well Indicative Business Case (external link).
- 3.6 Consultation is scheduled to take place in March.
- 3.7 For more information:
  - 3.7.1 Go to: Local Water Done Well: Christchurch City Council  
<https://ccc.govt.nz/services/water-and-drainage/changes-water-services>
  - 3.7.2 Newline article: <https://www.newline.ccc.govt.nz/news/story/christchurch-to-have-say-on-water-delivery>

#### Draft Annual Plan 2025-26

- 3.8 Councillors have now adopted the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26, which sets out what the Council intends to do over the next 12 months, and how it will pay for it.

- 3.9 Public feedback on the Draft Annual Plan opens on Wednesday 26 February and runs until 11.59pm on Friday 28 March 2025. For more information and to find out how to have your say, visit [letstalk.ccc.govt.nz](http://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz).





#### **Draft Adaptation Plan for Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour and Koukourarata Port Levy**

- 3.10 The draft adaptation was publicly consulted in late 2023. The Banks Peninsula had a briefing on the draft plan The Council will meet on 31 January to consider the feedback received and hear oral submissions.
- 3.11 The Coastal Hazards Adaptation Plan for Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour and Koukourarata Port Levy went to the Council on 31 January 2025.
- 3.12 Please refer to:  
[https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2025/01/CNCL\\_20250131\\_AGN\\_10410\\_AT\\_WEB.htm](https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2025/01/CNCL_20250131_AGN_10410_AT_WEB.htm) for the report, which includes the draft plan and the analysis of submissions.
- 3.13 At the meeting Councillors heard introductory remarks from staff and oral submissions. The minutes from the meeting aren't on the Council's web site yet, but in the recording of the meeting:
- 3.13.1 Councillors asked questions for staff to consider and respond to
- 3.13.2 The meeting is adjourned to allow time for staff to respond to the questions raised
- 3.13.3 The meeting will continue 4 March 2025.
- 3.14 The recording of the meeting in its entirety is on the Council is available here:  
<https://councillive.ccc.govt.nz/meeting/31-01-25-coastal-hazards-adaptation-planning/>

#### **Environment Canterbury Updates**

- 3.15 CWMS Action Plan Budget 23/24 – Erosion and sediment control and soil conservation on the Port Hills project – Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Inc. The Banks Peninsula and Christchurch West Melton Zone Committees have provided co-funding support (\$5K each) to this project through the CWMS Action Plan Budget 2023/24. A meeting has been arranged for mid-March to confirm an approach for advancing this project utilising funding, staff, and resource support from Environment Canterbury's SCAR (Soil Conservation and Revegetation) Programme confirmed in late 2024. This meeting will include representatives from both the Christchurch West Melton and Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committees.
- 3.15.1 To view this toolkit – Link: Erosion and Sediment Control Toolbox - Environment Canterbury <https://www.esccanterbury.co.nz/>
- 3.15.2 Murray Griffin, CWMS Facilitator (Environment Canterbury) will provide updates to the committee on how this project is being developed with this support of the SCAR Programme.
- 3.16 Canterbury Mayoral Forum – CWMS Zone Committee Review 2024 – Reporting and Next Steps. Murray Griffin, CWMS Facilitator (Environment Canterbury) will provide an update on the CWMS Zone Committee Review. Please find this report presented to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum at its 29 November 2024 meeting attached for the committee's information as **Attachment B**.
- 3.17 Council Meetings. Council Meeting agendas can be viewed and downloaded from this link:  
<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/council-and-committee-meetings/>

## **Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga**

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B  	CMF ZC Review Report	25/356751	31

FEBRUARY 2025 – NEWSLETTER



# Community Waterways Partnership

Ngā mihi o te tau hou,

Here we go – 2025! Hopefully you all had a very relaxing summer break, swimming in your favourite waterhole and soaking up some rays before cranking into gear again. We are straight into working on our Implementation Plan for the year, and will roll this out as soon as possible for you all to engage with.

Please do share with us your group's planned actions for looking after our waterways in 2025 so that we can work together and support you in your excellent endeavours.

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa – let us keep close together, not far apart.

Ngā mihi,  
Georgina & Eilish

CWP Newsletter – February 2025



**Steering Group meeting December 2024: Summary**

The Community Waterways Partnership Steering Group caught up in December to wrap up the year and discuss ongoing works. A presentation was delivered by Ben Alder from Envirohub on the success of the Stormwater Superhero trailer this year, which is in part funded by the CWP. Last year, the trailer was at over 55 events and spaces and over 5000 people engaged with it.

The Steering Group also discussed the effectiveness of the two hui held last year: the CSNDC Annual Report presentation in October and the CWP hui in November. Members noted that the Annual Report hui provided an opportunity to understand how water quality results are tracking across different catchments, and it was a key time to ask questions of the City Council. It was concluded that the CWP hui was a great opportunity for engagement with and learning about other partners and their work, and we spoke about incorporating a field trip into the next one.



### Shining a light on the Styx Living Laboratory Trust: Water Quality Monitoring Programme update

As part of the Styx Living Laboratory Trust's Water Quality Monitoring Programme, volunteers collect monthly measurements and observations of water quality, vegetation and wildlife in the Styx catchment. The Trust has recently revamped this programme, in part funded by the CWP contestable fund, to focus more on sites contributing to poor water quality. Freshwater ecologist and former Professor Jon Harding is providing training for new and existing volunteers. The Trust secured further funding allowing the purchase of equipment to measure faecal coliforms, turbidity and dissolved oxygen.

The Trust was also approached by Riccarton Rotary to partner with them in the 'Global Action for Freshwater' programme run in collaboration with the UNEP Citizen Science Programme, with the Styx catchment representing this part of the world. Monitoring for this programme will happen alongside the Trust's existing programme but with a standardised test kit provided by the UN Programme and funded by Rotary to allow for accurate comparisons with other catchments around the world. This is the first of its kind in New Zealand. For further information or to get involved, contact [styxwq@gmail.com](mailto:styxwq@gmail.com). Volunteers interested in this global project can contact Prawindra at [pmukhia56@gmail.com](mailto:pmukhia56@gmail.com).

*We are always looking for different partners to spotlight in our newsletters. Please contact us at [communitywaterwayspartnership@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:communitywaterwayspartnership@ccc.govt.nz) if you have a story you wish to share.*



### Ōpāwaho-Heathcote River Network: Wheelie bin latch trial results

In 2024, the Ōpāwaho-Heathcote River Network (ŌHRN) ran a trial, funded by the Community Waterways Partnership, to determine the efficacy of wheelie bin lid latches at keeping lids closed when bins are toppled over in the wind. 702 households were provided with latches, and 50 trial participants recorded their bin being toppled over during the trial. 90% of participants confirmed their lid remained closed, and 97% of participants found the latches to be “highly effective” or “effective” at keeping rubbish from blowing down streets and into waterways. The City Council is yet to investigate how the use of these latches may impact waste operations. More information about the trial and results can be found on the [ŌHRN website](#).



*Nature Agents- Ngā Kaitaunaki Taiao Education Programme/ EOS Ecology*

### CWP contestable fund allocations

Thank you to all contestable fund applicants. There are a huge number of fantastic projects happening across Ōtautahi. We received requests totalling \$157,000 from 40 organisations for the \$50,000 contestable fund. Following panel discussions, funds were granted to the following organisations for the following projects:

- Avon Ōtākaro Network for the In River Clean Project
- Christchurch Envirohub Trust for Te Tuna Tāone
- Greening the Rubble Trust for the Discovering the Lower Ōtākaro/Avon River Project
- Pūharakekenui Styx Living Laboratory for their Citizen Science Water Quality Monitoring
- Sustainable Ōtautahi Christchurch for their 50-year vision for monitoring marine invertebrates in Whakaraupō
- EOS Ecology Limited for Nature Agents Ngā Kaitaunaki Taiao
- Sea Cleaners Trust for Restoring Christchurch Waterways Together
- Smith Street Community Farm for the Linwood Outfall Drain Working Group

The next round of funding is expected to open in September 2025.



### Council stormwater capital works 2024

Last year the project team was hard at work progressing 30+ projects including the naturalisation of Addington Brook, wetland design along the Ōtukaikino River, timber lining renewal planning for Dudley Creek, and investigating whether tide gates are impacting fish migration.

We proudly cut the ribbon at Te Kuru in October. This facility features wetland areas, stormwater storage, and filtration basins to improve water quality and reduce flooding in Cashmere Stream and the Ōpāwaho-Heathcote River. [Find out more about Te Kuru, and how you can enjoy it, here.](#)



#### **Te Hōnonga a Iwi Restoring Rosedale Park project**

In December, Nicky Shave hosted an interesting webinar discussing 'Te Hōnonga a Iwi Restoring Rosedale Park' project – an integrated model that delivers a socio-environmental restoration project using regenerative agricultural methods on public land. The 10-year pilot programme, led by North Harbour Hockey Association, is a collaboration between iwi, the public, and the commercial, education and sporting sectors. [Find out more about the project online](#) or Nicky is happy to be contacted directly at [scottshavefamily@gmail.com](mailto:scottshavefamily@gmail.com).

#### **Council updates**

##### **Draft 2025-26 Annual Plan**

The draft Annual Plan was presented to the Councillors during their meeting on 4 February. The next step is public consultation – watch this space.

##### **Draft Adaptation Plan for Whakaraupō-Lyttelton Harbour and Koukourarata-Port Levy**

Last year, the Council endorsed the draft Adaptation Plan for Whakaraupō-Lyttelton Harbour and Koukourarata-Port Levy and sought public feedback on the preferred adaptation pathways, identified by residents and local rūnanga supported by a technical advisory group. The draft Plan explores the management of risks to public assets posed by coastal hazards and sea level rise. The Councillors met on 31 January to consider all feedback and hear from submitters to inform their final decision. [Read more here](#).

## Funding

### Christchurch City Council's Events and Festivals Sponsorship Fund

The Events and Festivals Sponsorship Fund is open for applications during February and March. If your organisation is planning an event between 1 July 2025 and 20 June 2026, you may be eligible for funding in this round. [Check the criteria, and apply online, here.](#)

## Events

### Summer in the Styx

Summer in the Styx is a free event for the community to come and learn more about the amazing conservation mahi happening in Ōtautahi and in particular the Pūharakekenui-Styx River catchment. There will be a range of stallholders, food, kayaking, guided walks, games, and more.

**When:** Sunday 23 February 2025 10:00am-2:00pm

**Where:** Te Waoku Kahikatea Reserve, 303 Radcliffe Road, Belfast

**Cost:** Free

### Linwood Waterway Celebration

Come along and see what we can do together for our waterway. Activities and games for tamariki, entertainment and kai, opportunity to meet your neighbours, and a *Rename the Drain* competition.

**When:** Thursday 6 March 2:30pm-5:30pm

**Where:** Linwood Park, near the Macworth Street footbridge

**Cost:** Free

### Mini Estuary Fest

Celebrate our estuary. What makes it so special, and how did it get to be listed as a wetland of global importance? Explore what lives in, on, under and around our estuary by engaging with our fun experiences, exhibitions, interactive games, crafting, and live displays. Find out more on the [Estuary Fest Facebook page](#).

**When:** Saturday 15 March 9:00am-2:00pm

**Where:** Mt Pleasant Community Centre, 3 McCormacks Bay Road

**Cost:** Free

See [Christchurch Envirohub Eco Events Calendar](#) for more events.

## Canterbury Mayoral Forum

Date: 29 November 2024

Presented by: Craig Pauling, Environment Canterbury

### **CWMS Zone Committee Review 2024 – Reporting and Next Steps**

#### **Purpose**

1. To report on the outcome of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Committee Review 2024 (the 'Review') and seek endorsement from the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on proposed next steps.

#### **Recommendations**

That the Canterbury Mayoral Forum:

1. **acknowledges that the Review has been completed, with the full technical report provided to territorial authorities, Papatipu Rūnanga, and zone committees**
2. **agrees that zone committees as a consistent structure across Canterbury are no longer fit for purpose**
3. **agrees that a proposed model of local freshwater leadership groups with core membership of territorial authorities, mana whenua, and regional council be investigated in early 2025**
4. **endorses work to be undertaken to refine the operation of this core model and to report back to the Mayoral Forum in May 2025, seeking agreement to the proposed model**
5. **agrees that this work should be undertaken collaboratively by staff from territorial authorities, Environment Canterbury, and Rūnanga**
6. **agrees that this work continues to be supported by a working group of Mayors, Rūnanga representatives, and the Environment Canterbury Chair.**

#### **Key points**

2. A working group of nominated Canterbury Mayors and mana whenua representatives workshopped (i) principles, functions, and bottom lines for local freshwater leadership and engagement, and (ii) models to achieve these principles and functions.
3. It was agreed that while the underlying vision and principles of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) remain sound, zone committees as a consistent regional structure are no longer fit for purpose and should be replaced.

4. A replacement model was identified that centres on connecting territorial authorities, mana whenua and regional council at a leadership level, with connections to local communities critical but best tailored at the local level.
5. Further work is required to refine the operation of this replacement model. This work should be undertaken collaboratively by staff from territorial authorities, Environment Canterbury, and Rūnanga.

## Background

6. On 30 August 2024, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF) nominated four mayors to work with Environment Canterbury's Chair to workshop what local freshwater leadership the CMF will support into the future. The four nominees were Mayors Mackle, Bowen, Black, and Mauger. Mayor Munro later joined the working group.
7. Also on 30 August, Te Rōpū Tuia agreed to nominate mana whenua representatives to participate. The two representatives were Rik Tainui (Chairperson, Ōnuku) and Dardanelle McLean-Smith (Chairperson, Te Rūnanga o Waihao). Environment Canterbury's Ngāi Tahu Councillors, Crs Cranwell and Korako, joined the working group.
8. This working group met for two-hour workshops on 21 October and 4 November 2024 in hybrid in-person and online settings.
9. This report concludes the Review, with recommendations for next steps presented below for endorsement by the CMF. A full technical report will be shared with territorial authorities, Papatipu Rūnanga, and zone committees once finalised.

## Workshop outcomes

10. Workshop content was based on the Review's empirical findings (see Attachment 1) and aimed at testing (i) principles, functions, and bottom lines for local freshwater leadership and engagement, and (ii) models to achieve these principles and functions.
11. There was a shared view that while the CWMS vision and principles remain sound, and provide a good basis for future work, the zone committees as a consistent structure across Canterbury are no longer fit for purpose.
12. While some committees work well and opportunities should be created to keep the momentum and membership of these committees, the majority of committees have not been well placed or supported to move from planning-centric work to an implementation work programme.
13. Through the workshops a preferred base model was identified as well as questions that require further investigation before this new model can be operationalised.

## Key features of proposed local leadership model

14. A base model was identified that centres on connecting territorial authorities, mana whenua and regional council at a leadership level and at place, with connections to local communities critical along with the need to reflect a maturing partnership with



mana whenua. Connections to Central Government and industry alongside, and as part of, local communities may also be important for future success.

15. The working group recognised that the relationship of these three partners should be meaningful and have clear purpose – it ought to extend beyond loose connections and involve direction setting, and possibly support funding decisions to achieve outcomes. Members of the working group framed this well – it is about these local leadership groups confirming a master plan of local priorities and then utilise their resources, mana, and networks to support delivery towards these priorities.
16. The scope of the leadership groups was also discussed by the working group, and it was agreed that the fundamentals of the CWMS and guiding plans (e.g. Zone Implementation Programmes) remain crucial for identifying freshwater management priorities and focus efforts. Leadership groups may, however, wish to extend the scope of local priorities to other overlapping cross-boundary issues, such as land use, biosecurity, biodiversity and natural hazards.
17. The working group acknowledged that an approach is needed that achieves a degree of regional consistency from a membership and function perspective, with enough flexibility to enable locally suitable solutions, which will include determining at place the mechanisms for local community engagement, setting of priorities, and degree of investment support.
18. The group also noted that future options should be effective and efficient without duplicating existing structures or recreating known challenges to achieving outcomes. Successful examples of partnership approaches across Canterbury may serve as points of reference (e.g. Waitarakao Washdyke Lagoon Catchment Strategy and Whakaraupō Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour).
19. The success of future options will depend on clear responsibilities and accountability, with the support of councils and Rūnanga being critical.

#### **Key questions to be considered**

20. Some key design questions need to be worked through in early 2025 before final advice can be provided to the CMF. For example, should these groups operate according to existing CWMS zone boundaries, district boundaries, or be based on proposed freshwater management units?
21. Options for how these groups are mandated also need to be determined. Zone committees are joint committees of territorial authorities and Environment Canterbury, whereas other mechanisms, such as Whaka-Ora, are underpinned by a voluntary partnership reflected with a Collaborative Agreement.
22. These questions, along with operational details (e.g., options for wider membership, meeting formats and frequency, and administrative support), need to be investigated further.

### Proposed next steps

23. Further work is required to resolve the questions outlined above and refine the proposed model. Under the auspices of the CMF, this work should be undertaken collaboratively by staff from territorial authorities, Environment Canterbury, and Rūnanga.
24. It is proposed that this work continues to be supported by a working group of Mayors, Rūnanga representatives, and Environment Canterbury Chair. The working group that met on 21 October and 4 November has been highly effective, and there will be ongoing value to support refinement of the proposed model.
25. Final endorsement from the CMF will be sought at its May 2025 meeting, in order to have new groups operational in the 2025/26 financial year.
26. This timing would enable further discussions in individual councils (noting changes to the zone committee approach will require decisions by each council given these are joint committees) and for the new structures to commence in the 2025/26 financial year. It is intended that new groups would operate within existing CWMS Zone Committee funding envelopes.
27. It is intended that the CWMS zone committees continue their work in their current form until new groups are established.
28. A progress update will be provided at the CMF's February 2025 meeting, with a finalised model presented at the May 2025 meeting.

### Cost, compliance and communication

#### Financial implications

29. In refining the proposed model, staff are working towards new groups being funded within existing CWMS Zone Committee budgets.

#### Risk assessment and legal compliance

30. Given the collaborative approach taken for this Review, key parties have received regular updates and participated in determining the outcomes of the Review. Therefore, no major risks or legal implications are foreseen.

#### Significance and engagement

31. This work affects the relationship and future collaboration between key CWMS parties, including territorial authorities, Environment Canterbury, Ngāi Tahu, the Canterbury community, and organisations with interests in water.
32. Further collaborative engagements between territorial authorities, mana whenua, and regional council are required at a leadership and staff level to refine the operation of the proposed leadership group model. Zone committee members will be engaged throughout early to mid-2025 as part of the transition to a new model by July 2025.

### Communication

33. Progress updates on proposed next steps will be communicated through upcoming quarterly meetings of the CMF and Chief Executive Forum, as well as other avenues on an as-needed basis (e.g. Canterbury Policy Forum). Zone committee members will continue to receive regular updates.

### Next steps

34. A progress update will be provided to the CMF in February 2025, with a final model to be presented in May.

### Attachments

- Summary of the CWMS Zone Committee Review 2024

## Attachment 1: Summary CWMS Zone Committee Review 2024

### Background

The CWMS Zone Committee Review 2024 (the 'Review') aimed to address key questions about the future of local freshwater leadership to determine necessary functions, structures, and resources needed to support local leadership into the future. Led by Environment Canterbury under the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, the Review engaged a range of stakeholders between March – June 2024, including zone committee members, Canterbury Mayors, Rūnanga representatives, and Environment Canterbury Councillors. Several qualitative methods were employed to gather feedback, such as workshops, interviews, and surveys. Key insights from these engagements are summarised below.

### Views on the current function of Zone Committees

Participants stressed that **Zone Committees have been an integral part of collaborative freshwater management** in Canterbury over the last decade, including substantial involvement in several plan changes, the development of zone implementation programmes and addendums, as well as by enabling a range of local community-led initiatives (e.g. catchment groups).

Additionally, many participants reflected on the less tangible, or associated, **benefits of zone committees**, including:

- being a **unique shared forum** for diverse community voices, local and regional councils, and mana whenua
- providing a **formalised structure for constructive discussion, functional disagreement, and effective collaboration** to establish shared targets, with the **support from facilitators and local and regional council staff**
- offering opportunities for **shared learning** about local freshwater issues, **capability building** (including for emerging community leaders), and in some cases **inter-cultural learning**
- **influencing local environmental efforts** through setting priorities, allocating and coordinating funding, connecting community members, and liaising with local and regional councils.

However, it was widely acknowledged that the **context for zone committees has changed in recent years**, partly due to:

- a **shift from the 'strategic phase' of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy** (e.g., planning) towards a stronger implementation focus
- more **directive national legislation** limiting (sub)regional flexibility (e.g., National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020)
- the **increased activity of catchment groups and collectives**, supported by national funding (e.g. Jobs For Nature), which leads to overlaps in function.

Many participants consequently expressed a **range of concerns about zone committees in their current form and function**, including:

- feeling a **loss of purpose and (political) mana** with councils, **frustration over limited progress with implementation** and their **inability to influence** this (e.g. insufficient

funding), their **role reduced to allocate funding**, and **significant uncertainty over their future**

- several participants acknowledging that, for various reasons, **some zone committees are disconnected** from councils, local community activities, and/or mana whenua (e.g., limited links to operational activities or lacking involvement in emerging issues)
- an acknowledgement that **support from territorial authorities and regional council has declined** in recent years
- some participants questioning zone committees' **efficacy and 'value for money'** in achieve desired environmental outcomes.

### Considerations for the future of Zone Committees and local leadership

Participants outlined **broad considerations over the future of local freshwater leadership and the role of zone committees**. These considerations include:

- widely shared views that **collaborative approaches remain crucial**, including between councils, mana whenua and local communities
- a need to **maintain the holistic and systematic focus** of the CWMS and Zone Committees, with core principles (e.g. balance of views) and guiding plans (e.g. ZIPs) still relevant
- the importance of **maintaining strategic oversight** of on-the-ground activities, including but not limited to catchment groups, and of **addressing gaps** where applicable
- a need to **sustain lasting connection and coordination** among groups and individuals involved in local freshwater management, with a concern that **losing zone committees could disrupt relationships** formed over many years
- a need for mechanisms to **maintain diverse community influence on strategic direction and plans**, with a lot of current activities being led by rural communities (e.g. catchment groups) with **limited participation from urban, non-farming communities and mana whenua**
- having mechanisms to **achieve local community engagement**, including encouraging local participation and ownership to **achieve outcomes and create accountability** where required
- a need for **safe forums that bring together diverse local community voices, council staff and mana whenua** in a collaborative and inclusive manner
- a potential gap resulting from the **loss of Zone Committees' independent voice and their role as trusted mediators** between councils and local communities
- a need for **shared learning spaces** that help to **build capability and capacity**.

Following these requirements for, and benefits of, local freshwater leadership, views **diverged on whether Zone Committees (or similar groups) are required** in the future, ranging from participants advocating for their disestablishment while others prefer them to be refreshed and strengthened. There is, however, shared agreement that **certainty over their future role is required**, including adequate commitment from Environment Canterbury, territorial authorities, Rūnanga and other key parties.

Participants outlined **diverse recommendations for achieving effective future local freshwater leadership and engagement**, with or without Zone Committees. Relevant recommendations included:

- Several **principles that apply regardless of future options**:
  - diversity and balance of views should be supported, potentially beyond freshwater
  - clear purpose, adequate support, and targeted outcomes are required
  - acknowledgement that 'strategic' and 'implementation' functions may differ
- A **range of potential structures suggested**, noting those **should be effective and efficient**:
  - mechanisms for community connection and engagement, possibly formalised as sub-regional Water & Land Forums or Groups
  - umbrella groups that enable community and catchment groups, such Catchment Leaders Forums, noting that those groups may perform different roles to zone committees
  - advisory groups or community boards to support Councils
  - a Governance and Planning Forum or Committees with strategic oversight and potentially a broader focus than freshwater, e.g. including climate change and biodiversity
- Strong sense that **flexible solutions are need across the region** without one-size-fits-all solutions, while noting that support from **facilitation and liaison staff remains important**
- Acknowledgement of **membership as an important success factor**, with a need to maintain connections to local community and diverse views on suitable composition and size
- Range of suggestion for **more effective working and funding procedures** (e.g. fewer formal meetings and simplified funding allocation), but a desire to **keep existing CWMS funding**
- Widely shared view that for any successful future option **adequate support from territorial authorities and Environment Canterbury will be crucial**, including collaboration and coordination between them as well as effective support to enable local leadership.

### Summary

The Review confirmed that Zone Committees in Canterbury have played a crucial role in collaborative freshwater management over the past decade, contributing to plan changes, zone implementation programmes, and community-led initiatives. They have fostered dialogue between diverse stakeholders, including local councils, mana whenua, and community members, while influencing local environmental efforts.

The Review confirmed that the evolving context of freshwater management, including national legislation and the rise of catchment groups, has led to concerns about the Committees' current effectiveness and relevance. The Review also highlighted that meaningful connection with community remains vital in shaping strong positive outcomes for water management.

In considering future leadership options, the Review has incorporated a wide range of views on the challenges faced by Zone Committees and outlines considerations for how to maintain effective local freshwater management and community engagement moving forward.

## 10. Other Matters He Take anō

This item provides an opportunity to discuss other matters of note.

### Karakia Whakamutunga

#### Karakia Whakamutunga

##### Closing Prayer

<p>Unuhia, unuhia Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui Kia wātea, kia māmā te ngākau, te tīnana, te wairua i te ara tangata Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga Kia tina! TINA! Hui ē! TĀIKI Ē!</p>	<p><i>English translation</i> Draw on, draw on, Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind Rongo, suspended high above us (in ‘heaven’) Draw together! Affirm!</p>
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### Karakia mō te kai

#### Prayers for food

<p>Nau mai e ngā hua O te wao O te ngakina O te wai tai O te wai Māori Nā Tāne Nā Rongo Nā Tangaroa Nā Maru Ko Ranginui e tū iho nei Ko Papatūānuku e takoto nei Tūturu whakamaui ki a tina Tina, haumi ē, hui ē Tāiki ē</p> <p>E Rongo, e Rongo Hōmai ngā tipu Hei whakakī i te tīnana Hei oranga Au eke, au eke Hui ē, tāiki ē!</p>	<p><i>English translation</i> Welcome the gifts of food From the sacred forests From the cultivated gardens From the sea From the fresh water The food of Tāne Of Rongo Of Tangaroa Of Maru I acknowledge Ranginui above me Papatūānuku who lies beneath me Let this be my commitment to all Draw together Affirm!</p> <p>Rongo, Rongo Give us the foods, with which to fill the body, and have health That I may ascend Affirm!</p>
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