



# Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

## AGENDA

A **MEETING** of the  
ASHBURTON WATER MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE  
will be held as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday 24 January 2012

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Venue:** Lowcliffe Hall  
Corner Trig Pole and Isleworth Roads  
Ashburton

### MEMBERS:

Ben Curry  
Donna Field  
Gordon Guthrie  
Matthew Hall (C)  
Greg Roadley  
Sheryl Stivens

Karl Russell	Te Runanga o Arowhenua
Terrianna Smith	Te Taumutu Runanga
Arapata Reuben	Te Runanga o Ngai Tuahuriri
Neil Brown	Ashburton District Council
David Caygill	Environment Canterbury

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2.00 pm	<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome / Apologies</b>	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Notification of Extraordinary Business</b>	
	<b>3</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes –22 November 2011</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>3.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b>	
2.10 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>Briefing on Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Leo Feitje, Environment Canterbury</li></ul>	
2.40pm	<b>5</b>	<b>Ashburton Flow Plan update</b>	
2.45pm	<b>6</b>	<b>Ashburton River B Block water sharing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Jenny Bond, Environment Canterbury</li></ul>	
3.15pm	<b>7</b>	<b>Future Work Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Barbara Nicholas</li></ul>	
4.00 pm		<b>Close</b>	

## Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee [Unconfirmed Minutes]

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**Minutes** of the **Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee** meeting held at the Ashburton District Council on Thursday 22 November, 2011, commencing at 9.00 am.

### **Present**

Matthew Hall (Chair), Neil Brown, Ben Curry, Donna Field, Gordon Guthrie, Arapata Reuben, Greg Roadley, Karl Russell, Sheryl Stivens.

Also in attendance: Barbara Nicholas (CW Facilitator), Don Vattala (ECan) Jo Naylor (ADC - minutes).

Other staff attending parts of meeting: Rob Rouse (ADC), Alicia Jenkins (ADC)

Five members of the public attended.

### **1 Apologies**

Terrianna Smith, Neil Brown (to leave at 9:30am)

Brown / Caygill

Carried

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil

### **3 Confirmation of Minutes**

**That** the minutes of the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2011, be taken as read and confirmed.

Curry / Field

Carried

### **3.1 Matters Arising**

#### **Eiffelton Water Scheme**

Ian Mackenzie has asked if the committee had feedback from his presentation at the last meeting. No feedback at this time.

#### **Ashburton River**

Don Vattala will arrange meetings with the Ashburton River group in December.

*Arapata Reuben attended the meeting at 9.07am.*

### **4 Briefing from TrustPower – Ian Lees**

Ian Lees presented a PowerPoint (provided) and requested feedback.

TrustPower is committed to developing ecological areas around Lake Coleridge along with a freedom camping area on TrustPower land. It is also committed to the control of weeds, illegal structures, illegal driving etc despite the outcome of the TrustPower proposal to amend the WCO.

*Neil Brown left the meeting at 9:30am to attend another meeting.*

*Due to time constraints, the Chair proposed that Donna Woodley present her Immediate Steps update.*

### **6 • Immediate Steps**

Donna Woodley provided a report on Immediate Steps funding to date.

She clarified that DOC have administered weed control funding and they have quality controls in place to ensure effectiveness. This contribution is only part of the larger programme which has allowed the weed control programme to be accelerated. Ecologists assessed the values of the projects compared to the biodiversity outcomes, prior to allocating funding.

The reality is that there will never be a win over gorse and broom, but it is anticipated that a level of maintenance will be reached.

Engagements and Presentation for Assessment are the next two stages to the project process to be addressed. This will involve contacting landowners, promoting publicly to discuss options. Need to identify best examples of biodiversity, work with biodiversity group and landowners to work towards action plan. The committee is requested to advise Donna Field or Donna Woodley of contacts in coastal areas.

Zone Specific Ranking Criteria – will consider this and report back.

The committee discussed the benefits of putting funding into the same area as TrustPower to maximise impact. This is something that the committee representative to the TrustPower board could discuss.

*The committee returned to agenda item 5.*

## **5 Future Work Programme**

The committee discussed the future work programme:

### Committed to:

Braided rivers with regional committee and zone committees. Suggested public meetings and joint workshop of committees Feb 2012;

Ashburton Water Zone Committee meetings to continue on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month in 2012;

Ashburton River Flow project – meeting with Don Vattala on 29 November and 12 December at 9:30am;

Water Quality – have already identified 5 or 6 objectives/priorities; resourcing for monitoring/facilitation; would want to speak to ADC;

Biodiversity – IS; wetlands; meet early in 2012 to review recommendations.

### Continued interest in:

Reporting to monitoring of water; biodiversity; get DOC along to report on O Te Wharekai;

Briefings – LTP, LUWQ/planning; use of water science charge;

### Possible directions:

Hinds catchment (south of Ashburton River to Rangitata River)

- Drains; stock water; water table; biodiversity; water quality
- Other values for Hinds area
- Hinds flow plan

Consider that once the Ashburton River recommendations have been moved into RMA process, could move focus from Ashburton, onto Hinds.

Recommend spending first six months of public engagement around Hinds area including field trip to area early in 2012, community engagement, gain science knowledge, talk to Mayfield Hinds and Eiffelton irrigation groups, workshop with groups to get focus.

Field trips Jan 2012 – Sheryl, Matthew, Ben to plan approach to project.

O Te Wharekai – need to take this into consideration; do we need to be actively involved or just take an interest? Area is covered within biodiversity, most of area is owned by DOC and adjoining landowners.

*The committee broke for morning tea at 10.35am and resumed at 10.50am.*

## **6 Biodiversity**

- **Ashburton District Council Biodiversity Action Plan**

Alicia Jenkins presented a PowerPoint.

The plan and the ZIP have many of the same objectives, but the ZIP is water oriented where the Biodiversity Action Plan is not. This is a good example of ADC engaging with the community.

There is a risk that it could be seen as duplication, but it's not really, it enhances the ZIP and it implements the actions. ADC is trying to embrace a topic that has not been a priority for district councils in the past which should be congratulated.

Acknowledges that there is a lot of work to be done at operational level and reinforces that all parties need to be working together to ensure that grassroots level issues are addressed.

**That** the CWMS Ashburton Zone Committee endorses the Ashburton District Biodiversity Action Plan in support of its objectives, actions and intent.

Stivens / Caygill

Carried

### **Additional presentation**

- **Kayakers**

Graham from Whitewater NZ attended the meeting and made a brief presentation.

There is a huge range of diversity of kayaks for differing conditions. Many waterways in the Ashburton Zone are paddled and each has differing ratings at differing parts of the river.

Whitewater NZ considerations / concerns: whitewater value, landscape value, use value or status (ie elite to conquer) value, flows, safety due to other users if flow reduces. They have submitted recently on TrustPower's application to amend Water Conservation Order with concerns on water takes, reduced flow of water, second tier generation priorities are being prioritised in place of natural flows and recreation etc.

The committee agree that this is a timely reminder that recreation is important when considering water management.

## **7 Updates**

- **Regional Committee**

Arowhenua were able to get some of their ideas across at the meeting about mixing waters. There will be a hui of leaders prior to Christmas to discuss this further.

The regional committee has now broken into subcommittees to address issues and progress.

*The Chair thanked the committee for their work during the year, with special thanks to Barbara Nicholas for her contribution.*

## **8 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Ashburton Water Zone Committee will be held on Tuesday 24 January 2012, 9am at the Ashburton District Council.

The meeting closed at 12.pm.