

**CENTRAL PLAINS WATER JOINT  
SETTLORS COMMITTEE  
ORDINARY MEETING  
28 FEBRUARY 2025  
10AM  
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES**

## Central Plains Water Joint Settlers Working Group meeting - 28 February 2025

Councillors Lydia Gliddon (Chairperson) and Nicole Reid - SDC; Councillors Pauline Cotter (Deputy Chairperson) and Mark Peters (CCC)

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## CENTRAL PLAINS WATER JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at 12pm

**Selwyn District Council  
Executive Meeting Room**

**Member Attendees:**

*Christchurch City Council*  
Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter  
Councillor Mark Peters

*Selwyn District Council*  
Councillor Lydia Gliddon  
Councillor Nicole Reid

**Attendees:**

*Christchurch City Council*  
Linda Gibb, Performance Advisor

*Selwyn District Council*  
Allison Sneddon, Head of Finance  
Charlotte Bennet, Governance Coordinator

**Guests:**

Mr Pat McEvedy, Chair, CPW Trust

<b>Meeting opening and apologies</b>	The Chair opened with karakia. Christchurch City Council Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter and Linda Gibb were in attendance via Teams.
<b>Adopting the minutes from the meeting of 10 November 2023</b>	<p>An amendment to the minutes noting that Councillor Cotter initially said "...she would support an increase in remuneration ..." however as further information had come to light this issue remains a work in progress.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> - Councillor Reid / <b>Seconded</b> – Councillor Peters</p> <p><i>'That the Central Plains Water Joint Working Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2023.'</i></p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	Nil

<b>Chairperson's Report</b>	<p>The chair spoke to her report and noted the report should be Chairpersons report and not Trust Deed report.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the recent appointments to the Trust. There were high quality applicants which made the decision difficult.</p> <p>Currently there are three spaces available for mana whenua. Mr Les Wanhalla is an unofficial mana whenua appointment who brings a valuable cultural understanding and an environmental perspective to the Trust. Both settlor Councils noted diversity on the Trust, and this needed to be taken into consideration at the next appointment process.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> – Councillor Gliddon / <b>Seconded</b> – Councillor Cotter</p> <p><i>'That the Chairperson's Report be received by the committee for information.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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<p><b>Draft Statement of Intent and Financial Forecasts</b></p>	<p><b>The Trustees agreed to change the sequence of the reports as listed in the agenda.</b></p> <p>Draft Statement of Intent (Sol) - Councillor Gliddon began the discussion by advising that the tracked changes have been include for transparency.</p> <p>The Trustees first discussed the purpose of the Statement of Intent. It was agreed that any performance targets need to be meaningful, measurable, and lacking in ambiguity. The changes to the document were discussed and amendments made.</p> <p>Key amendments are under the following subheadings include:</p> <p><b>The Board composition</b> – trustees names updated</p> <p><b>Environmental leadership</b> – Sustainability report in future will be prepared by 30th March. The report will be published on the website.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement and Education</b> – There was a discussion around understanding where the boundaries are with the Trust and other parties that have an interest in the Central Plains Water outcomes.</p> <p><b>Key Outputs</b> – Remove named party from the delivery of the Annual Sustainability Report.</p> <p><b>Environmental Targets</b> – Potential noncompliance added. There was a discussion around the importance of this being reported. The Trustees agreed this should be done as soon as practicable following awareness. There is a good working relationship and open communication between the Trust and CPWL.</p> <p>Drinking water reporting was discussed. The Trust Chair will get advice on including specific drinking water information in the sustainability report.</p> <p><b>Financial Forecast</b> – It was noted that this has not been totaled correctly. Allison Sneddon will have the data confirmed and the spreadsheet will be corrected.</p> <p>Councillor Gliddon will send the Joint Settlor Committee comments to the Trust chair noting they are subject to council approval. The settlor Councils will make provision to receive the Sol for June meeting.</p> <p><b>12.51pm</b> – <i>Councillor Reid left the meeting</i></p> <p><b>Moved</b> – Councillor Peters / <b>Seconded</b> – Councillor Cotter</p> <p><i>'That the Central Plans Water Joint Working Committee receive the Draft Statement of Intent and Financial Forecasts.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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<p><b>CPWT Chair's Half Yearly Report</b></p>	<p><b>The reports from Mr Pat McEvedy were taken and discussed together.</b></p> <p>Mr McEvedy presented his report. In particular he noted the successful recruitment process recently undertaken to appoint the new members to the Trust.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> – Councillor Peters / <b>Seconded</b> – Councillor Cotter</p> <p><i>'That the Central Plains Water Joint Working Committee receive the Chairs Half Yearly Report for information.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>Central Plains Water Trust Annual Report</b></p>	<p>Mr McEvedy spoke to his report. It was taken as read and due to the nature of the report it is essentially historical.</p> <p>The question was asked as to the whereabouts of the Annual Report for 2022/23 with audited financial statements. It was advised that the auditors are still working on it and enquiries would be made as to the timing.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> – Councillor Peters / <b>Seconded</b> – Councillor Cotter</p> <p><i>'That the Central Plains Water Joint Working Committee receive the Central Plains Water Trust Annual Report for information.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>Central Plains Water Trust Sustainability Report</b></p>	<p>The report was discussed, and it was agreed that the formatting is fine however it is lacking in data to support conclusions. However, it was noted that the inclusion of more data around nitrates and other contaminants could add cost.</p> <p>Linda Gibb will liaise with Pat McEvedy regarding the presentation of the Sustainability Report to CCC. Input will be sort from the Christchurch City Council's Climate Resilience strategy team following a full review of the document.</p> <p>Timing of receiving the ASR was discussed, in particular the issue of why it was being received now (May) for results ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Mr McEvedy noted that it takes time for the data to be assessed and the report to be prepared, including engagement with third parties.</p> <p>Councillor Gliddon noted she had received the report in February.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> – Councillor Cotter / <b>Seconded</b> – Councillor Peters</p> <p><i>'That the Central Plains Water Joint Working Committee receive the Central Plains Water Trust Sustainability Report for information.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<p><b>CPW Joint Settlor Committee DRAFT Terms of Reference</b></p>	<p>It was agreed that more work is required on this document. Councillor Gliddon will discuss with Linda Gibb, the Terms of Reference. This item will be moved until the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> – Councillor Cotter / <b>Seconded</b> – Councillor Peters</p> <p><i>'That the Central Plains Water Joint Settlor Committee Draft Terms of Reference be discussed at the next meeting.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>Any other business</b></p>	<p>There was a discussion around the remuneration paid to the Trustees. It was noted that there has been no increase since 2016. The Trust does not have a manager and it was queried if the work required to do these tasks should be remunerated.</p>
<p><b>Final comments and close</b></p>	<p>The meeting closed the meeting at 1.28pm with Karakia. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>

Action	Person Responsible	Due Date
Send Sol to the Trust – Closed (Sent on 6 May 2024)	Cr Gliddon	8 May 2024
Financial forecast to be corrected – Closed (CFO has updated Cr Gliddon)	Cr Gliddon	8 May 2024
Clean copy of Deed with updated names sent to Trust by 10 June 2024	Cr Gliddon	31 May 2024
Update Terms of Reference	Cr Gliddon and Linda Gibb	September 2024
Annual Audit Report to be presented at next meeting	CFO	September 2024

**Central Plains Water Trust**  
**Statement of Intent**  
**For the year commencing**  
**1 July 202~~5~~<sup>4</sup>**

## CENTRAL PLAINS WATER TRUST STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 JULY 2025

### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### Statutory requirement

- This Statement of Intent ("Sol") sets out for Central Plains Water Trust ("CPWT") the objectives, the nature and scope of the activities to be undertaken, and the key areas of focus of the Trust.
- The process of negotiation and determination of an acceptable Sol is an expression of the accountability relationship between CPWT and its settlers, the Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council under the Trust Deed.
- The Sol is reviewed annually with the [Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council](#).

#### Contact addresses

- CPWT's registered office is at the offices of Central Plains Water Limited, 14 Nga Mahi Road, Christchurch.

#### Structure

- CPWT is a trust established for charitable purposes by a deed of declaration of trust (the Trust Deed) dated 9 August 2012 and is a Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO) established by the Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council.

### 2. TRUST OBJECTIVES

The Trust Deed sets out the following charitable purposes ("the Objects"), namely:

To promote the development of agriculture in the Central Canterbury Plains area of New Zealand for the benefit of all of the inhabitants of the Canterbury Region by:

1) Encouraging supporting and facilitating:

- a) sustainable development of the water resources of the Region
- b) agricultural and horticultural diversity in the Central Canterbury Plains area
- c) an appropriate balance of the benefits of agricultural development with the enhancement of ecological, social and recreational values in the Central Plains area.

2) Providing and facilitating education to the inhabitants of the Region in relation to water issues and sustainable agricultural development.

In pursuance of the objectives, the Trustees will have regard to:

- a) appropriate strategic development plans for the water resources of the Regions;
- b) whether other sources of funding or support are available, including assistance provided through industry or regional development policies and programmes of local authorities or central government;
- c) the objectives, roles and activities of any other organisations engaged in economic development activities in the Regions;
- d) inter-generational issues to order to promote long term sustainability of the water resources of the Regions;
- e) the vision and principles agreed by the Trust to apply to the Scheme, as set out in the agreement in relation to the Scheme between Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu, Te Taumutu Rūnanga Inc, Te Ngai Tuahuriri Inc, Wairewa Rūnanga Inc, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua Trust, Central Plains Water Trust and Central Plains Water Limited dated 29 May 2012, and any other matters that they believe are relevant;
- f) a key role of the Trust to monitor use rights and compliance; and
- g) the need to identify specific targets aimed at providing stakeholders with clear progress against the Trust's objectives.

### 3. NATURE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

CPWT is unique in that it holds the resource consents of the Central Plains Water Scheme and licences their use to Central Plains Water Limited under a Memorandum of Agreement dated 4 May 2016. Under the Agreement, CPWT's obligations include:

- reporting annually to the people of Canterbury on the Scheme's environmental, social and economic results; and
- administering the Environmental Management Fund (EMF) in the manner set out in the resource consents.

The reasonable costs of administering CPWT are agreed annually with CPWL, and these are paid annually by CPWL to CPWT.

### 4. GOVERNANCE

#### Role and responsibilities of the Board

The Trustees are required to manage the affairs of CPWT in accordance with the objectives of CPWT and otherwise in accordance with the terms of the CPWT Trust Deed.

The Trustees must also ensure that CPWT effectively carries out its responsibilities under the MoA.

The trustees see their prime responsibilities as:

- reporting to the public on the performance of the Scheme in relation to the trust's objects and community expectations over time;
- Encouraging supporting and facilitating an appropriate balance of the benefits of agricultural development with the enhancement of ecological, social and recreational values in the Central Plains area; and
- Providing and facilitating education to the inhabitants of the Region in relation to water issues and sustainable agricultural development.

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The trustees discharge this responsibility through effective leadership and through excellent public communication.

The board of trustees seeks to maintain best practise systems, procedures, policies and guidelines to ensure that:

- plans and budgets reflect short and long term horizons;
- the performance of the Trust is monitored against the Trust's Sol by the board of trustees;
- all relevant matters are brought to its attention through a system of prompt and comprehensive reporting in accordance with the MoA;
- its financial statements are prepared and published in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice that give a true and fair view of the financial position of CPWT as at each balance date and the results of its activities and cash flows for each year;
- the assets of CPWT (the resource consents) are safeguarded by ensuring that internal control procedures are in place in order to provide a reasonable assurance that CPWT will function in a professional and lawful manner and that it follows this Sol to guide its future work in pursuit of CPWT's objectives; and
- all trustees subscribe to the principles of good governance and usually the accepted codes of best practice on corporate governance.

#### The Trust Board's reporting responsibilities

CPWT is a trust for charitable purposes and as such its beneficiaries are the people of Canterbury generally, however the trustees will ensure that the Councils as settlors are informed of all major developments affecting CPWT's affairs as required by the Trust Deed Information will be communicated to the Councils through both the Annual Report and the Half-yearly Report. CPWT will operate on a "no surprises" basis with regard to all issues which the Trustees consider to be of relevance to settlors.

#### The Board composition

Currently the board of trustees comprises:

- Pat McEvedy (chairperson)
- Robert Lawrence
- Les Wanhalla
- Murray Doak
- Richard McDowell

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#### Process for appointment of Trustees

Trustees may be appointed in three ways:

- The Settlers jointly have the right to appoint Trustees for such term of office (not exceeding three years).
- The Trustees may themselves co-opt from time to time persons to serve as additional Trustees.
- Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu may appoint up to three trustees.



#### Board meetings

The board meets at least quarterly and at such other times as business shall require.

#### Board performance review

The board will conduct an internal annual performance review at its first meeting following the end of CPWT's financial year.

### 5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CPWT has no employees and no physical operations, nor does it have any direct or indirect responsibilities for the operations of CPWL, nor any public liability for the Scheme operations.

### 6. FUNDING

CPWT has no commercial operations and operates exclusively through an annual funding regime in accordance with the MoA. The total level of such annual funding is currently approximately \$~~120,000~~130,000

### 7. STRATEGIC DIRECTION

#### Reporting to the public on the performance of the Scheme

CPWT publishes an Annual Sustainability Report for the Scheme on its website.

#### Environmental leadership

CPWT's environmental leadership arises generally in the pursuance of its objectives, and through its role as the holder of the Scheme's resource consents, and its public reporting functions.

The trustees wish to ensure that the Trust's effort is prioritised in areas which are not presently being undertaken by others and is commensurate with the capacity that the Trust has from time to time.

In 2025/26, the Trust will engage in the following activities, although the extent to which the Trust can undertake these activities and achieve meaningful outcomes is limited by its capacity and resources:

1. Consideration of the benefits and risks to the environment, ecology, community, and recreational values of the region from CPWL's activities, including but not limited to water quality, with reference to the objectives of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee ZIPA. For this purpose, the Trustees will present the Annual Sustainability Report, scheduled for completion by the end of December 2025, to the representatives of the Councils at the bi-annual meeting planned for March 2026.
2. Consideration of the ways in which the CPW Scheme is encouraging, supporting and facilitating an appropriate balance of the benefits of economic development, with the enhancement of ecological, social, cultural and recreational values in the Central Plains area. These matters will also be reported in the Trust's Annual Report to the Councils to be presented to the representatives of the Councils at the bi-annual meeting planned for March.
3. Consideration of biodiversity enhancement opportunities across the region associated with sustainable development of the water resources of the Region, with particular reference to the CPW Scheme, the role of mahinga kai and the national direction to give effect to Te Mana o Te Wai.

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4. That the Annual Sustainability Report's reporting framework is reviewed and any additional information that would assist the councils to be well-informed of the risks of contaminants reaching drinking water supplies is included.
5. Engagement is undertaken with the councils' environmental staff on the Annual Sustainability Report's findings, following which the Trust presents the Report to the councils in an open public meeting each year.

### Community Engagement and Education

CPWT maintains a website for the purposes of public information and engagement concerning the operation of the Scheme.

The Community Liaison Group required by the resource consent conditions was established in December 2013 and is being supported as required.

The trustees are developing and will facilitate the 'Story of Water', an education program for the young people of Selwyn District, focussing on the benefit and significance of water to sustainable agricultural/horticultural development. The trustees may engage with other parties to combine resources to deliver education targets.

Consideration of educational opportunities including the Trust's plans for the engagement with schools set out in the Strategic Plan, and also with other stakeholder groups (to be identified) in order to enhance public knowledge of water issues and the benefits of the proper management of water for sustainable economic development.

### Engagement with Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council

Representatives of the Trust Board will meet with representatives of the Councils biannually and on such additional occasions as may be agreed to discuss the Trust's monitoring of the performance of CPWL in operating the Scheme. This will include the Trustees' presentation of its Annual Sustainability Report. The Report is scheduled for completion by the end of December ~~2022~~ and the Trust representatives will present it to the representatives of the Councils at the bi-annual meeting planned for March 2025~~February 2023~~.

The trustees will also discuss and agree with the Settlers on any key potential areas of additional focus for the Trust. The extent to which the Trust can undertake these activities and achieve meaningful outcomes is limited by its capacity and resources.

### Key outputs

• Reporting to the public on the performance of the Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Continue</del> <u>Consider</u> use of <u>an independent consultant</u> <del>Liquid Earth (Brydon Hughes)</del> to obtain data from CPWL <u>or undertake analysis to help and</u> prepare the Annual Sustainability Report</li> <li>Continue to publish 'a user-friendly' Annual Sustainability Report on our website <u>by March 31<sup>st</sup></u>.</li> </ul>
• Environmental leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Instigate informal talks with water users</del> Develop a <u>financial</u> plan to support <del>our</del> education initiatives including CPWL funding (based on surplus funds from our operations), use of the EMF, and possible other external sources</li> </ul>
• Community engagement and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the website to make it more effective <u>and</u> <del>accessible</del> <u>and current</u>.</li> <li><u>Education and engagement of residents and stakeholders youth and other generations within the Selwyn District</u></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company, Trust, Council and Ecosystem strategic alignment</li> <li><a href="#">Align and assist with CPWL's education and outreach initiatives to provide an independent voice.</a></li> <li><a href="#">External opportunities, e.g. partnerships, innovation, and intergenerational learning</a></li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement with Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue six-monthly briefings by CPWT with additional briefings by exception.</li> <li><a href="#">Present sustainability report to councils in a public meeting if requested.</a></li> </ul>
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#### Operational and Performance Targets

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education Targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an ecosystem Bus tour</li> <li>Visits to four schools within the Selwyn District <a href="#">Engage in 4 education events or projects</a></li> <li>Dissemination of video programmes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure compliance of resource consents</li> <li>To ensure compliance of water rights</li> <li>To report on any non-compliance <a href="#">to the Joint Settlor Committee</a></li> <li>Commitment to meeting all legal, statutory and regulatory requirements</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationship Targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholder engagement and advice</li> <li>Trust meetings with the Joint <a href="#">Settlor Committee and Councils as required.</a></li> </ul>

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#### 8. ANNUAL AND HALF YEAR REPORTING TO COUNCILS

##### Frequency of reporting:

A half yearly report and an audited annual report as at end of June.

##### Accounting policies:

Refer to Schedule 1 attached.

##### Reporting on agreed key areas of focus

CPWT will provide formal reports to the settlor Councils on its agreed key areas of focus through half-yearly and annual reports.

CPWT representatives will meet with representatives of the settlor Councils to discuss current activities, progress against the agreed key areas of focus and future opportunities and risks generally on a half-yearly basis.

**9. ESTIMATE OF COMMERCIAL VALUE OF THE TRUST'S ASSETS**

CPWT's only asset is the resource consents for the CPW Scheme, and otherwise has no non-current assets (for example, property, plant and equipment, etc.). Any current assets (for example, cash and accounts receivable) at any one time are held exclusively to fund the needs and commitments of the Trust. Accordingly, the estimated commercial value of the Trust is effectively nil.

## SCHEDULE 1

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Statement of reporting entity

Central Plains Water Trust was initially formed through a Declaration of Trust on 15 April 2003. This has been replaced by a deed of trust dated 9 October 2012. The Trust is a charitable trust and is a Council Organisation of both the Selwyn District Council and the Christchurch City Council under the Local Government Act 2002.

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#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP). They comply with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (PBE IPSAS).

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and the functional currency of the Trust is New Zealand dollars.

The Trust has designated itself as a public benefit entity for the purposes of PBE IPSAS.

#### Changes in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the year.

#### Standards and Interpretation issued and not yet adopted

There are no standards and interpretations issued and not yet adopted that are applicable to the Trust's operations.

#### Going concern

The financial statements of the Trust have been prepared under the going concern assumption.

The Trust is reliant on Central Plains Water Limited to fund both its operating expenses and its liabilities under the MoA.

Central Plains Water Limited was formed to investigate, construct and operate a water management scheme for the Central Canterbury Plains. It has completed the construction of, and has commissioned both Stages 1 and 2 of the Scheme and also the Sheffield Scheme. The Company is now operating the whole Scheme in the manner required by the resource consents granted by the consent authorities. The resource consents have been transferred to the Trust, which in turn has granted the Company an exclusive license to use the resource consents as set out in the MoA.

If CPWL was unable to continue in operational existence, the Trust would lose that source of funding. In such circumstances, other sources of funding would need to be obtained, so that the Trust could continue to carry out its functions effectively.

If the Trust was unable to obtain such additional funding, it may be unable to continue in operational existence. In this event, adjustments may have to be made to the financial statements to reflect the situation that assets may need to be realised other than in the amount at which they are currently recorded in the statement of financial position. In addition, the Trust may have to provide for further liabilities that might arise.

### **Significant accounting policies**

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report.

#### **Revenue**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable.

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised by reference to stage of completion of the contract at year-end balance date.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

#### **Revenue in Advance**

Revenue in Advance is recognised as revenue when expenditure is incurred. This practice is based on the Reimbursement Agreement with Central Plains Water Limited dated 6 May 2004.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### **Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

A provision for impairment of receivables is established when there is objective evidence that they will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted using the effective interest method.

#### **Financial assets**

The Trust classifies its financial assets into the following categories: financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit, held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. The Trustees' or management determine the classification of investments at initial recognition and re-evaluate this designation at every reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs unless they are carried at fair value through surplus or deficit in which case the transaction costs are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Trust commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Trust has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

The fair value of any financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Trust does not have any financial assets of this nature at this time.

The four categories of financial assets are:

*Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit*

This category has two sub-categories: Financial assets held for trading and those designated at fair value through surplus or deficit at inception. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by the Trustees'. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are either held for trading or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the balance date.

After initial recognition, they are measured at their fair values. Gains or losses on remeasurement are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Currently, the Trust does not hold any financial assets in this category.

*Loans and receivables*

These are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

After initial recognition, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses when the asset is impaired or derecognised are recognised in the surplus or deficit. Loans and receivables are classified as 'trade and other receivables' in the statement of financial position.

Currently, the Trust has trade and other receivables in this category.

*Held to maturity investments*

Held to maturity investments are assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Trust has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

After initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses when the asset is impaired or derecognised are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Currently, the Trust does not hold any financial assets in this category.

*Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income*

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income are those that are designated as fair value through comprehensive income or are not classified in any of the other categories above.

This category encompasses:

- ☐ Investments that the Trust intends to hold long-term but which may be realised before maturity; and
- ☐ Shareholdings that the Trust holds for strategic purposes.

After initial recognition, these investments are measured at their fair value with valuations performed by an independent valuer with sufficient regularity to ensure no investments are included at a valuation that is materially different from fair value. The valuation changes are recognised and held in a revaluation reserve.

On de-recognition, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to the surplus or deficit.

Currently, the Trust does not hold any financial assets in this category.

#### **Impairment of Financial Assets**

At each balance date, the Trust assesses whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Any impairment losses are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

#### **Income Tax**

Up to 30 June 2008 the Trust was a Charitable Trust exempt from income tax under sections CW34 and CW35 of the Income Tax Act 2004. The Trust is not registered as a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005 and its charitable tax exemption lapsed on 1 July 2008. The Trust is not currently seeking registration as it does not intend to make a financial profit from its activities.

As the Trust does not trade, and its costs are reimbursed under the Memorandum of Agreement with Central Plains Water Limited, the Trust does not have any tax expense, liabilities, or assets.



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2024

CENTRAL PLAINS WATER TRUST.  
**Sustainability Report**

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# THE TRUST'S ROLE IN MONITORING PERFORMANCE

Central Plains Water Trust (the Trust) is actively developing a plan to align with the strategic initiatives of Central Plains Water Limited (CPWL).

## THIS PLAN WILL FOCUS ON:

- Defining desired ecosystem health outcomes tied to measurable indicators (e.g., nutrients, *E. coli*).
- Tracking trends in wildlife survey data (e.g., birds, reptiles, native fish) conducted by or on behalf of CPWL.
- Creating a photographic catalogue of critical species to educate stakeholders.
- Expanding highlights of the Near River Recharge project and presenting measurable data on its performance and global significance.
- Assessing the number of actions required to achieve environmental targets, including evaluating project impacts over time.
- Investigating the cost-effectiveness of current mitigation strategies and identifying what works best and why.
- For the target of a 30% nitrate-N reduction, determining:
  - The number of samples required to detect changes within 5, 10, or 20 years.
  - The distribution of lag times between actions and measurable improvements.
- Evaluating progress toward surface and groundwater quality goals in preparation for the scheme's consent review by Environment Canterbury in 2047.
- Exploring how CWPT can assist in securing consent beyond 2047.



CPWL Scheme area.





# FACILITATING SUSTAINABLE WATER.

## CHAIRS FOREWORD

The Central Plains Water Trust 2024 Sustainability Report has been prepared by the Trust. Established by the Settlor Councils (Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council), the Trust holds resource consents on behalf of the community and licenses these to CPWL to operate the Central Plains Water Enhancement Scheme for its shareholders.

The Trust's objective is to promote sustainable development of the region's water resources, supporting agricultural and horticultural diversity in the Central Canterbury Plains while fostering ecological, social, and recreational values across the region.

To achieve this, the Trust regularly reports to the Settlor Councils and keeps their representatives informed about the performance of CPWL. It also reports on the conditions and outcomes outlined in the Statement of Intent set by the Settlers' representatives.

Among the Trust's key goals is promoting the long-term sustainability of the region's water resources. Through its oversight role, the Trust ensures that CPWL builds and maintains resilient, intergenerational infrastructure while striving for efficiency and leveraging data for continuous improvement.

One of the main requirements of the Trust's oversight is the production of a Sustainability Report, which consolidates data to assess progress against environmental targets. This report provides an independent analysis of the scheme's effects and performance across various metrics derived from resource consent conditions and CPWL's strategic documents.

This year, the Trust evaluated CPWL's strategic goals and developed action plans to align and assess the performance of the two key initiatives with the Trust's objectives (*Strategic Initiatives*). A work plan is currently being developed around these actions.

# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The Trust has assessed alignment with CPWL's 100-Year Strategy (see *Table below*) and is actively exploring how elements within this strategy can inform the development of a comprehensive action plan. This will guide the Trust in advancing its commitment to promoting sustainable development of the region's water resources.

INTERGENERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE	We build and sustain resilient intergenerational infrastructure striving for efficiencies and leveraging data for continuous improvement.	TRUST'S ROLE AND ACTIONS
CLIMATE RESILIENCE	Engage with regional leaders (industry and regulator) to co-develop a climate resilience strategy (water/energy/food/transport).	1. To participate, engage and reflect the sector's view on climate resilience over the next 100 years.
SUSTAINABILITY	Raise the bar by driving continuous climate resilience and best practice to deliver environmental benefits and enhancements.	
CULTURE	<b>Quantify the environmental benefits of CPWL Scheme as:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groundwater vs Surface water usage data</li> <li>Reduction in N lost below the root zone</li> <li>Area of land managed under CPWL Farm Environment Plans</li> <li>Utilisation of soil moisture monitoring.</li> </ul>	2. Check the quality of data gathering and reporting aligns with community needs. 3. Champion the collection, stewardship, and use of environmental data in an accessible datahub.
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify community and shareholder benefits.</li> <li>UNSDG reporting.</li> </ul>	4. Identify community and stakeholder needs. 5. Help identify appropriate metrics for UNSDG reporting.
PERFORMANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of A grade audit results.</li> <li>Bird Surveys.</li> <li>Water quality and water quantity data and trends.</li> <li>Develop and implement performance software to improve water take oversight.</li> <li>CPWL report on scheme performance against Selwyn Waihora Zone Implementation Plan.</li> </ul>	6. Check the quantity and quality of environmental performance meets community and stakeholder needs and recommend changes if needed. 7. Monitoring of collected Biodiversity information. 8. Align performance to actions taken via Farm Environment Plans to give shareholder confidence that actions are leading to water quality improvement.

# THE BENEFITS OF CENTRAL PLAINS WATER LIMITED

Central Plains Water Limited (CPWL) supplies sustainable water to support agriculture, cropping, and seed production across 45,000 hectares of Canterbury farmland, enabling diverse farming, and strengthening food production.

CPWL prioritises environmental stewardship, monitoring water use and adhering to strict resource consents. By collaborating with regulators and observing to high environmental standards, CPWL ensures sustainable water management for future generations.

## IMPACT 1:

**50–70**  
Million m<sup>3</sup>  
Annually

With CPWL's provision of water, farmers have ceased abstracting 50–70 million m<sup>3</sup> of groundwater annually from central Canterbury aquifers.

## IMPACT 2:

**29%**  
Less  
Nitrogen

29% reduction of nitrogen below the plant root zone from CPWL farms.

## IMPACT 3:

**\$364**  
Million

In 2024, CPWL contributed \$364 million to Canterbury's GDP and generated 2045 jobs for the Canterbury region, while supporting many local community projects\*

## IMPACT 4:

**100%**  
FEP'S

100% of CPWL shareholder farms have a FEP. CPWL supply irrigation to 45,000 hectares, but manages the FEP's for 71,000 hectares of shareholders' land.

Source:  
2024 BERL report.

# CPWL'S IMPACT ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

Recent analysis by the AgriBusiness Group Ltd highlights the impact of CPWL irrigation. On 23,564 hectares of former dryland, irrigation has nearly doubled beef production, increased grain yields by a third, and boosted milk output from 34 million to 475 million litres annually, driving regional economic growth.

WITHOUT  
CPWL  
WATER



**33.89**

Million  
Litres  
Milk

**0.86**

Million  
Kilograms  
Beef

**9.41**

Million  
Loaves  
Bread

WITH  
CPWL  
WATER



**475.46**

Million  
Litres  
Milk

**2.08**

Million  
Kilograms  
Beef

**12.29**

Million  
Loaves  
Bread

NET GAIN  
FROM CPWL  
SCHEME



**441.57**

Million  
Litres  
Milk

**1.22**

Million  
Kilograms  
Beef

**2.88**

Million  
Loaves  
Bread

Source:  
The AgriBusiness Group Ltd.



A close-up photograph of a white bird, possibly a gull or a similar large seabird, in flight. The bird is shown from the side, with its wings spread wide, revealing the intricate structure of its feathers. Its head is turned slightly towards the viewer, showing a dark beak and a light-colored eye. The background is a deep, dark blue, which makes the white feathers of the bird stand out prominently. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the feathers.

## MONITORING PERFORMANCE

CPWL engages an Avifauna Ecologist to monitor bird populations around the Rakaia and Waimakariri River intakes. Conducted annually from September to February, these surveys identify breeding birds, ensuring the protection of these ecologically significant treasures for future generations.





Photo Credits: Peter Langland,  
Vaughan Morsiey, Rob Lawrence

## BIRD SURVEYS: Safeguarding Avian Treasures

Within the scheme area, particularly around the operational zones near the Rakaia and Waimakariri River intakes, CPWL is committed to safeguarding colonies of key avian species. These include the South Island pied oystercatcher (Tōrea), black stilt (Kaki), pied stilt (Poaka), wrybill (Ngutuparore), banded dotterel (Pohowera), black-billed gull (Tarāpuka), white-fronted tern (Tara), and black-fronted tern (Tarapirohe).

All surveyed bird species are classified as either nationally threatened or at risk, highlighting their ecological significance and the need for monitoring.

### IMPACT 1:

Through meticulous bird surveys, CPWL track and record breeding bird numbers and nesting colonies. Each CPWL finding is carefully mapped to inform strategies.

### IMPACT 2:

CPWL takes active steps to minimise disturbances and enhance breeding conditions, supporting population stability for these species.

**All these birds are considered taonga species holding deep cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional significance.**



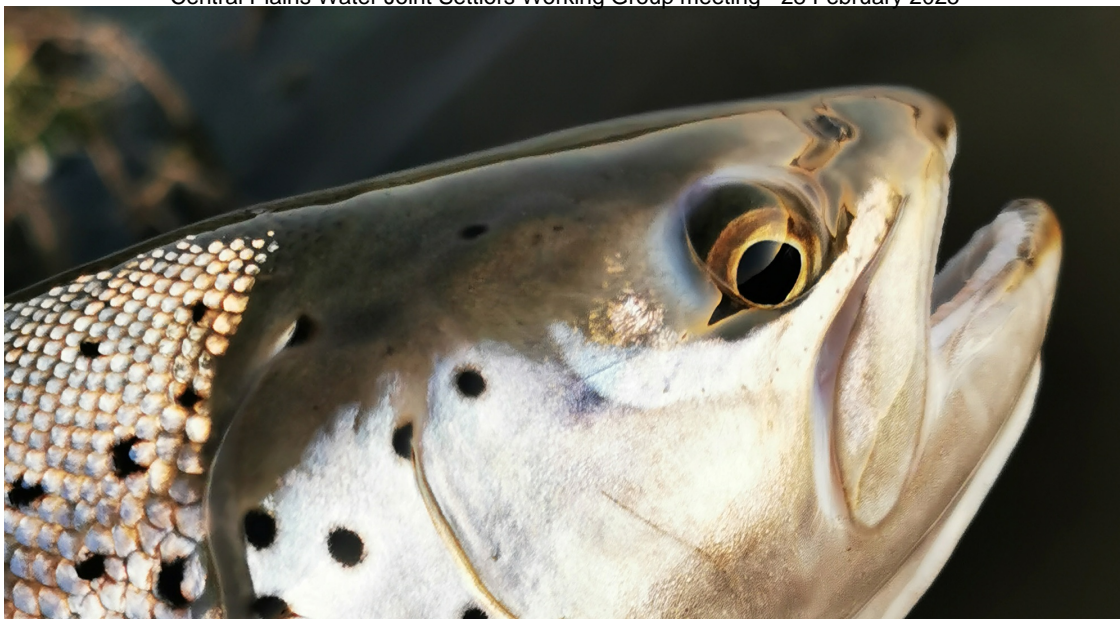


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## SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### Lake Ellesmere/Te Waihora

Established as part of consenting requirements, the CPWL EMF, Lake Ellesmere Te Waihora Environmental Management Fund, and Lake Ellesmere Te Waihora Sea Openings Fund have played a pivotal role in creating intergenerational gains from the mountains to the sea ki uta ki tai.

Lake Ellesmere/Te Waihora is a coastal treasure, fed by the Selwyn River, lowland streams, and the regional groundwater system. Recognised as a wetland of international significance, it holds immense cultural and ecological value as a taonga.

#### IMPACT 1:

Through the CPWL EMF, Lake Ellesmere Te Waihora Environmental Management Fund, and Lake Ellesmere Te Waihora Sea Openings Fund CPWL has contributed **\$350,000** to restoration initiatives, with an additional **\$160,000** allocated for facilitating lake openings—a vital practice in maintaining the lake's ecosystem.

#### SEA OPENINGS:

Lake openings are carefully timed to support seasonal fish migrations. Tuna (eels) migrate between April and June, while species like flounder, whitebait, and sea-run trout enter the lake from September to October. Salmon runs occur from late November through March.

#### COMMUNITY IMPACT:

These efforts support traditional food-gathering practices, such as collecting swan's eggs, and help maintain the lake's ecological balance. Managing water levels prevents wetland margins from drying in summer and mitigates flooding risks that can impact land, drain networks, and infrastructure.



# FARM ENVIRONMENT PLANS

Farm Environment Plans (FEP'S) are a requirement under discharge consent CRC165686. The FEP is audited, these audits assess whether farms are achieving Good Management Practice (GMP). Farms that receive an A or B grade benefit from an extended audit interval.

Each CPWL farm must maintain an up-to-date FEP, the template that the FEP is on (not the completed farm FEP itself) must be approved by the Canterbury Regional Council's Chief Executive.

All CPWL farms are audited by an independent auditor, separate from the farm's advisors or preparers of the FEP. The auditor must assess the farm's compliance with GMP and assign a grade based on their confidence in the farm's performance. If any aspect of the FEP receives a low or medium rating, the auditor outlines the necessary actions and deadlines for improvement. Failure to meet these actions by the next audit results in an automatic C grade.

## IMPACT 1:

All CPWL shareholders maintain an FEP.

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## IMPACT 2:

99.3% of these plans have received an A or B grade from independent auditors, demonstrating GMP is being implemented in a timely manner (as defined by Environment Canterbury).

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# FARM AUDIT GRADES

Farms with an A or B grade must be re-audited within 12 months if the farm manager or the farming system changes, such as conversions between different operations (e.g., dairy to cropping) or the introduction of new livestock types (e.g., deer or wintering dairy cows).

## A GRADE:

The farm is compliant and achieving GMP, with the next audit due in 4 years.

## B GRADE:

The farm is compliant and on track to achieve GMP, with the next audit due in 2 years.

## C GRADE:

The farm is non-compliant and not achieving GMP, with the next audit due in 12 months.

## D GRADE:

The farm is in serious non-compliance, with the next audit due in 6 months.

# CPWL NUTRIENT TARGETS AND BUDGETS.

Nitrogen loss below the root zone across our FEP management area has reduced by 29% since 2015, demonstrating the positive impact of land management at scale.

As part of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (Plan Change 1), the Selwyn Waihora Water Zone Committee, with input from the community, developed a package of actions including restricting the agricultural nitrogen load losses from the catchment. For farms in the Selwyn Waihora catchment, further reductions were required from 1 January 2022.

A nutrient budget is a modelled calculation of a farm's nitrogen losses. Nutrient budgets are updated each year to show a trend and to understand how each farm's nitrogen loss has changed compared with nitrogen losses for the period 2009–2013 (or when the farm commenced irrigating, if later).

The amount a farm must reduce their nitrogen loss by is based on their land use. In total, CPWL shareholder farms have reduced nitrogen loss below the root zone by 29% compared to pre-scheme nitrogen loss. A wide range of farming practices have been implemented to enable this reduction.

**The most significant impact comes from good management practices such as:**

- Reducing fertiliser use.
- Improving effluent management.
- Improving irrigation practices.

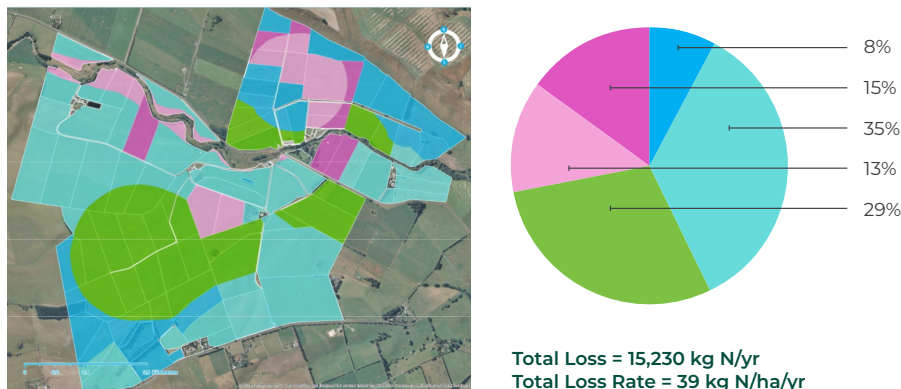
## IMPACT 1:

29% Less nitrogen lost below the root zone compared to pre-CPWL

## IMPACT 2:

Through the Environmental Management Fund, CPWL has accessed grants enabling farmers to access Ballance MitAgator farm maps. These maps improve on Overseer modelling by identifying critical areas of nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment, and E. coli loss, allowing targeted, cost-effective mitigation actions. Data shows that targeted actions are seven times more cost-effective than untargeted approaches (Figure 1)<sup>1</sup>.

## EXAMPLE MITAGATOR NITROGEN RISK MAP



**Figure 1 Map of the risk of nitrogen loss rates.**  
 (Green = Very Low. Light Blue = Low. Blue = Medium. Light Pink = High and Pink = Very High. Corresponding to rates of 0-8, 8.1-16, 16.1-24, 24.1-32, and >32, respectively).

# SURFACE AND GROUND WATER

Monitoring surface and groundwater quality is essential to understanding the environmental impact of the CPWL. By collecting extensive data and analysing trends, the scheme provides insights into key water quality indicators, identifies areas requiring action, and supports sustainable water management across the region.

## IMPACT 1:

CPWL has conducted nearly 3,500 water samples across 60 ground and surface water sites since 2014. This extensive monitoring is designed to assess the scheme's impact on water quality and trigger necessary actions.

## IMPACT 2:

Nitrate-N concentrations exceeding trigger concentrations for further investigation were observed in four bores within stage one of the scheme. These concentrations are within the range seen prior to the scheme's operation, but statistical evaluation is limited due to insufficient data. Additional data collection is underway to establish (at least) five-year medians for the remaining scheme areas.

## IMPACT 3:

Groundwater nitrate-nitrogen trends over the past decade show most concentrations are increasing at a rate comparable to those monitored by Environment Canterbury. Detailed trend likelihoods are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1:**

Likelihood of Increasing or Decreasing Trends in Groundwater Nitrate-Nitrogen Concentrations (2014–2024) <sup>2</sup>.

CONCENTRATION (mg L <sup>-1</sup> Nitrate-Nitrogen)	ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY WELLS (%)	CPWL WELLS (%)
VERY LIKELY INCREASING	42%	45%
LIKELY INCREASING	16%	20%
INDETERMINATE	20%	5%
LIKELY DECREASING	11%	10%
VERY LIKELY DECREASING	21%	20%
NUMBER OF WELLS	19	20

IMPACT 4:

Anecdotal evidence suggests improved groundwater quality in the last five years in bores beneath the oldest parts of the scheme. A breakdown of short-term trends is provided in Table 2. Trends are not to be considered certain owing to the brief time span of analysis (5 years), the strong likelihood of climatic variability and the influence of lag times.

**Table 2:**  
Short-Term Trends in Groundwater Nitrate-Nitrogen Concentrations (5-Year Analysis)<sup>2</sup>.

CONCENTRATION (mg L <sup>-1</sup> Nitrate-Nitrogen)	2014–2024 (%)	2014 –2019 (%)	2019–2024 (%)
VERY LIKELY INCREASING	45%	55%	10%
LIKELY INCREASING	20%	15%	5%
INDETERMINATE	5%	15%	25%
LIKELY DECREASING	10%	10%	15%
VERY LIKELY DECREASING	20%	5%	45%
NUMBER OF WELLS	20	20	

IMPACT 5:

Median nitrate-nitrogen concentrations at ten riverine sites exceeded concentrations designed to trigger further investigation and action.

IMPACT 6:

In Lake Ellesmere/Te Waihora, mid-lake chlorophyll-a concentrations and the Trophic Lake Index score exceed trigger levels, indicating the need for further investigation into potential causes.



## NEAR RIVER RECHARGE: Delivering climate resilience in Selwyn/Waihora

The Selwyn Waihora water zone extends from the alpine rivers and high country of the Waimakariri Basin and Lake Coleridge to the wetlands of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere. The vision for the zone is to protect its alpine rivers and high-country values, restore the mauri of Te Waihora, and support a prosperous land-based economy.

The Near River Recharge (NRR) project is a globally unique innovation designed to replenish declining groundwater resources in the Selwyn Waihora area. The project supports climate resilience and ensures sustainable water management in one of Canterbury's most critical regions.

Most Canterbury Plains rivers and streams sit on a large bed of leaky gravel, naturally recharging connected aquifers when flowing. The NRR project enhances this process by channelling clean water through constructed leaky basins during periods of low river flow.

CPWL's run-of-river water supply has significantly reduced reliance on groundwater abstraction, with shareholders switching to run-of-river water and in doing so achieving reductions of 50–70%. This shift has allowed streams across the region to flow more consistently, reducing pressure on groundwater resources.

Supported by government environmental agencies, local schools, and CPWL, the NRR project has not yet been utilised, it stands as a tool for future climate resilience. Strategic native plantings further enhance biodiversity, creating a healthier ecosystem.

Through the CPWL Educational Grant, students from Greendale School have been using the NRR as an extension of their classroom. Initiatives like hands-on monitoring of freshwater invertebrates, supported by Enviroschools.



Students from Greendale school gathering data on invertebrate numbers in the Selwyn River NRR.

# LAG TIMES

## UNDERSTANDING LAG TIMES AND TRENDS

Lag times—the delay between implementing farm practices and detecting changes in water quality—play a crucial role in monitoring and managing the environmental performance of CPWL.

Trends in nutrient concentrations, such as nitrate-N, provide valuable insights into where action is needed. Increasing trends signal areas for intervention, while improving trends reinforce the value of good practices.

However, using trends to detect CPWL's impact can be challenging due to variations caused by dry or wet years and lag times in groundwater and surface water responses. Tools are now available to assess lag times and whether the number of samples collected is sufficient to determine changes despite natural variability <sup>3</sup>.

## UNDERSTANDING THE EFFECTS OF TIME LAGS

For instance, reducing nitrate-N concentrations by 30% may take over 30 years to become evident in deeper bores, where lag times are long. In contrast, many of the scheme's shallower bores have shorter lag times, meaning changes could be detected sooner. An example is shown in Figure 2, illustrating the likelihood (80%) of detecting a 30% reduction target over 10 years with seasonal sampling in groundwater.

**Efforts should focus on:**

1. Determining the age of water in shallow bores to better estimate lag times.
2. Ensuring sufficient samples are collected to meet stakeholder expectations regarding nutrient reductions within acceptable timeframes.

## TYPICAL REDUCTIONS

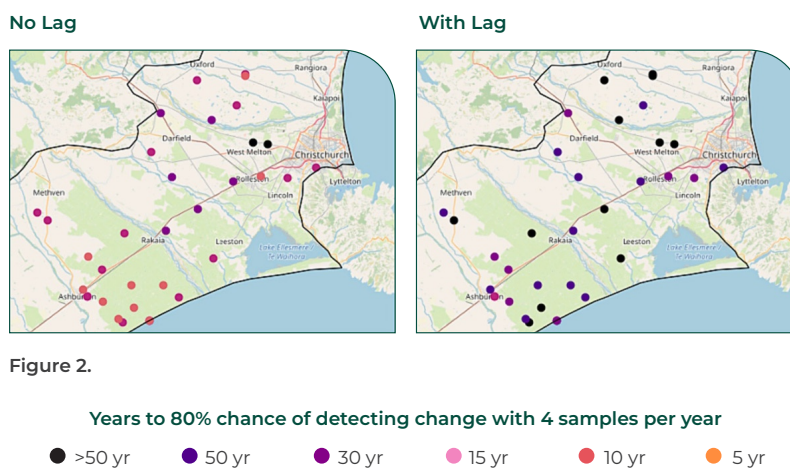
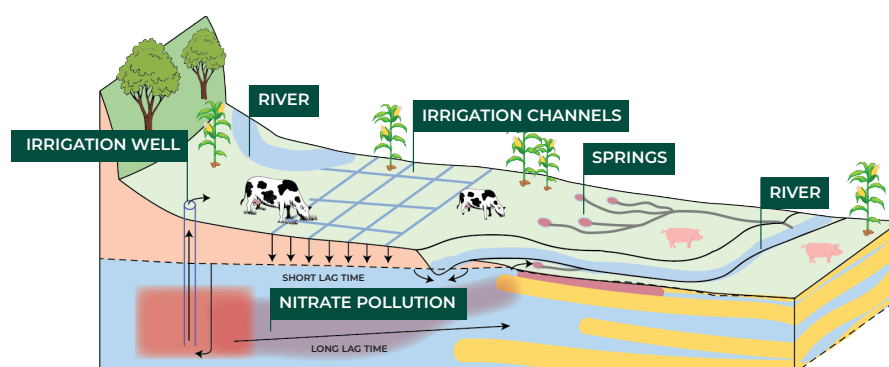


Figure 2.



## LINKING DATA TO FARM ACTIONS

These insights are critical for guiding actions outlined in FEP'S. By monitoring, implementing, and evaluating these plans, farm actions can be linked improvements in catchment water quality. This helps farmers understand when positive changes in water quality can be expected and ensures transparency in performance reporting.



Graphic adapted from Rotiroti et al.<sup>4</sup>.

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FUND

The Environmental Management Fund is administered and overseen by an independent committee appointed for this purpose. The committee is made up of representatives of Selwyn District Council, Environment Canterbury and Community interests. The committee is Chaired by ex-Trustee Olive Webb and each year considers a number of applications to make meaningful environmental enhancements to the area. In 2023-24 there were 12 grants made from applications received. In total \$92,852.87 was distributed. These grants were spread geographically across the Selwyn area with community groups such as Ta Ara Kakariki and Canterbury Gliding Club and many individual farmers being successful.





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<https://cpwl.co.nz/resource-centre/company-resources/>

Annual Ground and Surface Water Monitoring Report 2022/2023  
<https://cpwl.co.nz/resource-centre/company-resources/>



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# **Central Plains Water Trust**

## **Annual Report**

**for the year ended  
30 June 2023**



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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### *CPWT Annual Report 2023*

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**Overview**

The Trust in the past year has concentrated on performing its core duties while continuing to build relationships with the Settlor councils, Ngai Tahu and Nga Runanga Arowhenua, Te Taumutu Runanga, Te Ngai Tuahuriri and Wairewa Runanga along with Central Plains Water Limited.

**Scheme**

The Scheme became operational in 2015 and was completely operational by 2018, with these years of data collection we are now starting to get a clearer picture of how the performance of the scheme is year to year. During the 2022-23 season the scheme provided 110 million cubic metres of water with 50% again being stored water. The continued development of technology to not only record the operational performance of the scheme but also provide on farm efficiencies on the application of water and other inputs is starting to have a positive impact. The environmental developments throughout the greater Selwyn area are starting to become apparent encouraged by the Environmental Management Fund and other biodiversity initiatives. With the latest La Nina weather pattern behind us and the predicted El Nino for the coming season the Central Plains Water Scheme will provide the certainty that farmers require to continue to produce the many foods and proteins that are vital to our local economy. During the year, long serving Trustee Viv Smart retired from the Trust, Viv had served on the Trust during the planning, construction, and operational phases of the scheme.

**Environmental Management Fund**

During the 2022-23 year the EMF received 14 applications from throughout the Selwyn District totalling \$209,214.30 and allocated the \$97,112.00 that was available for distribution.

**Sustainability Report**

The Trust has given instructions to Brydon Hughes of Land Water People (LWP) to produce an independent assessment of CPWL's monitoring results for 2022-23 season. This year we have asked Brydon to provide a condensed version with easier to understand commentary. This will be part of a Sustainability Overview Report that is intended to offer more context to the data presented. For those who wish to dig into the data that will also be made publicly available.

The 2022-23 La Nina Weather pattern saw larger rain fall events throughout the year and generally a wetter season. This helped provide higher groundwater levels (highest recorded since the 1970's). While the trigger levels for water quality were exceeded at all monitoring sites the monitoring results remained within the historical range recorded before commencement of the CPW Scheme operations.

**Governance**

The Trust met with the Settlers on several occasions. Formally on the 16th of September 2022 and 5th May 2023 to report on outcomes. There were also several informal meetings with the Bus tour of the scheme an ideal opportunity for wide ranging conversations with attendees. The Chairman also met Christchurch City Council (CCC) staff twice to understand CCC requirement for information which CPWT and CPWL were to present to CCC councillors, the Chairman also met along with CPWL Chair and CEO and Papatipu Runanga during the 2022-23 year to discuss representation and environmental and cultural performance. The Chairman also maintained regular contact with Cr Lydia Gliddon who is Chairing the Settlers Joint Committee, to ensure there was a clear understanding of the many issues that arise during a calendar year. To address Audit New Zealand's concerns the Trust encouraged the Settlers to review the trust deed so it reflected the actual community communication opportunities and other updates, the Trust Deed will be ratified by the councils in December and accepted by the Trust in their AGM. The Trustees were due to have their appointments reviewed during 2022-23 but this has now been delayed until March 2024.

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**Community Education Update**
The Story of Water

This project is an educational initiative being developed by Central Plains Water Trust (CPWT). It is focussed on achieving the Objects of the Trust, outlined in Section 4 of the Trust Deed, and the objectives defined in the CPWT Strategic Plan.

Delivered to date: Scoping and Imagery (repository submitted to the scheme), Mixed Reality Capture (2D, 3D, Drone, Augmented Reality, VR), presentations to various events (outlined within the settlor presentation), CPW Ecosystem Bus Tour, Wai Water Video (currently awaiting on far video capture), and Scoping of the Mixed Media Platform.

A proposal has been submitted to CPW entitled 'The Story of Water'. A mixed media platform providing and facilitating an education program for the young people of Selwyn District, focussing on the benefit and significance of water to sustainable agricultural/horticultural development, to ensure future focus sustainability and resilience of environmental, social, health, cultural, and economic wellbeing within the region.

There is a great story of water representing Water's mauri (life force) and focussing on the cultural and spiritual values and relationships relating to a range of uses and issues, language, indigenous music and stories, sacred places, customary usages, the plants, animals, and kai associated with water, drinking water, and recreational or commercial activities.

The outline and quote for the project have been completed and presented to the local Rūnanga, CPWL, and the Settlers (SDC & CCC). Funding options are being investigated to greenlight the initiative.

**Benefits of the Scheme**

- Mahinga Kai
- Biodiversity and environmental
- Groundwater recharge
- Economic: agricultural pastoral arable production and stability
- Rural Well-being
- Community development
- Farming best practice development

Pat McEvedy

Chairman

Central Plains Water Trust



## **Financial statements**

**for the year ended  
30 June 2023**

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**Entity information**

*for the year ended 30 June 2023*

**Legal Name**

Central Plains Water Trust (the Trust).

**Type of entity and legal basis**

The Trust was formed by declaration of trust dated 15 April 2003, which was restated on 9 October 2012 to facilitate the implementation of the Central Plains Water Enhancement Scheme and to hold the Resource Consents for it.

Under clause 14.5 of the Trust Deed the trustees are required to provide the settlor Councils with the Trust's Annual Report and under clauses 14.7 to 14.9 must make copies of the Report public. Accordingly copies of the Report will be sent to the Selwyn District Council and the Christchurch City Council along with an invitation to meet with representatives of the Councils to discuss the Report. The obligation to make the Report public will be met by publishing it on the Trust's website.

**The Trust's purpose or mission**

Pursuant to clause 4.2 of the Trust Deed, the objects of the Water Trust are to promote the development of agriculture in the Central Canterbury Plains area of New Zealand for the benefit of all of the inhabitants of the Canterbury Region by:

*(a) encouraging, supporting and facilitating:*

*(i) sustainable development of water resources in the Region;*

*(ii) agricultural and horticultural diversity in the Central Canterbury Plains area; and*

*(iii) an appropriate balance of the benefits of agricultural development with the enhancement of ecological, social and recreational values in the Central Plains area;*

*(b) providing and facilitating education to the inhabitants of the Region in relation to water issues and sustainable agricultural development.*

The Trust has been established as, and will continue to operate as, a charitable trust for the benefit of the present and future inhabitants of the Region (however the Trust is not registered as a charitable Trust under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957) and to pursue the particular charitable objects set out in the Trust Deed.

**Structure of the Trust's operations, including governance arrangements**

The Trust comprises a Board of Trustees who oversee the governance of the Trust, of whom a Chairperson is responsible for the day-to-day operations. Trustees may be appointed as follows:

(a) by notice of appointment by the Settlers (Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council acting together),

(b) by resolution of the Trustees by co-option

(c) by notice of appointment by Runanga O Ngai Tahu

**Main sources of the Trust's cash and resources**

The Trust has contracted with Central Plains Water Limited for the provision of all of the funding required for the operation of the Trust.

**Statement of financial performance**

Central Plains Water Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2023

<b>Account</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Management and Administration Fee	116,847	82,464
Environmental Management Fund	0	5,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>116,847</b>	<b>87,464</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Audit Fees	12,299	8,397
Bank Fees	25	25
Consulting & Accounting	17,602	17,216
Depreciation	7,873	0
Insurance	4,900	3,042
Office Expenses	0	117
Subscriptions	494	434
Trustee Expenses	2,892	2,478
Trustee Honorarium	42,000	39,895
Trustee Meeting Fees	15,643	15,860
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>103,726</b>	<b>87,464</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>13,121</b>	<b>0</b>

*The accompanying notes form an integrated part of these financial statements.*

**Balance Sheet**

Central Plains Water Trust

As at 30 June 2023

Account	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank accounts and cash	231,077	18,758
Central Plains Water Limited	52,210	37,723
Christchurch City & Selwyn District Councils' Capital	1	1
Prepayments	858	16,420
GST	243	1,210
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>284,389</b>	<b>74,111</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Computer Software	20,994	0
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Software	(7,873)	0
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>13,121</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>297,510</b>	<b>74,111</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Selwyn District Council Current Account	245,493	37,100
Accounts Payable	0	46
Accrued Expenses	12,832	17,280
PAYE Payable	(2,713)	(711)
Wages Payable - Payroll	19,995	11,615
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>275,608</b>	<b>65,330</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>275,608</b>	<b>65,330</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>21,902</b>	<b>8,781</b>
<b>Trust Equity</b>		
Contributed Capital	1	1
Current Year Earnings	13,121	0
Retained Earnings	8,780	8,780
<b>Total Trust Equity</b>	<b>21,902</b>	<b>8,781</b>

The accompanying notes form an integrated part of these financial statements.

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Central Plains Water Trust

**Statement of cash flows**  
*for the year ended 30 June 2023*

	2023	2022
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	217,781	196,982
Payments to suppliers and employees	103,410	(85,246)
Agency payments on behalf of Central Plains Water Limited	(103,435)	(116,513)
Net GST	(5,437)	(7,116)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>212,319</b>	<b>(11,893)</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
<b>Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	-	-
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
<b>Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	-	-
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>	<b>212,319</b>	<b>(11,893)</b>
<b>Bank accounts and cash</b>		
Bank accounts and cash at beginning of period	18,758	30,651
<b>Net change in cash for period</b>		
Westpac - Central Plains Water Trust	212,319	(11,893)
<b>Total Net change in cash for period</b>	<b>212,319</b>	<b>(11,893)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	231,077	18,758
<b>Reconciliation of surplus / (deficit) to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	-	-
Movement in working capital items:		
Trade and other receivables	2,041	(789)
Trade and other payables	210,278	(11,104)
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>212,319</b>	<b>(11,893)</b>

*The accompanying notes form an integrated part of these financial statements.*

Authorised for issue on behalf of the Trust XX July 2024 by:

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Pat McEvedy  
Chairman

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Trustee

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**Statement of accounting policies**

for the year ended 30 June 2023

**Basis of preparation**

The Board has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (PS) *Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector)* on the basis that the Trust does not have public accountability (as defined) and has total annual expenses of less than \$2 million.

All transactions in the financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

The financial statements are prepared on the assumption that the Trust will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

All amounts are presented in New Zealand dollars.

**Goods and services tax (GST)**

All items in the financial statements are stated exclusive of GST, except for debtors and creditors, which are stated on a GST inclusive basis. Where GST is not recoverable as input tax then it is recognised as part of the related asset or expense.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) is included as part of debtors or creditors in the statement of financial position.

The net GST paid to, or received from the IRD, including the GST relating to investing and financing activities, is classified as an operating cash flow in the statement of cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed exclusive of GST.

**Significant accounting policies**

The following significant accounting policies have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 and the comparative information presented for the year ended 30 June 2022.

**Going concern**

The financial statements of the Trust have been prepared under the going concern assumption.

The Trust has contracted with Central Plains Water Limited to fully fund its operating expenses as set out in a Memorandum of Agreement.

Central Plains Water Limited operates a water management scheme for the Central Canterbury Plains. The Trust holds in its name the necessary resource consents for the scheme issued by the consenting authorities and the Trust has granted the company an exclusive licence to use the resource consents as part of its Memorandum of Agreement agreed with the company.

The company has completed the construction of the scheme which is now fully operational.

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**Revenue**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable.

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised by reference to stage of completion of the contract at year-end balance date.

Interest revenue is recorded as it is earned during the year.

The management and administration fees are the equivalent to the operational costs of the Trust.

**Bank accounts and cash**

Bank accounts and cash comprise cash on hand, cheque or saving accounts and deposits held at call with banks.

**Debtors**

Debtors are initially recorded at the amount owed. When it is likely the amount owed (or some portion) will not be collected, a provision for impairment is recognised and the loss is recorded as a bad debt expense.

**Trustee Honorarium, meeting fees and expenses**

Trustee Honorarium, meeting fees and expenses are recorded as an expense as Trustees provide services and become entitled to the Honorarium, meeting fees and expenses.

**Environmental leadership***Environmental Management Fund (EMF)*

The EMF has in the 2023 year received applications totalling \$209,214 and has allocated \$97,112 which was the total funding available to 15 applicants throughout the Selwyn District.

**Income Tax**

Up to 30 June 2008 the Trust was a Charitable Trust exempt from income tax under sections CW34 and CW35 of the Income Tax Act 2004. The Trust has not registered as a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005 and its charitable tax exemption lapsed on 1 July 2008.

As the Trust does not trade, and its costs are reimbursed under a Reimbursement Agreement with Central Plains Water Limited, the Trust does not have any tax expense, liabilities or assets.

**Property, plant, and equipment**

Property, plant, and equipment is recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

For an asset to be sold, the asset is impaired if the market price for an equivalent asset falls below its carrying amount.

For an asset to be used by the Trust, the asset is impaired if the value to the Trust in using the asset falls below the carrying amount of the asset.

If there is any indication that an impairment charge recorded in prior periods may no longer exist or has reduced, an impairment reversal is recognised. The reversal of impairment shall be all or part of the previous impairment charge. However, it must not result in the carrying amount of the asset (net of depreciation) being recorded at more than it would have been had the impairment not been recorded.

For all property, plant and equipment assets, except land, depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis at rates that will write off the cost of the assets over their useful lives. The useful lives and associated depreciation rates of major classes of assets have been estimated as follows:

- Computers and software 3 years (33%)



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**Changes in Accounting Policies**

Added policy for PPE (2022: Nil).

**Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards applied**

The Trust has not applied any Tier 2 Accounting Standards in preparing its financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

### Note 1: Transactions with related parties

During the reporting period the Trust entered into the following transactions with related parties:

#### *Central Plains Water Limited*

During the year, the Trust provided management and administration services to the company to the value of \$116,847 (2022: \$82,464). At year end the company owed the Trust \$52,210 (excluding GST) (2022: \$37,723) in respect of these services.

#### *Selwyn District Council*

Selwyn District Council makes payments to suppliers on behalf of the Trust which then reimburses the Council. These payments totalled \$213,903 for the reporting period (2022: \$171,532).

At year end the Trust owed the Council \$245,493 (2022: \$37,100).

Selwyn District Council provided accounting services to the Trust for which no charge was made.

#### *Trustees*

There were no transactions directly with the Trustees other than the payment of honorarium, meeting fees and expenses as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Performance.

### Note 2: Statement of commitments

The Trust has no capital or lease commitments as at 30 June 2023 (2022: \$nil).

### Note 3: Statement of contingencies

The Trust has no contingent assets or liabilities as at 30 June 2023 (2022: \$nil).

### Note 4: CPWL Funding

The Trust has entered into Loan Agreements and General Security Agreements with Central Plains Water Limited and various lenders to facilitate the raising of loans by Central Plains Water Limited.

Under the loan agreements with various lenders, the lenders are able to make use of resource consents granted to the Trust if Central Plains Water Limited does not meet the terms of its loans.

### Note 5: Events after balance date

The Trustees are not aware of any significant events between the preparation and authorisation of these financial statements. (2022: \$nil).

### Note 6: The effects of COVID-19 on the Trust

There has been no impact on revenue in the current year due to COVID-19 (2022: \$nil).

Overall, there hasn't been any financial impact on the Trust in the current year, and this is expected to be the case in the next financial year too.

### Note 7: Statutory deadline

The Central Plains Water Trust was required under section 67(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 to complete its audited financial statements and services performance information by 31 December 2023. This timeframe was not met because Audit New Zealand was unable to complete the audit within this timeframe due to an auditor shortage and consequential effects of Covid-19, including lockdowns. It is the expectation that the 30 June 2024 Annual Report will be completed by the 30 September 2024 statutory deadline.

**Note 8: Performance information****Strategic Direction**Reporting to the public on the performance of the Scheme.

CPWT published an Annual Sustainability Report for the Scheme on its website.

Environmental leadership**Environmental Management Fund**

The EMF has in the 2023 year received applications totalling \$209,214 and has allocated \$97,112 which was the total funding available to 15 applicants from throughout the Selwyn District.

**Sustainability Report**

The Trust has given instructions to Brydon Hughes of Land Water People (LWP) to produce an independent assessment of CPWL's monitoring results for 2022-23 season. This year we have asked Brydon to provide a condensed version with easier to understand commentary. This will be part of a Sustainability Overview Report that is intended to offer more context to the data presented. For those who wish to dig into the data that will also be made publicly available.

The 2022-23 La Nina Weather pattern saw larger rain fall events throughout the year and generally a wetter season. This helped provide higher groundwater levels (highest recorded since the 1970's). While the trigger levels for water quality were exceeded at all monitoring sites the monitoring results remained within the historical range recorded before commencement of the CPW Scheme operations.

**Governance**

The Trust met with the Settlers on several occasions. Formally on the 16th of September 2022 and 5th May 2023 to report on outcomes. There were also several informal meetings with the Bus tour of the scheme an ideal opportunity for wide ranging conversations with attendees. The Chairman also met CCC staff twice to understand CCC requirement for information which CPWT and CPWL were to present to CCC councillors, the Chairman also met along with CPWL Chair and CEO and Papatipu Runanga during the 2022-23 year to discuss representation and environmental and cultural performance. The Chairman also maintained regular contact with Cr Lydia Gliddon who is Chairing the Settlers Joint Committee, to ensure there was a clear understanding of the many issues that arise during a calendar year. To address Audit NZ's concerns the Trust encouraged the Settlers to review the trust deed so it reflected the actual community communication opportunities and other updates, the Trust Deed will be ratified by the councils in December and accepted by the Trust in their AGM. The Trustees were due to have their appointments reviewed during 2022-23 but this has now been delayed until March 2024.

Community Engagement and Education**The Story of Water**

This project is an educational initiative being developed by Central Plains Water Trust (CPWT). It is focussed on achieving the Objects of the Trust, outlined in Section 4 of the Trust Deed, and the objectives defined in the CPWT Strategic Plan.

Delivered to date: Scoping and Imagery (repository submitted to the scheme), Mixed Reality Capture (2D, 3D, Drone, Augmented Reality, VR), Presentations to various events (outlined within the settlor presentation), CPW Ecosystem Bus Tour, Wai Water Video (currently awaiting on far video capture), and Scoping of the Mixed Media Platform.

A proposal has been submitted to CPW entitled 'The Story of Water'.

A mixed media platform providing and facilitating an education program for the young people of Selwyn District, focussing on the benefit and significance of water to sustainable agricultural/horticultural development, to ensure future focus sustainability and resilience of environmental, social, health, cultural, and economic wellbeing within the region.

There is a great story of water representing Water's mauri (life force) and focussing on the cultural and spiritual values and relationships relating to a range of uses and issues, language, indigenous music and stories, sacred places, customary usages, the plants, animals, and kai associated with water, drinking water, and recreational or commercial activities.

The outline and quote for the project have been completed and presented to the local Rūnanga, CPWL, and the Settlers (SDC & CCC). Funding options are being investigated to greenlight the initiative.

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Engagement with Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council

Representatives of the Trust Board meet with representatives of the Councils bi-annually and on additional occasions to discuss the Trust's monitoring of the performance of CPWL in operating the Scheme. This includes the Trustees' presentation of its Annual Sustainability Report.

The trustees also discuss and agree with the Settlers on any key potential areas of additional focus for the Trust. The extent to which the Trust can undertake these activities and achieve meaningful outcomes is limited by its capacity and resources.

***Annual and half yearly reporting to councils***

The half yearly report and audited annual report was delayed due to the delay in timeframe in completing the audit of the annual report.

**Note 9: Property, Plant and Equipment**

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	<b>Computers and software</b>
	<b>\$</b>
Carrying amount at 1 July 2022	-
Additions	20,993.50
Disposals (net of accumulated depreciation)	-
Depreciation expense	7,873.00
Carrying amount at 30 June 2023	13,120.50

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Mana Arotake Aotearoa

**Independent Auditor's Report**

## CPW JOINT SETTLOR BOARD REPORT

**TO:** CPW Joint Settlor Committee

**FOR:** Bi-Annual Meeting

**FROM:** Councillor Lydia Gliddon

**DATE:** February 2025

**SUBJECT:** **CHAIRPERSON REPORT – February 2025**

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### RECOMMENDATION

*'That*

- a) the report from the Chairperson be received, for information, and*
- b) approval be sought to leave the trustee vacancy open for Mana Whenua'*

### Trustee Resignation

As prior circulated to members we received the resignation of Mr Les Wanhalla in December 2024, effective immediately. Mr Wanhalla was recently appointed for his second term of 3 years, ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.

The CPW Trust has five remaining members, with vacant seats for Te Taumuta and Ngai Tuahuriri Rununga. After discussion with the CPW chair, CPWT wish to leave the appointment open for Te Taumutu.

Mr Wanhalla was not an official representative from Taumutu but holds immense knowledge of mana whenua and te ao maori. The mana he carries for water locally was accepted and acknowledged widely. His perspective on the importance of water from a mana whenua viewpoint is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate the depth of knowledge he brought to the Trust.



Cr Lydia Gliddon

## Central Plains Water (CPW) Joint Settlor Committee – Terms of Reference

The Central Plains Water Joint Settlor Committee (the JSC) shall be a joint committee of Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council as settlors.

Chair: To be elected by the JSC after Settlor Councils appoint members.

Deputy Chair: To be elected by the JSC after Settlor Councils appoint members.

Members: Four members, two each from Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council.

Quorum: Two, one from each Council

Meeting Cycle: Six monthly or by agreement

Delegations Powers: As per section xxx of the TOR

Reporting Officer: One staff member from each Council

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### 1. Purpose

The Central Plains Water Trust (the Trust) was created by a Deed of Declaration of Trust and was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 for the purpose of creating a charitable trust for the benefit of the present and future residents of Selwyn District and Christchurch City.

### 2. Responsibilities

The Settlor Councils will have the following responsibilities:

Review the performance of the Trust;  
Review any suggested changes of emphasis in future work plans or objectives, including -

- Review of the annual sustainability report
- CPWT annual report
- Statement of intent review
- Appoint trustees to the CPWT, considering a need for balanced representation including mana whenua, environmental protection agencies and farmer interest groups.

### 3. Delegations

The JSC does not have any decision-making powers and all decisions must be presented to the respective Settlor Councils for approval.

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#### 4. Composition/Membership

Membership is determined by appointment from SDC and CCC after triennial local body elections. The committee shall consist of a maximum of four members - two elected members each from Selwyn District Council and Christchurch City Council. A staff member of from each council can sit alongside appointed members.

The Chair and deputy chair are to be elected after appointments are made and must be elected members. The power to discharge a member of the Committee and to appoint another member, may only be exercised by the appointing Council.

#### 5. Meetings

Six monthly or by calling an extraordinary meeting. Secretarial duties and venue will be provided by Selwyn District Council. Online meetings are available. Quorum for a meeting is two members, one from each council.

#### 6. Reporting

The JSC will report back to respective councils at least annually.

#### 7. Good Faith Negotiations

In the event of any circumstances arising that were unforeseen by the Settlor Councils at the time of entering into this Agreement or in the event of a dispute in any way relating to this Agreement the Councils will negotiate in good faith to resolve that dispute or to add to or vary this Agreement in order to resolve the impact of those unforeseen circumstances in the best interests of:

- a) the Councils represented on the Committee considered together; and
- b) the Canterbury community represented by the Councils considered

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed at the first meeting of the JSC and then again before the end of the triennium for advice to the next elected settlor councils.

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW TABLE

<u>Date of review</u>	<u>Status / summary of changes made</u>
	<u>TOR established</u>
	<u>Adopted by Settlor Councils</u>

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