

Selwyn-Waihora Zone Committee (Water Management)



**WORKSHOP OF THE
SELWYN - WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD AT THE TAI TAPU
COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 14 APRIL 2025
AT 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water..."

Loran Eisely, US Author

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee - 14 April 2025

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SELWYN WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE –Workshop Agenda & Runsheet

WORKSHOP: **Monday 8 July 2024, 4:00-6:00 pm**, at **Tai Tapu Community Centre**

TIMETABLE & ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item	Time	Description
1	4:00 pm (5 min)	Session opened with <i>karakia</i> . Welcomes and apologies
2	4.05 pm (110 min)	Zone Committee Action Plan Budget projects An overview of the funding will be provided following by presentation from some of the funding recipients who have received funding over the past four years.
3	5:55 pm	Session closed with <i>karakia</i> .
4	6:00 pm	Depart Tai Tapu Community Centre

WORKSHOP ITEM NO: 1	SUBJECT MATTER: Selwyn Waihora projects
REPORT BY: Jaimee Grant, Zone Facilitator	DATE OF WORKSHOP: 14 April 2025

Purpose:

The workshop session aims to celebrate and showcase the achievements of those who have received Zone Committee Action Plan Budget funding over the past four years. This event provides an opportunity to highlight the tangible outcomes of these projects for their groups, and demonstrate progress towards the Canterbury Water Management Strategy goals..

Background:

The Terms of Reference for each of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) zone committees were updated in 2021 to reflect a revised purpose and set of functions, including the requirement for the development of a Zone Committee Action Plan (ZCAP). These ZCAPs focussed on 3–5 key priorities to help guide each committees work over a three-year period (2021-2024) The development of the ZCAPs was guided by letters of shared priorities from the respective councils. At the end of the three-year period, the committees agreed to extend their ZCAP until June 2025 when the outcome of the CWMS Zone Committee Review is confirmed.

Through the Environment Canterbury Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2021–2031, a dedicated ZCAP budget was introduced, allowing committees to recommend how funds should be used to support the implementation of their Action Plans. This support extends to both committee-led initiatives and broader water zone projects. Prior to this, funding was provided through the Immediate Steps (IMS) programme. Annual funding allocations for each water zone were \$50,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23, \$75,000 in 2023/24, and \$50,000 in 2024/25—totalling \$225,000 over four years.

The Committee actively supports the CWMS goals through a range of initiatives, in particular:

- Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity
- Recreation and amenity opportunities
- Kaitiakitanga
- Drinking water
- Natural character of braided rivers

Over the past four years, \$223,500 of ZCAP funding has gone towards 22 projects and initiatives that support the above goals. These projects have been led by community groups, catchment collectives, rūnanga, and Environment Canterbury, with a portion allocated to Zone Committee-led initiatives. A summary list of all projects and initiatives supported is provided in **Attachment 1**.

Projects such as the Corbetts Road Wetland Project, Scamander Swamp Wetland Restoration, Upper Waikirikiri River Restoration, and projects at several Huritini Halswell sites have supported riparian and wetland restoration which aim to improve biodiversity, filter runoff, and enhance water quality. Invasive species control has also been supported with initiatives like crack willow removal and deer fencing to protect native habitats. Projects which help foster kaitiakitanga through educational activities like the Te Ara Kākāriki Kids' Discovery Plant-out Days which promote awareness of mahinga kai traditional food gathering and environmental stewardship have also been supported as well as school and community projects like those led by the Whitecliffs Residents Association and several Selwyn Waihora based schools. Raising awareness of private drinking water risks was supported through well water testing days in the zone. Recreational enhancements are also supported through

restoration projects such as the Boat Creek. Additionally, the committee has backed events that educate communities on reducing nutrient runoff, aligning with water quality and nutrient management targets.

Presentations:

Presentations will be made by several funding recipients showcasing their projects and the progress they have been making. Presentations will be provided on the day.

Environment Canterbury articles on projects supported:

[Selwyn Waihora environmental projects get funding push | Environment Canterbury](#)

[Capturing bugs helps students understand water quality | Environment Canterbury](#)

[Enviroschools Waitaha deploys tool to monitor water quality | Environment Canterbury](#)

[Saving Scamander - a wetland protection project | Environment Canterbury](#)

[Plans firmly in place for the Selwyn Waihora Water Zone Committee | Environment Canterbury](#)

[Boat Creek restoration project receives boost | Environment Canterbury](#)

Attachment 1: ZCAP Supported Projects and Initiatives List

Financial year (FY) 2021/22:	Recipient	Funding received
Boat Creek Reserve Native Restoration project (Year 1 funding)	Water & Wildlife Habitat Trust Board and Boat Creek Residents	\$ 15,200.00
Muriwai o Whata/Coopers Lagoon Mahinga Kai project	Te Taumutu Runanga Society Incorporated	\$ 10,000.00
Upper Waikirikiri/Selwyn River Catchment Biodiversity Corridor	Element Environmental Ltd	\$ 10,000.00
Waikirikiri/Selwyn River Catchment Group Establishment project	Element Environmental Ltd	\$ 14,800.00
FY 2022/23:		
Boat Creek Reserve Restoration Project (Year 2 funding)	Water & Wildlife Habitat Trust Board and Boat Creek Residents	\$ 12,000.00
Corbetts Road Wetland Restoration Project	Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated	\$ 12,970.00
ESAI Project Coordination Support	Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated	\$ 10,000.00
Ta Ara Kākāriki Kids Discovery Plantout Day - Te Motu o Ahuriri	Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust	\$ 8,756.00
Te Ara Kākāriki Ōkakaraiti Legacy Site Planting	Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust	\$ 6,274.00
FY 2023/24:		
Aquatic Bug Bags	Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management	\$ 4,475.00
Boat Creek Native Restoration Project (Year 3 funding)	Water & Wildlife Habitat Trust Board and Boat Creek Residents	\$ 7,800.00
ESAI Restoration Coordination Project	Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Incorporated	\$ 10,000.00
Ladbrooks Enviroschool Shadehouse Project	Ladbrooks Primary School	\$ 1,869.57
Quorum Sense Curiosity Day	Quorum Sense	\$ 3,024.50
Selwyn Waihora Well Water Testing Days	Selwyn District Council	\$ 5,000.00
TAK Community Planting Day - Te Motu Huritini o Ahuriri	Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust	\$ 14,535.00
Te Pā o Moki and Waikēkēwai - Year 9 Taking Action	Lincoln High School	\$ 3,043.38
Te Waihora GIS Platform	David Murphy	\$ 12,880.00
Whitecliffs – Upper Waikirikiri/Selwyn River Restoration	Whitecliffs Residents Committee	\$ 10,872.55
FY 2024/25:		
Halswell/Huritini Wetland Restoration	Environment Canterbury	\$ 10,000.00
Lincoln Kids Discovery Plantout and monitoring at Te Motu Huritini O Ahuriri 2025	Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust	\$ 6,941.00
Old Tai Tapu Bush deer fence – QEII	Queen Elizabeth II National Trust	\$ 12,762.00
RCS Tunnel House Irrigation Project	Rolleston Christian School	\$ 1,297.00

Scamander Swamp Wetland Restoration	Environment Canterbury	\$ 16,500.00
The Fantail Trust Native Bird and Plant Sanctuary	The Fantail Trust.Org.NZ.2020	\$ 2,500.00
		TOTAL: \$223,500.00

Selwyn Waihora Projects

*A celebration of the projects and achievements supported by the
Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Action Plan Budget.*

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Selwyn Waihora Projects session

- Karakia timatanga
- Whakawhanaungatanga – Introductions
- Background
- Presentations
- Wrap-up

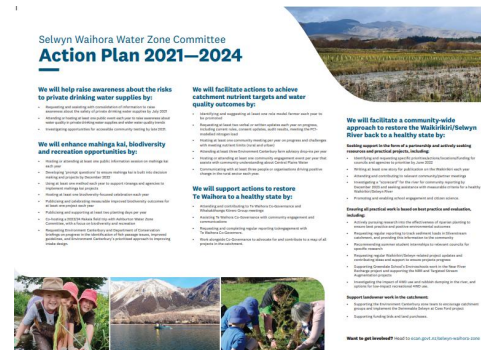
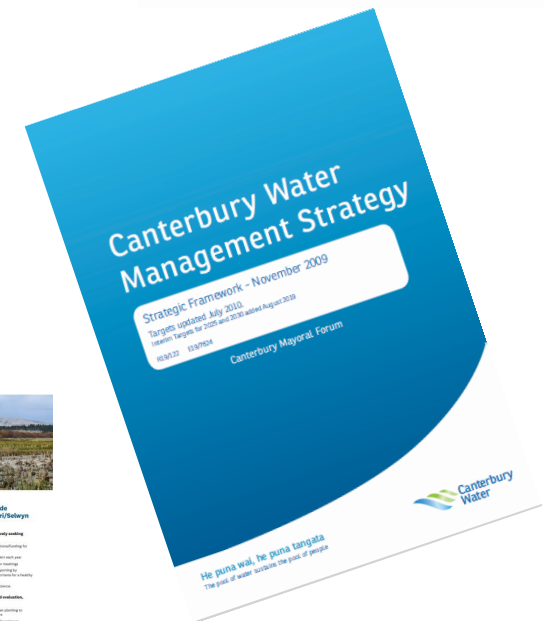
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History of the funding

- In 2021, new Action Plan requirement introduced
- Zone Committee Action Plans (ZCAP) – guide its efforts in freshwater management
- Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan established the ZCAP Budget
 - 2021/22 - \$50 K
 - 2022/23 - \$50 K
 - 2023/24 - \$75 K
 - 2024/25 - \$50 K
- Support implementing ZCAPs

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CWMS Targets and Goals

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Ecosystem health and biodiversity

Restoring and preventing further loss of habitat and species in all of Canterbury's natural aquatic environments.



Recreational and amenity opportunities

Maintaining and improving existing diversity and quality of recreational sites, opportunities and experiences.



Kaitiakitanga

Working in partnership between government agencies and the rūnanga who have mana whenua over the land in water management and decision-making.



Drinking water

Progress towards meeting national standards for drinking water safety and ensuring groundwater quality.



Natural character of braided rivers

Maintaining, supporting, enhancing and protecting our iconic braided rivers and the native species and the habitat they support.

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What has funding gone towards?

\$223,500

22

Initiatives or Projects

Outcomes

- Riparian management and wetland restoration
- Ecological restoration and biodiversity – pest management
- Education – helps foster community involvement and stewardship/kaitiakitanga

15

Community-led projects

4

Committee-led Initiatives

3

RC-led projects

Zone Committee Initiatives



Well Water Check

Nitrate is just one possible contaminant in water sources, and it is important to test your water regularly for bacteria (*E. coli*) and other possible contaminants.

Your indicative nitrate test result:

Note: This result is an indicator only, and the best way to measure nitrate levels in your water is through a laboratory test.

What is New Zealand's current standard for nitrate level in drinking water?

Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand set a Maximum Acceptable Level (MAV) of 50 mg/L for nitrate, which is equivalent to 11.3 mg/L nitrate-nitrogen. Some laboratories report nitrate levels whereas others report nitrate-nitrogen, ensure that you are aware of which they are reporting if you are getting your water tested.

Who is responsible for testing my water?

If you have a private drinking water source, you are responsible for ensuring your water is clean and safe to consume. We want to ensure that residents on private water supplies know how to protect their water source and how to get their water tested, so they can minimise risks to their health.

We recommend periodic testing of private drinking water sources at a laboratory approved by Ministry of Health.



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Presentations

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Wrap up

Selwyn Waihora Water Zone Committee

- Key takeaways
- Keep up the good mahi!
- Zone Committee Review
- Closing words
- Karakia whakamutunga

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