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**Notice is given of a Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting  
to be held on:**

**Date: Friday, 17 September 2021**

**Time: 9.30am**

**Location: Meeting to be held on Zoom.**

A recording will be uploaded to Council's [YouTube channel](#) after the meeting.

# **AGENDA**

## **Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting**

**17 September 2021**

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Membership:**

Simon Cameron (Chair)  
Matthew Bayliss  
Richard Subtil  
John Sunckell  
Joy Paterson  
Kieran Whyte  
Ross McRobie  
Stuart Barwood  
Michael McMillan

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**The purpose of local government:**

(1) The purpose of local government is—

- (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

(2) In this Act, good-quality, in relation to local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions, means infrastructure, services, and performance that are—

- (a) efficient; and
- (b) effective; and
- (c) appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

(Local Government Act 2002)

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Upper Waitaki Zone Committee Meeting Friday 17 September 9.30am Online		
Time	Item	Lead
9.30am	<b>Opening Karakia</b>	
	<b>Standing Items</b> Apologies, Minutes, Conflicts of Interest, Matters arising	
9.40am	<b>Love Our Lakes campaign planning</b>	Kate Doran
10.00am	<b>Zone Facilitator's Report</b>	Janine Roux
10.15pm	<b>General Business</b>	All
10.30pm	<b>Closing Karakia</b>	

## **1 REPORTS**

### **1.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 20 AUGUST 2021**

**Author:** Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor

**Authoriser:**

**Attachments:** 1. Minutes of Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting - 20 August 2021

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 20 August 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.



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**Unconfirmed MINUTES**

**Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management  
Committee Meeting**

**20 August 2021**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL****UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING****HELD ON ZOOM DURING LOCKDOWN AT 10AM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Simon Cameron, Matthew Bayliss, Richard Subtil, Cr John Sunckell, Keiran Whyte, Cr Ross McRobie, Cr Stuart Barwood, Michael McMillan

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Miriam Morton (Waimate District Council), Janine Roux (Committee Facilitator, Ecan), Graeme Clark (Ecan), Kate Doran (Ecan), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), Viv Smith-Campbell (Ohau Conservation Trust).

A recording of this meeting is available on request.

**1 OPENING**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies, Ross/Simon Apology from Joy Patterson

**3 VISITORS**

Viv Smith-Campbell from the Ohau Conservation Trust joined the meeting to give a presentation on Lake Middleton.

**4 REPORTS****4.1 MINUTES OF UPPER WAITAKI ZONE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 JUNE 2021****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/91**

Moved: Chairperson Simon Cameron

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

That the Minutes of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on Friday 18 June 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED****4.2 INTERESTS REGISTER**

This information was noted.

### 4.3 ŌHAU CONSERVATION TRUST

This report was from Viv Smith-Campbell, Chairperson of the Ōhau Conservation Trust. It provided an update on Lake Middleton projects by the Trust, working with the Department of Conservation.

Viv Smith-Campbell gave a presentation titled “Lake Middleton Projects”. A copy of this presentation is available as an attachment to these minutes. Discussion included the following matters:

- Member Richard Subtil asked how native plants would be protected from deer. DOC were planning to rabbit-fence the planting area. The area adjoins the back of the village with a lot of human activity so that will discourage deer.
- Michael McMillan said all three Runanga would need to be involved in the planting plan. Viv Smith-Campbell said she was working with DOC to involve Runanga.
- Keiran Whyte asked what types of plants would be used. Planting on conservation land required locally sourced plants.
- Cr Morton asked about the name “Avoca”. This was the name of the original station homestead.
- Keiran Whyte asked if the trust was aware of the cultural significance of the area and had there been any consideration around consultation with runaka on how they might want that area used. Viv Smith-Campbell said the bigger project hadn’t started yet and she was working with DOC to contact runaka.
- Discussion took place on whether the lake contained tuna, and the need to check this.
- Mat Bayliss asked for clarification of the reserve and land status of the lake margin. He said it was impressive to see unpaid volunteers doing this work and thanked them.

### 4.4 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

This report was from Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury. She asked the committee to consider the action plan which would outline the committee’s activity for the next three years.

The chairman asked about the terms of reference. He questioned the limit of power on the committee, in that it was not allowed to submit on local government long-term plans. He felt this was something the committee would be good at doing. This was mentioned on page 20 of the agenda.

Janine Roux said this was because the committee was a council committee and came under the rules for council committees.

Richard Subtil asked about the inclusion of measuring nutrients in the plan, when Overseer was “being thrown out”. This was a wait and see situation at this stage. Overseer was the current tool, so would continue to be used for now. Further discussion included the shortcomings of Overseer and the need for a different way to measure things if it was no longer used. Cr Sunckell said Overseer was still part of the consenting process.

Mat Bayliss updated the group on the Twizel River Restoration project discussed at the last meeting. He said he had reached out to Tim Harty with no response. Cr Barwood had offered to

follow up personally with Mr Harty and had done so, but Mr Harty had still not responded. Cr Barwood suggested that Mr Bayliss contacted Cr Emily Bradbury, as one of the Twizel councillors.

The chairman said the committee was happy with the action plan and they approved it.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION UPP/2021/92**

Moved: Mr Richard Subtil

Seconded: Chairperson Simon Cameron

That the Upper Waitaki Zone Action Plan as presented in the agenda be accepted as the Zone Committee’s plan for 2021-2024.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Communications officer Kate Doran shared recent media activity related to zone committee activities.

Facilitator Janine Roux updated the committee on plans for work to be carried out by Mackenzie District Council at Lake Ruataniwha. These would be shared with the committee when they were available.

The chairman asked the facilitator for a presentation from the Wilding Tree Trust regarding work they had done in the area - to come to a future meeting.

**The Meeting closed at 11am with a karakia from Keiran Whyte.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee Meeting held on .**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## 1.2 INTERESTS REGISTER

### File Reference:

**Author:** Staff Report, Environment Canterbury

**Authoriser:**

**Attachments:** Nil

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information be noted and updated when required.

### DECLARATION OF INTERESTS REGISTER – AS AT 19 APRIL 2021

Keeping a Zone Committee Members' declarations of interest register allows Zone Committees to identify and manage a conflict of interest when it arises.

The Office of the Auditor General notes a conflict of interest can arise when: "A member's or official's duties or responsibilities to a public entity could be affected by some other interest or duty that the member or official may have."<sup>1</sup>

If a member is in any doubt as to whether or not they have a conflict of interest, then the Member should seek guidance from Catherine Schache (General Counsel, Environment Canterbury), the Zone Facilitator and/or refer to the following guidance: <https://oag.parliament.nz/2020/lamia>

Types of Interest to be documented in the register:

- Employment, trade or profession carried on by the Member or the Member's spouse for profit or gain
- Company, trust, partnership etc for which the Member or their spouse is a director, partner or trustee, or a shareholder of more than 10% shares
- Address of any land in which the Member has a beneficial interest and which is in the area of the Zone Committee
- The address of any land where the landlord is Environment Canterbury, Mackenzie District Council or Waitaki District Council and:
  - The Member or their spouse is a tenant;
  - Or
  - the land is tenanted by a firm in which the Member or spouse is a partner, a company of which the Member or spouse is a director, or a Trust of which the Member or spouse is a Trustee.
- Any other matters which the public might reasonably regard as likely to influence the Member's actions during the course of their duties as a Member.
- Any contracts held between the Member or the Member's spouse and Environment Canterbury, Mackenzie District Council or Waitaki District Council. Including contracts in

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Auditor General Good Practice Guide – Managing Conflicts of Interest: Guidance for public entities

which the Member or their spouse is a partner, a company of which the spouse is a director and/or holds more than 10% in shares, or a Trust of which the Member or their spouse is a trustee (noting that no committee member should be a party to a contract with Environment Canterbury or the relevant TLA if that value is more than \$25,000 per annum)

Zone Committee members are to ensure that the information contained in this register is accurate and complete.

Name	Committee Member Interests
Stuart Barwood	Mackenzie District Council Councillor, Chairman Assets and Services committee MDC, trustee of Helwood Trust.
Mat Bayliss	Chairs the Meridian Energy Waitaki Community Fund. Asset Maintenance Manager for Meridian Energy in Twizel. Shareholder of Meridian Energy. Consents held CRC142283
Simon Cameron	Local Merino sheep farmer. Trustee of Ben Ohau Farming Trust. Trustee Cameron Investment Trust. Trustee of Mackenzie Wilding Trees Trust. Trustee Aoraki Mount Cook Museum Trust. Resource consents CRC952244, CRC952245, CRC952267, CRC952268, CRC952269, CRC100234,
Ross McRobie	Shareholding Director of RPM Management Limited, Trustee Bayliss Family Trust. Councillor Ahuriri Ward for Waitaki District Council.
Joy Paterson	Trustee of LineTrust South Canterbury. Husband is a Mackenzie District Councillor.
Richard Subtil	Farmer and irrigator in Omarama catchment. Member of Omarama Stream Water Users Group. Committee member of Omarama Airfield. Resource consents CRC010693.1, CRC010694, CRC010727.2, CRC110202, CRC122382, CRC174573, CRC194088, CRC194520, CRC203348.
John Sunckell	Environment Canterbury Councillor, Register of interest held by Environment Canterbury
Keiran Whyte	Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Employee of Tuna Trap and Transfer Team.
Michael McMillan	Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua.

### 1.3 LOVE OUR LAKES CAMPAIGN PLANNING

**Author:** Staff Report, Environment Canterbury

**Authoriser:**

**Attachments:** Nil

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is from Kate Doran, Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor, Environment Canterbury. It is to inform the Zone Committee on the background for 'Love Our Lakes' as well as planning for the upcoming summer and future Love Our Lakes campaigns.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Upper Waitaki Water Zone committee agrees to the Love Our Lakes plans for this coming season, in addition to the Lake Ruataniwha responsible toilet use campaign.

#### LOVE OUR LAKES UPDATE 17 SEPTEMBER 2021

### Love Our Lakes campaign planning: the committee's community-led campaign to respect the environment in the Upper Waitaki water zone

Looking after some of the most precious lakes in Aotearoa - including Takapō, Pūkaki, Ōhau and Benmore - is the responsibility of everyone who comes to enjoy these precious places.

That's the message of the Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee's Love Our Lakes campaign, a community-led initiative to educate visitors on how to respect the lake environments to protect water quality, mahinga kai gathering and native biodiversity.



This report will cover:

- 1) Background and Action Plan Commitments for Love Our Lakes
- 2) Summary of Love Our Lakes activity from 2015-2021
- 3) Planning the upcoming Love Our Lakes summer campaign 2021/22
- 4) Planning forward for future Love Our Lakes 2022-2024

#### 1) Background and Action Plan commitments

The Upper Waitaki catchment contains some of New Zealand's most pristine lakes and is habitat for precious wildlife. Rubbish and human waste entering waterways, as well as aquatic weeds, can degrade the habitat for plants and animals, important mahinga kai areas and contribute to poor water quality.

In 2015, the Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee highlighted an urgent need for an educational campaign to encourage visitors to the area to dispose of rubbish responsibly and use public toilets. This was the inception of the Love Our Lakes campaign (originally called Love Your Lakes). The campaign fits with the committee's priority outcomes for maintaining lake water quality for recreation, as well as ecosystem biodiversity and customary use by rūnanga.

In 2021, the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee Action Plan 2021-24 contained the following commitment relating to Love Our Lakes.

*We will commit to the improved management and preservation of recreational values of the Waitaki Lakes by:*

- *Supporting and enhancing our Love Our Lakes Campaign*
- *Engaging with agencies, catchment groups and stakeholders to enhance and protect recreational areas such as the Twizel River and Lake Ruataniwha*
- *Educating the community about how to protect our environment through actions such as responsible toilet use.*

## 2) Summary of Love Our Lakes activity 2015-2021

Over the past six years, Love Our Lakes has gained recognition as a key local campaign to promote responsible environmental behaviour to visitors.

It has been adapted each year to meet new needs, focus of different key themes and also take COVID-19 restrictions into account.

Most recently, the [Love Our Lakes webpage](#) was refreshed in 2020 to make it easier for visitors to understand the four key things they can do to help protect the lakes.

**Four easy ways to Love Our Lakes**



Use the toilets provided



Be responsible with your rubbish



Wash clothes/dishes away from the water



Check, Clean, Dry to stop the spread of pests

Screen shot from [www.ecan.govt.nz/loveourlakes](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/loveourlakes)

Here's a summary of the Love Our Lakes campaign activity from 2015-2021.

Year and theme	Key tactics and activity
2020/21 Responsible toilet use	Media release and extensive coverage of need for campaign Launch event BBQ for temporary toilets Posters at all 'last chance' locations Pamphlet showing location of toilets and key messaging Branded collateral for Responsible Camping ambassadors eg. dog poo

General Love Our Lakes messaging	<p>dispensers, hand sanitiser</p> <p>Advertising in key publications</p> <p>Love Our Lakes 'community' posters at campgrounds/key locations</p> <p>Content and stories on oxygen weed/lagarosiphon with LINZ/MPI</p> <p>Love Our Lakes website refreshed</p> <p>Facebook promotion 'What's your favourite lakeside spot'</p> <p>Love Our Lakes bags to give away</p>
2019/20  Low-waste picnics	<p>Timaru Courier 4 full page (free) editorial feature series on four key lakes in the area and how people can protect them.</p> <p>Advertising in key newspapers: Timaru Herald, Timaru Courier, Twizel Update, Omarama Gazette</p> <p>Facebook promotion 'win a low-waste picnic pack'</p> <p>Love Our Lakes bags</p> <p>Love Our Lakes posters</p>
2018/19  Low-waste picnics	<p>Love Our Lakes fridge magnets to key accommodation providers</p> <p>Love Our Lakes bags</p> <p>Love Our Lakes posters</p> <p>Advertising in key newspapers: Timaru Herald, Timaru Courier, Twizel Update, Omarama Gazette, plus Motor Caravanner</p> <p>Facebook promotion 'win a picnic kete'</p> <p>Digital Timaru Herald masthead 'takeover' - two days</p> <p>Radio – summer ads Mediaworks Central South Island.</p>
2016/17  Rubbish/toilets	<p>Love Our Lakes posters</p> <p>Advertising in key newspapers</p> <p>Radio – summer ads Port FM</p>
2015/16  Rubbish/toilets	<p>Signs/stickers at boat-ramps</p> <p>Print advertising</p> <p>Radio – ads Port FM</p>

### 3) Planning the upcoming Love Our Lakes summer campaign 2021/22

#### Responsible toilet use at Lake Ruataniwha

The Committee agreed in February 2021 to continue last year's Lake Ruataniwha responsible toilet use campaign, in conjunction with its community working group, made up of councils, zone committee members and rūnanga representative, local businesses, rowing club representatives. Actions for this campaign, including a refreshed angle, are now underway will be reported back to the zone committee.



*Above: Key messages for the responsible toilet use campaign.*

### Other Love Our Lakes activity

Last year, the committee organised general Love Our Lakes content across wider channels over summer, in addition to the Lake Ruataniwha campaign. This was focused on domestic tourists and included five different Love Our Lakes 'community' posters at campgrounds/key locations across the catchment, a Facebook competition and a news story on What's Your Favourite Lake spot.

1) Does the committee recommend for a similar level of activity to continue again this summer? Below are some other recommended actions:

**a) Extend digital channels:**

The committee now has the opportunity to access Mackenzie District Council's digital screens and can share Love Our Lakes messaging through this forum.

The campaign could also trial advertising on a popular camping app. This could push a Love Our Lakes ad to users at peak holiday times when they travel into the Upper Waitaki catchment. Eg. "Find out how to love our lakes".

**b) Simplify posters:**

Either focus exclusively on the 'One Poo Can Close the Lake' poster range (which has a suite of five options) or create one additional 'Love Our Lakes' poster that's fit for purpose in any location, (rather than five separate location-based community posters). This will streamline messaging and improve efficiency and distribution.

**c) Focus activity even more within key school holiday periods:**

Feedback from providers last year was that school holidays were very busy but, due to lack of international visitors, numbers dropped substantially outside these periods.

**d) Request that Environment Canterbury's region-wide 'Can I Swim Here?' recreational water quality campaign has increased presence within Upper Waitaki.**

**e) Share updated social media tips for zone committee members ahead of the campaign to maximise engagement.**

2) Any other recommendations for this coming summer campaign?

### **3. Planning ahead for Love Our Lakes in 2022-2024**

Discussion: What themes, priorities and tactics is the committee interested in for future years?

*(eg. mahinga kai, stormwater/grey water, climate change, aquatic weeds, Twizel River focus, Love our Lakes ambassadors?)*

**Recommendations:**

1. The report is received.
2. The committee agrees to the Love Our Lakes plans for this coming season, in addition to the Lake Ruataniwha responsible toilet use campaign.
3. The committee discusses potential themes/priorities for future Love Our Lakes campaigns for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

## 1.4 ZONE FACILITATOR'S REPORT

**Author:** Staff Report, Environment Canterbury

**Authoriser:**

**Attachments:** Nil

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is from Janine Roux, Zone Facilitator, Environment Canterbury.

This report provides information that may be of interest to the Zone Committee that is not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be received.

#### 1. Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Progress Report

The 2021 Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Progress Report has been completed online and was approved by the Canterbury Mayoral forum on 20 August 2021. You can find it here at <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/water/measuring-cwms-progress/>

The Initial work over the last 10 years has included:

- establishing 10 Zone Committees and a Regional Committee
- setting priorities, policies and rules through RMA plans, zone implementation programmes and other strategic documents
- gathering information and data to support the development of work programmes and activities.

#### 2. CWMS Action Plan funding

Each Zone Committee has \$50k that can be recommended for projects for this financial year. The committee will need to consider projects that are related to the action plan (for example, Twizel River, biodiversity projects, Lake Ruataniwha toilets, mokihi event etc.) and recommend a budget for this year to cover these projects. A workshop will be held in October to consider projects.

#### 3. October and November meeting

There are two meetings left for 2021. October will be a formal meeting with workshop on funding. Decision from the committee is needed on what the November meeting will be.

#### 4. Update following the Ahuriri catchment community meeting

Environment Canterbury has decided it will not approve a non-enforcement of the TLI consent condition and will continue with a normal compliance approach. There will be a focus on farm practices through the Farm Environment Plan auditing process. With Freshwater Farm Plans (FEPs) being required by all farms above a certain size within the next couple of years, there is an opportunity to support the Ahuriri catchment to align central governments Freshwater farm plans and FEP/Farm Environment Management Plans.

## 5. Central Government Freshwater Consultation

The Government has recently announced four separate consultations relating to its essential freshwater package.

- a. Wetlands. This consultation runs until 13 October.  
<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/managing-our-wetlands-discussion-document/>
- b. Intensive winter grazing regulations. The consultation runs until 7 October 2021.  
<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/managing-intensive-winter-grazing-summary/>
- c. Stock exclusion consultation. The new closing date for these consultations is Sunday 26 September (changed from 12 September).  
<https://consult.environment.govt.nz/freshwater/stock-exclusion-regulations/>
- d. Proposed freshwater farm plan system. The new closing date for these consultations is Sunday 26 September (changed from 12 September). <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/freshwater/e/freshwater-farm-plans/>

## 6. Updated Action List

The Action List below updates the committee on progress on items identified at previous zone committee meetings in 2020 and 2021. Items that have now been completed are not included in this list.

### Upper Waitaki Zone Committee – Action list (updated from July 2021)

Meeting date	Action	Who	Status
20 August 2021	Presentation from the Wilding Tree Trust regarding work they had done in the area	Janine Roux	
18 June 2021	Progress the Twizel River Restoration initiative further with conversation with Mackenzie District Council and DOC.	Matt Bayliss and Joy Paterson	Work in progress.
21 May 2021	Consider options for a plant nursery in the Mackenzie Basin	Richard Subtil Ross McRobie	
21 May 2021	Request presentation from Mark Adams from the Catchment Collective South Canterbury Society	Janine Roux	Work in progress.
19 March 2021	Environment Canterbury staff to investigate whether Loch Cameron can be added to the schedule of contact recreational water quality testing.	Shirley Hayward, Environment Canterbury	Work in progress. ECan considering dropping one site and adding Loch Cameron to testing run.
16 October 2020	Report back to Zone Committee on whether there is an increased risk of TLI limits for the Ahuriri Arm of Lake Benmore being exceeded after exploring any differences between the modelled assumption.	Graeme Clarke, Environment Canterbury	Work in progress. Presentation in July/August
19 June 2020	Environment Canterbury works with farmers in Ahuriri and Omarama catchment to understand and make better use of the local data, with the results shared with farmers and the zone committee	Graeme Clarke, Environment Canterbury	Work in progress
17 May 2019	Changes to Ahuriri delta – find out whether there is new LIDAR or other data that provides new information on	Graeme Clarke,	Work in progress

	build-up of the delta and sedimentation of the lake. If new data available, then advise committee and indicate whether this can be analysed and brought to the committee.	Environment Canterbury	
16 October 2020	Initiate conversation with Benmore Irrigation Company and encourage them to show leadership in the Ahuriri catchment by going beyond Good Management Practice for nutrient losses.	Janine Roux and John Sunckell	<b>Not progressed</b>
21 February 2020	Concern was expressed about a lack of representation on the committee from the north of the basin. To follow-up with the community board and other contacts to see if there were people that could help bring issues from the north to the committee table.	Tami Woods	<b>Ongoing- Intent is to continue building this relationship.</b>