

The Banks Peninsula Zone Committee had its official launch on 23 September.

The zone committee is the ninth established in Canterbury under the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

It is charged with working collaboratively to develop effective water management implementation programmes in consultation with the local community. The programme will include strategies, tactics and activities to give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy's principles and targets.

A regular schedule of meetings has been developed and these are open to the public (see www.ecan.govt.nz/canterburywater for a schedule).

The Banks Peninsula Zone Committee is a joint committee of Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council. The appropriate Rūnanga are also represented.



Members of the Banks Peninsula Zone Committee discuss the water resource in the region at the committee's orientation

Activities and actions

The Banks Peninsula Zone Committee was launched in September 2011.

Over the coming months the zone committee will receive briefings from technical experts, go on a number of field trips around the district, and attend meetings with a wide range of stakeholders to gauge the range of views on water management issues.

The goal of the zone committee is to engage with the community to develop a programme of water management recommendations to councils.

At its November meeting the committee reviewed its work programme for the coming months, and received presentations on climate and biodiversity strategies. It also discussed priority areas for year one Immediate Steps biodiversity funding.

At the committee's December meeting, the final one for 2011, it considered opportunities for Immediate Steps biodiversity funding and discussed feedback from the recent community engagement meetings.

In late November and early December the committee held three community meetings to introduce itself to the community and get its feedback on water issues in the zone. Further community meetings will be held in the coming months.

The committee features five community members as well as four Rūnanga representatives and two from council.

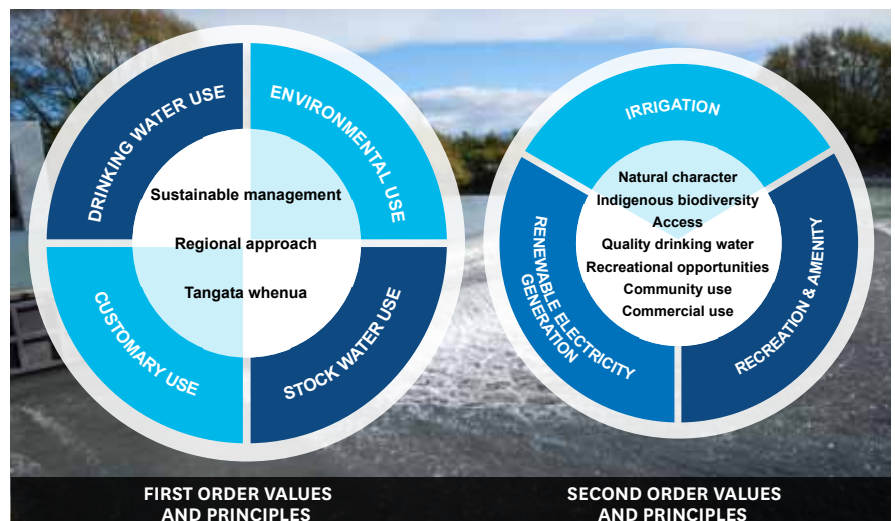
Targets

The committees are working to achieve the wide-ranging set of targets agreed as part of the development of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

The targets have ten broad areas and set goals for the coming five years, as well as setting milestones in 10 years and 30 years. The targets cover:

- Ecosystem health and biodiversity
- Braided rivers and natural character
- Kaitiakitanga
- Drinking water
- Recreational use and amenity opportunities
- Water-use efficiency
- Irrigated land area
- Energy security and efficiency
- Regional and national economies
- Environmental limits

The value the community places on water



The Christchurch-West Melton Zone Committee comprises:

Community members:

Pam Richardson (03 304 6825) is a sheep and beef farmer from Pigeon Bay who is actively involved in many Banks Peninsula community groups and networks including the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board, Akaroa Harbour Issues Working Party and the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.

Yvette Couch-Lewis (027 458 3700) is a management professional who lives in Rāpaki. Her work experience includes education, local government, conservation and iwi management and she is involved with a number of community groups including the Lyttelton Harbour/Whakaupō Issues Group.

Stephen Lowndes (03 329 0009) lives at Birdlings Flat and has lived and worked in Banks Peninsula for over 30 years. He has been a Director of the Akaroa Museum and a Councillor on the Banks Peninsula District Council. He currently chairs the Akaroa Civic Trust, Arts on Tour New Zealand, and was recently chair of the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board.

Richard Simpson (03 304 7367) lives and farms at Fishermans Bay on Banks Peninsula and has a dairy farm in the Selwyn District. Richard has been on the Management Committee of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust since its inception in 2001.

Kevin Simcock (027 434 1072) is a consulting engineer who is involved in the Akaroa Waste Water Working Party and Duveauchelle Waste Water Working Party. He has a holiday home at Takamatua in Akaroa Harbour and chairs the Takamatua Residents Association.

Rūnanga appointees:

Iaeen Cranwell (Kāti Irakehu, Kāti Kurī, Kāti Makō) (021 221 2207) lives in Ōtautahi with his partner and two children and works for Takuahi Research & Development Ltd. He is chair of Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd and is also an Aoraki Bound instructor.

June Swindells (Te Hapu O Ngati Wheke) (junes@wtct.org.nz) has lived at Rapaki for most of her life. For the last decade her work has focussed on health and she is currently working for Nga Maata Waka and has interests in health, education, the welfare of Maori, and environmental issues.

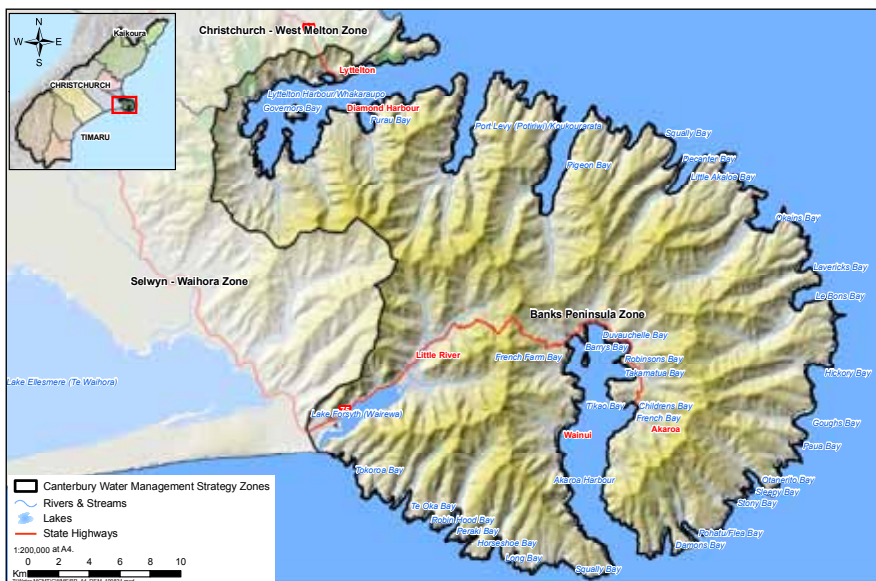
Wade Wereta-Osborn (Te Runanga o Koukourarata) (027 555 3819) Wade has lived at Koukourarata most of his life. His background is in Maori historical research and he is currently employed by Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata as Kaimanaaki (marae host) for the marae.

Pere Tainui (Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku) (029 271 7979) was born and bred in Akaroa where he spent many years fishing and eeling. He is a Ōnuku Marae board member and has worked as a mental health support worker for the last six years.

Council appointees:

Donald Couch (Environment Canterbury) (03 328 8200) lives in Rāpaki, where he grew up. He is a member of the Lincoln University Council, trustee of the Ngai Tahu Ancillary Claims Trust, as well as an Environment Canterbury Commissioner.

Claudia Reid (027 457 0603) is a Christchurch City Councillor for the Banks Peninsula ward and has lived in Diamond Harbour for almost 20 years. She chairs the Christchurch City Council Water and Wastewater Committee, is a member of the Akaroa Wastewater Working Party and is a member of the Canterbury Water Regional Committee. Claudia also sits on the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert and Akaroa/Wairewa Community boards.



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