

The Kaikōura Zone Committee is the eighth of ten zone committees to be established in Canterbury under the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

Zone committees work collaboratively to develop effective water management implementation programmes in consultation with the local community. The programme includes strategies, tactics and activities to give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy's principles and targets.

The Kaikōura zone committee will operate as a joint committee of Environment Canterbury and the Kaikōura District Council. The appropriate rūnanga are also represented.



Activities and actions

The Kaikōura water management zone committee was officially launched at an event on 15 July at the Fyffe Country Lodge.

The committee is the eighth to begin addressing local water issues using the goals and methods developed via the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

Following the launch the zone committee members met for an orientation workshop. From August the zone committee will hold public meetings each month to gather information about the region and its water resource with the goal of developing a Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP) for the management of the region's water resource.

A number of field trips are also planned so members can visit areas of significance and meet with community members.

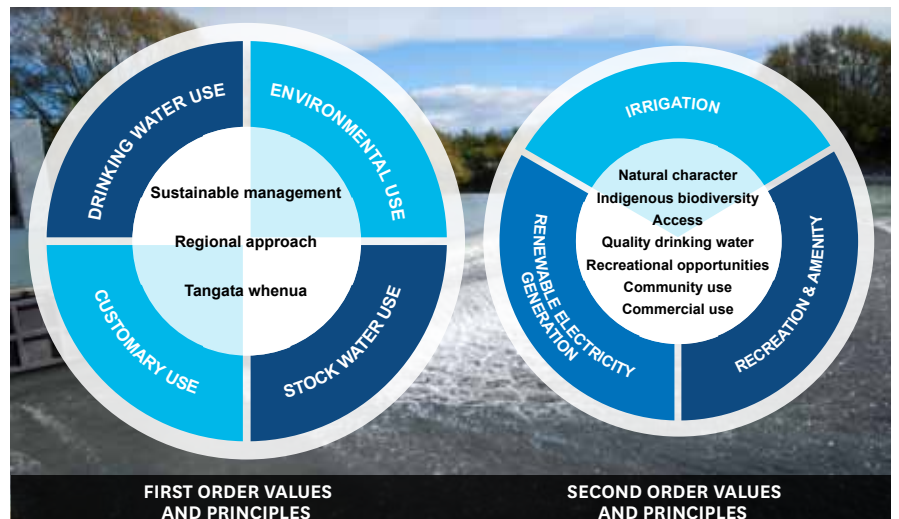
Targets

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 Kaikōura Zone Committee comprises:

Community members:

Tony Blunt farms an Inland Road property on the Kahutara River and helps coordinate Kaikōura's annual A&P Show as well as the Young Farmer contest.

Ted Howard is a self-employed consultant with an environmental science background. He was a Kaikōura District Councillor from 2001-2004.

Ron Mackle has been involved in dairy farming all his life and has been a Director and Chairman of the Kaikōura Dairy Company for many years. Ron has been involved with various water-related community groups.

Derrick Milton has owned a 1511 ha beef and sheep farm in the Clarence Valley for more than 25 years. He also owns and operates a Lime Quarry at Clarence Bridge.

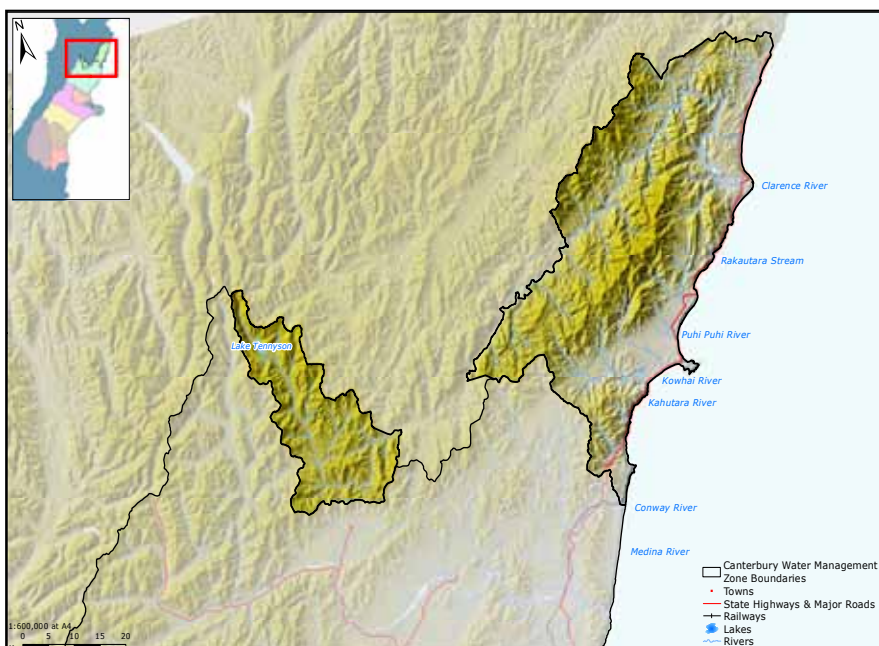
Sarah Beardmore is a school teacher who has lived beside the Clarence River for 14 years. She is very active in her local community.

Matt Hoggard is strongly involved in the outdoors around Kaikōura and is passionate about local natural landscapes. As a district planner for Kaikōura District Council Matt has experience with resource consent applications.

R?nunga representative: Gina Solomon was raised in Oaro and now lives in Peketa, Kaikōura. She is of Ngāi Tahu and Ngati Kuri descent and has been involved with many Runanga businesses and organisations.

Environment Canterbury appointment: David Bedford owns a small vineyard in North Canterbury and is an Environment Canterbury Commissioner and the Chair of Enterprise North Canterbury. He has extensive local and international experience in senior management.

Kaikoura District Council appointment: Mayor Winston Gray was elected Mayor of Kaikōura in 2010. He was a sheep and beef farmer for many years before moving into Real Estate. Mayor Gray has been involved with numerous community organisations.



Immediate Steps to protect biodiversity

The zone committee is also responsible for local implementation of the Immediate Steps Biodiversity programme.

Immediate Steps is a new \$10 million programme for biodiversity which is being introduced as part of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

The programme has an initial five year focus and will cover the protection of endangered species and waahi taonga (sacred sites). Immediate Steps also covers maintenance of Canterbury's braided rivers, providing habitat for native flora and fauna, as well as protecting wetlands and other ecosystems.

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Committee meetings

A schedule of meetings is available at www.ecan.govt.nz/canterburywater

Zone Committee meetings are open to the public.