



Strategy Format

Mission

“To achieve sustainable environmental and economic outcomes for the Waihao River Catchment, from the mountains to the sea”



Goals

1. To ensure the surface and groundwater quality is maintained and improved
2. To ensure surface and ground water quantity provides for the sustainable and equitable needs of the environment and all river users
3. To sustain, protect and enhance the ecological values for present and future generations
4. To provide for an environment that enhances recreational, educational, economic and cultural opportunities



Objectives



Actions

Full copies of the strategy are available from the Facilitator at Environment Canterbury.



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Waihao River - Wainono Lagoon Management Strategy

Prepared by The Waihao-Wainono Water Users Society





What is the Waihao River - Wainono Lagoon Management Strategy?

The strategy:

- sets out clear goals and detailed actions for the future management of the land and river system of the Waihao-Wainono catchment.
- aims to increase public awareness and understanding of the whole waterway system.
- aims to encourage communities, organisations and institutions to improve the ecological, recreational and economic values of the area.
- is non-statutory, that is, it has no legal standing and therefore cannot be enforced.
- is a “living document” in that it is regularly reviewed and updated as new information and new insights become available.

The strategy covers the Waihao River (north and south branches) and all of its subcatchments, including the Wainono Lagoon. It is a guide for the Waihao-Wainono Water Users Society in its management of the catchment, but will rely on the goodwill, participation and commitment of individuals, communities, and organisations to carry out the actions that will achieve the strategy’s goals.

What is the focus of the strategy?

- Maintenance of water quality
- Sustainable water use
- Wildlife and habitat protection
- Pest and weed control
- Clearly defined access
- Development of recreational areas
- Educational, economic and cultural opportunities
- Gravel management

Background

The Waihao-Wainono Water Users Group was established in 1999 and became an Incorporated Society in 2007. Its members include farmers, residents and local runanga.

The uniqueness and complexity of the Waihao-Wainono land and river system led the Society to recognise the need for a comprehensive management strategy for the entire catchment.

In 2006 an elected management committee was given the mandate to formulate a management strategy. The committee was informed by a range specialist speakers; held workshops and field days; and sought input from those with an interest in the management of the area.

The management strategy was approved by the community in a public meeting held on 10 June 2008.

How can I help?

Now is the time to work through the actions identified in the strategy.



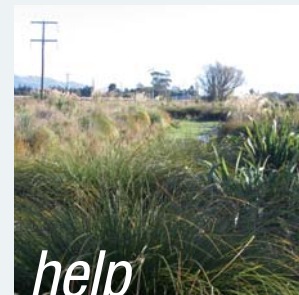
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collect water quality and other data



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prepare submissions or apply for funding



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control pest and weeds; plant natives

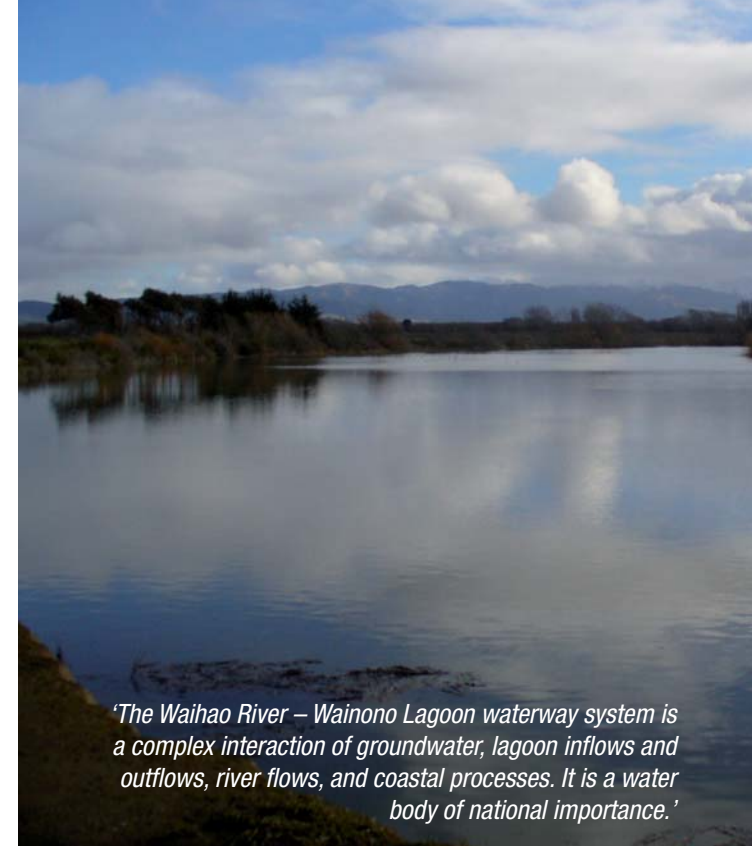


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coordinate public open days and increase public understanding of sustainability

and much, much more ...

The strategy identifies 38 action points. Many of these will involve community action. Interested? If yes, we want to hear from you.



‘The Waihao River – Wainono Lagoon waterway system is a complex interaction of groundwater, lagoon inflows and outflows, river flows, and coastal processes. It is a water body of national importance.’