

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū/Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee

Action Plan July 2021–June 2024

This summary highlights the key actions agreed by the zone committee for the next three years.

For more detail on the zone committee and plan, visit ecan.govt.nz/banks-peninsula-water-zone

Our purpose:

To uphold the mana of the freshwater bodies within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū/Banks Peninsula by facilitating enduring land and water management solutions that give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) vision, principles and targets in our zone.

The CWMS aims to enable present and future generations to gain the greatest social, economic, recreational and cultural benefits from our water resources within an environmentally sustainable framework.

Our role:

- **To get involved** in an active programme of community engagement on freshwater management matters
- **To facilitate relevant advice** to councils and other organisations contributing to freshwater management
- **To extend the resources available** to implement the CWMS by: working with stakeholders across all sectors and seeking opportunities to promote, support, leverage and expand catchment-based initiatives that deliver the CWMS
- **To report back annually** to councils and Rūnanga on progress towards delivery of the zone-specific priorities.

Our Councils' priorities for our zone committee are:

Christchurch City Council

Public awareness and engagement:

Model manaakitanga (caring and respect) for our waters and promote takohanga (commitment) and kaitiakitanga (stewardship) through:

- Leading water forums and supporting CCC initiatives to give effect to Te Mana o Te Wai;
- Advocacy of and support for the Community Water Partnership, connections with members' community and professional networks;
- Supporting erosion and sediment control workshops for industry.

Environment Canterbury

Kaitiakitanga Wāhi Taonga and mahinga kai targets

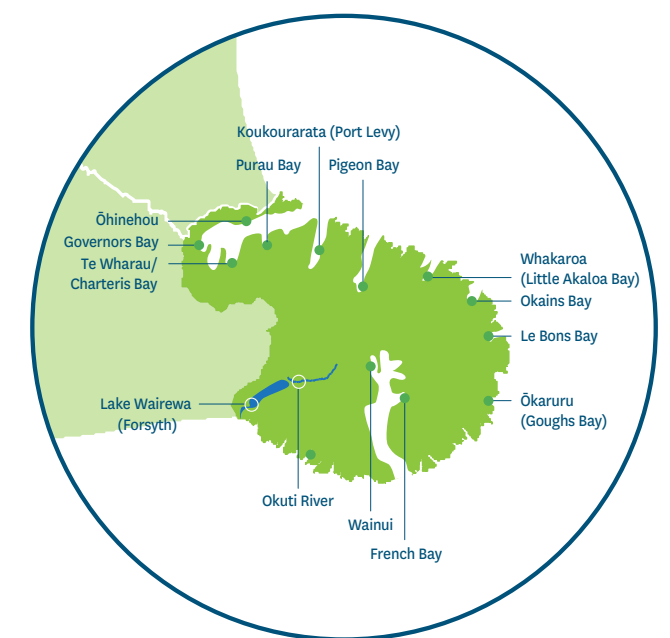
Grow support and resources to achieve the goal of five mahinga kai projects.

Ecosystem health and biodiversity targets

- Increased riparian management to protect aquatic ecosystems
- Reducing the number of fish barriers
- Protection and enhancement of wetlands.

Recreation and amenity targets

Achieving the 2025 target to restore priority freshwater recreation opportunities in each zone.



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We will enhance mahinga kai by:

- Building mahinga kai and mātauranga Māori into our deliberations and decision making
- Supporting implementation of the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan
- Modeling manaakitanga and promoting takohanga and kaitiakitanga through our actions
- Supporting ngā rūnanga mahinga kai projects though implementing agreed joint actions and advocating for funding
- Requesting that ngā rūnanga and Environment Canterbury Mātauranga Māori monitoring programme begins by 2023
- Undertaking activities that improve our knowledge of mahinga kai
- Selecting a priority species to be more abundant in the zone. Collaborate and advocate for others to carry out actions that will increase the abundance of this species.

We will engage with the community and raise awareness by:

- Working with landowners
- Ensuring we are aware of the impacts of our actions on landowners and building this into our deliberations and decision making
- Supporting the trial of a native forestry carbon farming approach on a landowner's property and help share their experience with the community
- Engaging with the community to improve their understanding and uptake of mahinga kai, soil conservation, erosion and sediment control, biodiversity and native forestry carbon farming. Seek opportunities to partner with other organisations to carry out this engagement
- Supporting community organisations that engage with the community about water management, biodiversity, mahinga kai, sustainable land management, soil conservation, erosion and sediment control and native forestry carbon farming. Explore opportunities to partner with these community organisations
- Supporting community engagement about climate change by helping gather local knowledge about values, changes and adaptation. Encourage activities that increase community resilience, mahinga kai, biodiversity, and water quality and quantity. Carry this out in partnership with Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury and community organisations
- Engaging with the community about water efficiency within the context of climate change on Banks Peninsula - meaning the consequence of reduced rainfall and more intense storms
- Assisting Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council to engage with the community about the management or replacement of on-site wastewater treatment systems. Start with engaging with the Wainui community.

We will enhance ecosystem health by:

Advocating to local, regional and central government for statutory and non-statutory improvements, including:

- Advocating to Christchurch City Council that it trials a variety of techniques to find effective erosion and sediment control for roadside cuttings and implements the most effective techniques on roadside cuttings
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council that it improves how it carries out roadside maintenance so that sediment and other contaminant discharges are reduced
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council and others that they support landowners to carry out effective erosion and sediment control
- Promoting the use of soil maps (S-Map) as a freely available online asset for environmental benefits and productivity gains to Whakaraupō (2021) and Banks Peninsula community (2022-23)
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury that it creates practical new rules to optimise Te Mana o te Wai in its allocation of water, and that the allocation of water as is fair as possible while still fulfilling Te Mana o te Wai
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council that they have effective mechanisms to ensure water use is efficient, for example widespread community use of rain water tanks
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council that they ensure adequate advice is provided to the community about the management and replacement of on-site wastewater treatment systems, so that the negative impacts on freshwater and coastal water quality is reduced
- Advocating that Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury remove barriers to fish passage and support landowners to do so
- Advocating to Environment Canterbury for monitoring and initiatives to improve kai moana and that they support ngā rūnanga initiatives to improve kai moana

- Advocating for our Zone Implementation Programme priority outcomes through engaging in Environment Canterbury's Coastal Plan Review
- Advocating to central government for changes to the Emission Trading Scheme so that it is significantly more favourable to landowners wishing to carry out native forest carbon farming
- Advocating to Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury that they ensure they are aware of the impacts of their actions and decisions on landowners and that they take this into account in their work programmes, policies, plans and decisions.

Supporting landowner, community, and local government initiatives in catchments:

- Supporting Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour with implementing the Whakaraupō Catchment Management Plan through implementing agreed joint actions. Focus on priority action projects for reducing sediment into waterways
- Supporting Ki Uta Ki Tai catchment approach 2021-2022 in Wainui Bay, Ōkaruru/Goughs Bay and Pireka/ Peraki Bay by implementing actions that support the landowners, community and Environment Canterbury's land management and biodiversity advice work. Showcase these Ki Uta Ki Tai catchment approaches. Recommend that some of Environment Canterbury's Community Engagement Fund be allocated to these catchments
- Selecting Ki Uta Ki Tai catchments for 2023 and 2024
- Supporting Wairewa Bank Stabilisation Project through implementing actions that align with Environment Canterbury and other organisations' land management, biodiversity and river management work.

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