

Committee Update

16 June 2010

Strong interest in joining committees

Communities around Canterbury are really getting involved with the implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

District councils are fully engaged in partnership with the Water Executive in the areas where zone committees are already being formed: in Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, and Ashburton districts.

An impressive calibre of people – 33 in all – put their names forward for the Waiau-Hurunui zone committee. The challenge for the selection process has been to identify the best mix of people to ensure the collective strength of the committee.

We have run a very thorough and robust process – and listened to all points of view – to ensure the committee has the right combination of expertise and the right people to work collaboratively to address water issues.

The selection of the six community members is going through a final short-list process – expected to take another four weeks – and those chosen will join two runanga appointees, Environment Canterbury Commissioner David Bedford and Hurunui District Councillor Winton Dalley on the Hurunui Water Management Zone Committee.

In Waimakariri district nominations are open for the zone committee and around 50 people have attended a series of public meetings over the past month. Expressions of interest must be received by Friday 18 June 2010.

Expressions of interest have also been called for the Regional Water Management Committee.



Ashburton and Selwyn-Waihora Zone Water Management Committees

Expressions of interest are now open for the Ashburton and Selwyn-Waihora Water Management Zone Committees, and should be received by 16 July 2010.

Between four and six people will be appointed to each committee, and members will work collaboratively and with the community to develop solutions to water issues that give effect to the principles and targets of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

PUBLIC MEETINGS ON ASHBURTON ZONE COMMITTEE (all start at 7.30pm):

Methven Tuesday 22 June, Methven Heritage Centre, 160 Main St.

Ashburton Thursday 24 June, Masonic Centre, 111 Havelock St.

Rakaia Tuesday 29 June, Memorial Hall, 55 Elizabeth Ave.

PUBLIC MEETINGS ON SELWYN-WAIHORA ZONE COMMITTEE (all start at 7.30pm):

Leeston Tuesday 22 June, Leeston Rugby Clubrooms, High St.

Lincoln Wednesday 23 June, St Stephens Church, Edwards St.

Rakaia Tuesday 29 June, Memorial Hall, 55 Elizabeth Ave.

Darfield Tuesday 6 July,
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, North Terrace.

Regional Water Management Committee call for nominations

Expressions of interest for the Canterbury Regional Water Management Committee are open and must be received by 2 July 2010.

We are looking for people with experience in a range of areas relevant to water management issues in Canterbury. People with strong experience in community engagement are encouraged to apply even if they have little experience or knowledge of water issues.

Application details for all committees:

- Applications must be on the Expression of Interest form downloadable from www.canterburywater.org.nz and include the applicant's curriculum vitae.
- Applications should be submitted via email to the address specified on the Expression of Interest form.

Committee meetings schedule

It is anticipated the committees could meet as frequently as fortnightly during some of their first year of operation. Meeting times will be agreed between members of each committee but applicants must be available for day or evening meetings with reasonable notice.

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