

## Kaikōura Water Zone Committee (KWZC)

### Meeting summary and update May 2018

The KWZC met on Wednesday 2 May for their monthly meeting. They covered updates on their working groups, the CWMS Regional Committee Meeting, Watershed Symposium, Kaikōura Zone Delivery Team, the Kaikōura Water Zone Committee Annual Report, Waiau Toa integrated weed and predator management project and the Waiau Toa River Weed survey.

[See full agenda and meeting papers here.](#)

### Love the Lyell/Waikōau update

An update on the Love the Lyell Group was given during the Kaikōura water zone committee meeting, and was provided by Chloe Armour (Environment Canterbury Land Management Advisor).

The project was developed to help restore Lyell Creek/Waikōau with community participation. In 2013 the Love the Lyell group asked the youth of Kaikōura what they wanted to see happen to Lyell Creek/Waikōau. The general consensus was that they wanted to be able to swim in it, which prompted the planting and clean up days. There are now approximately four sites around town that have been planted on.

The aim was to have one planting per year in autumn, and one clean up in spring-although activity has been on hold since the earthquakes. Historically the planting has occurred on public/Council-owned land and it has been conducted in stages, so that the children can see how the plants grow year to year. The biggest planting area is behind Mitre10 and Gills, with another in the reserve near the SH1 Bridge on Beach Road.

So far most of the schools in Kaikōura, as well as the Youth Council, the Lions, the Ladies Lions, Forest and Bird, BNZ and Fonterra have taken part in planting and clean up days.

There is now opportunity for community planting days to take place on private land too. If you, or someone you know, has a large section of land bordering Lyell Creek that they would be willing to host a community planting day on (preferably on a farm), [get in touch with Chloe](#). The funding for native plants could possibly be supplied through the Kaikoura Water Zone Committee.\*

Restoration planting is beneficial for waterways as it provides a natural filtration system for the water before it enters the stream. The vegetation zone acts as a buffer between the land and water, improving water quality, protecting land from erosion and flood damage (through bank stabilisation) and provides habitat for both land and aquatic wildlife.

The purpose of the planting is to benefit the environment and create an area that is clean and green. This project is ongoing.

### Kev's Corner:

Update from Environment Canterbury's Kaikōura zone manager Kevin Heays.

[4 May 2018](#) - The Peketa phenomenon, temporary consents, home water storage, drainage management and more.

\*The planting would be voluntary and by members of the public. The responsibility for long term maintenance of the plantings would fall to the property owner.