



KCCC

KAWEKA COMMUNITY CATCHMENT COLLECTIVE



CHAIRMAN UPDATE

It is now seven months since KCCC received our first tranche of Catchment Extension Services Funding from the Ministry of Primary Industries and it is pleasing to see the level of positive activity throughout our catchment. In addition to having an environmental focus our MPI contract also requires us to strengthen our community and we are excited to see the growing community vibe. This was evident in the number of people who turned up for our AGM in August.

October has seen the commencement of weekly Boxfit classes in Patoka and on Saturday 2 November the Dartmoor community will come together for Vegetation Fire Training and a community get-together. The following week Patoka will host a Facilitation Workshop to develop a roadmap for future activities and at the end of the month Rissington will host First Aid Training. There's a lot going on and more is planned for the New Year.

We have been given a clear direction by members that you also want us to focus resources on the financial and environmental sustainability of the community in the critical areas of water monitoring and water catchment management and biodiversity and pest control.

Our water monitoring project started last week. Samples will be collected monthly from twelve sites throughout the catchment ranging from the Makahu and Mohaka Rivers to the Tutaekuri River near the new Puketapu Bridge site. Test results will be made available to members through a members only section on our website. This will give us important baseline data and over time will enable us to track trends in water quality. We are thrilled to see several volunteers putting their hands up to collect water samples.

Over the next few weeks we will be meeting with Hawke's Bay Regional Council to discuss biodiversity and pest control to identify areas in which we can work together. This will help us plan our diversity and pest control programme which we will roll out early in 2025. We know that members are keen undertake poplar and native planting projects next year and we want to take a proactive approach to reducing pest numbers prior to this.

Your hub leaders, Brannie, Molly and Nicky, supported by our co-ordinators, Alice and Beckie, are always open to chatting with you. It is important that our projects meet your needs and we love to hear your feedback and ideas. Please make sure that you make contact with the team or give me a call as we work to make KCCC the best catchment group in the country.

Cynthia Bowers
Independent Chairman

KCCC COMMITTEE



Cynthia Bowers



Brent Paterson



Kelly Thomson



Dave McCurdy



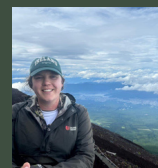
Jeremy Absalom



Issy Crawshaw



Branwyn Hartree



Molly Alton



Nicky White

Missing: Callum Thomson and Megan Truebridge

ANZCC UPDATE

Brent Paterson has been elected to the committee of the Aotearoa New Zealand Catchment Communities (ANZCC).

The ANZCC is a newly formed organization representing around 210 catchment groups covering over 5 million hectares across New Zealand. Its mission is to advocate for catchment support at the national level, drive investment, increase awareness of catchment group impacts, and facilitate knowledge sharing.

The ANZCC have their next board meeting in Wellington on the 31st October and will hear from the work that has been done to collate information from catchment funding organisations across the country. The board are working on trying to understand the disparate data sets reported across NZ (on the basis of current funding agreements) and trying to get a handle on how a matrix for ROI can be determined and catchment groups can align catchment activities and environmental outcomes with this rather than just fixed rigid milestones. The ANZCC board are meeting with key future funding partners this week in Wellington also.



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BOXFIT CLASSES

Join us for Boxfit classes every Wednesday at the Patoka Hall, led by Inge Hopman from Optimal Me! These classes, funded by the KCCC, are a great way to support your wellbeing and connect with community members. Everyone is welcome.

Come make the most of this opportunity to get moving and have fun! For the week of the 18th, please note the class will be on Tuesday the 19th instead of Wednesday the 20th. To join, get in touch with Molly Alton.

BRIDGES AND ROADS

Downer Group NZ, Hicks Brothers Civil Construction, and Tūpore Infrastructure have been awarded the contracts for slip remediation work on Glengarry, Pukeitiri, and Dartmoor roads.

REBUILDS BRIDGES AND LARGE CULVERTS	BRIDGES REPAIRS	MAJOR SLIP REPAIRS
9 requiring reconstruction	29 bridges that required repairs	98 major slips that required repairs
2 permanent rebuilds in construction	14 repairs complete	14 repairs complete
7 rebuilds in design and planning	3 in construction	8 in construction

For the most up to date information on anything happening in the Kaweka Ward please head to the HDC website via this link:

[Kaweka Ward | Hastings District Council](#)

WATER TESTING

KCCC has contracted ALS Environmental NZ (previously Water Testing HB) to conduct monthly testing of water samples from 12 key waterway sites across the Kaweka Catchment. Samples will be collected once a month.

Water sample results will be uploaded to the KCCC website in the members only section.

PUKETITIRI SITES:

- Makahu River Cossing
- Potter Road Bridge (Inangatahi Stream)
- Whittle Road Intersection Bridge (Mangatutu Stream)
- Makahu-Mohaka Confluence

PATOKA SITES:

- Waipuna Stream
- Mid Mangatutu Stream (Hawkston Road Bridge)
- Upper Waiti Stream (Follies Bridge on Waihau Road)
- Upper Waihau River (Bridge on Waihau Road)

RISSINGTON/DARTMOOR SITES:

- Lower Mangaone River (Dartmoor Bridge)
- Lower Waiti Stream
- Upper Tutaekuri River
- Lower Tutaekuri





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COMING UP

- BoxFit Classes at the Patoka Hall every Wednesday at 6.30pm - 16th Oct - 4th December
- Vegetation fire Training for Dartmoor and Dartmoor community evening - Saturday 2nd of November at 9.30am
- Patoka Hub Facilitated Session - 5th November, 1 - 5pm
- KCCC Committee Meeting at the Puketapu Church Hall - 11th November at 5.30pm
- Red Cross and First Aid Training at Omatua Riverside Lodge - 27th November, 8.30am - 5pm

HUB PROJECTS

If you have an idea for a project or event that you would like to see happen in your hub, the first step is to share it with your hub champ. Your hub champ will be your advocate and bring the idea to the committee for consideration. To increase the chances of your idea being approved, it will need to align with the principles outlined in our POU's. If your idea fits within these guidelines, it is more likely the committee will support it. But remember, the essential first step is to discuss your proposal with your hub champ.

ENVIRONMENT	COMMUNITY	RESILIENCE	BIOSECURITY	EDUCATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh Water Farm Plans Water Quality Build back better Slips (poles) Riparian Farm access Land for Life Biodiversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iwi Resilience plans Hubs Schools & Kindy thriving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well-being Security Resilience plans for community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TB Wilding Pines Gorse & Blackberry Vector control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Farm Planning Health & Safety Well-being



RISSINGTON HUB CHAMP

We are currently on the lookout for a new Rissington Hub Champion! If you are keen to get involved or know someone who might be, please reach out to Cynthia Bowers for more information.

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