

Otama Catchment Group

Otama Catchment Group was established in 2022 and now has 19 members including arable, sheep, beef and dairy farmers as well as the Otama School community. The Otama Catchment Group has hit the ground running, holding workshops, GHG and soil science evenings as well as community events that have all been well supported.



WHAT IS INFLUENCING OUR WATER QUALITY

Clint Rissmann, from Land and Water Science, collated the water, soil and geology information about the Otama Catchment to provide the Group with an understanding of how water moves through the catchment.

A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

- » **Forming a community Catchment Group - potluck dinner**
This dinner event introduced the Catchment Group concept to the Otama community. Kevin Hall from Three Rivers Catchment Group talked about how this group was formed, covering learnings and wins from past projects, and what might be next for the Group. Otama Catchment's key challenges and opportunities were discussed, as well as some potential projects.
- » **Know your number... Now What?**
Otama was one of three Catchment Groups involved in a short workshop with prominent soil scientist Dr Ants Roberts, Ravensdown's Chief Scientific Officer. The goal was to get a handle on the science of farm greenhouse gases and make a plan of how emissions might be reduced.

