

Otamita Catchment Group

Otamita Catchment Group was formed in 2022, covering 17,000 ha and including 18 farms and the Mandeville township. Farms are primarily sheep and beef along with arable and dairy farms at the bottom of the catchment. Currently, the Group is working on building relationships and engagement.



KOURA SEDIMENT TRAP AND CATCHMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This two-year project improves farmers understanding about the Koura (native freshwater crayfish) and how their populations are an indication of improving water quality in the catchment.

A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

- » **Freshwater Crayfish Farming**
Earnslaw One's Aquaculture Manager, John Hollows, shared his knowledge about freshwater crayfish. John looks after the company's Keewai Project which successfully and sustainably farms freshwater crayfish in some of its South Island forests. He explained how to establish crayfish ponds on farms, discussing future markets for this unique product.
- » **Otamita Catchment Group Stream Walk**
The group learnt about the unique macroinvertebrates that live in the Otamita catchment streams.
- » **MCI Stream Habitat Assessment with 4Sight Consulting**
4Sight Consulting's Noah Davis presented data from MCI testing recently completed in the catchment and he also explained the eDNA – the environmental DNA – results from pond samples taken on-farm.

UPPER MATAURA CATCHMENT

