

Waikaia Catchment Group

The Waikaia Catchment Group was established in January 2023, made up of a diverse mix of 15 landowners and managers from various sectors including high-country stations, forestry, sheep, beef, and dairy. The Waikaia catchment is a significant land area, which also includes the township of Waikaia.

The Group aims to promote sustainable land use practices that safeguard the catchment's natural resources but also supports the prosperity and wellbeing of the community.



WAIKAIA ON-FARM WATER QUALITY AFTERNOON.

The Waikaia Catchment Group held a stream health assessment afternoon to understand water quality in their catchment. They focused on three sites in the catchment, using the Environment Southland Land Sustainability team's knowledge and equipment to collect data. This included the MCI scoring and clarity of each waterway.

SOUTHLAND'S FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

Waikaia Catchment Group invited Environment Southland to present their 'Southland's Future Environmental Challenges' presentation.

The Group heard from Councillors and TAMI about Environment Southland's focus for the next 10-years, including water and land plan changes, limit setting, and the longer-term environmental goals for Southland.

