

Waikawa Catchment Group

Waikawa Catchment Group was formed in 2009, with a desire to learn about their catchment, and what's happening in the water, bush and on the farm. There are now more than 30 in the group, consisting of a wide network of community members who work together to improve the water quality of Waikawa Stream. The Stream runs through several farms in the catchment and is used for a whole range of recreational activities, including swimming and fishing.



MCI INTRODUCTION & ENGAGEMENT GROUP-BUILDING EVENT

At a hands-on field day visiting the Tokanui, Waipapa and Waikawa streams, Craig Simpson from Landcare Trust New Zealand shared his knowledge on Macroinvertebrate Community Index (MCI) testing and Rapid Habitat Assessments. He also spoke about what has been successful in the Otago Pomahaka Catchment, giving a range of ideas for improvement works.

A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

» Pest management workshop

Environment Southland and the Department of Conservation presented a workshop covering plant and animal pests and best methods of eradicating them. They provided a range of traps, explaining how each one works and local trapper Tony Leigh also shared tips on trapping in the district.

Other events included learning about the Waikawa River Restoration Plan, stream habitat assessments and on-farm management discussion groups.

VISION:

To have a catchment the community is proud of, a river with the best water quality and a community that is committed to its environment.

VALUES:

Long-term community commitment to care for the catchment, maintaining and enhancing the environment and working together leading by example.