

# Lower Oreti Catchment Group

Lower Oreti Catchment Group will work on projects and events useful to the area, bringing people together to share knowledge, skills and expert advice.



Lower Oreti Catchment Group was formed in June 2021 to support farmers and our local community to come together to look after our environment and waterways. A core team of six in the catchment, run Field Days and projects to draw people in from different backgrounds and land uses. All share a passion for improving the catchment's environment and waterways.

## KNOW OUR CATCHMENT: ISSUES AND ACTIONS WORKSHOP

Lower Oreti Catchment Group initially brought in the environmental consultancy Land & Water Science to provide an understanding of the catchment, its issues and the best options to tackle them.

Information was shared with the community in a user-friendly handout, a 30-minute video and at an evening event where potential mitigations were discussed.

Lower Oreti Catchment Group is now learning about their water quality and stream health.

## A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

### » Wintering Field Day – June 2021

More than 50 people visited two farms with different wintering systems, and managing environmental risks around wintering was discussed and tips shared.

### » Know Your Catchment Community Meeting – July 2022

This event provided locals with a better understanding of the catchment, and to plan a course of action.

### » Wonderful Wetland & Lawn Bowls Social – December 2022

Catchment Group members visited local farmer Gavin Macpherson's 2ha constructed wetland, which was created with support from Southland Fish & Game. Gavin shared top tips for constructing a successful wetland area.

### The group's goal is to help farmers and the community to:

- » Better understand the challenges of balancing farm production with sustainable land use, and improved water quality and biodiversity
- » Identify opportunities and drive farmer-led, grassroots action
- » Respond to changing environmental policies and consumer expectations

The group will also continue to work closely with other Catchment Groups throughout Southland on aligned projects and events.



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A thriving, prosperous land. A thriving, prosperous people.*

