

# Waihopai Catchment Group

**VISION:** Waihopai community working together to look after our waterways.

**MISSION:** Educate and work as a community to drive practical solutions to improve our waterways for future generations.



Waihopai Catchment Group was formed in 2019. With a core 10 people, the membership includes farmers, rural professionals, the local school and others in the community. Currently, efforts are focused on the Woodlands area with plans for future expansion into other parts of the catchment.

## RECYCLING: WHAT CAN YOU DO ON YOUR FARM, YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Working with the Catchment Groups in Greater Dipton, Three Rivers and Waikaka Stream, Waihopai Catchment Group brought Taranaki dairy farmer and environmental champion Trish Rankin to Southland to run a series of interactive recycling and waste reduction workshops.

Everyone took away at least one easy idea to try on the farm or in the home. After the events two brochures were produced – one giving reduction ideas and the other covering top local recycling tips.

## A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

- » **Mid-winter Calving/Lambing Get Together – September 2020**  
Despite it being a busy time of the year, this relaxed, community get together was a chance to leave gumboots at the door, be with friends and neighbours, and chat about potential events and projects.
- » **Discovering Our Catchment and Coastal Connections – March 2021**  
Waihopai and Gore-Waimumu Catchment Groups brought the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre (University of Otago) Aquavan to Southland. Over 1300 Year 5 to Year 8 students and many others from across the region learnt about their catchment and coastal connections.
- » **On Farm Recycling Field Day – July 2021**  
This field day provided information about baleage wrap, dairy shed, household and community recycling. All things recycling were discussed, and many ideas shared.

## GOALS:

- » Continue to monitor waterways and spread Good Management Practices to improve waterway health.
- » Educate the community in waterway health for generations to come
- » Share good stories of what is happening in the catchment to enhance community pride.

## VALUES:

- » Friendly and approachable
- » Work together as a community
- » Integrity and respect
- » Celebrate successes as a community.



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

