



# GORE CATCHMENT GROUP

Stewardship by people for people  
*Kaitaikitanga taro ake tangata ma tangata*

Gore Catchment Group started in 2018 and today has 80 members from Gore and Mataura towns, lifestyle blocks and deer, sheep, beef and dairy farmers.

To date, the Group has completed stream studies, water testing, a wintering event, and had information stalls at Gore Children's Day Out and Waimumu Field Days.

Further events have been held around Mataura River and farm visits have been arranged for local students.

## DISCOVERING OUR CATCHMENT AND COASTAL CONNECTIONS

Gore/Waimumu Catchment was part of the three-week Discovering Our Catchment and Coastal Connections education programme run in Southland for Year 5-8 school students, teachers and parents.

Featuring the University of Otago's New Zealand Marine Studies Centre Aquavan, the programme provided hands-on learning to increase awareness and understanding of the connection between river health and the coastal environment.

## A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

### » Strong Catchment Groups, Strong Communities Event

Rangitikei farmer and Catchment Group champion Roger Dalrymple shared his knowledge and experience of building Catchment Groups with strong purpose.

He outlined the following attributes for a successful Catchment Group:

- Catching up and getting ahead of society's expectations
- Understanding the effects of farming on the environment
- Educating and enhancing good management practices
- Having tools (data) in the toolbox
- Encouraging others to understand and tell the Group's story – not just farmers
- Connecting and enriching communities and farming businesses
- Support each other through challenging times
- Changing the model from top down to bottom up



## GOALS:

- » Support and encourage
- » Inform, educate, innovate and share
- » Take a team approach
- » Have a sizeable urban group at the heart of the catchment
- » Work with the Rūnanga to build, formally recognise and celebrate this relationship.



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

