Lower Aparima Catchment Group

Lower Aparima Catchment Group was formed in 2016. The Group has a diverse membership from deer, beef, sheep and dairy farmers to industry and community members from the Riverton township and recreational users of Aparima River.

Annual Wintering Tour

This popular annual event showcases different winter grazing practices, crop types and wintering systems in and around the catchment. More than 50 farmers attend, and the Catchment Group are proud of its growing success. As well as being a learning opportunity, the Wintering Tour is a chance for farmers to take a break from the farm to reconnect with old friends and meet newcomers to the district.
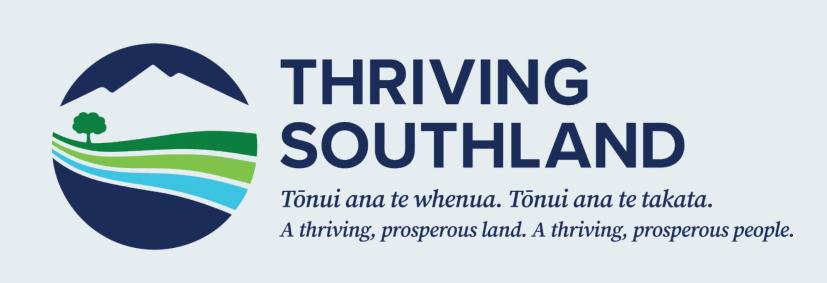
A few events we are proud of:

» **Surfing for Farmers**
The Lower Aparima is one of the Surfing for Farmers locations. The Group fully supports this initiative, designed to get farmers off-farm and have some fun while trying something new. The Group has sought funding and grants to ensure the initiative is successful locally.

» **Aparima Community Environment (ACE)**
Lower Aparima Catchment Group is proud to have helped form the Aparima Community Environment (ACE) Group, who have hosted a number of events, such as stream walks, sediment trap field days and case studies.

PURPOSE:

» To increase awareness of water quality issues, data and policy changes.

» To hold regular meetings involving people with relevant knowledge and expertise.

» To engage with all land users, industry, government bodies, industry groups and the wider community.

» To provide education and promotion of good management practices and environmentally beneficial techniques.

» To trial practical new technology and techniques.

VALUES:

» Sustainable farming, industry and communities.

» Maintaining and improving water quality and estuary health in the Lower Aparima River.

» Maintaining relationships and communication with all people in the catchment.

» Being able to carry out recreational activities on and in the Lower Aparima River.

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