

Mid Aparima Catchment Group

Established in 2018, the Mid Aparima Catchment Group is an integral part of the Aparima Catchment Group and Aparima Community Environment (ACE). Many of the local farmers are working with ACE to encourage sustainable and profitable farming practices. Regular workshops and events provide farmers with an opportunity to share experiences and learn from each other.



COLLABORATING WITH THE LOCALS

Mid Aparima Catchment Group collaborates with many other Groups and projects in and around the catchment. One example is their collaboration with the Connect Centre, working with members to help put on free meals to farmers and rural workers during calving and lambing seasons. The aim of the initiative is to provide a much-needed break off the farm, a good meal and the opportunity to catch up with other farmers and workers, bringing a good feel to the community.

The Mid Aparima Group has also helped with the decade-long restoration of braided river habitats and pest control efforts being undertaken by member Grant McGregor in the Aparima at Wreys Bush. This is a project that has the support of the Department of Conservation with many protected species being re-established.

VIRTUAL STREAM WALK

As part of its involvement with ACE, the Mid Aparima Catchment Group created a virtual stream walk. This allowed the group to host an event during covid times which members could watch from the comfort of their homes. The virtual stream walk showcased the rich history of the Otautau stream with water quality experts providing assessments.

This virtual approach has proved popular with other Catchment Groups and farmers whose busy schedules may not have allowed time out to walk the stream in reality.

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