

South Coast Catchment Group

South Coast Catchment Group was formed in 2021 and has 40 members involved in drystock and dairy farming.

The catchment encompasses Tokanui in the north, down to Waipapa Point, Otara, Haldane and around the coast to Slope Point. They often join with Waikawa Catchment Group for events.

B+LNZ - FARM ENVIRONMENT PLAN WORKSHOPS

The practical on-farm focus of the Group led to working with Beef & Lamb NZ to deliver two farm environmental modules. Attended by 40 local farmers, the events covered potential mitigations and tools to reduce the environmental footprint of farming in the catchment.

Key learnings from the module included managing soil health and native biodiversity, an introduction to water quality and ecological health and winter grazing tools.

Workshop participants took home a strong base for their Farm Environment Plans.

A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

- » **Winter Grazing Good Practice field day**
With the support of DairyNZ and Environment Southland, the Group hosted a field day at Darryl and Nicola Johnstone's farm to discuss all aspects of winter grazing including paddock set-up, Plan Bs, strategic grazing and winter grazing rules.
- » **Grow Your Own Native Plants**
More than 40 people attended an event to learn how to grow native plant species.
- » **Mid-Winter Get Together**
Hosted by the Waikawa, South Coast and Titiroa Catchment Groups, the mid-winter get together gave everyone the chance to leave behind the muddiness of daily life and enjoy a buffet meal and entertainment.

