

# Waikaka Stream Catchment Group

Waikaka Stream Catchment Group started in 2017 and has 90 members including sheep, beef, dairy, and crop farmers with a core team of 10 farmers. The catchment covers Waikaka and Pukerau townships, including both schools.



## RECYCLING - FARM, HOUSEHOLD & COMMUNITY

Working together, the Catchment Groups in Greater Dipton, Three Rivers, Waikaka Stream and Waihopai brought Taranaki dairy farmer and environmental champion Trish Rankin to Southland to run a series of interactive recycling and waste reduction workshops. Trish presented practical on-farm, household and community recycling options. Following 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:

- » **Water Quality Assessment of Waikaka Stream**  
An Otago University student studied the Waikaka Stream to assess the overall water quality, and the management views of the local community.
- » **SHMAK monitoring of Waikaka Stream**  
The SHMAK kit is a tool to check freshwater health measuring water quality factors like pH and temperature to identify opportunities, and help manage rivers and streams. The Waikaka Stream Catchment Group regularly uses the kit to assess water quality at three different catchment sites.

