

# ŌPĀWAHO HEATHCOTE RIVER NETWORK



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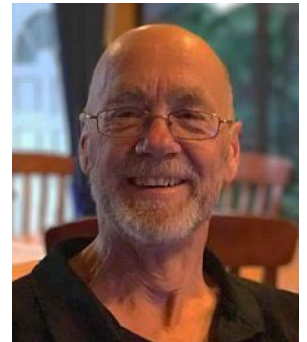


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# Vision and Purpose of OHRN

## Our Vision

An ecologically healthy river that people take pride in, care for and enjoy.

## Our Purpose

We are a voice for the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and advocating on its behalf to:

- promote the regeneration of the health and mauri of the awa, and
- connect with and support communities within the river catchment

## Who are we?

The Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network (OHRN) is a catchment group that facilitates and supports the values, efforts, and needs of our local river-care organizations and communities along the river. The OHRN is made up of concerned individuals and representatives of more than twenty community groups in the Ōpāwaho Heathcote catchment.

The OHRN's establishment in 2017 was borne out of a frustration at the lack of integrated management of the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River.

It has become a recognised player in the community led delivery of collaborative actions to support the work carried out by both Christchurch City Council (CCC) and Environment Canterbury (ECan) to improve the health of the river and strengthen the community connection with the river.

## What we do

- Advocate for the river and for the environmental community groups which are active along the river by submitting appropriately to the:
  - CCC Long-Term Plan
  - CCC Annual Plan
  - CCC Stormwater Management Plans
  - ECAN Long-Term Plan
  - ECAN Annual Plan
  - Government Policies Statements
- Advocate for the river by reviewing Resource Consents for adverse effects on the river and making submissions as appropriate.
- Is an active participant in the Community Water partnership
- Is an active participant in the Lower Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Working Group established by the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board to develop a plan for lower reaches of the river.
- Acts as an umbrella organisation publicising and advocating for the work of community groups active in restoring the catchment of the river
- Engage with the community to develop broader understanding of the issues of water quality and ecosystems of the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and its catchment
  - Sedimentation
  - Nutrient pollution, stormwater, wastewater overflows
  - Chemical pollutants: zinc, copper
  - E coli pollution
- Organise, attend or otherwise arrange events which draw attention to and celebrate the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River, such as
  - Mother-of-all-Clean-ups
  - EstuaryFest
  - Matariki
  - World Rivers, Fish Migration Day
  - Community Workshops
  - Walking Festival
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