



Puketoi to the Pacific
CATCHMENT COLLECTIVE INC.

AGM Minutes

Date	23 July 2025
Location	Pongaroa Hotel
Time	Meeting opened 6:02pm
Attendees	Simon Hales (Chair), Tim Henricksen (Treasurer), Board Members -Katie Renner, Mike Reid, Rachel Joblin, Rebecca Hunink. Lynda Balfour (Coordinator), June Mobley (Administrator), Rebecca Greaves (Communications Coordinator), Nicole Read (Enviroschool Coordinator & Catchment Leader) Ian Healey, Trudy Hales and Mark Wheeler (Catchment Leaders) Dan Crosse, Alfred Alabaster, Phil Minto, Gordon Ellmers, Cheri Henricksen, Phil Baker, Alastair Cole, Ben Pickering, Lewis Small, Fiona Ramsden, Roger McMillan, Chris Pullen, Tracey & Ming Sorenson, Angus McLanachan.
Apologies	Claire Mills, Hamish Crosse, Alistair Timothy, Richard Greaves, Brian and Anna Speedy, Mark Speedy, Rodney and Jo Eastwood, Rowena Lewis, John Sedcole, Geoff Dawson, Ross Maycroft, Rob and Sharyn Kjestrup.

Agenda Item	Minutes
Meeting Opening •Welcome •Meeting Minutes from last AGM	Chairperson Simon Hales welcomed everyone to the meeting. Meeting minutes from previous AGM taken as read and accepted. Moved: Tim Henricksen Seconded: Katie Renner Carried
•Interest Register	See Appendix 1 for detail.
Changes to Constitution	Changes to constitution: Proposed changes to constitution taken as read. Accountant Cheri Henricksen (MCI & Associates) flagged the wording regarding reviewing and auditing financial statements. MCI cannot do that, suggested rewording to: <i>That the committee will prepare a compilation of financials based on information and reconciliation by a suitably qualified chartered accountant.</i> Motion put that this amendment be made and a revised constitution will be circulated to members after the meeting. Moved: June Mobley Seconded: Trudy Hales Carried

Chairperson Report	<p>Simon Hales delivered his Chairperson report (see appendix 2) Motion report is accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moved: Lynda Balfour Seconded: Mark Wheeler All in favour</p>
Financial Report	<p>Tim Henricksen delivered the Financial Report (see appendix 3) Motion report is accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moved: Simon Hales Seconded: Rebecca Hunick All in favour</p>
Coordinator Report	<p>Lynda Balfour delivered the Coordinator Report (see appendix 4) Followed by each catchment leader delivering their catchment groups progress.</p>
Wainui Catchment Update	<p>Ian Healey (see appendix 5) Protecting the seal colony and dotterel colony at Cape Turnagain, keeping vehicles off the sand dunes and putting up signage to educate beach visitors, is a major focus for the group as well as pest control, with feral cats identified as an issue.</p> <p>Herbertville Beach has a large influx of visitors over summer and has a campground so awareness/education for visitors outside the area is important.</p> <p>Ian thanked Anna Speedy for her work done with water testing.</p>
Owhanga Catchment Update	<p>Mark Wheeler (see appendix 6) Water testing underway, nothing currently on the Pongaroa River, which flows into the Owhanga. Anecdotal evidence so far suggests water is probably good enough to drink (if a little gritty at times).</p> <p>The catchment group is about more than soil and water; it's about community and history. Mark outlined some of the historic aspects of the catchment and explained they have pieces of the now dismantled rabbit weir. These parts form a small section of the full-scale weir that previously existed, and will be kept in the community for historic value.</p> <p>Pest control is another focus and there are people within the group who have done pest control for a living, so they will have a key role to play going forward.</p> <p>Some groups members have undertaken E-DNA testing.</p>
Upper Akitio Catchment Update	<p>Trudy Hales (see appendix 7) Have had E-DNA testing results from some members and people keen to do case studies. Trudy also highlighted a focus on social and community aspects, as well as environment, and the group is about delivering what the community wants.</p> <p>Held a successful AgInnovation day and there are plans to follow up on how that technology is actually being used on-farm.</p>
Lower Akitio Cthment Update	<p>Nicole Read (see appendix 8) Three water testing sites. Fish ladders to facilitate fish passage have been installed on the lower weir. E-DNA testing was done</p>

	<p>before and after the ladders were installed (upper and lower river). Waiting for results.</p> <p>River erosion is a major concern for members and discussion has been had about starting a catchment pole nursery to support members with this.</p> <p>Plans to hold a wetland information day (may be for whole collective). Other ideas are around stock exclusion, riparian planting and using drones to spray wilding willow.</p> <p>Motion to accept all operational reports.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moved: Simon Hales Seconded: Mark Wheeler</p>
General Business	<p>General business: Nil</p> <p>Confirmed that the next PPCC AGM will be held in July 2026, Wainui Catchment Group Hosting - exact date TBC.</p> <p>Meeting closed: 6.41pm</p>

Appendix 1 – Interest Register**Register of Interest**

Date last updated:12/02/2025

Entity Name	Organisation Type	Industry / Sector	Nature of Interest	Financial Interest/Award
Simon Hales BLNZ Taranua Farming for Profit Steering Committee	Industry levy body	Agriculture	Committee Chair	No
Puketoi JAB Rugby	Club	Sport	Chair	No
Dannevirke JAB		Sport	Committee member	No
Taranua Rural Support Trust		Agriculture/ wellbeing	Facilitator	Yes
Taranua Cyclone Recovery team	Local Government	Emergency management	Farmer Liaison	Yes
Rebecca Hunick PACIFIC PLATE LIMITED	Company	Food wholesale/ export	Director/ Shareholder	Unpaid
REBECCA HUNINK LIMITED	Company	Marketing consultancy service	Director/Shareholder	Unpaid
Rachel Joblin Joblin Family Trust	Trust	Commercial	Trustee and beneficiary	Yes
Townshend Trust	Trust	Agriculture and forestry	Trustee and beneficiary	Yes
Arklow Ltd	Company	Agriculture and Forestry	Shareholder and director	Yes
Zenith Land Company	Company	Agriculture and Forestry	Shareholder and director	Yes
Summit Consulting	Sole trader	Primary sector	Consultant and contractor.	Yes
Katie Renner Wanganui Catchment	Charity	Agriculture	Board Trustee	Yes
Boys Rugby Club	Social	Sport	Board Trustee	No
Pongaroa Home and School	Fund Raising Committee	School	Acting Secretary	No

Appendix 2– Chairperson Report

Welcome to our second PPCC AGM.

Over the past year, our journey as a catchment collective has continued to progress and grow. Water quality and river health have remained big focus areas for us — especially given the historical lack of data in our patch. But what we’ve come to understand more and more, is that catchment groups are about much more than just water.

They’re about community. About land use. About connection — and giving people access to the tools and local knowledge they need to make good decisions for their landscape.

A few highlights that stand out:

- Our monthly water testing continues to build our understanding of the rivers we rely on. Thanks so much to everyone who goes out each month to collect samples.
- Our partnership with CarbonCrop has opened up some amazing insight into our 118,000 hectares. I’m excited to see where this goes next. If you’ve got any questions about CarbonCrop or the water testing programme, please have a chat with Lynda.

Since my last update on 28 November, there’s been lots of exciting steps forward:

- We’ve received new funding through Wai Connections, which can help pay for our operations teams work, fish passage and Enviroschools. It’s also allowed us to reallocate some more funds into weed and pest control. Thanks to Mountains to the Sea for their continued support. Our team — working with experts and catchment leaders — is putting together a pest control strategy for the whole collective. I’m looking forward to seeing this come to the board table soon.
- The Enviroschools programme is going from strength to strength, thanks to Nicole. It’s clear the local kids are getting a lot out of it, and I want to thank you, Nicole, for the energy and care you bring to that space.
- In May and June, a few of our board members and our administrator took part in an online governance course. It was really worthwhile and helped us better understand our responsibilities and how to be a more effective board. I’ve encouraged all board members to watch the recordings as part of our commitment to continued learning and improvement.
- I also attended the Lower North Island Catchment Leaders Forum at Massey. It brought together reps from six collectives across the region, alongside MPI, MfE, Landcare Trust, councils, and other organisations working in this space. Catchment collectives presented on what they have been doing and it was a great opportunity to connect, learn and share. If you’re keen to see what other collectives are up to, we’ll share links to Wairarapa, Taranaki, Whanganui, Rangitikei and Manawatū websites — they’re well worth a look.

From a Chair’s point of view, this role can feel pretty full-on at times — there’s always something happening in the catchment space. Whether it’s meetings with council, ministries, funders, other collectives, or stakeholders — there’s a lot to be across. But what makes it all worthwhile is seeing real progress being made, relationships being built, and value flowing back to our members.

Membership and Value

Membership remains free — and that’s not changing for the coming year. But our constitution does allow for a fee if it’s needed. That’s why I always come back to this question:

Are we delivering value? I believe we are.

Thank you to MPI for your funding and support. As we continue to meet our targets and deliver value to our members, I look forward to your ongoing support in the future. To the MPI team here today, thank you

for standing alongside us. And to Alastair — your drive, knowledge and willingness to help has played a huge role in getting us to where we are. We're lucky to have you in our corner.

Strength Across the Collective

It's been great to see our four catchment groups gaining momentum. Ian, Trudy, Nicole and Mark — thank you for the work you're doing to understand your communities and bring their needs to the table. We really appreciate your leadership and are keen to support you in the year ahead.

If you're a member here today and not sure who your catchment leader is — please find out. They're here to help carry your questions or ideas back to our team or the board.

Communications and Team Acknowledgements

Telling our story matters — whether it's a Facebook post, a media article, or a funding update. It needs to be clear, consistent and engaging. With that in mind, we're stoked to have Rebecca Greaves join us to lead our comms. Thanks for jumping in, Becs — we're glad to have you.

To Lynda and June — thank you both. You've managed a heavy workload over the past eight months and are already delivering some great results. You've also put up with my endless stream of questions and late-night thoughts. Your growth and energy make this collective stronger, and I really value what you bring to the team.

And to the board — thank you for your time and energy. I know it's not always easy to fit in one more meeting, another email, or another form — but the time and attention you dedicate are what will enable our board to function at its best—delivering strong strategy and governance that support our catchment groups and lead to positive outcomes and lasting success.

Final Words

Lastly, thank you to all our members. Your families, your land, your goals and values — that's what this is all about. So be proud of what your catchment group is part of. And proud of yourself for being involved.

You're always welcome to reach out to me if you want to know more about what's happening at the board level. And your catchment leaders, along with Lynda and June, are here to support anything happening in your area.

Enjoy the rest of the meeting, have a good catch-up with others afterwards, and I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Chair – Simon Hales

Appendix 3 – Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report Financial Report Year Ending 31st March 25

Presented by Tim Henricksen

Page Numbers are referencing the 'Performance Report' handout.

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Total Members 69 Now at 79

In Kind Hours - this is a requirement from MPI, these are to show that we aren't just sucking off Funding Providers and that our members as a whole and stakeholders are doing their bit to keep our collective going.

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Funding - MPI \$200K out of \$650K

- Wai-Connections \$54K

When we get funding there are restrictions or scope on how we can use it. Such As Wai-Connections Funding for Fish Passage

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Catchment Mapping this is Carbon Crop - Large money but means you can get your Farm Mapped for Free if you're a member.

Water Testing - This is ongoing monthly, will stay the same with the odd other test like EDNA happening

Community Engagement and events - We Want this to go up, with your input to your catchment leaders for projects. We want to be enhancing the collective knowledge base to improve our 118,000Ha

Fish Passage - Funding from Wai-Connections could only be used for this. This was for the removal of the Rabbit weir in Waione.

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Vehicle Expenses there is a lot of running around by Lynda and June trying to get Funding, Training and Implementation of this For delivery to the Collective.

What's happening this year

Carbon Crop involving with your Sui Plans.
Fish Passage funding has been finished.
Pest Management Plan Created.



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Treasurer Report – Tim Henricksen

Appendix 4 – Coordinator Report



2024-2025 Launch Year – What a start!



Thank you to our co-funders MPI and Mountains to the Sea!

My role as Coordinator is to implement ideas in line with PPCC Board strategy, in order to reach Catchment potential, and bring benefits to our Community.

For the last 12 months, my focus, along with June's, has been on growing our Catchment membership, and to bring ideas and solutions to Land-owners, so that our value as a Collective can be seen to bring value.

We have done this by:

- o Creating a partnership with CarbonCrop to bring our Landowners further income, and to help members better understand their environment;
- o Working with CarbonCrop, and Horizon's Regional Council, to create better whole farm planning, with hopes of alleviating stress once fresh-water planning is introduced;
- o Having a focus on our water quality in the Catchment, to see how we can better care for our environment and gather meaningful data;
- o Implementing Enviroschools with Weber and Pongaroa Schools.



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Looking Forward to 2026

Continuing to form meaningful connections, and put our Catchment Members in touch with experts and professionals, to help them better understand their environment;

Continue to increase our membership numbers;

Continuing to form strong relationships with our funding providers, and other co-funders;

Looking at creating a full catchment Pest Management plan for 2026;

Holding Community events to engage and educate members;

Continue to educate our Tamariki through Enviroschools.



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Appendix 5 – Ian Healey – Wainui Catchment

2025 progress report

What have we been up to?

We currently have 14 members and 7 non-members. We are gaining more members each month, as there was a bit of a perception that this group was for farmers – we have been talking to the local community that this group is for all community members anyone can join and bring ideas with them, and have had great feedback;

We held our first meeting at the end of May, and our group came up with the following ideas:

- Protecting our Sand Dunes - home to our bird life
- More beach front signage, to educate our Community and visitors about our Catchment, and what lives here;
- Beach clean-up, potentially with EnviroSchools – Weber
- Pest control - wild cats are becoming a big problem;
- Better protecting the Wainui Estuary and River.

Water testing is being carried out monthly, and we look forward to getting meaningful data!



Appendix 6 – Mark Wheeler – Owahanga Catchment

2025 progress report

What have we been up to?

- We currently have 31 members, and growing;
- Strengthened our testing regime to achieve a better picture of the catchment as a whole;
- Assisted Pongaroa School in adopting the village bush-walk as an EnviroSchool project;
- Uplifted components of the historic rabbit weir to construct a monument on the village green;
- We have had members engage with CarbonCrop to get ETS credits registered;
- Our first catchment meeting discussed priorities and set the next moves for the group, and ideas included:
 - Pest Management planning
 - E-DNA
 - Riparian planting ideas and education
 - Catch to plate Community cooking session
 - Farm planning/biodiversity/fresh-water planning
 - Support for farmers achieving FAP



Appendix 7 – Trudy Hales – Upper Akitio Catchment

2025 progress report

What have we been up to?

- We currently have 25 members, and 2 non-members;
- Our Catchment group are an innovative bunch of land-owners, so we kicked off with our Ag Innovation Day at the Weber Hall, where we bought new ideas and innovation to our Catchment members;
- We use a monthly newsletter system to keep in communication with our members, showcasing Catchment offers with supporters, new ideas, and asking for feedback;
- We have had our members upload their Horizon's SLUI files into CarbonCrop for a better full-farm plan, in preparation for fresh-water planning expectations;
- Our water testing is underway, we look forward to getting some meaningful data around the health of our waterways, and how we can better work around our river environment;
- Based on membership indication, planting and pest management are focal points for our Catchment, and I look forward to working with supporters to get progress in these areas;
- Going forward, we are looking at a demonstration farm in our Catchment where we can showcase new ideas in action – watch this space!



Appendix 8 – Nicole Read – Lower Akitio Catchment

2025 progress report

What have we been up to?

- We currently have 17 members, and are growing;
- Water testing is underway, and we are getting reports on these;
- We have had Horizon's install fish ladders at the lower weir to assist fish passage;
- EDNA testing has been done, and we are awaiting result on this;
- We had our first meeting last month, where members came together to discuss areas of interest for our land-owners:
 - Prevention methods for river erosion
 - Potential for a pole nursery to support members
 - Holding a Wetlands Information Event (currently in planning stage)
 - Ideas for stock exclusion and riparian planting to prevent sediment run-off
 - Drone spraying of wilding willow

