



North Otago Sustainable Land Management
Collectively enhancing North Otago's Land, Water and Community Resources

Activity Report

Period 1/8/17 to 31/10/17

Rob McTague

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Chairman's Report

Spring is almost over and as usual it has been a busy time for farmers, lambing, calving and getting new crops planted, particularly after a wet winter and wet soil!

With the work load of spring it has been fantastic to have Rob on board as coordinator of Noslam.

As you can see from his report below there has been plenty happening and Noslam's momentum has lifted now that we have someone dedicated to the job. It's pleasing to see there have been a number of pod group activities already, with 42 farms being represented by 52 attendees at the Kakanui pod group meeting at Five Forks.

The committee members have still been busy helping Rob get up to speed, planning and organising events, meetings and introducing Rob to the many people Noslam have connections with.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people, businesses and organisations who have helped and supported Noslam and made it possible for us to employ Rob.

It's great to have a self-starter like Rob on board, keeping the committee members on their toes and building Noslam to deliver positive outcomes for farmers and community stakeholders members.

Regards
Peter Mitchell.

Co-ordinator Activity

Administration

- Initial setup has involved taking the databases provided by NOIC and integrating them with information the Coordinator had from Farm Maps. This has allowed us to extend the size of the databases for Kakanui, Awamoko, Waiareka, Island Stream and Kauru Hill. (*While the Kakanui Data Base is well established now, there is still some work to do on Awamoko and Waiareka*). The Kakanui Catchment database information has been verified. The total database now contains of 404 contacts .
- Identified Policy that needs to be written including Health & Safety, Travel, Wage & Reimbursements, Media, Timesheet, Website and Social Media.
- Researched and wrote Health & Safety Policy from information found on saferfarms.org.nz website. Created an On-Site Field Work Register and adopted Worksafes Incident – Near Miss Form and Accident Investigation Form. Introduced a Risk Mitigation – Running Log document.
- Written a policy for Travel.
- Developed a Claim Back Form for use by the NOSLaM Committee and NOSLaM employees.
- From the review of the Kakanui Catchment meeting, an 8 page A5 Booklet has been developed as a hand out introducing NOSLaM. The first use of this booklet was at the East Otago Field days held 18th /19th October, 2017. With a little more development, this booklet will be used to support funding applications as well.

Pod Group Activity

- Undertaken a catchment visit with Rhys Hamilton and undertook a tour of the Awamoko Catchment.
- A meeting was held for farmers located in the Upper and Lower Kakanui Catchment areas along with those in the Kakanui Estuary area on 7th September, 2017. 134 farmers were invited. Meeting content comprised of an introduction to NOSLaM and an overview of the State of the Kakanui Catchment (presented by ORC) with a guide to farmers on areas they should focus on and areas which were less important as we head toward 2020. The key note speaker was Randal Aspinall from Mt Aspiring Station speaking on the environmental activity he has undertaken with Beef & Lamb NZ over the past 2 years. The final speaker was Callum Kingan, Pod leader of the Waiareka Pod who spoke on why he has put his hand up to lead the Waiareka Pod and what the environment means to him. The letter of invitation was followed up with a mail out of a "Reminder Flyer" to everyone who received the initial invitation. Kakanui, Maheno and Five Forks Schools emailed the invitation to the parents of their schools. A telephone call was made to those who had not RSVP'd to attend the meeting to follow up the invitation as well. 42 farms were represented at the meeting. Stakeholders present represented NOIC, ORC, Beef + Lamb NZ, Dairy NZ and Chris Arbuckle, Water Science consultant. A press release was written advising of the meeting taking place which appeared in The Oamaru Telegram and the Oamaru Mail. A meeting overview summarising the meeting was put together and emailed to a database of 398. 237 people opened the email a total of 656 times. 97 clicked on the link taking them to the review a total of 151 times. 4 unsubscribed.
- A workshop is in the process of being organised with DairyNZ and Beef+Lamb on plantain and developments with N reducing pastures. The workshop is to be co-ordinated by NOSLAM with support from Dairy NZ and Beef+Lamb with content covering:
 - Cross sector - applications of these pasture systems to reduce N for dairy, sheep and beef as well as irrigated and dry land
 - The science and results of testing. % of diet to obtain results, other benefits CHG etc
 - Followed by practical examples of farmers who have been doing it. Questions on production, persistence, establishment, weed control etc
 - It will be across all PODs with a good number of consultants/advisors attending as well.It is expected to run the workshop before Christmas depending on industry specialists availability.
- Contacted by Ben Trotter (Scientist with Agricom) re N Reducing grasses. Discussed his involvement in the upcoming workshop and referred him to DairyNZ.

Stakeholder Activity

- Recognising that Cultural Guardianship is an important consideration if we are to fully achieve our goals and that the establishment and maintenance of positive partnerships through consultation and collaboration between landowners, community groups, Iwi, government and non-government organisations is vital, a letter has been sent to Kyle Nelson inviting the runanga to make someone available

for us to communicate with and to represent Iwi during times of consultation with a view to developing a strong partnership.

- An upcoming Stakeholder Meeting has been arranged for 20th November, 2017. Representatives from 17 x Stakeholder organisations have been invited.

Water Quality Monitoring

- Attended ORC Surface Water / Residual Flows Workshop held at Maheno Hall.
- Met with Max Crowe re the Water Quality Measuring Tool held at WDC.
- Peter Mitchel, Jane Smith, Lyndon Strang and Rob McTague attended a 45 minute meeting with David Parker, Labour MP, to discuss Labours approach to water quality.
- Met with James White ORC to discuss progress on GIS Map and information.

Projects

- Met with Nicola Holmes where she gave NOSLaM all the left over material she had from the KCCP project including maps etc.
- Currently planning the installation of the last “Pride of the Kakanui” sign which is to be installed where the A2O Cycle track meets Conlans Road in the Awamoko Catchment.
- Peter Mitchel and Rob McTague met with Mike McElhinney (Chair of Tourism Waitaki Board) and Jason Gaskill (GM Tourism Waitaki) on 5th October, 2017 with a view to exploring collaborative opportunities that will contribute to improving water quality while beautifying the A2O Cycle Track.
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- Met with Jason Gaskill 20/10/17 to follow up on previous meeting and discuss further how we could make a collaborative partnership work.

Breakdown of Coordinator Hours To Date

Week Ending	Admin	Stakeholder	Pod	Total Hours	Hrs Allocated	Hrs Accrued
21/7/2017	9.3			9.3	20	10.70
28/7/2017	17.7	2.8		20.5	20	-0.50
4/8/2017	16.4	1.0		17.4	20	2.60
11/8/2017	9.7	4.2	2.5	16.4	20	3.60
18/8/2017	8.3	1.2		9.5	20	10.50
25/8/2017	23.2		1.6	24.8	20	-4.80
1/9/2017	19.6	1.0		20.6	20	-0.60
8/9/2017	13.0	0.7	7.0	20.7	20	-0.70
15/9/2017	13.8		1.3	15.1	20	4.90
22/9/2017	8.9		3.0	11.9	20	8.10
29/9/2017	7.0	3.9		10.9	20	9.10
6/10/2017	0.5	1.2	1.0	2.7	20	17.30
13/10/2017	2.4	4.7	5.0	12.1	20	7.90
20/10/2017	4.1	12.6	3.0	19.7	20	0.30
TOTAL	153.9	33.3	24.4	211.6	280	68.40
PERCENTAGE	72.73%	15.74%	11.53%	75.57%	100%	24.43%

Forward Planned Activity

Planned activity between 1 November 2017 and the Christmas period include:

- **20/11/17:** Stakeholder meeting being held at 7.00pm on Monday 20th November at the Criterion Hotel, Tyne Street, Oamaru. This meeting is designed to inform our stakeholders of how we are planning to structure our involvement with them going forward and to seek their input as to how we can work together more collaboratively to achieve common goals.
- **28/11/17:** A cross sector farmers workshop facilitated by DairyNZ and Beef+LambNZ based around the Forages for Reduced Nitrogen Leaching research program (includes research on plantain, fodder beet and catch crops) with a focus on the applications from a sheep/beef and dairy perspective. 10.00am to 12.30pm followed by lunch at the Weston Community Hall.
- **30/11/17:** A field day facilitated by Beef+Lamb New Zealand focussing on Preparing to face the Environmental Pressures Ahead from a Sheep & Beef Sector Perspective through the implementation of a Level 2 Land Environmental Plan. 11.00am to 2.00pm starting at the Five Forks Hall followed with a farm visit and lunch.
- **Date to be confirmed for December:** Install the last Pride of the Kakanui sign where Cants Road meets with the A20 Cycle Trail. Land has been donated by the Gray's and funding is being sought from Tourism Waitaki create an off road turning / pickup circle which will involve creating a suitable pad, moving a cattle stop and replacing 20m of fence. A quote of \$8,600 plus GST has been received for the work from South Roads. Duntroon School will be invited to participate in the planting part of the project.
- The steering committee will be holding a planning meeting following the 20/11/17 Stakeholder meeting to plan regular activity for 2018.