



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

Activity Report

Period 1/2/18 to 30/4/18

Rob McTague

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The following document outlines Key NOSLaM Activity for the period 29/10/17 to 31/1/18.

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Chairman's Report – Peter Mitchell

As you will see from Rob's report below, there has been an increase in pod group / catchment activity with both woolshed meetings and field activity on the increase.

Having finally gained access to the GIS data, we have been able to hold Water Quality Pod group meetings and deliver facts rather than assumptions. Robs increased hours working with pod groups (up from 26 last period to 74 this period) is reflective of where we are channelling our energy now we have real data to share and act upon and we expect these to increase further as a flow on from catchment meetings gains traction.

The numbers of farmers taking the time to attend the Waiareka Pod group water quality meeting (some with their staff) clearly demonstrated there is an appetite to engage and learn. While some of these numbers were rather sobering, it was good to see some were ok. Attendees quickly locked onto the "sobering" numbers and clearly showed a desire to address the issues.

Having these water tests taken at the various sites on the Waiareka has demonstrated to farmers that it is a catchment wide community issue and we all have a part to play. It has tightened the focus for farmers and the resulting discussions now has farmers targeting their thinking and questioning to where and how they can help to make a difference from within their own boundary.

From our perspective, it is great that farmers are getting on board with Noslam and encouraging that Rob is starting to field calls from farmers with questions and discussion is taking place.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Smith

We are pleased with the way in which the NOSLaM reporting system and financial management is tracking - with a lot more activity now, it is essential that we monitor actuals against budget and from both a fiscal and activity point of view, I am delighted in the way things are tracking. We have also been the recipient of small yet valuable amounts of funding support through donations and these will be specifically allocated towards beneficial public projects that we are involved in over the next 12 months - such as our riparian and Alps to Ocean enhancements. Thank you again to Otago Regional Council, North Otago Irrigation Company and Waitaki District Council for their ongoing funding support. In order to ensure that we have a much more streamline system for ease of reporting and functionality, we are in the process of utilising MYOB Banklink from the next quarter onwards. I take this opportunity to again thank the expert team at McKenzie Co Chartered Accountants for all of the professional support services that they provide us with and we look forward to reporting via our new format in the next quarter.

Co-ordinator Activity

Administration

- General admin tasks
- Arranging of AGM
- Arranging of Pod Water Quality meetings
- Ongoing datadase development

Pod Group Activity

March

- Promoted Beef+Lamb H&S and LEP1 Workshops to Upper Kakanui
- Promoted Haka Valley Sustainable Farming field day to Upper Kakanui
- 21/3/18 Held an Awamoko Pod meeting to present the GIS water quality results from the catchment test sites monitored by ORC / NOIC
- 22/3/18 Held a Waiareka Pod meeting to present the GIS water quality results from the catchment test sites monitored by ORC / NOIC. 3 x smaller pod groups were formed for

future activity.

- 18/4/18 Met with James and Bridget McNally to discuss NOSLaM's possible involvement with them and an Aoraki Polytech project with students.

Stakeholder Activity

- 13/2/18 Annual General Meeting was held at the Weston Community Hall. 23 interested parties attended.
- 21/2/18 Steering Committee meeting held to discuss the AGM and next steps with regards the upcoming round of Pod meetings.
- 26/2/18 Rob met with Elizabeth Soal to gain a better understanding of how WIC fits into the picture.
- 12/3/18 Met Anna Dyre. Anna is the newly appointed environmental advisor appointed to the region by Fonterra.
- 20/3/18 Attended Hakataramea Valley Sustainability group meeting
- 21/3/18 Rob and Pete attended and spoke at the Oamaru Rotary dinner.
- 17/4/18 Met with Margaret Munro, newly appointed GM for Tourism Waitaki.
- 23/4/18 Committee members met with Robyn Wells to discuss going forward and working more closely together.

Water Quality Monitoring

- See Pod Group activity

Projects

- Cant Road / A2O project has had it's ground work completed.

Breakdown of Coordinator Hours To Date

Period	Admin	Stakeholder	Pod
1	153.9	33.3	24.4
2	46.0	27.5	26.0
3	74.6	23.8	74.3
TOTAL	274.5	84.6	124.7
PERCENTAGE	56.74%	17.49%	25.78%

As predicted in our last report, the activity focusing on getting water quality data out to the farmers and subsequent follow up activity is seeing a shift to more hours spent working with the Pods.

Forward Planned Activity

Planned activity between 1 May and 31 July 2018 includes but is not limited to:

- Install the last Pride of the Kakanui sign where Cants Road meets with the A2O Cycle Trail. Plant the space with the help of urban and rural community and Duntroon School.
- Work with Tourism Waitaki to install a shelter
- Preparing and reporting Actual vs Budget for spending.
- Brainstorm meetings on how to address the issues in the Waiareka Catchment on a catchment scale vs individual farmers.
- Hold field days as a follow up to the Awamoko and Waiareka Catchment meetings.
- Individual farmer sessions as a follow up to the field sessions planned for May.
- Attend a Catchment Forum in June with other organisations similar to NOSLaM to learn from each other.