

Between the Domes Catchment Group

Engage, educate, enhance.
Engaging with the community
and all those who live
in it while increasing
environmental
understanding
for positive change.

Between the Domes Catchment Group, one of the first Catchment Groups to be formed in Southland, launched in 2017. Today, more than 60 people are part of the Group, including dairy, hill country sheep and beef, deer farmers and arable cropping farmers across 77,500ha. Other members not directly linked to farming include residents of Lumsden township.

UNDERSTANDING AND IMPROVING THE CATCHMENT WITH WETLAND DEVELOPMENT

This project was the Group's main focus for 2021/22, beginning with a survey to understand the diversity of land use in the catchment, build engagement and guide the Group's future work.

Working with NIWA, the Group is planning to restore existing wetlands and establish new ones, along with other mitigations.

A Between the Domes Catchment booklet has been produced.

Field Days have been held covering wintering, rapid habitat assessment, wetlands and winter wellbeing. Upcoming projects include sediment trap and wetland design, riparian corridors, reducing fertiliser application and bale wrap recycling.

In 2022 the Group won the Environmental Action in Water Quality Award at the Environment Southland Community Awards.

A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

- » A Field Day on intensive winter grazing was held in 2019 in response to new regulations focusing on the impact of nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment and E.coli in waterways.
- » A combined Catchment Group event hosting Rangitikei farmer Roger Dalrymple was a highlight in 2020. He shared his experience of building Groups with a strong purpose.
- » The Christmas Wetland Field Day held in late 2020 was another highlight with the group visiting wetlands and learning how they capture nutrients.
- » Winter Wellness events have also proved successful with guest speakers drawing much attention.



MISSION:

Positively influencing Good Management Practices community-wide to ensure longevity of healthy landscapes, lifestyles and businesses to live and play in.

VALUES:

- » Intergenerational and custodial thinking for living on the land
- » Transparency of farming systems and their impacts
- » Connecting communities and people
- » Pride in our surrounding and recreational opportunities
- » Safe and secure community to live and play in.



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SOUTHLAND**

*Tōnui ana te whenua. Tōnui ana te takata.
A thriving, prosperous land. A thriving, prosperous people.*

