

Mid Oreti Catchment Group

Mid Oreti Catchment Group is all about building strong connections and supporting the local community to look after the waterways for future generations.

VISION:

Working together as a community for better environmental outcomes.

Mid Oreti Catchment Group started in 2019, and includes a diverse group of locals with a passion for improving the environment and the health of waterways of the catchment. The group has a core team of six to eight people, and has Field Days attended by up to 60 people. Members include farmers, plus industry and community representatives from Winton township and surrounds.

MID ORETI MINI FOREST MOVEMENT

This long-term project aims to increase the number of mini native forests in the catchment and teach people how to grow their own native plants. Locals can purchase native plants for \$1/plant with the proceeds going back to the group.

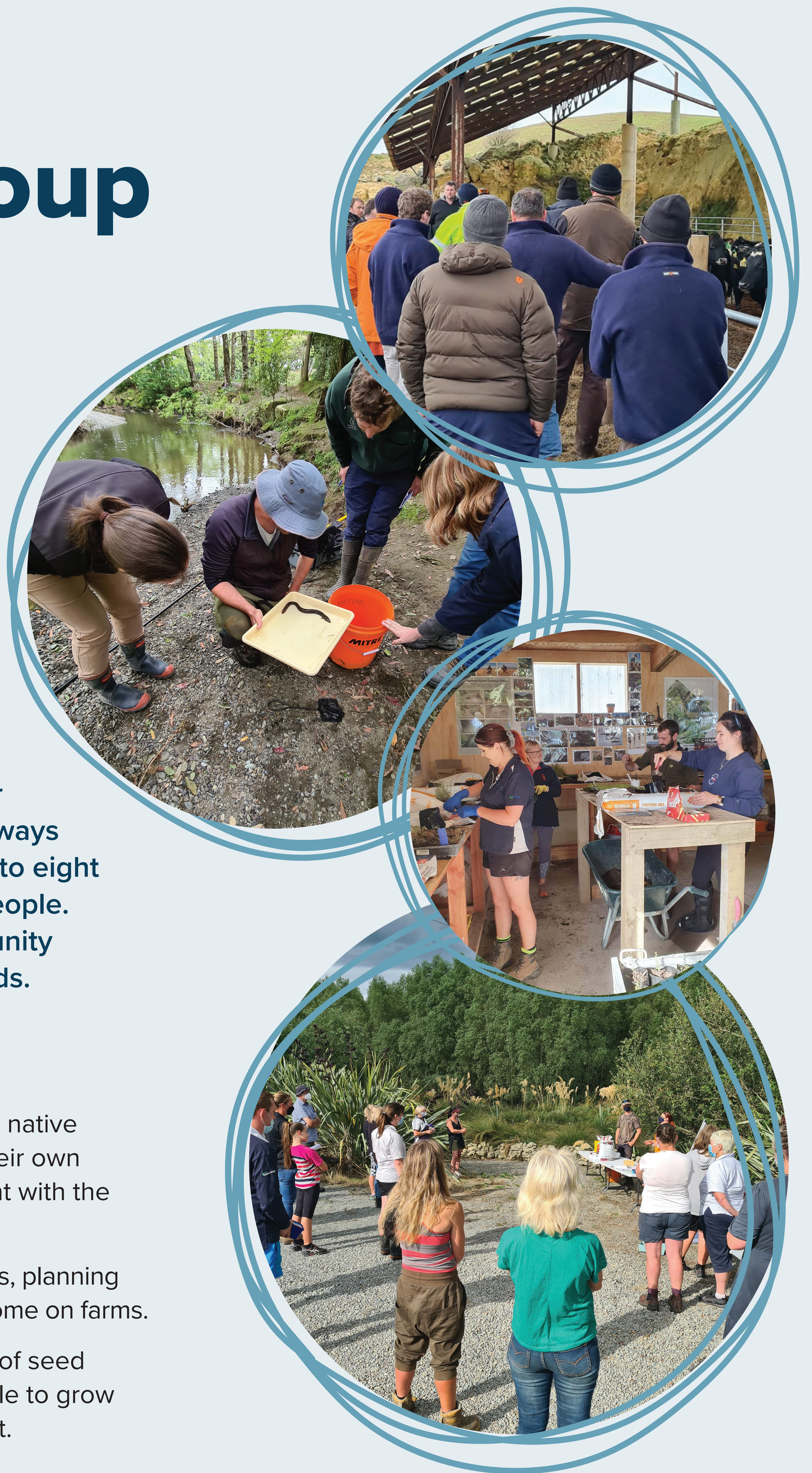
To kickstart this project, AB Lime donated 1,000 native plants, planning and planting five mini forests, some in the community and some on farms.

The Catchment Group also ran (and continues to) a series of seed collection and propagation workshops to encourage people to grow plants for their properties and the mini native forest project.

A FEW EVENTS WE ARE PROUD OF:

- » **Composting Barn Field Days – 21 July 2021 and 7 July 2022**
AB Lime General Manager, Steve Smith, hosted Field Days at the company's composting barn trial, discussing how the trial is progressing and future plans.
- » **Funding for Farmers for Better Environmental Outcomes – 15 June 2022**
Farmers and a number of others in the community attended this event to learn about the funding opportunities available to support on-farm change to help our environment and community.
- » **Grow Your Own Natives Field Days – 10 February 2022 to present**
The Catchment Group held practical workshops on native seed collection and growing, including how to identify native plants and determine the right plant, the right place and the right purpose.

The Group also stages monthly get-togethers to look after plants being raised for the mini native forest project.



WHAT THE GROUP DOES:

- » Connect the community
- » Tackle projects and solve issues
- » Run events
- » Access expert advice and information
- » Share knowledge and skills.

