



Charter Form

Vision

An ecologically healthy river that people take pride in, enjoy and care for.

Purpose

To facilitate a collaborative network which advocates for the regeneration of the whole of the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River.

Objectives

1. To advocate for the Ōpāwaho /Heathcote River, and the land adjacent to the river, as an ecological and recreation focus of the local communities running from the headwaters at Cashmere Stream and the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River through to the Avon Heathcote Estuary/ Ihutai.
2. To work with Papatipu Rūnanga to reflect their values for the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River, and support the historical values of the river as a source of food and a place of occupation for their whānau.
3. To promote the establishment of a broad and continuous natural corridor with specific regard to enhancing water quality and indigenous biodiversity.
4. To promote through education and public awareness, the cultural, recreational and community values of biodiversity, water quality and a healthy environment.
5. To connect with neighbouring communities and with similar networks within Ōtautahi/Christchurch.
6. To work cooperatively with the community to achieve the following outcomes:
 - A vibrant, effective and strong network
 - A functioning and thriving terrestrial and aquatic ecological corridor.
 - Increased abundance and access to, and use of mahinga kai.
 - A river recognised and valued as a destination for recreation, within a sustainable economy.
 - River can be walked and a network of cycling, art and sculpture trails exists.
 - Contaminants are controlled at source.
 - Flood management is adaptive and has wide community acceptance

Statement of Support

The intent of the Network is to promote activities that support the recovery of the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River and re-establish it as an ecologically healthy river for the present and future well-being of our community.

The signatories of this Charter are the individuals and community groups who support the vision, purpose and objectives of the OHRN, and wish to join in this journey.

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Signed:

Organisation: (if applicable)

Contact person/Name of individual:

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