

Volunteer Salmon Hatchery

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Welcome members and interested parties. As alluded to in the last news letter the wild salmon run within the Canterbury rivers appears to be the worst ever. Considerably worse than last year. This will have ramifications throughout the regions.

Our organisation is seriously short of volunteers to help **look after the fish**. Without volunteer help our organisation cannot operate. Please do not leave it to the hardest working and dedicated member of our organisation “SOMEBODY ELSE”.

To the volunteers who do help in every event and working bee we are seriously indebted to you all and the effort you have put in. We are all aware that the lack of support is worrying and frustrating.

To those members that turned out for our wood splitting working bees, thank you it was pleasing to see some others other than the usual crew helping out.

We must acknowledge our members who have made a donation. Without your assistance we would be worse off. Thank you to Chris Main, and the Weller Family.

We must acknowledge and thank our corporate sponsors, without their assistance we would be struggling to operate with the facilities we have. Our sincere thanks to the Meridian power up Waitaki fund, Waitaki Irrigators Collective, Mt Cook Alpine Salmon, The Morven-Glenavy-Ikawai Irrigation Co. And, Oceania Dairy Ltd,

We have run out of logs in the paddock. They have all been processed. We at this point have been unable to locate logs at a realistic price where we are able to make more than a pittance profit, which does not justify the effort and cost of processing. It appears that this major source of fundraising has come to an end. This will have dire consequences to our organisation.

We are still collecting old car/motor cycle/truck batteries as a fund raiser. Please if you can ask your friends and colleagues if they can assist on our behalf. We can arrange for collection if that is required.

Working bee- Salmon stock work and harvesting. Saturday the 24th of May 2025.

Commencing at 10am at Bells Pond hatchery site. Here we are sorting our fish into three groups silver- non maturing fish, Maturing Females and maturing males. The maturing fish will be checked for ripeness and eggs and milt harvested for fertilisation and incubation at welcome stream.

We require as many hands as possible. Please turn up even if it is only to observe the results of several years work. The sights are memorable. Please bring wet weather gear, because if you are going to work with the fish, you are more than likely going to get wet. (Warning these fish are not the 5 to 7 pound salmon in the river.)

Working bee- fundraising. We have undertaken to assist the Oamaru Poultry club with the setting up of their Oamaru show. We require volunteers to help set up and take down the show cages.

Set up day is Tuesday the **15th July commencing at 9 am finishing** about 2.30pm. Morning tea and lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Take down day is Sunday the **20th July commencing at 9 am** finish about midday. Again morning tea provided . Please advise Trevor or Linn if you can help out.

The areas of ponding alongside the raceway have been removed by the placement of trenches and soak holes and back filling with drainage materials. This has eliminated the muddying of the surface around heavy traffic areas.

The **AGM** was called for Tuesday the 25th of March 2025 at 7.30pm at the Glenavy Hall. This was heavily advertised to all known members, and to interested parties. This meeting was very important as steps had to be taken for the re registration of our organisation as an incorporated society and the ratification of our new constitution.

The meeting was unable to go ahead because of not being able to set a quorum. Hugely disappointing to those that made the effort to attend. At 7.40pm it was obvious that a quorum was not going to be made so the meeting was adjourned to another date.

This being the 22nd of April 2025. All known members where advised and flyers where delivered to 80 addresses in the Glenavy and Waitaki bridge area. At 7.30pm 21 members had arrived and the quorum was met.

Main points resulting at the AGM. The financial statement was presented and adopted. A notice of motion to make application for re registration as an incorporated society was unanimously carried.

The draft constitution was discussed and three alterations were individually moved. These alterations where voted on and each was carried without dissent. A copy of the final constitution as lodged in the register of incorporated societies can be found on our web site waitakiriparian.co.nz or in the companies register under the name of our organisation.



Officers elected -Chairman Trevor Hill; Secretary /Treasurer Linn Koevoet; Committee Peter Anderson, Nikki Dellaway, Russell Franks and Stuart McNamara.

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