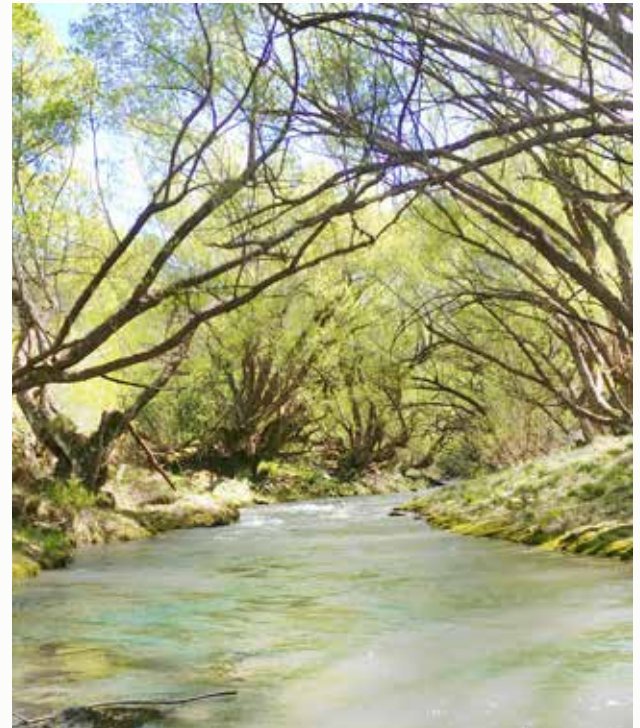


Arrow, Cardrona and Manuherekia water management proposals coming in March



In March, ORC will be visiting Arrow, Cardrona and Wanaka communities to give an update on how we propose to manage freshwater in the area. ORC will present on our preferred option, which is based on what the community told us in 2019.

This information has been assessed and considered along with the ecology and hydrology of these rivers, and the preferred option takes economic impacts into account.

The preferred option seeks to provide for the needs and aspirations of the community while giving effect to ORC's obligations under the Government's new National Policy Statement for Freshwater. The water take limits will form part of the Dunstan Rohe chapter of the Land and Water Regional Plan when it is notified in 2023.

Come along to a presentation about the way ORC proposes to manage the catchments followed by discussion and questions.

For the Arrow catchment:
Wednesday, 17 March
3pm-4.30pm and 7pm-8.30pm
St John's Church, Berkshire St
Arrowtown.

For the Cardrona catchment:
Thursday, 18 March
1pm-2.30pm and 7pm-8.30pm
Lake Wanaka Centre
89 Ardmore Street, Wanaka.

Manuherekia Rohe

ORC and the Manuherekia community have been discussing objectives, policies and rules to manage water in the area since 2016. The Manuherekia Rohe includes Lauder, Becks, Omakau, Ophir, Ida Valley, St Bathans, Oturehua and the surrounding rural areas, and includes the Manuherekia River and its tributaries.

In 2019, we formed a Manuherekia Reference Group to get community input into the Manuherekia Rohe plan. The Manuherekia Reference Group has representatives from the Department of Conservation, Forest and Bird, Central Otago District Council, Fish and Game, the Central Otago Environmental Society, irrigators and ORC, and is chaired by an

independent chairperson, who facilitates discussion about community and stakeholder interests and aspirations for the Manuherekia Rohe.

ORC has also worked with Kāi Tahu to incorporate iwi values and aspirations for the rohe.

These discussions, along with community meetings and online input about what people value about the Manuherekia, have helped ORC to develop a series of options for how the catchment could be managed in the future.

The options are summarised in the Manuherekia Choices document, which will be available on our website or in print from 23 March, and presented in public meetings. We'd like to hear what you think about the options, and which option you prefer.

Meetings will be held on 30 and 31 March:

Alexandra
Tuesday, 30 March

Sorry, these meetings have been cancelled - we'll be promoting new dates and venues soon

3pm and 7-8.30pm
venue to be confirmed.