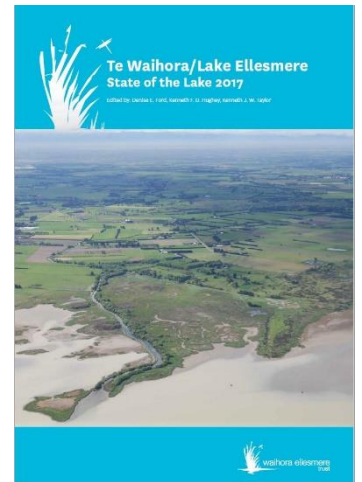




Waihora Ellesmere Trust is a community organisation dedicated to the improvement of the health and biodiversity of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere and its catchment. But what does that mean in practice?

Over the last year projects/activities have included:

- 2017 Living Lake Symposium and State of the Lake Report
- Work with the Department of Conservation, CCC, OSNZ and others, coordinating an annual wetland bird survey of the lake
- Managing a fund to support small scale research and monitoring which contributes in a meaningful way to the integrated monitoring of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere and to reporting on the 'State of the Lake'.
- The Green Footprint project – a restoration partnership between WET, YHA, SDC and their Reserve Committee, and Enviroschools.
- Speaking to university groups, schools and other groups, about the lake and related issues
- Informally facilitating links between organisations, researchers, projects, and the community
- Submitting to long term plans (Environment Canterbury, Selwyn District Council, Christchurch City Council)
- Participating in Landcare group for restoration of Tārerekautuku Yarrs Lagoon
- Member (key advisor) of the Lake Opening Protocol Group
- Maintaining and updating the WET website with lake related information.
- Sending out newsletters about WET activities and items of interest about the lake to around 360 subscribers; posting items of interest on our Facebook page which now has 451 followers.
- Displays at A&P Shows and other community events
- Helping with and supporting volunteer events such as the Canterbury Plantout
- Meeting the requirements of running a charitable trust, including developing and reviewing policy (e.g., the WET Health & Safety Policy)



What is happening this year:

- Investigating a predator trapping regime at Yarrs Flat with the support of the Department of Conservation (if you are keen to be involved please let me know)
- The Waihora Ellesmere Trust's AGM will be held on the 17th of September
- Presenting at the Wetland Restoration Symposia – Birds of Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere
- Two Lakes Healing – a cycle journey from Wairewa Marae, Little River to Ngati Moki Marae, Taumutu weekend of 5th – 7th October (More information will soon be available)



The winner of the 2017 Little River A & P Show photographic competition - the Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere section. A wonderful photo by Graham Dean titled 'serene'.