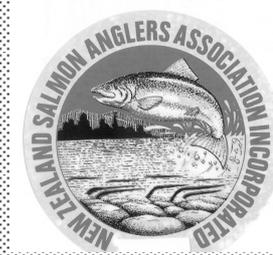


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**Make a date in your diary:**

**NZSAA  
Annual General  
Meeting  
Tuesday 23 May  
2017  
At 7.30 pm**

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**Committee Meetings**

The Committee meets on the first Monday each month (except January) at 7.30 pm. Members and supporters are welcome to attend these meetings. (Meetings are currently held at a private residence, so please check this with the Secretary if you wish to attend.)

**Life Members**

Lindsay Dell, Pam Ellis, Trevor Hayes, John Healy, John Hodgson, Ken Hughey, Dennis Long, Doug Roy, Stephen Sparrow.



## EDITORIAL

May 2017

Dear Anglers

Well to get started. How was your season? At time of writing I am still on zero as are some others, yet some people have had a so-so season and some even quite good if some of the reports from upstream are correct.

Yes, there were a lot of small fish and some in not so good condition But that is better than no fish. Perhaps we have our enhancement programmes to thank for that. At the McIntosh hole there were the usual fin-clipped fish mainly in the early season but the wild fish or escapees came in later as usual in March.

The condition of the fish varied. This is a bit of a puzzle. My oldest son sent me a photo of a friend's mum who fishes the Hurunui. The nice 13/14 lb fish was in great condition. Why? We know very little about salmon once they head out past the breakers and what they eat. Have NZ smelt numbers decreased? This fish is the main part of a salmon's diet. How much krill came up the east coast from the Antarctic? Are the Russians taking too much?

All in all it makes for interesting discussion. Some weeks ago I read a NZSAA magazine from the 1970's. In it were complaints about the number of small 4/5lb fish. There will always be some small fish but where are the 20lb fish this year?

I can't finish without mentioning something about water quantity and quality. The recent government water standards statement is an absolute joke. An excellent leading article in The Press on 28 May noted that the so-called "swimmable" water standard does not mean anything - the Government's measure of swimmability meant a site where E.coli levels were beneath a certain threshold for a certain period of time. However, in summer, there may not of course be any water in the site or there are warning signs on toxic algae. Talk about massaging stats and shifting goalposts - it's a last gasp by a despairing government. What else do you expect from politicians. Their only interest is getting re-elected. There is nothing immediate about the proposal. We could all be dead by the time they achieve the goals set out.

**Disclaimer:** The opinions expressed in any letters and articles in this newsletter are the authors' own and are not necessarily those of the New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association (Inc) or the Editor.

The latest joint report from the Ministry for the Environment and Statistics NZ titled *Our Fresh Water Environment 2017* confirms the mounting evidence that freshwater quality will get worse unless fundamental changes are made. Alarmingly the report notes that nearly three-quarters of our native freshwater species are threatened or are at risk of extinction as well as a third of native freshwater invertebrates and a third of native freshwater plants.

As regards irrigation I'll be brief. I read an article in the PRESS written by Lynda Murchison from North Canterbury. She argued that there was enough water for everybody. The key thrust of her piece was the need for better management and allocation of water. I couldn't agree more. But who's in charge of that process? ECAN of course and that's where the problem begins and ends. They are hopeless. Please don't get me going about ECAN.

As I've said before make the most of any opportunity to question your local MP or any politician you come across. It is election year and water could certainly be a vote-catcher.

To end on a more pleasant note, we will be having another club night, probably in September, at Hunting & Fishing as the last one was a great success. Please check emails and the magazine for a date and time.

I do hope you can make it to the AGM on 23 May and enjoy an evening out.

**Tony Humphreys**  
**NZSAA PRESIDENT**

## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

NZSAA Annual Subscriptions for the year commenced 1 April 2017 are now due (no increase from last year).

**Adult membership      \$25**

**Family membership    \$30**

**Junior membership  
(under 18 years)        \$10**

Formal accounts will be sent out but it will greatly assist the Treasurer if payment can now be made by

- Mail to NZSAA P O Box 1113 Christchurch 8140; or
- Direct Credit to NZSAA Westpac account 03 0802 0099970 00; or
- To the Treasurer at the AGM on 23 May

**Thank you for your continued  
support of NZSAA**

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The Annual General Meeting of  
New Zealand Salmon Anglers Association (Inc)  
will be held on Tuesday 23 May 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**Upstairs at the Canterbury Softball Headquarters  
220 Pages Road (behind Cowles Stadium) Christchurch**

### **Business for the Meeting**

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 24 May 2016
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Auditor's Report and Adoption of Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet
6. Election of Officers and Committee
  - Patron
  - President
  - Vice Presidents (2)
  - Committee (6)
  - Secretary/Treasurer
  - Honorary Auditor
7. Fishing Competition Results and Awards
8. Athol Price Plaque presentation
9. Barry Craig Memorial Trophy: NZSAA Salmon Angler of the Year
10. Guest Speakers
12. Fish & Game            Update and Questions/Answers

A raffle will be run during the evening and supper served at the conclusion.

***Please bring this agenda, reports, accounts etc with you to the meeting.***

# **President's Report to NZSAA 44th Annual General Meeting for the Year Ended 31 March 2017**

A warm welcome to you all to our 44<sup>th</sup> AGM.

Our founders in the 1970's probably never imagined that the NZSAA would still be in business all these years later. The NZSAA was set up to safeguard the salmon run and protect the Rakaia River in particular. Since those early days the other Canterbury rivers have come under our general "umbrella". Our braided rivers are unique and deserve protection not exploitation. Sadly the current situation is dire. Canterbury and its water have become the focus of national attention and the whole issue of water quality and use. I fear that the horse has bolted as any remediation is years away. We are losing a part of our national heritage of clean, fishable and swimmable lakes and rivers. This present state of affairs is not the New Zealand I came to in 1970. We will continue our efforts to protect and enhance our fishery.

The ova planting programme has become a major undertaking as it has each year. The hope for some hatchlings to survive and return is our main aim. My sincerest thanks go to Colin Eaton and his team plus the volunteers who help with this yearly task. The fin-clipping and smolt releases through Fish & Game are also valuable and complement the work we do.

One of the enjoyable activities is the opportunity to visit other fishing clubs and explain some of the work we do. In particular we visited the Fishing and Casting club last June and showed our bottomless barrels and Scotty boxes to them. Some of the club are also members of NZSAA or volunteered with fin clipping. It was an enjoyable evening for all. I spoke to the Pegasus Ramblers earlier this month on the whole salmon business. One of the things about such visits is the realisation that many people know very little about salmon. We hope to correct that.

Our annual Waimakariri salmon fishing competition was again a great success and continues to be a popular day out for many families. Our registration numbers were down to about 160 this year but the number of junior anglers was about the same at 35 enrolled. Poor weather early on the day plus a poor season at the time probably accounted for the poor turnout. It remains a good source of income to support our activities. I must mention the terrific contribution of our major sponsor Hunting & Fishing. They have been very good with the prizes they donate. The other sponsors are also great to have help with prizes of various kinds. Thanks to all who helped make it a great day.

Financially we are in a sound position. Our member numbers are holding and we always get a few new ones through the competition. At least we have funds to manage any contingencies or special projects. No doubt the Auditor will encourage us to spend some money where we see fit.

The Take a Kid Fishing day is another great activity to get kids out and try fishing. Thanks again to all who helped on the day and in support with security. The maintenance of the many rods we have to loan on the day is always a big job and somehow it all gets done and thanks to the team involved.

On a sadder note it's always a sombre occasion when a member passes on so we should remember them. This year we had our share of funerals but the passing of a young Dave Weeber was a shock to us all. My sincerest condolences go to all who have lost family members this year.

I've referred to the water situation in my editorial so I won't say any more other than this: the future thought of no salmon in the rivers is a bit frightening. What would several thousand irate and idle salmon anglers do during the season? What loss to the economy would it be if they didn't go fishing, buy fuel, a new 4wd and replace tackle? The loss would be substantial from service stations, tackle shops etc. and far reaching with loss of GST..... Do you get the picture? I hope it doesn't happen at least not in my lifetime.

One person I must mention and thank for his work is John Hodgson our Patron. He has attempted to address the concerns we have had with ECan and as part of that work has been using the oxygen meters we bought a few years ago. He has assembled a team to take readings on the Rakaia River at certain times and places to establish the dissolved oxygen levels in the river. The work is progressing and he has got a baseline study more or less complete. He has finally got ECan staff to use the dissolved oxygen reading as the standard as the percentages used by various groups were misleading. We have found from our researching Canadian websites that dissolved oxygen rates are a better indicator of water quality for salmon. This is literally a work in progress so many thanks to John and his team.

In closing I'd like to thank the committee and volunteers for their work and support over the year. My special thanks go to our secretary Heather who keeps us well organised and does a lot of the behind the scenes work.

Our very special thanks go to our Auditor, Trevor Hayes, who has been auditing our accounts and preparing financial statements on an honorary basis for some 36 years. Trevor has been a member of NZSAA since 1978 and was made a Life Member in 2002. We are hugely indebted to Trevor for his work over these long years but the time has come when he wishes to relinquish this annual task. Thank you Trevor.

We do now need to appoint a new auditor so if any member with appropriate qualifications is willing to take on the Association's audit, or knows of someone who may be interested, please let me know.

Best wishes and tight lines for next season.

Tony Humphreys

**President**

May 2017

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.  
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

<b>Y/e 31.3.16</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Y/e 31.3.17</b>
4405.00	Subscriptions	3725.00
190.00	Donations	185.00
933.93	Interest Received	773.37
-	Dividends	100.53
32.00	Raffle	289.00
90.00	Advertising	100.00
1.71	Profit on sale of stock	2.77
900.00	Fin Clipping	1500.00
2651.83	Waimakariri Competition Profit	2116.67
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<b>\$9204.47</b>		<b>\$8792.34</b>
	 <b>Expenditure</b>	
560.00	Newsletter and Postage	1666.68
2160.00	Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium	2160.00
933.30	Office Expenses	303.49
673.80	AGM Costs	434.25
755.30	Depreciation on Assets	2139.70
1172.94	Salmon Enhancement	715.19
350.00	Subscriptions/Donations	1400.00
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6605.34		8819.31
 (2599.13)	 Excess expenditure over income	 -26.97
<hr/> <b>\$9204.47</b>		<hr/> <b>\$8792.34</b>

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

<b>Y/e 31.3.16</b>	<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>Y/e 31.3.17</b>
40705.97	Balance as at 1.4.16		43640.90
(2599.13)	Less Excess Expenditure over Income		-26.97
<u>335.80</u>	Plus Profit on revaluation of shares		<u>379.60</u>
<u>43640.90</u>			<u>\$43993.53</u>
	<b>THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY</b>		
	Office Equipment	26.80	
26.80	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>5.36</u>	21.44
	Container	2577.00	
2577.00	Less Depreciation	<u>386.55</u>	2190.45
	Oxygen Meters (cost)	5617.78	
-	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>1685.33</u>	3932.45
	Emergency Beacon	131.70	
131.70	Less Depreciation for Year	<u>43.46</u>	88.24
	Website	38.00	
<u>38.00</u>	Less Depreciation	<u>19.00</u>	<u>19.00</u>
			6251.58
	<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
23289.52	Term Deposits with Westpac Trust	24136.66	
<u>1752.00</u>	Shares in Sanford Ltd	<u>2131.60</u>	26268.26
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
5190.53	Westpac Trust Savings Account	5804.30	
10002.78	Westpac Trust Bank Account	6101.66	
50.00	Subscriptions in Arrears	50.00	
832.44	Sundry Debtors	714.83	
<u>2287.13</u>	Stock	<u>1969.90</u>	<u>14640.69</u>
<u>46177.90</u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		47160.53
	<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
260.00	Subscriptions in Advance	230.00	
<u>100.00</u>	Sundry Creditors	<u>760.00</u>	990.00
	<b>LESS RESERVE FUND</b>		
2177.00	Barry Craig Memorial		2177.00
<u>\$43640.90</u>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>\$43993.53</u>

**N.Z. SALMON ANGLERS ASSN INC.  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1. General Accounting Policies**

The general accounting principles as recommended by the N.Z. Society of Accountants for measurement and reporting of income and expenditure on an historical cost basis have been applied.

**2. Particular Accounting Policies**

The following particular accounting principles which materially affect the measurement of profit or the financial position have been applied -

- (i) Depreciation has been charged at 20% on the written down value of office equipment, 15% on the container, 33% on the Emergency Beacon, 50% on the Website, and 30% on the Oxygen Meters.
- (ii) Subscription Debtors - included at amount expected to realise of \$50.00.
- (iii) Shares owned in Sanford Ltd. have been included at market price.

**3. Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in accounting policies that have a material affect in the current year or may have a material effect in subsequent years.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

I have obtained all the explanations and information I have required. In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Association insofar as appears from my examination of those books. In my opinion, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books, the accounts, Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account are properly drawn up and give the information required by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of the operation of the Association for the year.

**Christchurch  
21 April 2017**

**T.G. HAYES, B.Comm.**

**MINUTES OF THE 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
NEW ZEALAND SALMON ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION (INC)**

Held at the Canterbury Softball Headquarters, Pages Road, Christchurch  
Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT**

Approximately 45 members and invitees were present at the meeting, chaired by the President, Tony Humphreys.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from: John Crawley, John Healy, Norm & Cathy Symons, Peter Ellmers, Adrian Bell and Sharon Mackay. These apologies were accepted on a motion from Dave Leigh and seconded by Mike Ager.

**REMEMBRANCE**

The meeting stood in silence in remembrance members who had died during the year

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Salmon Anglers' Association (Incorporated) held on 19 May 2015, as circulated to members, were approved and adopted as a correct record on the motion of Warren Mackie and seconded by Dave Weeber. Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Tony Humphreys moved that the President's Report for the year ended 31 March 2016 as circulated to members be adopted. This was seconded by Pam Ellis. Carried.

**FINANCIAL AND AUDITOR'S REPORT**

It was moved by Tony Humphreys on behalf of the Auditor, Trevor Hayes, that the audited Financial Report, and Accounts & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2016 be received. Seconded by Fred Van Slooten. Carried. Tony extended a vote of thanks to Trevor for once again undertaking the audit.

Trevor thinks we should spend more money doing things and he would like to see tracks bulldozed down to rivers.

**JOHN HODGSON**

**NZSAA Patron**

John gave a talk on oxygen solubility in rivers. He showed graphs displaying the temperature / oxygen solubility relationship, and what happens on a daily basis. One graph shown was a one day record of the outlet of the Otukaikino (South Branch) stream as it enters the Waimakariri River. It can be considered to be a normal small continuous

flowing stream with the usual amount of bottom fauna in it. This record illustrated what happens on a daily basis and how it is within one mg per litre of becoming a warning indicator that at 6.5mg per litre, salmon will not survive. With our last reply from ECan dated 21 April 2016, it is stated that they have no temperature limits for the rivers. However, when you consider this graph (graph 6), you can see the importance of correct information to make finite decisions, and why we have the 19°C limit for water takes. Now we have these oxygen meters, we will be able to prove our figures. I am proposing a small group of our members to become a sub-committee to handle all of the information that we have and that Paul Hodgson & Steve McNeill are to be part of this steering group.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **Officers and Committee:**

The following were nominated and duly declared elected

		Moved/Seconded
<b>Patron</b>	John Hodgson	T Humphreys / D Long
<b>President</b>	Tony Humphreys	D Leigh / D Long
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	Dave Leigh	T Humphreys / L Corbett
	Dennis Long	T Humphreys / M Ager
<b>Committee</b>	Pam Ellis	T Humphreys / K Belcher
	Phil Ball	T Humphreys / L Burke
	James Parbery	T Humphreys / P Robinson
	Colin Eaton	T Humphreys / L Corbett
	Larry Burke	T Humphreys / P Ball
	Kevin Belcher	T Humphreys/W Henwood
	Mike Ager	T Humphreys / D Leigh
	Greg Terras	T Humphreys / M Ager
	Russell Mackay	W Mackie / P Hodgson
<b>Secretary / Treasurer</b>	Heather Saunders	T Humphreys / T Hayes
<b>Honorary Auditor</b>	Trevor Hayes	T Humphreys / P Hodgson

## **SPEAKERS**

**Kevin Belcher** (NZSAA Committee Member) kindly came to the rescue when our winner of last year's competition was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. Kevin showed still photos and videos of the spawning of Silverstream salmon, with the hen organizing her nest, and the jack protecting 'his patch' from trout or other salmon. The hen lays maybe a dozen times, with some being at night. The jacks are dark coloured. A hen sometimes pairs with a second jack in the same redd.

**Peter Robinson** (Fish & Game councillor since 2006).

Peter said he had just received a text from Emily Moore, of Fish & Game, about One Tree Swamp, at Mt White Station. They are wanting to put 2,300m of fencing around approximately 19 hectares of the spawning area there. The cost would be nearly \$40,000 and they would like the owners to pay \$10,000-\$12,000; ECan to pay \$10,000, the NZ Salmon Anglers Assn to pay \$7,000-\$10,000, and other organisations to pay \$3,000-\$4,000 more.

Winding Creek – this is a spawning creek that is getting worse; all green feed up the hills runs down into it. Peter said that if we don't fix the habitats it is a waste of time putting eggs there. He suggested people go on to the CAREX website - it is a Canterbury Waterway Rehabilitation Experiment and is funded by the Mackenzie Charitable Foundation.

ECan has had pressure put on it about not enforcing rules. They are afraid of photographic proof. If you have any, let Fish & Game see them. [From the floor it was said that weed clearance is happening and destroying spawning areas and that Fish & Game need to be proactive and to publicize where spawning areas are so this does not happen.]

The Hood's farm at Montrose got consent to have three weeks non-stop irrigation and this was nearly fatal for the Montrose hatchery. Whiskey Creek – Fish & Game have got consent to imprint some fish there.

#### **NZSAA FISHING COMPETITION**

The 2015–2016 NZSAA's Annual Salmon Fishing Competition Results. There were eight entries. This is open to all financial NZSAA members.

##### **Aquarius Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Overall**

Dennis Long: 6.90kg salmon caught 27 March 2016 at McIntosh's, Waimakariri River

##### **Cromb & Merritt / Fisherman's Loft Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Waimakariri**

Colin Eaton: 6.45kg salmon caught on 5 March 2016 at McIntosh's, Waimakariri River

##### **Alty Roscoe Memorial Trophy – Heaviest Salmon Rakaia**

Paul Hodgson: 5.65kg salmon caught on 18 December 2015 at Steeles, Rakaia.

##### **Lucky draw for remainder of entries**

Colin Eaton

### **ATHOL PRICE PLAQUE**

This is awarded for outstanding service to the salmon sports fishery.

#### **Kathy Carson**

On looking at the attendance record for the salmon enhancement programme, the recipient this year has been one of our regulars over a number of years as a volunteer for the NZ Salmon Anglers Association. As a keen salmon angler, mainly at McIntosh's at the Waimak, Kathy has always given outstanding support to Colin Eaton, being a willing helper with fin clipping and especially with egg planting and dealing with the Scotty boxes by just knowing what is required and Colin knowing that these tasks will be carried out diligently.

### **BARRY CRAIG EARTHQUAKE MEMORIAL TROPHY NZSAA SALMON ANGLER OF THE YEAR**

This is given to a dedicated salmon angler seen as showing outstanding sportsmanship.

#### **Steve McNeill**

Steve is a worthy recipient of the Barry Craig Memorial Trophy for Sportsmanship for 2016. He has demonstrated a lifelong passion for salmon and trout fishing and has been very active in giving back to a pastime that has given him much pleasure over the years. Steve served as a Fish and Game councillor from 2006 to 2015 and continues to play an active role in working to protect our highly valued fishery. Many of you would have read his letters to The Press. He is also active in meeting the ECan Commissioners. His father, Malcolm, was also an accomplished angler and was the originator of the Rangers Competition and the winner's trophy is in his memory. For many years Steve has released his first salmon of the season in memory of his late father, a truly sporting gesture.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Paul Hodgson: Can we get an annual report from Fish & Game as to what happens on the Rakaia?

Fred van Slooten: Regarding 'Take a Kid Fishing' – is anyone able to take over from Dave Denton? This is such a good event and needs to be continued.

Colin Eaton: Any information / sporting gestures etc, please send to the Secretary for the Newsletter.

### **Acknowledgements and Close of Meeting**

Grateful thanks were made to the following sponsors of raffle prizes: Fisherman's Loft, Hunting & Fishing, Wondercast, Greg Terras of Air Ground Support Services

Tony thanked all members and guests for their attendance and encouraged members to check out our website and that any new stories or photos would be appreciated.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm and was followed by supper served by Adrienne Dougherty and her daughter Sarah, and the drawing of raffles.

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION WESTLAND

Lake Kaniere via Hokitika

Neil's Beach, Jackson Bay via Haast

**Bruce Bay: Half-hour Drive South of Fox Glacier**

All baches self-contained with pots/pans, cutlery, power, shower, washing machine, fridge, freezer, or fridge/freezer. All baches sleep 8 people.

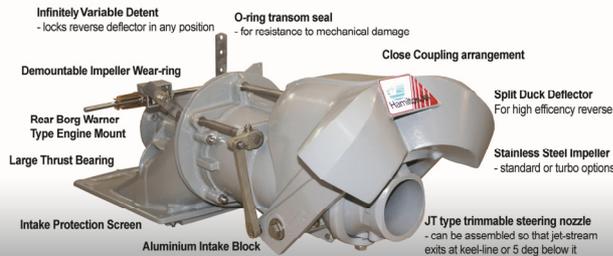
You need to supply all disposable items including wood/coal for the Yunka type fire (except Kaniere, electric heating), linen etc. Upon leaving bach must be left clean, tidy and all rubbish removed.

Rates: **Kaniere:** \$130 per night (up to 4 people) \$20 per extra person  
**Bruce Bay & Neil's Beach** \$80 per night

*For more information and bookings please contact Nelson or Cindy:*

*The Hokitika Angling Club  
 C/o Hokitika Cycles & Sportsworld  
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# VALUE FOR MONEY ?

by Steve McNeill



New Zealand seems to be at a crossroads.

All of New Zealand is at one set of crossroads or another.

In Auckland it is the cost of housing and the huge population growth due to internal and external migration patterns.

In rural areas it is more likely to be run-down small towns due to the loss of population from a lack of local employment. The town facilities will progressively worsen as infrastructure such as the community hall or water supply scheme reaches an age where renewal is too costly to be funded locally.

The way of life most of us grew up with is slowly being changed. Sometimes this results in improvement, and at other times the change will be for the worse.

Cantabrians have seen massive changes as a result of earthquakes, and also because of changed farming, and particularly water take, practices across the province. A lot of this seemed to have happened when city-dweller's heads were down concentrating on earthquake issues. The countryside is now seemingly dominated by corporate interests with Auckland or overseas owners and financiers.

The earthquakes have been particularly challenging for urban dwellers. It seems less so in the rural areas. In my experience the earthquakes have been, and will continue to be, expensive for urban ratepayers.

On top of their financial dealings with the earthquake commission and their insurers, urban ratepayers have rates increases well above the rate of inflation. The compounding nature of these increases mean that the city and ECan rates will be 28% higher overall after 5 years for a 5% rate rise each year; and 47% higher overall after 5 years for an 8% rate rise each year. A rates payment today of \$2000 per year will be \$550 higher in 5 years with a 5% increase each year - \$940 higher at 8%.

The setting of City (and town) rates along with regional council (ECan) rates seem to be focussed on immediate, rather than staged changes across the region. This results in increases larger than would be needed if projects and activities were more spread out across the years. There are activities that do need instant attention, but there are others where there will be few consequences if they were deferred a few years.

Rating of property covers all manner of activities for the city, town, and rural communities. There is an issue of who pays for what across Canterbury. The local toilet block in a small Canterbury town is just as likely to be used by passing tourists (including Christchurch townies) as by locals. Yet the locals pay, as the local businesses also gain from tourist patronage. There are economic break-points for small town businesses, and once these are reached, the businesses close and the previous rates source is gone. Small-town New Zealand, with a few exceptions, is slowly disappearing.

It is interesting that ECan rates, supposedly collected for regional activities, are not used for these types of facilities, and it is up to the towns to survive and provide for facilities any way they can. Perhaps an ECan cross-subsidy may help provide facilities for all to use.

ECan rates are collected in large quantities from Christchurch city ratepayers.

Currently, Christchurch ratepayers pay \$15.6 million in General rates and \$3.7 million in Uniform charges rates to ECan each year.

The rates collected to pay for the urban bus service is a targeted rate of about \$22 million for Christchurch City ratepayers; with another \$18 million paid in bus fares. City car and truck owners also pay the bulk of the \$30 million in fuel and road taxes spent as Grants by ECan each year on urban public transport. This city-based activity is funded by city dwellers who, if they choose to use the service, directly gain the benefits.

City ratepayers also contribute another \$8 million to fund to ECan's air quality portfolio, civil defence, the regional parks (Waimakariri and Ashley), pest control (mainly on Banks Peninsula), and flood protection (catchment) works. These activities are funded by city ratepayers who receive direct benefits from their contributions.

In the laws covering local government, targeted rates should provide visible and direct benefits for those who pay. It is my view that ECan's targeted rate for the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) does not meet the criteria. There is a forecasted amount of \$16.4 million in targeted rates to be collected from Christchurch City ratepayers for the next financial year. The total forecast budget is \$25.004 million. There is no visibility of what is delivered for this huge amount of city money. There is no analysis of what benefits accrue for city ratepayers.

There is evidence of a loss of purity for Canterbury water, both above and below the surface of the Plains. It is apparent that city funds have not only been used to allow this to happen due to over-allocation, but funds are also used for activities separate from sensible water-use and waste disposal compliance monitoring.

In the distant and recent past the country and the city were more closely linked. Rural produce was delivered to factories located in the city. All manner of employment was available in the city in the fruit and vegetable and grains sector, the freezing works, the fellmongery, the wool scours, the milk factories, and in rural equipment sales and servicing. A quick check of the Yellow pages today indicates that the tractor sales outlets, the agricultural service businesses, and the factories, are largely located well outside the city boundaries. Apart from small fruit, vegetable, and grain businesses; a milk factory; a freezing works; and small abattoirs, the previous city-based agricultural employment opportunities are now lacking. Data from 2014 indicates that 1% of employment in the city and 1% of the city's Gross Domestic Product is from agricultural "trickle down". The bulk of the agricultural products are processed outside the city and transported directly through the city by truck and rail to the sea port or the airport. The city does not have the opportunity (from its \$16.4 million CWMS funding each year) to either add value or to gain benefit from the wider Canterbury rural areas.

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For most Christchurch, Kaiapoi, and Rangiora residents, one of their crossroads is to establish where they fit within the wider Canterbury province. Are there still sufficient urban/rural connections that mean urban ratepayers are happy to contribute targeted money that will be used elsewhere in the province, in the rural areas of Waitaki or Hurunui, used by someone else, for no real or obvious benefit to the person paying through their ECan rates?

It is important that the general and uniform rates collected by ECan, as well as the targeted and user pays philosophies used by local government, are clearly identified and tracked in a way that demonstrates transparent value and benefit for those paying. There will be a need for cross-subsidy for flood protection and regional parks and toilet blocks that are used once in a while by those city folk walking, tramping, and cycling, or just passing through.

The possibility of a \$16.4 million city subsidy for farming via the city rates paid into the Canterbury Water Management Strategy portfolio seems to stretch the cross-subsidy rules way too far.

*Steve McNeill*

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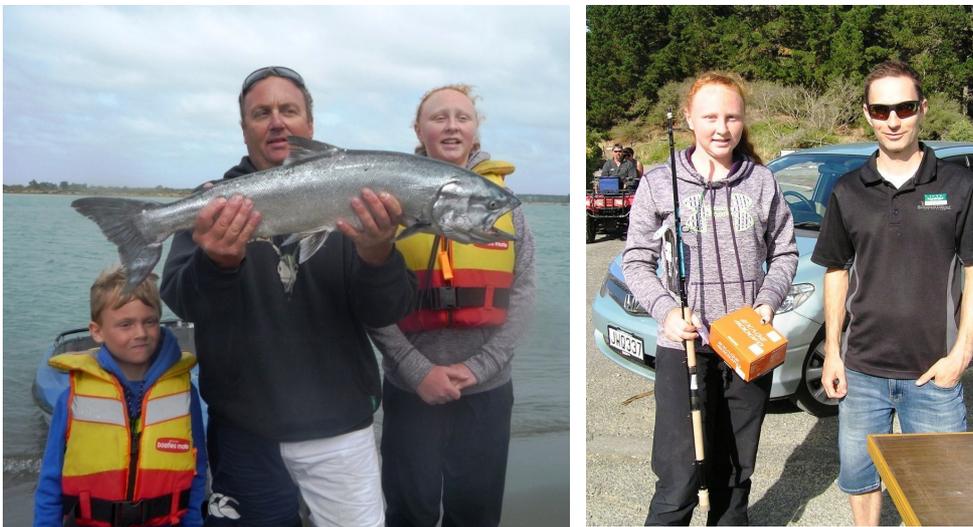
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## NZSAA SALMON FISHING CONTEST WAIMAKARIRI RIVER 2017

Another successful competition was held on Saturday 4 March at the Waimakariri River. Entrants were slightly down on the previous year, with a total of 165 anglers, 35 of which were juniors. The weather was fine and the river conditions good and, after a slow start to the day, a total of 8 salmon ranging from 2.39kg to 4.86 kg were caught.

The winner was Shane Taylor with his 4.86kg salmon caught at Kairaki. Again this year no salmon were caught by the juniors, but several kahawai were landed.



*A successful day for the Taylor family: dad Shane with the winning salmon and daughter Phoebe taking first prize for her 2.9kg kawahai in the Junior other species*

Later in this newsletter are results from the Otago Harbour competition which was held 18-19 February. Interestingly their winning weights were similar to our Waimakariri contest but well down on 2016 when the Otago winning salmon was 9.5kg

There was a good attendance at the prizegiving at the Kairaki Beach Motor Camp to claim the generous sponsored prizes and numerous lucky draws. The BBQ sausages went down well with a few beers and stories of the day.

The majority of our winner prizes and spot prizes were donated by Hunting & Fishing NZ, so please support their two stores as they contributed in a huge way to our competition. The Super Draw prize generously donated by Repco kept everyone in attendance for the lucky number at the end of the prizegiving.

Thank you to all who took part to help make it such a great event. Other results follow:

**Major prizewinners were**

1st	Shane Taylor	4.86kg salmon	Kairaki
2nd	Tolovae Tuilaepa	4.63kg salmon	McIntosh's
3rd	Allan Ashby	3.76kg salmon	McIntosh's
4th	Scott Wallace	3.68kg salmon	Stewarts Gully
5th	Paul Templeton	3.49kg salmon	Waimak Mouth
6th	Ivan Cameron	3.29kg salmon	Banana Hole
7th	Barry Stevens	2.55kg salmon	Waimak Mouth
8th	Tolovae Tuilaepo	2.39 kg salmon	McIntosh's

**Limit Bag** Tolovae Tuilaepo 4.63 and 2.39kg salmon

**Junior Prizes - Largest Other Species**

1st	Phoebe Taylor	2.90kg Kahawai	Kairaki
2nd	Harper Robinson	2.70kg Kahawai	Waimak Mouth
3rd	Bronté Butler	2.17kg Kahawai	Kairaki
4th	Hemi Togia	1.30kg Kahawai	Waimak Mouth
5th	Robson Butler	0.88kg Kahawai	Waimak Mouth

**Early Bird Draw:** Gregory Lye Entry number 122

There were 48 spot prizes plus the lucky last Super Draw (tool chest valued at \$268 donated by Repco). The Super Draw number was that of Kevin Belcher, NZSAA committee member and winner of the 2017 Rakaia Salmon Competition. Kevin felt he had enjoyed some extremely good fortune at Rakaia so he kindly donated the Super Draw prize back for a redraw. Aaron Savage, entry number 244, took the redraw prize.



Hunting & Fishing sponsors Jeremy Burke & Simon McMillan with NZSAA President Tony Humphreys (centre)



Second prize and limit bag winner Tolovae Tuilaepo with one of his two salmon. Tolovae was also the 2016 winner!

Third placegetter Allan Ashby with his 3.76kg prize from McIntosh's



Above: Weighmasters Kevin Belcher and Phil Ball



Right: Junior anglers: happiness is!

# Otago Harbour Salmon Fishing Competition

By Peter Coory, Secretary-Treasurer, NZSAA Otago

The annual Otago Harbour salmon fishing competition was held on the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February in windy and choppy conditions.

We had 240 entries with 46 of these juniors. This was down on last year due to few fish being caught before the competition and also the very windy conditions that seem to have spoiled our summer.

In keeping up with tradition the wharf fisherpersons set themselves up for overnight stays with vans, caravans and tents set up on the wharves for the duration of the competition.

The boaties had a harder task with the strong north easterly winds coming straight down the harbour for the duration of the event. This wasn't too bad with the incoming tide in the mornings, but once the tide turned against the wind then the harbour cut up very choppy. Most of the boats were out early then back in by midday with these conditions.

Nine Salmon were weighed in with the heaviest being a 4.160kg fish caught by seasoned fisherman Niua Hakai. The salmon were well down in weight from the previous year.

The larger Salmon were caught from the Dunedin wharves and all the smaller ones were caught by boats in the basin at Port Chalmers.

Of interest a few Kahawai were caught, which is a good sign for that fishery, and one of the committee members caught a large Ling off one of the wharves.



## Overall results

1st	Niua Hakai	Land	4.160kg
2nd	Peter Takens	Land	3.565kg
3rd	Warren Gibson	Land	3.410 kg
4th	Geoff Cole	Land	3.390kg
5th	Chris Dry	Boat	1.420 kg
6th	Clayton Sinclair	Boat	1.310kg
7th	Clayton Sinclair	Boat	1.225kg
8th	Peter Coory	Boat	1.210kg
9th	Bryce Wise	Boat	1.140kg

Thanks to all the sponsors who support our event.

*Peter Coory*

# Waimakariri salmon catch count at McIntosh's 2016-17 season

by Colin Eaton

A number of conditions during this season made it difficult to obtain an accurate count mainly due to high river levels (dirty rivers), and I had to rely on contacts when I was not fishing. However my contacts are very good and the count should be close.

Month	Wild Salmon	Fin Clipped Salmon
December	2	3
January	2	3
February	41	14
March	105	27
April	24	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>51</b>

Total salmon landed = 225

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# NZ Freshwater Fisheries Regulations

## 2017 Anglers Notice Review

Fish and Game North Canterbury is conducting a review of the sports fishing regulations for the 2017-18 freshwater fishing season. Input has been invited from stakeholder organisations for consideration at the meeting later in May.

NZSAA have given serious consideration to the subject and the upcoming review of how we can best preserve our freshwater fisheries in light of over fishing, dwindling stock numbers and the increased population of the fishing fraternity. To this end, we consider the regulations need to be modified to accommodate changing conditions of pressure on our freshwater fisheries especially in the North Canterbury region.

It is absolutely no good whatsoever to regulate and control one industry and not another who uses the same piece of water within the river mouth.

Serious consideration must be given to combining current regulations for both activities when fishing inside any river mouth especially Eastern Zone rivers of the North Canterbury region.

NZSAA has made a submission to Fish & Game North Canterbury as follows:

1. That regulations be introduced to adopt the current fresh water regulations when fishing for **any fish** inside the river mouth of any river of the Eastern Zone North Canterbury Fish and Game region.

This would require: Licence, rod numbers to be used, fishing season duration, closed fishing season 1 May to 30 September, bag limit for all species.

2. It is strongly supported that winter fishing be banned for river fishing between 1 May to 30th September.



# Ova Planting Preparation diaries

## Hacketts Creek by Colin Eaton

Wayne Henwood and I visited Hackett's creek on 20 April to make ready the alevinator for the coming season. The alevinator had about 30cm deep sediment in the bottom which we removed via a bilge pump - can be seen in the photo - leaving it nice and clean. The water temperature was rather warm at 10.7°C and the day was lovely, clear, fine, no wind and a temperature of 21°C .

On checking the inflows, the area was overgrown with water cress which severely restricted the inflow so we spent considerable time cleaning out the creek. This improved the inflows to an acceptable level of 50 litres per minute through the alevinator.

We are now ready to go at Hackett's creek when we get some eggs.



## One Tree Swamp and The Porter River by Russell Mackay

On Saturday 6 May Warren Mackie and I decided to go up and put the boxes into the two streams. We left at 9.00am and headed on up. We managed to drive over the Hawdon River to One Tree Swamp but it was pretty rough going with plenty of washouts and boulders to pick our way through. The temperature was 15°C, no wind, plenty of sunshine and thousands of sandflies. We spent about four hours there clearing out the watercress and setting up four boxes. Although we did not see any fish in the stream, as we were leaving we stopped on the bridge for ten minutes or so and watched four salmon making their way upstream one at a time. It appears that the fish are finally arriving up there.

We then headed back to the Porter where we set up three boxes. The stream was clear of weed but upstream it is not. If we need to set up the other two boxes we may have to move them somewhere other than last season's location as the water pressure there is rather strong. (Last season we had one of the boxes tipped onto its side by the current.)

We got back to home at 5.30pm or so after a good day's work. If you look to the photo on the left, in the left foreground, you can see just how thick the watercress was. Maybe next year we will need to get a crew together and clean it out fully.

These two areas are also now ready to go as soon as we get some eggs.

# WATER NOT FOR SALE

## Press release CORANZ April 2017

Water and rivers surely is destined to become a major election issue at this year's election And rightly so because water is so vital for us all whether town or country. It therefore is important that all New Zealand pursues a policy to have "sustainable" use of water and that essential quantity for the ecosystem and essential quality is maintained and in some cases restored.

One aspect which must be paramount in debate is not let water go the way of fishing quotas where quotas are tradable. Your last issue featured about the flaws in the tradable quota fisheries system.

Being tradable opens the way – as has happened in fisheries – for bigger players, i.e. corporate companies to buy up smaller players' allocation and thus emerge as monopolies in the use of the resource. Despite the self-promotion by MPI that our fisheries quota system is the envy of other countries it has been revealed to be seriously flawed. No wonder fish stocks are often struggling. However the offenders, corporate companies wield strong political influence by way of donations to political parties resulting in their interests being paramount rather than the best public interest. Above all the resource suffers from mismanagement.

It is imperative that water not be allowed to become a victim of "wheeling and dealing."

Each election year the Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations (CORANZ) puts out an election charter which is sent to political parties. Water and rivers feature strongly. One is that "residual flow must be adequate for wildlife and fish and recreation such as fishing, swimming, canoeing etc." Water is for multiple use by the community at large.

Despite John Key's nonchalant shrug that "water belongs to no one" line, water belongs to the people. Water is essentially a public resource, regardless of wealth, ethnicity or social class. Law should be enacted now to make it crystal clear that water cannot be sold and hocked off to the highest bidder.

**Andi Cockroft, Co-chair, CORANZ**  
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# Waitaki Riparian Enhancement Society Inc.

## Volunteer Salmon Hatchery

### Excerpts from the February 2017 newsletter

The rearing raceway at Welcome Stream is up and running, and is housing 4,250 fish. They are gaining weight nicely and are about two months behind where we would be had we had brood stock earlier in 2016. This was the result of the Hakataramea being dry during last March, April and May.

Not having to compete with Didymo has made a huge difference in cleaning the raceway etc. It is now possible for one or two members to team up and look after the fish for a week.

Fish food for 30,000 smolt has been obtained from Chile for the next breeding season at a cost of \$6,857 plus freight.

Sponsors have made it possible for the organisation to construct the facilities that we have, by funding our project. All the work done towards the project was supplied and delivered by volunteers. To that end we have to thank the following organisations: Meridian Waitaki Community Fund, Youthtown, Dean and Associates, Morven Glenavy Ikawai Irrigation Company, Waitaki Irrigators collective, Glenavy–Waitaki Bridge Salmon Association (Waitaki salmon fishing competition in recess), Pub Charity, Oceania Dairy Ltd and the Otago Community Trust.

It may cost the organisation \$23,000 just in paperwork for this project so fundraising is important. Cutting firewood is the principal means of fund raising and this has raised a considerable amount of cash for the Society.

This year is the expected return of the survivors of the 16,500 smolt which were released in 2015. Again we have offered 5 equal prizes of a \$100 sports voucher to anyone who is lucky enough to catch one of our fish. These are identifiable by the missing adipose fin which was removed when we did our fin clipping.



The completed raceway at Welcome Creek, nearby the Waitaki River bridge, Otago



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