

MANAGING  
*Wetlands*  
AS  
FARM ASSETS  
LED BY NZ LANDCARE TRUST

## Mid Canterbury Demonstration Sites Field Day

Tuesday 22 September 2020  
10am to 3.30pm

Every wetland has a story and likewise every farmer has a tale to tell which is why NZ Landcare Trust are hosting a brave conversation about what managing our wetlands as farm assets looks like on 15 diverse properties across the length and breadth of Canterbury.

The aim of this three-year project is to work with farmers and the wider community to provide advice and share knowledge about the range of benefits both natural and constructed wetlands offer the farming system, the environment and the wider community.

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**10am to 11.30am : SITE 1**

Ealing Dairies, Ian and Sue Thornton  
10 Ealing Road

**Midday : LUNCH**

Longbeach Cookshop  
1034 Lower Beach Road

**1.30pm to 3.30pm : SITE 2**

Wairuna Farm, Angus and Gemma  
McKenzie, 184 Bryants Road

**SITE 1:** Ian and Sue Thornton have a QEII covenant on their braided river wetland alongside the Rangitata River. They have gained a great deal of knowledge since 2016 when they first embarked on restoring the site - ranging from weed control, ecosystems and hydrology to mahinga kai, predator control and native plantings. However, there is still a great deal to learn and nutrient management is of particular interest to Ian.

**SITE 2:** The McKenzie wetland is a living example of Canterbury Plains dongas/dry gullies, with an eroded headland and a hapua/river-mouth lagoon butting up against beach gravels. Fenced off several years ago, this wetland shows us the impact of 'coastal squeeze' on wetlands along the Canterbury Bight. Having a wetland management plan will help Angus address challenges around willow control, native planting and protecting coastal habitat.