

The ANZCC is in full swing with its newly elected members getting ready for the AGM and hopefully what will be a very informative and interactive day that should be beneficial for everyone – more details to come.

The main reason for this communication is to give everyone a heads up that we are about to send out a questionnaire which is being developed by the committee to help the ANZCC get a far better understanding of all the catchment groups we represent.

Our main purpose is to provide a united voice representing community catchments that can advocate for the “ongoing consistent” support from the government, plus work with government entities (MPI and MFE) to strengthen the relationship and build a partnership that benefits the government, our environment and our rural communities.

To do this we need your help

We need to know everything about our community catchments

- Funding
 - How much money and how long does it last
 - Where has it come from – government, regional councils, levies, sponsorship, etc
 - What is it being spent on admin, workshops, research, planting, fencing
 - How much are landowners spending on fencing, planting because of CC encouragement
- Physical
 - How many hectares
 - How many members
 - Type of farms – sheep and Beef, dairy, cropping, horticulture etc
 - How many coordinators/staff etc
 - How many trees have been planted
 - How many km of fencing has been done
 - What monitoring is being carried out – water testing how often and how many
 - What research is being done and by who
- Etc.....

This is just an example so everyone can start thinking about the type of information required. We also fully appreciate that some catchment groups will not have some of this information but over time it is important that we build our knowledge so we can speak on your behalf with confidence.

Its important to note that any information supplied will be kept confidential and only used as part of the group.

We look forward to catching up with everyone in Wellington in September.

Regards

Roger