



WATER
ACTION
INITIATIVE

URBAN 2023

870

Tamariki
participating in
nature-based
learning.

54

Urban action
group
meetings

1,156

Adults engaging
in community
events

3 ACTION GROUPS:

- Lakeside Enhancement
- Kirimoko Action Group
- Yo ECO



Action at Kirimoko



“WAI Wānaka provides an invaluable link between the community and the land to enable us to achieve our vision of engaging with communities in the neighbourhoods that we design and build.”

-Ian, Southern Ventures Development Manager

'A SENSE OF NATURE'

Slowing down to observe, reflect and connect to nature.

55

Tamariki
participating

"I can hear something," "I see a blossom tree." "I see a fly," "I saw a duck up there." "I can hear a tui," "me too," "me too," "I smell wood and flowers."

- Mountainside tamariki



'URBAN CATCHMENT GROUPS'



8

Collaboration
partners

"This initiative has been instrumental in transforming a section of lake front between the yacht club and Eely Point. We want to extend our gratitude for the support and guidance provided through WAI Wanaka and the Urban Catchments Project."

-Mike, Lakeside Road Enhancement Group

+15 events
+18 actions
underway
+ 20 possible
groups identified

'DRAINS ARE STREAMS'

Connecting tamariki to local aquatic species and stormwater pollution.

80

Tamariki
participating

Through this 4-week programme, tamariki have evolved into storm drain experts, understanding the impacts of stormwater pollution and fostering connections to the species we aim to protect.

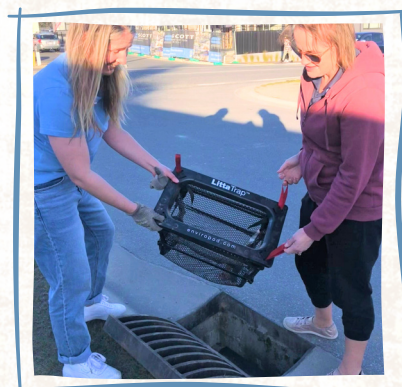
"The kids all went home and taught their parents last week, it was so cute. All the parents came in saying they came home singing 'only storm water rain in our drain.' So great to hear them learning and re-telling!"

- Megan, teacher at Wanaexcel



'ADOPT A DRAIN'

Drains are Streams - in the community.



6

Neighbourhoods
participating

"We are delighted to be the first urban (Upper Clutha) community to install these traps and encourage other communities to do the same. In this way we can all work together to preserve our beautiful community for generations to come."

-Tania, Albert Town Community Association

+2 Litter traps installed
+3 'Adopt a Drain'
newsletters released

'NATUR-ED'

Thirteen 1.5hr PLD sessions for local teachers in collaboration with 4 local groups, ORC and Enviroschools.

Teachers from

100%

local schools attending

NATUR-ED

U P P E R C L U T H A

“A wonderful opportunity you are providing to add depth to teacher knowledge and ways we can empower and connect children to their environment, and to empower us all to be kaitiaki for our place. Thank you to all involved for your vision, passion, energy, time, hard work, support, and positive energy and enthusiasm! You are superstars!”

- Anna, teacher at Aspiring Beginnings



'A TEENY TINY TRUTH'

Microplastics research project involving community volunteers.

“I decided to volunteer because I think it’s a really important project. The more research we can do on the lakes the better!”

- Silvia, WAI Wānaka volunteer

182

hours of
volunteer time



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