

Rivers Group

Strategic Plan Adopted at First AGM 27 September 2010

Our Mission

To provide leadership and a national focus in all matters relating to New Zealand's catchment and river systems, promoting good scientific understanding of processes, best management practices and the sharing of knowledge,

Our Vision

To ensure that New Zealand's catchment and river systems are managed in an appropriate and sustainable manner such that there is integration between the preservation of environmental and amenity values, respect for cultural and societal values, the assurance of public safety, and the derivation of economic benefits,

STRATEGIC OUTCOME	ACTIONS	TARGET MEASUREMENT
Increased public profile of the Rivers Group as an organisation recognised as a focal point for riverine issues throughout New Zealand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ongoing identification and uptake of appropriate opportunities for the Rivers Group to be associated with (e.g. conferences / symposia, books, journals, guidance documents, etc.) to increase the public profile of the Rivers Group.▪ Maintenance and development of relationships and dialogue with key Government and non-government organisations with common or complementary interests to the Rivers Group.▪ Preparation and presentation of submissions on draft legislation, National Policy Statements and other instruments of public policy of relevance to rivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Report on profile opportunities identified and taken up▪ Report on meetings held with Government Ministers, Government agencies, and other non-government organisations.▪ Report on submissions made on draft legislation, National Policy Statements and other instruments of public policy.
Growth and diversification of membership to reflect the wide range of interests in rivers in New Zealand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Develop strategies for growing membership numbers, including different classes of membership (by 2010 AGM).▪ Periodic analysis to review membership growth and to identify further membership growth potential.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Achieve membership total of 100 members by 2010 AGM.▪ Develop student chapters at key universities (e.g. Auckland, Canterbury and Massey Universities).▪ Report on strategies identified to further grow membership

Expanded methods of communication to and between Rivers Group members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conduct symposium in 2010 (e.g. before or in conjunction with AGM). ▪ Develop production plan for Newsletter <i>FLOW</i> (e.g. three issues per year), with inaugural issues in 2010. ▪ Website to remain topical and up-to-date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Symposium in 2010 that is successful in terms of finances, attendance and participant feedback. ▪ Appointment of editor for <i>FLOW</i>. ▪ Production of inaugural issues of <i>FLOW</i> in 2010. ▪ Website updated and current as at 2010 AGM.
Operation of the Rivers Group in a financially sustainable manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rivers Group to be financially self-sustaining over a three-year rolling period. ▪ Annual review of operational expenditure by the Rivers Group Management Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of Rivers Group Management Committee ▪ Annual budget to be produced by Management Committee and approved at 2010 AGM. ▪ Presentation of Annual Report by Chairperson of Rivers Group at AGM.
Provision of cost-effective and efficient management and information systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop administrative support plan with IPENZ providing this support. ▪ Review job description for administrative support person. ▪ Provide editorial support for newsletter <i>FLOW</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on administrative support arrangements at 2010 AGM. ▪ All members accounted for on IPENZ database.