

08 July, 2019

**Braided Rivers seminar 2019**

One hundred and forty eight people were booked, and 146 attended on the day. The presentations and data on attendees are outlined on the following pages. The blue text links to both the to the speaker biographies and also PDFs of the presentations on this page of our [website](https://braidedrivers.org/conservation/2019-seminar/). A portion of the presentation from Dr Murray currently is being prepared for publication, so this paper has not been added as yet.

We have had several requests for more detailed information on specific subjects. Website traffic shows that in the 3 days following the seminar, there were 110 visits to the page where the presentations are listed; a strong indicator of high levels of engagement.

**2019 Braided Rivers Seminar**

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|  | ***Speaker*** | ***Topic*** |
|  | [Dr. Jan Wright](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#jan) | [Keynote address: Te Manahuna Aoraki: large-scale conservation project in the upper Mackenzie](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-Jan-Wright.pdf) |
|  | [Sonny Whitelaw](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#sonny) | [BRaid partnerships project](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Braid-update-2019.pdf) |
|  | [Dr. Murray Hicks](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#murray) | [Rising sea level impacts on braided river mouths](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Hicks_Hapua-and-SLR_Braid-2019.pdf) |
|  | [David Owen](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#david) | [ECan leadership – BRAG/ Bridge projects – partnerships in delivery](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/BRaid-BRIDGE-and-BRAG-projects2019.pdf) |
|  | [Nick Ledgard &](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#david) [Grant Davey](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#grant) | [Communities in action: Ashley River update](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019ARRG.pdf) |
|  | [Dr. Frances Schmechel](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#frances) | [Braided river projects in Canterbury:  an update of ECan supported projects](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Braided-Rivers-in-Canterbury-talk-BRaid-2019-Frances-S-.pdf) |
|  | [Dr. Jean Jack](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#jean) & [Donna Field](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#donna) | [A management plan in action: the (upper and lower) Hakatere/Ashburton River Braided Riverbird Strategy and Implementation](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019_AshburtonManagementPlan.pdf) |
|  | [Dr.Richard Maloney](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#richard) | [Braided River projects: past, present and future](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019_Past-present-and-future-braided-river-work.pdf) |
|  | [Dr. Tara Murray](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#tara) | Invertebrate biodiversity and management on braided rivers (this paper will be added at a later date) |
|  | [Jemma Welch](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#jemma) | [Update on the Lower Waitaki River](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-Lower-Waitaki-Habitat-Restoration-for-Black-Fronted-Terns.pdf) |
|  | [Ailsa Howard](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#ailsa) | [Banded dotterels Kaikoura: nesting exclosures & freedom camping](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-banded-dotterels-kaikoura.pdf) |
|  | Sonny Whitelaw | [What does climate change mean for braided rivers?](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/climatechange2019.pdf) |
|  | Dr. Frances Schmechel | [Southern black-backed gull – strategy options in Canterbury](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-blackbackedgulls.pdf) |
|  | Nick Ledgard | [Summary of the day’s presentations](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SemSummaryJune2019.pdf) |
|  | [Brad Edwards](https://braid.org.nz/2019-seminar-speakers/#brad), Nick Ledgard, & Grant Davey | The [use of trail cameras specifically in braided rivers](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SeminarTrailCamBradJune2019.pdf), and d[rones for GPS bird counts and weed mapping.](https://braid.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-Drone.pdf.zip) |

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| **Presenters**  Te Manahuna Aoraki  Department of Conservation  Environment Canterbury | University of Canterbury  NIWA  Forest & Bird  River Conservation groups |

**Participants**

Environment Canterbury (inc. 4 Councillors): 22

Department of Conservation: 12

Six different District Councils and Zone Committee members/chairs: 9

Crown Research Institutes: 5

Canterbury, Lincoln and Otago Universities (inc. several PhD students): 18

Ecology consultants: 10

Fish & Game:4

Forest & Bird: 3

Birds NZ: 3

Trustpower: 2

Te Taumutu Rūnanga: 1

Conservation groups, river groups, charitable trusts etc: 24

Commercial rivers user (farms, jetboats): 3

Volunteers: 9

Schools: 2

Journalist: 1

Other (no affiliation specified): 8

Total salaried professionals: 99 (68%)

Others (non-salaried, volunteers, or non-specified: 48 (32%)

**Budget breakdown:**

**Expenses (ex GST)**

Venue: Lincoln university Commerce Lecture Theatre 1: $275.00

Catering: Lincoln Catering $5,920.00

Marketing & event management inc. printing,

stationery, and transport $3,000.00

**Total Expenses** **$9,195.00**

**Contributions (ex GST)**

Environment Canterbury: $3,275.00

RCEES contributed: $5,920.00

**Total Funding $9,195.00**

**Feedback:**

*Spending my birthday inside, on a glorious sunny day, listening to powerpoint presentations would not normally be high on a ’treat myself’ list. However, ‘our’ wonderful ECan staff delivered a positive story of extensive projects, practical solutions and research…that left me feeling both proud of ECan’s contribution and energised by the passion in the room for these iconic ecosystems and the species they support…  I particularly appreciated the messages of working with other agencies and community groups to solve problems*.

* Cnr Cynthia Roberts, Environment Canterbury

*We felt very privileged to attend the seminar yesterday. Thank you so much for the preparation, co-ordination and communication that contributed to such a rewarding day.  Many thanks to all the presenters, and to the sponsors… We do look forward to reviewing the presentations on line. It’s great to have that opportunity*.

* Sandra and Bruce White

*Congratulations on organising another very successful Braided River workshop. The presentations covered a good range of topics relating to rivers and all speakers were well received.*

* Edith Smith, Forest & Bird

*A BIG THANK YOU to you for organising such an interesting day*.

* Bev Alexander

*Many thanks for forwarding these PowerPoints from what I can see was a superbly organised and well researched seminar. I certainly have a different view of hedgehogs and black-backed gulls now.*

* Adrian Bell

*Thank you Sonny & team for a very well executed day. Learned lots!*

* Eleanor Bissell

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