

# NOTICE OF TREE MAINTENANCE OPERATION

## Lower Clutha

### Where:

Otago Regional Council scheduled drains and waterways in:

- **Lower Clutha**

An overview of tree maintenance locations is available on ORC's website: [orc.govt.nz/LCTree26](https://orc.govt.nz/LCTree26)

### When:

19 February–30 June 2026.

### Why:

Otago Regional Council (ORC) uses riparian tree planting as a management tool within the drain and flood protection schemes. Their root systems stabilise drain and riverbank soils, reducing the risk of mass failure. Ongoing maintenance preserves tree structure prevents overhanging and uprooting, and helps avoid waterway blockages, damming, and washouts — ultimately enhancing flood resilience and reducing long-term maintenance needs.

As living assets, riparian trees require regular maintenance to support their function, maintain tree health and promote longevity.

ORC engages experienced contractors to assist with the riparian tree maintenance and tree topping of the tree assets in the ORC flood control schemes and drainage networks.

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