



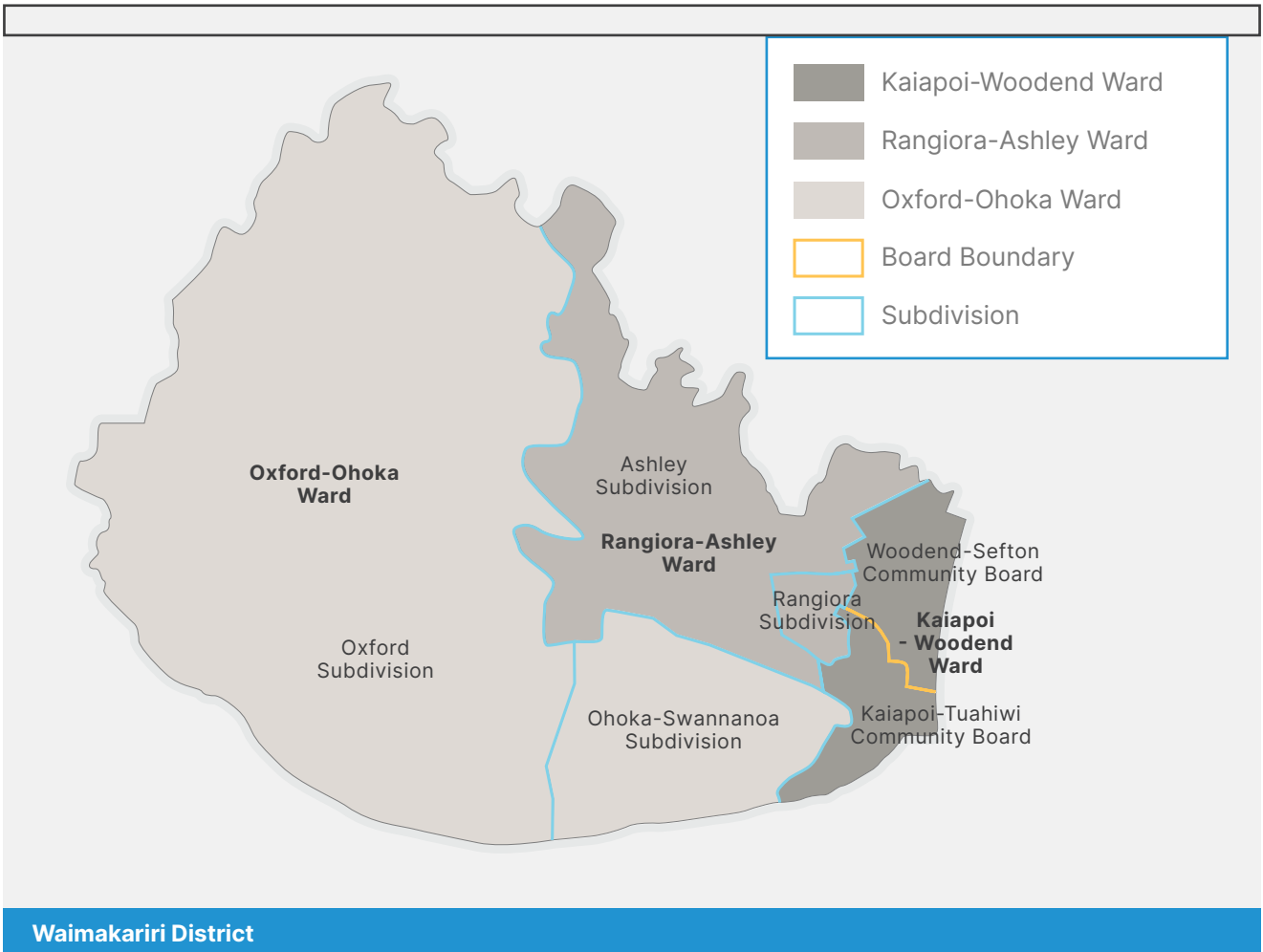
Woodend-Sefton Community Board Community Plan 2022–2025





Ward	Population
Rangiora-Ashley Ward	28,126
Oxford-Ohoka Ward	14,465
Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward	29,482
Total	72,073
Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward	Population
Woodend-Sefton Community	11,890
Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community	17,592
Total	29,482

* Estimated Resident Population as at 30 June 2023



Chairperson's Message

Dear Residents

The Woodend-Sefton Community Board area has rapidly grown which creates both opportunities and challenges. To put it into perspective the growth in Woodend, Pegasus and Ravenswood has accounted for around 37% of the growth in new residential building consents for the entire Waimakariri District in 2024.

Planning for the future growth of our communities has been, and will continue to be, of paramount importance to the Board. This includes community and recreational facilities and opportunities, youth space, the Woodend Bypass, drainage, public transport needs, connecting communities, and future planning.

The NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) is getting underway with design work on the Woodend Bypass this year with construction due to start in 2026. This will allow Woodend to be a safer community without the busy State Highway dividing it, will give more resilience for SH1, bypass some accident blackspots, and alleviate the traffic congestion that happens now. The Board recognises that any new major roading project like this one will have a negative effect on some and hope that these can be worked through with NZTA. There are some concerns over how many drivers will use the Bypass, particularly local residents, if a toll is imposed on the new road. This would then have an impact with high volumes of traffic through Woodend and on the roads which locals would use to avoid a toll.

Looking forward, the development of a new Woodend Pegasus Area Strategy will be an important process to assist planning for the future and will be a focus for 2025. Progress on the new Community Facility in Pegasus along with the Youth Spaces, are much anticipated by the community.

Environmental issues including climate change will continue to be felt in our communities. Rain events in recent years have had a real impact, particularly in Sefton, Waikuku Beach, Woodend Beach and parts of Woodend. Council staff are working hard to mitigate the effects, and many projects have already been completed while others are in planning or design phase.

Each of our communities are unique, each with

their own identity and characteristics. Our aim is to recognise what makes each community special and take this forward into the future. The Community Board is elected by you to represent and advocate for you at a local level. To this end we want you to share with us your feedback, ideas, views and concerns. We would like to know what you think is most important in your community. Our focus is to ensure that the community is at the centre of everything we do, every decision we make and in our planning for the future.

To help keep us in touch with what is happening please contact any member of the Board through the contact details shown on pages 10–11 or catch up with us at events or meetings. We welcome individuals and groups to come along to meetings and tell us about what is important to them or projects they are working on. Please contact our Governance Adviser at com.board@wmk.govt.nz to book a time for this.

To help keep you informed the Board has a Facebook page @WoodendSeftonCommunityBoard, which will help you stay informed about what is happening in your community and ways for you to have your say about various Council or other agency projects. A monthly column from the Board in The Woodpecker, a local community newsletter, is also a good way to keep up to date with what is happening.

Looking to the future we are excited as there are many opportunities for our communities and we hope you will get involved.

Shona Powell

Chair

Woodend-Sefton Community Board



Our Community

The Woodend-Sefton Community Board covers the communities of Woodend, Ravenswood, Woodend Beach, Pegasus, Waikuku, Waikuku Beach and Sefton, along with surrounding areas.

We are a diverse area, including several towns and communities, rural areas and the coastline, which includes residential, farms, lifestyle blocks, commercial retail business along with many home-based businesses. The population as at 2023 was 11,600. The Woodend, Ravenswood and Pegasus areas have undergone significant growth in the last few years which brings both opportunities and challenges. The development of the Ravenswood commercial area will also bring a new dimension to our communities. State Highway 1 physically separates many of our communities with the ensuing issues around connectivity and safety.

Our area has significance both ecologically and culturally. Waterways include the Pacific Ocean, Pegasus Bay, Ashley-Rakahuri River, Tūtaepatu Lagoon, Pegasus Lake, Saltwater Creek, several coastal streams and various wetlands. The Ashley-Rakahuri Saltwater Creek Estuary – Te Aka Aka, is internationally recognised with its own ecosystem and diverse birdlife, including many migratory birds. We share the Tūhaitara Coastal Park, a real treasure, and the Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust has a 200-year plan to rehabilitate the park to an indigenous coastal ecosystem supporting a diverse range of native flora and fauna species and providing sustainable mahinga kai.



Pegasus Bay

An important historical and cultural site, Kaiapoi Pā, where Ngāi Tahu's South Island trading was once centred in the 1700s, sits between Waikuku and Pegasus.



Photo Christchurch City Libraries Collection

Historic photo of Kaiapoi Pā Monument

Kaipoi Pā was established by the first Ngāi Tahu ancestors when they settled Te Wai Pounamu. Kaiapoi Pā was the major capital, trading centre and point from which further penetration of the South Island occurred so the area is a genealogical centre for all Ngāi Tahu whānui (descendants).

Kaipoi Pā was established by Moki's elder brother Tūrākautahi who was the second son of Tūāhuriri, hence "Ngai Tūāhuriri" is the name of the hapū of this area."

Source: ngaitahu.iwi.nz/te-runanga-o-ngai-tahu/papatipu-runanga/ngai-tuahiriri/



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Old Bank Building in Sefton

What is a Community Board?

The Waimakariri District is divided into three wards with the Woodend-Sefton Community Board representing the northern end of the Kaiapoi Woodend ward, including the communities of Woodend, Ravenswood, Woodend Beach, Pegasus, Waikuku Beach and Sefton.

How does the Community Board do this?

The Board works closely with residents and local community groups to understand your priorities and concerns and to seek the best outcomes for communities. The Board pro-actively engages with the local community, including consulting and sharing information to enable the Board to represent and advocate your interests on a local level which is then fed back to the Council.

The Community Board is not the Council nor is it a committee of the Council. The Board works collaboratively with the Council at a local level to achieve community goals. The Board is also responsible for any areas delegated to it by the Council.

The Local Government Act (2002), states that the role of a Community Board is to represent and advocate for the interests of its community. The Waimakariri District is currently divided into three wards, and the Woodend-Sefton Community Board provides feedback, leadership and support to residents within the northern part of the Kaiapoi Woodend Ward.

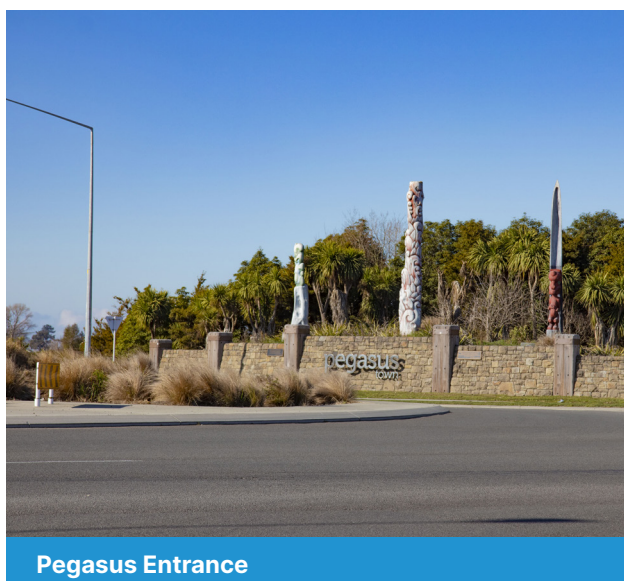
The Woodend-Sefton Community Board is comprised of five elected members, plus two appointed Councillors of the Waimakariri District Council, giving a total of seven members.

The role of the Community Board includes:

- Taking an overview of the Council's services and projects affecting the community area, including water supply, sewerage, stormwater drainage, parks, recreational facilities, community activities, as well as roading and traffic management projects
- Engaging with residents, community organisations and groups in developing local solutions and keeping you informed by using a variety of means including a Community Board Facebook page, articles in community

newsletters, and being visible and accessible

- Encouraging community participation in local Board and Council decision-making
- Advocating to the Council on key issues and priorities for the community area, especially through the Annual and Long Term Plan processes
- Providing grants to community groups and organisations
- Granting of leases or licences on reserves
- Acting as a link for residents to access Council services
- Maintaining positive working relationships with key Council staff and management
- Actively participating in Council business, including the annual budget, to ensure equitable spending across the District while being mindful of rates affordability
- Working collaboratively with other Community Boards to promote an understanding that they do not work in isolation but as a team in conjunction with the Council.



Performance Expectations 2022–2025

The Woodend-Sefton Community Board aims to meet the needs of our diverse community through:

- Engaging with individuals, groups, other Boards, and the Council to provide the best outcome for the Woodend–Sefton community and the District as a whole.
- Engaging and interacting with younger generations by seeking their views and feedback on important issues in the Board area.
- Engaging with local schools, community and advisory groups and offering encouragement for their projects and providing assistance where practical.
- Developing closer links and relationships with key settlements and groups in the Woodend–Sefton Board area, as well as with significant District-wide organisations.
- Developing strategies for the Board to become an effective, cohesive voice in representing the community viewpoint at meetings and policy hearings.
- Developing and promoting the Community Board as a vehicle for local residents to seek assistance and advocacy in accessing Council services and consultation processes.
- Maintaining positive working relationships with key Council staff and management.
- Actively participating in Council business and the annual budget process to ensure equitable spending across the District whilst being mindful of rates affordability.
- Supporting the Council's Local Economic Development Strategy to encourage business growth across the Woodend–Sefton Board area.
- Continuing to advocate for the protection and enhancement of waterways and wetlands for recreational purposes.
- Advocating for balanced growth that enhances and protects the character of the communities' recreational, opportunities, livability and employment.
- Working closely with each community to identify and encourage attractive streetscapes which enhance the visual profile of townships in the Woodend–Sefton Board area.



Owen Stalker Park

What's Happening Now and Looking Forward?

There are a number of projects recently completed and underway in the Woodend-Sefton Community area. This section outlines those projects.

Looking back at 2024

Accessible viewing platforms built at Pegasus and Waikuku Beaches

In October 2023 the Board approved the construction of two accessible viewing platforms at Pegasus and Waikuku beaches to ensure that all residents could enjoy the beaches.

The plan developed for the viewing platform included enhancement of the access path to the platform to ensure its suitability for wheelchairs and the modification of the existing path from the top of the dune to the front of the foredunes. With assistance from the Accessibility Group and engineers work began on the platforms in 2024 and have now been completed. There has been positive feedback from the community and the platforms are well used by the local community as well as visitors to the area. The Board would like to investigate the possibility of installing a similar platform at Woodend.



Progress on Waikuku Beach accessible platform

New Woodend Town Centre toilets in School Road

The Board has been advocating for the renewal of these toilets for some years and was pleased when the opportunity arose to apply to the tourism fund to have this facility upgraded sooner than the proposed renewal.



Viewing Platform Pegasus Beach

The Board was successful in its funding bid which encouraged the Council to move the Woodend toilet renewal forward so as to take advantage of the additional funding. The Board was concerned that the beautiful mural on the old toilets would be lost and sadly due to the nature of the upgraded toilets there was no way to transfer the mural. The Board and staff are working with the school to enable a new mural to be painted on the toilets located in the Woodend Reserve near Owen Stalker Park.

The new toilets came in under budget which allowed landscaping and a picnic table to be installed in the vicinity. All agree that the new facility is a huge improvement on the old and are well used by locals, travellers and cyclists on the Rangiora Woodend Path.



Woodend Town Centre Toilets in School Road

Opening of Woodland Estate Playground in Parsonage Road

The new play space at Parsonage Road Reserve opened in 2024 and has proven a popular addition for the community. This play space combines traditional play features such as swings and slides, with interactive features including a musical bridge, learn to ride track and table tennis table.

New public toilets have also been included within the reserve and a picnic table and seating areas provide spaces to sit and enjoy the space.



Woodland Estate Playground

Seats installed along Bob Robertson Drive, in conjunction with Ravenswood Developments

The Board had identified that new seating in Bob Robertson Drive would be an asset for the community, noting that many people who liked to take walks to the business district may like a place to stop for a brief rest before continuing.

The Board had agreed to fund two benches in the 2023/24 financial year. In discussions with staff on the locations of the benches it was decided to approach Ravenswood Developments to see if they could assist with installation costs.



New Seats on Bob Robertson Drive, Ravenswood

In a great joint project Ravenswood Developments agreed to match the Council's two seats with two of its own with the result that residents now have an option of four benches to choose from.

The Board would like to acknowledge Ravenswood Developments generous gift of the two extra benches and hopes that more joint ventures can be considered in the future.

Paid surf lifesaving patrol dates were extended during January 2025 at Woodend and Pegasus Beaches

Board members had noticed that lifesaving patrols at Pegasus and Woodend beaches began in mid December and finished in early-mid January, which did not correspond with the usage of the beaches.

The Board then requested that the Council reconsider changing the times that lifesavers patrolled with a possibility of an extension.

It had been noted that the beaches were not overly busy pre-Christmas as most people were preparing for Christmas or away on holidays. It asked if the lifesaving season could start after Christmas and continue to early February.

The Council agreed to the changes during its Long Term Plan process and therefore the 2024/25 summer season has reflected changes with the full implementation for next summer.



Waikuku Beach Lifeguard



Taranaki Stream

Encouraging Biodiversity — ongoing projects

The Board raised with staff the Waikuku Pond as an area which required some maintenance and enhancement of the area allowing for natural regeneration. The area comprises a small pond surrounded by native and exotic vegetation connected to the Taranaki lagoon and the wider Taranaki Stream. The pond previously had native plantings but had become encroached by a number of weed species.

Seed funding of \$3,000 from the Board enabled work to start in 2024. Additional funding of \$5,000 from the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) will be used for further planting and the installation of environmental interpretation signage for the area. The work will continue in stages.

Alongside the Taranaki Stream in Beach Road, Waikuku Beach, the invasive honeysuckle has become prevalent and grows up the trees and along the banks.

Given the sensitivity of this area the Board asked staff to look at options for the removal and control of the honeysuckle and other weeds without damaging the environment. This is a complex operation because of the access to the banks of the stream by a road, nesting birds, seasonal growth and the difficulty eradicating honeysuckle.

Work will continue over several seasons.

Safer entrance into Gladstone Dog park and trees planted

The Board has contributed some of its General Landscaping Budget towards enhancing the dog park at Gladstone Park.

The first project tackled was improving access from the main entrance off Hakatere Road in Pegasus which was previously at a very steep grade in sections and not easily accessible. A new accessible grade section has been added to ensure there is a safe, accessible route for all to the entrance. A number of trees have also been planted within the dog park which in time will provide more shade for users and their dogs.

Drainage

- Waikuku Beach – A new portable pump station has been installed in Park Terrace, with further upgrades and a larger permanent pump station proposed in this area in future years. Further investigation is planned to be undertaken to consider the need for a pump station on the Taranaki Stream at the stopbank. Localised upgrades are also proposed to improve the drainage in Kings Avenue, Bridge Street and Park Terrace.
- Woodend Beach – The works to upgrade the swales, driveway culverts and outlet to Kairaki Creek in Stalkers Road have been completed.
- Woodend – Investigation and design work is underway on both the Box Drain Improvements project and McIntosh Drain upgrade between Parsonage Road and Gladstone Road. Upgrading of the School Road stormwater system is underway this financial year.
- Sefton – Council staff have worked with Environment Canterbury staff to identify and implement upgrades to Sefton Creek. Drainage upgrade works are also proposed to be undertaken this financial year in Lower Sefton Road and Upper Sefton Road.

2025 and what projects are ahead

Ashley Rakahuri Viewing Platform

In November the Board considered a request from the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group who would like to install a viewing platform adjacent to the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary carpark overlooking the estuary. This would be gifted to the community to educate visitors about the flora and fauna in and around the estuary, while they enjoy the view. This exciting project was an outcome from the review of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw review which identified the need to educate the public on the importance of the estuary.

Roading

The Board continues to advocate for funding for the safe crossing of pedestrians at the Pegasus/Ravenswood roundabout and a path between Ravenswood and the north end of Woodend.

Pegasus Community Centre

The Board has long advocated for a purpose-built community centre for the Pegasus community and after many years of lobbying this has finally come to fruition.

The Board considered a report at an extraordinary meeting in December 2024 to go out for public consultation on the concept design for the proposed building. This is planned to be a multiuse facility allowing events, meetings and recreation opportunities.

It is hoped that construction will begin in October 2025 with a completion date in September 2026.



Woodend Beach new playground and toilets project continues

The Board have approved staff beginning design on a new play space to replace the existing playground at Woodend Beach which is in need of renewal. This design is planned for a new area within the undulating dune space and will take advantage of the terrain for natural play opportunities as well as traditional playground features. As part of the project, the toilets and car park are also planned for renewal at the same time so these projects are being designed in conjunction with one another. It is planned that a design will be provided to the community in the first half of 2025 for consultation and funds become available through the long term plan in the 2025/2026 financial year.

Youth space in Pegasus – let's progress this!

The Board have been working with Greenspace staff and youth within Pegasus to identify their needs and desires for youth spaces within Pegasus. Staff are now putting together a number of options for how this could be achieved and plan to bring this to the Board for approval to consult with the Pegasus Community in the first quarter of 2025.



Pegasus Bay Beach

Woodend Pegasus Area Strategy – start developing a plan for the future

A refresh for the Woodend Pegasus Area Strategy 2013 was due in 2023, however this was delayed until confirmation of the significant government roading initiative known as the SH1 Belfast to Pegasus Motorway and Woodend Bypass (B2P) project which was confirmed in July 2024.

This year, staff will work with the communities and local businesses in Woodend, Ravenswood and Pegasus to understand needs, aspirations and opportunities in the area and how these communities will potentially be impacted by re-routing of the SH1.

This feedback will be used to refresh the Strategy which will provide direction to support future developments for Woodend, Ravenswood and Pegasus.

Sense of community

- The Board continues to encourage planning for future needs to ensure the development of user friendly and future focused community facilities including Community Centre, Library and Service Centre which are needed urgently with the rapid growth in the area.
- Pegasus Lake – Templetons, as the developer, Environment Canterbury, the Waimakariri District Council and consultants are working together to move this matter forward after the aeration trial in 2023 and we look forward to more information about a plan to ensure the Lake is available as a recreational asset for the District.
- Pegasus Lake — The Board will continue to work with the developer, as owner of the lake, and other key stakeholders to advocate for mitigations that will meet the community's expectations as well as the intended purpose of the lake (recreational activity that involves limited body contact with the water) and bring the lake into compliance with regional council consents.
- Continue to advocate to NZTA - Waka Kotahi the importance and need for a safe way for pedestrians and cyclists to cross between Pegasus and Ravenswood commercial area (SH1) as well as a safe pedestrian and cycle access between Pegasus roundabout and Woodend.
- The Board supports the Sefton Public Hall Committee working in partnership with Council staff on the rebuild of the hall to enable the community to come together in a user-friendly facility focused on the community. Currently the Committee is considering the lease offered in the Domain by the Council prior to fundraising efforts commencing.
- Continue to advocate to Environment Canterbury for better public transport options.



Sefton Domain

Woodend-Sefton Community Board Members

Member and contact details	Other responsibilities
 <p>Shona Powell Chair Mobile: 0210 231 6152 Email: shona.powell@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waimakariri Access Group • Pegasus Community Centre Project Steering Group
 <p>Mark Paterson Mobile: 027 534 9112 Email: mark.paterson@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support • Woodend Community Association • Gladstone Park Advisory Group • Sefton/Ashley and Sefton River Rating District Committees
 <p>Ian Fong Mobile: 029 384 1010 Email: ian.fong@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waimakariri Health Advisory Group • Pegasus Residents Group • Sefton Public Hall Society • Sefton Domain Advisory Group • Coastal Rural Drainage Advisory Group
 <p>Rhonda Mather Mobile: 027 431 0803 Email: rhonda.mather@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GreyPower North Canterbury • Woodend Community Centre Advisory Group
 <p>Andrew Thompson Mobile: 027 235 7140 Email: andrew.thompson@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group
 <p>Cr Brent Cairns Mobile: 027 222 4767 Email: brent.cairns@wmk.govt.nz <i>Appointed to the Board by the Council</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waimakariri Access Group • North Canterbury Museums' Group • Neighbourhood Support
 <p>Cr Philip Redmond QSM Mobile: 027 439 5515 Email: philip.redmond@wmk.govt.nz <i>Appointed to the Board by the Council</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waimakariri Health Advisory Group • Walking and Cycling Reference Group • Ashley River Rating Committee

Other Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward Councillors

The Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward has a total of four Councillors elected to represent it on the Council. Two Councillors, N Atkinson and A Blackie, have been appointed by the Council to the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board.

Councillors B Cairns and P Redmond have been appointed to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board.

The Woodend-Sefton Community Board has chosen to only have the Councillors appointed to Woodend-Sefton Community Board included in the Board members with speaking rights.

Kaipoi-Woodend Ward Councillors

Member and contact details



Cr Neville Atkinson JP

Deputy Mayor

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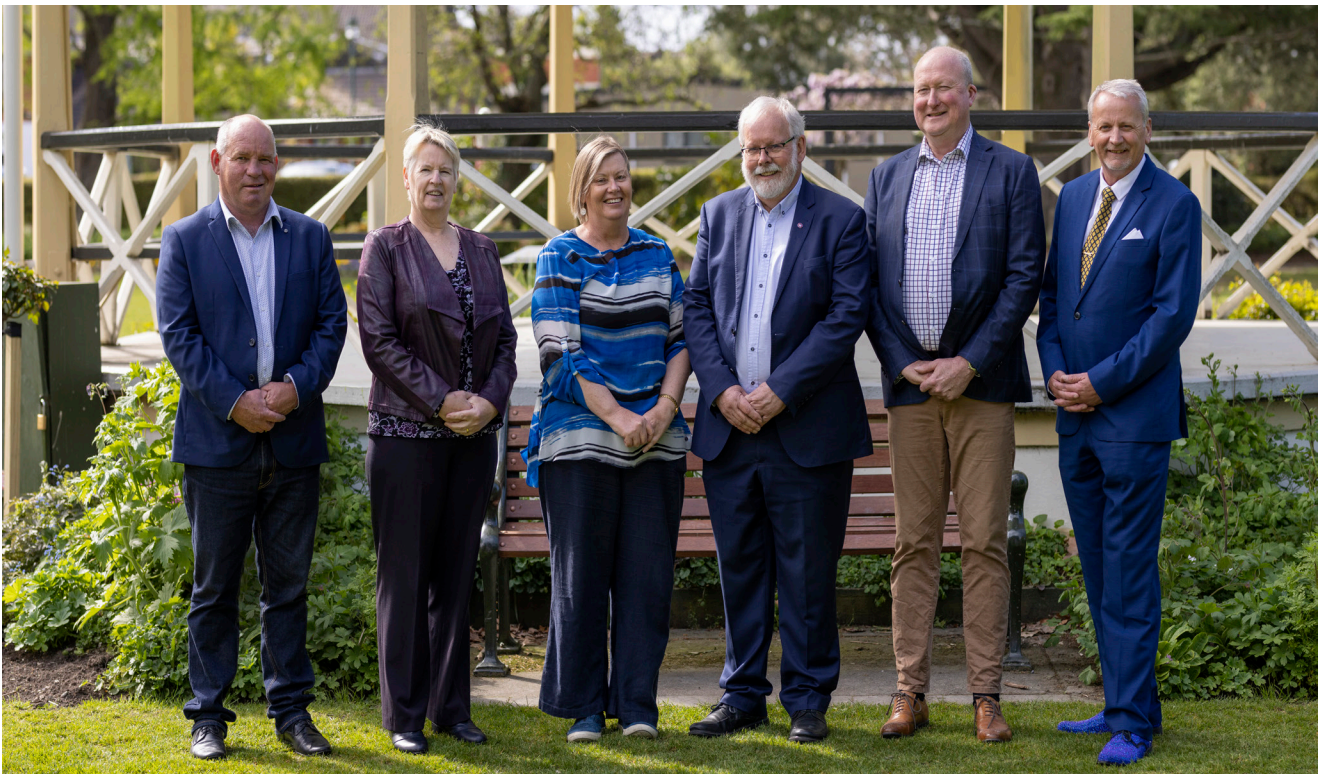
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Woodend-Sefton Community Board - Andrew Thompson not present

Where and When are Meetings Held?

Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 5.30pm and anyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting agendas are available at Council Service Centres or on the Council website two working days before a meeting:

waimakariri.govt.nz/your-council/meetings

How do you raise a concern or issue?

Do not hesitate to contact a member of the Community Board for advice and help (see pages 10-11 for contact information). You are always welcome to contact members to discuss Council and community-related matters.

The Community is encouraged to raise concerns and speak to the Board at meetings. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, please contact the Chairperson (shona.powell@wmk.govt.nz) or the Governance Adviser (com.board@wmk.govt.nz) at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

As part of the consultation process there are opportunities for individuals or groups to make submissions on projects and plans. These are notified on the Council's website under 'Have a Say' and in the Northern Outlook and The North Canterbury News. There may also be public meetings and/or information sessions that you can attend.

The Governance Team assists the Community Board with:

- Arranging deputations and workshops
- Accessing and administering Board funding
- Access to Community Board documentation
- Assisting with submissions to the Long Term Plan (LTP) and Annual Plan and any other community-based issues
- Assists as liaison between the community and the Board as well as between the Board and Council departments.

The 2025 meetings are scheduled for:

Date and Time	Location
10 February	Woodend Community Centre
11 March (Tuesday)	Sefton Public Hall
15 April (Tuesday)	Waikuku Beach Community Hall
12 May	Woodend Community Centre
9 June	Woodend Community Centre
14 July	Woodend Community Centre
11 August	Woodend Community Centre
8 September	Woodend Community Centre

NOTE: As 2025 is an election year the last meeting of the current triannual will be held in September 2025.

Governance Team contact details

- ☎ 0800 965 468
- ✉ com.board@wmk.govt.nz
- 📄 215 High Street, Private Bag 1005, Rangiora 7440

Board members often take part in the activities of community organisations within the community area.

If you would like to invite a Board member to a meeting or event, please contact the Chairperson (shona.powell@wmk.govt.nz) or Governance Team on com.board@wmk.govt.nz

Interested in Being a Candidate in This Year's Local Body Elections?

We are searching for leaders to shape our communities and be part of local district and community decision-making.

Elections will be held on 11 October 2025 to elect:

- a. the Mayor
- b. Councillors as follows:
 - Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward: four (4) Councillors
 - Oxford-Ohoka Ward: two (2) Councillors
 - Rangiora-Ashley Ward: four (4) Councillors.
- c. Five (5) members for the Kaiapoi-Tuahiw Community Board.
- d. Five (5) members of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board.
- e. Six (6) members of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board on the following basis:
 - Three (3) members by electors in the Ohoka-Swannanoa subdivision
 - Three (3) members by electors in the Oxford subdivision.
- f. Election of eight (8) members of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board on the following basis:
 - Two (2) members by electors in the Ashley subdivision
 - Six (6) members by electors in the Rangiora subdivision.

Candidate eligibility

A candidate for local authority elections must be:

- a. Enrolled on a parliamentary electoral roll somewhere in New Zealand; and
- b. A New Zealand citizen (either by birth or naturalisation ceremony).

Restrictions on candidates for local authority elections:

- a. A candidate may not seek nomination for more than one ward of Council.
- b. A candidate may seek nomination for Mayor and/or Council and/or a Community Board but may not also seek nomination for Canterbury Regional Council.
- c. A candidate may seek nomination for Mayor and/or a Ward of the Council and/or a Community Board, but in the event that they are elected:
 - as Mayor and a Ward Councillor then they must be treated as having vacated the ward office.
 - as a Ward Councillor and a Community Board member then they must be treated as having vacated the Community Board office.
- d. A candidate cannot be a person concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 with the territorial local authority. This restriction is waived if prior approval from the Office of the Auditor-General is obtained.
- e. An employee of a local authority who is elected as Mayor or Councillor must resign from their position as an employee of the local authority before taking up their elected position. This provision does not apply if an employee of a territorial authority is elected to a Community Board within the district of that territorial authority.
- f. Evidence of NZ citizenship will be requested at the time of candidate nomination.

Nominations

Nominations open on 1 July 2025 and close at 12 noon on 1 August 2025.

Each candidate must be nominated on the official nomination paper which is available during normal office hours from:

- all Council Service Centres
- by calling the Waimakariri District Council on 0800 965 468
- the Council's website waimakariri.govt.nz
- contacting elections@wmk.govt.nz

If you have any questions please contact the Deputy Electoral Officer at elections@wmk.govt.nz.



Woodend-Sefton Community Board Discretionary Grant

Each financial year (July to June) the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is allocated funds to distribute, by application, to community-based organisations within their community area.

For the 2024/25 financial year the allocation for Discretionary Grant fund is \$6,830. The criteria and application form is available from the Council's website: waimakariri.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/board-grants-and-funding

Woodend-Sefton Community Board criteria for funding applications

Applications will only be accepted from non-profit community-based organisations, registered charities or incorporated societies.

- The applicant should have strong links with the community area of Woodend-Sefton.
- The applicants should clearly state the purpose for which the money is to be used.
- Money should primarily be used for capital or improvement works, for enhancement of the group, or towards the purposes of the group, including events involving community participation.

- Examples of what is not funded are available on the application documents. Debt and wages are not funded.
- The applicant should submit a balance sheet which shows their current financial assets and liabilities. Applications cannot be processed until financial information is received.
- Where possible, or feasible, applicants should also show other sources from which funding has been applied for or granted from.
- Grant applications will be considered monthly. Generally funding grants will be a maximum of \$750 in any one year (July–June) but the group may apply up to twice in that year providing it is for a different project.

The completed application should be posted to:

Governance Team

C/- Waimakariri District Council,
Private Bag 1005 Rangiora 7440

Or emailed to: com.board@wmk.govt.nz

Or dropped in to your local service centre (see back page for details).

Process by Governance Team

Once the application has been received, the Governance Team will assess the application, write a report and present it to the following Community Board meeting for a decision.

The Governance Team will notify you following the meeting of the Board's decision.



Memorial in Sefton Domain

Discretionary Fund Grant allocations from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Date Allocated	Group	Project	Amount
July	Woodend Spring Flower Show	Hall hire and insurance costs	\$500
July	North Canterbury Pony Club	Towards the cost of St John Ambulance services	\$200
July	Hope Trust	Towards the purchase of a projector and screen	\$705
September	Sefton Netball Club	Towards the purchase of equipment	\$500
September	Woodend Fire Brigade	Towards Christmas Lights display	\$500
September	North Canterbury Inclusive Sports Festival	Hosting the festival at MainPower Stadium	\$500
September	Woodend Playcentre	Towards replacement fence	\$500
November	Waiora Links Community Trust	Towards co-hosting Community Family Event	\$500



North Canterbury Inclusive Sports

Greenspace/Landscaping Projects

Each financial year (July to June) the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is allocated funds to be used for projects which enhance and beautify the community such as landscaping, public seating and signage. For the 2024/25 financial year the allocation for the Landscape budget is \$13,090. Note that budgets are estimated and any underspend will be used to mitigate any overspend on other projects.

If you have a suggestion for beautifying your community that you would like the Board to consider, please contact either the Board Chairperson (shona.powell@wmk.govt.nz) or the Governance Adviser (com.board@wmk.govt.nz).

The following are projects currently being progressed from the Board's General Landscape Budget:

Current and Completed Projects		
Woodend Beach Entrance Sign	In progress	\$5,330
Welcome to Woodend Signs	In progress	\$12,810
Owen Stalker Park Signs	In progress	\$3,500
Waikuku Beach Pond	In progress	\$3,000
Improvements to access path at Gladstone Dog Park	Completed	\$3,000
Tree planting at Gladstone Dog Park	Completed	Unknown
Seating along Bob Robertson Drive	Completed	None
Planting at Sefton Domain	In progress	\$4,326
Shelter to be built at Gladstone Dog Park	In progress	\$10,000



Owen Stalker Park

Waimakariri Youth Development Grant

Purpose of the grant

In 2018 the Waimakariri Community Boards established the Waimakariri Youth Development Grant to support one or more young people seeking:

- To enhance young people's skills and strengths; especially self-worth, decision-making, good relationships, resilience, positive mental health, life-skills and leadership
- To provide opportunities for young people to connect positively with their community in meaningful, practical ways
- To help and benefit others.

General overview

Available to young people living in the Waimakariri District aged between 12 and 24 at the time of application. An annual grant of up to \$4,000 is available for allocation to suitable applicants in any one year. The Youth Development Grant Committee may award more than one grant up to a combined maximum of \$4,000 in a financial year (1 July to 30 June). If the Youth Development Grant Committee do not award the maximum funding in November of a year, further applications will be called for.

Application process

Applications must be fully completed and supported by two referees. (For example teacher, school principal, employer, faith leader, youth worker or community group leader). One reference may be permitted from a member of the applicant's wider family. Information will be available on the Council website at waimakariri.govt.nz/community/funding-and-grants/youth-development-grant

Selection process

The Youth Development Grant Committee includes the four Community Board Chairs and an appointee of the Waimakariri Youth Council. The Committee is the sole decision-making body.

Short-listed applicants will be expected to present their application to the Committee in person and to answer any questions that the Committee may have. Applicants will be expected to provide an overview of their proposed project/activity to the Committee and they may choose how to do this. The Committee members will ask all applicants a series of general questions to help them make a decision.

The Council staff will work with the successful applicant to formalise an agreement on how the grant will be paid to them. This is really important as the Committee needs to be sure that the grant is spent on the project/activities the applicant has told them about and to also provide additional guidance to our youth.

Previous recipients

Group	Project	Amount
Waimakariri Student Volunteer Army	Towards the costs of purchasing high visibility vests, work gloves, a first aid kit and on spades to do volunteer work within the community.	\$1,733
J Reyello, L Price and E Stokes	Towards attending the 2020 24-7 YouthWork National Training to be held from 29 June 2020 to 1 July 2020 in Wellington.	\$2,000
Abby Fraser	Towards establishing a weekly Breakfast Club for young people attending Rangiora High School without breakfast.	\$4,000
Lee Pockson	Towards hosting Theatresport workshops for young people.	\$1,000
Ruby Wilson	Towards hosting two Leadership Breakfasts for young leaders in the Waimakariri District.	\$3,000

Council Facilities and Contact Details



Service Centres

waimakariri.govt.nz

Rangiora Service Centre

215 High Street, Rangiora

☎ 0800 965 468

✉ office@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 8.30am–5pm

Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre

176 Williams Street, Kaiapoi

☎ 03 375 5009

✉ kaiapoi@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm

Oxford Service Centre

34 Main Street, Oxford

☎ 03 311 9005

✉ oxford@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm

Saturday: 10am–12 noon

(Limited services on Saturday)

Community Centres

Online booking:

waimakariri.govt.nz/leisure-and-recreation/facilities/halls-and-meeting-venues

Woodend Community Centre

6 School Road, Woodend.

Pegasus Community Centre

Cnr Pegasus Main Street and Tahuna Street, Pegasus

Waikuku Beach Hall

1 Bridge Street, Waikuku Beach



Libraries

waimakaririlibraries.com

Rangiora Library

Trevor Inch Memorial Library

141 Percival Street, Rangiora

☎ 03 311 8901

✉ library@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Thursday: 9am–5pm

Friday: 9am–7pm

Saturday: 10am–2pm

Sunday: 1–4pm

Kaiapoi Library

176 Williams Street, Kaiapoi

☎ 03 375 5009

✉ library@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Wednesday and Friday: 9am–5pm

Thursday: 9am–7pm

Saturday: 10am–2pm

Sunday: 1–4pm

Oxford Library

34 Main Street, Oxford

☎ 03 311 9006

✉ library@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm

Saturday: 10am–12 noon



Aquatic Centres

waimakariri.govt.nz/aquatic-facility

Dudley Park Aquatic Centre

47 Church Street, Rangiora

☎ 03 311 8905

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 6am–9pm

Saturday and Sunday: 7.30am–7pm

Public Holidays: 10am–7pm

Christmas Day: Closed

Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre

9 Cass Street, Kaiapoi

☎ 03 375 5041

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 6am–3.30pm and 6–9pm

Saturday and Sunday: 7.30am–7pm

Public Holidays: 10am–7pm

Christmas Day: Closed

Oxford Community Aquatic Centre

9 Burnett Street, Oxford

☎ 03 311 8921

Opening hours

Summer only from late November

Monday to Friday: 8.30am–6.30pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10am–7pm

Public Holidays: 10am–7pm

Christmas Day: Closed

Transfer Stations

Southbrook Resource Recovery Park

284 Flaxton Road, Rangiora

☎ 03 313 5499

Resale Store: 03 313 5798

Opening hours

Monday to Sunday: 8.30am–4.30pm

Public Holidays: Closed

Oxford Transfer Station

46 High Street, Oxford

Opening hours

Friday: 12.30pm–4.30pm

Sunday: 12 noon–4.30pm

Public Holidays: Closed

The Council has a number of other facilities and venues which can be found on the websites as provided below:

Halls and Meeting Venues:

waimakariri.govt.nz/leisure-and-recreation/facilities/halls-and-meeting-venues

Sports Grounds:

waimakariri.govt.nz/leisure-and-recreation/facilities/sports-grounds

If you are new to the District you may like to visit our website which provides information on a number of Council services:

waimakariri.govt.nz/community/new-to-the-District

Request a Service

The following service requests can be lodged online with the Council. The location of the request is required.

Please contact Council directly on 0800 965 468 regarding urgent requests such as excessive noise, flooding or public toilet issues.

Online Service requests

- Cemeteries
- Dog complaints
- Drains
- Footpaths
- Litter/rubbish
- Parks
- Public water supplies
- Roads and streets
- Rubbish/recycling collections
- Sewer
- Signs
- Trees
- Vandalism/graffiti
- Water races

Go to waimakariri.govt.nz/services/online-services

Snap Send Solve

You can report an issue instantly from your mobile if you spot something like a damaged footpath, litter or pothole.

Report an issue via waimakariri.govt.nz/snapsendsolve.com



Waikuku Beach Paddling Pool



215 High Street
Private Bag 1005
Rangiora 7440, New Zealand
Phone 0800 965 468
waimakariri.govt.nz

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