

# Agenda

## Woodend-Sefton Community Board

Tuesday 11 March 2025

5.30pm

Sefton Hall  
591 Upper Sefton Road  
Sefton

**Members:**

Shona Powell (Chairperson)

Mark Paterson (Deputy Chairperson)

Brent Cairns

Ian Fong

Rhonda Mather

Philip Redmond

Andrew Thompson

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**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD AT THE SEFTON HALL, 591 UPPER SEFTON ROAD, SEFTON ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025 AT 5.30PM.**

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	(a) <b>Confirms</b> , as a true and accurate record, the circulated minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting held on 10 February 2025.	
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	(a) <b>Receives</b> the notes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Workshop held on 10 February 2025.	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY</u></b>	
	Nil.	
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	<i>Refer to Public Excluded Agenda.</i>	

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 Waikuku Beach Pond Enhancements – Bex Dollery (Biodiversity Team Leader)

16-72

#### *RECOMMENDATION*

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250204018369
- (b) **Approves** the installation of biodiversity enhancements in the Waikuku Beach Pond reserve area funded through the Natural Environment Strategy.
- (c) **Notes** enhancement works are ongoing utilising the \$5,000 budget available from the ZIPA fund and \$3,000 allocated from the Community Board's landscaping budget.
- (d) **Notes** that the design of the panels for environmental interpretation will be undertaken by the Greenspace team with designs approved by the Board prior to installation.

### 6.2 Waikuku Beach Volleyball Court Consultation Results – Chrissy Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer)

73-86

#### *RECOMMENDATION*

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250226031487.
- (b) **Approves** staff carrying out consultation on the installation of a beach volleyball court in both location one and two as seen in Trim No. 250225030683.
- (c) **Notes** that installing a volleyball court in Waikuku Beach is a supported activity under the Waikuku Beach Reserve Spatial Activity Plan.
- (d) **Notes** that the Spatial Activity Plan was publicly consulted on with the community in November 2022 and approved by the Community Board in February 2023.
- (e) **Notes** that the construction of the beach volleyball court will be carried out by the community and overseen by Greenspace staff as this is a community driven project. The volleyball court will be constructed once enough funds have been attained.
- (f) **Notes** that the project is to be funded entirely by the community through fundraising and donations. The cost for the posts/ net is expected to be under \$5,000 and the sand is planned to be donated. Any other landscaping costs is expected to be minimal as this would be done by qualified volunteers and any materials needed would be donated.
- (g) **Notes** the community intend to gift the volleyball court to Council once it is constructed. Council would then assume responsibility of the court before its ongoing maintenance and depreciation.
- (h) **Notes** the maintenance of the asset is estimated to be \$1,007.16 annually. This will be covered under existing Greenspace maintenance budgets.
- (i) **Notes** that a report will be brought back to the Community Board, detailing the consultation results, and seeking approval of installation if appropriate. This will include the timeline for installation, design, materials, construction method and any associated costs, along with ongoing maintenance plan and cost.
- (j) **Notes** in February 2024, the Woodend-Sefton Community Board approved Council staff to consult with the community to install a beach volleyball court in the North Oval and consultation was carried out in May 2024.

- (k) **Notes** that there were 20 people who responded to the survey with nine people (45%) in favour of a volleyball court in the North Oval, five people (25%) against a volleyball court anywhere in Waikuku Beach, and six people (30%) who were supportive of a volleyball court providing it was in a different location.
- (l) **Notes** that should the volleyball court go ahead, a resource consent from Waimakariri District Council will be required before works go ahead.
- (m) **Notes** that staff do not expect flooding to be a major issue for the proposed areas, but Greenspace staff will work with 3 Waters staff about drainage mechanisms for the area.

6.3 **Pegasus Youth Space Options – Approval to Undertake Consultation – Grant Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader)**

87-101

*RECOMMENDATION*

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No.250225030706.
- (b) **Approves** staff undertaking consultation to determine the preference of the wider community for the Pegasus Youth Space between Option One (Dedicated Skate Area), Two (Three Way Split, Rakahuri, Maungatere and Lakeside) or Three (Three Way Split – Rakahuri, Maungatere and Greenway).
- (c) **Notes** that The Pegasus Youth Space has been allocated \$192,515 in the Councils 2024/34 Long-Term Plan and that any of the three options could be achieved within this budget.
- (d) **Notes** that staff have undertaken consultation with the local Pegasus youth to determine what a youth space in Pegasus might look like.
- (e) **Notes** that staff have used the feedback along with a review of current youth provision within Pegasus to create three options for the Pegasus Youth Space for consideration by the Board and wider community.
- (f) **Notes** that staff will collate the feedback received and provide this to the Board in a later report along with a concept plan with recommendations for the development of the Pegasus Youth Space.

6.4 **Approval of the updated Woodend-Sefton Community Board Plan 2022-25 – Kay Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

102-122

*RECOMMENDATION*

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 250130014997.
- (b) **Approves** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Plan 2022-25 (Trim: 230301028039).
- (c) **Authorises** the Chairperson to approve the final version of the updated Woodend-Sefton Community Plan 2022-25 if any further minor editorial corrections are required.

**7 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## 8 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### 8.1 Chairpersons Report for February 2025

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#### *RECOMMENDATION*

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chairperson (Trim: 250305036107).

## 9 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 5 February 2025.
- 9.2. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 12 February 2025.
- 9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 17 February 2025.
- 9.4. Parking management Plan Project: Approaches to Managing Parking Demand and Supply for Rangiora and Kaiapoi Town Centres to 2040 – Report to Council Meeting 4 February 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.5. Chairperson's Performance Report for the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board, 1 February to 31 December 2024 - Report to Council Meeting 4 February 2025 - Circulates to all Boards
- 9.6. Chairperson's Report for the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board, Period 1 January to 31 December 2024– Report to Council Meeting 4 February 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.7. Chairperson's Report for the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board, Period 1 January to 31 December 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 4 February 2025– Circulates to all Boards
- 9.8. Chairperson's Report for the Woodend-Sefton Community Board, period 1 January to 31 December 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 4 February 2025 - Circulates to all Boards
- 9.9. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report December 2024 to Current – Report to Council Meeting 4 February 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.10. Youth Action Plan – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 25 February 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.11. Libraries Update from 14 November 2024 to 13 February 2025 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 25 February 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.12. Aquatics February Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 25 February 2025 – Circulates to all Boards

#### *RECOMMENDATION*

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.12.

#### **Note:**

1. *The links for Matters for Information were previously circulated to members as part of the relevant meeting agendas.*

## **10 MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

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10.1 **Rhonda Mather**

10.2 **Ian Fong**

10.3 **Philip Redmond**

*The purpose of this exchange is to provide a short update to other members in relation to activities/meetings that have been attended or to provide general Board related information.*

*Any written information submitted by members will be circulated via email prior to the meeting.*

## **11 CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

11.1 **Let's Talk About Parking**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/let-s-talk-about-parking>

Consultation closes Wednesday 12 March 2025.

## **12 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

12.1 **Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 31 January 2025: \$3,425.

12.2 **General Landscaping Budget**

Balance as at 31 January 2025: \$14,326.

## **13 MEDIA ITEMS**

## **14 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

## **15 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

## **16 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

*Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.*

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be), it is moved:

That the public is excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

16.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 10 February 2025

16.2 Meridian EV Charges Upgrade in Woodend Community Centre Carpark

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
16.1	Public Excluded Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 10 February 2025	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(b(i)).
16.2	EV Charger Upgrade in the Woodend Community Centre Carpark	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(b(i)).

**CLOSED MEETING**

*Refer to Public Excluded Agenda (separate document)*

**OPEN MEETING**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is scheduled for 5.30pm, Tuesday 15 April 2025 at the Waikuku Beach Hall, Park Terrace, Waikuku Beach.

**Workshop**

- *Members Forum*



3.4 **Notes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Workshop – 3 December 2024 and 12 December 2024**

Moved: R Mather                      Seconded: M Paterson

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the notes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Workshop held on 3 December 2024 and 12 December 2024.

**CARRIED**

**4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

4.1 **Street Trees in Pounamu Place, Pegasus – David Mills and Alan Williams**

D Mills spoke to the Board noting he was a resident of Pounamu Place, Pegasus and he represented other residents of Pounamu Place, Pegasus. Residents were concerned with 30 elm trees planted in Pounamu Place. The root structure and size of the trees made them unsuitable for the street. Some of the trees were planted only two metres directly opposite property gates. The trees reached a maturity after ten years and should be planted a minimum of six metres from fences and structures. Elm trees tend to have shallow root systems and trees were easily damaged by soil compaction. The trees in Pounamu Place were planted 12 years ago and were still growing.

One of the trees blew over recently and residents were concerned as the tree looked healthy, exactly like the others, prior to falling over. The tree came down over the public walkway used mainly by school children and young families. The trees all looked healthy however there was now fear that another may come down in the same way and injure passersby, damage homes or parked cars. Concern that the elms may have Dutch Elm disease which hollowed the interior of the trunk while the outer tree still looked healthy, as the centre of the fallen tree was hollowed out.

The tree roots were also lifting the concrete paths creating trip hazards for pedestrians. Council workers had painted the raised concrete with fluro twice which was only visible during the day and not at night, or during leaf fall in autumn making the footpath hazardous. There was also concern that the roots would be lifting the property paths and getting into house foundations.

The paths were only going to get worse and at what cost to the Council and residents for ongoing repairs. The falling leaves in the winter and seeds in spring made the footpaths and roads slippery to walk along, hiding the tripping hazards of the raised concrete paths. The residents would like to know what steps the Council were going to take to make the paths safe and what assurance they could give residents that the other trees were safe and would not fall over.

Another resident raised that the trees were also in Barnes and Mary Ellen Streets.

R Mather asked if the residents wanted to retain the trees. D Mills explained that 19 of the households in Pounamu Place wanted the trees removed and replaced with more suitable trees.

P Redmond enquired if the trees had been inspected under a health and safety programme. G MacLeod noted that staff could do another visual assessment of the trees.

R Mather asked whether the trees stayed or went, what could be done about the footpaths. K LaValley noted that utilities and roading staff would investigate in conjunction with greenspace staff.

*A decision was made to take the Public Excluded section of the meeting at this time however the minutes reflect the order of the agenda to mitigate confusion.*

Moved: S Powell                      Seconded: A Thompson

**THAT** the Board move into public excluded at 5:47pm



**5 ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

**6 REPORTS**

Nil.

**7 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**8 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT****8.1 Chairpersons Report for December 2024 and January 2025**

Moved: S Powell                      Seconded: R Mather

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chairperson (Trim: 250203017074).

**CARRIED**

**9 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 4 December 2024.
- 9.2. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 11 December 2024.
- 9.3. Mandeville Resurgence Channel Upgrade Project Stage 1 – Approval to consult with residents – Report to Council Meeting 3 December 2024 – Circulates to Oxford-Ohoka Community Board
- 9.4. Parking Bylaw 2019 Section 155 Review Assessment – Report to Council Meeting 3 December 2024 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.5. Adoption of Road Reserve Management Policy with Revisions - Report to Council Meeting 3 December 2024 - Circulates to all Boards
- 9.6. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report November 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 3 December 2024 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.7. Annual Report and audited accounts for Enterprise North Canterbury for the year ended 30 June 2024 and Promotion of Waimakariri District Business Plan Report to June 2024 – Report to Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 10 December 2024 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.8. School Cycle Skills Education Programme “Cycle Sense” – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 10 December 2024 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.9. Herbicide Update and Usage by Council and Contractors in 2023/24 – Report to utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 10 December 2024 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.10. Rangiora Stormwater Annual Report 2023/24 and Monitoring Programme Report 2023/24 – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 10 December 2024 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.11. Approval to Enter into Agreement with Auto Stewardship New Zealand for Removal of Tyres Under the Tyrewise Product Stewardship Scheme – Report to Management Team Operations Meeting – Circulates to all Boards

Moved: R Mather

Seconded: I Fong

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.11.

**CARRIED**

## **10 MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

### **R Mather**

- Has reported to Roading staff that the fence at the end of the Ravenswood path to SH1 has been cut.

### **M Paterson**

- Woodend Community Association Meeting – discussed the Woodend Beach playground.
- Owen Stalker Park – signs were being made and would hopefully be installed soon.

### **A Thompon**

- Thanked Board for their start of year dinner.

## **11 CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

### **11.1 Libraries Survey 2024**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/libraries-survey-2024-25>

The Board noted the consultation project and discussed the State Highway one NZTA consultation.

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The Board noted the funding update.

## **13 MEDIA ITEMS**

Nil.

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Nil.

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**CLOSED MEETING**

*The Public Excluded section of the meeting ran from 5:47pm to 6:13pm.*

**OPEN MEETING**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is scheduled for 5.30pm, Tuesday 11 March 2025 at the Sefton Public Hall, 591 Upper Sefton Road, Sefton.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7PM.

CONFIRMED

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Chairperson

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Date

**Workshop (6:13pm to 6:40pm)**

- *Waikuku Volleyball – Chrissy Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer) 15 Minutes*
- *Members Forum*
  - *Submission on speed limits on State Highway One*

**NOTES OF A WORKSHOP OF THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD WORKSHOP HELD IN WOODEND COMMUNITY CENTER, SCHOOL ROAD, WOODEND ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2025 6.13PM.**

**PRESENT**

S Powell (Chairperson), M Paterson (Deputy Chairperson), I Fong, R Mather, P Redmond (Virtual) and A Thompson.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

K LaValley (General Manager Planning Regulation and Environment), G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager), C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer), K Rabe (Governance Advisor) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

**1. WAIKUKU BEACH VOLLYBALL COURT – C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer) and G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager)**

Questions/Issues:

- Understood that this was a community project, and the community were going to fundraise for it. The four proposed locations were great, but it seemed there would be expense incurred. Who paid for the resource consent, removal of trees, levelling of the land?

*The community would still be paying for that, and they were aware of the landscaping costs. As to the resource consent that would be a minimum of \$2,500 which staff were working with the community representative on.*

- Did the community representatives have a preferred location?

*Their preferred location would be on either side of the surf club. Although due to the resource consents that was trickier for them.*

- Had they or the staff talked with the surf club?

*Yes, they had brief conversations with them, they were happy having the court located near them and just wanted staff to consider using some of the excess sand along their building.*

- The logic of having the court closer to the surf club was compelling. The member of the public that had proposed this was aware of the costs and they needed to think seriously about them. Location four was interesting but it would be better to leave that space free for the use that it already had. It would be great to put it out with options two and three.

- Had staff spoken with the campground?

*Staff had not yet spoken with them but would.*

- With options two and three what impact would it have on future carparking options?

*Staff could tie that into what the masterplan would look like so that there was awareness of what that would look like.*

- What degree of infrastructure was required, was it going to be fenced and was it going to have some sort of foundation. If it was not being fenced, how did you keep cats and dogs out of the sandpit?

*There was no plan for any fencing, staff looked at these locations because the feedback was more in favour of somewhere not in the North Oval area. Having it located on the beach was not ideal because there was very limited space and there was the tide and weather concerns to deal with. In terms of foundations staff could come back with more detail in the report.*

- In the original report the cat/dog issue, was not seen to be an issue.  
*Staff did not believe it will be an issue.*

*The workshop closed at 6.40pm.*

**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL****REPORT FOR DECISION**

**FILE NO and TRIM NO:** RES-35-03 / 250204018369


**REPORT TO:** Woodend Sefton Community Board


**DATE OF MEETING:** 10 March 2025

**AUTHOR(S):** Bex Dollery, Biodiversity Team Leader

**SUBJECT:** Waikuku Beach Pond Enhancements

**ENDORSED BY:**  
(for Reports to Council,  
Committees or Boards)

  
General Manager

  
Chief Executive

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1. Decision is sought for the addition of further biodiversity enhancement in the form of habitat for pollinators in the wider Waikuku Beach Pond reserve area funded through the Natural Environment Strategy.
- 1.2. This report also updates on the ongoing ecological enhancement works of the Waikuku Beach Pond.
- 1.3. Enhancement works including infill planting and environmental signage are anticipated to be installed in autumn 2025 funded by The Woodend Sefton Community Board's General Landscaping Budget and the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) for capital works.
- 1.4. Environmental interpretation is being designed by the Greenspace team and will be presented to the Board for review and comment prior to finalisation and implementation.

**Attachments:**

- i. Signed and Combined Waikuku Beach Pond Report to Woodend Sefton Community Board May 2024 (Trim: 240430067679[v2])

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250204018369
- (b) **Approves** the installation of biodiversity enhancements in the Waikuku Beach Pond reserve area funded through the Natural Environment Strategy.
- (c) **Notes** enhancement works are ongoing utilising the \$5,000 budget available from the ZIPA fund and \$3,000 allocated from the Community Board's landscaping budget.
- (d) **Notes** that the design of the panels for environmental interpretation will be undertaken by the Greenspace team with designs approved by the Board prior to installation.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. In 2024, the Community Board agreed to enhancements around the Waikuku Beach Pond including a phased approach to grey willow removal by Council contractors, removal of other weeds such as honeysuckle and an allocation of \$3,000 from the General Landscaping Budget for infill planting of native vegetation the area (Attachment i).
- 3.2. The Community Board was allocated a further \$5,000 for ecological enhancement capital works by the ZIPA. This money was allocated for additional planting and environmental interpretative signage.
- 3.3. The infill planting and phased removal of willows will begin in autumn and the interpretive signs are being designed for review by the Community Board prior to installation.
- 3.4. In 2024, the Natural Environment Strategy was adopted through the Long-Term Plan process which allocated funding to increase natural values in reserves and to promote the urban wild concept, creating examples of how to attract wildlife into urban areas and support biodiversity.
- 3.5. It is proposed that, alongside the agreed enhancement works, invertebrate/pollinator/lizard habitats (affectionately referred to as “pollinator patches”) with environmental interpretation are created in the wider Waikuku Beach Central Area Reserve using the Natural Environment Strategy budget.

### **4. ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1. There has been a trend in Aotearoa New Zealand, as in much of the OECD, for urban areas to contain short mown grass with occasional trees and shrubs. This lack of environmental diversity has led to a decrease in habitats for a range of beneficial species, including pollinators.
- 4.2. Both within Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally, designs for pollinator habitat have been created. These include simple designs such as rock and log piles to more elaborate forms of wooden casings filled with materials such as bamboo or pinecones surrounded by invertebrate friendly plantings. These areas support the shelter and foraging of pollinators, particularly lizards and invertebrates (Figure 1).
- 4.3. The design for the pollinator patches, has been discussed with the Greenspace Operations team to ensure that management of the reserve would still be enabled and more work would not be created.
- 4.4. The proposals are anticipated to include a mixture of invertebrate and lizard shelter (refugia) and foraging areas, such as weta motels, stone piles, bee houses and wooden discs. These will be located at the base of two existing trees surrounded by native low growing herb and shrub plantings. The pollinator patches will have a wooden border to allow for unobstructed maintenance of the surrounding reserve. Maintenance contractors will be informed of the pollinator patches and instructed that these are no spray areas to be mown around.
- 4.5. Environmental interpretation will also be included for these pollinator patches to enable connection to the area and the species included in addition to generating more interest and curiosity in the reserve. It would also offer education and inspiration for small scale projects in residents gardens.





**Figure 1. Examples of invertebrate and lizard habitat creation in urban parks and gardens.**

- 4.6. The pollinator patches have not been formally trialed in the Waimakariri District. It is proposed that at least two reserves have them installed in 2025 to monitor the effectiveness of activating green spaces (generating public interest and increasing visitation) and increasing both public engagement and biodiversity. However, the results are yet unknown.
- 4.7. There is a risk that the areas could be subject to vandalism or plant failure. The areas will be monitored for such eventualities and, if the trial fails, the pollinator patches can easily be removed and standard maintenance of the area resumed. This would include the removal of the plants and associated features, the spreading of grass seed and a mowing regime resumed.
- 4.8. To assist with plant survival, it is anticipated that the base would be constructed by Council contractors and filled with mulch to retain moisture in the soil and suppress weeds. The plants chosen would be those which are adapted to under canopy conditions and the sandy soil of the area. Signs would be installed to inform of the interest and importance of the area to generate interest and respect and alleviate any vandalism of the patches.



- 4.9. The Community Board has the option to approve the proposed installation and further expand the ecological enhancement of the area acknowledging that this is a trial and is not guaranteed to manifest positive results. If the Community Board does not approve, the area will continue to be enhanced with infill planting and signage as previously agreed.

### **Implications for Community Wellbeing**

- 4.10. The addition of ecological habitat for pollinators will improve the ecosystem services provided to the area. These include services such as pollination, beneficial predation of invertebrate pest species, soil creation and increased decomposition services and will allow residents and the community increased access, appreciation and enjoyment the area and a range of species.
- 4.11. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

## **5. COMMUNITY VIEWS**

### **5.1. Mana whenua**

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū may have an interest in the subject matter of this report, particularly where projects are attempting to enhance biodiversity values which are aligned to Te Ao Māori.

### **5.2. Groups and Organisations**

There are no specific groups that will be affected by the recommendations of this report.

### **5.3. Wider Community**

The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. There have been comments made by the public to members of the Board surrounding the removal of weed species and the enhancement of the area and the installation of signage may be of interest to various groups.

## **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **6.1. Financial Implications**

The funding for the infill planting and environmental signage has already been approved in a previous report. The funding for the pollinator patches would be sourced from the Natural Environment Strategy as adopted and approved through the Long-Term Plan 2024.

### **6.2. Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The recommendations in this report have positive impacts for sustainability and/or climate change impacts through the protection and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity.

### **6.3. Risk Management**

There are not risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

### **6.4. Health and Safety**

There are not health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

## **7. CONTEXT**

### **7.1. Consistency with Policy**

- 7.1.1. This is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy however is in line with existing biodiversity strategies and plans including;

1.1..1. Aotearoa Biodiversity Strategy (2020) –Goals – “10.7.3 Indigenous species have expanded in range, abundance and genetic diversity and are more resilient to pressures, including climate change”, “12.6.1 Indigenous vegetation planting is standard practice in urban areas, riparian zones, agricultural buffers, transport corridors and other areas” and “12.6.3 Infrastructure and urban design are delivering increasing benefits for indigenous biodiversity”

- Waimakariri District Plan (2023) – ECO – P4 “Maintain and enhance indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna that do not meet the significance criteria”.
- Waimakariri Natural Environment Strategy (2024) – the project fulfils the strategic directions of connecting people and the environment and enhancing the ecological integrity of the environment.

## 7.2. Authorising Legislation

### 7.2.1. National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (2023):

“Local authorities must promote the resilience of indigenous biodiversity to climate change, including at least by.... maintaining and promoting the enhancement of the connectivity between ecosystems, and between existing and potential habitats, to enable migrations so that species can continue to find viable niches as the climate changes.”

“Local authorities must consider the value of supporting people and communities in understanding, connecting to, and enjoying indigenous biodiversity.”

## 7.3. Consistency with Community Outcomes

The Council’s community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report. The wider project will deliver in three of the four values of the community outcomes (see below).

Relevant Community Outcome Values	Waikuku Pond
<b>Social</b> - <i>A place where everyone can have a sense of belonging..</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council commits to promoting health and wellbeing and minimizing the risk of social harm to its communities.</li> <li>• Our community has equitable access to the essential infrastructure and services required to support community wellbeing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The open space offers ecosystem services around physical and mental health and wellbeing.</li> <li>• The pond and reserve are accessible to the community.</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural</b> - <i>where our people are enabled to thrive &amp; give creative expression to identity &amp; heritage..</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public spaces express our cultural identities and help to foster an inclusive society and the distinctive character of our takiwā / district, arts and heritage are preserved and enhanced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pond and reserve include mahinga kai and taonga species and signage can highlight these.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental</b> - <i>that values and restores our environment...</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land use is sustainable; biodiversity is protected and restored.</li> <li>• Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project will increase access and connection to the environment.</li> <li>• The installation of pollinator patches will increase biodiversity.</li> </ul>

## 7.4. Authorising Delegations

Woodend-Sefton Community Board has the delegations to approve and accept the recommendations in this report.

**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL****REPORT FOR DECISION**

**FILE NO and TRIM NO:** RES-35-02 / 240430067679

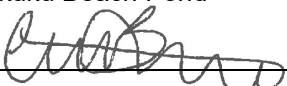
**REPORT TO:** Woodend Sefton Community Board

**DATE OF MEETING:** 13 May 2024

**AUTHOR(S):** Bex Dollery, Ecologist - Biodiversity

**SUBJECT:** Waikuku Beach Pond

**ENDORSED BY:**  
(for Reports to Council,  
Committees or Boards)

  
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General Manager

  
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Chief Executive

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is for the Woodend Sefton Community Board to consider options for the restoration of the Waikuku Beach Pond.
- 1.2. The Woodend Sefton Community Board has \$4,000 funding to be spent on the restoration of the Waikuku Beach Pond. A recent ecological survey and restoration plan found the cost to be estimated at \$15,500 to restore the whole pond area and remove noxious weeds.
- 1.3. It is recommended that a staged response to willow control be undertaken over a period of three years. The works will be funded via the Council's Greenspace maintenance budget. It is recommended that infill planting (capital works) and tidying of area be undertaken by Council employed rangers at a cost of \$3,000 being undertaken in the 2025 autumn planting season.
- 1.4. On going maintenance of the pond is covered under the Greenspace maintenance budget.

**Attachments:**

- i. Waikuku Pond Restoration Plan. (Trim: RES-35-02 / 240412058320).
- ii. Waikuku Beach Pond Memo to Woodend Sefton Community Board April 2024 (Trim: RES-35-02 / 240412058319)
- iii. Natural Environment Strategy - Implementation Plan - PRINT LTP consultation version (Trim: RES-35-07 / 240416059638)

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

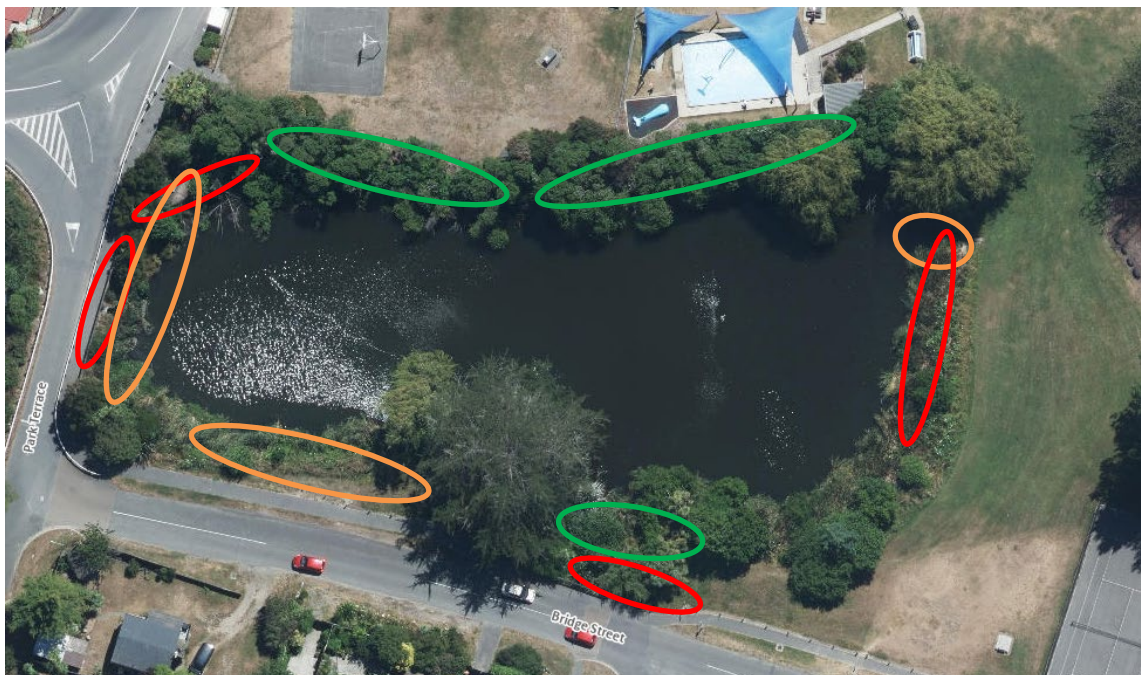
**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. RES-35-02 / 240430067679.
- (b) **Notes** that there is \$4,000 budget available to the Woodend Sefton Community Board to use for community projects.
- (c) **Approves** the recommendation of applying a staged approach to grey willow clearance over a period of three years using the Greenspace maintenance budget.
- (d) **Approves** the recommendation of using Greenspace rangers to undertake infill planting, preparation and maintenance (removing the most noxious weeds) in the 2025 autumn planting season using \$3,000 of the available funding.

- (e) **Notes** that further maintenance for the pond will be undertaken each year as part of the Greenspace maintenance budget.

### 3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. In 2023, the Woodend Sefton Community Board raised the Waikuku Beach Pond as an area which required weed removal and general maintenance. The area comprises a small pond surrounded by native and exotic vegetation connected to the Taranaki lagoon and the wider Taranaki Stream. In recent years, the pond had native plantings installed but these had become encroached by a number of weed species.
- 3.2. Woodend Sefton Community Board members approached the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust (WBT) to assist in the assessment of the pond area and apply for funding to undertake weed removal in September 2023.
- 3.3. The WBT applied for funding from the Waitaha Trust to undertake ecological surveys to assess the pond but were unsuccessful. This led to an application to the Water Zone Committee funding board. However, during that time period the WBT received comments from residents and Woodend Sefton Community Board members that the project should retain some of the exotic trees. The WBT ceased work due to lack of direction for the project.
- 3.4. To further explore the pond and potential restoration requirements, The Waimakariri District Council biodiversity team were contacted. Bex Dollery and Mike Kwant assessed the site from a biodiversity and recreational perspective. A restoration report was compiled and sent to the board (attachment i) along with a memo (attachment ii).
- 3.5. The recommendations from the report were to clear the viewing areas for the pond and remove the noxious weeds but retain the large weeping willow trees and macrocarpa trees which added to the recreational, aesthetic and wildlife value of the area (Figure 1). Noxious weeds included species such as extensive grey willow encroachment (*Salix capraea*), Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), beggars tick (*Bidens frondosa*) and gorse/broom (*Ulex europeus/Cytisus scoparius*).



**Figure 1. Waikuku Beach Pond showing viewing areas of the pond from footpaths (red), dense encroachment by grey willow (green) and areas of other problematic weeds (orange).**

#### 4. **ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1. Cost estimates to remove all weed species from around the whole pond amount to \$15,500. This includes Asplundh removing the grey willow using the Greenspace maintenance budget, Greenspace rangers undertaking native infill plantings, preparation and maintenance including the removal of other noxious weeds using the funding available to the community board of \$3,000.
- 4.2. It is recommended that willow removal works be staged over three years (2024-2027) with viewing areas being targeted initially to maintain the recreational benefit. Once the works are completed, ongoing maintenance of the area will be covered by the Greenspace maintenance budget.
- 4.3. There is an option to discard to native infill planting. However, it is highly recommended due to planting out completing the regenerating weeds and lessening maintenance in the future. The further enhancement that native infill planting would generate would also be in alignment with the strategic direction of the Draft Natural Environment Strategy and the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy and therefore recommended by staff.

#### **Implications for Community Wellbeing**

- 4.4. The removal of weed species, particularly around the viewing areas will allow residents and the community increased access and enjoy the area.
- 4.5. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

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The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. There have been comments made by the public to members of the board surrounding the retention of the large trees and the removal of weed species.

#### 6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

##### 6.1. **Financial Implications**

The Woodend Sefton Community Board currently has \$4,000 to fund the project. This would be partly spent on the capital works (infill planting, preparation and maintenance) with the Greenspace maintenance budget covering the grey willow removal.

##### 6.2. **Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The recommendations in this report have positive impacts for sustainability and/or climate change impacts through the protection and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity. The project will also aid the removal of noxious weeds from the District contributing to the effectiveness of pest and weed control programs.

### 6.3. Risk Management

There are not risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

### 6.4. Health and Safety

There are not health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

## 7. CONTEXT

### 7.1. Consistency with Policy

7.1.1. This is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

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7.1.3. Waimakariri District Plan (2023) – ECO – P4 “Maintain and enhance indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna that do not meet the significance criteria”.

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<b>Environmental</b> - that values and restores our environment...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land use is sustainable; biodiversity is protected and restored.</li> <li>• Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed control will enable protection and maintenance of indigenous species.</li> </ul> <p>The project will increase access to the pond.</p>

### 7.4. Authorising Delegations

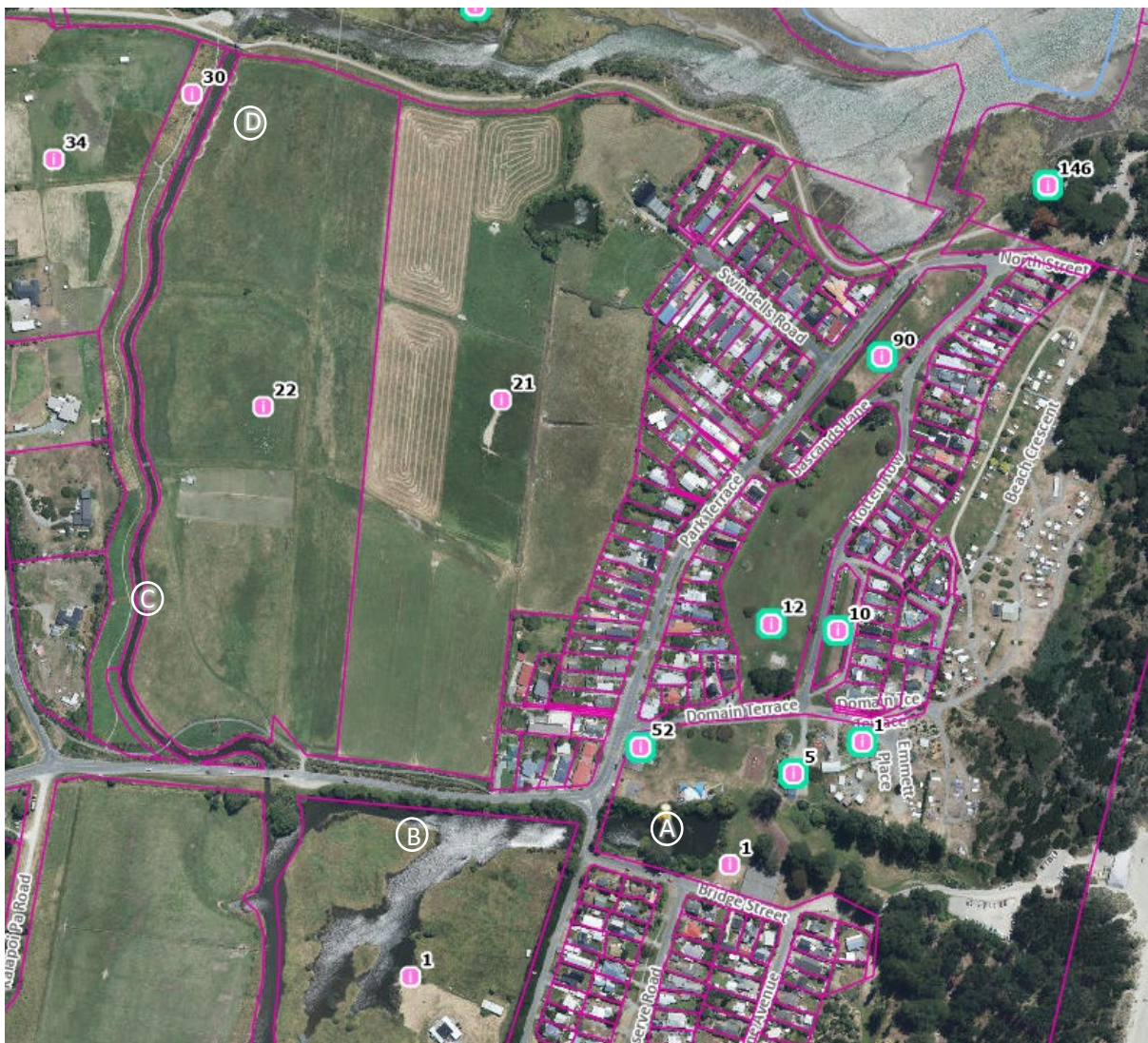
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## Waikuku Pond – Restoration Plan

### Introduction

The Waikuku Pond is located adjacent to the Waikuku Beach Road and Park Terrace intersection in Waikuku (Figure 1, NZTM -1577015, 5207211). The pond is within the southeast section of the Waikuku beach – Central Reserve which also encompasses a child’s playground and play pool, the Waikuku Beach Hall and associated grassed / picnic area. The pond connects to the west to the Taranaki Stream Lagoon, and further northwest to the Taranaki Stream where ecological enhancement works and plantings have been undertaken over the past 7 years. In 2022, inanga spawning habitat was created on the Taranaki Stream to further enhance the area (Figure 1).



**Figure 1. Location of Waikuku Pond (A) at the intersection of Waikuku Beach Road and Park Terrace with the Taranaki Stream lagoon to the west (B) and the Taranaki Stream to the northwest where enhancement planting (C) and inanga spawning habitat works (D) have been undertaken.**

In 2023, members of The Woodend-Sefton Community Board expressed an interest in undertaking restoration work at the Waikuku Pond in order to enhance the area for biodiversity and remove any noxious weed species. Greenspace agreed to assist in the ecological scoping for the area and the creation of a restoration plan.

The prime objectives for the proposed project include:

- Ensuring the area is **tidy** and free of noxious **weeds**;
- Maintenance of native plantings which enhance biodiversity and provide habitat for **indigenous species**.

### **Site Details**

#### ***Walkover Survey***

The Waikuku Pond is an area of approx. 250 m<sup>2</sup> with a perimeter of 250 m<sup>2</sup> 1 m a.s.l . The surrounding land use is residential, the small town of Waikuku Beach, and recreational use with access to the Waikuku beach approx. 200 m east. To the west is the Taranaki Stream lagoon which is important habitat for a range of birds and famously little shags/kawaupaka and pied shags/kāruhiruhi (*Microcarbo melanoleucos* and *Phalacrocorax varius*), both species which are classified as “at risk” in the New Zealand Threat Classification system. These birds tend to nest in the willow trees that overhang the waterbody.

A walkover survey was undertaken in March 2024 on a warm, dry and windy day. Habitat notes and features of interest were recorded (see Figure 2 with a species list found in Appendix A). The pond was vegetated with native plants at the edges with weed encroachment from a number of species (Figure 3). Adjacent to the planting is mown, exotic grassland and the adjacent recreational reserve.





**Figure 2. Target notes (indicated by the red numbers) referring to habitat features.**

The western and southern side of the pond comprised a mix of herb, shrub and tree species including some native plantings of, notably karamu (*Coprosma robusta*), akeake (*Dodonaea viscosa*), flax/harakeke (*Phormium tenax*), kānuka (*Kunzea serotina*), cabbage tree/tī kouka (*Cordyline australis*), toetoe (*Austroderia toetoe*) and hebe/korimako (*Veronica salicifolia*). There were also weeds present including flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) and gorse (*Ulex europeus*) in this area (Target note 2). Healthy stands of raupo were found along the waters edge (*Typha orientalis*), particularly to the south. This area was heavily encroached by Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) with smaller areas of greater bindweed (*Calystegia sylvatica*, Target note 1 and Figure 3).



**Figure 3. Area of Japanese honeysuckle encroaching the pond vegetation along the southern edge with raupo in the background.**

Also along the southern edge was a stand of pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*, Target note 3) nestled under large weeping willow (*Salix babylonica*) and macrocarpa trees (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*, Figure 4). Other weed species at this location included briar rose (*Rosa rubiginosa*), lupins (*Lupinus arboreus*), honey suckle, greater bindweed and ivy (*Hedera helix*).



**Figure 4, Pampas grass underneath willow and macrocarpa trees along the southern edge.**

A stopping point that would have views of the pond and the native plantings had become overgrown with grey willow (*Salix caprea*) preventing any amenity value (Target note 4 and Figure



5). This area contained a culvert from a storm water pipe into the pond. The area had some native plantings with some regeneration visible.



**Figure 5. Pond viewing area encroached by grey willow.**

A large weeping willow tree in the northeast corner of the pond had been addressed for safety reasons to remove certain limbs. This area contained ivy and beggars tick (*Bidens frondosa*) which is an organism of interest under the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan, 2018-2038 (Ecan 2018; Figure 6).



**Figure 6. Large willow tree on the north east corner of the pond.**

Along the northern edge of the pond, there is heavy grey willow encroachment scattered throughout the native plantings (Target note 7). On first inspection, these trees could be mistaken for native species and they vary in size from young saplings to trees of 20-40 cm diameter. At the

seating area, in the northwest area of the of the pond, there were many regenerating willow trees also sprouting from a fallen stem in the water. Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplanus*) seedlings were also found in this area (Target note 6).

### ***Fauna***

A limited number of animals were observed during the survey but the area is suitable for a range of birds including wetland species and passerines. Birds recorded included pied shag, paradise shelduck, coot, blackbird, sparrow, mallard, blackbird and gold finch. The area is also suitable for pest mammal species such as rat, stoat, mice and hedgehog.

### ***Soils and Climate***

The planting location lies within the Low Plains ecological district which is described as containing less than 10% indigenous native vegetation cover and therefore, restoration efforts in the district are important and notable (Landcare Research/Manaaki Whenua, 2022). The area is characterised by warm summers and cool winters with typically low annual rainfall, frequent frosts and occasional snowfall in winter (McEwan, 1987). The surrounding soils of the pond are a mix from the Raw and Gley Orders comprising moderately deep, and generally poorly drained properties (Landcare Research/Manaaki Whenua, 2024).

### **Restoration Plan**

The pond adds recreation and biodiversity value to this important green space in Waikuku. The native planting which has been achieved in the past has been carried out well and there are signs of healthy ecosystem functioning as regenerating plants were observed during the site visit. Amongst the native plants are some mature trees including weeping willows and macrocarpa which provide ecological functions of shading and organic debris for the pond, and habitat for native birds. They are function as amenity trees, providing shade for people enjoying the space.

A number of exotic plant species which are assessed as weed species and can be detrimental to the ecological trajectory of the site and the recreation value have been identified. Most evident are the regenerating grey willow plants. This plant has a tendency to create dense thickets, shading out other flora and can spread very easily through seeds and suckering. The grey willow has impacted the landscape and recreation benefit of the pond by obscuring views from the seated area on the west side of the pond and the road from the south side of the pond. Therefore, it is recommended that these trees be removed.

Japanese honeysuckle, pampas grass and ivy are also of interest as these species can also tend to smother vegetation or have such prolific seed that they can spread very easily. Other weed species that should be removed are the greater bindweed, gorse, broom, lupins, briar rose and beggars tick.

Once the weeds are removed, natural regeneration of native species may be possible. However, in order to reduce the management required for the area with regard to ongoing weed control, it is recommended that there is some in-fill planting of native species. The banks of the pond and the upper slopes can be planted with species which assist with stabilisation such as monocot plants which have fibrous roots and can tolerate both dry and wet conditions. The upper banks can comprise the plant composition found within the rest of the site.

### **Weed Management, Plant Selection and Costings**

Detailed below are the estimated costing for weed removal and planting within the site (Table 1 and Figure 7). Due to the nature of the pond, these costs may increase or decrease depending on the scale of effort uncovered once work begins. It is recommended that the restoration effort is staged, focussing on the southern (most visible) side of the pond initially.

Table 1. Suggested Species List, approximate plant numbers and maintenance costs

South Side of the Pond (800 m <sup>2</sup> )					
Maintenance	Target Species			Anticipated cost	Comments
Grey Willow Control	Grey Willow			\$3750	1.5 days with contractors and chippers @\$2.5k/day. Chainsaw, paste, chip stems or apply basal chemical/drill and poison stems and leave to die naturally.
Herb/Shrub Species	Gorse, broom, ivy, beggars tick, briar rose, greater bindweed, honeysuckle.			\$1080	3 days WDC ranger @ \$360/day – spray actively growing plants or cut and paste.
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>\$4830</b>	
Common Name	Latin Name	Spacing (m)	No. of plants	Anticipated cost	Ecosystem services
Pukio/Swamp sedge	<i>Carex secta</i>	1.5 - 2	20	\$200	Erosion control, Filtration, Timber, Fibre, Shelter, Shade, Cultural
Ti kōuka, cabbage tree	<i>Cordyline australis</i>	1.5 – 2	5	\$50	Erosion, filtration, fibre, Nectar/Pollen (Bird, Lizard, Invertebrate), Fruit (Bird, Lizard), Cultural.
Kānuka	<i>Kunzea serotina</i>	1.5 – 2	5	\$50	Reduce soil NOx gases. Erosion control, Filtration, Timber, Fibre, Shelter, Shade, Nectar/Pollen (Bird, Lizard, Invertebrate), Fruit (Bird, Lizard), Cultural
Kōwhai	<i>Sophora microphylla</i>	1.5 – 2	5	\$50	Erosion control, Filtration, Timber, Shade, Nectar/Pollen (Bird, Lizard, Invertebrate), Fruit (Bird, Lizard), Cultural
Kōhūhū	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>	1.5 – 2	5	\$50	Erosion control, Filtration, Timber, Shade, Nectar/Pollen (Bird, Lizard, Invertebrate), Fruit (Bird, Lizard), Cultural
Harakeke	<i>Phormium tenax</i>	1.5 – 2	10	\$100	Erosion control, filtration, fibre, mahinga kai, rōngoa, nectar.
Mingimingi	<i>Coprosma spp.</i>	1.5 - 2	10	\$100	Erosion control, Filtration, Timber, Shade, Nectar/Pollen (Bird, Lizard, Invertebrate), Fruit (Bird, Lizard), Cultural
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>60</b>	<b>\$600</b>	
<b>South Side TOTAL</b>				<b>\$5430</b>	
East side of pond (300 m <sup>2</sup> )					
Maintenance	Target Species			Anticipated cost	Comments
Grey Willow Control	Grey Willow			\$2.5k	1 day with contractors and chippers @\$2.5k/day. Chainsaw, paste, chip stems or apply basal chemical/drill and poison stems and leave to die naturally.
Herb/Shrub Species	Gorse, broom, ivy, beggars tick, briar rose, greater bindweed, honeysuckle.			\$360	1 day WDC ranger @ \$360/day – spray actively growing plants or cut and paste.
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2860</b>	
Common Name	Latin Name	Spacing (m)	No. of plants	Anticipated cost	Ecosystem services
Harakeke	<i>Phormium tenax</i>	1.5 – 2	10	\$100	Erosion control, filtration, fibre, mahinga kai, rōngoa, nectar.
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		<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$200</b>	
<b>East Side TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3060</b>	
<b>North Side of Pond (600 m<sup>2</sup>)</b>					
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Target Species</b>			<b>Anticipated cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Grey Willow Control	Grey Willow			\$6250	2.5 days with contractors and chippers @\$2.5k/day. Chainsaw, paste, chip stems or apply basal chemical/drill and poison stems and leave to die naturally.
Herb/Shrub Species	Gorse, broom, ivy, beggars tick, briar rose, greater bindweed (where possible), honeysuckle.			\$360	1 day WDC ranger @ \$360/day – spray actively growing plants or cut and paste.
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>\$6610</b>	
<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Latin Name</b>	<b>Spacing (m)</b>	<b>No. of plants</b>	<b>Anticipated cost</b>	<b>Ecosystem services</b>
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Harakeke	<i>Phormium tenax</i>	1.5 – 2	5	\$100	Erosion control, filtration, fibre, mahinga kai, rōngoa, nectar.
Mingimingi	<i>Coprosma spp.</i>	1.5 - 2	10	\$100	Erosion control, Filtration, Timber, Shade, Nectar/Pollen (Bird, Lizard, Invertebrate), Fruit (Bird, Lizard), Cultural
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>40</b>	<b>\$400</b>	
<b>South Side TOTAL</b>				<b>\$7010</b>	
<b>Full Scheme total</b>			<b>180</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>	

The plant list has been compiled taking into consideration the soil conditions, the location of the site, the objectives of the project and preferences and survival prospects of various floral species. The plant costs are based on \$10 per plant. This includes \$4/plant, \$2/plant guard (highly recommended for herbivory and moisture retention reasons), and labour to prepare the site prior to planting and to physically install \$4/plant. Should the community be invited to install the plants through planting days, there would be a decrease in plant cost from \$1200 to \$840 (amounting to an overall scheme total of \$15,140. It is recommended that the maintenance visits are carried out by our internal rangers who will ensure the work is efficient, successful, and cost effective.

## **Restoration methodology**

### ***Site Preparation***

Prior to planting and if weeds are present, it is recommended the site be cleared by mowing or other mechanical method. If acceptable, some form weed suppressant would be beneficial. The usual form of chemical clearance would be at least one round of glyphosate, particularly targeting the area in which plants are to be planted (spot spraying). Two rounds would be ideal and applied by a suitably skilled and experienced person to ensure no spray drift and recognise any important native or non-native species. If not acceptable, additional manual maintenance may be required in the first 5 years.

If invasive, tall growing, woody weeds are present (such as gorse and broom), mechanical clearance can be undertaken, or goat grazing if the plants are young and the area is fenced with no other plantings within. Following manual removal, stumps could be painted with a systemic herbicide such as a high strength glyphosate.

### ***Plant Introductions***

- All plants will be sourced locally using specimens of local provenance (within Canterbury) where possible. It is recommended that the plants are small (1 year specimens and approx. 50 cm unless suggested otherwise by an appropriately qualified ecologist) to ensure maximum survival rates, allowing the plants to adapt to their new environment. For a closed canopy, it is recommended that plants are placed 1.5-2m apart for tree (approximately 2500-4000 plants/ha) but slightly less for the smaller grass-like species.
- Where native plants naturally occur, these will be retained, identified and adequately protected during site preparation.
  - Planting should occur in late autumn/winter (unless frosts are expected, and frost tender plants are used) or early spring to allow plants to grow roots which will enable them to survive in the dry summer period.
  - Where possible, planting will take place when the weather is most suitable (avoiding hot or windy days).
  - Plants should be soaked in water and left to drain immediately prior to planting.
  - A hole twice the size of the plant container be dug with soil loosened at the bottom.
  - Retain as much soil around the roots from the pot as possible when removing from container and gently untangle fibrous roots where necessary (not recommended for kānuka



or mānuka). In general, no cutting or teasing of roots should occur as many native plants are sensitive to root disturbance.

- Place in hole and add soil, firming each layer and water thoroughly.
- Plants will benefit from having the collar buried up to 5cm below the adjacent soil surface creating a hollow which surrounding water can drain into.
- In areas where soil quality is degraded, ensure nutrient supply and water retention by adding a scoop of good quality compost. Fertiliser tablets can be used but are not recommended for dry sites as they will not be broken down under the conditions of the soil.

### ***Protection of plants***

In almost all areas of Canterbury some form of plant protection is required. Research has shown that plant guards that are flexible and can be sculpted around the base of the plant to form a complete seal are the best. Examples are those of the Combiguards® which comprise a flexible, thin plastic that can be sealed with stones or mulch around the outside. However, these must be removed when the plant has outgrown them. To combat this, a cardboard tree guard can be used which does not need to be removed by hand and will naturally degrade. If this guard is used, a substantial weed mat is recommended to alleviate the trade-off for sealing the guard with the ground. If wind is allowed to enter the tree guard, soil and plant moisture will be impacted. Therefore, a good mulch or wool weed mat is recommended at the base of each planted specimen.

### ***Maintenance***

The first 2 - 5 years are the most important whilst the plants establish a good root system and at this time, maintenance is important. For this restoration project, a minimum of two years maintenance will be undertaken by Waimakariri District Council rangers and reviewed following this period. Maintenance will include removing any weeds which are growing within tree guards and tall weeds outside of tree guards. Some trees may enjoy the shelter afforded by weeds but most restoration plantings begin with pioneer species which require full light. Therefore, regular maintenance is required, especially in the growing seasons (spring and autumn for most weed species of drier habitats).

Maintenance is best undertaken manually through careful mowing and weed trimming. The tree guards afford some protection for the plants and act as indicators for where the desired plants are located. Spraying using herbicides can also be undertaken but must be done carefully. If systemic herbicides are used, be sure to only spray on calm days when spray drift would not be an issue. In

many situations, the main weeds outcompeting native plants are exotic grasses such as cocksfoot (*Dactylis glomerata*). In this situation, a monocot targeted chemical such as Gallant may be appropriate but used with caution around native grasses and flax plants.

The need for maintenance should lessen as the canopy expands and closes between the plants. However, maintenance of the area will almost always be required to remove exotic and invasive species which threaten the survival of the native plants. In addition, there may be understory plants that are desired once the canopy has closed and created enough shade and weed exclusion.

### **Monitoring**

It is advised that monitoring is undertaken by the Waimakariri District Council rangers for the first two years to identify plant survival and report any adjustments to the management scheme where needed.

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## Appendix A – Species List

This species list is not fully comprehensive. A full floral survey would need to be undertaken to record all species present in the vicinity of the pond.

Common Name	Latin Name	Native/Exotic
Grasses		
Annual poa	<i>Poa annua</i>	Exotic
Bent	<i>Agrostis sp.</i>	Exotic
Creeping soft grass	<i>Holcus mollis</i>	Exotic
Cocksfoot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Exotic
Flax/harakeke	<i>Phormium tenax</i>	Native
Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Exotic
Pukio	<i>Carex secta</i>	Native
Raupo	<i>Typha orientalis</i>	Native
Tall fescue	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	Exotic
Toetoe	<i>Austroderia richardii</i>	Native
Climbers and vines		
Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Exotic
Japanese honey suckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Exotic
Herbs		
Birds-foot trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Exotic
Broadleaved dock	<i>Rumex rotundifolia</i>	Exotic
Broadleaved plantain	<i>Plantago major</i>	Exotic
Black nightshade	<i>Sonchus nigra</i>	Exotic
Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Exotic
Catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Exotic
Field forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Exotic
Fireweed	<i>Senecio sp</i>	Native
Flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Exotic
Greater bindweed	<i>Calystegia sylvatica</i>	Exotic
Lupin	<i>Lupinus arboreus</i>	Exotic
Mint	<i>Mentha sp.</i>	Exotic
Ribwort plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Exotic
White clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	Exotic
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Exotic
Trees and Shrubs		
Akeake	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Native
Briar Rose	<i>Rose ruginosa</i>	Exotic
Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Exotic
Cabbage tree/Ti kouka	<i>Cordyline australis</i>	Native
Five finger	<i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i>	Native
Goat willow	<i>Salix caprea</i>	Exotic
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Exotic
Hebe	<i>Veronica salicifolia</i>	Native
Hoheria	<i>Hoheria angustifolia</i>	Native
Kanuka	<i>Kunzea serotina</i>	Native
Karamu	<i>Coprosma robusta</i>	Native
Kohuhu	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>	Native
Kowhai (NI)	<i>Sophora tetraptera</i>	Native

Lemonwood	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	Native
Macrocarpa	<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>	Exotic
Sycmore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Exotic
Weeping willow	<i>Salix babylonica</i>	Exotic

**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL****MEMO**

**FILE NO AND TRIM NO:** RES-35-02 / 240412058319

**DATE:** 12 April 2024

**MEMO TO:** Woodend Sefton Community Board

**FROM:** Bex Dollery – Ecologist Greenspace

**SUBJECT:** Waikuku Pond Works

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In 2023, the Woodend Sefton Community Board raised the Waikuku Pond as an area which required some maintenance. The area comprises a small pond surrounded by native and exotic vegetation connected to the Taranaki lagoon and the wider Taranaki Stream. The pond had previously had native plantings but had become encroached by a number of weed species.

A preliminary ecological survey was carried out in March 2024 by Bex Dollery and Mike Kwant (see attached restoration report). A number of weed species were recorded which are indicated to require management. The restoration report outlines actions that can be taken to enhance the area and allow for natural regeneration.

It is recommended that the grey willow that has heavily encroached sections of the pond edge be removed as this species can create dense stands outcompeting other vegetation on land in the waterbody. In addition, a number of other weeds such as Japanese honeysuckle, ivy, pampas grass and gorse were identified as requiring removal.

An inspection by tree specialists, Asplund, was undertaken in April 2024 and a quote of \$12.5K was provided to remove the encroaching willows (a team of workers for 5 days with a chipper at \$2.5k / day). In addition, the extra weed species can be removed by WDC rangers at a cost of \$1,800 (\$360 / day).

It is recommended that once the weed removal work is complete, in-fill planting be undertaken to reduce the maintenance costs for the area in the future years. However, some maintenance will be required (particularly for the willow species which regrow quickly from stumps and from seed).

If the whole pond was to be managed in this way, the total cost would be \$15,500 (slightly less if there are community planting days, although this may have its own challenges being adjacent to a waterbody). To enable works in an effective and efficient manner, there are a number of options:

1. Stage the works over a number of years;
2. Set a budget limit and carry out priority work
3. Use different methods – instead of cutting down and chipping the willows, they could be poisoned and left to die in situ. This would reduce the daily costs by approx. \$750 (estimated total willow removal cost of \$3,750). However, this method may create H&S concerns, particularly for the footpath and the playground.

The Community Board previously allocated a budget of \$4000 towards this project as seed funding for additional external fundraising. Staff have investigated a number of options which would be suitable, however these would require a level of consultation prior to committing funds to the project to ensure that the wider community are in support of this project.

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Now that the Ecological Restoration Report is complete, staff will prepare a report to come to the Board discussing these options in more detail and seeking direction from the Board and approval for the next steps. It is hoped that this report will come to your next Board meeting

This memo is intended to offer information the Community Board members for consideration. Any questions and concerns can be directed to Bex Dollery or Mike Kwant who will formulate a report to be presented at the next meeting.





# Waimakariri Natural Environment Strategy Implementation Plan





# About the Implementation Plan

**This Implementation Plan is intended to give effect to the Natural Environment Strategy (NES). The Strategy is the Council's local response to the degradation of important natural ecosystems and species being reported across the world, including within our District.**

Current global biodiversity loss is so great it is called the 'sixth extinction'. The biodiversity crisis and the climate crisis are acknowledged to be closely linked and healthy and diverse ecosystems can adjust more effectively to climate threats. The contribution nature-based solutions can make to buffering climate impacts by sequestering carbon and protecting built up areas is also reflected in the strategy.

All aspects of life in Aotearoa New Zealand rely on a thriving natural environment including our physical and mental health, economy and culture. The strategy seeks to restore our connection to the natural world we are a part of so that we feel inspired to better protect it. We need to prioritise the protection and restoration of the natural environment not only for the ecosystems benefits it provides us and those who follow, but also for its own intrinsic worth. A world without dolphins, kiwi, tuatara and Kauri trees seems unimaginable but could become a possibility.

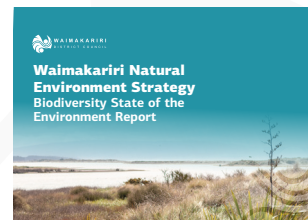
The Natural Environment Strategy takes into account strategic directions outlined in the Local Government Act 2002 (4 wellbeings), National Adaptation Plan, National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity,

Aotearoa Biodiversity Strategy and others. It also complements the work of other organisations such as Environment Canterbury's Zone Implementation Plan Addendum (ZIPA), Forest and Bird's 'Make Every Wetland Count' campaign, QEII Trust and the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust.

The strategy currently consists of three documents plus a summary document which should be read in conjunction with one another.

## Background documents

A Biodiversity SOE report describes the current state of indigenous biodiversity within the District and provides an overview of biodiversity concepts and relevant legislation.



A review of Council reserve provision also informs the strategy. This will form part of a Reserves

SOE report that identifies opportunities, in collaboration with local residents, for increasing natural values in reserves and streetscapes.

## Strategy

Provides a high level strategic framework to guide Council's work in protecting and restoring the natural environment over the next 30 years.

Roles range from developing plans and carrying out the work, to supporting the efforts of others, educating people about the issues and opportunities and advocating for change, both at a national and local level.



## Action plan

Contains specific costed actions to be included in the Council's Long Term Plan for implementation between 2024 and 2034.



# Key

## Abbreviations used:

**ABS** – Aotearoa Biodiversity Strategy

**ERP** – Emissions Reduction Plan

**NAP** – National Adaptation Plan

**NPS-FW** – National Policy Statement for Fresh Water 2020

**NPSIB** – National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity

**WDCCO** – Community Outcomes

**WVMS** – Waimakariri Visitor Marketing Strategy 2020-25

**PF 2050** – Predator Free 2050

**EWC** – Forest & Bird Every Wetland Counts

The abbreviations are used to show the links between the above documents and the actions. Those highlighted in bold are currently mandatory, although the Government has signalled its intention to review the implementation of the NPSIB and replace the NPS-FW.

## Actions are classified as:

✓✓✓ = legislative

✓✓ = very important

✓ = important

## Implementation years:

Yrs 1-3 = July 2024–June 2027

Yrs 4-6 = July 2027–June 2030

Yrs 7-10 = July 2030–June 2034

Yrs 11-30 = July 2034 onwards

## Asset symbols:

 = Parks and Reserves

 = Streetscapes

 = Water Bodies

 = Other Land

 = Significant Natural Areas





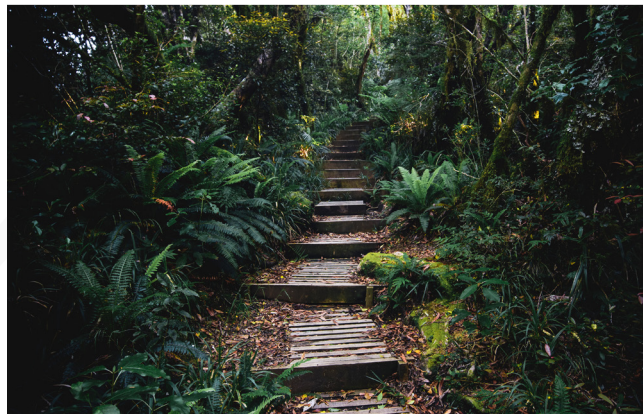


# Strategic Direction 1

## Prioritise nature

### Desired outcomes:

1. The District's natural environment is valued as critical infrastructure, essential to our wellbeing and the survival of other species we share Earth with.
2. Natural ecosystems are a significant feature of the Waimakariri District.
3. There is better integration of the natural and built environment.



Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>1.1 Integrate planning</b>									
<b>1.1.1 Increase the circle of influence in infrastructure and district planning</b>									
1.1.1.1	Ensure national and regional environmental policy direction is given effect to where required and considered for inclusion in Council's planning processes where discretionary ( <b>NPSIB</b> , ABS, ERP and NAP).		Development Planning Unit, Strategy & Business, Greenspace	✓✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
1.1.1.2	Amend the District Plan as required to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity ( <b>NPSIB</b> ).		Development Planning Unit, Greenspace	✓✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.				●
1.1.1.3	Require ecological protection or enhancement either via direct resource consent conditions, covenants, consent notices or bonds, where possible to do so, to manage the effects of an activity (NPSIB).		Development Planning Unit, landowners, Greenspace	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.				●
1.1.1.4	Provide specialised biodiversity input to planning processes including resource consents, particularly where an ecological report is provided ( <b>NPSIB</b> ).		Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, Utilities & Roading	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
1.1.1.5	Work with Council staff and developers to provide ecologically functional landscapes in urban areas as described in the Natural Environment Strategy and Biodiversity State of Environment Report.		Greenspace, Strategy & Business, Development Planning Unit, land developers, Utilities & Roading	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
1.1.1.6	Review and implement Council's Engineering Code of Practice to ensure biodiversity is prioritised as critical infrastructure.		Greenspace, Utilities & Roading	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●			
1.1.1.7	Provide specialised biodiversity input to engineering infrastructure design (NPSIB).		Greenspace, Utilities & Roading	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
1.1.1.8	Develop education resources and programmes for staff working across the Council (ABS, NPSIB).		Greenspace, Council staff	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$11,000. Additional biodiversity staff time covered in 1.2.1.2 plus \$11k project costs over years 24/25 and 25/26.	●			
1.1.1.9	Continue to administer and support the cross-council Biodiversity Co-ordination Group.		Strategy & Business, Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, District Plan Admin, 3 Waters Unit	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
<b>1.1.2 Advocate for a holistic approach</b>									
1.1.2.1	Advocate for nature-centric policies, strategies, and plans both within the organisation and externally.		Strategy & Business, Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, Utilities & Roading, external organisations	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
1.1.2.2	Promote the economic, social, cultural, and other ecosystem service benefits, such as climate change mitigation, provided by the natural environment.		Strategy & Business, Greenspace	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●			
<b>1.2 Mainstream biodiversity</b>									
<b>1.2.1 Ensure biodiversity is prioritised as a key Council activity</b>									
1.2.1.1	Adopt parks levels of service, and biodiversity KPI's and targets that ensure biodiversity is prioritised and provide a mandate for an increased biodiversity funding share.		Strategy & Business, Greenspace	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●			
1.2.1.2	Increase Council biodiversity capability and capacity.		Greenspace	✓✓	Mix of existing and new funding. Total additional cost of \$0.5m for two new staff members.	●	●	●	●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>1.2.2 Move from grey to green</b>									
1.2.2.1	Advocate for nature-based engineering solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change (ERP, NAP).		Strategy & Business, Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, Utilities & Roading	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.	●	●	●	●
1.2.2.2	Promote the use of indigenous flora, fauna and cultural icons on urban infrastructure such as signs, bridges, sculptures, street flags, toilets and hard surfaces etc.; and indigenous flora and fauna names for reserve and street names.		Greenspace, Utilities & Roading, Strategy & Business, Community Development, Waimakariri Arts Trust	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only. Project costs to be included in individual project budgets.	●	●	●	●
1.2.2.3	Review the District Plan and other relevant Council documents as appropriate, to encourage and incentivise water sensitive urban design; and develop implementation guidelines (NPS-FW)		Development Planning Unit, Greenspace, Utilities & Roading, 3 Waters Unit	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.				●
<b>1.2.3 Create spaces for nature</b>									
1.2.3.1	Prioritise the protection of existing wetlands over other proposed land uses (ERP, EWC).		Development Planning Unit, Greenspace, developers, landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
1.2.3.2	Recommend sufficient buffer zones are provided when changing/intensifying land use for existing high value terrestrial and aquatic habitats and/or flora/fauna species to continue be protected ( <b>NPSIB</b> ).		Development Planning Unit, Greenspace, developers, landowners	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
1.2.3.3	Complete the Reserves State of Environment Report, engaging with residents to understand their views about promoting ecosystem health in Council reserves and streetscapes.		Strategy & Business, Greenspace	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●			





# Strategic Direction 2

## Connect people and nature

### Desired outcomes:







1. Living in a healthy natural environment enriches our everyday life and we work together to achieve and maintain this.
2. People understand and value indigenous biodiversity and natural ecosystems.
3. Residents have a 'sense of place' or connectedness to the District's natural landscape.
4. Our community understands how it can contribute to and become actively involved in protecting, restoring and recreating natural ecosystems.









Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>2.1 Make it easy to connect</b>									
<b>2.1.1 Provide opportunities to bring together people and biodiversity</b>									
2.1.1.1	Establish an online public portal for sharing knowledge, educational resources and successes. Examples may include a plant selector tool that will enable people to create ecologically sound plant lists, pairing volunteers with projects and highlighting community-based environmental projects (ABS).		Greenspace, Communications & Engagement Team, Business & Technology Solutions, community groups, landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. \$20k BOF project costs in year 24/25. Additional staff time to enable portal to remain current and create content covered in 1.2.1.2.	●	●	●	●
<b>2.1.2 Ensure education programmes, activities and resources are available</b>									
2.1.2.1	Develop educational/resource material to fill information gaps, for example, improving natural stormwater and drainage ecosystems and practices, and the impacts of pests and weeds on indigenous ecosystems (ABS).		Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit, Communications & Engagement Team, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, community groups, landowners	✓	Total additional cost of \$10,000. \$10k BOF in year 24/25 plus \$10k project costs divided equally over years 25/26 and 26/27.	●	●	●	●
2.1.2.2	Run community educational and connection events, including fun learning and activation programmes (ABS).		Greenspace, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, Waimakariri District Libraries, Enviro Schools, other schools, landowners, community groups, community members	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$71,000. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2 plus \$10k BOF project costs for years 24/25 and 25/26 and then \$71k divided over the remaining eight years.	●	●	●	●
2.1.2.3	Support the educational activities of proactive environment groups operating within the District, for example, the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust District Biodiversity Forum and the public winter lecture series (ABS).		Greenspace, community groups, community members	✓✓	No additional cost. \$10k BOF project costs divided into \$4k in 24/25 and \$3k each year for 25/26 and 26/27.	●			
2.1.2.4	Continue to support the EnviroSchools programme (ABS).		Greenspace, Solid Waste, Enviro Schools, other schools	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>2.1.3 Look for opportunities to partner with and support others</b>									
2.1.3.1	Seek to partner with Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga on natural environment issues including the management, protection and restoration of indigenous biodiversity, and ensure engagement is early, meaningful and in accordance with tikanga Māori ( <b>NPSIB</b> ).		Te Ngāi O Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Greenspace, Development Planning Unit	✓✓✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.	●	●	●	●
2.1.3.2	Provide input to the refresh of the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy ( <b>NPSIB</b> ).		ECan, Greenspace, Strategy & Business, Development Planning Unit, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust	✓✓✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.		●		
2.1.3.3	Continue to support Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust as a Council CCO (LGA).		Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust, Greenspace	✓✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time plus existing annual grant of c.\$250k pa.	●	●	●	●
2.1.3.4	Continue to provide resource and/or advisory support to groups running volunteer programmes in the District that have proven environmental benefits, for example, the Silverstream Reserve Volunteer Group, Ashley/Rakahuri Rivercare Group, Ashley Gorge Advisory Group, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, Braid and Keep NZ Beautiful groups (ABS).		Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit, community groups	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only plus existing annual grants to groups such as KNZ Beautiful c.\$10k pa.	●	●	●	●
2.1.3.5	Participate in/support environmental focused activities run by other organisations, for example, the Forest and Bird 'Every Wetland Counts He Piupiuaki la Rohe Kōreporepo' Campaign and annual bird surveys (ERP, EWC, ABS).		Greenspace, community groups, community members	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
2.1.3.6	Provide operational funding for the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust to lead, promote and advocate for environmental protection, restoration and revegetation (ABS).		Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$45,000. \$20k in year 24/25, \$15k in year 25/26 and \$10k in year 26/27.	●			






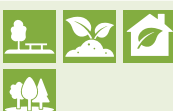
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						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
2.1.3.7	Provide a Waimakariri District community groups contestable fund to support the implementation of Natural Environment Strategy objectives and actions.		Greenspace, community groups	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$100,000. \$10k each year for 10 years.	●	●	●	●
2.1.3.8	Support Mainpower's Waimakariri community biodiversity fund.		Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, Mainpower, Greenspace, community groups, landowners	✓	Total additional cost of \$50,000. \$50k in total, divided into \$5k every year if matched by an equal contribution from Mainpower.	●	●	●	●
2.1.3.9	Partner with the Department of Conservation to provide a toilet/carpark on the Mount Oxford Coopers Creek access track.		Greenspace, Department of Conservation	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$50,000. LTP bid of \$50k in Greenspace budget for year 25/26 subject to a toilet being provided by the Department of Conservation.	●			
<b>2.1.4 Encourage people to physically connect with the natural environment</b>									
2.1.4.1	Consider providing additional opportunities for the safe gathering of mahinga kai and rōngoa when developing Council reserves.		Te Ngāi O Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit, community	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
2.1.4.2	Continue to promote the creation of community food forests and gardens on Council land where appropriate.		Greenspace	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time and budgets only.	●	●	●	●
2.1.4.3	Provide wayfinding interpretation in Council reserves and streetscapes.		Greenspace, Utilities & Roading,	✓	Total additional cost of \$65,000. Starting in year 24/25 at \$5K and increasing each year to \$8k by year 33/34.	●	●	●	●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
2.1.4.4	Ensure opportunities are provided for all people to access the coastal environment.		Greenspace, ECan, beach resident groups, Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$250,000. Capital works of \$125k each year in years 27/29 for a viewing platform at Pegasus Beach.		●		
2.1.4.5	Upgrade and provide additional walking tracks in the natural environment, for example, at Ashley Gorge Reserve.		Greenspace, reserve advisory groups	✓	Total additional cost of \$40,000. Existing staff time plus additional \$40k split into \$20k each in years 27/28 and 28/29.		●		
2.1.4.6	Provide more accessible physical access and services within natural environments where appropriate, for example, toilets and pathways, to enable people to enjoy the outdoors.		Greenspace	✓	Total additional cost of \$350,000. \$50k pa from year 27/28–33/34. Specific projects to be determined.		●	●	
2.1.4.7	Promote the uptake of compatible recreation opportunities in the District's natural areas.		Greenspace, Communications & Engagement Team, Department of Conservation	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●

## 2.2 Rediscover and make our indigenous landscape visible

### 2.2.1 Increase the proportion of indigenous planting on Council reserves and streetscapes (NPSIB)

2.2.1.1	Continue to transition to the default position of prioritising the planting of indigenous over exotic vegetation on Council-owned land (NPSIB).		Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time and existing renewal budgets.	●	●	●	●
2.2.1.2	Implement indigenous vegetation targets for Council reserves (NPSIB).		Greenspace	✓✓✓	No additional cost.	●	●	●	●
2.2.1.3	Look for opportunities to showcase and increase indigenous biodiversity in urban streetscapes.		Greenspace, Utilities & Roading, developers	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>2.2.2 Support the achievement of 10% indigenous biodiversity in the wider landscape (NPSIB)</b>									
2.2.2.1	Offer technical expertise to plant suppliers as requested to ensure the availability of eco-sourced indigenous plants.		Greenspace, nursery owners	✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time required.		●		
2.2.2.2	Ensure it is easy for residents to obtain ecologically sound planting advice (ABS).		Greenspace, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, community members	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●			
2.2.2.3	Develop a video for general release in the movie theatre, website etc, promoting the District's indigenous flora and fauna.		Communications & Engagement Team, Greenspace	✓	Total additional cost of \$20,000. Project costs provided in year 28/29.		●		
2.2.2.4	Promote special/unique (often hidden) indigenous flora and fauna.		Greenspace, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, community members, landowners	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.			●	
2.2.2.5	Promote the planting of indigenous vegetation on privately-owned land.		Greenspace, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.			●	
2.2.2.6	Identify significant indigenous and exotic trees on private and public land in the District and ensure they are protected where possible as notable trees in the District Plan.		Development Planning Unit, Greenspace, landowners	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$40,000. Existing staff time plus \$40k provided in year 34/35.				●












# Strategic Direction 3

## Improve our knowledge






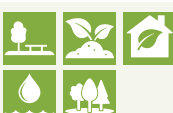

### Desired outcomes:

1. Tangata Whenua knowledge and practices are recognised, respected and encouraged.
2. We have the knowledge to effectively protect and restore our natural ecosystems.



Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>3.1 Know what we have</b>									
<b>3.1.1 Continue the assessment, monitoring and reporting of biodiversity values on public and private land (NPSIB)</b>									
3.1.1.1	Complete the District's SNA assessment and mapping programme as required by statute, in partnership with landowners in recognition of their role as stewards <b>(NPSIB)</b> .		ECan, Department of Conservation, Development Planning Unit, Greenspace	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time provided in 1.2.1.2.	●			
3.1.1.2	Discuss with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga the development of a list of taonga species that can be mapped as agreed <b>(NPSIB)</b> .		Te Ngāi O Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, ECan, Department of Conservation, Development Planning Unit, Greenspace	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time.	●			
3.1.1.3	Work with ECan to complete the assessment and mapping of the rest of the District's indigenous biodiversity, especially highly mobile fauna <b>(NPSIB)</b> .		ECan, Department of Conservation, Greenspace, landowners	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time provided in 1.2.1.2.		●		
3.1.1.4	Develop an ongoing SNA monitoring programme <b>(NPSIB)</b> .		Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, ECan	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time provided in 1.2.1.2.	●			
3.1.1.5	Develop an appropriate database for storing Council's indigenous biodiversity data; and partner with tangata whenua to develop systems for managing information provided by them, particularly with regard to taonga <b>(NPSIB)</b> .		Greenspace, Business & Technology Solutions, GIS, Te Ngāi O Tūāhuriri Rūnanga	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time.		●		
3.1.1.6	Carry out a biological assessment of Council's property portfolio; and make recommendations for repurposing appropriate sites for natural environment enhancement projects <b>(NPSIB)</b> .		Greenspace, Property, Strategy & Business	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time provided in 1.2.1.2.	●	●	●	●
3.1.1.7	Ascertain the extent and nature of the District's urban tree canopy.		Greenspace, landowners, consultant	✓	Total additional cost of \$40,000. Project costs of \$20k in year 24/25 for initial survey and \$20k in year 29/30 for monitoring.	●			



Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
3.1.1.8	Work with ECan to identify, monitor and publicly report on ecosystem health indicators for the Waimakariri District (NPSIB).		ECan, Department of Conservation, Greenspace, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust	✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time provided in 1.2.1.2.	●	●	●	●
<b>3.2 Understand future challenges</b>									
<b>3.2.1 Carry out research and work with research partners, community groups and landowners to fill knowledge gaps and understand challenges</b>									
3.2.1.1	Continue to carefully consider options for reductions in the use of chemicals as a precautionary principle, taking into account the effects on human health, and indigenous flora and fauna.		Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
3.2.1.2	Contribute to natural environment climate change mitigation and adaptation research.		Greenspace, Strategy & Business, universities, Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan Working Group	✓✓	No additional cost. \$25k BOF to be spent in years 24/25 and 25/26. Additional staff time for supervision provided in 1.2.1.2.	●			
3.2.1.3	Participate in relevant research carried out by other organisations.		Greenspace, ECan, Department of Conservation, universities, Ministry for the Environment	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$100,000. \$10k each year to cover costs of employing summer students. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
3.2.1.4	Carry out an assessment of the economic value of ecosystem services to the District.		Greenspace, consultant	✓	Total additional cost of \$40,000. To be spent in year 27/28 for specialist advice.		●		
3.2.1.5	Form mutually beneficial relationships with universities, including supporting student research projects.		Greenspace, universities	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
3.2.1.6	Partner with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, and other tangata whenua as appropriate, to obtain advice/ upskill on how to integrate Mātauranga Māori within conservation and restoration projects (ABS, NPSIB).		Te Ngāi O Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Ngāi Tahu, Greenspace	✓✓✓	Total additional cost of \$50,000. \$5k each year for specialist advice.	●	●	●	●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
3.2.1.7	Liaise with innovative research organisations and individuals to ensure Council's ecological advice and practices are up to date and forward focussed (ABS).		Greenspace, Ecan, environmental organisations, Helen Clark Foundation, Manaaki Whenua, universities, local authorities	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only	●	●	●	●
3.2.1.8	Engage with community, including diverse/minority groups to determine their aspirations and requirements for connecting with nature.		Greenspace, Community Team, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, community organisations, community members	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$10,000. Research project in 27/28 plus additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.		●		
3.2.1.9	Research restoration and management techniques for priority ecosystems, for example, kānuka drylands.		Greenspace, Lincoln University	✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time for supervision covered in 1.2.1.2. \$25k BOF for years 24/25 and 25/26.	●			
3.2.1.10	Investigate the feasibility of using indigenous tree species as street trees.		Greenspace	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.		●		
3.2.1.11	Research best practice pest and weed control and restoration practices.		Greenspace	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$9,000. \$3k provided in years 26/27, 29/30 and 32/33.	●	●	●	●
<b>3.2.2 Identify the impacts of key trends on the natural environment</b>									
3.2.2.1	Collaborate with others to identify, manage, and mitigate increased biosecurity risks.		ECan, Greenspace	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
3.2.2.2	Keep up to date and respond appropriately to key trends such as population growth, increased urbanisation, land use intensification, development of alternative energy sources, use of non-native carbon sinks, changes to government legislation and directives, Mātauranga Māori etc.		Strategy & Business, Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, government agencies, Te Ngāi O Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Ngāi Tahu	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●

# Strategic Direction 4











## Sustain and create resilient ecosystems






### Desired outcomes:

1. The District's natural ecosystems are self-sustaining, healthy, resilient and connected from the mountains to the sea.
2. A greater proportion of vegetation cover in the District is indigenous.
3. There is no further loss or degradation of Significant Natural Areas (SNAs).
4. Urban vegetation, including street trees, is valued by the community as making a significant contribution to urban resilience, human health, and environmental sustainability.



Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>4.1 Rebuild nature - more, bigger, better and joined</b>									
<b>4.1.1 MORE - Create new natural environment sites to provide for future wellbeing</b>									
4.1.1.1	Identify and obtain additional land through subdivision and/or land purchase for future natural parks (WDCCO).	 	Greenspace, Property, landowners	✓✓	To be considered when the need or opportunity arises.				●
4.1.1.2	When seeking to acquire or develop new natural parks, prioritise rare ecosystems, for example drylands and wetlands, to ensure their future protection.	 	Greenspace, Property, landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time.	●	●	●	●
4.1.1.3	Repurpose suitable Council land as indigenous bionodes. (ERP, NAP, NPSIB).	 	Greenspace, Property	✓✓	No additional cost. To be reviewed in 2027 LTP. There could be opportunities for external funding including public/private partnerships.			●	
4.1.1.4	Look for opportunities to develop new wader and waterfowl habitats, for example, at Kaiapoi Lakes and other closed gravel extraction sites.	 	Greenspace, Birds NZ	✓✓	No additional costs. Existing funding of \$92,097 for further development of Kaiapoi Lakes in years 24/27.	●			
4.1.1.5	Investigate an indigenous vegetation carbon sink programme, exploring private/partnership opportunities to implement this (ERP, NAP, NPSIB).	 	Strategy & Business, Greenspace, Property, private businesses	✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.		●		

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
4.1.1.6	Investigate the development of a flagship park or sanctuary, for example, the creation of an eco-tourist park (WVMS).		Greenspace, Strategy & Business, Property, Enterprise North Canterbury	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$1.49m. \$30k provided annually from 24/25–26/27 for project planning and then \$200k pa for development of the Lineside Road Wetland. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.	●	●	●	●
<b>4.1.2 BIGGER - Increase the size of existing indigenous flora and fauna sites</b>									
4.1.2.1	Expand the area of indigenous planting at Silverstream Reserve (ERP, NPSIB).		Greenspace, Silverstream Reserve Advisory Group, community members	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time and existing annual project budget of \$12,244.	●	●		
4.1.2.2	Enhance or consolidate habitat values at Council-owned indigenous bird habitat sites.		Greenspace, Birds NZ	✓✓	No additional costs. \$187,729 provided in year 25/26 for development of the last gravel pit at Kaiapoi Lakes.		●		
4.1.2.3	Develop the north-eastern side of Whites Road Reserve.		Greenspace, Whites Road Reserve Advisory Group, community members	✓	Additional cost of \$60,000. Existing staff time plus \$60k BOF in years 24/25 and 25/26 and a further \$20k funding each year in years 26/27–28/29 for indigenous planting, pathways and signage.	●	●	●	
4.1.2.4	Encourage landowners to increase the size of existing SNA sites, including providing buffer zones of at least 20m.		ECan, QEII Trust, Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●


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						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>4.1.3 BETTER - Improve the quality of the natural environment by better habitat management and promoting fauna-friendly practices</b>									
4.1.3.1	Use a range of management methods to increase the natural values of the Council's reserve portfolio.		Greenspace, reserve contractors, reserve advisory groups, community members	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$150,000. \$15k provided each year.	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.2	Promote the 'urban wild' concept (Meurk).		Greenspace, landowners, community members	✓	Total additional cost of \$50,000. \$5k provided annually	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.3	Develop additional secondary growth ecosystems as required at natural reserves, to provide enhanced habitat value and encourage a wider natural variety of flora and fauna species.		Greenspace, reserve advisory groups, community members	✓	Total additional cost of \$80,000. \$8k provided annually.	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.4	Plant suitable plant species to provide more natural transitions from modified natural park environments to river and coastal environments.		Greenspace, ECan, Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust	✓	Total additional cost of \$100,000. Existing staff time plus existing planting budgets of \$10k pa.	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.5	Promote and create more effective buffer zones between land uses and water bodies.		Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit, ECan	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time plus project costs from existing Arohatia Te Awa budget of \$125,000 in 24/25 and then \$100k pa. (Refer to action 4.1.4.5).	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.6	Advocate for/protect ecosystems supporting mahinga kai and rōngoā.		Te Ngāi O Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Greenspace	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.7	Advocate for the development of a management plan for the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary.		ECan, Greenspace, Strategy & Business, Te Ngāi O Tūāhuriri Rūnanga	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●			






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						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
4.1.3.8	Advocate for ECan to define objectives for each waterbody in the District and create achievable water catchment action plans (NPS-FM).		ECan, 3 Waters Unit, Greenspace	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.		●		
4.1.3.9	Continue to support the implementation of the ZIPA water catchment programme (PC 7, NPS-FM).	  	ECan, 3 Waters Unit, Zone Committee	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing funding in 3 Waters budget.	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.10	Ensure Council's everyday operations take the effects on water catchments into account (PC 7, NPS-FM).	     	3 Waters Unit, Greenspace, Utilities & Roading	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.11	Encourage natural drain solutions in Large Lot Rural Residential zones such as planting on drain sides to increase amenity and biodiversity, reduce mowing and chemical use, and filter sediment from waterways.		Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, Utilities & Roading, 3 Waters Unit, developers	✓✓	No additional cost. Review in conjunction with rural drainage contract renewal.	●	●	●	●
4.1.3.12	Work with WIL to ensure the protection of threatened habitats and species in water races where appropriate.		WIL, 3 Waters Unit, Greenspace	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.			●	
4.1.3.13	Review reserve maintenance contracts to incorporate ecology-friendly best practice management techniques.	 	Greenspace, reserve contractors	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●		
4.1.3.14	Develop and promote indigenous vegetation eco-sourcing guidelines.	     	Greenspace, ECan, Department of Conservation, landowners	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.		●		
4.1.3.15	Implement a District fauna enhancement programme, for example, bee-friendly, lizard havens, beetle lodges etc.	     	Greenspace, landowners, schools	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$21,000. \$3k pa to be spent from year 27/28 onwards. Additional biodiversity staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.		●		





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						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
4.1.3.16	Promote the uptake of environmentally friendly maintenance practices on lifestyle blocks.		Greenspace, ECan, landowners	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.		●		
4.1.3.17	Partner with/encourage private landowners to engage in practices that enrich the natural environment (NPSIB).		Greenspace, ECan, landowners	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.		●		
4.1.3.18	Plant new street trees in accordance with 'right tree - right place' principles.		Greenspace, Utilities & Roding, developers	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
<b>4.1.4 JOINED - Enhance connections between, or join up sites</b>									
4.1.4.1	Promote the uptake of key biodiversity concepts such as landscape corridors from the 'mountains to the sea', linear corridors, stepping stone 'green dot' corridors, and the 'landscape matrix' to enhance the biodiversity values of fragmented landscapes'.		Greenspace, ECan, reserve advisory groups, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, developers, landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●	●	●	●
4.1.4.2	Develop urban tree canopy targets and implement.		Greenspace, Utilities & Roding, developers, landowners	✓	Total additional cost of \$200,000. Existing staff time and existing reserve and street tree budgets plus \$20k pa for increased LOS (12,000 new specimen trees to be planted by 2033).	●	●	●	●
4.1.4.3	Increase the proportion of indigenous streetscape vegetation cover (NPSIB).		Greenspace, Utilities & Roding, developers	✓	No additional costs. Existing landscaping and tree budgets.	●	●	●	●
4.1.4.4	Enhance fish passage where appropriate.		3 Waters Unit, ECan, Greenspace, Utilities & Roding, developers, landowners	✓✓	No additional costs. Existing staff time and existing funding of \$10k pa.	●	●	●	●
4.1.4.5	Continue to implement Arohatia Te Awa.		Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit, landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time plus project costs from existing Arohatia Te Awa budget of \$125k in 24/25 and then \$100k pa.	●	●	●	●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
4.1.4.6	Develop new pocket forests on suitable low-use urban reserves (ERP, NPSIB).		Greenspace, Community Boards, community members	✓	Total additional cost of \$20,000. Existing staff time and additional funding of \$20k with \$5k being spread over 4 years from years 30/31–33/34.			●	
4.1.4.7	Promote backyard micro-bush gardens (Meurk, NPSIB).		Greenspace, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, landowners	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.			●	
4.1.4.8	Promote the use of native hedges and shelterbelts in semi-rural and rural environments (NPSIB).	 	ECan, Greenspace, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, developers, landowners	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.			●	
4.1.4.9	Establish a strategic, district-wide approach to riparian management and ecological linkages to close gaps and prioritise the acquisition of esplanades.	  	Greenspace, ECan, Development Planning Unit, developers, landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.		●		
4.1.4.10	Develop Reserve Management Plans for Greenspace recreation and ecological linkages and natural parks.		Greenspace, reserve advisory groups, community members	✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.	●			
4.1.4.11	Plant Council's undeveloped recreation and ecological linkages where these have the potential to contribute significant natural environment benefits.		Greenspace, community members	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$20,000. Existing staff time and additional funding of \$20k with \$5k being spread over 4 years from years 30/31–33/34.			●	
4.1.4.12	Review the landscaping rules in the District Plan to require indigenous plants to be used predominantly in carpark landscaping.	 	Development Planning Unit, Greenspace, Utilities & Roading, developers,	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.				●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>4.2 Protect what we have</b>									
<b>4.2.1 Implement a climate change natural environment mitigation and adaptation programme (ERP, NAP)</b>									
4.2.1.1	Provide specialised biodiversity input to the development of Council climate change strategies and plans, including mitigation options, risk assessments and adaptation planning. (ERP, NAP, NPSIB).		Strategy & Business, Greenspace	✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.	●			
4.2.1.2	Implement natural environment actions identified in climate change plans and strategies (ERP, NAP).		Greenspace, 3 Waters Unit, Utilities & Roding, Community Boards, reserve advisory groups, community members	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$50,000. Existing staff time plus project costs in year 33/34		●	●	●
4.2.1.3	Integrate nature-based climate change solutions in policies, strategies and plans (NAP, NPSIB).		Strategy & Business, Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, Utilities & Roding, Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan Working Group	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.	●			
4.2.1.4	Participate in the development of a regional blue-green network as provided for in the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (NAP).		Strategy & Business, Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, Utilities & Roding, Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan Working Group	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time.	●	●	●	●

Action	What are we doing?	What assets does it impact?	Possible stakeholders	How important is it?	Funding	When are we doing it?			
						Years 1-3	Years 4-6	Years 7-10	Years 11-30
<b>4.2.2 Reduce the pressure in high value indigenous ecosystems by improving the wider environment</b>									
4.2.2.1	Partner in an integrated landscape-wide pest and weed control programme (ABS).		Greenspace, ECan, reserve advisory groups, community groups, community members	✓✓	Total additional cost of \$70,000. \$50k BOF to be spent in years 24/25–26/27 for pest coordinator and additional \$10k each year from 27/28 for continued coordination.	●	●	●	●
4.2.2.2	Continue to support the predator control programme at Ashley Gorge Reserve (PF 2050).		Greenspace, Department of Conservation, Ashley Gorge Reserve Advisory Group	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time.	●			
4.2.2.3	Promote and assist with the development and enhancement of buffer zones around high value indigenous flora and fauna sites (NPSIB).		Greenspace, landowners, QEII Trust, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time.	●	●	●	●
4.2.2.4	Review and continue to implement the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Implementation Plan.		Greenspace, Strategy & Business, ECan, Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust, Department of Conservation, Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group, community members	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time plus existing project costs of \$21,530 pa.		●		
<b>4.2.3 Provide support for SNA landowners and incentivise SNA protection</b>									
4.2.3.1	Ensure all identified SNAs are listed in the District Plan as required by statute (NPSIB).		Development Planning Unit, ECan, Greenspace, SNA landowners	✓✓✓	Planning costs covered in planning budget. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.		●		

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4.2.3.2	Administer and promote the biodiversity contestable fund for SNAs (ABS).		Greenspace, Development Planning Unit, SNA landowners	✓✓✓	No additional cost. Existing funding of \$480k over 10 years increasing by \$10k pa from \$25k in 24/25 to \$95k in 31/32.	●	●	●	●
4.2.3.3	Maintain regular contact with all SNA landowners (NPSIB).		Greenspace, SNA landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Additional staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.	●	●	●	●
4.2.3.4	Provide ecological advice to SNA landowners as requested (ABS).		Greenspace, SNA landowners, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust	✓✓	No additional cost. Additional biodiversity staff time covered in 1.2.1.2.	●	●	●	●
4.2.3.5	Continue to implement the rates grant/rates relief scheme for SNA landowners (ABS).		Development Planning Unit, SNA landowners	✓✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time plus existing funding of \$500k over 10 years divided into \$50k pa plus LGCI.	●	●	●	●
4.2.3.6	Continue to develop incentives for protecting and restoring SNAs, for example, transferable development rights (ABS).		Development Planning Unit, Greenspace, SNA landowners	✓	No additional cost. Existing staff time only.				●

# Implementation

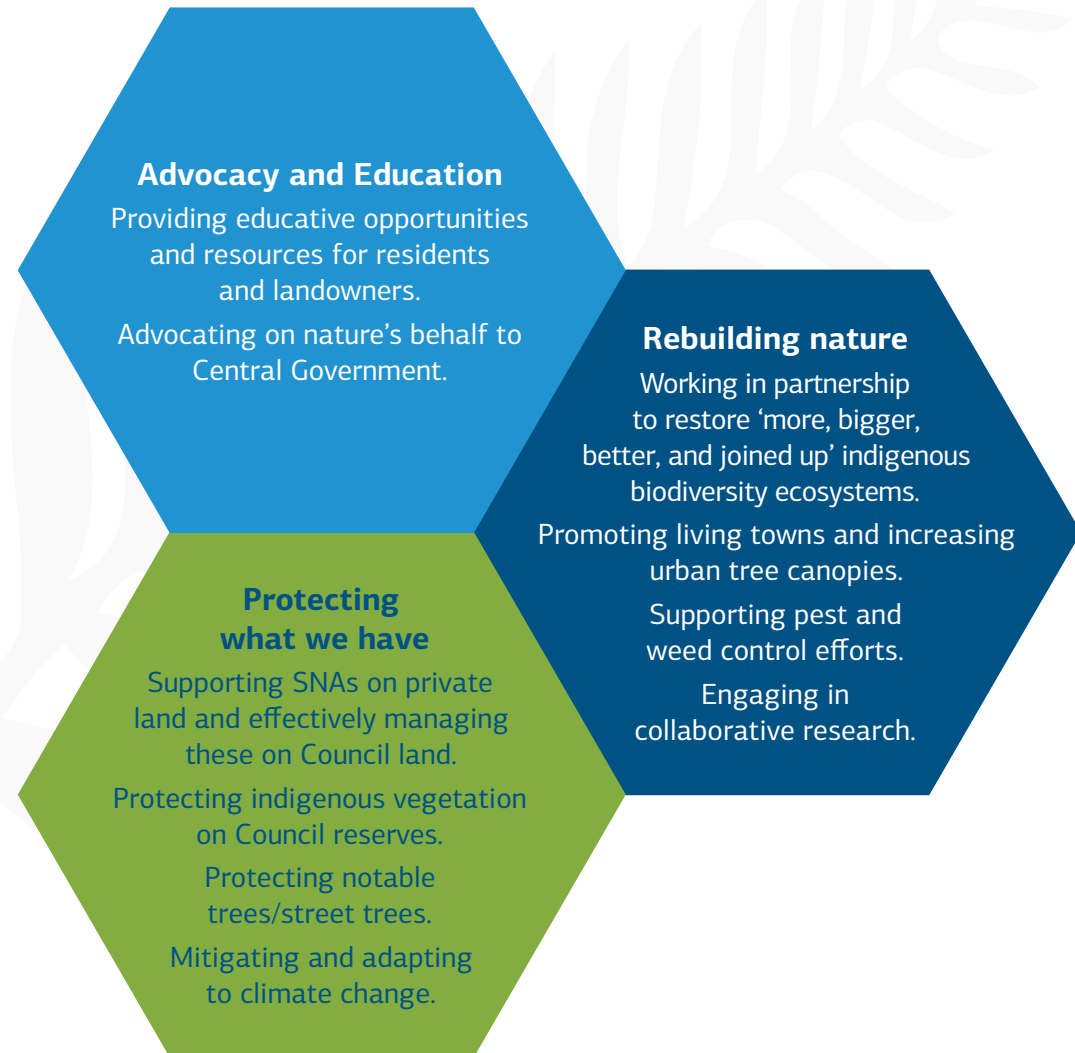
## 2024-34 Long Term Plan

The Implementation Plan for this strategy contains 124 actions that could be carried out over the next 30 years. Years 2024 to 2034 have been costed for inclusion in the Council's draft Long Term Plan (LTP) and different funding options will be subject to community consultation as part of the LTP consultation process. The extent of additional environmental expenditure depends to a large extent on what is important to and affordable for the community.

Implementation Plan actions have been prioritised as following:

1. Meeting Council's legislative requirements (protecting remaining indigenous priority ecosystems).
2. Very Important (restoring and managing natural ecosystems, education).
3. Important (educating residents in general).

Many of the actions are business as usual for the Council and have been captured to guide Greenspace biodiversity work programmes over the next few years. In order to make further progress on environmental outcomes the Council significantly increased its expenditure on biodiversity in the 2021-24 LTP and this increased activity is reflected in the Implementation Plan.



Key projects from the 2021-24 Long Term Plan include:

- Additional funding for SNA landowners in the form of rates relief and a contestable fund
- Funding to implement Arohaitia te Awa over 10 years
- Funding to support the establishment of the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust

- Funding to provide access to the coast for people with restricted mobility
- Additional biodiversity staff resource.

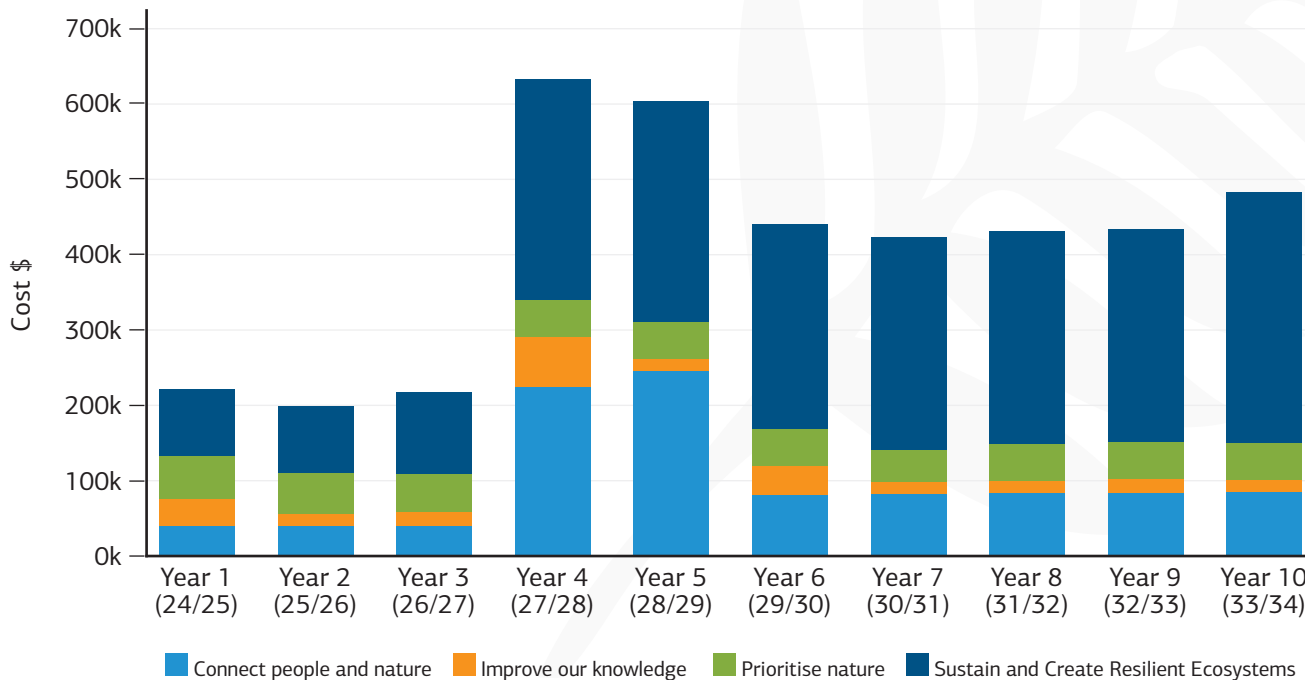
In addition to these new projects, 85ha of wetland off Lineside Road was purchased by the Council in 2023 to cover a shortfall in its stated levels of service for Natural Parks.

Key Natural Environment Strategy implementation actions to be included in the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan for community consultation include:

- Operational funding for the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust
- An annual contestable fund to support community-based environmental groups to implement Natural Environment Strategy actions
- New education and research programmes
- An increase in Council biodiversity capability and capacity in light of increased legislative requirements arising from the recent gazettal of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity
- New targets for additional tree planting to increase the size of urban tree canopies (approximately 12,000 more specimen trees by 2033) and increased indigenous biodiversity planting on Council reserves
- The development of the Lineside Road wetland
- Projects that increase access to the natural environment for those with restricted mobility
- An additional ranger to work with community groups, plant reserves and carry out pest and weed management
- Partnering in an integrated landscape-wide pest and weed control programme
- Developing more walking tracks at natural parks such as Ashley Gorge Reserve
- Part funding (with Department of Conservation) a new toilet at Coopers Creek.

### Additional Funding Required for Natural Environment Strategy Actions 2024-2034

This graph includes all the actions and shows the logical progression of activities from ensuring internal resources, processes and knowledge are in order, to concentrating on connecting people and nature, and then making on-the-ground ecosystem improvements.





## Monitoring

Improving environmental outcomes takes time and the Natural Environment Strategy is intended to provide strategic direction for achieving this over the next 30 years. A key action is to identify, monitor and publicly report on biodiversity indicators for the Waimakariri District so progress can be tracked.

## Review

The strategy document will be reviewed in 10 years' time prior to the development of the Council's 2034 Long Term Plan.

The Implementation Plan needs to be flexible enough to respond to changing circumstances and priorities. This will therefore be reviewed every three years in line with LTP reviews to allow requests for funding to be considered by Council.







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**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL****REPORT FOR DECISION**

**FILE NO and TRIM NO:** RES-20/ 250226031487


**REPORT TO:** WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

**DATE OF MEETING:** 11 March 2025

**AUTHOR(S):** Chrissy Taylor-Claude, Parks Officer.

**SUBJECT:** Waikuku Beach Volleyball Court Consultation Results

**ENDORSED BY:**  
(for Reports to Council,  
Committees or Boards)

  
General Manager

  
Chief Executive

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to consult with the community to install one sand beach volleyball court in Waikuku Beach next to the carpark located by the Waikuku Beach Surf Life Saving Club.
- 1.2. This project was brought to Council staff from a local Waikuku resident two years ago. Since then, the Waikuku Beach Reserve Spatial Activity Plan has been created due to the pressure on the public space and to ensure that the community had the opportunity to raise any concerns with further development of park land.
- 1.3. Installing a volleyball court in Waikuku Beach is a supported activity under the Spatial Activity Plan, which was approved by the Community Board in February 2023. The Spatial Activity Plan helps inform Council staff and the Community Board when making decisions regarding the allocation of space in Waikuku.
- 1.4. Originally, there were three locations within the Spatial Activity Plan for consideration. These locations were beside the tennis courts in the Central Area, opposite the carpark in the Central Area, and in the North Oval as seen in attachment iv.
- 1.5. Council staff presented a report to the Woodend Sefton Community Board in February 2024 to consult with the community to install a beach volleyball court in the North Oval. This was approved and in May 2024 Council staff undertook consultation. This included a letter drop to those immediately bordering the North Oval. The survey was also available online through Council's Let's Talk website.
- 1.6. Based on the feedback received, Council staff began looking into alternative locations. These locations include the north side and south side of the carpark by the Waikuku Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC), the Central Area, and remaining in the North Oval as originally consulted on (seen in attachment i).
- 1.7. The project is intended to be funded entirely through donations, fundraising, and volunteer time. Volunteers will need staff approval for any physical works that are intended to be undertaken. Once constructed, the court would become a Council asset and proposed to be maintained under the Delta Maintenance Contract within existing operational budgets which is estimated to be \$83.93 a month.
- 1.8. The total court sand area is 18 metres by 25 metres and the net is 10 metres long within this space. The posts for the volleyball net would be dug into the ground within this space and sand would be added. The net would be up permanently for the community to enjoy.



Attachments:

- i. Potential locations (Trim: 250225030683).
- ii. Waikuku Beach Reserve Spatial Activity Plan (Trim: 230202014132).
- iii. Summary of consultation feedback (Trim: 250226031885)
- iv. Original location options (Trim: 250226031920).

## 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Woodend Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250226031487.
- (b) **Approves** staff carrying out consultation on the installation of a beach volleyball court in both location one and two as seen in Trim No. 250225030683.
- (c) **Notes** that installing a volleyball court in Waikuku Beach is a supported activity under the Waikuku Beach Reserve Spatial Activity Plan.
- (d) **Notes** that the Spatial Activity Plan was publicly consulted on with the community in November 2022 and approved by the Community Board in February 2023.
- (e) **Notes** that the construction of the beach volleyball court will be carried out by the community and overseen by Greenspace staff as this is a community driven project. The volleyball court will be constructed once enough funds have been attained.
- (f) **Notes** that the project is to be funded entirely by the community through fundraising and donations. The cost for the posts/ net is expected to be under \$5,000 and the sand is planned to be donated. Any other landscaping costs is expected to be minimal as this would be done by qualified volunteers and any materials needed would be donated.
- (g) **Notes** the community intend to gift the volleyball court to Council once it is constructed. Council would then assume responsibility of the court before its ongoing maintenance and depreciation.
- (h) **Notes** the maintenance of the asset is estimated to be \$1,007.16 annually. This will be covered under existing Greenspace maintenance budgets.
- (i) **Notes** that a report will be brought back to the Community Board, detailing the consultation results, and seeking approval of installation if appropriate. This will include the timeline for installation, design, materials, construction method and any associated costs, along with ongoing maintenance plan and cost.
- (j) **Notes** in February 2024, the Woodend-Sefton Community Board approved Council staff to consult with the community to install a beach volleyball court in the North Oval and consultation was carried out in May 2024.
- (k) **Notes** that there were 20 people who responded to the survey with nine people (45%) in favour of a volleyball court in the North Oval, five people (25%) against a volleyball court anywhere in Waikuku Beach, and six people (30%) who were supportive of a volleyball court providing it was in a different location.
- (l) **Notes** that should the volleyball court go ahead, a resource consent from Waimakariri District Council will be required before works go ahead.
- (m) **Notes** that staff do not expect flooding to be a major issue for the proposed areas, but Greenspace staff will work with 3 Waters staff about drainage mechanisms for the area.

### 3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. The Waikuku Beach Reserve Spatial Activity Plan (in attachment ii) was approved by the Community Board in February 2023. The Spatial Activity Plan aids Council staff and the Community Board when making decisions regarding the allocation of space in Waikuku. It also gives the residents clarity when approaching Council with initiatives that an informed and coordinated approach is taken when decisions are made regarding the use of the reserve space. The Spatial Activity Plan is supportive of a volleyball court being installed in Waikuku Beach for all the potential locations with varying degrees of suitability.
- 3.2. Council staff were first approached two years ago by a Waikuku Beach resident wishing to build a sand beach volleyball court in Waikuku Beach. The resident is intending to fund the project through donations, community volunteer hours and fundraising for any costs required. They have family members and friends able to clear the scrub and trees and install the posts/ nets as they are experienced trades people. The design and construction of the court will be overseen by Greenspace staff.
- 3.3. Council staff worked with the resident to identify potential options and found three locations within Waikuku Beach for staff to deliberate on. These locations were beside the tennis courts in the Central Area, opposite the carpark in the Central Area, and in the North Oval as seen in attachment iv.
- 3.4. Staff put the three locations through a list of criteria to determine the best suited area. These criteria revealed the North Oval as a favoured location. Based on this, Council staff presented a report to the Woodend Sefton Community Board in February 2024 to get approval to consult with the community to install a beach volleyball court in the North Oval. This was approved by the Community Board and Council staff undertook consultation in May. Consultation opened on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 and concluded on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. This included a letter box drop to residents immediately bordering the North Oval and the survey was also available online through Council's Let's Talk website. See below a map of the residents that were included in the letter box drop:
- 3.5. There were mixed responses received from the community. Overall, there were 20 people who responded to the survey and most of them provided feedback. There was support for a volleyball court located in Waikuku Beach with 15 people (75%) in favour and 5 people (25%) not in favour. However, as seen in the table below, feedback revealed that the North



Oval was not the favoured location with 11 people (55%) saying no to the North Oval and 9 people (45%) saying yes to the North Oval. Of the people that said no, 6 of them were supportive of a volleyball court in a different location.

	Yes	No	Suggested another location	Total
Supports a volleyball court somewhere in <b>Waikuku Beach</b>	15 (75%)	5 (25%)		<b>15 Yes (75%).</b> <b>5 No (25%).</b>
Supports a volleyball court in the <b>North Oval</b>	9 (45%)	5 (25%)	6 (30%)	<b>9 Yes (45%).</b> <b>11 No (55%).</b>

- 3.6. Based on the feedback received, Council staff began looking into alternative locations. These locations include the north side and south side of the carpark by the Waikuku Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC), the Central Area, and remaining in the North Oval as originally consulted on (seen in attachment i).
- 3.7. Staff presented the options to a workshop with the Community Board at their February meeting with the positives and negatives of each location and a summary of the feedback received (attachment iii). Investigations into the locations have revealed either side of the carpark by WBSLSC being the more favourable options.
- 3.8. The main factor favouring the locations by the carpark is that these locations will alleviate many of the concerns raised in the previous consultation. Choosing the North Oval would go against the feedback received and the Central Area has extremely limited space available for the court.
- 3.9. All locations will require a resource consent from Waimakariri District Council due to earthworks being carried out in the cultural overlay (Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori) and Natural Open Space Zone. Council staff will work with the community members facilitating the project to provide assistance with any consents requires.
- 3.10. The proposed beach volleyball court is approximately 16 metres by 8 meters with a total sand area of 18 metres by 25 metres to allow run off space for safety. The net is 10 metres long within this space. This is the size of a social volleyball court, allowing more people to use the space. The posts for the volleyball net would be dug into the ground within this space and sand would be added. The net would be up permanently for the community to enjoy. As this new location is closer to the beach environment, this size can be reduced as the edges and surrounding surface will be sand rather than wooden borders and dirt ground.
- 3.11. There is aspiration by the community member driving this project to arrange a regular competition in the future if there is interest by the community. If this occurs there may be periods of time when the volleyball court is not available for the public.

#### **4. ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1. Option 1: Approve consultation on the installation of one beach volleyball court in both location 1 & 2 as seen in attachment i.

Council staff recommend this option because both options eliminate or mitigates concerns raised in the consultation for the North Oval. Both locations would be acceptable to the community member wanting the project. WBSLSC have said they are in full support of the north side location.

Both locations would require a resource consent from Waimakariri District Council. Staff have received advice from Environment Canterbury (ECAN), and they believe an ECAN resource consent will not be required at this stage. The community member wanting the volleyball court has indicated that they may not have capacity to put together a resource

consent application. Council staff will work with the community members facilitating the project to provide assistance with putting together any resource consent applications.

Please see the table below of a summary of the two locations.

	WDC resource consent	ECAN resource consent	Spatial Activity Plan	Landscaping	Miscellaneous
North Side	Yes	No	Area not included in Plan as space considered unusable, therefore allowing for a volleyball court.	Removal of several pine trees small to large. More sand required to level ground; more material required (e.g. retaining wall possibly required)	Slightly closer to beach activities. Possibly more visible. WBSLSC in favour of this location.
South Side	Yes	No	Area partially included in Plan. Allows for volleyball court although not intended for this use.	Removal of approx. 3 large pine trees. Flat open ground.	Slightly further from beach activities. Possibly less visible.

Should this option be approved, the consultation for the volleyball court could be included in the consultation document for the Waikuku Beach Master Plan. A report regarding the Waikuku Beach Master Plan will be submitted to the Community Board following this report. The consultation document will seek feedback on the public's location preference noting that it is dependent on securing external capital and ongoing operational funding. The final location will then be approved as part of the Master Plan approval by the Community Board following consultation.

- 4.2. Option 2: Approve consultation on the installation of a beach volleyball court in one location by the WBSLSC.

Council staff do not recommend this option because there are both positives and negatives for both locations on either side of the carpark. Both options eliminate or mitigates concerns raised in the previous consultation for the North Oval. As with the previous option, should this option be approved, the consultation for the volleyball court would be included in the consultation document for the Waikuku Beach Master Plan.

- 4.3. Option 3: Approve consultation on the installation of a beach volleyball court in another location not recommended above.

Council staff do not recommend this option as the location options recommended above are the least impactful on the community. Staff have put several locations through a lengthy process to determine the most suitable location for the volleyball court. The recommended locations are the best suited for the space available in Waikuku Beach and eliminates or mitigates concerns raised on the previous consultation.

- 4.4. Option 4: Decline consultation on the installation of a beach volleyball court in Waikuku Beach until further information has been received from the community member driving this project.

Staff do not recommend this option because it will likely result in the community member withdrawing from the project due to extending the timeline. Without their involvement, the project likely will not progress unless another source of funding is found.

- 4.5. **Implications for Community Wellbeing**

There are positive implications on community wellbeing by the issues and options that are the subject matter of this report. A volleyball court will provide a fun and social activity for all ages to enjoy in the community. The aim of adding a volleyball court is to add to community wellbeing by growing the social, cultural, and environmental values in Waikuku Beach. Previous consultation with the community has been favourable of a volleyball court in Waikuku Beach and many of the concerns raised were specific to the North Oval. The locations proposed will address those concerns. The recommendation to consult with the community on the locations will ensure the best outcomes for the community, allowing them to provide further feedback.

- 4.6. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

## 5. **COMMUNITY VIEWS**

### 5.1. **Mana whenua**

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū are not likely to be affected by or have an interest in the subject matter of this report. Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū were contacted when forming the Spatial Activity Plan and they chose not to have any input. The volleyball court is a supported activity in the Spatial Activity Plan and will be an activity available to everyone. Consultation will be publicly available for everyone to provide feedback on the volleyball court location. As part of resource consent conditions, typically, an accidental discovery protocol (ADP) is in place during all earthworks to respond to archaeological finds and protect the interests of mana whenua.

### 5.2. **Groups and Organisations**

There are groups and organisations likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. The recommended locations are close to the Waikuku Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC). Staff contacted the WBSLSC for comment on the proposal and they thought it was a great idea. However, they have said they would prefer the north side of the carpark. They believe the north side is better suited and has a better connection with the beach and the surf club. They also thought it would be underutilised on the south side as it would be less noticeable. One member also raised safety concerns for their children that the south side is hidden and too far away from passing pedestrians (lack of passive surveillance). WBSLSC requested we consider using some of the sand around the left side of the building for the court. Staff will work the WBSLSC to relocate any excess sand if possible.

### 5.3. **Wider Community**

The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. The proposed volleyball court will be for the community to use and enjoy. It would be located next to the main beach entrance in Waikuku Beach, so it is easy to access and highly visible for beach users. During warmer months the beach will be in high use by the public. Currently, the potential areas are not used for any formalised activity. These locations have been recommended because they will alleviate the concerns highlighted in the consultation feedback. The recommendation to consult with the community on the potential locations will ensure the best outcomes for the community, allowing them to provide further feedback.

## 6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

### 6.1. **Financial Implications**

There are financial implications of the decisions sought by this report.

The resident who proposed the beach volleyball courts expects to be able to fund the project through fundraising, donations and volunteer hours from friends, family, and locals. The sourcing and cost for the nets is still to be determined but this cost will be covered by fundraising and is expected to be under \$5,000. This project will be constructed and supported by friends and family who are experienced trades people and business owners resulting in limited preparation and installation costs. Design and construction will be signed off and overseen by Greenspace staff to ensure the court is of high quality and follows all health and safety requirements.

While the construction cost of the court is covered by the community resident, the maintenance of the court is proposed to be owned and maintained by Council under the Delta maintenance contract. Maintenance for the volleyball court would likely be under “monthly inspect and maintain play equipment” (10.538.100.2465) which is currently costed at \$83.93 a month (\$1,007.16 annually). Due to the seasonality of the volleyball court, the cost of ongoing maintenance may be reduced. Once the court is established, it may need sand topped up over time. This would be an additional cost, but it is expected to be less than \$1,000 over the duration of 3 years. Maintenance of the volleyball court is expected to begin in 1-2 years’ time once fundraising and construction is complete. Therefore, it will be included within the programmed Greenspace Operational Budgets for the 2027-37 Long Term Plan. Over time, the asset (e.g. net and posts) may need to be renewed. The asset will need to be included in Councils asset renewal programme and this cost can be included in the programmed Greenspace budgets in future Annual Plans/ Long Term Plans. Staff will work with the community member to ensure that the materials chosen (e.g. net) are durable and robust so as not to need regular replacement.

This budget will be covered under existing operational budgets included in the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan.

## 6.2. **Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The recommendations in this report do not have sustainability and/or climate change impacts.

## 6.3. **Risk Management**

There are risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report. There is a risk that adding a volleyball court to this area could increase the number of vehicles utilising the nearby carpark which is used frequently in the warmer months. The volleyball court is designed for local and social use and is expected to be used by people already going for to the beach. Even so, Council staff are aware of the pressure on the carpark and staff will be bringing a separate report to the Community Board addressing this issue with the Waikuku Beach Master Plan.

Another risk to be considered is flooding. The proposed locations are in an area that could flood. However, Council staff do not expect this to be a major issue. As this area is in a sandy, beach environment, it is expected to drain easier than other considered locations. Council staff have engaged with Christchurch City Council staff about their beach volleyball court in Spencer Park with a similar environment to Waikuku Beach. They have issues with flooding during the wetter months but have found that the sand drains well and there is no concern for the court’s functionality or safety of the courts.

As mentioned above, should the volleyball court be support and approved, a resource consent from Council would be required. The community member wanting the volleyball court has indicated that they may not have capacity to put together a resource consent application. Due to this, there is a risk that the community member may withdraw from the project, potentially leading to unmet public expectations regarding the installation of the volleyball court. To reduce this risk, staff will work with the community member to provide assistance putting together the resource consent application. If they were to withdraw, staff will inform the Board to see if there is another way to source external funding to continue the project.

## 6.4. **Health and Safety**

There are health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report. The volleyball court will be constructed by the community, but the design and construction will be signed off and overseen by Greenspace to ensure public safety. There will be a health and safety plan in place for any works undertaken by volunteers or Council staff. Once installed, the court would be covered by Council’s maintenance contract to ensure the area is tidy and functional. There were some concerns raised from the consultation feedback regarding animal poo. This location is not expected to draw the attention of animals to use as a toilet as it is closer to the beach environment.

However, if this does become an issue once the court is complete, then options can be investigated, such as installing a cover for the area. Should the project be supported by the community and the Community Board, a subsequent report will be submitted detailing the design, materials, construction method, and ongoing maintenance plan and cost.

## **7. CONTEXT**

### **7.1. Consistency with Policy**

This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

### **7.2. Authorising Legislation**

Local Government Act

Reserves Act

### **7.3. Consistency with Community Outcomes**

The Council's community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

#### Environmental:

- Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.

#### Social:

- Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation.
- People are able to enjoy meaningful relationships with others in their families, whanau, communities, iwi and workplaces.

### **7.4. Authorising Delegations**

The Woodend-Sefton Community Board has delegated authority to approve the recommendations of this report.

## Volleyball court potential locations.

Location 1: North side of the carpark by the Waikuku Beach Surf Life Saving Club.



Location 2: South side of the carpark by the Waikuku Beach Surf Life Saving Club.





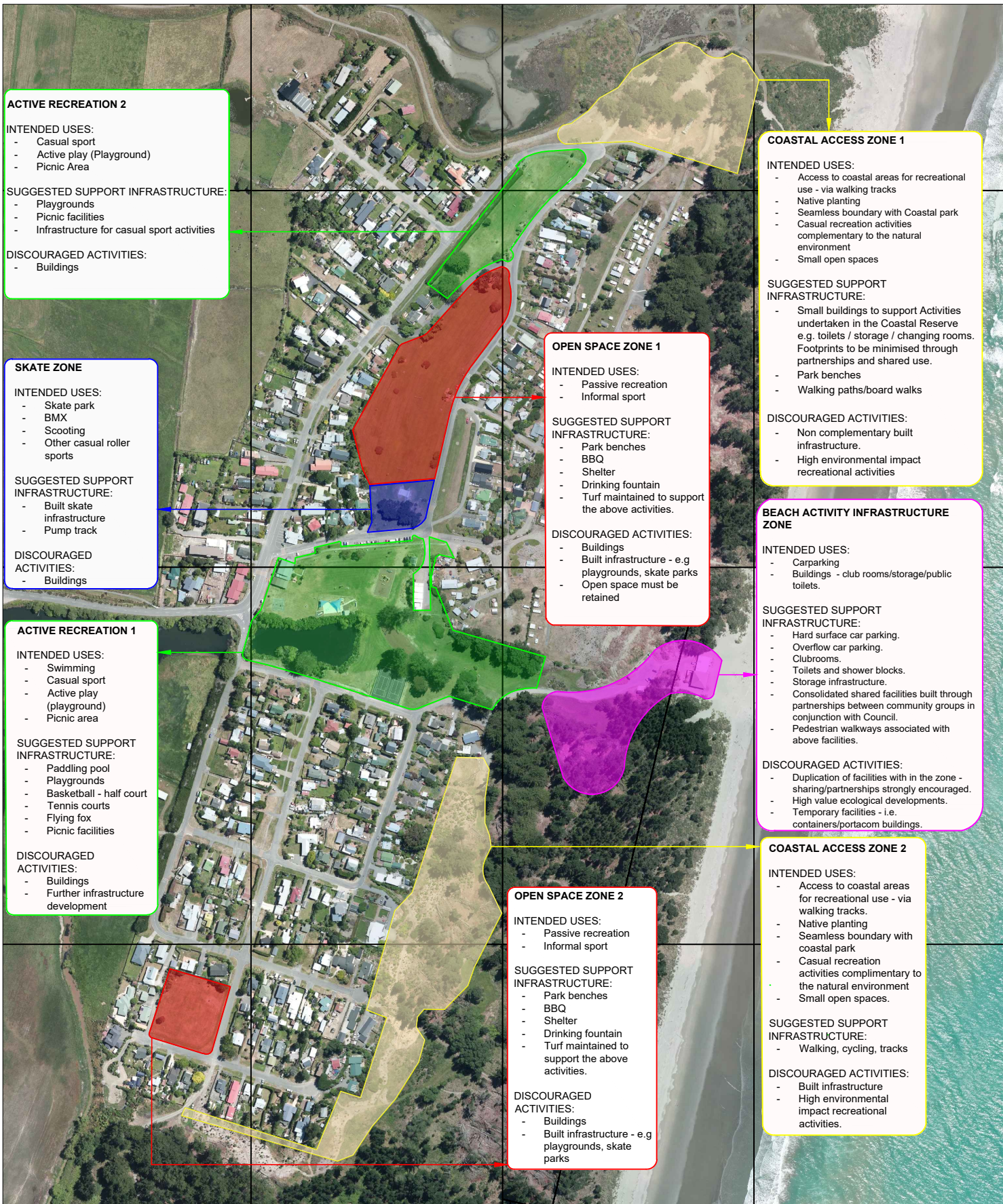
Location 3: North Oval.



Location 4: Somewhere in the Central Area.







**ACTIVE RECREATION 2**

**INTENDED USES:**

- Casual sport
- Active play (Playground)
- Picnic Area

**SUGGESTED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Playgrounds
- Picnic facilities
- Infrastructure for casual sport activities

**DISCOURAGED ACTIVITIES:**

- Buildings

**SKATE ZONE**

**INTENDED USES:**

- Skate park
- BMX
- Scooting
- Other casual roller sports

**SUGGESTED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Built skate infrastructure
- Pump track

**DISCOURAGED ACTIVITIES:**

- Buildings

**ACTIVE RECREATION 1**

**INTENDED USES:**

- Swimming
- Casual sport
- Active play (playground)
- Picnic area

**SUGGESTED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Paddling pool
- Playgrounds
- Basketball - half court
- Tennis courts
- Flying fox
- Picnic facilities

**DISCOURAGED ACTIVITIES:**

- Buildings
- Further infrastructure development

**OPEN SPACE ZONE 1**

**INTENDED USES:**

- Passive recreation
- Informal sport

**SUGGESTED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Park benches
- BBQ
- Shelter
- Drinking fountain
- Turf maintained to support the above activities.

**DISCOURAGED ACTIVITIES:**

- Buildings
- Built infrastructure - e.g playgrounds, skate parks
- Open space must be retained

**OPEN SPACE ZONE 2**

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- Passive recreation
- Informal sport

**SUGGESTED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Park benches
- BBQ
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- Turf maintained to support the above activities.

**DISCOURAGED ACTIVITIES:**

- Buildings
- Built infrastructure - e.g playgrounds, skate parks

**COASTAL ACCESS ZONE 1**

**INTENDED USES:**

- Access to coastal areas for recreational use - via walking tracks
- Native planting
- Seamless boundary with Coastal park
- Casual recreation activities complementary to the natural environment
- Small open spaces

**SUGGESTED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Small buildings to support Activities undertaken in the Coastal Reserve e.g. toilets / storage / changing rooms. Footprints to be minimised through partnerships and shared use.
- Park benches
- Walking paths/board walks

**DISCOURAGED ACTIVITIES:**

- Non complementary built infrastructure.
- High environmental impact recreational activities

**BEACH ACTIVITY INFRASTRUCTURE ZONE**

**INTENDED USES:**

- Carparking
- Buildings - club rooms/storage/public toilets.

**SUGGESTED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Hard surface car parking.
- Overflow car parking.
- Clubrooms.
- Toilets and shower blocks.
- Storage infrastructure.
- Consolidated shared facilities built through partnerships between community groups in conjunction with Council.
- Pedestrian walkways associated with above facilities.

**DISCOURAGED ACTIVITIES:**

- Duplication of facilities with in the zone - sharing/partnerships strongly encouraged.
- High value ecological developments.
- Temporary facilities - i.e. containers/portacom buildings.

**COASTAL ACCESS ZONE 2**

**INTENDED USES:**

- Access to coastal areas for recreational use - via walking tracks.
- Native planting
- Seamless boundary with coastal park
- Casual recreation activities complimentary to the natural environment
- Small open spaces.

**SUGGESTED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- Walking, cycling, tracks

**DISCOURAGED ACTIVITIES:**

- Built infrastructure
- High environmental impact recreational activities.

— Open Space Zone    — Active Recreation zone    — Skate zone    — Coastal zone    — Beach Activity Infrastructure zone



## Summary of the consultation feedback

North Oval location specific comments	People	Staff comment
Too close to homes	2	The North Oval is in close proximity to homes. Other locations may be further from homes and therefore have less of an impact on local residents.
Wants North Oval left alone (it's good for families and quiet activities, keep natural beauty)	4	Staff note other users of this space and the preference for quiet activities which may create conflict between these uses.
Doesn't believe it fits with the Spatial Activity Plan	3	The Spatial Activity Plan is supportive of a volleyball court in the North Oval along with the other proposed locations.
Thinks it would be better to put the volleyball court at the Surf Club end	4	Staff will investigate new locations by the carpark by Waikuku Beach Surf Life Saving Club.
Poor drainage/ flooding concerns	3	Yes, the North Oval has a risk of flooding.
Poor parking/ traffic concerns	4	Yes, the North Oval has limited parking. There may be more parking space at other locations.
Rubbish concerns (increase in rubbish being left by users)	1	There is an existing rubbish bin at the north end of the North Oval. This could be moved closer to the court if this issue arose, or another bin could be installed.
Poor facilities to support this activity (toilets, lighting)	1	Toilets are provided within the Ashley Rakahuri carpark; however, these are approximately 200 metres from the North Oval and are not highly visible. Signage would need to be included to make users aware of this. Intended as a daytime activity.

General comments	People	Staff comment
Animal poo concerns	3	Not expected to be an issue.
Poor use of money	2	No initial capital cost to Council. Being funded by the community.
Not a priority	1	Not a Council derived project. Being driven by the community.
No one will use it	1	Consultation results revealed support and usage.

Original location options considered in February 2024.

Option 1- North Oval



Option 2- Central Area Beside Tennis Courts





Option 3- Central Area Beside Carpark



**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL****REPORT FOR DECISION**

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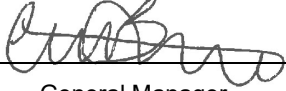
**REPORT TO:** WOODEND SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

**DATE OF MEETING:** 11 March 2025

**AUTHOR(S):** Grant Stephens, Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader

**SUBJECT:** Pegasus Youth Space Options – Approval to Undertake Consultation

**ENDORSED BY:**  
(for Reports to Council,  
Committees or Boards)

  
General Manager

  
Chief Executive

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update the Woodend Sefton Community Board on the project to create a youth space in Pegasus and to seek approval to consult on three options for this space with the wider community. This joint project between the Greenspace Team and the Youth Development Facilitator, with support from the Communications and Engagement Team is to consult, design and install a youth space in Pegasus. The Pegasus Youth Space has been allocated \$192,515 in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and staff have been working through the engagement process following a workshop with the Woodend Sefton Community Board in December 2023.
- 1.2. To determine what a youth space in Pegasus might look like, staff have engaged local youth through school visits and an online survey to understand their needs and preferences. This had challenges in reaching and engaging youth but valuable feedback was gathered from around 140 participants. The focus was on quality ideas over quantity of responses. Youth in Pegasus enjoy locations like the beach, lake, and parks such as Wanaka Reserve. They prefer active activities (walking, biking) and passive ones (hanging out) and want diverse opportunities, especially for sports, recreation and play. A good youth space should be fun, safe, clean, accessible, and offer engaging activities.
- 1.1. After reviewing feedback, staff undertook a review of current sites in Pegasus. It was identified that Active Play, Active Sports, and Small Wheels were all categories which had room for improved provision. Three options have been developed for a youth space, including a designated small wheel element and two options which include a range of options across Pegasus. The proposed options are shown in the below table, and staff are seeking approval from the board to undertake consultation with the wider community to determine the preferences and feedback around these options.

Pegasus Youth Space Options				
Option	Description	Location	Est Cost	Total Est Cost
1	Dedicated Skate Area	Karen Eastwood Park or Waitaki Reserve	\$190,000	\$190,000
2	Basketball/Tennis Court	Rakahuri Reserve	\$50,000	\$190,000
	Double Flying Fox	Maungatere Reserve	\$65,000	
	Lakeside Links	Lakeside Pathway	\$75,000	
3	Natural Nest	Rakahuri Reserve	\$60,000	\$190,000
	Gaga Dodgeball	Maungatere Reserve	\$55,000	
	Greenway Links	The Greenway	\$75,000	



## 2. RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Woodend Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No.250225030706.
- (b) **Approves** staff undertaking consultation to determine the preference of the wider community for the Pegasus Youth Space between Option One (Dedicated Skate Area), Two (Three Way Split, Rakahuri, Maungatere and Lakeside) or Three (Three Way Split – Rakahuri, Maungatere and Greenway).
- (c) **Notes** that The Pegasus Youth Space has been allocated \$192,515 in the Councils 2024/34 Long-Term Plan and that any of the three options could be achieved within this budget.
- (d) **Notes** that staff have undertaken consultation with the local Pegasus youth to determine what a youth space in Pegasus might look like.
- (e) **Notes** that staff have used the feedback along with a review of current youth provision within Pegasus to create three options for the Pegasus Youth Space for consideration by the Board and wider community.
- (f) **Notes** that staff will collate the feedback received and provide this to the Board in a later report along with a concept plan with recommendations for the development of the Pegasus Youth Space.

## 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. This joint project between the Greenspace Team and the Youth Development Facilitator, with support from the Communications and Engagement Team is to consult, design and install a youth space in Pegasus. The Pegasus Youth Space has been allocated \$192,515 in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and staff have been working through the engagement process following a workshop with the Woodend Sefton Community Board in December 2023. While there is budget available for this youth space, it was important to first identify what type of space the youth in Pegasus would like to see and what needs are currently not being met.
- 3.2. The process undertaken has therefore been to ensure that the needs and objectives of the local youth are understood before making proposals on what this space might be. It was therefore important they local youth are engaged with during initially in order to create a sense of ownership of the project and eventual space. One of the challenges when identifying what youth want in Pegasus was identifying where they were and how to engage with them. Staff therefore undertook engagement with the Pegasus youth in two streams.

### **Stream 1: School Visits**

- 3.3. The first stream was to visit the local schools and speak with students about what they want and also identify other possible locations where youth might congregate where we could do additional consultation. Staff ran workshops with the Year 8 class at Woodend Primary School and with the Year 7 and 8 classes at Pegasus Bay Primary School. Staff also approached the two main high schools for an opportunity to talk with older students. While Kaiapoi High School (KHS) were interested and organised a time for us to meet with their students from Pegasus, Rangiora High School choose not to engage as Pegasus is not within their zone. Unfortunately, while staff attended this drop-in session at KHS, no students chose to come to the face-to-face session. Flyers were instead given to the school to be distributed on the bus for students returning home to Pegasus and 11 of these students filled out the online survey. Staff talked to 109 students through this stream.

## Stream 2: Online Survey Tool

- 3.4. The second stream utilised Council's online engagement tool with a series of questions asking youth what things they like/dislike in a youth space and what they would like to see created in Pegasus. Flyers with direct link QR codes were distributed around Pegasus in the locations identified during the school visits so that youth would see them and be able to use their phones/devices to go online and give feedback. A total of 43 people provided online responses to the survey which is a really strong number for engagement. In total, staff engaged through the Stage1 Engagement Process with approximately 140 people under the age of 18 with an additional 11 respondents noting that they were over 18. This led to a vast amount of information needing to be collated and then assessed to draw out relevant and helpful information to inform the next step of the process.

### Limitations

- 3.5. Based on the quantity and varied nature of information received it was important to collate this down into a useable dataset. As part of the process of collation, some of the questions were combined as they provided similar information based on how the youth responding chose to answer the information. As well as this, as the school students were in groups of three, there was no way to identify if their response was representative of all three in a particular group or just one person from the group. There was also no way of identifying if any of the students from the school visits also chose to provide feedback using the online survey. For this reason, the number of people who mentioned a particular item is not the best measure of how important it may be in all cases, rather, we have collated similar ideas into sections and then tried to address these as a whole. In some cases, a very high level of responses were received and we have made an assumption that these are a good representation of the overall views of those surveyed. With early engagement such as this, it is best to focus more on the ideas generated (quality) than the exact numbers of those ideas (quantity).

## 4. ISSUES AND OPTIONS

- 4.1. The results of this engagement are discussed below along with the next step that Council staff have undertaken along with recommendations for the Board to consider for three different options for the youth space provision.

### What locations do youth currently enjoy in Pegasus?

- 4.2. We asked this question with the intent of identifying where youth congregate in Pegasus to better understand where to engage with youth. This helped identify the locations to leave posters/flyers at with the survey QR code to ensure that we targeted the right areas for consultation. All of the places below featured to a level where we chose to promote the survey via posters.

- Blackadder
- Beach
- Lake
- School
- Gladstone Park
- Karen Eastwood
- Park
- Dairy
- Playground
- Greenway

### What activities do youth currently enjoy?

- 4.3. When reviewing the responses about what activities youth currently enjoy, we split the responses into two sections, passive and active. Unfortunately, a number of respondents also noted that there is currently nothing for them to enjoy in Pegasus. This shows the importance of this project to youth in Pegasus.

- **Active**

Respondents noted that they enjoy active pursuits such as walking, biking, scooter/skate, sports, surfing, swimming and running.

- **Passive**

Examples of passive recreation which were noted were hanging out at home, friends place or in public spaces and shopping.

### What do youth want?

- 4.4. This question highlighted that youth wanted a variety of opportunities in Pegasus. A large number of youth indicated they wanted opportunities for sport and recreation and many wanted something that is bike/ skate related. While it does not fit the brief of this consultation, there was a large appetite for commercial activities and indoor activities. Several respondents highlighted the want for passive recreation and play spaces/ elements.

### What makes a good youth space?

- 4.5. The respondents provided a strong baseline of what youth believe makes a good youth space for Pegasus. We also utilised the ReVision Youth Audit as a framework which is based on youth friendly design principles. Some of the key themes from each of the categories include:

- How it feels:  
Respondents like spaces that are fun, energetic, playful, safe, calm, clean and tidy. They also dislike spaces that feel unsafe, has rubbish and graffiti or is unclean.
- The people:  
Respondents identified that people are a contributor to what makes a good youth space. They like to hang out with family or friends and meet new people, have social interactions with nice people. Their dislikes included smokers, anti-social behaviour, and complainers.
- Accessibility/barriers:  
Examples of accessibility that respondents noted were ensuring that locations are close to home and closeness to friend's house (proximity), that the spaces are vape/smoke free, no cost to participate, and has accessible equipment. The examples of barriers respondents also noted were that the location is too far away, the main road is unsafe to cross (proximity), and the location had no cell phone signal.
- The activities they can do there/youth friendly elements:  
The youth friendly activities and elements that respondents highlighted were; active recreation, opportunities for exploring and adventuring, trees, colour, fresh air, and hang out areas. Respondents also highlighted that they do not like a space where there is nothing of interest for youth.

- 4.6. Once the stage one engagement process was complete and the information collated, staff began working to review the current sites in Pegasus and identify potential opportunities for interventions and appropriate locations. Staff visited each reserve space within Pegasus and looked at the existing youth provision within each reserve for the following elements and rated this as either poor, good or great;

- Passive
- Active Play
- Active Courts
- Active Fields
- Informal Sport
- Small Wheels

- 4.7. Staff then mapped these ratings per category, utilising the standard 500m distance as a guide as per our levels of service provision for neighbourhood reserves. This highlighted areas within Pegasus where each category was being met well or, where it was not being met well or at all. Each of these is discussed in detail below along with recommendations of locations where additional provision would be recommended to capture those currently without good or great levels of service for youth provision.

## Passive Recreation

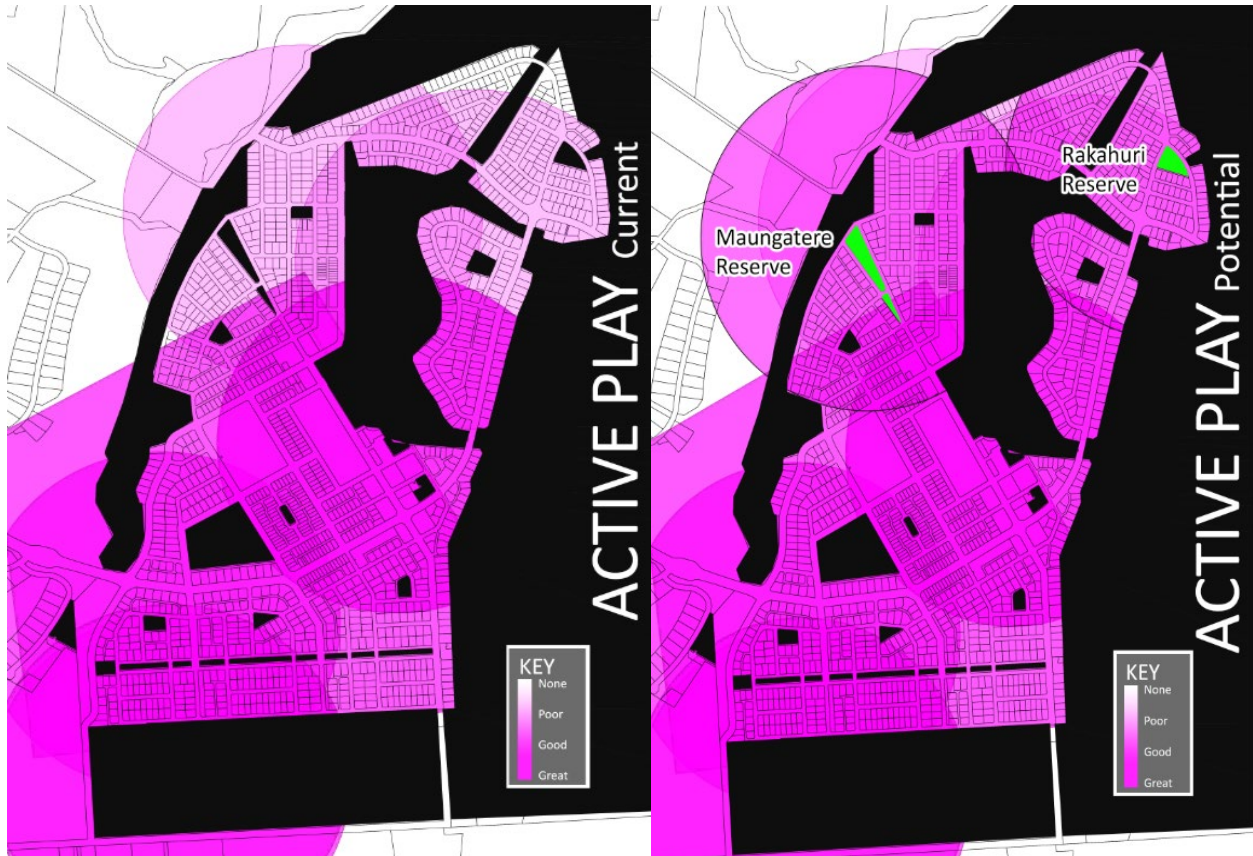
- 4.8. During the consultation, staff identified that youth spaces could be classified into either passive or active spaces. Youth noted that they do enjoy spaces to just hang out and socialise with friends. Staff rated the passive space provision in Pegasus and the below map shows that there is a high level of passive opportunities across the majority of Pegasus. Additional passive youth provision is also being included as part of the Pegasus Community Centre in central Pegasus with a hammock grove designed where youth can sit and socialise in the adjoining landscape. Based on this, Staff do not believe that providing additional passive youth space provision on top of what is planned at the community centre should be an objective priority of this project.



- 4.9. **Recommended Options for Passive Recreation:** Staff have noted two aspects which do need to be considered going forward regarding passive youth provision
- While there are existing opportunities provided, this does not equate to youth knowing that they are there or feeling welcome to use them. It is noted that some people see youth socialising in a space and may feel that they are 'loitering' or 'up to no good'. These attitudes make a space unwelcoming to youth and can decrease actual levels of provision. Council's Youth Development Facilitator is looking at options to improve this such as youth friendly locations being mapped online and signage welcoming youth to an area.
  - While passive youth provision is not considered as a main objective, it is likely that any activation would have a passive youth element included in the design. For example, if a basketball court was created, it would likely include seating opportunities for those youth who are waiting or just wanting to watch and be included as a bystander.

## Active Play

- 4.10. Active play opportunities are spaces where youth are encouraged to play. This may be in the traditional sense such as swings or slides etc or may be opportunities for natural play such as building huts, balance or climbing. As visible in the image below, there are a number of active play opportunities within Pegasus however these are generally located to the south of Pegasus.
- 4.11. As shown below, the main opportunities are at the School, Karen Eastwood Playground and as noted during consultation at Wanaka Reserve (colloquially known as Blackadder). There are very limited opportunities in northern Pegasus and neither of these were rated as good in terms of youth provision.

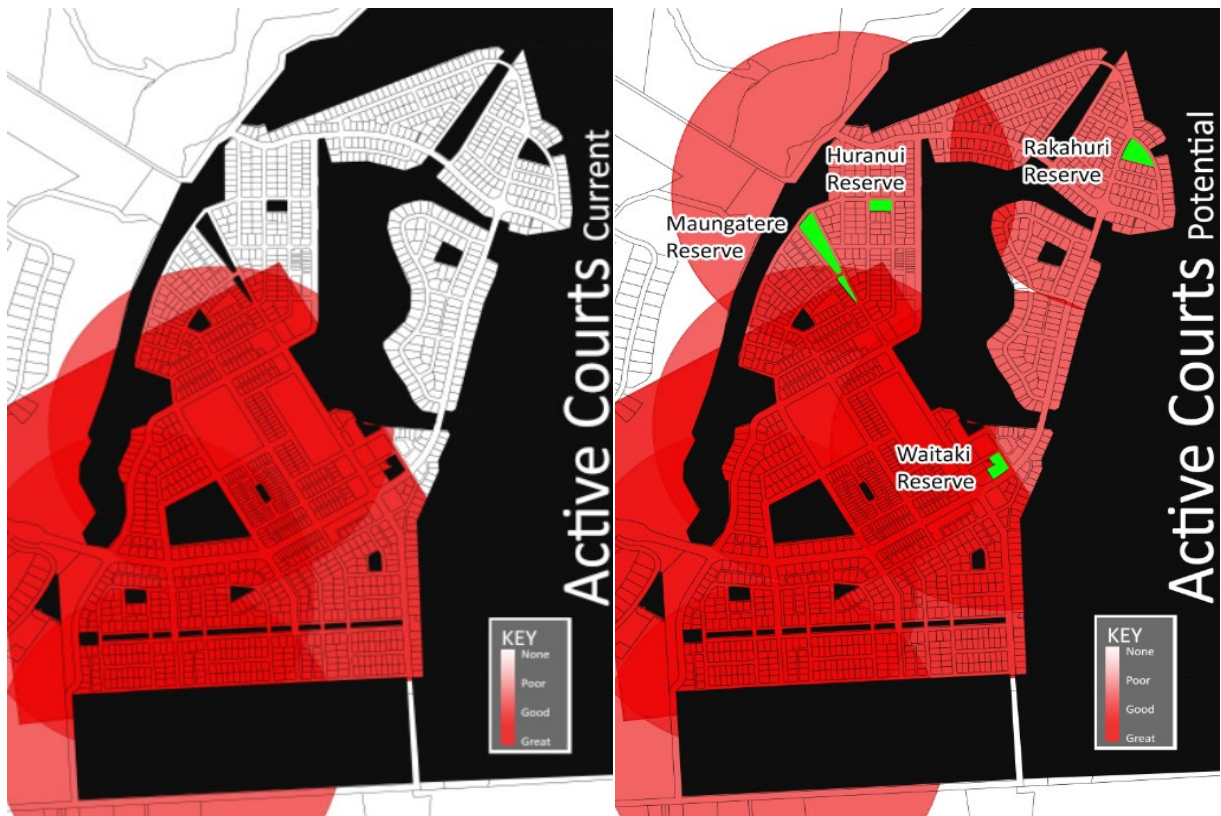


- 4.12. **Recommended Options for Active Play:** If additional positive opportunities for play were located in Northern Pegasus, the provision across Pegasus would be vastly improved. Staff have identified that activations would be best located at Maungatere and Rakahuri Reserves and the impact of this is visible in the below plan. Neither of these reserves has been previously developed and both are currently just grassy areas so development of play features would not prevent other uses. The narrow nature of Maungatere Reserve does create limitations and access would also need to be considered as there is currently no internal path networks within either reserve.

## Active Courts

- 4.13. There are a number of active courts in Pegasus such as half basketball courts, tennis courts and other court-based opportunities. However, as visible below, much like the active play spaces, these are mostly located in the southern end of Pegasus with no provision to the north.





4.14. **Recommended Options for Active Courts:** Staff have identified that if courts were provided in three reserves in the north-eastern side of Pegasus, then this would markedly improve this offer to youth within Pegasus. As visible in the above Active Courts Potential Plan, these would be best located in Maungatere or Huranui Reserve, Rakahuri Reserve and Waitaki Reserve. As noted previously, Rakahuri and Maungatere Reserves are currently undeveloped whereas Huranui Reserve has previously been developed to include features such as a kick a ball goal, passive seating area and natural play. Wanaka Reserve has some features such as a pergola and seating as well as a path network but there is also plenty of room for active courts to be added in this location also.

**Active Fields**

4.15. The category of active fields includes spaces for organised sporting/recreational endeavours. In Pegasus, the main area for this is Gladstone Park which includes fields for rugby and cricket as well as additional space for future development. There is also the golf course on the western side of Pegasus which has been identified on the plan. Both of these have been rated as good-great on the below plan. Also included is the Pegasus Lake which is used for the 5km Park Run each week and can be used for surface water sports such as canoe/dragon boating etc. This has been rated lesser due to the current quality of the water preventing it being used to it's full potential





- 4.16. **Recommended Options for Active Fields:** This is a project with a limited budget and the creation of an active sports field is likely not within the budget available. They also require a sporting group to take ownership and continue to activate the space once it was created. As staff are not aware of any sporting groups looking for additional fields in Pegasus and the fact that there is existing capacity to cater for growth at Gladstone Park, staff do not believe that this would be the focus of this project. Instead, should sporting groups be identified, Greenspace staff would work with them individually to identify their space and budgetary requirements before bringing that to the Board and Council for future consideration.

**Informal Sport**

- 4.17. The Informal Sports category shown in the above plan includes spaces used for unorganised sport and recreation. This includes such things as kick a ball areas, walking and equestrian trails and areas for local games such as the Greenway being used by some for impromptu 'backyard cricket' etc. As visible in the plan below, there is a significant quantity of space within Pegasus for informal sports with this being the most commonly provided for space.

- 4.18. **Recommended Options for Informal Sports:** While not all of the spaces are of high quality the quantity of these spaces across Pegasus has led staff to identify this as an area that is not of high priority to progress at this point as part of this project.



**Small Wheels**

- 4.19. The final category considered was that of small wheels. These are spaces where activities such as skateboarding, scootering and rollerblading etc are undertaken. While the below map shows the whole area as having at least a low level of provision, this is due to the ability to skate or scoot on the existing footpath network. Darker areas are caused by the overlap of these specific spaces as opposed to a higher quality of space. It is important to note that apart from the school, staff did not identify any spaces with specific intentionality around the use of small wheels in Pegasus. An example of this could have ranged from a few small jumps alongside the footpath network through to a skate element such a half bowl.



#### 4.20. Recommended Options for Small Wheels:

- 4.21. With regards to provision for small wheels, there are two different options which could be considered.
- 4.22. One would be a designated space for small wheel activities. Based on the budget available, this would not be a Skate Park but rather an element such as a half pipe and would best be located in a central locality. This would be the provision for the whole of Pegasus and would use the full budget. Staff have previously undertaken a weighted matrix process with the Board to identify a location for the youth space specifically looking at provision of a skate facility. As there is no budget for land provision as part of this project, we would need to narrow the scope to sites owned by WDC and of these, the higher rating sites were centrally located around the existing shops/lakefront area. Staff have identified that there is space where a skate facility such as a half pipe could be added in either Karen Eastwood Playground or at Waitaki Reserve.
- 4.23. Alternately, smaller activations could be used within Pegasus to encourage small wheel activities. These could be done in conjunction with other activations to meet the provision of some of the other categories. There is sufficient space for small jumps/skate items to be placed alongside the path around the lakeside edge pathway and as the Greenway was noted as a popular location for youth, this could also be a consideration where there is sufficient space.



### Options and Next Steps

- 4.24. Based on the above information, there are three categories where improvements could be made utilising this budget. These are, Active Play, Active Sports and Small Wheels. By combining the information from the feedback with the recommendations above in terms of location, staff have developed the following three options for the provision of a youth space within Pegasus. The first option would be for a designated small wheel element while options two and three would be for a range of three different options across Pegasus.



### Option 1: Designated Small Wheel Element

- 4.25. As discussed above, this would see the full budget utilised for one project which would be targeted towards small wheels. Staff propose that this would be in the form of a half pipe such as the below image or similar type element and would seek ideas for preference of the exact element as part of the consultation should Option 1 be the preferred.



- 4.26. Staff have identified two options for the location of this feature which would be either alongside the play space at Karen Eastwood Playground or, within Waitaki Reserve. Both sites have their own specific opportunities and challenges which would need to be addressed.
- 4.27. Karen Eastwood Playground would be sufficiently away from existing residents, is central, has easy access and the use is similar in noise etc to that of the playground. There is however no space for future expansion of other elements and while in some respects having other users and adults alongside could naturally provide surveillance and a calming presence, there is a risk that youth may not feel as welcome here and of competition with younger users.



Location Option 1: Karen Eastwood



Location Option 2 Waitaki Reserve

- 4.28. Waitaki Reserve is a larger space so future expansion would be possible and is still central and easy to access. However, it is closer to residents and doesn't have complimentary facilities such as car parks, toilets and the play space.

## Option 2: Three Way Split, Rakahuri, Mougatere and Lakeside

- 4.29. As shown below, this option would look to provide an active play element in Maungatere Reserve, a sports court in Rakahuri Reserve and small wheel jumps in sections along the pathway that runs along the edge of the lake.



### Rakahuri Reserve

Active Sports: Basketball/Tennis



### Maungatere Reserve

Active Play: Flying Fox



### Lakeside Linkages

Small Wheels: Skate Elements



- 4.30. Active Play – Maungatere Reserve: This reserve lends itself well to a flying fox due to the long thin nature of this reserve which tapers to a point at the southern end. This could be a double flying fox running side by side to enable youth to race one another. It would utilise a mechanism recently utilised in other parts of the district which is very quiet making it suitable for this more urban environment.
- 4.31. Active Sport – Rakahuri Reserve: There is plenty of space for a half basketball court with a tennis backboard on one side within this reserve while still leaving plenty of space for the existing 'kick a ball' area to remain. The surface of the tennis backboard could also be utilised as a projection wall for activations such as outdoor movies or for the youth to take some ownership as an graffiti art canvas.
- 4.32. Small Wheels – Lakeside Links: there is a 5km loop track which runs round the edge of the lake and in some areas the lakefront widens providing opportunities for additional pathways alongside the main path which include skate elements to create a linear skate park. These would be small interventions such as a low jump or a grinding rail here and there so would create minimum disturbance to surrounding residents while providing a skateable route for youth (and other ages) to enjoy. As these elements are small and require minimal materials and landscaping, there could be between 10 and 20 elements around the edge of the lake. These could be used by skateboarders, scooters and roller blades etc.



### Option 3: Three Way Split – Rakahuri, Mungatere and Greenway

- 4.33. As shown below, this option would look to provide an active play element in Rakahuri Reserve, a sports court in Maungatere Reserve and small wheel jumps along the pathway down the length of The Greenway. With Option 3, these elements would be as follows;



- 4.34. Active Play – Rakahuri Reserve: This could be located within Rakahuri Reserve or within the linkage area that leads out to the wider walking trails in the Te Kohanga Wetlands. This would be a natural play feature utilising large posts, rocks and other natural materials to create a metaphorical nest. Acting as a climbing and playing feature, this space doubles as a passive recreation space also for youth who just want to hang out in within the space or on top of the logs.
- 4.35. Active Sport – Rakahuri Reserve: Gaga Dodgeball is a growing social sport where all you need is a gaga pit and a ball to play. It can be played with any number of players, and the basic idea is to dodge the ball while hitting it into anyone else's legs – last person remaining wins. This makes it perfect for a reserve setting as so long as there is a ball brought by one person, anyone who turns up can join in easily and play. This space can also double as a social hang out area with people sitting on the sides while in use or within if no game is being played. The interior walls could be painted to allow youth to take some ownership while not being highly visible to surrounding residents.
- 4.36. Small Wheels – The Greenway: Much the same as the Lakeside Links, there is long path which runs the length of the greenway from one side of Pegasus to another, linking into other pedestrian networks at each end. This space was noted by youth during the consultation as popular to youth already and has space for additional pathways alongside the main path which include skate elements to create a linear skate park. These would be small interventions such as low jumps or a grinding rail here and there so would create minimum disturbance to surrounding residents while providing a skateable route for youth



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### Community Consultation

- 4.37. Now that the type of spaces the youth would like to see in Pegasus have been identified along with potential locations and options for what this might look like, the next step is to consult with the wider community about these ideas. This will provide information for the Board as to whether the overall preference is for a designated skate area (and its location) or, a split of smaller different projects. While this consultation will provide ideas of what these different projects could be, it is likely that respondents may prefer a mix of Option 2 and 3 or, may suggest alternate options or locations. This will help ensure that what is created is something that the community want and can take ownership over – especially the youth.
- 4.38. Consultation would be carried out in the standard format where Let's Talk flyers would be delivered to resident's houses within 500m of the locations identified in the options as well as being left in community spaces such as the local shop, café and community centre. Information would also be online through Council's social media and website and can be shared to the Pegasus Residents Group Facebook page. Staff will also consult with the youth who showed interest previously, place QR codes around Pegasus Township and return to Pegasus School and Kaiapoi High to seek feedback on the options.
- 4.39. As part of the consultation, we will be asking respondents to provide information whether they are currently youth, younger or older as well as if they live within Pegasus and their proximity to any of the sites. If the Board approve consultation, staff have created the below timeframe for how this project will proceed from here.

	Proposed Project Timeline 2025									
	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	
Approval to Consult	11th									
Community Consultation										
Feedback Collation										
Conceptual Design										
Approval of Concept					14th					
Tender documentation										
Procurement										
Construction										

- 4.40. It is important to note that this timeframe assumes that no major issues are raised through the consultation process. There is a risk that the preferred option and location of the community is not preferred by those immediately surrounding a given location.
- 4.41. Should major concerns be raised, staff will look to work with the respondents and adjacent residents to find a resolution before bringing this back to the Board. This may take some time which would add to the above timeframe.

### Implications for Community Wellbeing

There are implications on community wellbeing by the issues and options that are the subject matter of this report. The youth in Pegasus have confirmed that there is not adequate provision of space and activities for them to enjoy within the Pegasus community. This can lead to isolation and other wellbeing challenges for youth if not addressed and can be a contributing factor to other antisocial behaviour due to these wellbeing challenges and not having other activities to occupy time. This report seeks approval to consult with the community on three options aimed at improving the level of service to youth in Pegasus and which have been developed in collaboration with the youth of the area. It is important that the wider community and existing users of these spaces have an opportunity to provide feedback to help develop this project into a successful community asset.

- 4.42. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

## 5. **COMMUNITY VIEWS**

### 5.1. **Mana whenua**

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū are not likely to be affected by or have an interest in the subject matter of this report.

### 5.2. **Groups and Organisations**

There are groups and organisations likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. Staff have already consulted with Woodend and Pegasus Primary Schools and Kaiapoi High School to support the development of this proposal and will continue to do so should consultation be approved. The Pegasus Residents Association is also interested in this project and will be consulted as well as being requested to share the consultation information on their social media. There may be other groups who may have an interest in this consultation and who will either feedback through the general process or, can make contact with staff and who can meet directly with them.

### 5.3. **Wider Community**

The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. Some consultation has already been undertaken specifically with the Pegasus youth and this report is seeking approval to consult with the wider community on the ideas generated through the initial consultation. If approved, once consultation is complete, the feedback will be collated and brought back to the Board along with recommendations for which option should proceed.

## 6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

### 6.1. **Financial Implications**

There are not any financial implications of the decisions sought by this report. This report is seeking approval to consult with the public as opposed to committing to actual budget expenditure. There is budget included in the Long-Term Plan for the Pegasus Youth Space of \$192,515. Staff have estimated that each of the three options could be achieved with the available budget and have provided the high-level costings of these projects below.

The estimated costs in the alongside table include the costs of the actual elements as well as costs of associated landscaping requirements such as pathways, planting etc as well as professional fees and a 10% contingency budget.

It is important to note that in all cases, once feedback has been received, the final projects will be scoped to fit within the budget available. For example, if feedback was given that the double flying fox was preferred over the natural nest for Option 3, this would have an impact on the budget available for the other two projects. This could change the length of the proposed flying fox to fit within budget or mean that one less skate element is created.

<b>Pegasus Youth Space Estimated Costs</b>	
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Est Cost</b>
Dedicated Skate Area	\$190,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>
<b>Option 2</b>	
Basketball/Tennis Court	\$50,000
Double Flying Fox	\$65,000
Lakeside Links	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>
<b>Option 3</b>	
Natural Nest	\$60,000
Gaga Dodgeball	\$55,000
Greenway Links	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>

### 6.2. **Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The recommendations in this report do not have sustainability and/or climate change impacts.

### 6.3. Risk Management

There are risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

There is a risk that the preferred option and location of the community is not preferred by those immediately surrounding a given location. Should major concerns be raised, staff will look to work with the respondents and adjacent residents to find a resolution before bringing this back to the Board. This may take some time which would add to the above timeframe.

There is a risk that consultation with the wider community overshadows the views and feedback from the youth who this space is created for. Respondents will be asked to provide information regarding their age so that feedback can be collated in such a way where it is clear what has come from youth and what has come from other age groups.

### 6.4. Health and Safety

There are no health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report. It is for approval of consultation only and does not approve any physical works.

## 7. CONTEXT

### 7.1. Consistency with Policy

This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

### 7.2. Authorising Legislation

Reserves Act 1977

### 7.3. Consistency with Community Outcomes

The Council's community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

**Social** ...a place where everyone can have a sense of belonging...

- Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation.
- Our community has access to the knowledge and skills needed to participate fully in society and to exercise choice about how to live their lives.
- Council commits to promoting health and wellbeing and minimizing the risk of social harm to its communities.

**Environmental**...that values and restores our environment...

- People are supported to participate in improving the health and sustainability of our environment.
- Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.

**Economic**...and is supported by a resilient and innovative economy.

- Infrastructure and services are sustainable, resilient, and affordable
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### 7.4. Authorising Delegations

The Woodend Sefton Community Board has the delegated authority to approve consultation on the Pegasus Youth Space proposal.

**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL****REPORT FOR DECISION**

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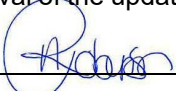
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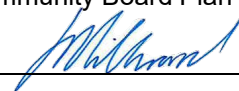
**DATE OF MEETING:** 11 March 2025

**FROM:** Kay Rabe, Governance Advisor

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the updated Woodend-Sefton Community Board Plan 2022-25.

**SIGNED BY:**  
(for Reports to Council,  
Committees or Boards)

  
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General Manager

  
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Chief Executive

**1 SUMMARY**

This report seeks the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's (the Board) approval of the 2024/25 update of the Woodend-Sefton Community Plan.

Attachments:

- i. Updated Woodend-Sefton Community Board Plan 2022-25 (Trim Ref: 230301028039).

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 250130014997.
- (b) **Approves** the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Plan 2022-25 (Trim: 230301028039).
- (c) **Authorises** the Chairperson to approve the final version of the updated Woodend-Sefton Community Plan 2022-25 if any further minor editorial corrections are required.

**3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 As a requirement of the Council, the Community Board must produce a Community Plan (the Plan) each term and review it annually so that the Board can assess how it is progressing with its objectives, reflect on its current work, and include any feedback from the community.
- 3.2 The current Plan for the Woodend-Sefton area was developed by the Woodend-Sefton Community Board, elected in October 2022.
- 3.3 The Plan was developed with input from Board members who regularly communicate with residents, community leaders, and community organisations and are in a good position to advocate.
- 3.3 The importance of the Plan should not be underestimated, as it is a vehicle by which the Board can inform the community about its purpose and performance expectations. It also ensures that the community's needs are presented to the Council in a consistent and planned manner and conveyed through Annual and Long Term Plans.

#### **4 ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The Plan has been updated to include the Board's key achievements and progress on projects during 2024 and highlights upcoming projects in the Woodend-Sefton area championed by the Board. It will, therefore, assist the community in understanding that their concerns are being heard and that they have a voice in local government decisions.
- 4.2 The Plan also contained updated information regarding the Board's Discretionary Grant, the Youth Development Fund, the Board's Landscaping Budget, and the Board meetings for the 2024/25 financial year.
- 4.3 The Plan will furthermore serve as a promotional document for the Board and will be freely available at Council libraries, Council Service Centres, and on the Council website.
- 4.4 Staff requests that the Chairperson be authorised to approve the final version of the updated Plan if any further minor editorial corrections are required.
- 4.5 **Implications for Community Wellbeing**  
The issues and options that are the subject matter of this report have implications for community wellbeing, as the Plan is a tool for informing the community on the work and progress made on issues being dealt with by the Board during the term.
- 4.6 The Management Team has reviewed this report.

#### **5. COMMUNITY VIEWS**

##### **5.1 Mana Whenua**

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū is not likely to be affected by or have an interest in the subject matter of this report.

##### **5.2 Groups and Organisations**

Community Groups and Organisations benefit positively from the projects and funding implemented by the Community Board. They may wish to apply for funding from the Board or lobby for the Board's support for various community projects. Also, the Plan was developed with input from Board members who communicate with local residents, community leaders, and community organisations on a regular basis.

##### **5.3 Wider Community**

The wider community is not likely to be affected by or have an interest in the subject matter of this report. However, the Plan was developed with input from Board members who communicate regularly with local residents, community leaders, and community organisations.

#### **6 IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

##### **6.1 Financial Implications**

The decisions sought by this report have no financial implications, as the servicing of Community Boards is met within the Council's existing Governance Budgets. There is a small cost associated with printing the documents (in-house) for the Service Centres and members.

##### **6.2 Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The Plan includes information on several projects underway in the Woodend-Sefton area that could impact sustainability and climate change, such as alternative transport, tree planting, and food security.

##### **6.3 Risk Management**

There are no risks arising from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.



#### 6.4 **Health and Safety**

There are no health and safety matters arising from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

### 7 **CONTEXT**

#### 7.1 **Consistency with Policy**

These matters are not matters of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

#### 7.2 **Authorising Legislation**

Local Government Act 2002 Clause 52.  
Delegation to Community Boards, Part 3, S-DM 1041, Issue 10, as of 25 October 2016.

#### 7.3 **Consistency with Community Outcomes**

People are friendly and caring, creating a strong sense of community in our District.

There are wide-ranging opportunities for people of different ages and cultures to participate in community life and recreational activities.

#### 7.4 **Authorising Delegations**

The Board is required by the Council to prepare and adopt a Community Board Plan annually that highlights the key issues, priorities, and actions that the Board proposes to advance during the year.



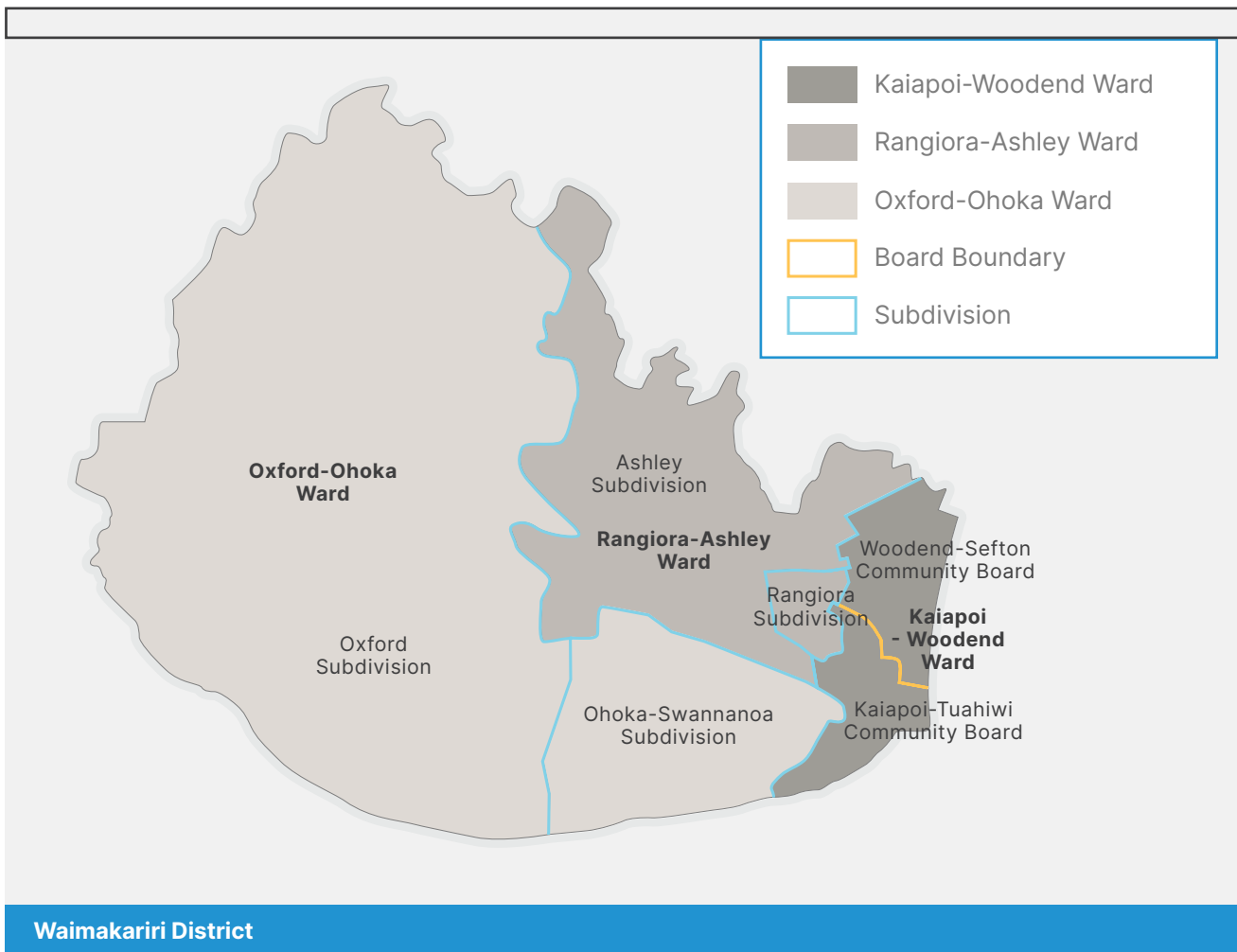
# Woodend-Sefton Community Board Community Plan 2022–2025





Ward	Population
Rangiora-Ashley Ward	27,400
Oxford-Ohoka Ward	13,550
Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward	26,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,050</b>
Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward	Population
Woodend-Sefton Community	11,600
Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community	16,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,050</b>

\* 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 be 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](mailto: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 Pa 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/](http://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.

- 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

- By 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
- By 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.



Pegasus Entrance

# 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.

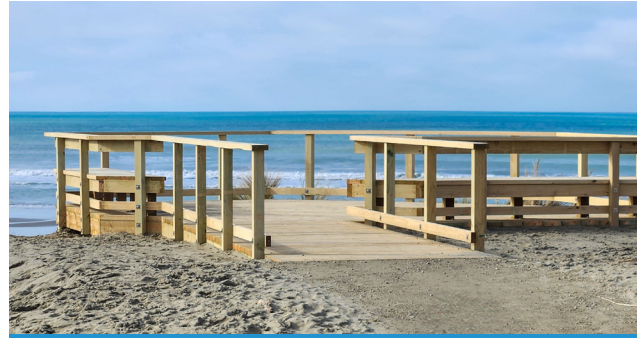
The plan developed for the viewing platform included enhancement of the access path to the platform to ensure its suitability for wheelchairs and the modification of the existing path from the top of the dune to the front of the foredunes. With assistance from the Accessibility Group and engineers work 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 August 2025 with a completion date in September 2026.



Pegasus Community Centre

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



## 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

Mobile: 021 558 037

Email: [neville.atkinson@wmk.govt.nz](mailto:neville.atkinson@wmk.govt.nz)



#### Cr Al Blackie JP QSM

Mobile: 027 327 6761

Email: [al.blackie@wmk.govt.nz](mailto:al.blackie@wmk.govt.nz)



Woodend-Sefton Community Board



# 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](http://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 8–9 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](mailto:shona.powell@wmk.govt.nz)) or the Governance Adviser ([com.board@wmk.govt.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:shona.powell@wmk.govt.nz)) or Governance Team on [com.board@wmk.govt.nz](mailto: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 Audit Office 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](http://waimakariri.govt.nz)
- contacting [elections@wmk.govt.nz](mailto:elections@wmk.govt.nz)

**If you have any questions please contact the Deputy Electoral Officer at [elections@wmk.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:shona.powell@wmk.govt.nz)) or the Governance Adviser ([com.board@wmk.govt.nz](mailto: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		
Improvements to access path at Gladstone Dog Park		
Tree planting at Gladstone Dog Park		
Seating along Bob Robertson Drive		
Planting at Sefton Domain		
Shelter to be built at Gladstone Dog Park		



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](http://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](http://waimakariri.govt.nz)

### Rangiora Service Centre

215 High Street, Rangiora

☎ 0800 965 468

✉ [office@wmk.govt.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://waimakaririlibraries.com)

### Rangiora Library

Trevor Inch Memorial Library

141 Percival Street, Rangiora

☎ 03 311 8901

✉ [library@wmk.govt.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:library@wmk.govt.nz)

#### Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm

Saturday: 10am–12 noon





## Aquatic Centres

[waimakariri.govt.nz/aquatic-facility](http://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](http://waimakariri.govt.nz/leisure-and-recreation/facilities/halls-and-meeting-venues)

#### Sports Grounds:

[waimakariri.govt.nz/leisure-and-recreation/facilities/sports-grounds](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT February 2025****Shona Powell, Woodend Sefton Community Board (WSCB)**

<b>CHAIR'S DAIRY</b>		<b>DISCUSSION POINTS</b>
<i>Date</i>	<i>Events attended</i>	<i>Community Feedback/Issues Raised</i>
3 Feb	Pegasus Community Centre Steering Group	Looked at feedback from community consultation. Discussions around design to meet budget. Next meeting early March.
4 Feb	Council Meeting	Presentation of WSCB Annual Report to Council.
10 Feb	Pre-meeting briefing	A run through the agenda and catch up on general matters.
	WSCB Board meeting	Regular monthly meeting at Woodend Community Centre
13 Feb	Waimakariri Access Group	Regular monthly meeting. Training event to be held on 13 March for staff and elected members.
19 Feb	All Boards	Annual Plan update
	Chairs and Deputy Chairs Meeting	Informal discussions with Mayor
20 Feb	Citizenship Ceremony	Worthwhile attending and to chat to those receiving citizenship, including two staff members and their families.
22 Feb	Volunteering at Pegasus Community Centre	Busy morning with the book cave popular. Some questions around the NZTA consultation on the speed limit south of Woodend and the Woodend Bypass.
2 March	Old School Family Fun Day, Pegasus	Organised by Pegasus Residents' Group. Great weather with everybody having fun. Well done to PRGI, sponsors and volunteers for making this happen.

<b>CHAIR'S STATEMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrote Board column for March issue of The Woodpecker</li> <li>• Managing Board Facebook page with some assistance</li> <li>• Several Snap Send Solve reports lodged</li> </ul>
<p>Main issues raised by residents were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of a safe path between Ravenswood and Woodend (SH1). This is still a big issue for the community. Good to see a report for funding a footpath connecting the existing path from Ravenswood to Chinnerys Road will go to Council at March meeting.</li> <li>• SH1 which is the responsibility of NZTA - Waka Kotahi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– concerns from locals at the proposal to change the speed limit from 80 km/h back to 100 km/h between Woodend and Cam River. Include high accident rate particularly at the intersections and drivers travelling too fast at the south end of Woodend. Encouraging people to put feedback A.</li> <li>– concerns around safety for pedestrians and cyclists at Pegasus/Ravenswood roundabout in the until new overbridge is in place as part of Woodend Bypass project.</li> <li>– concerns around a possible toll and if tolled whether enough traffic will bypass Woodend to ensure safety and less congestion</li> <li>– Waikuku Beach Road intersection with SH1 is an ongoing safety concern for some residents. Some concern raised by Waikuku locals at high speeds on Gressons Road. A resident feels it isn't safe turning into their property on SH1, this has been referred to staff.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pegasus Lake – the future</li> <li>• Still concern around the Government proposal to consider fast tracking housing between Ravenswood and Gressons Road and the impact on drainage, roads, access to health services and education.</li> </ul>



**WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD****MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Member Name: Rhonda Mather

February 2025

<b>MEMBER'S DAIRY</b>		<b>DISCUSSION POINTS</b>
<i>Date</i>	<i>Meetings/Events members have attended</i>	<i>Community Feedback/Issues Raised</i>
3 Feb	PCC PSG	Attended Pegasus Community Centre Project Steering Group meeting. Feedback from public consultation discussed.
4 Feb	Cuppa in the Community-tea	Attended the monthly community cuppa held at St Barnabas Church. Spoke about the SH1 Cam River to Woodend speed consultation and answered questions.
4 Feb	Greypower	Attended the Greypower meeting and gave report on some happenings in the WSCB area.
10 Feb	Woodend Sefton Community Board	Attended the monthly WSCB meeting held at Woodend. Was great to see a good turnout of residents from Pegasus in support of the delegation regarding the trees on Pounamu Place and Mary Ellen St.
12 Feb	Waiora Links Community Trust Community Cuppa	Attended and spoke about SH1 Cam River to Woodend speed consultation. The guest speaker was Sue from St Johns Hato Hone.
13 Feb	WDC Community Networking Forum	Held at Woodend and hosted by Waiora Links. A very good attendance of around 25 people from a variety of organisations.
19 Feb	All Boards	Attended All Boards PX briefing from Roding team.
19 Feb	All Boards	Attended All Boards meeting re Annual Plan etc.

## Other:

- Followed up with Greenspace on concerns expressed at St Barnabas Cuppa with regard to the contractor mowing Bob Robertson Drive.
- Did a drive through of Pounamu Place and Mary Ellen Street to check damage caused by Elm trees in advance of the delegation to the Board.
- At the Waiora Links Community Cuppa, I handed around a form for people to fill in if they wanted me to email them a link to the NZTA speed consultation page. 24 people signed up and the info has been sent to them.
- Worked on the WSCB NZTA Speed consultation submission. Also did an individual submission.

**WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD**

**MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

*For the month of Feb 2025*

Member' Name: Ian Fong

<b>MEMBER'S DIARY</b>		<b>DISCUSSION POINTS</b>
<i>Date</i>	<i>Events members have attended</i>	<i>Community Feedback/Issues Raised</i>
19/03/25	WDC Eastern By-Pass drop in session	Very informative workshop
19/03/25	WDC All boards breifing	
19/05/25	Sefton Hall Inc	<p>Matters raised; Some questions about when we would see the drawings for the new sewage system in the domain, so we can check all is ok for the new hall &amp; car parking positions. WDC staff have sent this 28/02/2025</p> <p>Met with Main power a couple of weeks ago to see where the new power cable will enter the domain then up to the new hall position. They are going ahead with the design &amp; will be in contact with use as soon as it is ready. They also talked about solar heating etc.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting they had to pay \$1500 to give them the ok for the upgrade. Looks like a new transformer etc has to be installed, not sure what all this will cost.</p> <p>Could you check to see why the council is not paying for the power upgrade as part of the new sewage system cost.</p>

**Notes:** I was away with covid and out of town on business for two of the weeks for this period.

**WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD****MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE***For the month of February 2025*

Member' Name: Philip Redmond

<b>MEMBER'S DIARY</b>		<b>DISCUSSION POINTS</b>
<i>Date</i>	<i>Events members have attended</i>	<i>Community Feedback/Issues Raised</i>
10 February	Anti-fluoridation Presentation	Tahunanui, Nelson
13 February	Council Workshop	Extended Hours Surgery discussion.
18 February	Waimakariri Health Advisory Group	Awanui Labs, Kaiapoi, frequent closures, further advocacy required. June 2024 WDC population was 71,535, low deprivation index, below average mental health referrals but youth referrals higher than average.
18 February	Wolffs Bridge	Initial meeting to establish an incorporated society at Oxford Town Hall.
19 February	Harry Harper Bequest	Meeting with Family.
19 February	Rangiora Eastern By-Pass drop-in for Elected Members	
19 February	All Boards Training Session	
20 February	NCSRT	Concluding draft lease and management agreement for Mainpower Stadium.
21 February	WDC Social Club	Pizza at Winnies.
22 February	Silverstream Fun Day	Well attended.
23 February	Pegasus Residents Group	Old School Family Fun-Day – postponed to 2 March 2025
26 February	Road Safety Working Group	Sector representatives including NZTA
27/28 February	All-of-Local Government and Rural and Provincial Sector Meetings	Highlights: Rate cap response in South Australia. Rural Health Network. Road Efficiency Group (REG) tools. Chris Bishop announcing Development Levies to replace Development Contribution's to reduce growth on current rate payers. In New Plymouth traffic management represented 14% of roading spend.

**Other:**