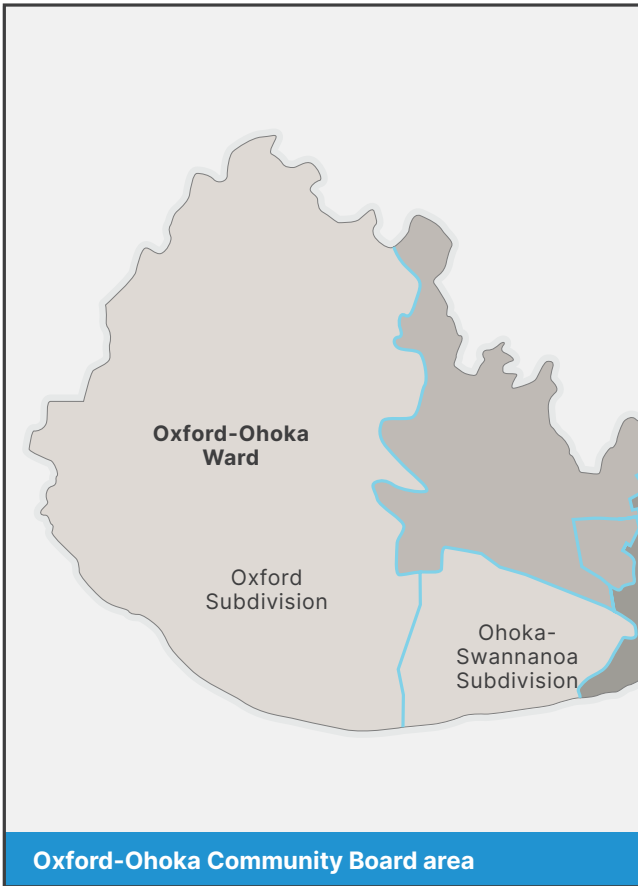




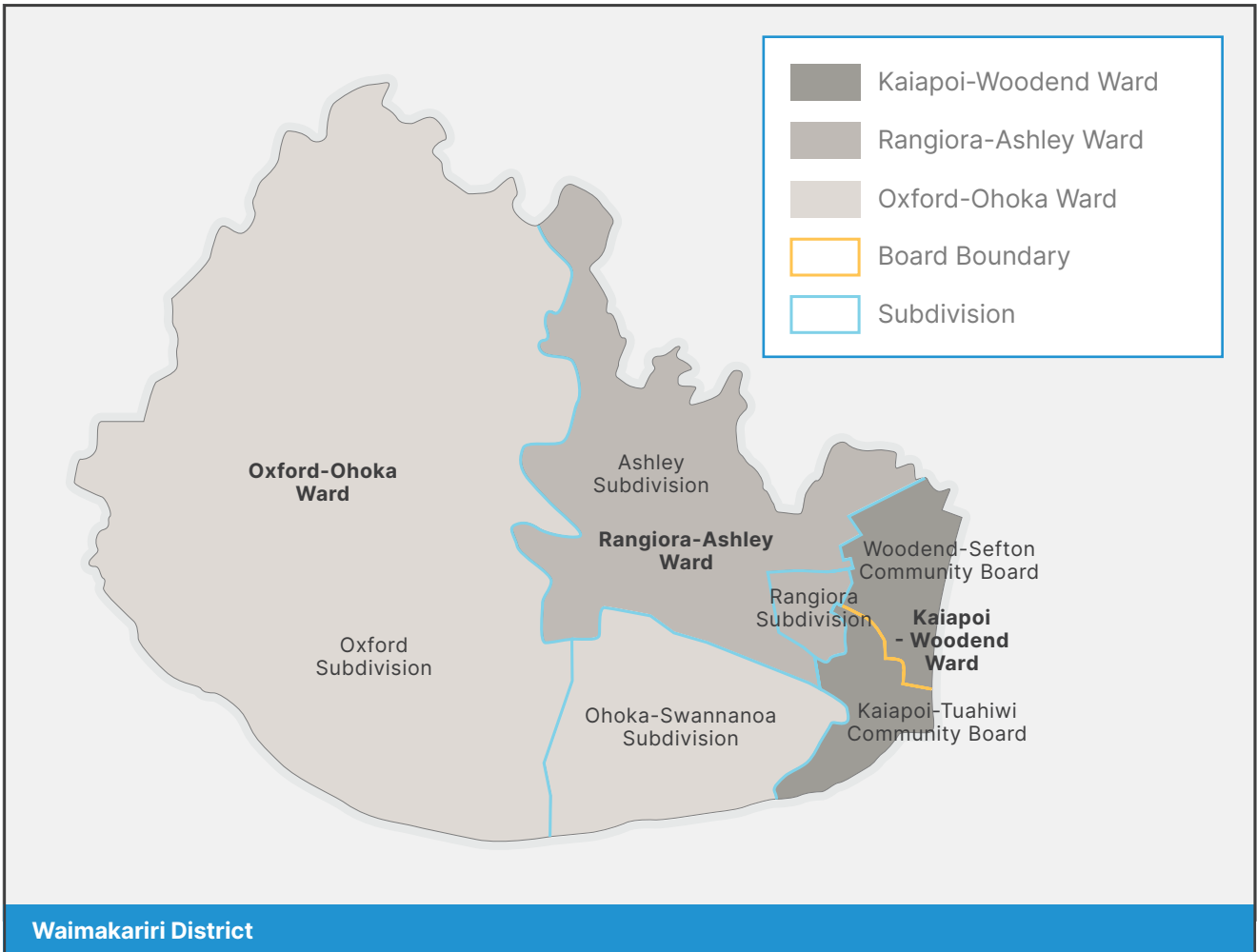
# Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Community Plan 2022–2025





Ward	Population
Oxford-Ohoka Ward	14,465
Rangiora-Ashley Ward	28,126
Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward	29,482
Subdivision	Population
Ohoka-Swannanoa Subdivision	7,552
Oxford	6,913
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,465</b>

\* Estimated resident population as at 30 June 2023



# Chairperson's Message

Tena koutou katoa, to the residents of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.

The 2024 year continued to be a very busy one for the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board, with RMA hearings, Environment Court proceedings, District Plan and ongoing flooding/mitigation issues.

After a hearty hearing, the RMA commissioners ruled against the establishment of a landfill within the Woodstock Quarry (WQL). WQL then filed proceedings with the Environment Court to appeal this decision. The Oxford-Ohoka Community Board has become a party to these proceedings and will continue to advocate on behalf of the community as it goes through its due process throughout 2025.

As you would be aware the Carter Group's plan change for the Ohoka Development proposal was declined. They too have taken this decision to the Environment Court to appeal alongside applying for the development under the Proposed District Plan and also to the Government's fast track projects. As a Board we have submitted against this development on all fronts. We have been actively working alongside Ohoka residents and the wider district community to support their opposition. Work will continue in this area as the various proceedings play out.

Flooding has been an ongoing issue in our ward, particularly the areas within the resurgence channels from West Eyreton through to Mandeville and beyond. As a Board we believe this is a critical issue and one that needs further research. We need to know the intricacies of this water flow so that land can be used appropriately and future effects minimised.

Board members recently advocated for residents in Washington Place. They were experiencing significant and persistent flooding issues. Works have since taken place in this area which should assist with these issues.

The other major project in this field is known as the Mandeville Resurgence Project. The underlying issues here are also the resurgence channels. These are complex system but simply

put, we effectively live on top of an underground river system which can breach surface levels and cause a myriad of issues. There are two stages to this, one a more immediate fix for the worst hit residents and the other a longer-term project. This will be a huge investment for ratepayers. As a Board, we will be pressing for a solution that is underpinned by sound research and surety of outcomes. We are also very aware that open communications with residents will be essential along the way.

Water quality issues are always at the forefront of our minds as we have a large portion of private well owners. We understand the need to look after this resource and to remind well owners to conduct regular testing. This is an area we will continue to educate and promote. It is important that we don't get caught up on just focusing on nitrates but the whole spectrum of potential contaminants.

Wolff's Road suspension bridge has also been a great project that the Board has been involved in. Councillor Tim Fulton has been an integral part of this and is driving a passionate group of locals to get this project off the ground. The bridge is an important part of the history of our area and one that we support the preservation of.

The Board recently helped fund the establishment of signage to inform of the history of the old railway that used to be the backbone of our agricultural area. Remnants of this infrastructure still exist and are a wonderful reminder of what was.

Pearson's Park Pump Track in Oxford is another exciting up and coming project. This was initiated by the local youth who were taking it upon themselves to shape piles of dirt into jumps. This highlighted the desire for such an asset for the youth of Oxford. Local community members approached the Board with a plan to create an official pump track. A plan is currently being worked on with a variety of community members, Bike Oxford community group, Council staff and the Oxford Community Trust. The first stages of this could be up and running as soon as a plan is agreed upon.

The long-awaited dog exercise area in Oxford is also very close to becoming a reality. This has been many years in the making! Plans have been approved and the contract has gone out for tender. All going well construction should begin within the first quarter of this year. Alongside this has been the beautification of the adjoining Oaks Reserve which is now a well-kept, useable space.

Through our discretionary grant we have given funds to some great projects across the ward. You can read more about these in the proceeding pages. We actively encourage community groups to apply for these grants and never have a shortfall of applicants.

We also receive a landscaping grant which gives us the opportunity to help beautify our local areas. If you have any ideas for small projects we would love to hear from you.

We recognise the importance of communication and keeping in touch with our locals so that we can help carry your voice. We encourage anyone that wants to contact us to please do so. With your input and support, positive outcomes that benefit us all are more likely to become reality. Best contact is by email, a phone call or come along to one of our public forums. Contact details can be found in this document or on the Waimakariri Council's website. Our Board meetings are at the beginning of each month, more often than not the first Wednesday, at varying locations across the ward. They begin at 6.30pm with a public forum where you are more than welcome to come along and speak to us about any issues or ideas you may be experiencing – no appointment necessary.

We also have a well-established Facebook page Oxford-Ohoka Community Board. Here we help keep you informed about what the Board is doing and any relevant matters happening in your community.

I am very proud of all of the members of our Board. Every one of them has an active role and brings the local's voice to the table. There is a wide variety of interests and opinions amongst members that all collectively represent a wide spectrum of our community members across the generations, social spectrum and specific ward locations. All members are striving for the same outcomes, ensuring our community is heard and having a solutions-based attitude. They are a strong, dedicated and hard-working team, an absolute pleasure to work alongside. Thomas Robson holds the role of Deputy Chair for the last half of this board's term, he is also incredibly dedicated to his role and a brilliant support.

With that, I thank each one of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board team and look forward to serving you, the people that are our community.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata,  
haere whakamua.

Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.

**Sarah Barkle**

**Chairperson**

Oxford-Ohoka Community Board



# About the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**The Waimakariri District is divided into three wards with the Oxford-Ohoka Ward covering predominantly the southern to the south-western area of the Waimakariri District.**

Bordered by the Waimakariri River, the community areas include Mandeville, Ohoka, Eyreton, West Eyreton, Swannanoa, Oxford through to the northern foothills, Ashley Gorge, and across to Lees Valley.

The community area of Oxford-Ohoka comprises a diverse mix of properties and people, ranging from small to medium-sized urban settlements to rural farms. As the largest geographic Ward in the District, the community area plays an essential role in the economic growth and character of the District.

While farming and land-based industry are the traditional economic activities, there have been notable recent growth in dairying, construction and manufacturing.

## What is a Community Board?

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 four Community Boards, with the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board providing feedback, leadership and support to residents within its community area.

The Oxford-Ohoka Community Board is the District's newest Community Board, elected for the first time in the October 2016 Local Body elections. The Board comprises six elected members, plus two appointed Councillors of the Waimakariri District Council, giving it a total of eight members.

The Community Board is not the Council, nor is it a committee of the Council. Instead, the Board works collectively with the Council to achieve community goals. The Board is also responsible for any areas delegated to it by the Council.

## How does the Community Board do this?

- Taking an overview of the Council's services and projects affecting the Ward area, including water supply, sewerage, stormwater drainage, parks, recreational facilities, roading and traffic management projects.
- Engaging with residents, community organisations, and groups in developing local solutions, keeping the public informed, and being visible and accessible.
- By encouraging community participation in Community 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 planning and budgeting process.
- Granting of leases or licences on reserves.
- Working collaboratively with other Community Boards to promote an understanding for the work being done in the District as a whole.
- Maintaining positive working relationships with key Council staff and management.



Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Members

# Performance Expectations 2022–2025

The Oxford-Ohoka Community Board is made up of people who have a passion for their diverse communities and believe in working together to bring positive change to them through:

- Engaging with individuals, groups, other Boards, and the Council to provide the best outcome for the Oxford-Ohoka community and the District as a whole.
- Engaging and interacting with younger generations by seeking their views and feedback on important issues in the ward.
- Engage with local schools, the Youth Council, community and advisory groups and offer encouragement for their projects and provide assistance where practical.
- Developing closer links and relationships with key settlements and groups in the Oxford-Ohoka Ward, 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.
- Support the Council's Local Economic Development Strategy to encourage business growth across the community area.
- Continue 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 that community.
- Advocate for community concerns regarding safer roads and cycleways.
- Lobbying for improved infrastructure for modern technology i.e. recharging stations, better internet, etc.



Ohoka Gate Keeper's Lodge

# What's happening in your area, now and looking forward?

There are a number of projects underway in the Oxford-Ohoka Ward area, this section outlines those projects.



## Roading

### Lees Road Resilience

This project has received funding through the Crown Resilience Fund.

Proposed work along Lees Valley Road include upgrading of culverts, building willow walls for bank stabilisation, bridge abutment improvements and replacement of the Bypass Bridge, all proposed to improve resilience.

Scoping and design are underway in 2024/25 with the majority of the physical works planned for 2025/26 and 2026/27.

### Tram Road/McHughs Road Roundabout

This project did not receive NZTA co-funding through the NLTP process. At the October Council meeting, Council agreed to progress the design stage of the project within the available Council share of funding (i.e., within Council's 49% share). The project is presently in the early stages of detailed design, with the horizontal kerb alignment to be confirmed ahead of proceeding

with an independent road safety audit. The intent of this audit will be to identify any design deficiencies and address these early, before commencing the vertical alignment design.

This detailed design will be finalised and estimated to prepare tender documentation so that when we have construction budget available in the future, the project can be progressed without delay.

Council have also approved the partial property purchase of 3 Wards Road to ensure the land is available for the proposed roundabout. This property purchase is being managed by the Property team and is currently going through the required survey and legal processes.

### General Road maintenance

Council's contractors continue to maintain and renew urban streets and footpaths and rural roads, as well as associated culverts, bridges, lighting, signs, and other road elements through a prioritised programme based on age and condition. Residents are encouraged to notify Council of potholes and other road elements in need of repair, using the Snap Send Solve phone app or reporting via email or phone.

How Snap, Send, Solve works  
([me.snapsendsolve.com/snap](https://me.snapsendsolve.com/snap))

1. While at the site of the issue, tap 'Start' to file a report
2. Snap a photo
3. Choose an 'Incident Type'
4. Include your details
5. Tap 'Send' while you are on-site to get the correct GPS location
6. Council receives an email with your report and a service request is generated.

### School speed limits

The Board is aware that the Council will implement slower speed limits around schools as mandated by the Central Government, and this is expected to be undertaken before the end of 2025. The Board supports the Council's efforts to ensure safety within school zones.



School Speed Limit Sign

### Drainage

#### Mill Road SMA (Ohoka)

The construction of a new stormwater basin near Kintryre Lane is currently on hold pending resolution of consenting and District Plan issues.

#### Mandeville Resurgence Channel Upgrade Project

Stage 1 of the project is progressing, with targeted consultation planned for March 2025. Stage 1 will focus on localised upgrades to the existing channel within the Mandeville area, beginning at No.10 Road, through to the stormwater detention basin on Dawsons Road. Council staff will present a report in May to propose adopting the Stage 1 solution. If approved, construction of Stage 1 improvements is scheduled for 2025/26. Investigation work for Stage 2 is programmed to begin in 2026/27. Stage 2 is a larger, more complex project designed to improve flood resilience by redirecting part of the upstream catchment flows toward the Eyre River Diversion, which discharges to the Waimakariri River. This second stage requires considerable groundwork, including potential land acquisition, environmental consents, and extensive public, Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū and other stakeholder consultations. These challenges make a phased approach essential, with Stage 2 planned to begin in 2026 and

extending over six years. The community will be consulted separately on Stage 2 at a later date.

#### Washington Place Drainage Improvements

The Earlys Road culvert upgrade and Washington Place channel improvements were completed in September 2024.

### Flooding

Following the July 2023 storm event, 351 service requests were received. The Flood team has completed all investigation work, and its role has concluded. The newly established Infrastructure Resilience team has now taken over delivery of the remaining improvement works and planning for future projects.

### Oxford

#### Matai Place Stage 2

Improvements include the installation of an overflow pipeline to address recurring surface flooding when the soakpit reaches capacity. Construction is on track to commence in February 2025.

#### Bay Road Drainage Upgrades

Pipe capacity upgrades to improve the drainage at Bay Road, Oxford. Design work is scheduled to begin in 2025/26.

#### Burnett Street Drainage Improvements

This project is currently in the design phase, targeting drainage improvements within the A&P Showgrounds to mitigate flooding issues affecting Burnett Street in Oxford. Construction is planned for 2026/27.

### Greenspace

#### Projects allocations from the 2023/24 financial year

- Ashley Gorge Development: \$3,500 Ashley Gorge Advisory Group initiative to extend the old track to make it fully accessible. The track was rerouted, and re-profiled and runs from the top car park to the gorge lookout. The track includes interpretation panels and fairy doors.
- The Community Board funded 50% of the project with the remainder funded through the gala day and sponsorship.



- Ohoka Stream Walkway Seat: \$3,500  
Bench seat installed on this popular walkway which was well received by local residents.
- Flag Tracks Oxford: \$1,500  
Damaged flag tracks replaced on Oxford's Main Street.

**Projects which are currently in progress are:**

- West Eyreton Historical Signs: \$5,150  
This project has two components. The West Eyreton railway siding sign and the Oaks Reserve Historical Interpretive panel.

The railway siding sign has been built by the Oxford Mens Shed and has now been installed. This will be done by Delta with the project team to confirm the exact location adjacent to the railway siding at the eastern approach to West Eyreton.

Preliminary concept designs for the Oaks Reserve interpretative panel have been presented to the project team and the final design is currently being drafted in CAD to be circulated to the project team for final approval. Noting that the design and fabrication of the structure is being done by a local Swannanoa resident at no cost to council. There will be costs for the actual interpretive panel section and installation.

**General Landscaping Projects for Consideration in 2025**

The Community Board currently has \$27,083 available to allocate to projects made up of 2024/25 year's allocation and last years unallocated budget. Allocations will be made early in 2025.



West Eyreton Historical Sign

**Mandeville Reserve Legacy area**

The Mandeville Committee is proposing to establish a legacy area recognising the contribution of Ron Dalley, Gordon Fulton and Bob Ralls in establishing the Mandeville Reserve and pavilion. The proposal is to establish an area between the playground and the pavilion with three bench seats and planting.

**Mandeville Cemetery – Bradleys Road Reserve**

Tidy up of the cemetery area on the reserve with fencing off the grave sites and establishing areas of native planting.

**Oxford Dog Park Seating and Shelter**

The Strategic and Special Projects team are currently working on designs for the Oxford dog park. The addition of a seating and shelter area would add value to this project.

**Railway Siding signage**

Following on from the West Eyreton railway siding project the Community Board may want to consider further locations for railway siding signage.

**Warren Reserve Swimming Pool**

The swimming pool at Warren Reserve has been empty for approximately ten years. The pool could be modified relatively easy into in a children's play element by removing one long side, levelling the base and painting on various games.

**Wolffs Road Bridge**

The Wolffs Road suspension bridge is an important part of the history of our area and one that we support the preservation of. A group of passionate locals are working to getting this project off the ground.



Oxford Dog Park

# Public Engagement

## Supporting Community Groups

Anyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings. Public forums are held at the start of each meeting from 6.30pm to 6.55pm. This is a defined period of time which the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board has set aside for the purpose of public input. These public forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring any matter, which they deem of significance to the community, to the attention of the Community Board.

Members of the public, groups and organisations can also bring matters to the attention of the Community Board by bringing a deputation to a Board meeting. Deputations can be arranged by contacting the Governance Team and will be approved by the Chairperson.

The Board had several groups or individuals who came to speak at its public forum or as a deputation to the Board during the previous year on numerous subjects.

Group / Individuals	Subject	Outcome
<b>PUBLIC FORUMS</b>		
B Weir – Oxford resident	Rezoning of land and assistance with process	Requested staff assistance
D and L Scott - resident	Concern with lack of progress regarding the level of waste and storm water on their property	This was an update and noted that were working with Environment Canterbury with little success.
B and B Chambers – Ohoka residents	Concern regarding fast track projects and the inclusion of Plan Change 31	Board committed to keep residents more informed on the status of this work
AJ Low - Ohoka Residents Association	Thanked the Board for its advocacy and support of the objections to Plan Change 31	Board committed to keep residents more informed on the status of this work
K Gilby - Oxford Football Club	Information on their philosophy and request for funding support	Board granted the Club \$500
J Ensor – Mandeville resident	Nitrate testing at Mandeville Club	Information
J Stagg – NZ Police	Public Meeting to set up community cameras	Board posted on its facebook page in support of the initiative
<b>DEPUTATIONS</b>		
Councillor MacKay	Environment Canterbury's Long Term Plan	Board developed a submission on behalf of its residents.
N O'Loughlin, T and K Brand	Maintenance of West Eyreton domain	Board put them in touch with Council staff.
J Recker and P Towes – WDC staff	Update on flooding in Washington Place	
M Staff – Oxford Community Trust	Pearson Park Pump Track initiative	Board requested staff to assist
L Arevalo	Nitrate levels in drinking water	For information
Staff from ECan and Doc	Seasonal temporary road closures to protect nesting birds	Board support initiative
G Allen and W Adams – Oxford Medical Centre	Update on progress	For information
T Fulton	Wolffs Bridge possible restoration	Community Initiative
C Perry and K Hallum – Bike Oxford	Possible pump track at Pearson Park	Staff to present report early in 2025 with options outlined

The Board also held a public meeting relating to the Woodstock Quarry resource consent applications which was well attended and held several drop-in sessions on the following topics which resulted in submissions to the Environment Canterbury and Waimakariri District Council's Long Term Plans:

- Mandeville resurgence
- Drop in sessions on the Long Term Plans
- Drop in session for Environment Canterbury's Draft Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan.



**Clean Drinking Water**





**West Eyreton Pavilion**



**Wolffs Bridge**

Credit Photos - Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga 2021

## Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Members

Member and contact details	Other responsibilities
 <p><b>Sarah Barkle</b>  <b>Chair (from May 2024)</b>  <b>Mobile:</b> 027 257 5886  <b>Email:</b> sarah.barkle@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Race Advisory Group</li> <li>• Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Thomas Robson</b>  <b>Deputy Chair (from May 2024)</b>  <b>Mobile:</b> 022 100 4744  <b>Email:</b> thomas.robson@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashley Gorge Reserve Advisory Group</li> <li>• Pearson Park Advisory Group</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Mark Brown</b>  <b>Mobile:</b> 029 777 0131  <b>Email:</b> mark.brown@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxford Promotions Action Committee</li> <li>• Oxford Rural Drainage Advisory Group</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Ray Harpur</b>  <b>Mobile:</b> 027 327 1357  <b>Email:</b> ray.harpur@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey Power North Canterbury</li> <li>• Waimakariri Access Group</li> <li>• Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Pete Merrifield</b>  <b>Mobile:</b> 021 435 118  <b>Email:</b> pete.merrifield@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxford Historical Records Society Inc Committee</li> <li>• West Eyerton, Summerhill, Pontyz Road Advisory Group</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Michelle Wilson</b>  <b>Mobile:</b> 027 250 1310  <b>Email:</b> michelle.wilson@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waimakariri Health Advisory Group</li> <li>• Ohoka Residents' Association</li> </ul>

If you are a resident or part of a local community group who wishes to raise any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Community Board for advice and help (see pages 8 and 9 for contact details).

## Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Members

Member and contact details	Other responsibilities
 <p><b>Cr Tim Fulton</b>  <b>Mobile:</b> 021 0871 6027  <b>Email:</b> tim.fulton@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support</li> <li>• Pearson Park Advisory Group</li> <li>• Oxford Promotions Action Committee</li> <li>• Oxford Rural Drainage Advisory Group</li> <li>• Waimakariri Water Race Advisory Group</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Cr Niki Mealings</b>  <b>Mobile:</b> 027 293 4937  <b>Email:</b> niki.mealings@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ohoka Domain Advisory Group</li> <li>• Waimakariri Youth Council</li> <li>• Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group</li> <li>• Biodiversity Champions Group</li> <li>• Social Services Waimakariri</li> <li>• Community Well Being North Canterbury Trust</li> <li>• Mandeville Sports Club</li> <li>• Ohoka-Mandeville Rural Drainage Advisory Group</li> </ul>

### Community organisations activities

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

If you would like to invite a Board member onto your organisation's Committee or to a meeting, please contact the Chairperson, or contact a Board member directly. Contact details are outlined above.



Riparian Planting Along Stream

# Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Discretionary Grant

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

For the 2024/25 financial year the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board has \$6,330 available for grants to non-profit community based organisations.

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

- The group should have strong links with the community area of Oxford-Ohoka.
- Grant funding is limited to projects within the Board area or primarily benefiting the residents of the Oxford-Ohoka Ward.
- 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.
- 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 must declare other sources from which funding has been applied for, or granted from, for the project being applied for.
- Organisations that are predominately funded by Central Government must provide supporting evidence that the requested grant will not be spent on projects that should be funded through Central Government funding.
- Grant applications will be considered at each meeting by the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.
- Generally funding grants will be a maximum of \$500 in any one financial year (July to June), but the group can apply up to twice in that year, providing it is for different projects.

- Examples of what is not funded are available on the application documents.

## Application process

Application forms can be picked up at any of the Council's Service Centres.

Alternatively an application form can be printed, downloaded or completed online 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)

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 into your local Council Service Centre (see back page for details).



## Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Grants for the 2024/25 financial year to date

Group	Project	Amount
Ohoka School Aims Games Basketball Team	Towards costs to travel to Tauranga for the Games	\$300
Oxford Museum/Oxford Historical Records Society	Towards double-sided teardrop flag	\$398
Ohoka Rugby Club Under 11	Towards attending the NZ Junior Rugby Festival	\$500
View Hill School	Towards hosting a Dark Sky event	\$500
Oxford Football Club	Purchase of field marking paint	\$500
Oxford Community Trust	Towards catering costs for Day Out event	\$500
Lees Valley House Holders	Towards the purchase of two AEDs	\$500
North Canterbury Inclusive Sports Festival	Host the festival at MainPower	\$150
Oxford Alpine Taekwondo	Towards safety gear for members	\$250
Oxford 24-7 Youth Work	Tag Archery	\$750
Swannanoa Home and School	Picnic tables	\$380



North Canterbury Inclusive Sports

# 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 2023 to 30 June 2024).

## Application process

Applications must be fully completed and supported by two references. For example teachers, school principals, employers, faith leaders, youth workers or community group leaders. One reference may be permitted from a member of the applicant's wider family.

The applications for the 2024/25 financial year opened at the end of September 2024. Information is 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 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 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



# Board's General Landscaping Budget

## 2024/25 Financial year

Each financial year (July to June) the Oxford-Ohoka 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 2023/24 financial year the allocation for the Landscape budget is \$13,090 plus a carry-over of unallocated funds from the previous year of \$590. This led to a total allocatable budget of \$13,680. Note that budgets are estimated and any underspend will be used to mitigate any overspend on other projects. The Board's current projects are highlighted below:

Account description	Status	Budget	Remaining
<b>Oxford-Ohoka Community Board current projects</b>			
Ohoka Stream Walkway and seat	Completed	\$3,500	
West Eyreton Historic Signs	Completed	\$5,150	
The Oaks Reserve Development	In progress	\$4,710	
Information Kiosk at Ashley Gorge Reserve	Allocated	\$5,000	
Legacy area at Mandeville Sports Club	Allocated	\$5,000	
Installing Historical Railway signage	Allocated	\$3,000	
Installation of shelter, seating and signage at Oxford Dog Park	Allocated	\$6,000	
Native planting area at Oxford Cemetery	Allocated	\$5,000	

The Community Board had \$27,083 available to allocate to projects made up of 2024/25 year's allocation and last year's unallocated budget. Allocations have been made in early 2025.



Ohoka Domain — Playground and Flying Fox

# Where and When are Meetings Held?

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm at different venues within the Community Board area.

**(Note: Time change to be reassessed during the March 2025 meeting.)**

Anyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings. Public forums are held at the start of each meeting from 6.30pm to 6.50pm. This is a defined period of time which the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board has set aside for the purpose of public input. These public forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring any matter, which they deem of significance to the community, to the attention of the Community Board.

Members of the public, groups and organisations can also bring matters to the attention of the Community Board by bringing a deputation to a Board meeting. Deputations can be arranged by contacting the Governance Team and will be approved by the Chairperson.

Residents are also always welcome to contact Community Board members directly to discuss Council and community related matters.

Agendas are available at the Council Service Centres and on the Council's website two working days before a meeting at:

[waimakariri.govt.nz/your-council/meetings](http://waimakariri.govt.nz/your-council/meetings)

## 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

## The 2025 meetings are scheduled for:

Date	Location
5 February	West Eyreton
5 March	Oxford Town Hall
2 April	Ohoka Community Hall
7 May	Oxford Town Hall
4 June	Oxford Town Hall
2 July	Oxford Town Hall
6 August	Mandeville Sports Club
3 September	Ohoka Community Hall

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

### The Governance Team can be contacted for assistance with:

- Arranging Deputations
- Accessing Discretionary Grant funding
- Accessing Youth Development funding
- Access to Community Board documentation.

# 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-Tuahiwi Community Board.
- d. Five (5) members of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board.
- e. Six (6) members of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board on the following basis:
  - Three (3) members by electors in the Ohoka-Swannanoa subdivision
  - Three (3) members by electors in the Oxford subdivision.
- f. Election of eight (8) members of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board on the following basis:
  - Two (2) members by electors in the Ashley subdivision
  - Six (6) members by electors in the Rangiora subdivision.

## Candidate eligibility

**A candidate for local authority elections must be:**

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

## Restrictions on candidates for local authority elections:

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

## Nominations

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

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

- all Council Service Centres
- by calling the Waimakariri District Council on 0800 965 468
- the Council's website [waimakariri.govt.nz](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).



# Council Facilities and Contact Details



## Service Centres

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

### 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 to 5pm

Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

(Limited services on Saturday)

### 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 to 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 to 5pm



## Libraries

[waimakaririlibraries.com](http://waimakaririlibraries.com)

### Oxford Library

34 Main Street, Oxford

☎ 03 311 9006

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

#### Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

### 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 to 5pm

Friday: 9am to 7pm

Saturday: 10am to 2pm Sunday: 1pm to 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 to 5pm

Thursday: 9am to 7pm

Saturday: 10am to 2pm

Sunday: 1pm to 4pm

## Aquatic Centres

[waimakariri.govt.nz/aquatic-facility](http://waimakariri.govt.nz/aquatic-facility)

### 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

### 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 6pm–9pm  
Saturday and Sunday: 7.30am–7pm  
Public Holidays: 10am–7pm  
Christmas Day: Closed



Oxford Pool

## Transfer Stations

### Oxford Transfer Station

46 High Street, Oxford

#### Opening hours

Friday: 12.30–4.30pm  
Sunday: 12 noon–4.30pm  
Public Holidays: Closed

### 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

## Community Facilities

### Oxford Town Hall

30 Main Street, Oxford

### Ohoka Domain Pavilion

493C Mill Road

### Oxford Jaycee Hall

56 Main Street, Oxford

### Pearson Park Pavilion

56 Main Street, Oxford

### View Hill Domain Pavilion

Cnr Woodstock and Harmans Gorge Roads,  
View Hill

#### For bookings go to:

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

## 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:

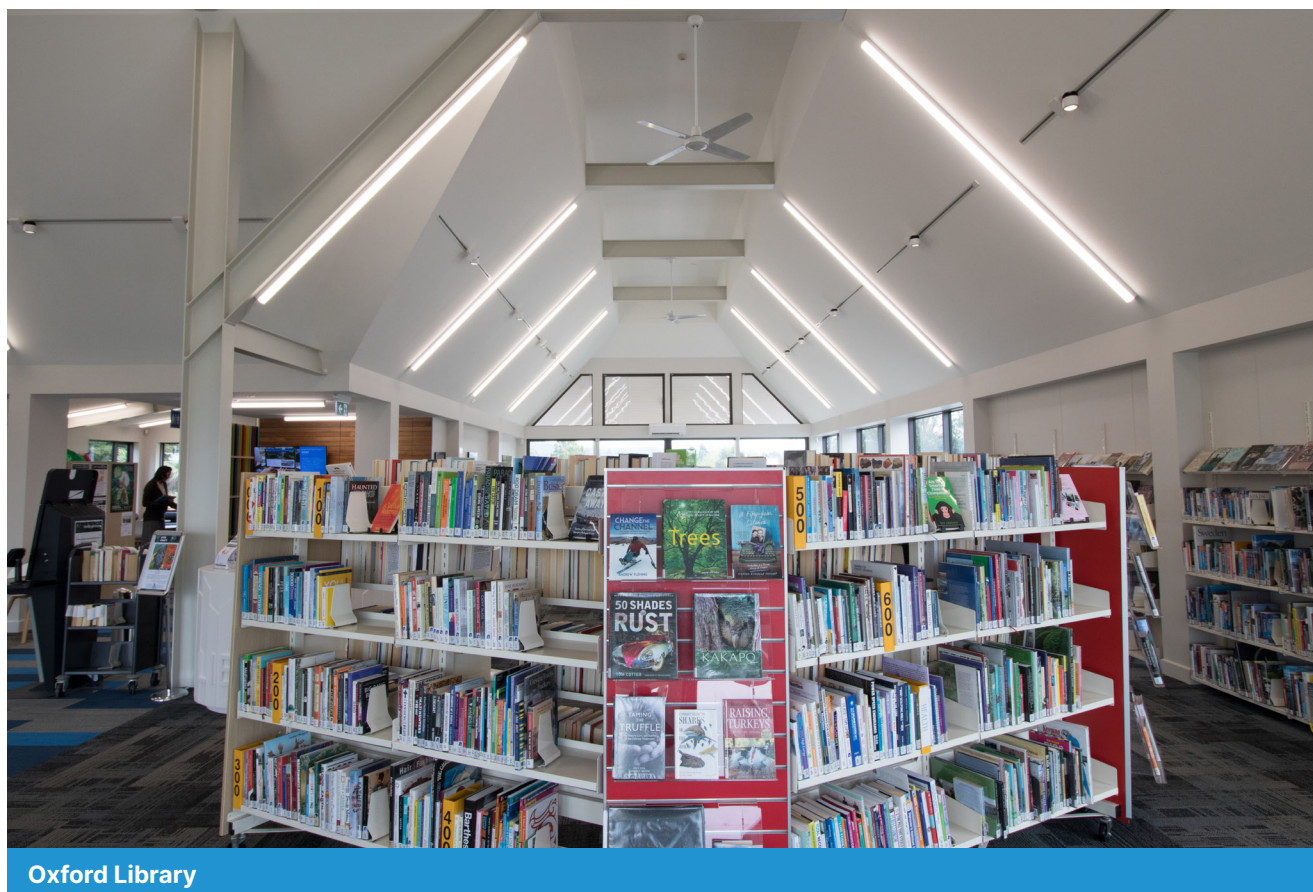
- Cemeteries
- Dog complaints
- Drains
- Footpaths
- Litter/rubbish
- Parks
- Public water supplies
- Roads and streets
- Rubbish/recycling collections
- Sewer
- Signs
- Trees
- Vandalism/graffiti
- Water races

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)



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