MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT THE MANDEVILLE SPORTS CLUB, 431 MANDEVILLE ROAD, MANDEVILLE, ON WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2026, AT 6.30PM.

PRESENT

S Barkle (Chairperson), T Robson (Deputy Chairperson), T Fulton, W Godfrey, R Harpur, N Mealings and P Merrifield.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Salthouse (General Manager Organisational Development and Human Resources), J Borland (Strategy and Partnerships Team Leader) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

One member of the public was present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: S Barkle Seconded: T Robson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** and **sustains** an apology for leave of absence from M Brown.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item 7.2 - T Fulton declared a conflict of interest as Chairperson of Pearson Park and the Oxford Health and Fitness Centre Trust.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 8 July 2026

Moved: S Barkle Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Confirms,** as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held on 8 July 2026.

CARRIED

4.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Councillor Claire McKay – Environment Canterbury

Councillor C McKay noted that while year three of Environment Canterbury's (ECan) Long Term Plan had included a 7.3% rates increase, decisions made during the 2025/26 financial year had initially projected a 17.3% rates increase for the 2026/27 financial year. She reported that staff had, however, identified opportunities to significantly reduce this figure, despite challenges from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) not co-funding a number of planned public transport improvements, which had added 4.5%, together with fare changes and Central Government cost-of-living subsidies, which had added a further 2.7%. Councillor McKay advised that savings came from lower-than-expected inflation (3.4%), staff vacancy rates (2.5%), and additional efficiencies identified by staff (1.1%). These measures had enabled consultation on an Annual Plan proposing a 2.9% rates increase. Following approximately 110 submissions, ECan had adopted an average rates increase of 2.4%, with most of the Waimakariri District at or below that level.

Councillor McKay further advised that ECan had been undertaking workshops to consider future directions in response to the proposed Local Government Reform, Resource Management Act Reform, and the potential introduction of rates capping. She noted that elected members had been advised that they would not continue beyond 2028 and that the future allocation of ECan's functions remained uncertain. As a result, the organisation had focused on ensuring its core services and functions were clearly defined and positioned to enable a smooth transition to any future governance model.

Councillor McKay also commented that ECan had recently refreshed its strategic direction, adopting a simplified focus on three key areas:

- efficient and effective delivery of core services;
- effective catchment-based management and
- stewardship; and coherent and accessible data and services.

S Barkle noted that ECan had undertaken an engagement programme with private well-owners and asked what progress had been made. Councillor McKay explained that, during the previous term, ECan had considered two motions relating to private well testing and safe drinking water. As a result, ECan developed action plans and undertook significant scientific work. She advised that ECan continue to work closely with councils and public health agencies to ensure consistent messaging to the public. This information had been reviewed and updated annually, with Taumata Arowai more recently taking an active interest in the issue. Councillor McKay also noted that, since September 2025, when the most recent motion regarding drinking water safety and the nitrate emergency declaration had been adopted by the Council, ECan had undertaken a comprehensive public awareness campaign through its website, social media channels, and newspaper advertising.

S Barkle observed that she had read a report on Groundwater Data Collection and monitoring wells, which indicated that additional data from the following spring monitoring season would be required before robust analysis could be completed. She also noted that the report raised concerns about funding for well testing and questioned why this work had not been prioritised through the rating system, given the level of community interest and concern. Councillor McKay advised that ECan have undertaken substantial work in this area. She explained that approximately 20,000 people relied on private water supplies, of whom around 7,500 were using supplies with nitrate levels above half the Maximum Acceptable Value. She further advised that, while much of the public discussion had focused on nitrate contamination, pathogens in drinking water supplies remained the more immediate public health risk.

S Barkle questioned the direction being taken on groundwater quality and nitrate levels. In response, Councillor McKay advised that ECan had developed a 14-point action plan following the initial motion brought forward approximately 18 months earlier. She noted that data from the Ministry for the Environment indicated that, once the effects of climate change and other influencing factors were accounted for, nitrate levels appeared to be trending downward, which was encouraging. Councillor McKay further advised that two or three locations in Canterbury had five years of monitoring data supporting this trend. However, she emphasised the importance of ongoing, consistent data collection, noting that a further five years of monitoring would be required to provide greater confidence in the results and confirm any long-term trends.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1. **Draft Mandeville Sports Club Concept Development Plan Consultation** – J Borland (Strategy and Partnerships Team Leader) and G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager)

J Borland spoke to the report, noting that approval was being sought to undertake consultation on the Mandeville Sports Club's Draft Concept Plan. She highlighted that the various clubs situated at the Mandeville Reserve developed the concept plan and that it reflected their collective long-term vision for the reserve.

S Barkle queried whether any consideration had been given to including a gym facility within the area. J Borland advised that the concept planning process had been extensive; however, during the stages in which she had been involved, no discussions regarding a gym facility had occurred. She noted that the consultant's engagement process had not identified demand for such a facility, although it could be raised through the forthcoming public consultation.

T Fulton asked whether staff had a view on co-locating facilities and clubs within the reserve. He noted that Mandeville Reserve was a large area with distinct northern and southern sections, and that one consideration had been developing a more purpose-built access road from the south, which would further reinforce that distinction. J Borland noted that research indicated efficiencies and operational benefits when multiple clubs operated from a shared location. She noted that colocation facilities could provide opportunities for shared services and more effective use of resources.

Moved: T Robson Seconded: W Godfrey

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260708163626.

(b) **Approves** the release of the Draft Mandeville Sports Club Concept Development Plan for public consultation.

(c) **Notes** that the purpose of the final plan is to provide a collective vision for the Mandeville Sports Club and enable individual sporting codes to pursue funding opportunities for proposed improvements.

(d) **Notes** that the recommendations in this report do not commit Council to any funding. Following consultation, a further report will be prepared for the Oxford Ohoka Community Board to approve the plan and then any associated funding would be subject to the upcoming Long Term plan process.

CARRIED

7.2. <u>**Pearson Park Pump Track Consultation Feedback**</u> – K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader)

J Borland spoke to the report, noting that Bike Oxford (the group) was leading this community-led initiative. She advised that the group's aim was to provide a safe, inclusive, year-round facility for users of bikes, scooters, and skateboards. J Borland noted that staff recommended endorsing Pearson Park as the preferred location, which would enable Bike Oxford to progress fundraising, design development, and the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council should the project proceed.

S Barkle asked whether the Council had consulted other users of Pearson Park about the proposed location. J Borland confirmed that she understood consultation with other park users had been undertaken.

S Barkle noted that the report referred to ongoing servicing of the facility and queried whether the Council would automatically assume responsibility for the asset if the project proceeded. J Borland advised that the Council would not assume responsibility for the asset at this stage. She noted that a separate approval process would be required before the Council could consider any ongoing maintenance responsibilities, and that the facility was not currently included within existing levels of service.

T Fulton asked whether, given the proposal involved a community group placing an asset on public land that the Council could ultimately become responsible for, the group would be required to be an incorporated or constituted organisation. J Borland confirmed that the group would be required to be a constituted organisation. She explained that the project and the group were still in the early stages of development and considered that the group would continue to evolve as the project progressed. Raising the level of funding required for the project would likely take considerable time and was unlikely to occur within the next 12 months. J Borland noted that, at this stage, the group needed an indication of the Council support to begin progressing the project.

S Barkle enquired whether the group was aware of the risk that the Council might not ultimately assume ownership or responsibility for the asset. J Borland confirmed that the group was aware of this risk and was progressing the project with that understanding.

T Robson noted that the report was primarily seeking a placeholder for the project at this stage. He expressed concern that, as the project progressed to the design phase, the Board would need to ensure consultation with other groups using the area. He noted that consultation to date had focused on whether users wanted a facility in the location, rather than on the specific design or appearance of the proposed development. J Borland observed that Bike Oxford had presented examples of what a pump track could look like during the community workshop; however, no specific design for a pump track at Pearson Park had been developed or presented.

Responding to a question from P Merrifield, J Borland explained that staff would continue working with the group to gather further information and prepare a report for Council to consider its position on the project. She advised that the group would also need to commence the process of becoming an incorporated society before the project could progress further.

Moved: W Godfrey Seconded: R Harpur

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260716171019.

(b) **Receives** the results of the 2025 public consultation and the June 2026 community workshop undertaken in relation to the proposed Oxford Pump Track.

(c) **Approves** Pearson Park as the preferred location for the proposed Oxford Pump Track as shown in section 1.10 of this report.

(d) **Notes** that if the Board approve the location staff will work with Bike Oxford to create a Memorandum of Understanding that determines responsibilities and timeframes for the project. This will be presented to Council for consideration noting that there would be financial implications associated with ownership, replacement and maintenance.

(e) **Notes** that Bike Oxford's preference is for Council to maintain and renew the asset upon completion, however any future decision to accept ownership of the asset, include it within Council's Levels of Service, provide operational funding, or fund future renewals and depreciation would require a separate decision of Council**.**

(f) **Notes** that Bike Oxford intend to fundraise the total capital cost of the project, which is estimated to be in the order of $250,000.

(g) **Notes** that both consultation engagement processes demonstrated strong community support for the development of a pump track in Oxford.

(h) **Notes** that Pearson Park was identified as the preferred location through both the public consultation and community workshop processes.

(i) **Notes** that the proposal is supported by the Pearson Park Advisory Group.

CARRIED

W Godfrey commented that the proposed approach was sensible, noting that the group could not progress the project without first securing a location. He observed that identifying and endorsing a preferred site was the first step and acknowledged that, while considerable work remained, the project needed to start somewhere.

7.3. **Applications to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

C Fowler-Jenkins spoke to the report, noting that Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury was seeking funding to produce a 15-second cinema advertisement. She advised that the application did not meet the Board's funding criteria, as only 13% of programme participants were from the Oxford-Ohoka Ward. C Fowler-Jenkins further noted that the organisation had submitted funding applications to all four Community Boards.

N Mealings sought clarification as to whether all three funding applications before the Board were non-compliant with the Board's criteria. C Fowler-Jenkins confirmed that none of the applications complied with the Board's funding criteria. She noted, however, that it remained at the Board's discretion whether funding was granted to the applicants despite the non-compliance.

Moved: T Robson Seconded: R Harpur

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** report No. 260710165317.

(b) **Approves** a grant of 300 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury towards the production of a 15-second cinema advertisement.

CARRIED

T Fulton against

C Fowler-Jenkins reported that the Waimakariri Riding Club requested funding to purchase an arena groomer and associated equipment for dressage events. She advised that the application also did not comply with the Board's funding criteria, as only 15% of participants and attendees were from the Oxford-Ohoka Ward. C Fowler-Jenkins further noted that the Club had also submitted funding applications to the Rangiora-Ashley and Woodend-Sefton Community Boards.

Moved: N Mealings Seconded: T Robson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(c) **Declines** the application from the Waimakariri Riding Club.

CARRIED

N Mealings noted that the application was submitted by a club based in Rangiora and sought a significant proportion of the Board's available funding. While acknowledging the Club's valuable work, she considered it more appropriate for the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board to support the application.

W Godfrey commented that the project was worthwhile; however, its primary connection was with a different geographic area. He considered that the Board's funding should be directed towards initiatives that provided a more direct benefit to the local community within the ward.

C Fowler-Jenkins advised that the Mandeville Bowling Club was seeking funding to purchase an electronic, Wi-Fi-enabled controller for the Club's bowling green irrigation system. She advised that the application did not comply with the Board's funding criteria, as the amount requested exceeded the Board's standard funding limit of $750 per application.

Moved: P Merrifield Seconded: W Godfrey

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(d) **Approves** a grant of $400 to the Mandeville Bowling Club towards an electronic and Wi-Fi-enabled controller.

CARRIED

7.4. **Summary of Discretionary Grant Accountability 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

C Fowler-Jenkins spoke to the report, noting it was the annual report the Board received, informing them of the Discretionary Grant awarded in the previous financial year.

Moved: S Barkle Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260710165346.

(b) **Notes** that of the $7,255 of the Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Funding, $4,271 was distributed for events and projects within the community.

(c) **Notes** that the Council's 2026-27 Annual Plan includes a budget provision of $6,670 for the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board to approve grants to community groups for the 2026/27 financial year (July 2026 to June 2027). There was a carry forward of $2,984 from the 2025/26 financial year, resulting in a total of $9,654 available for the 2026/27 financial year.

(d) **Circulates** a copy of this report to all other Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Fast-track Approvals

S Barkle raised concerns regarding the Fast-track Approvals process and suggested that, if supported by the Board, a letter be sent to Hon. Chris Bishop expressing concern that the process removed a significant degree of community input and local knowledge from decision-making. While acknowledging that the intent of the process was to streamline approvals and reduce delays, she considered community participation to be an important element in achieving good outcomes.

S Barkle referred to the Ohoka Residents' Association, noting that it had been closely involved with the proposal from the outset and had developed valuable knowledge, data, and understanding that could assist decision-making panels. However, under the fast-track process, the association could not participate. She noted that this placed additional pressure on neighbouring property owners who retained participation rights to represent broader community interests, while decision-making panels were deprived of important local perspectives. S Barkle clarified that she was not advocating unrestricted participation, but rather for recognised community groups, such as residents' associations and community boards, to have an opportunity to contribute where they could effectively represent their communities' views and knowledge.

N Mealings noted that the matter highlighted a broader concern, as the proposal had already been considered through two separate processes and had been declined on both occasions. In her view, it was effectively a "zombie project" and should not be eligible for consideration under the Fast-track Approvals process, a position she noted the Council had consistently advocated. She further commented that the district had undertaken extensive planning through its District Plan, supported by significant community consultation, and that this work was effectively being set aside.

N Mealings noted that Council had demonstrated sufficient housing capacity existed within the district for many years into the future, yet the proposal was being advanced outside the planned sequencing through the fast-track process. She considered that, had the application been submitted after the Council confirmed its findings on housing capacity, it may have been assessed differently. N Mealings also questioned the appropriateness of the fast-track process for the proposal, noting that the process was intended for infrastructure projects, complex developments, and initiatives of national or regional significance. In her view, the Ohoka proposal did not meet those criteria and should not have been included.

W Godfrey supported the concerns raised by S Barkle, commenting that Community Boards existed to represent and provide a voice for their communities, but were being sidelined under the Fast-track Approvals process.

Moved: P Merrifield Seconded: W Godfrey

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Write** a letter from the Community Board to Chris bishop regarding community involvement in fast-track applications.

CARRIED

8.2 **Mayor Gordon update on Head Start**

Mayor Gordon reported that, at an extraordinary meeting held on 5 August 2026, Council made its final decision on the Government's Head Start local government reorganisation process. He explained that councils had been given three months to develop and submit a Head Start proposal or otherwise be subject to the Government's "backstop" process. The Council determined that it preferred to be actively involved in shaping its future governance arrangements rather than have decisions imposed on it and therefore elected to participate in the process.

Mayor Gordon advised that extensive community engagement had been undertaken, including direct correspondence with residents and a series of well-attended drop-in sessions. This engagement had generated approximately 2,000 responses, with 91.3% of respondents supporting a North Canterbury option involving Waimakariri, Hurunui and potentially Kaikōura. He noted that Kaikōura had subsequently decided to pursue an arrangement with Marlborough. However, the combined population of Waimakariri and Hurunui was approximately 90,000, meeting the Government's expectations for a viable proposal.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the considerable work Council staff and the Chief Executive undertook throughout the process. He noted that Ernst & Young had been engaged early to provide specialist advice, drawing on its experience with the Auckland local government amalgamation. He also advised that Hurunui District Council was scheduled to make its decision on 6 August 2026 and that survey results there indicated approximately 84% support for a North Canterbury option.

Mayor Gordon advised that proposals were due by 9 August 2026 and that Waimakariri District Council was on track to meet that deadline following the Council's unanimous endorsement of the proposal. He noted that Christchurch City Council had chosen to remain within its current boundaries and that Selwyn District Council had elected to remain a unitary authority. He further advised that the South Canterbury councils had agreed on a collective approach, while Ashburton District Council had opted to enter the Government's backstop process.

Mayor Gordon explained that the Government required proposals to involve more than one council or have the endorsement of another council to be considered. He advised that the decision to pursue a North Canterbury option reflected the strong similarities and existing working relationship between Waimakariri and Hurunui districts. Discussions had also included future governance arrangements that could retain community boards while providing stronger representation of rural interests.

Looking ahead, Mayor Gordon noted that the Canterbury Mayoral Forum was expected to consider endorsing the various Canterbury proposals, and that councils had been advised they may receive confirmation in September 2026 on whether they had progressed through the Head Start process. Mayor Gordon also acknowledged Ngāi Tūāhuriri's support and thanked Chair Tania Wati for her leadership and assistance throughout the process.

R Harpur asked what implications the local government reorganisation process would have for ECan. Mayor Gordon advised that it had been indicated that ECan's council functions would cease in 2028. He noted that the Council had already undertaken some preliminary thinking about how those functions might be incorporated within a unitary authority model. Mayor Gordon commented that there had been positive discussion around elements of the former catchment-based approach to management. However, he noted that future arrangements would depend in part on the outcome of Resource Management Act reforms and spatial planning legislation, as these would determine which functions remained and how they would be allocated. Mayor Gordon added that there were opportunities to improve river and catchment management across territorial boundaries.

S Barkle questioned whether the Council was seeking a unitary authority governance model. Mayor Gordon confirmed that it was, noting that this was necessary in order to meet the requirements of the Government's Head Start process.

S Barkle enquired whether any discussions had taken place regarding the preferred governance structure for a future North Canterbury authority. Mayor Gordon advised that discussions remained indicative at this stage. However, the proposal being considered included nine councillors representing Waimakariri, five Councillors representing Hurunui, and a Mayor elected at large. He noted that the community board structure would be largely similar to the current arrangement and that the committee had considered increasing, rather than reducing, community boards' delegations and decision-making responsibilities.

8.3 **Mandeville Resurgence Drainage Upgrade Works Update**

- Mandeville Resurgence Stage 1A works between No.10 Road and Cullen Avenue were now complete.
- Flow monitoring and groundwater monitoring sites were about to be installed, which would assist with better understanding the hydrology for the optioneering of the Stage 2 works.
- A report will be taken to the Council in October 2026, covering the proposed strategy for both the Stage 1B works between Cullen Avenue and Wards Road and the potential options for Stage 2 works for further investigation.

8.4 **Ohoka Development Update**

- The appeal was on hold until the outcome of the fast-track application had been deemed as completed. The next step in the process was a panel selection.
- Council staff had a first meeting with the panel convenor about the potential makeup of that and to discuss the expertise required across that.

9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

9.1. Chairperson's Report for July 2026

- Attended the Head Start Local Government reorganisation drop-in session held in Oxford. A reasonable number of residents attended, with feedback indicating similar sentiments across the district, particularly support for a North Canterbury amalgamation option rather than amalgamation with Christchurch.
- Woodstock Quarries Update:
  - 7 August 2026: appellant would provide draft consent conditions.
  - Between 7 August and 28 August 2026, other parties would provide feedback to the appellant to consider. Direct liaison between equivalent experts encouraged during this time.
  - Parties would continue to liaise to work through any outstanding issues, aiming to produce a joint set of conditions by 4 September 2026.
  - 4 September 2026: either the joint conditions or the appellant's conditions would be lodged with the court.
  - If agreement was not met, then the appellant would lodge their conditions by 4 September 2026 and any opposing parties filing their suggested amendments and reasoning for these by 18 September 2026.
- Ohoka Development update – Had not heard of any more progress on this application, Fast Track, other than it had been lodged. If it was accepted, then Carter Group would need to withdraw their Environment Court proceedings against the Council's Proposed District Plan.
- Headstart - Listened to the CBEC update on what was expected to happen with local representation. Provided the Board with a summary of this meeting and also a summary of various governance structures that could be considered.

Moved: N Mealings Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** the verbal report from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

10. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

10.1. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 13 July 2026.

10.2. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 July 2026.

10.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 20 July 2026.

10.4. 2025 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.5. Draft Community Outcomes for Public Consultation – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.6. Bylaw Programme Update July 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.7. Adoption of Elected Member Expenses Policy – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.8. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report 19 May 2026 to 17 June 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.9. Adoption of the Waimakariri Youth Action Plan 2026-2029 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.10. Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan – Approval for Consultation – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 14 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.11. <u>Private Well Study Results for 2025 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 14 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.</u>

Moved: S Barkle   Seconded: T Robson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** the information in Items 10.1 to 10.11.

CARRIED

11. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

T Robson

- Participated in the Winter Lights judging and noted it was a successful event. There were a number of high-quality displays, making it difficult to narrow the entries down to a final top three. It was rewarding to be involved in the judging process.
- Attended an Oxford Promotions meeting, where recent events were reviewed, and planning was undertaken for the upcoming Great Oxford Garage Sale Trail.
- Attended an Oxford Community Trust meeting, during which the topic of community cameras was discussed.
- Attended the Great Oxford Garage Sale Trail and noted that it was a successful community event.

T Fulton

- Attended the Great Oxford Garage Sale Trail and noted that it was a successful event, with strong community participation and a positive atmosphere throughout the day.
- In his capacity as portfolio holder for Water Services, advocated for staff to prioritise consideration of the Oxford Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Mandeville groundwater resurgence project as part of future work programmes and planning discussions.

N Mealings

- Mandeville Sports Club meeting:
  - Caterers' last day was finals day on 25 July 2026. They went out with a bang, as the Ohoka Colts won the North Canterbury final. The Club was presently advertising for a new caterer.
  - The Board was still awaiting confirmation of the replanting plan at the main entrance where trees were removed.
  - Dogs were problematic, with owners not cleaning up after them and letting dogs off leash in prohibited areas (near horses, sheep and sportsgrounds).
  - Electric dirt bikes were also causing Health and safety concerns.
  - Founders' Memorial construction seemed to have stalled.
- Attended the Canterbury Mayoral Forum Biodiversity Champions Meeting. Following concerns raised by W Godfrey at the previous Board meeting, the purple willow issue was discussed. It was originally believed that the varieties planted were sterile clones; however, they were found to produce seed and spread extensively. Concerns were raised regarding the potential for these plants to create significant flooding and river management issues. It was noted that purple willow had been identified in the Lees Valley, despite no known plantings in the area, indicating that it was dispersing readily.
- Noted that wild deer had again been sighted on Tram Road.
- Observed that members of the Ohoka community had adopted a range of creative approaches to express their opposition to RIDL's Fast-track application for the Ohoka development proposal.

- Attended the monthly Ohoka Domain working bee, which focused on maintenance and improvement work within the Ohoka Bush and at the Gatekeepers Lodge. Volunteers undertook a considerable amount of positive work, and funding opportunities for the projects had improved.

12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

12.1. Waimakariri Youth Council Future Voices Survey

https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/waimakariri-youth-council-future-voices-survey
Consultation closes Friday 25 September 2026.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

13. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

13.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 July 2026: $8,084.

13.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 31 July 2026: $14,800.

The Board noted the funding update.

14. MEDIA ITEMS

- Waimakariri Youth Council Future Voices Survey.
- Accountability photos.
- Private wells pamphlet.

15. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

16. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

17. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board was scheduled for 6.30pm, Wednesday 2 September 2026 at the Ohoka Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:04PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

2 September 2026

Date