Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

Agenda

Thursday 4 May 2017

7.00pm

Ohoka Hall
490 Mill Road
Ohoka

Members:
Doug Nicholl (Chair)
Mark Brown (Deputy Chair)
Wendy Doody
James Ensor
Shirley Farrell
Kevin Felstead
John Lynn
Thomas Robson
Board Members

**OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD**

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE **OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD** TO BE HELD IN THE **OHOKA HALL, 490 MILL ROAD, OHOKA ON THURSDAY 4 MAY 2017 AT 7PM.**

Karyn Ward
Community Board Advocate

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Confirms the circulated minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held 6 April 2017, as a true and accurate record.

(b) Retrospectively Ratifies the Board’s submission to the Waimakariri District Council regarding the Waimakariri District Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018 (Trim No.170407034373).
8 CORRESPONDENCE

9 CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
9.1 Chairperson’s Report for March – April 2017

RECOMMENDATION
THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:
(a) Receives report No. 170427040965.

10 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION
10.1 Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting minutes – 10 April 2017
(Trim No. 170308022656)
10.2 Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting minutes – 12 April 2017
(Trim No. 170406033836)
10.4 Customer Satisfaction Survey 2016 Reports – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee – 18 April 2017 (Trim No. 170331031643)
10.6 Closure of Stock Water Race R1-A in Eyrewell Forest Area – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee – 18 April 2017 (Trim No. 170201009287)

Note: items were circulated separately to members.

RECOMMENDATION
THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board receives the information in items 10.1-10.6.

11 MEMBERS’ INFORMATION EXCHANGE
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.

12 CONSULTATION PROJECTS
12.1 Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation
Consultation ends Friday 5 May 2017.
http://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/have-a-say/lets-talk/consultations/kaiapoi-river-rehabilitation
12.2 **Woodend Beach Speed Limits Review**
Consultation ends Friday 12 May 2017.

13 **REGENERATION PROJECTS**

13.1 **Town Centre, Oxford**
Updates on the Oxford Town Centre projects are emailed regularly to Board members. These updates can be located using the link below:

13.2 **New Arterial Road, Kaiapoi**
Regular updates on the progress of the new Arterial Road will be posted on the Council’s website. There are also links to intersection layout plans for each of the new intersections. The updates can be located using the link below:

14 **BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

14.1 **Board Discretionary Grant**
Balance as at 28 April 2017: $633.25.

14.2 **General Landscaping Budget**
Balance as at 28 April 2017: $4,450.

15 **MEDIA ITEMS**

16 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

17 **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

**NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Thursday 8 June 2017 at the West Eyreton Hall.

**Workshop**

1. **Members’ Forum**
2. Board reflections on first six months of electoral term and planning ahead to end of 2017.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE A&P MEETING ROOM, OXFORD TOWN HALL, 30 MAIN STREET, OXFORD ON THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2017 AT 7.01PM.

PRESENT
D Nicholl (Chair), J Ensor, S Farrell, K Felstead, J Lynn, and T Robson.

IN ATTENDANCE
S Markham (Manager, Strategy and Engagement), C Roxburgh (Water Asset Manager), and L Courtney (Governance Secretary).

Meeting adjourned at 7.17pm for a workshop with C Roxburgh, resuming at 7.33pm.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved J Ensor seconded S Farrell
Apologies were received and sustained from M Brown for absence.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

T Robson - 7.3 (b) – a member of the Oxford Community Trust.
- 7.3 (d) – attended meeting where discussion occurred to apply to grant.
S Farrell - 7.3 (b) - a member of the Oxford Community Trust.
K Felstead - 7.3 (d) – a member of the Oxford Arts Trust.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 9 March 2017
S Farrell tabled an amendment to item 11.4.

Moved S Farrell seconded J Ensor
THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:
(a) Amends item 11.4, second bullet point to be replaced with:
Meeting held with the Council’s Roading Manager and local residents regarding road safety around pedestrian crossings on Main Street, Oxford. Following on from this meeting, S Farrell advertised in the Oxford Bulletin seeking feedback from residents on the matter. S Farrell advised she would collate the feedback and work with Councillor Doody on a way forward.
(b) Confirms the circulated minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held 9 March 2017, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING

Nil.
5 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 J Lynn, on behalf of the Ohoka Domain Advisory Group, read a prepared statement (Trim No. 170411035582) to the Board in relation to the Gate Keepers Cottage.

He outlined some of the possible uses of the building:

- Café
- Arts and craft gallery
- Museum
- an office for a local MP.

Fundraising possibilities explored included grant applications to the:

- Historic Places Trust
- Heritage New Zealand's Post Earthquake Fund
- Lotteries Grants
- Pub Charities
- Council grants
- Community fundraising
- Offers of labour had already been received.

J Lynn advised that Heritage NZ would soon inspect the building and that the Advisory Group are awaiting an engineer’s report due at the end of April 2017. He added that the Advisory Group would manage future maintenance of the building.

J Lynn outlined the proposed timeframe of works over three stages; stage one involves moving the building into its permanent location. The preferred site for the relocation is a site opposite the former Methodist Church on Whites Road, Ohoka.

Regarding item 7.1, clause 3.9: the Advisory Group clarified that there had been a minor issue with their funding, but assured the Board that all allocated funds would be utilised.

Regarding item 7.1, clause 3.10: questioned when the proposed upgrade to the Ohoka playground would proceed, referencing upgrades to other playgrounds in other parts of the community.

K Felstead queried what the Advisory Group were seeking from the Board. J Lynn responded that the Advisory Group had expressed concerns at the lack of progress on upgrades to the Ohoka Domain playground and pavilion. Regarding the Gatehouse, they had wanted to provide an update to the Board on progress.

6 ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7 REPORTS

The meeting adjourned at 7.17pm, for an update from C Roxburgh, resuming again at 7.33pm.
7.1 Oxford-Ohoka General Landscaping Budget – C Brown (Community Green Space Manager)

S Markham spoke to the report.

W Doody, regarding the Log Cabin at Ashley Gorge, advised that their grant application to the Rata Foundation had been declined and that an application to the Council's Annual Plan would still be submitted.

T Robson questioned whether more funding was necessary for the Pearson Park Advisory Group, as they were currently receiving $10,000 each year, over five years for various projects in the park.

Moved D Nicholl seconded J Ensor

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170328029992.

(b) Allocates $3,000 from the Oxford-Ohoka General Landscaping budget GL 100.326.000.5224 as a grant to the Eyerton Pony Club for the purpose of installing landscaping around the outside of the new clubrooms at Mandeville Domain.

(c) Allocates $1,000 from the Oxford-Ohoka General Landscaping budget GL 100.326.000.5224 towards the maintenance and development of an area of native bush located on Glentui Bennetts Road.

CARRIED

There was discussion regarding the various projects in the report. It was noted that maintenance was required with the Oaks Reserve, as well as a concept plan and that a contribution towards the reserve may be better left to a future financial year.

It was also raised that a concept plan was required for the Ohoka Domain and contribution towards projects may be best left until the plan is completed.

The Board acknowledged the work being carried out by Alan Cookson and his family at Glentui Bennetts Road bush development contribute and believed allocating more funds towards the work he is undertaking would contribute to their positive, community environment efforts.

J Lynn questioned the cost of the sign proposed for Pearson Park. W Doody clarified how the signage would be useful. It was advised that staff would have compared the cost to similar signs, however it was not likely that quotes would have been obtained until approval had been received from the Board.

Moved D Nicholl seconded J Ensor

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(d) Allocates $3,200 towards the manufacture and installation of a multi directional sign to be installed in Pearson Park.

CARRIED

J Lynn against

T Robson expressed concern at the lack of support for lights being installed at the Pearson Park Skate Park and the perceived nature of activities at the skate park. He clarified that neighbours’ issues with lighting had been in relation to the direction of the lights and its effect on their homes, rather than the activity at the skate park. He tabled documents relating to the matter including a letter from local Police, the Oxford Community Trust and paper
from a psychologist and asked that staff carry out more consultation on what users want from the park.

Moved T Robson seconded J Ensor

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(e) Notes that the railway siding signs replacement will be undertaken by staff from existing capital replacement budgets.

(f) Requests that staff investigate the installation of lighting at the Pearson Park Skate Park, Oxford and investigate an extension of the Skate Park as noted in the Board’s submission to the Council’s 2017/2018 Draft Annual Plan.

CARRIED

T Robson was pleased the Board supported investigating lighting at the Skate Park, suggesting such lighting would discourage antisocial behaviour. K Felstead queried if there was a need for the Skate Park to be extended. T Robson responded an extension of the Skate Park would provide more areas for users with varying skill levels, much like the skate parks in other parts of the District.

J Ensor reiterated T Robson’s comments.

7.2 ANZAC Day Services 2017 – K Ward (Community Board Advocate)

The report was taken as read.

Moved S Farrell seconded J Lynn

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170323028765.

(b) Appoints Board members J Lynn and D Nicholl to lay a wreath on behalf of the Board at the Ohoka ANZAC Day service on Monday 24 April 2017.

(c) Appoints Board member T Robson to lay a wreath on behalf of the Board at the Oxford ANZAC Day service on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

(d) Appoints Board member M Brown to lay a wreath on behalf of the Board at the Cust and West Eyreton ANZAC Day service on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

CARRIED

7.3 Applications to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Discretionary Grants 2016-2017 – K Ward (Community Board Advocate)

S Markham spoke briefly to the report.

Moved J Ensor seconded K Felstead

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170312027420.

(b) Approves a grant of $500 to Oxford Community Trust-Waimak Kids Oscar towards purchase of play equipment from the Big Game Company.

CARRIED
Moved W Doody seconded J Lynn

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(c) Approves a grant of $491 to Arts in Oxford Printmaking Group towards the purchase of re-useable equipment to make paper and sculptures.

CARRIED

Moved J Ensor seconded J Lynn

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(d) Approves a grant of $500 to Waimakariri Arts Trust - Kaiapoi Art Expo towards running costs of the Kaiapoi Art Expo and Schools’ Art Expo, particularly promotional advertising in the Oxford Observer.

CARRIED

S Farrell queried funding towards the Kaiapoi Art Expo referencing Oxford Arts as a more relevant event for the Oxford-Ohoka community. There was discussion regarding funding for the Kaiapoi Art Expo.

J Lynn supported the motion, stating that the event was supported by many in the Oxford-Ohoka community.

J Ensor, having spoken with the Chair of Waimakariri Arts Trust, commented that many artists from the Oxford-Ohoka community participate and attend the expo.

7.4 Meeting venue options within the Oxford-Ohoka Community area – K Ward (Community Board Advocate)

The report was taken as read.

D Nicholl advised that the Ohoka Community Hall had been booked for the Board’s May 2017 meeting and it was suggested that a further meeting be held at the same venue in September 2017.

Moved S Farrell seconded K Felstead

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170313024202.

(b) Notes a report will be presented to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board in November 2017 to consider meeting venues for 2018 Community Board meetings.

CARRIED

Moved D Nicholl seconded W Doody

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(c) Resolves to hold the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board’s May 2017 meeting at the Ohoka Community Hall.

(d) Resolves to hold the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board’s June, August, and October 2017 meetings at the West Eyreton Hall.

(e) Resolves to hold the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board’s July and November 2017 meetings at the Oxford Town Hall.
Resolves to hold the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board’s September 2017 meeting in the Mandeville Sports Centre, subject to availability and exclusive use of the centre.

CARRIED

J Ensor stated that many residents of the Oxford-Ohoka community live in the Mandeville area. He believed it was unfair that most meetings were held between only two venues, referring to the Oxford Town Hall and the West Eyreton Hall. He presented a letter received from the Mandeville Sports Centre, advising that the Board could have exclusive use of the Mandeville Sports Centre for the Board’s meetings, at no charge.

Based on the letter received by J Ensor from the Mandeville Sports Centre, the Board agreed to hold at least one meeting at the centre and would further discuss meeting venues at its November 2017 meeting.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Tabled correspondence from T Robson relating to item 7.1.

The Board received the correspondence.

9 CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

9.1 Chairperson’s Report for March – April 2017

Moved T Robson seconded J Lynn

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170328030271.

CARRIED

10 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting minutes – 8 March 2017 (Trim No. 170303020481)

10.2 Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting minutes – 13 March 2017 (Trim No. 170308022656)

10.3 Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting minutes – 20 March 2017 (Trim No. 170321027649)

10.4 Review of the Commercial Charity Bylaw 2010 - L Hurley (Planning Technician) and R McClung (Senior Policy Analyst) – Report to Council – 7 March 2017 (Trim No. 170217015278)

10.5 Rangiora to Kaiapoi and Rangiora to Woodend Cycleways - B Rice (Senior Transport Engineer) – Report to Council – 7 March 2017 (Trim No. 170223017400)

10.6 Walking and Cycling Strategy and Implementation Plan - (K Stevenson, Roading Manager), G Reburn (Parks and Recreation), and L Beckingsale (Policy Analyst) – Report to Council – 7 March 2017 (Trim No. 170109000823)

10.7 Delivery Vehicles in Rangiora and Kaiapoi – K Stevenson (Roading Manager) – Report to Council – 7 March 2017 (Trim No. 170207010670)
Moved T Robson seconded J Lynn

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board receives the information in items 10.1-10.12.

CARRIED

11 MEMBERS’ INFORMATION EXCHANGE

11.1 J Ensor

- Attended a variety of events and meetings for elected members including:
  - Waimakariri Health Advisory Group meeting.
  - Participated in Council and Community Board drop-in sessions at the Oxford A&P Show.
  - A meeting regarding the Council’s Long Term Plan.
  - Enterprise North Canterbury function.
- As Board appointed representative attended:
  - Mandeville Sports Centre meeting.

11.2 W Doody

- Updated the Board on Council activities and matters relating to her Council portfolios including:
  - Council meeting of 4 April 2017:
    - Drones
    - Fernside/Mandeville Water Scheme
    - Advised Oxford Arts will hold exhibition called ‘Requiem’.
- Attended a variety of events and meetings for elected members including:
  - The Council and Community Board drop-in sessions at the Oxford A&P Show.
- Advised that the JP Flag had been received with thanks.
- Advised a Confident Driving Course for the Mature Driver course is to be held at the Oxford Town Hall, Tuesday 11 April 2017.
11.3 **J Lynn**
- Attended a variety of events and meetings for elected members including:
  - Enterprise North Canterbury function.
  - Council and Community Board drop-in sessions at the Oxford A&P Show.
  - Meeting with Staff regarding the Board’s Annual Plan submission.
  - Attended Ravenswood development update.
  - Attended Ohoka Domain Advisory Group meeting.

11.4 **S Farrell**
- Attended the Ashley Gorge track opening.
- Promoted ‘Send, Snap, Solve’ application for service requests.
- Attended the Oxford Community Network Forum meeting.

11.5 **T Robson**
- Attended a variety of events and meetings for elected members including:
  - Council and Community Board drop-in sessions at the Oxford A&P Show. Suggested means of submitting feedback at the Show through use of tablets.
  - As Board appointed representative attended:
    - Attended Pearson Park Advisory Group meeting.
  - Attended Oxford Community Network Forum meeting.
  - Following up with staff, issue raised by local resident raised regarding irrigation race running dry.
  - Attended Waimakariri Youth Council meeting. Next meeting 2 May 2017.

11.6 **D Nicholl**
- Attended a variety of events and meetings for elected members including:
  - Council and Community Board drop-in sessions at the Oxford A&P Show.
  - Sought Board members’ feedback on holding regular workshops on a non-meeting night each month. There was general agreement to this.

12 **CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

12.1 **Oxford Rural No1 Water Supply Source Upgrade Project**
Submissions due by Tuesday 5 April 2017.

12.2 **Mandeville Speed Limit Review**
Submissions due by Monday 10 April 2017
12.3 **Annual Plan 2017/18 (includes Easter Trading Laws)**
Submissions due by Tuesday 11 April 2017.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

### 13 **REGENERATION PROJECTS**

#### 13.1 **Town Centre, Oxford**

Updates on the Oxford Town Centre projects are emailed regularly to Board members. These updates can be located using the link below:

#### 13.2 **New Arterial Road, Kaiapoi**

Regular updates on the progress of the new Arterial Road will be posted on the Council’s website. There are also links to intersection layout plans for each of the new intersections. The updates can be located using the link below:

The Board noted the regeneration projects.

### 14 **BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

#### 14.1 **Board Discretionary Grant**
Balance as at 30 March 2017: $2,124.25.

#### 14.2 **General Landscaping Budget**
Balance as at 30 March 2017: $11,650.

The Board noted the balances.

### 15 **MEDIA ITEMS**

Media release regarding results of consultation of Oxford Rural No. 1 Water Scheme upgrade.

Promotion of ‘Snap, Send, Solve’ application.

### 16 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

There were no questions under Standing Orders.
17 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS
There was no urgent general business under Standing Orders.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Thursday 4 May 2017 at the Ohoka Community Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8.56PM.

CONFIRMED

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Chairperson

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Date
Workshop


2. Board’s Submission to the Annual Plan. 8.56pm – 9.10pm.
   The Board discussed its draft submission.
1. SUMMARY

1.1. The purpose of this report is to retrospectively ratify the Board’s submission to the Council in relation to the Waimakariri District Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018.

Attachments:


2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170327029788.

(b) Retrospectively Ratifies the Board’s submission to the Waimakariri District Council regarding the Waimakariri District Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018 (Trim No.170329030941).

3. ISSUES AND OPTIONS


3.3. A draft submission was circulated to Board members on the 30 March 2017 for additional comment and input.

3.4. The finalised submission was approved by the Chair and submitted to the Waimakariri District Council on the 10 April 2017, and now retrospective ratification of the submission is required.
4. COMMUNITY VIEWS


5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

5.1. Not Applicable.

6. CONTEXT

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

6.2. Legislation
   Not applicable.

6.3. Community Outcomes
   • Opportunities for people to contribute to decision making.
   • People have wide ranging opportunities for being informed.
   • Public spaces and facilities are plentiful, accessible and high quality.

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Community Board Advocate
To: The Waimakariri District Council  
Submission: 2017/2018 Draft Annual Plan  
From: Oxford-Ohoka Community Board  

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The Chairperson wishes to be heard with regard to this submission.

The Oxford-Ohoka Community Board (the Board) thank the Council for this opportunity to make a submission on the Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018.

The Board supports the Council’s proposals identified within the Draft Plan relating to:

- The Oxford-Service Centre and Library.  
  The Board thank the Council for progressing this project and being prepared to adapt original expectations as complications arose. The Board acknowledges the project has required much greater expenditure in time, resources and finance than was planned. The Board believes the new Service Centre and Library-Information Centre will be an asset for the greater Oxford community for years to come.

- The District Plan Review.

- The Oxford wastewater upgrade and Oxford treatment backflow protection.

- The Poyntz Road water scheme upgrade being brought forward and progressed.

- A reasoned, prudent approach to Urban Network Discharge consenting.

- The work undertaken in the Mill Road retention area.

- The $65,000 allocation to the Ashley Gorge campground shelter and the support for the replacement of the Log Cabin.

- Sea foam testing on the eastern seaboard.
The following paragraphs outline the Board’s comments on other specific areas including those proposed for consideration, as part of the Council’s Annual Plan 2017-2018.

**Annual Plan Proposals**

**Waimakariri Residential Regeneration Implementation Plan**

The Board supports the Regeneration Plan but questions some projects included that will require funding for ongoing maintenance. For example, the Board is concerned as to how the proposed ‘food forest’ will be maintained long term, and the ongoing impacts on rates for initial community led projects that may lose enthusiasm and momentum over a number of years.

**Stormwater and Drainage**

*Ohoka Drainage Advisory Group*

The Board acknowledges the contribution of the Ohoka Drainage Advisory Group. This group makes an invaluable contribution to our area through their specialist interests and local, historic knowledge, which helps build resilience and generational sensitivity to the land and waterways of Ohoka into the engineered network.

*Ohoka Drainage Rating Area*

The Board requests that the Council review the validity of requiring contribution rates from Truro Close and the Mandeville Road area to the Ohoka Drainage rating area. This is an ongoing concern for residents who perceive that they receive no benefit from that particular scheme. Residents are unaware of any council drains or connections in this area and the only ‘drain’ is a stock water race.

*Ohoka Stream*

The Board acknowledges just upstream of Mill Road is part of the Glyphosate trial, with part sprayed and part left as a control (428 Mill Road). Nonetheless, the Board would like to advise the Council that Ohoka Stream, being the entire length of the Mill Stream Walkway, particularly between Bradleys Road Bridge and Marshalls Road Bridge, is overgrown; to a point that water is no longer visible in places. The Board requests an ongoing maintenance programme be considered; in consultation with the Community Board, and any potential implementation of improvements begin by the start of the 2018/19 financial year.

**Wastewater**

The Board notes the recent extensive upgrades to the Council reticulated supply in semi-rural areas where it was previously not available, such as Ohoka. Some residents have taken the opportunity to join the network as soon as the option became available, others have chosen not to at this point.
Eventually all private wastewater systems will reach the end of their life, possibly suddenly. If those whose individual systems need replacing are near a reticulated supply, then the Board respectfully suggests that they should be ‘required’ to join that Council supply rather than have the choice to replace with new private, individual wastewater systems, as is currently the case.

The Board suggests this based on its belief that in the long term, this requirement will mitigate potential contamination of the ground, and with more households connected to a Council wastewater system will lessen costs to all the property owners on the scheme.

The Board additionally suggests that those customers joining the Council network, due to of private systems requiring upgrades, be offered the option to pay off the connection fee as part of rates payments, in instalments over a number of years.

The Board acknowledges that this option already exists for those who connect when reticulation networks initially come on line, but would like to see the offer extended to those who join later due to necessity.

**Traffic Management and Roading**

*Rural traffic safety*

The Board requests that the Council conduct a review/audit of traffic flows throughout the rural areas of the district to reaffirm design and signage remains appropriate at intersections (including the presence or need for addition of turning bays), including the South Eyre Road and Tram Road corner. Anecdotal local feedback indicates increased traffic flows and trucks pulling out of intersections have been contributors to some vehicle crashes.

*Sunstrike vulnerability site identified*

The approach to the Ashley Bridge (Cones Road) from the Rangiora Showground has been noted as an area vulnerable to causing sunstrike. Re-evaluation of the colour and placement of painted centre lines, and/or the planting of trees is requested by the Board for investigation, to help mitigate this danger to road users.

*Mobile speed sensor detectors*

The Board requests that the Council consider purchasing a minimum of two additional mobile speed sensor detectors that can be utilised around the district, as these signs have indicated improved driver behaviour in particular areas and contribute to general driver education and awareness.

One of the locations the Board would request to be prioritised is the Main Street (High Street to Bay Road) at Oxford, particularly when approaching the commercial area. Anecdotal feedback from residents have identified this area as a significant current concern.
Rural Fire
The Board advocates need for a proactive review for fire-fighting capacity of rural or semi-rural fires across their community area. It acknowledges the water pipe upgrades such as those in Ohoka, which have been recently undertaken. However, there are still significant areas where the Board believes that fire-fighting capacity is limited by the width of existing piping, water pressure, and infrequent hydrant access.

The Board requests that the Council consider provision for a review to maximise hydrant capacity where feasible, to ensure semi-urban and intense lifestyle block areas are protected as far as is practical in light of the recent Port Hills fires, and to provide regularly spaced points where fire tankers could refill. For example, there is no hydrant outside Ohoka School; the nearest hydrant connection is 1.5km away at Wilsons Drive. The Ohoka School has chosen to maintain a full pool to ensure fire-fighting capacity in that area which is not an ideal situation with a limit of 70,000KL water, which would quickly be exhausted in the event of a significant fire.

Capital Works Programme: Earthquake Recovery

Oxford Jaycee Hall
The Board supports the planned strengthening of the Oxford Jaycee Hall but suggests to the Council that there is also need to consult with the regular users of the facilities to ensure that their views and needs are fairly considered. The Oxford Historical Society has also advised that it would wish to move the entrance to the Museum round to the west of the building so that it is more prominent and facilitates easier access.

Ohoka Domain Pavilion
The Board similarly supports the planned strengthening of the Ohoka Domain Pavilion and requests that this project be expedited to enable maximum community use, including for Community Board meetings.

The historic Ohoka Homestead Gatehouse
Recognising the historic importance of the Ohoka Homestead Gatehouse to Ohoka, the current owners have offered to donate this building to the community. The Board acknowledges the Council’s support to fund an engineering assessment regarding the proposed relocation of the Gatehouse to Ohoka Domain, close to Ohoka Bush.

It is envisaged that the Gatehouse could be a joint Council and community project. The building could have a future within the community as a museum, meeting room, function room or tearooms (Devonshire teas).

Depending on the engineer’s final feasibility conclusions, the Board requests that the Council allow provision of $50,000 towards the costs of relocating and securing this building on its proposed new site in the Ohoka Domain. The community would, from that point on, take ownership of the project.

The Ohoka Domain Advisory Group will be seeking additional funds from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and Heritage funding available through the Waimakariri District Council. Restoration would be undertaken by utilizing skills of local trades’ people and volunteers.
Capital Works Programme

Meeting space for Mandeville/Swannanoa
The Board requests that the Council investigate the option to relocate one of the Council owned portacoms to the Mandeville/Swannanoa area for community meeting space.

Oxford car parking
The Board requests that the Council explore the option of sealing the carpark between the butcher’s shop and the Service Centre site in Main Street, Oxford.

Oxford Skate Park
The Board requests that the Council investigate/design an upgrade and extension, including the installation of lights, to the Oxford Skate Park in the 17/18 year. The Board has also included this item under the Long Term Plan section in relation to implementation of any design produced. The Board has observed high usage of this facility, by both locals and visitors to the area. The Board is of the view that the level of use warrants such an upgrade and extension to help cater for recreational activities of our growing population, particularly youth.

Waste Management and Minimisation
The Board requests that the Council encourage recycling in developing areas by maintaining minimal costs to dispose of waste appropriately, as the added element of travelling further to a recycling station increases the cost exponentially for rural and semi-rural residents. There is community perception that the cost to dispose of green waste, in particular, is prohibitively high. The charges will have a direct consequence upon people making appropriate waste disposal choices and not undertaking clandestine dumping on roadsides and in riverbeds.

Rates

Rates rises
The Board requests that the Council ensure residents receive targeted information with a long period of notice regarding future ‘hefty’ rate rises, and a detailed, comprehensible explanation in plain language as to its necessity.

The Board recognises that the proposed significant rates rise this financial year within their community area is due to the need for the Council to ensure district water supplies are compliant for drinking water standards. However, the Board hopes that a rise of this significance is a one-off event and similar increases of this level will not reoccur over a number of consecutive years.
Developers’ contributions

With the above point in mind, the Board supports the Council requiring upfront, non-refundable contributions from developers. Delays in contribution payments due to delayed projects, or developers later choosing not to proceed, add to the rates burden of existing residents as the Council has already invested in sewer and water connections those developers required as part of their plans. Alternatively when any delayed levy from developers is paid, the Council needs to acknowledge that ratepayers have already paid a sum towards that connection and require the developer to cover the financial difference.

Community Board Discretionary Grants

The Board requests the Council consider boosting the four Community Board’s discretionary grant fund by at least $1,000 per year. Consistently each year this Board finds itself over subscribed for requests from local community groups in the Oxford-Ohoka ward. The grants, although of small value, can make a significant difference to our many worthwhile community groups. The grants contribute directly to the Council’s Community Outcomes by ensuring a strong sense of community, with arts, culture, sport and heritage being celebrated.

The following paragraphs outline the Board’s comments on other specific areas including those proposed for consideration, as part of the Council’s Long Term Plan.

Long Term Plan Proposals

Traffic Management and Roading

Tree root damage

The Board requests that the Council prioritise the remediation of German and Browns Rock Road. The Board acknowledges the complexity of addressing the tree root damage but highlights the dangers posed by this uneven surface, especially when coming upon it in the dark. The Council has already acknowledged the dangerous surface in German Road by erecting ‘Uneven Surface’ signs. Other safety concerns relate to damage to vehicles, and the unstable handling of vehicles caused by the ripples and bumps in the road.

Ashworth’s Road

Based on feedback from our community the Board requests that Ashworth’s Road be sealed in sections over a long period, to improve the safety of traffic using it. It would be appreciated if community consultation and investigation begin during 2018/19 with the first phase of sealing beginning during 2020/21 and continue in appropriate stages through to 2024/25.
**Mandeville Junction**

The Board requests the planned upgrade of slip lanes at Mandeville junction proceed promptly, as was originally proposed as part of the Mandeville commercial development. Safety audit information requested appears to support the original timeframe.

**School safety**

In the interests of the child safety, the Board requests that the Council undertake traffic calming measures outside Ohoka School, and review any other measures necessary to ensure safety of our community around all schools in the Board’s community area.

It has been noted some schools in the Board’s area have flashing school lights such as Swannanoa and West Eyreton, but Ohoka and Oxford do not. The Board requests that due to the nature of traffic volumes and flows the Oxford Area School and Ohoka School should be considered for flashing 40kph school lights.

**Oxford Area School pedestrian safety**

Another safety issue identified in relation to school children is the need for footpath, kerb and channeling, with clearly denoted parking, and a clearly marked single pedestrian crossing to be installed along the west side of Bay Road, Oxford between Dohrmans Road to Church Street. This would ensure that an alternate path is always available for the public of all ages to utilise up to Oxford Area School, although the Board acknowledges the culvert is a design complication. The current eastern sealed side has been unavailable to foot traffic recently due to maintenance work. This has led to observations of children using the unsealed, muddy side that has parked vehicles along it or they have had to walk on the road itself. Whilst a temporary situation, the Board would assert that this is not satisfactory for a major route to and from a sizable school.

**Footpath**

Due to several new residential developments in the Ohoka area the number of young people in our community has risen. Therefore, the Board requests that the Council consider extending the footpath along Mill Road in Ohoka from Whites Road to Bradleys Road, as an extension to existing cycleway, which runs from Whites Road to Jacksons Road, to enable children to cycle safely to Ohoka School.

In addition, the Board wishes to highlight the pressing need for a solution to the grass and shingle verge issues adjacent to the Mill Road entrance to Ohoka Domain. This is becoming a major issue in winter months, particularly on Fridays when the market is underway. Residents have identified this being an issue since stormwater and fibre were installed, as the ground surface was not fully remediated leaving it vulnerable to further damage and deterioration.
Water Supply

The Board recognises the need for the Council to search for potable water sources in the Board’s community area. However, the Board is concerned about the uncertainty of costs surrounding the repeated boring of wells. Without guarantee of locating the necessary pressure (L/s) with the next bore drilled, there is continued impact upon local rates going forward as subsequent wells are drilled.

Capital Works Programme: Green Space

Oxford Skate Park

The Board requests that the Council implement an upgrade and extension to the Oxford Skate Park, including the installation of lights, in the 18/19 year. The investigation/design stage of this project has been requested under the Annual Plan section for consideration for provision in the 17/18 year. The Board has observed high usage by both locals and visitors to the area of this facility, so the demand to warrant an upgrade and extension is considered to be present.

The Pearson Park Advisory Board (PPAB) propose an expansion of the Oxford Skate Park. The PPAB believe that the skate park is the most well utilised Council facility in the area and has been of great benefit to the youth of the district. The park is currently used by skate boarders, BMX and scooter riders, which at times, experience considerable congestion. The Board would wish to reflect the views of the Advisory Board in that the addition of a bowl similar to those at Rangiora and Kaiapoi would allow for safer use, with the older, more skilled children able to have an area in use at the same time as the younger or less experienced children. Similarly, the addition of contoured paths would provide the younger children with a safe place to scooter without the danger of running into pedestrians.

The existence of a larger skate park would benefit the community both as an activity for the youth and as an attraction for families outside the area. This would result in increased sales for local businesses and promote the area as a destination. Reefton Skate Park is an example of a facility built for local youth that has become an attraction, mentioned on skate boarding web sites and attracting tourists to the area. The local Obox group took two mini-bus loads to Reefton, (spending money on accommodation and food), and have also made trips into the Washington Way Skate Park in Christchurch.

The Skate Park has proved itself a popular diversion for local youth, creating a meeting place where physical activity is undertaken so it promotes social interaction and fitness. In summer it is often a place where local families congregate, into the evening. It has also been used for several skate boarding competitions and youth group activities, despite the current Oxford Skate Park being very basic.

Ohoka Domain playground

The Board similarly requests that when the Ohoka Domain is reviewed, as part of its management plan, additional play equipment to cater for older children and teenagers be considered and consulted on. This may include the potential for a skate park.
Environmental Landscape

**Riparian Planting**
The Board supports native, riparian planting along waterways in its community area. The Board would like to see the planting programmes extended, and include the Cust drain and the Pearson Park drain, and the Ohoka and Eyre Rivers to encourage and improve bio-diversity.

**Manawhenua Values**
The Board acknowledges that there are waterways in its community area that no longer support *manawhenua* values, and advocate for steps to be taken henceforth to address this issue through appropriate maintenance of waterways, such as the Ohoka Stream.

**Glyphosate**
The Board supports the research studies being undertaken regarding the environmental impact of spraying with glyphosate. However, the Board hopes caution is also being exercised during the trials to minimise any possible unplanned negative impact of this research on waterways' life, such as loss of habitat, aquatic life, planting, and trout.

**Tree Plantations**
The Board is aware that Canterbury is expected to experience a shortage of all types of timber. As plantations are felled not all are being replaced with similar or increased numbers of saplings, and some sites are being lost as they are converted to other uses such as dairying. Therefore, the current replanting programmes across Canterbury are inadequate to meet future need.

The Board suggests that the Council should undertake future planning in relation to this shortage and design a comprehensive replanting programme of both native forests and pine plantations to be able to meet future Waimakariri District timber needs, and potential future sources of revenue.

**Waste Management and Minimisation**
The Board encourages the Council to continue to investigate new recycling technologies and invest in those that would benefit Waimakariri.

**Waimakariri Water Zone/ Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan**
The Board recognises that domestic wells in rural areas are permitted as a right; however, the Board questions why *every* rural domestic well is permitted to draw 20,000L/day as part of this ‘right’. The Board advocates that there is need for a review regarding this level of permitted capacity use for every rural well, particularly in restricted areas such as the Eyre River Red Zone.
Other proposals

Easter Sunday Trading

The Board hold mixed views regarding Easter Sunday trading, as to whether trading should commence at 1pm as happens with ANZAC day, or between normal hours unchanged, or unconditional closure continue. However, the Board supports a universal approach to the issue across the entire district and opposes one rule for one area and another for elsewhere. The Board also wishes to acknowledge the diversity of religious belief of residents and that cessation of trading only acknowledges Christian faith.

Doug Nicholl
Chairperson of Oxford-Ohoka Community Board
10 April 2017
1. SUMMARY

We are holding this Board meeting at Ohoka for the first time this year. Further Community Board meetings will be scheduled in the Ohoka area during the electoral term as the Board try to cover the geographically large ward area with different meeting venues enabling better access to the community it serves.

Whilst there is only one formal report to consider this month, it is important to continue to hold Community Board meetings at regular monthly intervals, to provide opportunity for local residents to speak to the Board about matters of concern, and for Board members to collectively exchange thoughts on matters occurring throughout the Oxford-Ohoka Ward area.

During April the Board have focused on drafting their Annual Plan Submission, based on community feedback, which I presented in person to the full Council yesterday (3 May) in Kaiapoi. Having heard the public, the Council will consider all submissions at the end of May.

Thank you to the Board members who attended the Oxford A&P Show. It was great to see the enthusiasm of our members when interacting with the public. I feel that our participation was extremely beneficial in increasing our profile with our community.

Doug Nicholl
Chairperson
Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170427040965.