
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, RANGIORA
6.00pm TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2025

1. Opening Karakia

PRESENT: Tessa Sturley (Community Team WDC), Lauren Tilley (Waimakariri District Council), Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor), Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Simoné Bisschoff (Co-Chair), Hannah Wells, Matilda Parish, Oscar Bai, Aidan Haverkort, Dylan LaValley, Esha-May McHugh, *From Wai Youth:* Risha Prasad, Orianna Patrick, Sophia Edwards, Coni Szwarc

Attended via Microsoft Teams:

APOLOGIES: Dan Gordon (Mayor), Niki Mealings (Councillor), *running late:* Fiona Xu, Renée Eleftheriou,

2. Whakatauki

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 28TH OCTOBER 2025. *Quorum to Accept the minutes and no amendments.*

Moved: Simoné Bisschoff **Seconded:** Zack Lappin (Co-Chair)

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Google Form Survey results [*discussed in General Business*].

5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Tessa Sturley – Community Team Manager, Community Team, WDC

- Congratulations to the Youth Council for the work they have done, demonstrating ingenuity and creativity:
 - Activated spaces such as Dudley, beach clean-ups, Halloween Movie Night, this has all been noticed by the community.
 - Sitting around the table (being involved with the Youth Council) is a good start for everyone's future.
 - Leadership of the Co-chairs: meetings are really well run, agility of the group as a whole as well to adapt. Good skills to learn early in life.
- Sad to see Lauren leave at the end of the year. Lauren has fitted straight in, empowered all the Youth Council.
 - Excited by the great work done on the Youth Action Plan by Lauren and Lexi Mealings.

- 1100 young people responded to the survey, the data produced is being sought by other teams by council to help with their planning and decision-making (with places and spaces).
- Lauren brings a humility to the work she has done. Publicly acknowledge the work that Lauren has done.
- Next year: Emily will be back on the 20th January. There will also be some additional support within the Youth Development team.
- Wishing the team a wonderful evening and great Christmas. [don't forget a group photo].

[Zack presented thank-you card to Lauren]

b) Jason Goldsworthy – Councillor

- This month establishing all the portfolios and committees, rather than reporting back on progress
- Dropping of Regional Councils just announced
- Changes with resource management act are coming into effect.
- Oxford/Ohoka Community Board opposed landfill going into the area, Council assisted with the Community Board. Environmental Court declined, but appealed, awaiting outcome of appeal.
- Loburn landfill is on the fast-track project list.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS

6. Dudley Park (Zack and Aidan)

- Music and Food night Friday 5th December. Struggling to book a food truck/vendor for the event:
 - Maybe have our own food stand.
 - Asked the Alt kitchen and Kung Fu Dumplings (can't do it)
 - Other possibilities: Pretzel Box, Bacon Brothers, vendors from Riccarton Market.
 - Kaiapoi Woodend Ward (Kaiapoi Promotions) – Zack can ask them for a recommendation.
 - Doing our own food giveaway could be a good idea if can't book a food truck or vendor.

ACTION: Let Zack or Aidan know if any of the options work out. Zack will follow up with the Kaiapoi Promotions Association.

- Rata has approved **\$20,000 funding**, about ½ of the applied amount, lots of options to apply for remainder.

7. Enviro

- Looking to build up the group for 2026, please advise if you are interested in joining the Enviro Group.

8. WaiYouth

- Halloween Movie Night – very successful despite not great weather, and some technical difficulties.
- One more meeting for the year
- There are ambitious plans in place for next year.

9. Consultations Open - Zack

- NONE

10. WYC Member Report

a) Lauren

- Lauren's Last day with the Community Team is December 12th.
- Will be moving back to the UK
- Great experience working for the WDC Youth Team.
- Looking forward to keeping in touch with the council and being updated

b) Zack

- Successful in being appointed onto the Youth Team with the Halberg Trust [*Zack provided an explanation of what the Halberg Foundation is*].
- Provided feedback on the second draft of the Youth Action Plan
 - [*from Lauren*] Few more things to tune up on the plan before seeking approval to consult on the draft, then approval to get the strategy in place.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Google Form Survey results Summary:**
 - Need to set goals that are clear for everyone
 - Majority would like to see more meetings throughout the year and more activities (social events).
 - Most agree mid-year event + end of year event.
 - General consensus at the meeting: keeping it loose with what those other, additional events are.
- **End-of-year certificates for WaiYouth and WYC Members**
 - **Wai Youth:** Risha Prasad, Orianna Patrick, Sophia Edwards, Coni Szwarc
 - **Waimakariri Youth Council Members (present at the meeting):** Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Simoné Bisschoff (Co-Chair), Hannah

Wells, Matilda Parish, Oscar Bai, Aidan Haverkort, Dylan LaValley,
Esha-May McHugh.

[Zack Lappin and Simoné Bisschoff presented the certificates].

- **Co-Chair elections:**

- i. Renée Eleftheriou has other commitments that will conflict with being a Co-Chair, therefore withdraws her application.
- ii. Dylan LaValley running unopposed. Dylan elected unanimously.

- **Youth Voice Canterbury Representatives Selection**

- i. Zack Lappin and Dylan LaValley are happy to be the Waimakariri Youth Council representatives at Youth Voice Canterbury. Accepted unanimously.

ACTIONS:

- **ALL WYC MEMBERS** – Follow up leads on a food vendor for Music and Food night at Dudley Park
- **ZACK LAPPIN** – Follow up with Kaiapoi/Woodend Community Board/Kaiapoi Promotions for food vendor at Music and Food night at Dudley Park.

Closing Karakia

Meeting closed at **6:35pm.**

Next meeting is 2026 (to be advised)

Signed

Date