

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON 12 AUGUST 2026 AT 7 PM.

PRESENT

L McClure (Chairperson), J Gerard (Deputy Chairperson), R Brine, K Barnett 9Arrived at 7.19pm), A Geeves, J Goldsworthy, D Hawkins, D Lundy, B McLaren and B Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), T Stableford (Landscape Architect), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

Six members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** and **sustains** an apology for leave of absence from J Ward and an apology for lateness from K Barnett, who arrived at 7.19pm.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item 6.2 J Gerard declared a conflict of interest as his wife was a long-standing member of Soroptimists North Canterbury

Item 6.2 K Barnett also declared a conflict as she was a member of the executive of Soroptimists North Canterbury

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 8 July 2026

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: B Robinson

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

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

CARRIED

3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

D Lundy reflected on previous discussions about the Board's Discretionary Grant criteria and whether they were too stringent for smaller groups, or for organisations such as schools that generally received taxpayer funding. Given that the Board had more than \$5,000 of unallocated funding from the previous financial year, he questioned whether it would be appropriate for the Board to exercise flexibility in suitable circumstances to achieve positive outcomes for the community.

J Gerard concurred with D Lundy's comments and noted that, during the previous term, the Board had considered schools applying for funding. He advised that the criteria had since been amended to allow Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and Boards of Trustees to apply for funding for school-related projects not supported through government funding.

3.3. **Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 8 July 2026**

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives**, the circulated notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 8 July 2026.

CARRIED

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

4.1. **Traffic Calming Installation on Railway Road** – Raewyn Moody and Anne Brewerton

R Moody addressed the Board regarding the increase in rat-running along Railway Road following the installation of traffic signals at the Southbrook Road/Torlesse Street intersection and tabled a petition requesting the installation of traffic-calming devices on Railway Road. She advised that residents of Railway Road and the surrounding streets had become increasingly concerned about the safety of children, pedestrians, cyclists, domestic animals, livestock, and other road users. R Moody noted that 38 residents had signed the petition seeking traffic-calming measures, including residents from properties Council staff identified as potential locations for such devices.

R Moody further advised that Railway Road served both urban and rural properties and was regularly used by students travelling to Southbrook School and Rangiora New Life School. She noted that the road was also used for school-related parking and by staff from the nearby supermarket. At times, vehicles parked on both sides of the road, along with trucks waiting to access the supermarket, reduced the effective roadway width and visibility, increasing safety concerns when combined with vehicles travelling at excessive speeds. While acknowledging the recent introduction of variable speed limits around the schools, she expressed the view that these measures would not adequately address speeding during the afternoon period, when the issue was considered most prevalent.

A Brewerton addressed the Board in support of the request for traffic-calming measures on Railway Road. She advised that she was actively involved in neighbourhood support initiatives and regularly facilitated meetings with local residents. She highlighted her commitment to safety and the wellbeing of local families, children, elderly residents, and pets. A Brewerton noted that her children attended Rangiora New Life School and were required to cross Railway Road at Marsh Road, where there were no footpaths on either side of the road. She expressed concern regarding the number of children, cyclists, and pedestrians using the area, including students travelling to and from Southbrook School, Rangiora New Life School, and local shops.

A Brewerton further advised that residents had reported several incidents involving animals being struck by vehicles and expressed concern that a more serious incident involving a person could occur. She noted ongoing issues with speeding vehicles, excessive vehicle noise, and antisocial driving behaviour, including burnouts and rapid acceleration. A Brewerton urged the Board to seriously consider the residents' request for traffic-calming measures, stating that improved safety would benefit all road users and help prevent future accidents.

D Lundy asked whether any traffic count data had been obtained to compare traffic volumes on Railway Road before and after installing the Torlesse Street traffic signals. R Moody advised that she understood the Council held traffic count data; however, she considered the primary concern was not the volume of traffic using the road, but the speed at which some vehicles were travelling. She acknowledged that recent speed surveys had

indicated average vehicle speeds were within acceptable limits but believed this was influenced by local residents driving cautiously. A Brewerton added that, when road works had been undertaken at the Mitre 10 intersection, a detour had been provided via Railway Road, which had resulted in increased traffic volumes. She noted that the number of users had remained elevated despite the completion of the road works.

D Hawkins queried whether traffic-calming measures would address the primary issues on Railway Road, or whether the greater concern related to the combination of roadside parking, the absence of footpaths, the narrow road width, and the volume of pedestrians and vehicles using the road. R Moody acknowledged that the situation resulted from a combination of factors. She noted that roadside parking, pedestrian activity, and the narrow road width had been longstanding concerns but considered that the increased use of Railway Road as a shortcut had significantly exacerbated the situation.

A Brewerton further advised that similar traffic-calming measures implemented on other roads had successfully reduced vehicle speeds and expressed the view that such measures would improve safety on Railway Road.

L McClure thanked R Moody and A Brewerton for their deputation, and the Board requested that Council staff prepare a report on traffic-calming measures for Railway Road for Board consideration.

4.2. Rainbow Bridge at the Milton Reserve Dog Park – Quentin de Hamal

Q de Hamal addressed the Board regarding a proposal to construct a Rainbow Bridge memorial within the Milton Reserve Dog Park. He highlighted the popularity of the agility equipment and shelters at the dog park, which the Rangiora Lions Club provided through its projects. He explained that the proposed bridge would provide a place for people to acknowledge and remember pets that had passed away by attaching a dog collar or tag to the structure. Q de Hamal noted that the concept was based on the widely recognised “Rainbow Bridge” theme associated with the loss of companion animals and would create a space for reflection and remembrance. He advised that the project intended to support community wellbeing by providing a place where people could remember their pets and reflect on the role they played in their lives.

Q de Hamal advised that the bridge was proposed to be located within a natural swale near the agility area of the dog park. He noted that the final design would be developed in consultation with Council staff and would seek to be accessible and sympathetic to the surrounding environment. Q de Hamal further advised that future enhancements, such as seating and a pathway connection, could also be considered. He emphasised that the Rangiora Lions Club would fully fund the project through community fundraising and sponsorship, with no financial contribution sought from the Council. He confirmed that the memorial would not operate as a cemetery or ash interment site and that the design would ensure the Council could continue to maintain the area as required.

J Gerard sought clarification regarding the proposed location of the bridge. Q de Hamal confirmed that it would be situated within the agility park and would run parallel to the fence separating the large dog park from the agility area.

L McClure thanked Q de Hamal for his deputation, and the Board requested that Council staff prepare a report on the potential development of a memorial Rainbow Bridge at the Milton Reserve Dog Park for Board consideration.

4.3. Development of Dog Free Park at Milton Reserve – Trevor Wright

T Wright addressed the Board on the Milton Memorial Park Arboretum, noting that he had previously advocated for its development and, at that time, requested that it be established as a dog-free area. He expressed concern that, despite requirements for dogs to be kept on a leash and for owners to remove dog waste, dog faeces and uncontrolled dogs had been observed in the area.

T Wright advised that, in his view, Rangiora needs at least one public space where people could enjoy the environment without dogs. He, therefore, requested the Board advocate to the Council to reconsider allowing dogs within the arboretum and suggested removing access from the adjoining dog park and installing signage at park entrances indicating that dogs were prohibited. He noted that similar restrictions were in place at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and considered that a dog-free environment would better accommodate community members who preferred not to be around dogs or felt uncomfortable in their presence.

L McClure thanked T Wright for his deputation and his work and dedication to developing the Milton Memorial Park Arboretum.

5. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Request to Change the Parking Time Restriction on Percival Street Outside Victoria Park – S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer) and N Puthupparambil (Transportation Engineer)

J McBride took the report as read and advised that approval was being sought to change the parking time restriction for one parking space on Percival Street, located outside Victoria Park at the park's northern boundary, from P120 to P15. She advised that a short-duration 15-minute parking space was proposed at this location to support access to nearby public facilities. J McBride noted that the proposal arose after receiving a service request raising concerns that longer-duration parking was limiting access to the public toilets at Victoria Park.

K Barnett queried whether staff had spoken with the Percival Street Bakery regarding the proposed change to the parking time restriction. J McBride advised that staff had not consulted the Bakery; however, they would engage with the Bakery if the Board required it. She anticipated that the proposed changes would also benefit the Bakery by encouraging higher turnover of parking spaces and improving customer access.

J Goldsworthy asked whether staff were investigating the introduction of similar parking restrictions across the Waimakariri District. J McBride advised that staff were not currently undertaking a district-wide review of parking restrictions and generally responded to service requests on a case-by-case basis. However, she noted that staff could give the matter further consideration.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260618144840.

AND

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board recommends:

THAT the District Planning and Regulation Committee:

- (b) **Approves** the change to parking time restrictions of one parking space in front of Victoria Park (at the northern boundary of the park) from 120 minutes to 15 minutes time-restricted parking

CARRIED

J Gerard expressed support for the motion, noting that the proposal was both sensible and appropriate.

D Hawkins concurred with J Gerard's comments and supported the proposal.

6.2. **Good Street Specimen Tree, Soroptimists North Canterbury** – T Stableford (Landscape Architect)

Having previously declared conflicts of interest, J Gerard and K Barnett withdrew from the table and did not participate in the item's consideration or discussion.

T Stableford took the report as read and advised that approval was sought to install a commemorative tree and plaque within an existing planter in the Good Street Laneway, Rangiora. She noted that the project had been developed in collaboration with Soroptimist International North Canterbury Club and Violence Free North Canterbury and was intended to recognise victims of family and domestic violence.

T Stableford further advised that staff had assessed several tree species and recommended the planting of a *Thuja occidentalis*, which was considered the most suitable option for the location due to its upright growth habit and ability to thrive within the centrally located planter.

In response to a question from L McClure, T Stableford confirmed that the Soroptimist International North Canterbury Club supported the recommended tree species.

Moved: D Lundy

Seconded: A Geeves

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260727213247.
- (b) **Approves** the Soroptimist North Canterbury group planting a *Thuja occidentalis* 'Smaragd' in the raised planter in Good Street Laneway and installing an associated plaque to recognise victims of family and domestic violence.
- (c) **Notes** that the costs associated with purchasing the plaque and tree are estimated to be approximately \$500 and will be met by Soroptimists who intend to plant the tree also. The tree will be vested in Council ownership. Council will handle ongoing maintenance and renewal, as with the previously removed tree this one is replacing.

CARRIED

D Lundy supported the motion, noting that the Soroptimist International North Canterbury Club had presented the project to the Board, which seemed well supported and recognised as a well-deserved cause.

A Geeves agreed that the proposal appeared to be a positive initiative and indicated his support for the motion.

D Hawkins also supported the motion, acknowledging the long lifespan of a *Thuja occidentalis*. She observed that, as the planter already existed, no significant additional work would be required.

J Gerard and K Barnett returned to the table.

6.3. **Road Naming – Townsend Fields Stage 6** – S Morrow (Rates Officer – Property Specialist)

S Morrow took the report as read and advised that approval was being sought for the naming of seven new roads within Stage 2 of the Townsend Fields development. He noted that the developer had submitted the proposed road names, which were based on well-known artists whose works formed part of the Ravenscar Trust collection. S Morrow advised that the proposed names continued the naming theme already established within the subdivision.

D Hawkins sought clarification regarding the location of Road 9 and S Morrow advised that Road 9 was a private right-of-way extending from the bend in Road 8.

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260728214626.
- (b) **Approves** the following proposed road names for the new subdivision shown as Roads 3 – 9 on Trim 260728214647:
 - Road 3. Goldie Drive.
 - Road 4. Cathie Street.
 - Road 5. Kelly Street.
 - Road 6. Hoyle Street.
 - Road 7. Spicer Street.
 - Road 8. Attwood Street.
 - Road 9. Castle Place (Private Right of Way).
- (c) **Notes:** The Rangiora–Ashley Community Board may replace any of the names with a name of their choice.
- (d) **Notes:** The names Goldie Drive, Cathie Street, and Kelly Street are a continuation of existing road names within the subdivision.

CARRIED

K Barnett spoke in support of the proposed road names, noting the themed approach to naming streets within the development had been a positive feature. She commented that she had enjoyed seeing the coordinated naming convention and felt it added character and identity to the subdivision. K Barnett expressed support for using this approach in future developments.

D Hawkins concurred with K Barnett's comments.

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

T Kunkel took the report as read and advised that Big Brothers Big Sisters North Canterbury, an organisation that delivers a youth mentoring programme within the Waimakariri District, was seeking a grant of \$1,000 towards the production of an advertisement to be screened at the Rangiora Town Hall Cinema to assist with the recruitment of additional volunteer mentors. She noted that the application met the Board's funding criteria, as it had been submitted by a not-for-profit organisation and the amount requested was within the maximum grant available. However, the applicant's information indicated that only approximately 36% of the project beneficiaries lived within the Rangiora-Ashley Ward, while the programme delivered benefits across the wider Waimakariri District.

T Kunkel further advised that Big Brothers Big Sisters North Canterbury had also submitted funding applications to all Community Boards. She noted that the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board had approved funding of \$300, the Woodend-Sefton Community Board had approved funding of \$375, and the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board had yet to consider the application. The organisation also received an operational grant of \$5,860 through the Council's Annual Plan process.

K Barnett sought clarification on the total project cost and asked whether the \$1,000 funding request represented approximately one-third of the overall budget of \$2,500 plus GST. T Kunkel confirmed that was her understanding.

D Hawkins queried whether it was appropriate for Big Brothers Big Sisters North Canterbury to seek additional funding through the Community Board grants process, given that the organisation already received an operational grant from the Council and regularly applied to Community Boards for funding support. T Kunkel acknowledged that the operational costs faced by community organisations could be significant. However, she advised that this was a matter for the Board to take into consideration when assessing the application.

L McClure commented that the Board's Discretionary Grant criteria stated that funding would not generally be provided for ongoing or annual expenditure relating to the same activities or items. She noted that community groups were encouraged to submit applications for a variety of projects and advised that Big Brothers Big Sisters North Canterbury had not previously sought funding from the Board for this particular initiative.

A Geeves noted that a similar number of beneficiaries were located within the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Ward and queried whether it would be appropriate for the Board to grant an amount equivalent to that sought from the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board. T Kunkel stated that the level of funding granted was at the Board's discretion. The reason the application to the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board was for \$750 was because that was the Board's maximum grant limit, whereas the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board had a limit of \$1,000.

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 260710165340.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$1000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury towards the production of a 15-second cinema advertisement.

CARRIED

K Barnett supported the motion, noting that Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury were based in Rangiora and provided a valuable service across the Waimakariri District. She highlighted that the organisation worked with at-risk children aged between six and 12 through its mentoring programme and that promoting and recruiting additional mentors would enable more children to participate and benefit. further noted that the programme delivered wider community benefits, both for the children involved and for volunteer mentors. She believed that the application met the Board's funding criteria.

J Goldsworthy echoed the previous speaker and noted that it was difficult to quantify the long-term value of investing in programmes that supported young people. He commented that Big Brothers Big Sisters North Canterbury provided an important service for children who might not otherwise have access to positive role models and mentoring opportunities. J Goldsworthy considered the programme to be highly beneficial for both participants and the wider community and encouraged members to support the application.

L McClure also supported the motion and noted that, through her experience in the education sector, she had witnessed firsthand the value of the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programme and the benefits it provided to children and families within the community.

T Kunkel then advised that an application was received from the Waimakariri Riding Club, which was proposing to hold eight dressage events between August 2026 and March 2027. She noted that the Club was seeking funding to purchase an arena groomer, a piece of equipment used to maintain and prepare the riding surface. The application met the Board's funding criteria, as it had been submitted by a not-for-profit organisation and the amount requested was within the Board's funding limits. However, only approximately 30% of participants in the events were expected to be from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. T Kunkel suggested members might consider the wider economic benefits of such events

T Kunkel further advised that the Waimakariri Riding Club had also submitted funding applications to the Woodend-Sefton and Oxford-Ohoka Community Boards. However, both Boards had declined the application on the basis that an insufficient number of residents within their respective wards were expected to benefit from the project.

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$1000 to the Waimakariri Riding Club towards an arena groomer and associated equipment for dressage events.

CARRIED

A Geeves commented that, although many participants were expected to be from outside the Rangiora-Ashley Ward, the events were being held in Rangiora and were expected to attract visitors to the area, thereby providing economic benefits to local businesses.

D Hawkins noted that, despite its name, the Waimakariri Riding Club was based in Rangiora and supported participants from across the Waimakariri District. She believed the Board could support worthwhile projects and viewed the application as a good example of funding that would benefit both participants and their animals. D Hawkins further observed that the grant would represent only a contribution towards the overall cost of the arena groomer, with the Club required to fund the remaining balance. She noted that the equipment would provide a long-term benefit to the Club and support its activities for many years.

K Barnett noted that smaller events of this nature did not always meet the criteria for funding through the Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC) Events Fund and, as a result, often relied on Community Board funding support. She commended the Club for identifying a clear and tangible project for which funding was being sought. K Barnett also acknowledged the economic benefits that the events were expected to generate and highlighted that the Club's activities provided valuable recreational opportunities for people of all ages, contributing positively to social and community wellbeing.

J Gerard also supported the motion; however, he noted that comments had been made during the discussion about the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board having the largest Discretion Grants budget and therefore being able to provide more funding. He clarified that funding allocations were based on population and that each ward effectively received a similar level of funding on a per-capita basis. J Gerard further stated that funding availability within each ward was influenced by the number and nature of applications received from community groups.

T Kunkel advised that the Rangiora Town Hall Centenary Celebration Group was seeking \$1,000 towards the cost of a commemorative plaque to recognise and celebrate the building's 100-year history. She noted that the application met the criteria because it was submitted by a community group and the amount requested was within the Board's funding limits. In addition, most participants were expected to be from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.

L McClure advised that sponsorship had been secured for several aspects of the celebrations; however, the group wished to proceed with the funding application as a contingency should sufficient funds not be raised through sponsorship and ticket sales. She proposed that any grant approved by the Board be subject to a condition that the funding would only be drawn upon if sponsorship income and ticket sale revenue did not reach the projected levels. L McClure further noted that, should the Board approve the

application, the Board's contribution would be acknowledged on the commemorative plaque.

D Hawkins asked whether the plaque would commemorate the building's 100-year anniversary and whether a plaque already recorded the year it opened. L McClure confirmed that the proposed plaque would specifically recognise the building's centenary celebrations and noted that an existing plaque commemorating the building's opening was already in place.

K Barnett questioned whether the requested \$1,000 grant could be allocated toward the centenary event itself, rather than being specifically tied to the commemorative plaque. T Kunkel advised that because they had applied for a supply quote for the commemorative plaque, the Board could not give the funds for another aspect of the project. J Gerard further stated that the majority of the funds had been raised. The grant application was a contingency measure to provide financial support if fundraising fell short.

Moved: L McClure

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (d) **Approves** a grant of \$1000 to the Rangiora Town Hall Centenary Celebration Group towards a commemorative plaque to commemorate the Rangiora Town Hall Centenary celebrations.

CARRIED

D Lundy expressed support for the application, noting that in light of the modernisation of Rangiora and the impacts of events such as earthquakes, it was important to acknowledge buildings that had remained standing for 100 years. He referred to other historic buildings and sites within the town that had been lost over time and with that the loss of valuable local history.

L McClure echoed D Lundy's comments and noted it was a remarkable achievement for a building to reach a 100-year milestone. She highlighted the celebrations would extend beyond the building itself and would involve a district-wide community event with a variety of local performers, singers and groups participating. She also noted that tours of the building would be offered, giving people an opportunity to learn more about its history and significance.

B McLaren reflected on his involvement with the North Canterbury Musical Society over 40 years. He was delighted to see the building reach its 100-year anniversary and noted the significant transformation it had undertaken over that time. He supported the commemorative plaque and believed it would complement the existing plaques on the building, including recognition of its landmark status.

K Barnett noted the irony that the centenary celebrations were taking place on the 16th anniversary of the 2010 Canterbury earthquake. She recalled serving on the Council when the decision was made on whether to retain or demolish the Rangiora Town Hall and reflected on the difficult circumstances and considerable community debate surrounding the matter. K Barnett commented that, with the benefit of hindsight, losing the Town Hall would have been significant.

K Barnett noted that the facility was now regularly used as an important community hub, hosting theatre performances, movies, and a variety of other events. She expressed strong support for the motion and indicated that she would be comfortable using the funding not only for the commemorative plaque but also for other aspects of the centenary celebrations, if required.

D Hawkins expressed her appreciation for the Rangiora Town Hall, noting she was a frequent visitor to the wonderful building and important community facility. She clarified that her query related only to the proposed commemorative plaque, not the building itself, and that she had no objection to the plaque if it reflected the community's wishes. D Hawkins recalled the significant public debate when the building's exterior colours were

changed and felt the intensity of that discussion demonstrated the community's strong attachment to the building and the value they placed on it.

J Gerard acknowledged R Brine's contributions as Chairperson of the Council Committee responsible for guiding and planning the future direction of the Rangiora Town Hall redevelopment project. His leadership and commitment throughout the process played a significant role in achieving the successful outcome seen today.

T Kunkel advised that this was the 14th year Loburn School was participating in the William Pike Challenge. The School's Home and School Association applied for \$1,000 to support 28 students participating in two activities as part of the year-long outdoor education programme. The application met the Board's grant criteria as it was submitted by a community organisation, and the request was within the maximum grant amount. All participating students resided within the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. She noted that, while confirmed, it had not been provided, and that this activity was unlikely to be funded by the Ministry of Education.

J Gerard sought clarification on the Board's funding criteria relating to wages. He noted that part of the application included costs associated with facilitators or instructors and queried whether those expenses would be considered wages. T Kunkel acknowledged that the costs could be considered wages; however, this remained a matter for the Board's discretion. She noted that the total project cost was \$1,515.40. However, if the costs associated with facilitators were excluded, the total eligible project cost would reduce to \$1,065.40.

K Barnett asked whether any financial information was provided for the Home and School Association, as it appeared to be only from the Loburn School itself. T Kunkel advised the information provided was all that was received with the application.

D Lundy questioned if a local group applied to the board for training or a course, if wages would have to be considered in that scenario. T Kunkel commented the original intention of the Discretionary Grant criteria was to prevent grants being used to fund the wages of staff employed by an organisation, rather than to exclude all costs associated with delivering courses or programmes.

In response to a query from K Barnett, T Kunkel stated that if the grant application was declined, the students' parents would have to pay the fees.

J Goldsworthy questioned if the students were encouraged to participate in fundraising for these events and it was confirmed they were.

Moved: D Hawkins

Seconded: D Lundy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (e) **Approves** a grant of \$1000 to the Loburn Home and School Association towards supporting the school's specialist Yr 8 Outdoor Education Programme.

CARRIED

D Hawkins supported the motion, noting that Loburn School placed a strong emphasis on developing the whole child and encouraging students to understand their role within the wider community. All students were encouraged to participate in the William Pike Challenge, and she considered the programme valuable in promoting personal development, community values, and positive life skills. She felt it would benefit more schools to participate; however, it was not government funded, so costs fell to the school and its families.

D Lundy noted his familiarity with the school's culture and values and concurred with D Hawkins' comments. He, therefore, also supported the motion.

T Kunkel stated Hunters4Hope provided venison meat each month for distribution through local food banks to families in need. They operated under the auspices of the Hope Community Trust and applied for \$500 to construct rolling trolleys, which would eliminate current safety concerns.

The application meets the Board's grant criteria because it is a non-profit organisation and the requested amount is within the maximum available grant. While only approximately 50% of the volunteers who may benefit from the project were from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward, the organisation's work supported communities across the wider Waimakariri District. As the group operated under the umbrella of the Hope Community Trust, she confirmed all Accountability Forms for the Hope Community Trust had been received.

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: B Robinson

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (f) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to Hunters4Hope towards the purchase of heavy-duty castor wheels and materials to construct custom rolling trolleys.

CARRIED

A Geeves observed that he had regularly seen the organisation promoting the availability of its venison mince through social media and noted that a significant quantity of product appeared to be distributed through the initiative. He commented that the programme clearly fulfilled a charitable purpose by providing assistance to local foodbanks and families in need. A Geeves therefore indicated his support for the motion.

B Robinson also spoke in support of the motion, noting that he had sampled the venison mince and found it to be of good quality. He commended the organisation for its efforts in providing nutritious, high-protein food to people who might not otherwise be able to afford such products.

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

T Kunkel took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: B Robinson

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260711165376.
- (b) **Notes** that of the \$17,559 of the Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Funding, \$12,293 was distributed for events and projects within the community.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council's 2026-27 Annual Plan includes a budget provision of \$14,980 for the Rangiora-Ashley 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 \$5,266 from the 2025/26 financial year, resulting in a total of \$20,246 available for the 2026/27 financial year.
- (d) **Circulates** a copy of this report to all other Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. **Letter of Appreciation from Compass FM**

7.2. **Petition for the Installation of Traffic Calming Measures on Railway Road**

Moved: D Lundy

Seconded: R Brine

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the letter of appreciation from Compass FM (Trim: 260728214500).
- (b) **Receives** the petition for the installation of Traffic Calming Measures on Railway Road (Trim: 260813238858).

CARRIED

8. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

8.1. **Chair's Diary for July 2026**

L McClure reported that the Rangiora Food Forest was hosting a pruning workshop. They were able to secure three truckloads of mulch to re-mulch the forest. Both events would be occurring on Saturday 22 August 2026.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Lundy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report (Trim: 260805224958) from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

9. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 July 2026.
- 9.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 13 July 2026.
- 9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 20 July 2026.
- 9.4. 2025 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.5. Draft Community Outcomes for Public Consultation – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.6. Bylaw Programme Update July 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.7. Adoption of Elected Member Expenses Policy – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.8. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report 19 May 2026 to June 17 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.9. Adoption of the Waimakariri Youth Action Plan 2026-2029 – Report to Council Meeting 7 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.10. Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan – Approval for Consultation – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 14 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

9.11. Private Well Study Results for 2025 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 14 July 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: L McClure

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

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

CARRIED

10. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

B Robinson:

- Attended the opening of the new Disc Golf Course at MainPower Stadium. It was suitable for all ages and skill levels.
- GreyPower meeting:
 - A representative from the North Canterbury Minibus Trust provided an overview of the services they offered.
 - Was approached by a member who noted St Johns Ambulance may be looking for a new location and wondered whether the Council could assist.
 - Have appointed a new Chairperson.
- Attended the North Canterbury Youth Futures Expo, which 1,300 children and their families attended.
- Joined Rangiora Community Patrol

D Hawkins:

- D Hawkins members' information exchange was circulated as part of the agenda.
- Previous concerns raised regarding Environment Canterbury had been resolved and appeared to be a misunderstanding of process.
- The Ashley Rakahuri River Care Group had presented a deputation to the Council regarding cats and the potential development of an animal bylaw. The Group expressed general support for the proposal and considered that education would remain an important component of any future approach, with behavioural change more likely to be achieved through public awareness initiatives rather than enforcement alone.
- Concern had been raised regarding the potential fire risk posed by long grass on road verges and other areas during the upcoming summer period. Members encouraged residents to report concerns through Snap Send Solve when the responsible landowner was unknown and suggested promoting public messaging on fire risk management ahead of summer.

In response, S Hart advised that he could investigate opportunities for public messaging. He noted that vegetation presenting a potential fire risk fell within Fire and Emergency New Zealand's responsibilities and enforcement powers.

D Lundy:

- A complaint had been received from a resident who considered that recent roadside maintenance works had adversely affected an area of grass verge that they maintained. The resident believed the works, which appeared to involve forming or maintaining a water table, had been excessive. Council staff were addressing the matter.
- The Cust Museum Annual General Meeting had been attended. The Museum Committee advised that it was seeking to upgrade its laptop and computer equipment. Concern was also raised that the grant currently received from the Council was no longer sufficient to meet increasing electricity costs, and it was queried whether a larger grant could be made available.

S Hart recommended that the Cust Museum apply through the Council's Long Term Plan process to seek consideration for additional funding.

R Brine:

- Southbrook Community Hub Annual General Meeting and regular Meeting:
 - It was reported that Gary McNichol had resumed the role of Chairperson following the previous Chairperson standing down for health reasons.
 - It was noted that the Club's publicly accessible defibrillator, which was the only device available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week within the area, had been found to be inoperable due to a failed battery and expired pads. The cost of a replacement unit was estimated at \$1,441. Given the defibrillator's importance, the Club resolved to replace it immediately, and investigations into potential sponsorship opportunities were underway.
 - Work on the proposed Southbrook Community Hub was continuing, with a stakeholder meeting having recently been held. An architect had been engaged to assist with concept planning, and ongoing discussions were focused on identifying the facility's requirements and seeking feedback from potential user groups. Committee members had also visited similar community facilities and consulted with experienced individuals to help inform the project's development. The stakeholder group and project contributors' significant work to advance the initiative was acknowledged.

Board members suggested the Club approach Pak'n'Save Rangiora for sponsorship to replace the defibrillator.

K Barnett:

- Attended the Rangiora Promotions Annual General Meeting.
- Attended the Kaiapoi Art Expo.
- Attended the Rangiora Disc Golf opening.
- Attended the Abbeyfield Annual General Meeting.
- Attended a meeting with an architect at the Rangiora Players facility regarding the proposed building extension project.
- Raised concern about several local maintenance issues, including the water levels in some drains around Fernside. She had lodged a service request.
- The carpark at Northbrook Studios was in poor condition with significant potholes creating safety issues.
- Expressed concern regarding overgrown grass and the general appearance of a section of Northbrook Road through the rural area. This was an important gateway into Rangiora, and it should be considered that maintenance standards should be higher.

A Geeves:

- A Geeves' members' information exchange was circulated as part of the agenda.

J Goldsworthy:

- Expressed relief that the Head Start Proposal discussions were largely completed, noting the decision from Central Government should be available in September.
- Attended the Young Elected Members Hui:
 - Received an inspiring presentation from John O'Riddler who spoke about his journey swimming the length of the eastern North Island to raise awareness for marine and environmental protection.
 - Heard a panel on the use and threats of AI, particularly in a Council environment.
 - Received a talk from Areto Labs, which spoke about their Face Forward initiative, a service designed to help protect women and gender-diverse people in public roles from harmful content online.
- A new after-hours contract had been signed with the new provider expected to commence later in the year. This would address concerns raised regarding the current after-hours service delivery.

- Animal Management Service requests had reached a record high with 197 requests in July. There had been a particular growth in barking complaints; however, this was not uncommon for Councils to experience when populations increased. Noise complaints had also increased following a decline over the winter period.

B McLaren:

- B McLaren's members' information exchange was circulated as part of the agenda.
- Rangiora Museum next public speaker would discuss the origin of Rangiora street names.
- Acknowledged the completion of the Head Start proposal process and highlighted the work completed by staff in a short timeframe.

J Gerard:

- J Gerard's members' information exchange was circulated as part of the agenda.
- Attended a Rangiora Museum meeting. They were concerned about their lease agreement with the Council.
- Attended the LGNZ Rural and Provincial Sector Meeting. Several discussions on Unitary Authorities highlighted the importance of Community Boards and their increased decision-making.

11. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1. Waimakariri Youth Council Future Voices Survey

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/waimakariri-youth-council-future-voices-survey>

Consultation closed on Friday 25 September 2026.

The Board noted the consultation project.

12. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 July 2026: \$18,246

12.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 31 July 2026: \$30,250.

The Board noted the funding update.

13. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 9 September 2026 in the Council Chamber.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 9.08PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

Workshop (9.08pm to 9.35pm)

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- *BNZ Corner Footpath Upgrade – J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager) and S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development)*
- *Members Forum*