

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 2025 AT 7PM.

PRESENT

J Gerard QSO (Chairperson), R Brine (Left at 8:15pm), M Fleming, J Goldsworthy, L McClure, B McLaren, J Ward (Via Audiovisual Link) and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor D Gordon

S Hart (General Manager Strategy Engagement and Economic Development), J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager), G Stephens (Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader), W Howe (Team Leader - Vibrant Communities), M Foster (Community Development Facilitator – Arts Strategy Implementation) and T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader).

There were three members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: P Williams

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives and sustains** apologies for absence from K Barnett, I Campbell, M Clarke and S Wilkinson

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 14 May 2025

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: L McClure

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 14 April 2025.

CARRIED

3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Pete Southen – Trees on Elm Drive, Rangiora (Trim 250623112684)

P Southen explained that there was a street tree immediately outside their property at 9 Elm Drive, Rangiora, exactly north of the residence, which blocked a significant amount of natural sunlight to their property. The tree's position, width, and density blocked a considerable amount of natural sunlight from reaching their property, primarily reducing

their ability to enjoy the property and negatively affecting their well-being. The three also pushed invasive tree roots into their property, which took nourishment from their garden.

P Southern reported that he first approached the Council in July 2021 regarding shading problems, which eventually resulted in some minor pruning. However, this did not alleviate the problem. He again approached the Council in August 2023, requesting that the shading issue be addressed, which resulted in the three being pruned once more by the Council's arborist. In May 2025, he again advised the Council of the significant shading issue, resulting in a site meeting being held on 22 May. At the site meeting, the Council representative acknowledged the shading problem, noting that the tree either had to be removed or significantly pruned. However, the required pruning would risk the tree's life. The Council representative, therefore, suggested that the matter be raised with the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board. P Southern expressed his disappointment that the Council had not taken the opportunity to discuss his concerns about the three before May 2025.

P Southern suggested that the tree be removed and replaced with a more suitable one, because significantly pruning the tree and removing its root systems for their property would most likely kill it.

R Brine enquired whether any other property owners in the area would be upset if the tree were removed. P Southern noted that he had spoken to his neighbour on the east side, who indicated that she was not affected by the shading, but she was finding the leaf fall challenging. Admittedly, the aesthetics of the area would need to be balanced; however, this could be achieved by replacing the tree with a more suitable variety.

P Williams asked if P Southern was aware of other trees on Elm Street that were negatively impacting residents. P Southern believed that there were no other trees that had a similar harmful impact on residents. He noted that the shading problems were caused by the tree's proximity to their property boundary.

B McLaren questioned how many hours a day the tree shaded their property. P Southern noted that because the tree was immediately to the north of the property, it shared their house form approximately from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm each day, depending on the season. This resulted in extra heating costs during the winter months.

M Fleming enquired whether pruning the tree had exacerbated the shading problem. P Southern commented that the Council's Arborist advised him that pruning would promote growth and density, so the problem would rapidly increase in a short space of time.

The Board requested a report on the challenges being experienced with the street tree outside 9 Elm Drive, Rangiora.

5. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Charles Upham Drive Safety Improvements – J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager)

J McBride advised that the Mayor, the Council's Roading Portfolio Holder, the Board Chair, and staff recently met with representatives from the Charles Upham Residents Committee and the Manager of the Retirement Village to discuss the concerns raised and identify possible areas for safety improvements. A review of the sight lines was carried out, and visibility was observed to be restricted due to parking. As such, approval was sought to install a "Stop" control at the intersection of Charles Upham Drive and the Retirement

Village entrance. The Board was also requested to recommend to the Council's Utilities and Roading Committee to remove one car park and install six metres of 'No Stopping' on the north-east side of Charles Upham Drive, adjacent to the Retirement Village entrance. Additionally, the Council would also progress a small number of minor roading changes, including relocating warning signs from street light poles and the installation of pedestrian hold rails at the crossing point.

P Williams observed that on-street parking was in high demand in this area. He, therefore, enquired whether residents supported the proposed removal of the car park. J McBride noted that at the meeting held with representatives from the Charles Upham Retirement Village, it was agreed that the removal of one on-street car park would be acceptable to increase visibility. She confirmed that the residents in the area were consulted on the matter via the Charles Upham Residents Committee.

Mayor Gordon advised that he had met with the Charles Upham Residents today, and they were supportive of the proposed road safety improvements proposed by the Council. The Council and the Board were commended for advising that this process was underway and that the matter would hopefully be resolved soon.

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: P Williams

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250529096431.
- (b) **Approves** a "Stop" control being installed at the Charles Upham Drive / Retirement Village entrance intersection as shown in Figure One below:

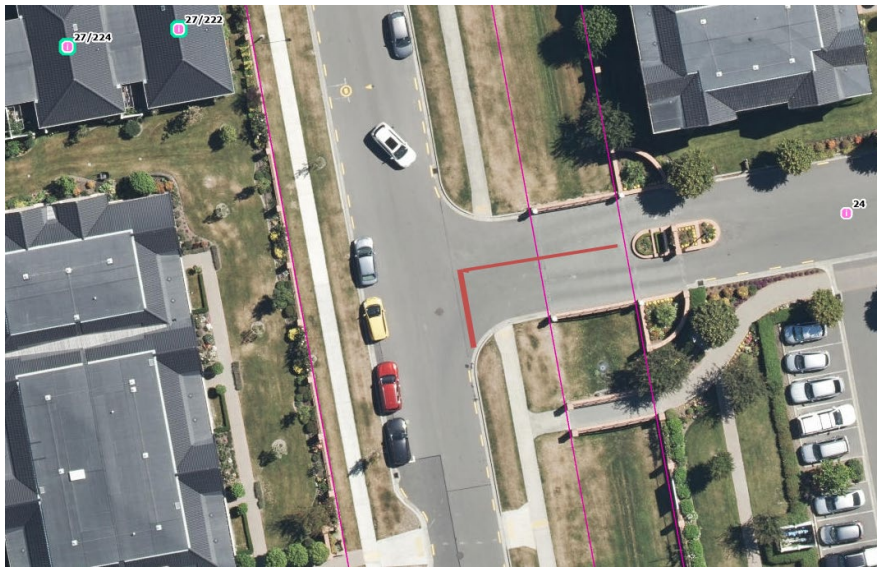


Figure One – Intersection Control at Charles Upham Drive / Retirement Village Entrance.

- (c) **Notes** the intersection control will be located within the Road Reserve.

AND

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board recommends:

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (d) **Approves** the removal of one carpark, and the installation of 6m of No Stopping, on the north-east side of Charles Upham Drive and the Retirement Village entrance as shown in Figure 2 below:

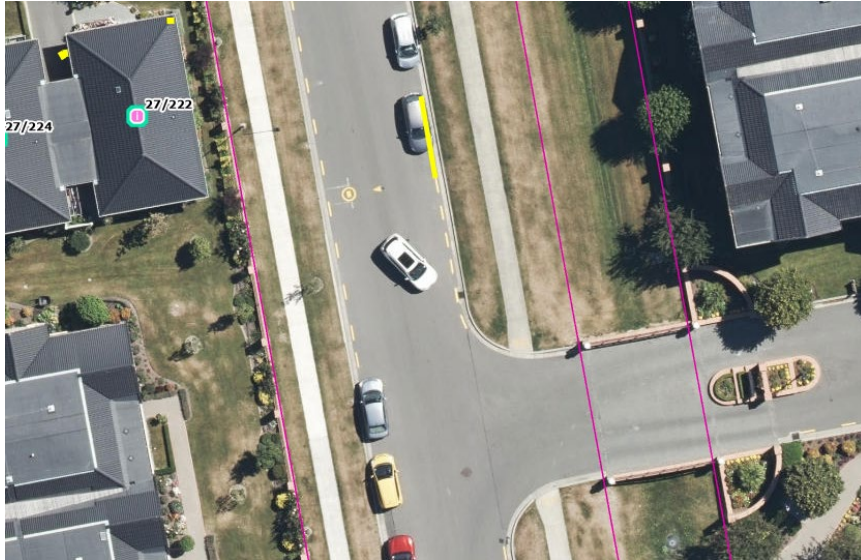


Figure Two – Removal of one carpark to the north of the retirement village (eastern side of road).

CARRIED

B. McLaren observed that he drove down Charles Upham Drive daily and believed that the proposed improvements would help address the residents' safety concerns. The area had grown, and over time, the properties on the west side were developed as part of the village, resulting in an increased number of residents trying to cross Charles Upham Drive. Additionally, the construction of the road extension through to Huntingdon Drive had led to an increase in traffic. The restricted visibility at the main entrance to Charles Upham Retirement Village due to parked vehicles was challenging. He therefore supported the motion.

P Williams noted that he was usually against the removal of on-street car parks; however, as the residents in the area had agreed to the removal of the car park, he supported the motion.

6.2. **Approval of Proposed Adjustments to Rangiora Ashley Street Carpark – A Kibblewhite (Senior Project Engineer) and J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager)**

J McBride reported that feedback had been received from New World and members of the public regarding incidents of pedestrians tripping over the wheel stops currently in place along the western edge of the Ashley Street Carpark. The Council had previously carried out paint work to improve the conspicuity of the wheel stops and kerb. Nevertheless, reports of tripping had continued, and as such, further improvements were proposed, including adjusting the kerb, widening the footpath and removing the wheel stops, which seemed to be what people were tripping over. This would allow the vehicles to overhang a single section of the path without blocking the path, so people could still walk through.

M Fleming sought clarity on the location of the wheel stops that seemed to be causing people to trip. J McBride noted that it seemed to be more towards the entrance of the footpath, i.e, the northern end of the Ashley Street Carpark. However, the Council would need to provide consistent treatment along the footpath; hence, most of the wheel stops would be removed. Only the two wheel-stops at the two southern-most mobility parking spaces would be retained, as the kerb cannot be changed due to the proximity of the mobility parks.

M Fleming was concerned that the proposed raised concrete footpath sections would inhibit mobility. She requested whether the proposed adjustments to Rangiora Ashley Street Carpark could be discussed with the Waimakariri Access Group.

P Williams questioned whether the removal of the wheel stops would not create a risk of vehicles hitting pedestrians. J McBride did not believe that it would be inherently more dangerous not to have wheel stops. However, the Council would be installing markings on the section where vehicles would be overhanging, to try and keep pedestrians walking on the footpath.

J Goldsworthy asked if the proposed raised concrete footpath would be the same height as the current wheel stops. J McBride advised that the proposed footpath would be approximately 70 millimetres high, which was slightly lower than the existing wheel stops.

J Goldsworthy noted that at the time the report was written, Rangiora New World had not commented on the proposed adjustments to Rangiora Ashley Street Carpark. He questioned whether their comments had been received since then. J McBride confirmed that Rangiora New World supported the proposed adjustments to the carpark.

J Goldsworthy observed that the wheel stops were installed in 2014 and asked when they would have been reviewed. J McBride advised that some of the wheel stops were recently replaced because they seemed to get damaged regularly, especially in town centres. Nonetheless, wheel stops tend to have a lifespan of ten to 12 years, depending on the damage inflicted on them. She noted that the Council would endeavour to reuse the wheel stops that were to be removed from the Rangiora Ashley Street Carpark.

B McLaren inquired whether the Waimakariri Access Group had approved the proposed adjustments to the Rangiora Ashley Street Carpark. J McBride could not confirm whether the Group had been consulted; however, she undertook to submit the proposed adjustments to them for feedback.

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 250509081457.

AND

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board recommends:

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (b) **Approves** the proposed plan to adjust and widen the existing concrete pedestrian footpaths and associated kerbs in order to remove the isolated wheel stops.
- (c) **Notes** that there is no change to the total number of parking spaces as a result of this work.
- (d) **Notes** that two wheel-stops will remain at the two southern-most mobility parking spaces as the kerb cannot be changed due to the proximity of the Mobility Parks.

- (e) **Notes** that this work has an estimated cost of \$52,000, which will be funded from the Town Centre Carpark (Ashley Street) Layout Changes Budgets (PJ 102427.000.5133 and PJ 102427.000.5135) with a combined budget of \$150,000.
- (f) **Requests** staff to submit the proposed plan to the Waimakariri Access Group for feedback.

CARRIED

P Williams Abstain

J Goldsworthy noted that there seemed to be a certain demographic that used the Rangiora Ashley Street Carpark, which had mobility challenges and needed support. He believed it was a beneficial time to consider improvements to the car park to address public concerns, and was happy that the wheel stops to be removed would be reused in other areas.

B McLaren commented that the Rangiora Ashley Street Carpark seemed to be a convoluted carpark that evolved over different properties. Ideally, he would like to see a clear plan to redesign the carpark in a modern, safe design that allowed for optimal traffic flow, direct pedestrian movement and ensured disabled access. He supported the motion and hoped it would lead to the future redesign of the carpark.

P Williams was concerned that the removal of the wheel stops could result in pedestrians and people in mobility scooters being hurt by vehicles. He would, therefore, not support the proposed improvements to the Rangiora Ashley Street Carpark until he had an opportunity to view a safety plan addressing his concerns and until the Waimakariri Access Group's feedback on the proposed improvements was known.

In this right to reply, J Goldsworthy acknowledged the concern raised by P Williams. However, the proposed raised concrete footpath would be only slightly lower than the existing wheel stops, at approximately 70 millimetres high. Hence, the raised concrete footpath would act as an informal wheel stop. He, thus, believed the footpath would be inherently more dangerous without wheel stops.

6.3. Proposed Rooding Capital Works Programme for 2025 / 26 and Indicative Three-year Programme – K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader) and J McBride (Rooding and Transportation Manager)

J McBride spoke to the report, which sought the endorsement of the proposed 2025/26 Rooding Capital Works Programme. This was for the general allocation of the budget, which included kerb and channel renewals, footpath renewals, a minor safety programme, a new footpath programme, and bus shelters. The Kerb and Channel and Footpath Renewal Programmes were generally driven by condition. The last condition rating was undertaken in March 2025. The Minor Safety Programme was based on known safety issues identified in the Council's deficiency database and may have resulted from service requests. Staff had a prioritised programme for bus shelters and the new footpath programmes, which was based on the assessment of needs.

J Gerard was concerned that the 2025/26 Rooding Capital Works Programme did not include any planned upgrading of Coldstream Road, which had an increasing number of pedestrians walking to the sports facilities in the area. J McBride remarked that it may be a larger project that would not fall under the 2025/26 Rooding Capital Works Programme; however, she would note the Board's concerns.

Moved: P Williams

Seconded: None

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250505077283.

- (b) **Noted** the 2025/26 draft Proposed Roding Capital Works Programme (Trim: 250411064435).
- (c) **Noted** the indicative Roding Capital Works Programme for the 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 financial years.
- (d) **Notes** that feedback from this report, and reports to the other Community Boards, will be taken by staff at the Board meetings and will be incorporated into the final report, which is proposed to be taken to the Utilities and Roding Committee in July 2025 for approval.

LAPSED

P Williams supported the motion, noting that by only noting the draft Proposed Roding Capital Works Programme, the Board would be able to amend the programme if required in future.

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250505077283.
- (b) **Endorses** the 2025/26 draft Proposed Roding Capital Works Programme (Trim: 250411064435).
- (c) **Endorses** the indicative Roding Capital Works Programme for the 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 financial years.
- (d) **Notes** that feedback from this report, and reports to the other Community Boards, will be taken by staff at the Board meetings and will be incorporated into the final report, which is proposed to be taken to the Utilities and Roding Committee in July 2025 for approval.

CARRIED

P Williams Against

J Goldsworthy supported the motion, noting that the Board could take the lead with the proposed Roding Capital Works Programme by encouraging these works within the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. This was the Board's opportunity to provide feedback, adjust and change the Programme. He thanked staff for the detailed report.

B McLaren believed that the proposed Roding Capital Works Programme was a realistic proposal to move the Rangiora-Ashley Ward forward despite the rather tight fiscal times. He, therefore, supported the motion.

6.4. **Installation of Bon Suter Sculpture in Victoria Park – Mel Foster (Community Development Facilitator – Arts Strategy Implementation) and Chrissy Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer)**

M Foster reported that the Board's approval was being sought for the installation of a Bon Suter sculpture in Victoria Park, Rangiora. The request was from the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (WPAT), which was established to promote art and culture in the Waimakariri District. The WPAT was honoured to receive this generous gift from the Horton family, well-known and established business owners of Horton Signs, in support of the arts. The sculptor, Bon Suter, was an award-winning artist who was internationally recognised for her distinctive comic art pieces, which were exhibited throughout the world. B Suter also had a sculpture garden in South Brighton, which she created two years ago.

M Foster noted that the sculpture to be installed in Victoria Park, Rangiora, was called 'Together' and depicts two rivers joining together. The sculpture was originally commissioned by the Horton family and displayed at the 2005 Victoria Park Sculpture Symposium. The WPAT felt it was an actual fit to return the sculpture to its original location. The sculpture lends itself to different perspectives from various angles, and its beautiful lines would be much more visible once it was cleaned. It was believed that the installation costs might be less than the anticipated \$3,000, depending on the size of the concrete plinth required, however this could only be determined once the sculpture was removed.

B McLaren observed that due to the porous nature of limestone, the sculpture may require more than a cleaning to remove moss and mould. He enquired whether B Suter had been approached to restore and reface the sculpture. M Foster confirmed that the WPAT would consult with the artists prior to undertaking any cleaning of the sculpture.

P Williams questioned if the WPAT had investigated the possibility of sourcing private funding for the relocation of the sculpture. M Foster noted that the WPAT had not sourced private funding for this project; however, it was the Board's prerogative to refuse to fund the relocation of the sculpture, which would obligate the WPAT to secure alternative funding. G Stephens advised that sourcing private funding would delay the relocation of the sculpture, and the Horton family was keen for progress as soon as possible. He added that the Community Board had previously funded the installation of urban sculptures from their General Landscaping Budget, so it was an option that the Board could consider.

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: M Fleming

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250529097125.
- (b) **Approves** the installation of the Bon Suter sculpture in Victoria Park, Rangiora.
- (c) **Approves** up to \$3,000 of funding from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's General Landscaping Budget to cover installation costs.
- (d) **Notes** that the proposed location of the sculpture in the Victoria Park flower gardens has been agreed upon between the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust and Greenspace.
- (e) **Notes** that the sculpture will be owned and maintained by the Council, with ongoing maintenance costs being covered by existing Greenspace budgets (10.538.811.2507).

CARRIED

P Williams Against

B McLaren noted that he had been concerned about the installation of the sculpture in Victoria Park, Rangiora, as the park was already quite busy. However, this was an important piece of art which should be displayed in a premium location such as Victoria Park. Furthermore, the sculpture was relatively small and would be located in a flower bed. He supported the motion, as he was pleased to see the Board associated with supporting the arts.

P Williams commented that he would have supported the acceptance of the sculpture, provided that it was cleaned before it was transferred to the Council. He believed that the cleaning and restoration of the sculpture may cost more than estimated, and it could end up being a liability to the Council. He also did not believe the sculpture was suitable for Victoria Park, and that the WPAT should source private funding for relocating the sculpture to another open space. P Williams, therefore, did not support the motion.

B McLaren acknowledged P Williams' concerns regarding the cleaning and restoration of the sculpture. Hence, he believed that it was essential that the artist be involved in the restoration.

6.5. **Rangiora Ashley General Landscaping Budget Projects 2025 – G Stephens**
(Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader)

G Stephens explained that the recommendations contained in the report were based on the previous workshops held with the Board, particularly regarding the beautification of Kippenberger Avenue's town entrance. The Board had previously expressed an interest in the possibility of installing an information panel, sculpture element or water feature along Kippenberger Avenue. There would still be a considerable amount of design work needed once the Board had decided on the direction it wished to follow. However, to facilitate the design process, clarity was needed on the Board's preferred options.

G Stephens highlighted that, in addition to the beautification of the Kippenberger Avenue town entrance and the \$3,000 allocated to relocate the Bon Suter sculpture to Victoria Park, Rangiora, there was also a request for support of the community garden in the Northbrook Reserve. However, a detailed report on the community garden would be submitted to the Board in the next financial year. The Oxford Road town entrance was the only entrance that had not been upgraded, and it was therefore suggested that the Board allocate the remaining Landscaping Budget towards the future beautification of the Oxford Road town entrance.

Responding to J Gerard's question, G Stephens advised that Council staff believed that a water feature in this location would pose significant long-term operational concerns and would require substantial capital investment. So, the option was not recommended.

P. Williams questioned whether staff had considered installing the Bon Suter sculpture at this location, rather than commissioning a new art piece. G Stephens noted that the Board wished to honour Sir Howard Kippenberger and acknowledge his significance to the Waimakariri community. In light of this, staff did not consider the Bon Suter sculpture suitable.

J Gerard observed that information panels tend to weather rather poorly. He asked how staff intended to ensure that an information panel remained aesthetically pleasing. G Stephens reported that the information panel would be designed so that the section containing the information could be easily replicated and replaced, should it be prone to fading. Care would also be taken with the location of the information panel so that it was not exposed to direct sunlight.

M. Fleming questioned whether an information panel could be designed that included sculptural elements, i.e., a combination of an information panel and a sculpture. G Stephens confirmed that staff could incorporate sculptural elements into the information panel design.

L McClure expressed a concern regarding the proposed location for the information panel. She asked whether the information panel and sculpture could be installed in the same area. G Stephens noted that the information panel and sculpture could be located in any location the Board deemed suitable. The reason for suggesting that the information panel be installed on the eastern end of Kippenberger Avenue was the high number of pedestrians in this area, due to the pathway leading into the Bellevue development.

B McLaren asked if the information panel could be temporarily installed at the eastern end of Kippenberger Avenue and then moved closer to the sculpture once it was in place. G Stephens explained that it would depend on whether the Board opted for an information panel and a sculpture or an information panel with sculptural elements. If it were the latter, it would be better for the Board to identify a preferred site, as relocating a sculpture would be both challenging and costly.

P Williams suggested that the Greenspace Team liaise with the Council's Art Co-ordinator to ascertain which local artists would be best suited to design an art piece for this site at a reasonable cost. Additionally, to determine whether there may be a local business

interested in sponsoring public art. G Stephens confirmed that the Greenspace Team would be working with the Council's Art Co-ordinator and the Waimakariri Public Art Trust in sourcing the sculpture.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250530097343.
- (b) **Approves** Option 2: Sculptural Element, which includes information on Sir Howard Kippenberger, for the Kippenberger Entrance and staff working to refine the design (Trim: 250530097351) before seeking approval from the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust and then the Board for final approval.
- (c) **Approves** the remaining budget from this financial year being allocated to the Oxford Road Entrance Development Project.
- (d) **Notes** that the Board has a current budget of \$28,646 available to allocate to projects within this financial year.
- (e) **Notes** that this will mean the full budget available to the Board this financial year has been allocated to projects, and the Board will receive a new budget for allocation in the coming 25/26 financial year
- (e) **Notes** that neither of the Kippenberger Projects can be completed within this financial year, and the budget for uncompleted projects will be carried over into the 25/26 financial year as a work in progress.

CARRIED

J Gerard supported the motion, as he wished to see a sculpture honouring Sir Howard Kippenberger erected, which would also display information about him, rather than just an information panel. The sculpture did not necessarily need to be of a military nature.

J Ward concurred with the comments made by J Gerard. She suggested that the information regarding Sir Howard Kippenberger could be displayed on the base of the sculpture.

P Williams advocated for a statue of Sir Howard Kippenberger to be installed away from people in the swale, thereby curbing vandalism. He acknowledged that a statue may be costly and recommended that potential sponsorships should therefore be investigated. G Stephens noted that the Council's Utilities and Road Team was against any art being installed in the swale because it may sustain water damage. Also, the basin was specifically engineered to accommodate a certain amount of stormwater. The volume associated with any physical art structure within this basin would reduce this capacity. The basin was also designed to allow water to filter back into the ground slowly, so any physical elements on this surface, such as a concrete plinth, would reduce its capacity for this.

6.6. Application to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2024/25 Discretionary Grant Fund – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

J Gerard advised that the Southbrook Community Sports Club Inc. had withdrawn their request for funding towards new EFTPOS machines and stock systems.

T Kunkel reported that the Rachel's House Trust (the Trust) supported parents and whānau with young children and works alongside other community organisations, complementing what they provide. The Trust had taken over the hosting of the Big Splash event from the Rangiora Promotions Association. The Big Splash event was a well-established community fundraiser hosted during winter. The event would greatly benefit Rangiora, with

participants enjoying a fun night out in the middle of winter and family and friends coming together to dress up and enjoy a night of comedic entertainment, dinner, and drinks at the Rangiora RSA. The Trust was requesting a grant of \$1,000 to assist with the event's catering costs.

B McLaren asked if the Trust intended to sell the food or if they would provide it free of charge for participants. It was advised that, as part of the Big Splash event, the Trust would host a dinner at the Rangiora RSA, where it would sell tables to raise funds. The catering would be for this event.

L McClure sought clarity on the proposed budget for the Big Splash event, and it was explained that the event would be zero-cost, with participants raising funds through sponsorships.

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: M Fleming

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 250514085143.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$1,000 to the Rachel's House Trust (RHT) towards catering costs for the Big Splash Event.

CARRIED

M Fleming supported the motion, as she believed that the Trust played an essential role in supporting all parents and whānau with young children.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Letter of Thanks from Big Brothers Big Sisters

7.2. Letter from Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: M Fleming

J Gerard requested that the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group be advised to contact the Council regarding pigeons roosting and nesting on the top of the central pier of the Cones Road Bridge, as it did not fall under the auspices of the Board.

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the letter from Big Brothers Big Sisters (Trim: 250603098933).
- (b) **Receives** the letter from the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group (Trim: 250605100679).

CARRIED

8. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1. Chair's Diary for May 2025

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: L McClure

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 250530097963.

9. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 7 May 2025.
- 9.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 12 May 2025.
- 9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 19 May 2025.
- 9.4. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 Implementation Plan and Advisory Group Terms – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.5. Submission to Central Government Consultations April 2025 – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.6. Council Submissions Process and Delegation – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.7. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report March 2025 to Current – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.8. Progress Update on Capital Work Renewals Programmes and Sports Ground Growth Programme for Greenspace – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.9. Libraries Update to 8 May 2025 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.10. Aquatics May Report – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.11. Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026 Special Consultative Procedure – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.12. Drainage Staff Submission to Annual Plan 2025/26 – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.13. Water Supply – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2025/26 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.14. Wastewater – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2025 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.15. Roading Staff Submission to the 2025/26 Annual Plan – Request Changes to the Roading Capital Works Budget – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.16. Greenspace and Strategic and Special Projects Staff Submission to the 2025/26 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: L McClure

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.9.1 to 9.16.

10. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

J Ward

- Chaired the Council's Utilities and Roading Committee meeting.
- Attended a District Planning and Regulations Committee Briefing.
- Attended the Annual Plan 2025/26 Deliberation meeting on 27 May 2025 – It seemed that the community were generally pleased with the work the Council was doing.
- Attended various District Planning workshops and briefings. – It was anticipated that the District Planning would be submitted to the Council for adoption on 24 June 2025, with notification on 14 July 2025.
- Attended the Council's Audit and Risk Committee meeting.
- The Council's Annual Plan 2025/26 would be considered for adoption on 17 June 2025, which included a proposed annual rates increase of 4.98%. It was understood that Environmental Canterbury's proposed rates increase was 9.9%.

J Goldsworthy

- Civil Defence Community Hubs continued to open, with Woodend and Oxford being the most recent. There were currently 13 active hubs in the Waimakariri District, with the West Eyreton hub set to open next week. Also had requests for additional Civil Defence meetings in Waikuku Beach, Pegasus and Pines Beach.
- Attended a District Planning and Regulations Committee Briefing.
- Attended the Annual Plan 2025/26 Deliberation meeting on 27 May 2025.
- Attended various District Planning workshops and briefings.
- Attended the Council's Audit and Risk Committee meeting.
- The Council's Youth Action Plan was to be reviewed, and public consultation was expected.
- An inclusive sports day would be hosted at the MainPower Stadium on 4 July 2025.

L McClure:

- Hosted a virtual Pink Ribbon Breakfast to raise funds for breast cancer.
- Attended a Southbrook Sports Club meeting – They were going back to the drawing board on ideas to raise funds.
- She had received public enquiries about the dumping of shopping bags with empty glass bottles at the East Belt entrance to the Briscoes/The Warehouse Centre. She believed that it had been an ongoing problem in the past.
S Hart requested that L McClure provide staff with the exact location of the dumping so that they could report the matter to the Council's Solid Waste Management Team.
- The Community Food Garden in Northbrook Waters had made progress, and there was much community interest.

B McLaren:

- He took part in celebrating Pink Shirt Day, which was an anti-bullying campaign that celebrates diversity by promoting kindness and inclusiveness.
- Attended the Violence Free North Canterbury event – It was a well-attended event focused on the use of Artificial Intelligence in preventing violence.
- Manned the JP Service Desk at the Rangiora Library on various occasions.
- Attended a North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support meeting.
- Lamented the fact that the Rachel House Trust was unable to host the annual Matariki event in Kaiapoi, but was advised that the Trust could not commit to the event due to the uncertainty of available funding.
- Noted that the Rangiora Players were very appreciative of the Board's grant. They were currently staging a production of "Look at the View".

P Williams:

- Attended all the usual monthly Council and Committee meetings.
- Attended various Council workshops and briefings, including workshops on the District Plan.
- Attended a Solid and Hazardous Waste Working Group meeting – The recycling bins in Cust had been removed. The Council were investigating possible alternative sites for the recycling facility, which may be challenging due to the potential contamination.
- Attended a Rangiora Arfield Advertising Group meeting
- The Council withstood the May 2025 flood event well; however, there were still hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to infrastructure. The Council's investment in drainage seemed to be paying off.

- Received several complaints regarding the maintenance of street trees. He suggested that a workshop be held regarding the potential leaf fall and the damage to infrastructure caused by street trees.

M Fleming:

- Participated in the Community Planting Day at the Silverstream Reserve that the Waimakariri Volunteer Army also supported.
- Attending a Keep Rangiora Beautiful meeting – They were getting ready for winter planting. They also intend to support the Rangiora RSA with planting along the Rangiora end of the Passchendaele trail
- Attended a Waimakariri Access Group meeting.
- Met with J Gerard and S Wilkinson because she believed that the Board missed an opportunity to support the residents who were objecting to the solar farm on Upper Sefton Road. She suggested that groups making deputations to the Board on such matters should specifically ask whether the groups wished the Board to support their objection.

T. Kunke noted that the residents opposed to the development of the solar farm addressed the Board in July 2024, where they were specifically asked “*what the residents would like to happen regarding the application.*” They requested that the application be publicly notified and that, ideally, an alternative, more suitable site be found. The application was subsequently publicly notified. The Board Minutes had been reviewed, and no mention could be found regarding the Board submitting on the resource consent application.

J Gerard observed that there was learning to be had from the above. In future, the Board would ask similar groups to indicate whether they wish the Board to support their objections, which would then be considered by the Board.

11. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1. Volleyball Net Installation at Kaiapoi Domain

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/volleyball-net-installation-at-kaiapoi-domain>

Consultation would close on Friday, 13 June 2025.

11.2. Draft Community Development Strategy 2025-2035 – Whakawhānake Hapori o Waimakariri

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/draft-community-development-strategy-2025-2035-whakawhanake-hapori-o-waimakariri>

Consultation would close on Sunday, 22 June 2025.

11.3. Inclusive Waimakariri- Draft Accessibility Plan

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/inclusive-waimakariri-draft-accessibility-plan>

Consultation would close on Sunday, 22 June 2025.

11.4. 2025 Environmental Awards

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/2025-environmental-awards>

Applications would close on Saturday, 28 June 2025.

The Board noted the Consultation Projects.

12. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 May 2025: \$3,594.

12.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 31 May 2025: \$28,646 not allocated.

The Board noted the Funding Update.

13. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 9 July 2025.

Workshop (Trim 250627116828)

- *Revamping of Coffee Culture in High Street Rangiora – Simon Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development)*
- *Images on BNZ Building – Simon Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development)*
- *Members Forum*

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.32PM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

11 June 2025

Date