

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON 11 MARCH 2026 AT 7PM.**

**PRESENT**

L McClure (Chairperson), J Gerard (Deputy Chairperson), K Barnett, R Brine, A Geeves, J Goldsworthy, D Lundy, B McLaren and B Robinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

T Fulton (Oxford-Ohoka Ward Councillor).

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader), C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer), J Mason (Landscape Architect), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

One member of the public was present.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: D Lundy

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives and sustains** apologies for absence from D Hawkins and J Ward.

**CARRIED**

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 11 February 2026**

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: J Gerard

**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 11 February 2026.

**CARRIED**

**3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)**

Nil.

### 3.3. Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 11 February 2026

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: B McLaren

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 11 February 2026.

**CARRIED**

## 4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### 4.1. Tony Kean – Disc Golf Course Proposal at MainPower Stadium

T Kean advised that the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust (NCSRT) were seeking to establish a temporary disc golf course at MainPower Stadium, situated between the hockey turf and the cricket oval. He noted that the NCSRT considered the location ideal, as the Stadium already had appropriate infrastructure and staff available to manage disc hire. The initiative would also provide an opportunity for a broader range of community members to engage with the sport.

T Kean highlighted the significant growth in disc golf participation, noting that the Kaiapoi course had recorded 17,000 rounds since opening. He further advised that Jelly Park in Christchurch was currently New Zealand's most popular course and ranked among the top eight internationally. Because the Stadium was already equipped to hire discs, members of the public could participate without purchasing their own equipment, and Stadium staff could monitor the course for potential damage. T Kean also noted that the NCSRT maintained strong working relationships with both hockey and cricket, which would support coordination should the disc golf course need to be temporarily closed at certain times. He added that a key focus of NCSRT was to support the development of minor sports that typically lacked established community groups. He cited existing initiatives, such as walking netball, pickleball, and children's sports programmes, as examples of this work.

A Geeves asked how long the proposed disc golf course would be. T Kean responded that most holes would be between 60 and 70 metres in length, with the longest hole measuring approximately 120 metres. This would result in a total course length of approximately 500 to 600 metres for nine holes.

J Goldsworthy queried how the NCSRT anticipated the course would operate during busy sports days, particularly given the current pressure on the MainPower Stadium car park. T Kean advised that the NCSRT open the MainPower Oval car park on busy days to provide additional parking. He did not expect a high level of disc golf activity on busy Saturday mornings. However, if issues did arise, the NCSRT could recommend that players avoid Saturday mornings during the winter sports season.

B McLaren questioned whether the proposal included any affiliation with the national disc golf body. T Kean noted that he had not undertaken extensive research into national affiliation and expected that involvement would more likely occur at a club level. He advised that Canterbury had a strong disc golf club that had assisted with planning for the course. If sufficient interest developed, there was potential for a sub-association or club to form.

B McLaren then asked whether the proposed course layout met international competition standards. T Kean explained that the layout was unlikely to be suitable for international events due to the limited space in some areas. He noted that several other local courses, such as Jelly Park, were already used for major events.

## 5. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1. North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust Disc Golf Course Proposal – C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer)

C Taylor-Claude reported that approval was being sought for approval to install a nine-hole disc golf course at MainPower Stadium. The course would be fully funded and maintained by the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust.

There were no questions from Board members.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: B McLaren

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260216026967.
- (b) **Approves** installation of a 9-hole disc golf course adjacent to MainPower Stadium, Coldstream hockey turf, and MainPower cricket oval as proposed by the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust.
- (c) **Notes** that this proposal would be fully funded by the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust, resulting in no cost to Council or increase in rates.
- (d) **Notes** that this is a free-to-use course and the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust is not intending to charge for the use of the baskets. The trust may make available discs for hire.
- (e) **Notes** that the course would be temporary in nature and the installation would activate the area for now but can be easily moved or altered. This represents low risk for Council as the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust are only seeking approval to locate the course, it can be moved if required.
- (f) **Notes** that Council staff will put in place a License to Occupy (LTO) with a three-year term for the disc golf course, and the LTO will be negotiated directly with the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust.
- (g) **Notes** that Council staff will work with Canterbury Country Cricket and the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust to confirm the process to identify when cricket requires use and how the holes in question would be closed for that duration.
- (h) **Reviews** the appropriateness of the site after 12 months.

**CARRIED**

J Gerard expressed support for the initiative but noted concerns about potential negative interactions between cricket and hockey participation. He suggested that a review after 12 months would provide staff with an opportunity to identify and address any issues that might arise.

B McLaren indicated his support for the motion and welcomed the introduction of diverse and engaging sports within the Waimakariri District. He noted that the proposal would incur no cost to the Council, would be temporary, and would include a 12-month review period. B McLaren also observed that the course had the potential to become a popular recreational destination within the district.

K Barnett commented that this was an accessible, low-cost activity, noting that the Cust Domain was also considering its installation. She expressed support for the initiative, observing that it was an all-season sport suitable for individuals of varying fitness levels.

6.2. **Elm Green Reserve Master Plan for Approval and Implementation** – J Mason (Landscape Architect)

J Mason spoke to the report, noting that 59 submissions had been received and had informed the development of the Elm Green Master Plan.

D Lundy asked whether the timing of the consultation period had affected the number of submissions received, and whether the time of year was considered when planning public consultation. J Mason advised that consultation needed to occur within a specific timeframe to ensure the project could be delivered before the end of the 2025/26 financial year. As a result, the decision was made to open the consultation the week before Christmas and keep it open for four weeks to provide the public with sufficient opportunity to submit feedback.

L McClure enquired whether consideration could be given to installing a Core Board in the reserve. J Mason confirmed that there was a buffer within the budget that would allow for the installation of a Core Board.

B McLaren queried whether there were any plans to plant tall trees at the end of the reserve to provide wind shelter. J Mason advised that \$5,000 from the Biodiversity Fund had been allocated for planting around the swale area. J Mason noted that planting large trees could create issues during winter due to increased shade and wet ground. She also highlighted that several consultation responses supported maintaining large open spaces for play, which extensive tree planting would compromise.

J Goldsworthy questioned whether there were plans to provide fully enclosed play spaces to support children with differing needs. G. Stephens confirmed that there was one enclosed park in Rangiora. While enclosed spaces offered benefits for some children, they could also create challenges for others. Staff typically used low bollards and landscaping to reduce direct access to roads. He noted that this was an area currently under investigation to determine how best to address varying needs.

D Lundy noted that several submissions referenced the reserve's wetness and asked how staff planned to mitigate it. J Mason confirmed that a swale had been installed at the southern end of the reserve along the fence line, which should immediately improve drainage. She added that the play space was planned for the higher end of the park and was therefore unlikely to experience the same level of wetness.

In response to a further question from D Lundy, G Stephens confirmed the Council had a robust process, worked through with developers, for negotiating reserves and play spaces to ensure they would meet the required levels of service. This play space would be funded through Development Contributions.

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: D Lundy

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260213026289.
- (b) **Approves** the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan (Trim: 260226064838) for implementation.

- (c) **Notes** that consultation with the surrounding community has been completed and is summarised in the attached Consultation Feedback Report. The feedback received has informed revisions to the Draft Concept Plan, which now forms the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan.
- (d) **Notes** that there is a budget of \$400,000 within the Land Development - Neighbourhood budget for Kippenberger / Elm Green Linkage Playground Development (PJ 102758.000.5225).
- (e) **Notes** staff have undertaken a cost estimate and assessed the cost to implement the Draft Concept Plan at \$385,000, including a 15% contingency.
- (f) **Notes** There is an additional further \$5,000 allocated for planting around the newly installed swale from the Natural Transitional Planting Fund (PJ 102471 000 5223), along with \$1,000 allocated for a biodiversity sign from the Interpretive Signage Fund (PJ 102472.000.5223).

**CARRIED**

D Lundy expressed support for the motion and extended thanks to the staff for their comprehensive work in preparing the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan.

B McLaren also endorsed the motion, noting that if, in the future, increased traffic resulting from the proposed Rangiora Eastern Link created a need for fencing along the McPhail Avenue side of the reserve, such fencing could be installed at that time

K Barnett stated that playgrounds must remain accessible to children and their caregivers while also promoting physical activity. She observed that Rangiora has grown significantly, and residents would need to adapt to living alongside playgrounds and busy roads. She appreciated that community feedback had been carefully considered and incorporated into the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan.

6.3. **Applications to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Fund** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Kunkel reported the Okuku Pony Club would be hosting its primary funding event in June 2026. The Club had applied for \$1,000 to purchase prize ribbons. The application meets the Board's Discretionary Grant Criteria, as it is submitted by a community-based sports organisation, and the requested funding is in line with the specified \$1,000 limit per application

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Lundy

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260209021653.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$1,000 to the Okuku Pony Club towards the purchase of prize ribbons for its Show Day.

**CARRIED**

J Gerard expressed support for the motion, observing that the Okuku Pony Club represents a significant asset within the Okuku community.

D Lundy concurred, noting that the Club played an important role in supporting and guiding future generations of equestrians.

T Kunkel advised that the North Canterbury Scout Troop had requested \$1,000 to attend a pre-jamboree camp in Oxford. The application met the Board's Discretionary Grant Criteria, as it was submitted by a community-based youth organisation; however, it should be taken into consideration that only approximately 30% of participants will be from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: A Geeves

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$1,000 to the North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Troop towards the cost of attending the pre-Jamboree camp in Oxford in March 2026.

**CARRIED**

K Barnett observed that the Scouts were highly active in their fundraising efforts. She noted that although not all beneficiaries resided within the Rangiora–Ashley Ward, many community groups were based in Rangiora, where their headquarters were located. She emphasised that the funds would support youth development and help equip young people with skills that would benefit them into adulthood.

A Geeves commented that he had previously been a Scout and a troop leader, and he acknowledged the youth development done by the organisation. He supported the motion as fundraising had become increasingly challenging for community organisations.

J Gerard, while supportive of the motion, expressed reservations about the relatively small number of beneficiaries, only 36 school-aged scouts, compared with the substantial amount requested.

In her right of reply, K Barnett noted that the Board had previously approved a similar application and believed that the same level of support should be extended to the Scouts. She further clarified that the costs presented did not include the parents who would accompany the children and cover their own expenses. With only three meetings remaining in the current financial year, the Board had the necessary funding to grant the application, and K Barnett considered allocating funds to youth initiatives an appropriate and worthwhile use of resources.

T Kunkel noted the Rangiora Boxing Club were hosting the South Island Golden Gloves Tournament at the Kaiapoi Boxing Club. They had requested \$500 to go towards medical care for athletes at the event. The application partially complied with the Board's Discretionary Grant Application Criteria because it is from a community-based group; however, only approximately 20% of participants would be from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. Then again, the Board may wish to consider the significant economic benefit to the wider Waimakariri District from the anticipated number of visitors and competitors attending the event.

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: R Brine

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (d) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to the Rangiora Boxing Club towards the cost of medical care for athletes during the South Island Golden Glove tournament.

**CARRIED**

A Geeves supported the motion and believed that medical care at sporting events was essential and would be a worthwhile use of the Board's Discretionary funding.

R Brine concurred, noting that the concern about head injuries in sport was increasing and that he believed it was important to have professional medical care available at such sporting events. He also noted the Board's support for the medical experts at similar events and believed that they would be remiss not to support \$500 towards this application.

6.4. **Approval of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Plan 2025-28** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Kunkel thanked the members who contributed to the Board's Plan for 2025/28. She highlighted that some minor amendments had been requested by members and asked that any further amendments be emailed to the Governance Team.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: B McLaren

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 260115005741.
- (b) **Approves** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Plan 2025-28 (Trim: 261012003789).
- (c) **Authorises** the Chairperson to approve the final version of the updated Rangiora-Ashley Community Plan 2025-28 if any further minor editorial corrections are required.

**CARRIED**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. **Letter from Keep Rangiora Beautiful**

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: D Lundy

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the letter from Keep Rangiora Beautiful (Trim: 260224063130).

**CARRIED**

8. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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

Moved: L McClure

Seconded: J Gerard

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Chairperson (Trim: 260303068230).

**CARRIED**

## 9. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 4 February 2026.
- 9.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 9 February 2026.
- 9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 16 February 2026.
- 9.4. Proposed Parking and Traffic Bylaw 2026 – Draft for Formal Public Consultation Request – Report to Council Meeting 3 February 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.5. Bylaw Programme Update February 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 3 February 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.6. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report October 2025 to Current – Report to Council Meeting 3 February 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.7. Approval to Consult on the Draft Youth Action Plan 2026-2029 – Report to Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 17 February 2026 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.8. Aquatics December Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 17 February 2026 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.9. Libraries Update to December 2025 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 17 February 2026 – Circulates to all Boards

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: K Barnett

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.9.

**CARRIED**

## 10. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

### **R Brine:**

- Southern Community Hub - Several meetings of the Working Group had taken place over the past month, including the Community Workshop, which was very well attended. The Group had identified key partners they wished to include and were working through how they could assist and be assisted. Social media channels for the proposed Community Hub had been created. The Group was optimistic about the progress being made.

### **K Barnett:**

- Attended the Civil Defence Awards, where Duncan Lundy was celebrated for 40 years of service to civil defence. Heather Thomas was also acknowledged for 50 years of service.
- The Cust Rumble would be held from 5 to 8 November 2026 at the Cust Domain. The organisers had addressed all concerns raised by the community.

### **A Geeves:**

- Waimakariri Access Group Meeting - Provided feedback on the Blake Street car park proposal, with the main concern being the placement of signage for accessible parks. The Group had also requested an online map of all accessible car parks in the district. The Group was hosting their Accessibility Training Day on 12 March 2026.
- The Traffic Management for the Percival Street sewer upgrade was very effective.

### **J Gerard:**

- District Licensing Committee - The Salvation Army had opposed an off-license application for a bottle store at the Waimak Junction in Kaiapoi.
- Attended a cricket meeting where a general discussion regarding Southbrook Park was held.
- Attended Community Networking Forum.

- Attended Southern Community Hub community meeting.
- Attended the Joint All Boards Session regarding an update on the Council's draft 2026/27 Annual Plan.
- Volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

**B McLaren:**

- Attended Waitangi Day celebrations at the Ohoka Market and in Kaiapoi.
- Attended the Civil Defence Awards, where Duncan Lundy was celebrated for 40 years of service to civil defence.
- Attended the Community Networking Forum in Rangiora.
- Attended the Fire Fighting Competition at Dudley Park.
- Attended the Chinese Lunar New Year celebrations at Rangiora Library.
- Rangiora Library Chamber Gallery launched Humans of Waimakariri, showcasing people in the district through a photo and a short story.
- Rangiora Community Patrol - Fundraising via a safer plates and barbecue at Rangiora PAK'nSAVE, as well as a quiz afternoon at the Rangiora RSA. Number plate theft was a significant problem in the community.
- Attended the Christchurch Earthquake 15-year anniversary.
- Attended a Citizenship Ceremony.
- North Loburn School Community Emergency Hub Launch - This was the 19th community hub in the Waimakariri District.
- Violence Free North Canterbury Meeting.
- Visited the pop-up libraries in Pegasus and Woodend.
- Visit to Satisfy Food Rescue's new premises.

**B Robinson:**

- Received a large amount of positive feedback on the bridge on Townsend Road.
- The Pegasus Community Centre would be an impressive facility for the community.
- Visited the Rangiora Menzshed.
- Attended a meeting regarding the Abbeyfield Community Housing.

**J Goldsworthy:**

- Attending the Resource Management Act Good Decision Making course.
- Attended an Economic Insights Forum. Pressure on fixed-income households was becoming tighter.
- Attended Local Government New Zealand All of Government Conference. The key message was that localism was best.

**D Lundy:**

- Attended Southbrook School community evening.
- Attended North Loburn Community Hub opening.

## 11. **CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

### 11.1. **Youth Action Plan**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/youth-action-plan>

Consultation would close on Wednesday, 18 March 2026.

The Board noted that the Consultation projects.

**12. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

**12.1. Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 31 January 2026: \$9,747.

**12.2. General Landscaping Fund**

Balance as at 31 January 2026: \$29,290.

The Board noted the Funding updates.

**13. MEDIA ITEMS**

Nil.

**14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

**15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil

**16. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

*Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.*

Moved: L McClure

Seconded: J Gerard

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be), it was moved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

16.1 Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board briefing of 11 February 2026

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution was as follows:

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public.
16.1	Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board briefing of 11 February 2026	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(i).

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED MEETING**

*The public excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 8.18pm to 8.19pm.*

**Resolution to resume in Open Meeting**

Moved: L McClure

Seconded: J Gerard

**THAT** open meeting resumes and the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded or as resolved in individual reports.

**CARRIED**

**OPEN MEETING**

**17. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 8 April 2026 in the Council Chamber.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8.19PM.

**CONFIRMED**



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Chairperson

8 April 2026

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Date

**Workshop (8.19pm to 8.57pm)**

(Trim: 260324082718)

- *Road Naming*
- *Members Forum*