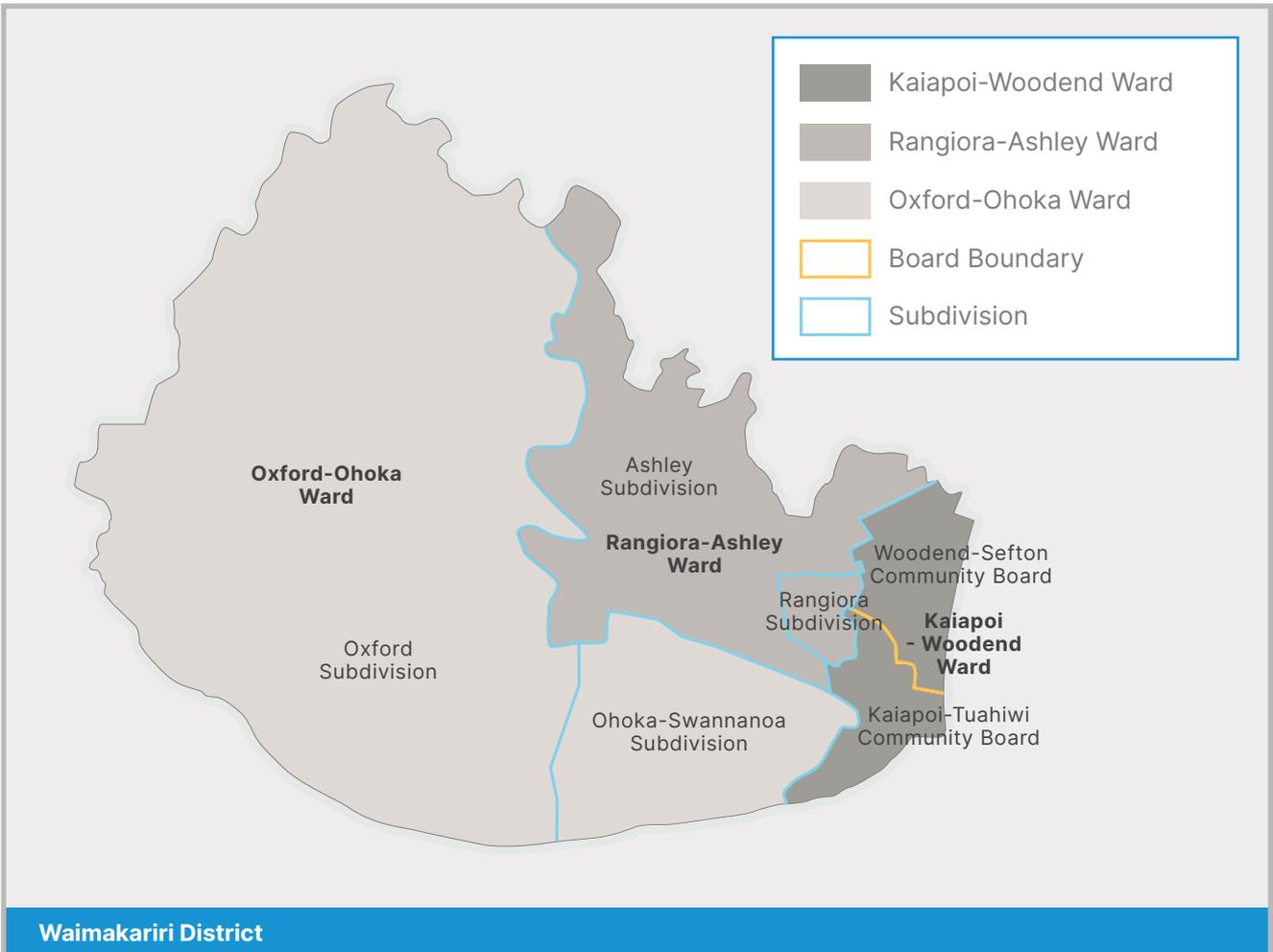


Ward	Population
Rangiora-Ashley Ward	29,126
Oxford-Ohoka Ward	14,865
Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward	30,082
Total	74,073
Subdivision	Population
Rangiora Subdivision	20,939
Ashley Subdivision	8,187
Total	29,126

* Estimated resident population as at December 2025



Chairperson's Message

Kia ora koutou to the residents of the Rangiora–Ashley Community Board

The Rangiora–Ashley Community Board represents a dynamic mix of urban and rural communities with diverse interests. Our members bring knowledge, passion, and a genuine commitment to reflecting the needs and aspirations of our diverse area.

Our Ward is divided into two subdivisions, with six members elected to represent Rangiora and two members elected to represent Ashley. Four Councillors elected from across the wider Ward are also appointed to the Board. Together, these 12 members work collaboratively to foster strong community connections, advocate for local voices, and ensure opportunities for people to learn, grow, and share ideas are supported.

Our community and its people are unique, and we strive to remain a proactive, accessible voice for all residents. Our Community Board members bring a strong local perspective and work towards shared outcomes, ensuring community needs are heard in a positive, respectful, and supportive environment. The Board is proud to be a dedicated and hardworking team committed to serving our community.

Much of the Community Board's focus has been on the ongoing development and enhancement across our Ward. Key achievements include the establishment of Rangiora's first Food Forest at Northbrook Reserve, the development and opening of Hunnibell Lane, and continued improvements to Millton Reserve, Townsend Road Reserve, and Loburn Domain, as well as proactive engagement on the future initiative for the planned Kippenberger entrance project.

The Board has remained supportive of the Council's commitment to district projects, including the proposed Rangiora Eastern Link Road with New Zealand Transport Agency co-funding, redevelopment of the Civic Precinct, ongoing improvements to parking in Rangiora, and the Rangiora Airfield upgrade. We also share our community's concerns regarding the proposed construction and operation of a Class 3 managed-fill landfill at Quarry Road, Loburn.

At our July 2024 meeting, the Board resolved to object to the resource consent applications, citing the nature of the Whiterock area, potential impacts on water quality, road safety concerns, and the lack of long-term management. The Board will continue to oppose this as the various proceedings progress.

The next term provides another opportunity to build on the positive work already underway. We value hearing from local community groups and are pleased to support many through our discretionary grant fund. Groups and individuals are warmly welcomed to attend Board meetings to share what is important to them and highlight the projects they are working on. Further information on grant applications is available on the following pages, and we actively encourage eligible groups to apply.

We look forward to the future of our Ward and the many opportunities ahead for our people to come together and strengthen our vibrant, dynamic, and welcoming community. Your views are central to everything we do, and we encourage you to share them with us. Please do not hesitate to contact any of our Board Members or the Governance Team—we are always happy to help.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini
Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many.

Liz McClure

Chairperson

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board



The Rangiora-Ashley Community

The Waimakariri District is divided into three Wards, with the Rangiora-Ashley Ward covering the district's predominantly north-eastern and central areas.

The Rangiora-Ashley Ward is bounded by the Okuku River in the far north, and Boundary Road to the south. It incumbers, Okuku, Whiterock, Loburn, Loburn North, Ashley, Rangiora and Southbrook

The Rangiora-Ashley Ward encompasses a diverse mix of communities, properties, and landscapes. It includes the smaller urban settlements of Ashley and Cust, the rural hinterland of farms and lifestyle blocks, and Rangiora, the largest town in the Waimakariri District. As the district's most populous geographic ward, this area plays a significant role in shaping both the district's economic development and its overall character.

Rangiora offers a blend of small-town warmth and urban convenience, making it one of North Canterbury's key residential and commercial centres. The town provides a balanced mix of rural charm, modern amenities, and a strong community spirit. With high-quality schools, extensive parks, and well-developed sports facilities, Rangiora serves as a major hub for families. Its town centre features several notable heritage buildings along High Street, including the Rangiora Town Hall, the former Junction Hotel, and the Johnston Building. The centre is also recognised for its boutique retail offerings, cafés, artisan bakeries, and an expanding dining sector.

For more than two decades, the Rangiora Showgrounds has hosted the annual North Canterbury A&P Show, as well as large-scale events such as Muscle Car Madness. The MainPower Oval, located on the eastern side of Rangiora, has hosted numerous national cricket fixtures and serves as the base for Canterbury Country Cricket. Rangiora is also home to the MainPower Stadium, a 6,000 m² multi-use indoor sports facility with four full-sized courts used for basketball, netball, volleyball, and other activities. The stadium has gained national recognition for hosting major events, including the New Zealand National Dog Show.

Rangiora's cultural life is supported by two active theatre companies—the North Canterbury Musical Society and The Rangiora Players—whose productions attract audiences from across the region. The town also hosts a local museum with a collection of more than 5,000 objects, along with over 11,000 photographs and glass slides, reflecting the area's rich heritage.

Ashley Village, located only minutes from Rangiora, offers a quieter rural lifestyle within a close-knit community. Surrounded by natural features such as the Ashley River and nearby walking tracks, the village provides a peaceful environment while remaining well connected to the wider ward.

Cust Village, situated 17 kilometres west of Rangiora, is another key rural settlement within the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. Known for its community-run events, local cafés, and artisan producers, Cust is set within expansive rural landscapes characterised by rolling farmland and wide-open skies.

The Ward's urban settlements are surrounded by mix of small farms, lifestyle blocks, and traditional agriculture. The flat, fertile farmland is ideal for sheep, dairy and cropping. The rural area surrounding Rangiora is also known for equestrian lifestyle. The Rangiora-Ashley Ward is known for its strong rural community identity with active rural groups

Together, these communities contribute to a ward that is both diverse and cohesive, combining rural character, strong community identity, and growing urban amenities.

What is a Community Board?

Community Boards and the Council are partners in local democracy, but they have different roles, powers, and responsibilities. Their relationship is designed so that local voices influence district-wide decisions without creating two competing governing bodies.

The Rangiora-Ashley Community Board works closely with residents and local community groups to understand your priorities and concerns and to seek the best outcomes for communities. The Board proactively engages with the local community, including consulting and sharing information to enable the Board to represent and advocate for your interests on a local level, which is then fed back to the Council.

The Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was elected for the first time in the October 2010 Local Body elections. The Board comprises six elected members from the urban area and two elected members from the rural areas, plus four appointed Councillors of the Waimakariri District Council, giving it a total of 12 members.

The Local Government Act (2002), states that the role of a Community Board is to represent and advocate for the interests of its community.

The Community Board is not the Council, nor is it a Council committee. Instead, the Board works collectively with the Council to achieve community goals. The Board is also responsible for any areas delegated to it by the Council.

How does the Community Board do this?

- Taking an overview of the Council's services and projects affecting the Ward area, including water supply, sewerage, stormwater drainage, parks, recreational facilities, roading and traffic management projects.
- Engaging with residents, community organisations, and groups in developing local solutions, keeping the public informed, and being visible and accessible.
- By encouraging community participation in Community Board and Council decision-making.
- Advocating to the Council on key issues and priorities for the community area, especially through the Annual and Long-Term planning and budgeting process.
- Granting of leases or licences on reserves.
- Working collaboratively with other Community Boards to promote an understanding of the work being done in the District as a whole.
- By maintaining positive working relationships with key Council staff and management.



Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

Community Board Objectives 2025–2028

The Rangiora-Ashley Community Board comprises of people who are passionate about the wellbeing of their community and believe in working together to bring positive change. The Board has outlined the following expectations:

- Supporting the Council's Local Economic Development Strategy to encourage business growth across the Rangiora-Ashley Board area and the Waimakariri District as a whole.
- Developing closer links and relationships with key settlements and groups in the Rangiora-Ashley Board area, as well as with significant District-wide organisations.
- Developing a plan for the Board to become an effective, cohesive voice in representing the community viewpoint at meetings and policy hearings.
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- Engaging with individuals, groups, other Boards, and the Council to provide the best outcome for the Rangiora-Ashley community and the district as a whole.
- Engaging and interacting with younger generations by seeking their views and feedback on important issues in the Board area.
- Engaging with local schools, community and advisory groups and offering encouragement for their projects and providing assistance where practical.
- Advocating for balanced growth that enhances and protects the character of the communities' recreational, opportunities, liveability and employment.
- Advocating for the continued protection and enhancement of waterways and wetlands for recreational purposes.
- Actively develop and promote the Community Board as a vehicle for residents to seek assistance and advocacy in accessing Council services and consultation processes.
- Actively maintaining positive working relationships with the Council and Council staff.
- Actively participating in Council business and the annual budget process to ensure equitable spending across the district whilst being mindful of rates affordability.



What's Happening Now and Looking Forward?

There are several projects underway in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward area. This section outlines those projects.

Local reserve and domains

Townsend Road Reserve

The Townsend Road Reserve in Townsend Fields, West Rangiora, is now one of the newest and most popular play spaces in the region. Check out the large double slide, swings, spinner, rockers, mound and flying fox. The sensory garden, in particular, is a special place that stimulates the senses and can be therapeutic. Parents and grandparents also enjoy watching their tamariki and mokopuna from comfortable seats and tables.

Dudley Park

The Board is proud to support youth-led initiatives, including efforts to create a more vibrant and safer environment for young people in Dudley Park. As a result, the Board supported the Waimakariri Youth Council's initiative to install a deck, a uniquely-designed wheelchair-accessible picnic table, and a mural near the Dudley Skate Park.

The Board continues to support this youth-led initiative as they implement each section of their approved development plan. Recently, the Youth

Council worked with the local Rangiora Menz Shed to create and install a new accessible picnic table at Dudley Park, which is currently located on the deck area. The plan is that, in time, a hard stand area will be created for this to be shifted to, but in the meantime, it is being enjoyed by the community. Now that the table has been delivered, the focus has shifted to alternative but supporting recreational opportunities, and quotes have been received for a table tennis table for the grassy area beside the skate park. There is \$5,000 budget for this, and options are currently under consideration by the Youth Council.

StoryWalk in Northbrook Wetlands

The Board supported the temporary Rangiora StoryWalk across Matariki, which was completed in March/April 2025, aiming to promote fun and learning among friends and family in nature. The StoryWalk initiative has gained popularity in recent years and aims to get people out into nature, combining the benefits of physical exercise with the uplifting story to support mental health.

The Rangiora StoryWalk saw over 1,000 visitors on its first opening day, with more following over the weekend and in the coming months. The Council also received over 70 positive responses from visitors who commented on the fun children had finding the boards, hidden birds, learning about Matariki and the local ecology and having a great time out with the children.

Based on the success, the Board supports the installation of a permanent StoryWalk in Northbrook Wetlands. Northbrook Wetlands are located off Cotter Lane, Rangiora, and include a large wetland reserve with a pathway which circles two large ponds teeming with birds and other flora and fauna. The placement of a permanent StoryWalk in this location would activate the space. This reserve ticks the boxes for a successful story walk as it is close to a large population; it has accessible pathways in a loop type arrangement that are of



a grade suitable for all ages and abilities, and it is a comfortable walking distance for children. This reserve also has a good car park, toilets and beautiful landscape features and flora/fauna which people can enjoy as they follow the StoryWalk. These all make for a great location and are likely factors that have led to previous successes there.

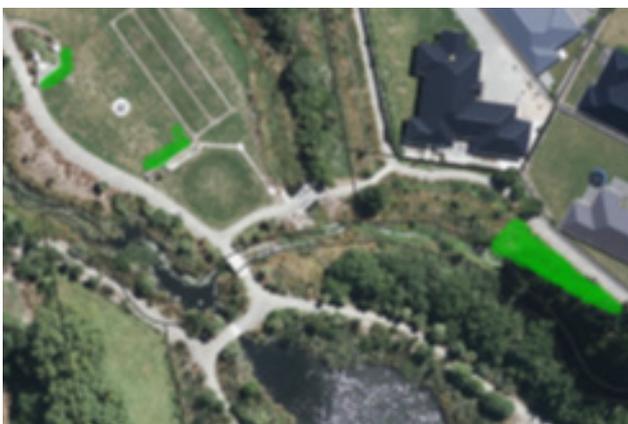


StoryWalk in Northbrook Wetlands

Northbrook Reserve Rangiora Food Forest

The aim of food forests is to connect people, increase resilience and sustainability, improve quality of life, strengthen mental and physical health, upskill youth and communities, and attract tourists, thereby generating profit for the community. A community food forest provides food for residents and for those who wish to forage. This includes fruits, vegetables, herbs and medicinal plants.

The Board is supporting a small group of dedicated community members who are establishing a food forest on approximately 200m² at 151 Northbrook Road, due to its central location within Rangiora and its accessibility to the public. The food forest is supported by neighbouring residents who are committed to the ongoing stewardship of the area.



Northbrook Reserve Rangiora Food Forest

The site is maintained by the community group and made available for the wider community to enjoy.

The Food Forest has been planted and is now being managed by the community group. A Memorandum of Understanding between the community group and Council is pending review and sign-off. Once done, maintenance of the food forest will be handed over to the community group.

In Winter 2026, some plantings (trees) will need to be moved to improve the distance from the waterway. Greenspace staff will help relocate these trees by providing practical support and covering any costs from the general reserves budget.

Canterbury Street Reserve play space

Community members requested an upgrade to the Canterbury Street Reserve play space, which the Board encouraged, as it is scheduled for renewal due to age and condition, as identified in the Council's Play Spaces Strategy. Community feedback highlighted that the current play space does not provide opportunities for all ages, particularly given that it is the only Council reserve in Ashley Village.

The Canterbury Street Reserve Master Plan was approved by the Board, aiming to provide play opportunities for all ages and abilities. The Master Plan includes:

- Structured play equipment: A 3-bay swing set including an infant seat, toddler seat, two strap seats (for primary school-aged children) and a basket swing.
- A nature play space.
- Amenities for families, caregivers, and older adults, including a bench seat, litter bin and a relocated picnic table.
- An open grass space.
- Canterbury Street Reserve is a small space, and residents raised concerns about its poor layout. The Master Plan organises the space linearly, making the most of the available space.

Development

Cenotaph Corner development

The Council acquired 70 and 74 High Street to enable the Cenotaph Corner road realignment, as part of the implementation of the Rangiora Town Centre Strategy, which occurred a few years after the Canterbury Earthquakes.



Proposed Cenotaph Corner Development

The location of these properties provides a focal point for two main roads in Rangiora, which is considered strategically significant in the context of the Rangiora Town Centre Strategy, as they represent a crucial entry point to the town's central retail heart.

As such, the Board supports the development of this site, which will be in keeping with the town centre's unique character and quality commercial offerings.

Southbrook Development Plan

The Council is commencing a project to develop a plan for Southbrook's future. This will be called the Southbrook Development Plan and will be a long-term strategic document that, once adopted by the Council, will confirm a vision for Southbrook and a framework for growth, development, and change. The plan will consider key challenges facing Southbrook now and into the future. Importantly, the plan will also identify opportunities for the areas and drivers for change.

The Board supports the development of the Southbrook Development Plan as it will ensure that growth and development in the Southbrook area are enabled and supported appropriately

to meet the needs of our District and the wider region. It is important to ensure that the area is well connected, has the right mix of activities and amenities, fits with the local community, leverages Southbrook's special characteristics, and protects the environment.

Southbrook is already home to many large retail and industrial businesses, is a key employment centre for the Waimakariri District, and is recognised as a growth area for new and/or expanded industrial activities within the Greater Christchurch area.

Rangiora Airfield upgrades

The Board supports the upgrades to our busy and highly-regarded airfield, especially given that most of the work is required for compliance and safety reasons. In addition, this facility is essential to the town of Rangiora and the District

By encouraging the use of the airfield, the town will benefit economically and promote the wider district, enabling further commercial and recreational activity both in the town and at the airfield itself, providing employment opportunities for local people.



Rangiora Airfield

Beautify town entrances

The Board intends to use its General Landscaping Funds to improve and beautify the Kippenberger Avenue entrance to Rangiora. In June 2025, the Board allocated \$30,000 from the General Landscaping Budget to cover all aspects of the project, including conceptual design, detailed design, artwork fabrication and installation costs.

The Board has also approved the Project Brief for seeking artistic expressions of interest for a sculpture to be located on Kippenberger

Avenue, in celebration of its namesake, Sir Howard Kippenberger.

The Project Brief invites artists to submit concepts for a sculpture that reflects the significance of Sir Howard Kippenberger. The Board has expressed that this artwork should focus on Sir Kippenberger as a person, particularly on his time in Rangiora, and avoid becoming another war memorial or military statue.

The Board would like to honour Sir Kippenberger not only as a soldier who served valiantly to protect our freedoms, but also as a man with passionate interests and community spirit.

Our town entrances provide a means for residents and visitors to identify and access our District towns, while offering the Council an opportunity to enhance our towns' attractiveness and welcome visitors to the region.

The Board is therefore working closely with the Council to implement the Town Entrances Strategy and Implementation Plan to ensure that town entrances across the Ward undergo roading and aesthetic improvements.



Cust Town Entrance

Local roading projects

General road maintenance

The Board is committed to all local roading projects within its Ward and actively promotes and supports improvements.

Council's contractors continue to maintain and renew urban streets and footpaths, as well as rural roads, and associated culverts, bridges, lighting, signs, and other road elements, through a prioritised programme based on age and condition. Residents are encouraged to notify the

Council of potholes and other road elements in need of repair using the Snap Send Solve phone app or by email or phone.

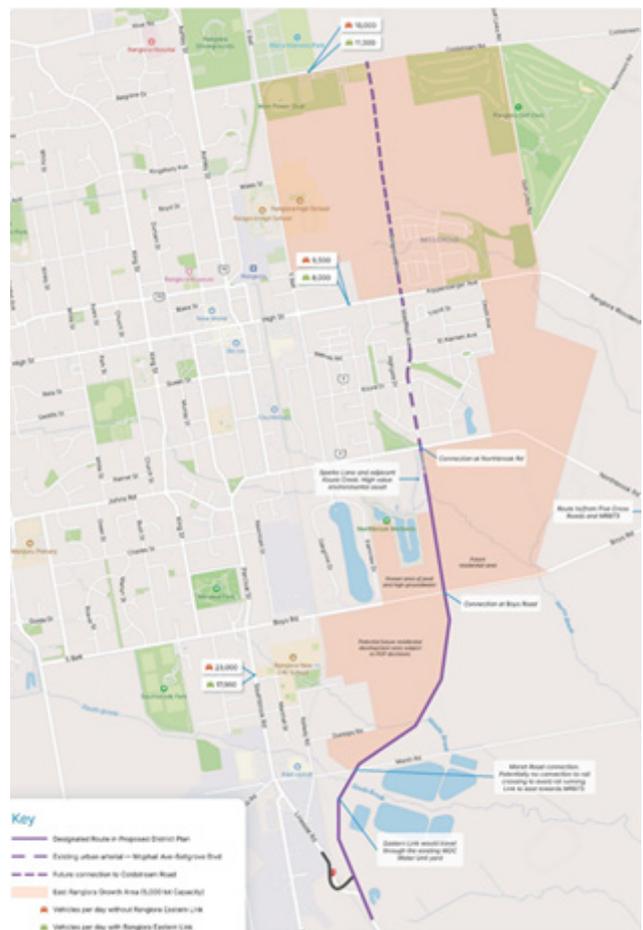
New Zealand Transport Agency funding

The Board is concerned that the New Zealand Transport Agency chose not to fund all the Council projects submitted through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), leaving the Council and the community to find the extra funding required to maintain a safe roading network. The Board is also troubled that the Council had to cut capital and maintenance expenditure on roading projects.

Rangiora Eastern Link Road

The Board is aware of Rangiora's continued population growth and the need for arterial roads to enable development, growth, and efficient movement around the Waimakariri District.

The Council received \$500,000 in co-funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency to commence a business case and concept design for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road. These are expected to be finalised in 2026 and provide more clarity on the next steps.



Proposed Rangiora Eastern Link Road

The Board acknowledges that the Rangiora Eastern Link Road would assist in reducing congestion through Southbrook and provide an alternate link to State Highway One, giving a 330% return on investment by opening up this area to new businesses and homes.

However, it believes its development should proceed only once New Zealand Transport Agency funding is secured. In light of the continuous growth in traffic, the Board has also requested the Council to also prioritise the Townsend/Fernside/Flaxton route by:

- Completing the construction of the Townsend Road culvert, which is nearing completion.
- Deal with the Townsend Road/Fernside Road corner, for which the Council has made budget provision of \$400,000 in the 2027/28 financial year and a further \$1.3 million in the 2030/31 financial year
- Implementing road safety options at the Lineside Road crossing with Mulcocks and Bramley Roads, which is currently subject to discussion with the New Zealand Transport Agency and KiwiRail.

Boys Road/Tuahiwi Road/Rangiora-Woodend Road intersection

The Board will continue to advocate to the Council for the construction of a roundabout at the Boys Road/Tuahiwi Road/Rangiora-Woodend Road intersection as part of the proposed Rangiora Woodend Road Improvements. The intersection has a poor safety record, and the existing layout is confusing and has significant deficiencies.

The Board is pleased to note that the Council has made budgetary provision of \$100,000 for the design of the intersection in the 2026/27 financial year and \$2.1 million for the construction in the 2027/28 financial year. As it believes that these deficiencies will become more evident as the Woodend Bypass is constructed and as more intensive development occurs around the Tuahiwi and Ravenswood areas, along with ongoing general growth in the district. The Board also wishes to encourage the Council to ensure the main arterials between towns are well maintained, such as the Inland Scenic Route 72 between Rangiora and Oxford.

Skew Bridge replacement

Although the Skew Bridge is not in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward, it is the gateway to Flaxton Road,

a major feeder route to Rangiora. The Board considers this bridge dangerous and well past its use-by date. It needs to be replaced with a wide bridge that aligns with Skewbridge Road on both sides. It therefore supports the Council's bid to replacement of the bridge, which can be built while the existing bridge remains open, ensuring minimal disruption to the public.

The Board is aware that the Council has commissioned an economic analysis for a bridge replacement later this year. It aims for a decent benefit-to-cost ratio, which will improve the likelihood of co-funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency. The Board understands that the replacement of SKew Bridge is estimated to cost \$11.7 million and is dependent on co-funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Blake Street carpark reconfiguration

The Board has been actively involved in naming the new, well-designed public space and attractive environment in and around the newly opened Hunnibell Lane. The new laneway has created a pleasant pedestrian environment and provides a safe pedestrian connection to new off-street parking, extending the Blake Street carpark.

The Board welcomes the Council's commitment to reconfiguring the existing Blake Street off-street public car park in the 2026/27 financial year at an estimated cost of \$1.65 million. The existing Blake Street car park is a much sought-after parking area in Rangiora with relatively high utilisation, but it is not optimally designed to maximise parking capacity and pedestrian amenity. Whilst this will require further planning and design work, it is anticipated that up to 20 to 40 additional off-street public car parks could



be made available on the wider site, significantly increasing the available parking supply. The re-design will seek to strengthen pedestrian connections to the surrounding areas and make this an attractive parking facility for short-stay visitors to the town centre.

Gravel roads

The Board has concerns about the state of rural shingle and gravel roads in the Waimakariri District and will continue to advocate that more provisions be made for road maintenance in the Council's 2026/27 Annual Plan.

Shared pathways

The Board shares the Council's commitment to improving multi-modal transport options throughout the District. The intention is to provide safe and accessible facilities that encourage community participation.

However, multi-use paths are still in short supply in the district's rural areas. Hence, the Board will actively advocate for the development of multi-use paths in new subdivisions in rural areas and near rural schools.

Allowing children to walk or cycle to school helps promote their independence and opens up their community to them. Although many urban schoolchildren can walk to school, rural schoolchildren cannot due to the lack of safe walkways and/or cycleways. The Board believes that it is essential that children grow up knowing that there are alternatives to just using cars.

School safety improvements

The Council had the foresight to install a crossing point on Townsend Road at the back gate of Te Matauru Primary School during the school's planning.

Since then, traffic volumes on Townsend Road have increased significantly as Rangiora has grown, and the forward-thinking of the staff from that time has made it easier for the Board to approve a new Kea Crossing at the crossing point. This is the first new Kea Crossing in the District in many years.

A Kea crossing is one where a school crossing is in place at the start and end of the school day. It's a collaboration between Council (providing infrastructure), the New Zealand Police (training school patrollers) and the school (providing



School Safety Improvement

oversight and supervision). The new crossing has been installed and is in operation for the 2026 school year.

Drainage projects

The Board supports the following drainage projects:

- **North Brook/Geddis Street**—Repair and replacement of the timber-lined drain of Geddis Street between High Street and Geddis Street, and also the section between West Belt and Elizabeth Street at a cost of \$160,000 to be completed in February 2026.
- **Three Brooks Enhancement Work - Middle Brook Tributary**—Repair and replacement of timber-lined drain and vegetation work for the section of Middle Brook tributary upstream of Bush Street at a cost of \$20,000 to be completed in February 2026.
- **North Drain Piping - Ashley to Edward**—Piping of box drain and installation of footpath connection, with an estimated cost of \$600,000 to be completed in February 2027.
- **Blackett Street piping**—Stormwater pipe upgrade from King Street through to the Ashley Street roundabout at an estimated cost of \$1.6 million to be completed in June 2027.
- **Railway Drain Treatment**—Stormwater treatment improvements at the northern end of Railway Drain an estimated cost of \$400,000 to be completed in June 2027.
- **Wiltshire Green Pipework Upgrade**—Install a new stormwater pipe in the road corridor between Parkhouse Drive and Green Street at an estimated cost of \$500,000 to be completed in June 2027.

- **Belmont Avenue Drainage Upgrades**— Drainage upgrades at the low point on Belmont Avenue are estimated to cost of \$500,000 to be completed in June 2028.

Recycling

The Board supports the upgrade of Southbrook Resource Recovery Park and the ongoing educational programme to ensure residents are aware of what can and cannot be recycled. The Board encourages the Council to invest in developing a more effective and sustainable recycling infrastructure, support ongoing recycling initiatives, promote reduction and reuse, and work with local businesses and schools to build confidence, consistency, and a desire to recycle, so that this is adopted easily and becomes a regular daily practice.



Recycling

Supporting local business

The Board will continue to support activities fostering business and employment in our Ward and wider District, including initiatives by economic development groups such as Enterprise North Canterbury and Rangiora Promotions.



Good Street, Rangiora

However, the Board is concerned about the challenges to funding for promotions in the current tight fiscal climate and will continue to advocate to the Council for sustainable economic development.

Community health and safety



New Zealand Police

Community safety

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in youth crime in and around the town centre as well as burglaries in the suburbs, and this continues to escalate. The Board, thus, believes that there should be a New Zealand Police presence in the Rangiora Town Centre and better support for youth to redirect them away from antisocial behaviour so they can become contributing members of our community.

The Board also supports local organisations committed to improving safety, including the Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade, North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support, Rangiora Community Patrol, and the St John Ambulance services. Any crime should be reported to the police immediately.

Community health

The Board also supports the development of the after-hours Rangiora Medical Centre at the existing Rangiora Health Hub. The Board will continue to advocate for more accessible health care in the Waimakariri District and is pleased that the new primary health care center will allow patients to access health care from 8am to 10pm seven days.

Scientific evidence suggests that youth vaping has become a social issue in New Zealand, as a significant proportion of youth who have never

smoked now vape regularly. The Board believes that there is an urgent need to reduce youth appeal to vapes. Hence, it supports the regulation of the proximity of specialist vape retailers to schools and other youth-serving facilities (e.g. parks, sports facilities and playgrounds).

Food security and sustainability

Food is an essential part of our daily lives and integral to New Zealand society. Having reliable access to affordable, nutritious, and safe food is fundamental to the health and wellbeing of the community.



Food Security

The Community Board supports community-driven initiatives to improve access to food, such as community gardens, food forests, farmers' markets and garden-to-table school programmes.



Community gardens

A food forest aims to support a community's food security by providing local foraging opportunities and increasing community participation in growing food.

The Board requested that the Council actively support food security initiatives by providing initial funding for the establishment phase of suitable spaces for more Food Forests and community gardens in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.

Board submissions

The Board works collectively with the Council to achieve community goals. Hence, it made detailed submissions on Environment Canterbury and the Council's Long Term, Annual, and Proposed District Plans.

In addition, the Board has independent rights to submit on matters before a public submission process.

In early 2024, the Board became aware of Protranz's plans for a landfill at the Whiterock Lime works site in North Loburn. Several Board members attended the first public meeting held in February 2024 at the Loburn Domain, with approximately 100 residents in attendance. It was clear that the local community was very worried about the proposal and concerned about its detrimental effects on their area. The Board further discussed the landfill issue at its meeting in July 2024, where it noted the growing community opposition to the proposal and unanimously agreed to support its community and oppose the application. This landfill is not needed and would bring no apparent benefit to the community. There is a viable alternative at Kate Valley that is supported by the Council.

The Board always strongly supported the proposed Woodend Bypass and thus supported the project's objectives. However, the Board believes that the introduction of the proposed tolling will negate its original intent. Hence, the Board endorses the Waimakariri District Council's submission on this matter.

Grants

Discretionary grants

The Board will continue to support a wide range of local community groups through its easily accessible discretionary funding grants. Recipients have consistently expressed their gratitude for this support that may not otherwise have been available to them from other sources.

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Members

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Member and contact details	Other responsibilities
 <p>Alan Geeves Mobile: 027 448 8014 Email: alan.geeves@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waimakariri Access Group • Rangiora Landmarks Team
 <p>Di Hawkins Mobile: 027 325 8434 Email: diane.hawkins@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loburn Domain Advisory Group • Water Races Advisory Group • Ashley River Care Group • Ashley Rural Water Scheme Management Committee
 <p>Duncan Lundy Mobile: 027 428 6674 Email: duncan.lundy@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cust and District Historical Records Society Inc • Fernside Hall Advisory Group • Central Rural Drainage Advisory Group
 <p>Brent Robinson Mobile: 021 223 2297 Email: brent.robinson@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GreyPower North Canterbury • Keep Rangiora Beautiful

Rangiora-Ashley Ward Councillors

Member and contact details	Other responsibilities
 <p>Cr Wendy Doody Mobile: 027 515 8372 Email: wendy.doody@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Asset Working Group • Facilities and Consents Fee Waiver Subcommittee • Solid and Hazardous Waste Working Party
 <p>Cr Jason Goldsworthy Mobile: 027 232 2726 Email: jason.goldsworthy@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waimakariri Youth Council • Waimakariri Age Friendly Advisory Group • Rangiora Promotions Management Board • Promotions Association Review Working Group • Facilities and Consents Fee Waiver Subcommittee • Central Rural Drainage Advisory Group • Solid and hazardous Waste Working Party
 <p>Cr Bruce McLaren, JP Mobile: 027 313 6563 Email: bruce.mclaren@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Asset Working Group • North Canterbury Museums' Group • Promotions Association Review Working Group • Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy Project Steering Group • Facilities and Consents Fee Waiver Subcommittee • Arohatia Te Awa Working Group
 <p>Cr Joan Ward Mobile: 021 221 7021 Email: joan.ward@wmk.govt.nz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southbrook Road Improvements Working Group • Southbrook Road Reference Group • Promotions Association Review Working Group • North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust • Project Control Group for the Annual and Long Term Plans • Canterbury Museum Trust Board Standing Committee

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Discretionary Grant

Each financial year (July to June), the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board is allocated funds to distribute, by application, to community-based organisations within their Ward area.

The Council's 2024/34 Long Term Plan included the following budget provision for the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board to approve grants to community groups during the next three years

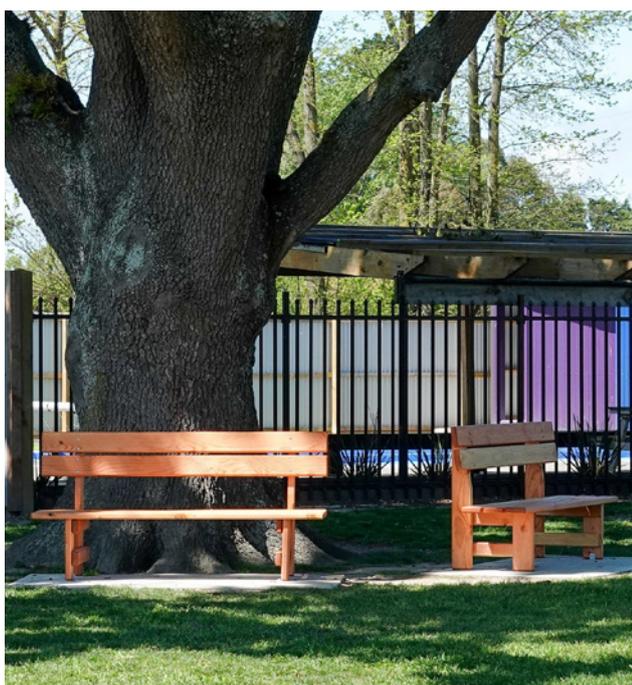
2025/26 Financial year	2026/27 Financial year	2027/28 Financial year	2028/29 Financial year
\$14,510	\$14,980	\$15,340	\$15,690

The Board supports a wide range of community activities. Applications will only be accepted from community-based project groups, not-for-profit organisations, registered charities or incorporated societies. No application from an individual which benefits only one person will be accepted. The Board considers grant applications every month. However, applications must be received at least four weeks before Board meeting dates to be processed on time. The application form is available on the Council's website at waimakariri.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/board-grants-and-funding

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board criteria for funding applications

Applications will only be accepted from non-profit community-based organisations, registered charities or incorporated societies.

- Applications from Funding Committees and/or similar community-based groups associated with schools will be considered only if a significant community benefit has been shown and proof is provided that the Ministry of Education does not fund the activity. However, schools themselves are not considered non-profit community-based organisations.
- Grants are generally limited to \$1,000 per financial year (July to June), but a group can apply twice a year, provided the applications are for different projects. The Board will consider granting more than \$1,000 in exceptional circumstances, provided that detailed reasons for exceeding the present limit are provided.
- Grant funding will not be allocated for events/projects that have already occurred, i.e. retrospectively.
- The grant funding is limited to projects primarily within the Board area or benefiting the residents of the ward.
- The application should clearly state the purpose for which the funds will be used. It should be noted that the board will not fund ongoing or annual operating expenditure



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associated with the administration or running of the applicant's club organisation or club.

- Organisations predominantly funded by the Central Government must provide supporting evidence that the requested grant will not be spent on projects that the Central Government should/do fund.
- Applicants should submit relevant financial information to prove they can deliver the project. Financial information should include a balance sheet/profit and loss and, at least, a bank statement to enable the Board to make an informed decision.
- Applicants must declare any other funding sources for the proposed project for which funding is being sought, especially Council community grants, other Community Boards grants, and Enterprise North Canterbury funding.



For example, the following grants have been made by the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board in the 2025/26 financial year:

Group	Project	Amount
Waimakariri United Football Club	Towards Bibs for in-house teams	\$600
North Canterbury Federation of Women's Institute	Towards hosting a Craft Day	\$110
The Salvation Army Just Brass Band	Towards providing free music lessons	\$500
Cust/West Eyreton Playcentre	Towards restocking their first aid kit	\$205
Saracens Rugby Club	Towards sending teams to the Global Games Festival	\$250
Southbrook School 150th Jubilee Committee	Towards the purchase of a memorial bench	\$750
North Canterbury Inclusive Sports Festival	Towards hosting the festival at MainPower Stadium	\$250
North Loburn Home and School Committee	Towards seeds, compost for their Garden to Table Programme	\$750
North Canterbury BMX Club Inc	Towards installing asphaltting at the Rangiora BMX track	\$1,000

- If the group does not provide the information to enable the grant to be paid within three months of approval of the grant being notified, the application will be regarded as closed, and funds will be released for reallocation by the Board.
- If funds are not spent on the specific project applied for within six months of the date of the event/project, the recipient will be required to return the funding to the Council.
- The Council must receive an Accountability Form within 20 working days after the event, completion of the project, or when the funds were spent, outlining how the funds were applied. Relevant proof of purchase, such as receipts, bank statements, or invoices, must accompany the Accountability Form, and photos of the event or purchase are encouraged.

Application process

Application forms can be collected at any of the Council's Service Centres.

Alternatively, an application form can be printed, downloaded, or completed online from the Council's website at waimakariri.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/board-grants-and-funding

The completed application should be posted to:

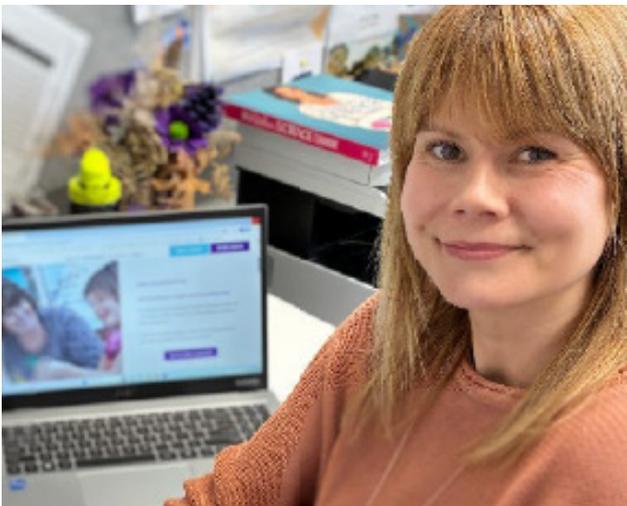
Governance Team
Waimakariri District Council,
Private Bag 1005 Rangiora 7440

or emailed to: com.board@wmk.govt.nz

or dropped into your local Council Service Centre.

Process by Governance Team

Once the application has been received, the Governance Team will assess the application, write a report and present it to the following Community Board meeting for a decision.



Big Brothers Big Sisters



North Canterbury BMX Club Inc



Waimakariri United Football Club

Board's Landscaping Projects

Each financial year (July to June), the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board is allocated funds to be used for projects which enhance and beautify the community, such as landscaping, public seating and signage.



Community Boards often identify community landscaping enhancement projects for which this budget can be utilised. Equally, local community members often suggest minor landscaping improvements, such as additional seating, paving or signage.

The Council's 2024/34 Long Term Plan included the following budget provision for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's Landscaping projects during the next three years. Note that budgets are estimated, and any underspend will be used to mitigate any overspend on other projects:

2025/26 Financial year	2026/27 Financial year	2027/28 Financial year	2028/29 Financial year
\$42,970	\$45,360	\$46,450	\$47,520

If you have a suggestion for beautifying your community that you would like the Board to consider, please contact either the Board Chairperson (liz.mcclure@wmk.govt.nz) or the Governance Adviser (com.board@wmk.govt.nz).

The following are projects currently being progressed from the Board's General Landscape Budget:

Group/Project	Status	Amount
Kippenberger Avenue Town Entrance	In progress	\$30,000
Oxford Road Town Entrance	In progress	\$12,837
Loburn Domain Memorial	Completed	\$55,600
Bon Suter Sculpture	Completed	\$3,000
Dudley Park Picnic Table	Completed	\$4,000

Where and When are Meetings Held?

Meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of the month, in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora, commencing at 7pm.

The Rangiora-Ashley Community Board fully supports the many local community groups across our ward that do so much to ensure the needs and aspirations of our communities are met.

Members of the public, groups and organisations can bring matters to the attention of the Community Board by bringing a deputation to a Board meeting.

Deputations can be arranged by contacting the Governance Team and will be approved by the Chairperson.

Residents are also always welcome to contact Community Board members directly to discuss Council and community related matters.

Agendas are available

At Council Service Centres and on the Council website two working days before a meeting: waimakariri.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/minutes-and-agendas

The Governance Team can be contacted for assistance with:

- Arranging deputations and workshops
- Accessing and administering Board funding
- Access to Community Board documentation
- Assisting with submissions to the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP), Annual Plan and any other community-based issues
- Assists as liaison between the community and the Board as well as between the Board and Council departments.

Governance Team contact details

- ☎ 0800 965 468
- ✉ com.board@wmk.govt.nz
- 📍 215 High Street, Private Bag 1005, Rangiora 7440

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meetings are open to the public and the following meetings have been scheduled for 2026:

Wednesday 11 February 2026

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Wednesday 8 April 2026

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Wednesday 10 June 2026

Wednesday 8 July 2026

Wednesday 12 August 2026

Wednesday 9 September 2026

Wednesday 14 October 2026

Wednesday 11 November 2026

Wednesday 9 December 2026

Council Facilities and Contact Details



Service Centres

waimakiriri.govt.nz

Rangiora Service Centre

215 High Street, Rangiora

☎ 0800 965 468

✉ office@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 8.30am–5pm

Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre

176 Williams Street, Kaiapoi

☎ 03 375 5009

✉ kaiapoi@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm

Oxford Service Centre

34 Main Street, Oxford

☎ 03 311 9005

✉ oxford@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm

Saturday: 10am–12 noon

(Limited services on Saturday)



Rangiora Service Centre

Community Centres

Online booking:

waimakariri.govt.nz/leisure-and-recreation/facilities/halls-and-meeting-venues

Woodend Community Centre

6 School Road, Woodend

Pegasus Community Centre

Cnr Pegasus Main Street and Tahuna Street, Pegasus

Libraries

waimakaririlibraries.com

Rangiora Library

Trevor Inch Memorial Library
141 Percival Street, Rangiora

☎ 0800 965 542

✉ library@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Thursday: 9am–5pm
Friday: 9am–7pm
Saturday: 10am–2pm
Sunday: 1–4pm

Kaiapoi Library

176 Williams Street, Kaiapoi

☎ 0800 965 542

✉ library@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Wednesday and Friday: 9am–5pm
Thursday: 9am–7pm
Saturday: 10am–2pm
Sunday: 1–4pm

Oxford Library

34 Main Street, Oxford

☎ 0 0800 965 542

✉ library@wmk.govt.nz

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm
Saturday: 10am–12 noon



Trevor Inch Memorial Library

Aquatic Centres

waimakariri.govt.nz/aquatic-facility

Dudley Park Aquatic Centre

47 Church Street, Rangiora

☎ 03 311 8905

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 6am–9pm
Saturday and Sunday: 7.30am–7pm
Public Holidays: 10am–7pm
Christmas Day: Closed

Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre

9 Cass Street, Kaiapoi

☎ 03 375 5041

Opening hours

Monday to Friday: 6am–3.30pm and 6–9pm
Saturday and Sunday: 7.30am–7pm
Public Holidays: 10am–7pm
Christmas Day: Closed

Oxford Community Aquatic Centre

9 Burnett Street, Oxford

☎ 03 311 8921

Opening hours

Summer only from late November
Monday to Friday: 8.30am–6.30pm
Saturday and Sunday: 10am–7pm
Public Holidays: 10am–7pm
Christmas Day: Closed



Dudley Park Aquatic Centre



Transfer Stations

Southbrook Resource Recovery Park

284 Flaxton Road, Rangiora

☎ 03 313 5499

Resale Store: 03 313 5798

Opening hours

Monday to Sunday: 8.30am–4.30pm

Public Holidays: Closed

Oxford Transfer Station

46 High Street, Oxford

Opening hours

Friday: 12.30pm–4.30pm

Sunday: 12 noon–4.30pm

Public Holidays: Closed



Southbrook Resource Recovery Park

Snap Send Solve

You can report an issue instantly from your mobile if you spot something like a damaged footpath, litter or pothole.

Report an issue via waimakariri.govt.nz/snapsendsolve.com



Request a Service

The following service requests can be lodged online with the Council. The location of the request is required.

Please contact Council directly on 0800 965 468 regarding urgent requests such as excessive noise, flooding or public toilet issues.

Online Service requests

- Cemeteries
- Dog complaints
- Drains
- Footpaths
- Litter/rubbish
- Parks
- Public water supplies
- Roads and streets
- Rubbish/recycling collections
- Sewer
- Signs
- Trees
- Vandalism/graffiti
- Water races.

Go to waimakariri.govt.nz/services/online-services

If you are new to the District you may like to visit our website which provides information on a number of Council services:

waimakariri.govt.nz/community/new-to-the-District

The Council has a number of other facilities and venues which can be found on the website as provided below:

Halls and Meeting Venues:

waimakariri.govt.nz/leisure-and-recreation/facilities/halls-and-meeting-venues

Sports Grounds: waimakariri.govt.nz/leisure-and-recreation/facilities/sports-grounds



215 High Street
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Rangiora 7440, New Zealand

Phone 0800 965 468

waimakariri.govt.nz

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