

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, COMMENCING AT 11.30AM ON TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2025.

PRESENT:

Mayor D Gordon, Deputy Mayor Atkinson, Councillors A Blackie, R Brine, B Cairns, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, P Redmond, J Ward and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Milward (Chief Executive), N Robinson (General Manager Finance and Business Support), S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), M Harris (Customer Services Manager), S Docherty (Policy and Corporate Planning Team Leader), H Street (Corporate Planner), L Palmer (Credit Controller), and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

Two members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday, 27 May 2025

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy

Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Confirms** as a true and correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday 27 May 2025.

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Adoption of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 – N Robinson (General Manager Finance and Business Support) and S Docherty (Policy and Corporate Planning Team Leader)

N Robinson took the report as read. She noted that the districtwide average rates increase would be 4.98%. The Council had conducted a highly effective 2025/26 Annual Planning process, commencing in December 2024, with several workshops. Since then, the Council had considered the Annual Plan 2025/26 budget in January 2025. The draft Annual Plan 2025/26 Consultation Document, and supporting information were adopted by the Council for public consultation in March 2025, which included the Council's approach regarding Three Waters, followed by hearings of submitters in early May.

The final Annual Plan 2025/26 presented to the Council for adoption did not differ from the draft Plan. N Robinson thanked the Policy, Corporate Planning and Finance Teams for their work on the Annual Plan 2025/26.

Councillor Cairns inquired about the start date of the 2026/27 Annual Planning process, and S Docherty advised that the Project Control Group would meet in September 2025 to initiate the process, and staff working on reviewing their budgets.

Responding to Councillor Fulton's question, J Millward explained that councils were not required to publicly consult on their Annual Plan the year after approving a Long Term Plan, if it was in line with what was signalled in the LTP, ie. the second year of the Long Term Plan. However, as the 2025/26 Annual planning process included the Local Water Done Well, which was considered to be significant and new information, which could not be considered voluntary, therefore the Council had to consult the community. Although many councils did not publicly consult in the second year of their Long Term Plan, the Waimakariri District Council had always consulted on its annual plans, because it considered it a duty to provide the community with an opportunity to submit.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250604099902.
- (b) **Adopts** the Annual Plan 2025/2026 (Trim 250526092828) commencing 1 July 2025.
- (c) **Authorises** the Chief Executive to make necessary minor edits and corrections to the Annual Plan 2025/2026 prior to printing.
- (d) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams abstained

Deputy Mayor Atkinson commented that this would be his last opportunity to move an Annual Plan. Although the Council liked to look after its community, unfortunately, in the difficult economic times, the Council had to postpone some work and projects due to budget constraints. He noted that there were many rumours around the lack of transparency in local government. However, the Annual Plan process was a period of high transparency, during which the Council published its budget and requested community input. The public feedback indicated that the Council had done its best, and the majority understood that the Council was negatively impacted by inflation, which was forecast at 3.4% by the Local Government Index. The Council had always publicly consulted on its annual plans because it wanted to hear from its communities. Deputy Mayor Atkinson believed that it was a balanced budget and the best that the Council could do within the financial constraints it had. He, therefore, supported the motion.

Councillor Ward believed that the Council had done a splendid job of keeping the proposed rate increase under 5%. The Annual Plan process was long and well-managed by the staff. She noted that the Waimakariri was a growth district, and the Council had to continue investing in the district to ensure its infrastructure could cope. The Council needed to communicate to people that the service it provided was for the community. If you took into consideration the roading, infrastructure, libraries, swimming pools, parks and cycleways provided by the Council, a 4.98% rates increase was reasonable. Councillor Ward supported the motion and thanked staff for their hard work.

Councillor Redmond was supportive of adopting the Annual Plan 2025/26. He observed that over the last six years, the Waimakariri District had some of the lowest rates increases in Canterbury, if not New Zealand. The Council kept rates as low as possible while providing for continued growth and maintaining its current levels of service. Councillor Redmond noted that he had mentioned the Council's Rates Rebate Scheme on social media, and it was apparent from some of the comments that many people were unaware that the Council offered rates rebates. He, therefore, thought that it was something the Council could communicate better because it provided excellent value for the services.

Mayor Gordon also supported the motion and commented that this was one of the best Councils he had worked in in his 21 years of public service. He thanked the staff for all the work that had gone into the Annual Plan process. He believed that consulting and hearing from the public was the right approach, especially as Local Water Done Well was part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan. Mayor Gordon was pleased that 97% of respondents endorsed the Council's preferred option for providing water services. He acknowledged J Millward and G Cleary for their work on developing the Waimakariri Water Services Delivery Plan, which the Council unanimously approved. He acknowledged that projects included in the outer years of the Council's Long Term Plan required a reasonable amount of funding. However, it would be up to a future Council to determine whether those projects survived. The last few years had been challenging, and it was proven that the Council's greatest resource was its knowledgeable staff.

Councillor Fulton noted it was inadvisable to apply a private sector analysis to a public sector organisation. The Council was not a business that could be closed down, as the obligation to community service remained. He thought that the Council responded well to the outside factors driving cost increases in its budget, ensuring the delivery of services, and managed the proposed rate increase. Councillor Fulton believed there may be some room to consider community engagement in that second year of the Long Term Plan, not because the Council did not need to consult, but because there may not be many changes.

In his right of reply, Deputy Mayor Atkinson commented that this year, power costs had increased by an average of 11%, and insurance costs had risen by an average of 22%. Despite being chastised for increasing the cost, he believed that the Council was being responsible with a 4.98% rate increase. If the Council implemented a 0% rates rise, there would still be concerns about affordability due to the annual increase in the cost of living that households were subjected to. However, the Council would not be able to maintain its current level of service.

5.2 **Rates Resolution 2025/26 – L Palmer (Credit Controller)**

L Palmer spoke to the report, noting that the resolution was a requirement of Section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, which required the rates to be set by a resolution of Council.

Councillor Cairns questioned why the Pegasus Services Rates were reduced from \$74.92 to \$74.51. M Harris explained that it resulted from the finalisation of the 2026/25 Annual Plan budget; however, it was liable to change slightly.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Brine

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250603098108.
- (b) **Resolves** to set and assess the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Annual Plan 2025-2026 and Funding Impact Statement for the 2025/2026 year, on rating units in the Waimakariri District for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026.

Rates are inclusive of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

All section references are to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Targeted rating area boundaries are available at waimakariri.govt.nz or at any Council Service Centre.

1. GENERAL RATES

- (a) a general rate set under Section 13 as a rate in the dollar on the rateable capital value for all rateable land; and
- (b) a uniform annual general charge set under Section 15 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit.

Uniform annual general charge per rateable rating unit	\$135.00
General rate in the dollar on rateable capital value	\$0.000456

2. EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the District.

Fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$144.08
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3. ROADING RATES

Targeted rates set under Section 16-18 comprising a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the District; and a rate in the dollar on the rateable capital value for all rateable land in the District.

Fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$133.72
Roading rate in the dollar on rateable capital value	\$0.000557

4. NORTH EYRE ROAD AND BROWNS ROAD SEAL EXTENSION LOAN RATE

A targeted rate set under sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the North Eyre Road and Browns Road Seal Extension rating area, where a lump sum contribution has not previously been paid.

Fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$1,206.91
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5. THONGCASTER ROAD AND BROWNS ROCK ROAD SEAL EXTENSION LOAN RATE

A targeted rate set under sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the Thongcaster Road & Browns Rock Road Seal Extension rating area, where a lump sum contribution has not previously been paid.

Fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$331.65
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6. BARKERS ROAD SEAL EXTENSION LOAN RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the Barkers Road Seal Extension rating area, where a lump sum contribution has not previously been paid.

Fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$216.17
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7. RIVERSIDE ROAD AND INGLIS ROAD SEALING LOAN RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in The Riverside Road and Inglis Road Sealing area, where a lump sum contribution has not been previously been paid.

Fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$193.71
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8. COMMUNITY PARKS AND RESERVES, BUILDINGS AND GRANTS RATES

Targeted rates set under Sections 16-18 on a differential basis according to where the land is situated and the use to which the land is put, and targeted to each rateable rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit as follows:

Fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit in the Town Residential category	\$646.50
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Fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the Town Commercial category	\$646.50
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the Town Vacant category	\$85.00
Fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit in the Rural Residential category	\$561.50
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the Rural Commercial category	\$561.50

A full explanation of the differential categories is in the Funding Impact Statement contained in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 available at waimakariri.govt.nz or at any Council Service Centre.

9. COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND MUSEUMS RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the District that is used for business purposes; and each separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit in the District that is used for residential purposes.

Fixed charge per rateable rating unit used for business purposes	\$233.79
Fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit used for residential purposes	\$233.79

10. COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOLS RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the District that is used for business purposes; and per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit in the District that is used for residential purposes.

Fixed charge per rateable rating unit used for business purposes	\$188.89
Fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit used for residential purposes	\$188.89

11. CANTERBURY MUSEUM OPERATIONAL LEVY RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the District that is used for business purposes; and per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit in the District that is used for residential purposes.

Fixed charge per rateable rating unit used for business purposes	\$30.40
Fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit used for residential purposes	\$30.40

12. CANTERBURY MUSEUM REDEVELOPMENT LEVY RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the District that is used for business purposes; and per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit in the District that is used for residential purposes.

Fixed charge per rateable rating unit used for business purposes	\$8.20
Fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rateable rating unit used for residential purposes	\$8.20

13. PEGASUS SERVICES RATE

Targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit situated in the Pegasus Town boundary.

Fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$74.51
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14. ANIMAL CONTROL (STOCK) RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a rate in the dollar on the rateable capital value on rating units situated in the Residential 4A, Residential 4B and rural zones in the Waimakariri District Council District Plan, operative at 14th March 2025.

Rate in the dollar on rateable capital value	\$0.000006
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15. COMMUNITY BOARD RATES

Targeted rates set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit plus a rate in the dollar on the rateable capital value in each of the Community Board areas.

Rate in the dollar on rateable capital value on each rating unit situated in the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board area	\$0.000008
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit situated in the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board area	\$23.93
Rate in the dollar on rateable capital value on each rating unit situated in the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board area	\$0.000006
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit situated in the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board area	\$21.71
Rate in the dollar on rateable capital value on each rating unit situated in the Woodend-Sefton Community Board area	\$0.000008
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit situated in the Woodend-Sefton Community Board area	\$27.30
Rate in the dollar on rateable capital value on each rating unit situated in the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board area	\$0.000006
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit situated in the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board area	\$32.39

16. PROMOTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a rate in the dollar on rateable capital value on each rating unit that is used for business purposes.

Rate in the dollar on rateable capital value	\$0.00014
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17. RANGIORA CBD AREA MAINTENANCE AND STREET WORKS RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a rate in the dollar on rateable capital value on rating units situated in the Rangiora Central Business District rating area that are used for business purposes.

Rate in the dollar on rateable capital value	\$0.0001248
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18. KAIAPOI CBD AREA MAINTENANCE AND STREET WORKS RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a rate in the dollar on rateable capital value on rating units in the Kaiapoi Central Business District rating area that are used for business purposes.

Rate in the dollar on rateable capital value	\$0.0002426
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19. KERBSIDE RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Kerbside Collection Contract areas excluding the Ohoka Kerbside recycling area to which the rubbish and recycling service is available.

Fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which the Kerbside Rubbish and Recycling Collection service is available	\$122.00
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20. OHOKA KERBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION RATE

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Ohoka Kerbside Recycling Area.

Fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Ohoka Kerbside Recycling Area	\$112.00
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21. KERBSIDE BIN RUBBISH COLLECTION

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rubbish wheelie bin provided to rating units within the Kerbside Collection Contract areas including the Ohoka Kerbside Recycling Area.

Fixed charge per 80 litre rubbish wheelie bin	\$119.60
Fixed charge per 140 litre rubbish wheelie bin	\$160.10

22. KERBSIDE ORGANICS BIN COLLECTION

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per organics wheelie bin provided to rating units within the Kerbside Collection Contract areas (excluding the Ohoka Kerbside Recycling Area).

Fixed charge per 80 litre organics wheelie bin	\$98.20
Fixed charge per 140 litre organics wheelie bin	\$133.10
Fixed charge per 240 litre organics wheelie bin	\$188.60

23. WATER RATES

Targeted rates for water supply set under Sections 16-19 as follows:

On a differential basis according to the provision or availability of the service, a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is provided with an unrestricted connection to the Cust, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Waikuku Beach, Woodend-Tuahiwi-Pegasus, Oxford Township water supplies. A fixed amount (40% of the rate for an unrestricted connection) for each unit of water supplied is set on rating units provided with a restricted connection to the above-named water supplies.

A fixed amount per rateable rating unit connected to the Summerhill, West Eyreton, Poyntzs Road, Garrymere and Ohoka restricted water supplies together with a fixed amount for each unit of water supplied.

A fixed amount per unit of water supplied from Oxford Rural No. 1, Oxford Rural No. 2 and Mandeville (including the Fernside extension) water supplies.

(1 unit of water = 1,000 litres/day)

Targeted rate for Water UV Treatment set as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit on all rating units connected to a Waimakariri District Council water supply.

Targeted loan rates set under Sections 16-18 on a differential basis according to the provision or availability of a service, on rating units in the Tuahiwi residential area that are serviced by the Woodend-Tuahiwi-Pegasus Water Supply, where a lump sum contribution has not been paid. Loan rates are set as a fixed amount on each rateable rating unit that is connected to the Woodend-Tuahiwi-Pegasus Water Supply, with a reduced amount payable on rating units that are not connected (pipeline share). The lower differential reflects the cost of installing the main pipeline and does not include the cost of property connections.

Targeted loan rate set as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the rural land adjacent to the Tuahiwi residential area that has a restricted connection to the Woodend-Tuahiwi-Pegasus Water supply, where a lump sum contribution has not been paid.

Targeted loan rate set as a fixed amount per unit of water in the Fernside Water Loan area.

Ashley Rural water rates are collected on behalf of the Hurunui District Council.

Cust	\$1,813.10
Cust – restricted supply per unit of water	\$725.24
Summerhill – per unit of water	\$146.70
Summerhill – per rating unit	\$1,216.90
Fernside Loan Rate per unit of water	\$82.90
Rangiora	\$466.60
Rangiora – restricted supply per unit of water	\$186.64
Kaiapoi	\$334.40
Kaiapoi – restricted supply per unit of water	\$133.76
Waikuku Beach	\$667.60
Waikuku Beach – restricted supply per unit of water	\$267.04
Woodend-Tuahiwi-Pegasus	\$477.70
Woodend-Tuahiwi– Pegasus restricted supply per unit of water	\$191.08
Tuahiwi rural water loan rate	\$778.30
Tuahiwi residential area water connection loan rate	\$667.11
Tuahiwi residential area water pipeline loan rate	\$489.22
West Eyreton—per unit of water	\$117.30
West Eyreton—per rating unit	\$1,201.10
Oxford Township	\$772.10
Oxford Township – restricted supply per unit of water	\$308.84
Oxford Rural Water No 1 per unit of water	\$616.80
Oxford Rural Water No 2 per unit of water	\$531.40
Water UV Treatment rate – per rating unit	\$87.48
Mandeville – per unit of water	\$371.50
Ohoka – per unit of water	\$26.14
Ohoka – per rating unit	\$1,344.27
Poyntzs Road – per unit of water	\$94.00
Poyntzs Road – per rating unit	\$1,100.00
Garrymere – per unit of water	\$59.04
Garrymere – per rating unit	\$2,191.24
Ashley Rural Water- per unit of water	\$1,251.99

24. WAIMAKARIRI WATER RACE RATES

Targeted rates set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit where the Waimakariri water race system is available assessed on a differential basis according to the area of land within each rating unit; together with a targeted rate per hectare of land area.

Small holdings for which special arrangements have been made to pipe water from this scheme are charged the special fixed charge only.

Area Rate (per Hectare)	\$8.91
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit (properties over .4046 ha land area)	\$142.00
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit (properties less than or equal to .4046 ha)	\$137.00
Special fixed amount per rateable rating unit for piped supply	\$142.00

25. SEWER RATES

A targeted rate under Sections 16-18 per water closet or urinal within a rating unit connected to the Eastern Districts Sewer in Rangiora, Waikuku Beach, Woodend, Woodend Beach, Pines Kairaki, Tuahiwi, Kaiapoi, Pegasus, Swannanoa, Mandeville, Ohoka, Loburn Lea and Fernside.

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed charge per rateable rating unit in the Oxford sewer rating area.

Targeted loan rates set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit located in the Ohoka Utilities Connection Loan area and the Fernside Sewer Loan rating area and the Loburn Lea Sewer loan rating area.

Eastern Districts (Rangiora, Waikuku Beach, Woodend, Woodend Beach, Pines Kairaki, Tuahiwi, Kaiapoi, Pegasus, Swannanoa, Mandeville, Ohoka, Fernside, Loburn Lea) per WC or urinal.	\$658.30
Ohoka Utilities Sewer Connection Loan Rate fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$249.62
Loburn Lea Sewer Loan Rate fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$1,075.19
Oxford Sewer Operating Rate fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$1,466.60
Fernside Sewer Loan Rate fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$1,005.51

26. URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE RATES

Targeted rates set under Sections 16-18 as a rate in the dollar on the rateable land value on each rating unit situated in the Rangiora, Oxford, Pegasus and Coastal Urban (Woodend, Waikuku and Pines/Kairaki) urban drainage rating areas.

Targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a rate in the dollar on the rateable land value on each rating unit situated in the Kaiapoi urban drainage rating area on a differential basis according to where the land is situated.

A targeted rate set under Sections 16-18 as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit on the properties in Alexander Lane that benefit directly from the private stormwater pump, to be charged in addition to the Kaiapoi urban drainage rate.

Rate in the dollar on rateable land value in the Kaiapoi urban drainage rating area excluding the Island Road rural extension	\$0.001448
Fixed amount per rateable rating unit in the Alexander Lane Drainage Rating area	\$120.00
Rate in the dollar on rateable land value in the Kaiapoi urban drainage rating area Island Road Extension	\$0.000724
Rate in the dollar on rateable land value in Rangiora urban drainage rating area	\$0.0008925
Rate in the dollar on rateable land value in Coastal Urban (Woodend, Waikuku and Pines/Kairaki) urban drainage rating areas	\$0.0006703
Rate in the dollar on rateable land value in the Oxford urban drainage rating area	\$0.0010184
Rate in the dollar on rateable land value in the Pegasus urban drainage rating area	\$0.0008031

27. RURAL LAND DRAINAGE RATES

Targeted rates for Rural drainage set under Sections 16-18 on all rateable rating units situated within the separate rural drainage targeted rating areas:

Waimakariri Coastal Rural	20% collected as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit and 80% by a rate per hectare of land
Cust	Rate per hectare of land
Clarkville	50% collected as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit and 50% as a rate per hectare of land
Oxford, Ohoka & Waimakariri Central Rural	20% collected as a fixed amount per rateable rating unit and 80% as a rate in the dollar on the rateable land value
Loburn Lea	Rate in the dollar on rateable land value
Ohoka fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$81.00

Ohoka rate in the dollar on rateable land value	\$0.0004687
Loburn Lea rate in the dollar on rateable land value	\$0.0021134
Oxford fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$59.00
Oxford rate in the dollar on rateable land value	\$0.0002673
Clarkville fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$222.00
Clarkville rate on land area (per hectare)	\$59.28
Waimakariri Coastal Rural fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$66.00
Waimakariri Coastal Rural rate on land area (per hectare)	\$44.06
Waimakariri Central fixed amount per rateable rating unit	\$89.00
Waimakariri Central rate in the dollar on rateable land value	\$0.0003448
Cust rate on land area (per hectare)	\$78.55

- (c) **Resolves** that rates are due and payable by four equal instalments on the dates listed below and resolves pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 that a penalty amounting to 10% of the amount unpaid will be added to any amount of the current instalment remaining unpaid seven days after the due date of that instalment. No penalty will be applied where a ratepayer has entered into an arrangement by way of a direct debit authority and honours that arrangement so that all current year's rates will be paid in full by 30th June in that rating year or such other date agreed to by the Council:

Instalment	Due Date	Penalty Charge Applies
1	20 August 2025	27 August 2025
2	20 November 2025	27 November 2025
3	20 February 2026	27 February 2026
4	20 May 2026	27 May 2026

- (d) **Resolves** pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 a penalty charge amounting to 10% of the amount of unpaid rates from previous financial years, remaining unpaid at 3 July 2025 will be added on 3 July 2025 and a further penalty charge of 10% will be added on 6 January 2026 to rates for previous years still remaining unpaid as at 6 January 2026.

- (e) **Resolves** that rates shall be payable by cash or eftpos (debit card) at any of the following places during office opening hours:

- Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora
- Kaiapoi Service Centre, 176 Williams Street, Kaiapoi
- Oxford Service Centre, 34 Main Street, Oxford

Or online at waimakariri.govt.nz, by a direct debit facility established by the Council, internet banking or direct credit.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward commented that it was a big effort with a lot of work and thanked staff.

5.3 **Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust - Statement of Intent for the Year ending 30 June 2026** – C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation)

C Brown presented the Statement of Intent for the Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust for the year ending 30 June 2026. The Statement of Intent was reported to the Audit and Risk Committee in March 2025, and the Committee requested that the Trust provide a list of initiatives to balance its budget. The Trust had identified an additional change to the Statement of Intent, as recommended, specifically regarding the development of additional biota nodes within the Tūhaitara Coastal Park.

Councillor Redmond asked what the Trust saw as its role in education going forward. Councillor Blackie (Trust Chair) explained that the Trust lost its very competent Education Ranger in 2024, who has not been replaced, partly due to financial reasons. The Trust had a new staff member with some education experience, but not as much as the previous one. The education undertaken by the Trust was multifaceted; schools, universities, and training facilities, as well as individuals from overseas, who visited the Tūhaitara Coastal Park. Education played a significant role in the Trust's endeavours and was closely tied to owning a Biota node.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** report N° 250612106668.
- (b) **Receives** the Statement of Intent for Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust for the year ending 30 June 2026 (TRIM 240215022313).
- (c) **Notes** the change to the SOI presented to Council in March relating to Objective and Performance Target 8.
 - ~~• Develop two performing biota nodes per year to progress the long-term goal of the indigenous coastal forest along the length of the Tūhaitara Park.~~
 - *Undertake a stocktake of existing biota nodes and prepare a forward work plan that identifies maintenance and development requirements to ensure sustainable ecosystem services and foster ongoing volunteer support.*
- (d) **Receives** the financial plan, which identifies actions the Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust plans to undertake to balance the budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Blackie commented that the Trust faced some challenges during the last year, with many disruptions due to staff turnover, however believed that it was now under control and in a more positive phase. About 50% of the Trust's income was derived from outside sources, which were drying up, so it had to cut its cloth to suit. The Trust had employed a part-time person with expertise in funding applications to secure ongoing funding from various sources.

Councillor Redmond noted that the main change from the previous Statement of Intent seemed to be the removal of the two Biota Nodes. The Rotary Club of Rangiora had a biota node that was well-maintained. It was very responsible of the Trust to cut its cloth according to its available funding and was pleased that the Trust was able to find someone to assist with sourcing funding. He congratulated the Trustees for recognising the position they were in and taking steps to address it.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson commented that he had been a Trustee of the Trust for many years, and it was a very different world than before. Every organisation faced good and bad times, and the Trust were going through a rough patch, with the November 2022 forestry fire not helping the overall situation.

Councillor Ward supported the motion. She acknowledged the challenges that the Trust had faced during the past year and how fortunate the Council was that Councillor Al Blackie, as the Trust's Chairperson, had been able to manage the Trust under these trying times.

Mayor Gordon endorsed the remarks about Councillor Blackie, noting that the Council supported the Trust through staff who provided a lot of great advice. Councillor Blackie had shown great leadership and the Council was very grateful. He also noted Deputy Mayor Atkinson's contribution, who had many years of experience with the Trust. The Statement of Intent was a minor sensible adjustment and he, therefore, supported the motion..

6. **QUESTIONS (UNDER STANDING ORDERS)**

Nil.

7. **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS (UNDER STANDING ORDERS)**

Nil.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The Council would convene to consider the adoption of the District Plan at 1pm on Tuesday, 24 June 2025, in the Council Chamber, Rangiora.

The next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held at 9am on Tuesday, 1 July 2025, in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12.22PM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Mayor Dan Gordon

1 July 2025

Date