

Agenda

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

Wednesday 11 March 2026

7pm

Council Chamber
215 High Street
Rangiora

Members:

Liz McClure (Chairperson)
Jim Gerard QSO (Deputy Chairperson)
Kirstyn Barnett
Robbie Brine
Wendy Doody
Alan Geeves
Jason Goldsworthy
Diana Hawkins
Duncan Lundy
Bruce McLaren
Brent Robinson
Joan Ward

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2026 AT 7PM.

**RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORTS ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS
COUNCIL POLICY UNTIL ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL/COMMUNITY BOARD**

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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.		
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THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:		
(a) Receives , the circulated notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 11 February 2026.		
4. <u>DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS</u>		
4.1. <u>Tony Kean – Disc Gold Course Proposal at MainPower Stadium</u>		
T Kean from the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust will be in attendance to discuss the development of a disc golf course at MainPower Stadium.		
5. <u>ADJOURNED BUSINESS</u>		
Nil.		

6. REPORTS

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

20-28

RECOMMENDATION

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** 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 staff will put in place a License to Occupy 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 staff will work with Canterbury Country Cricket and NCSRT to confirm process to identify when cricket requires use and how the holes in question would be closed for that duration.

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

29-55

RECOMMENDATION

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 budget of \$400,000 within the Land Development - Neighbourhood budget for Kippenberger / Elm Green Linkage Playground Development (PJ 102758.000.5225).
- (e) **Staff** have undertaken a cost estimate and assess 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).

6.3. **Applications to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Fund – Thea Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

56-96

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

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

OR

- (c) **Declines** a grant to the Okuku Pony Club.
- (d) **Approves** a grant of \$..... to the North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Troop towards the cost of attending the pre-Jamboree camp in Oxford in March 2026.

OR

- (e) **Declines** a grant to the North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Troop.
- (f) **Approves** a grant of \$..... to the Rangiora Boxing Club towards the cost of medical care for athletes during the South Island Golden Glove tournament.

OR

- (g) **Declines** a grant to the Rangiora Boxing Club.

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

97-125

RECOMMENDATION

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.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. **Letter from Keep Rangiora Beautiful**

126-127

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

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

8. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

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

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**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

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

Note:

1. *The links for Matters for Information were previously circulated to members as part of the relevant meeting agendas.*

10. **MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The purpose of this exchange is to provide a short update to other members in relation to activities/meetings that have been attended or to provide general Board related information.

Any written information submitted by members is included in the agenda.

11. **CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

11.1. **Youth Action Plan**

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

Consultation closes Wednesday 18 March 2026.

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.

13. **MEDIA ITEMS**

14. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

16. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

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

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 is moved:

That the public is 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 each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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 are 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).

NEXT MEETING

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

Workshop

- *Road Naming – Thea Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) 20mins*
- *Members Forum*

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

PRESENT

L McClure (Chairperson), J Gerard (Deputy Chairperson), K Barnett, R Brine, W Doody, A Geeves, J Goldsworthy (arrived at 7.38pm), D Hawkins, D Lundy, B McLaren, B Robinson and J Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor D Gordon.

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer), M Foster (Community Development Facilitator – Arts Strategy Implementation), D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor), H Downie (Strategy and Centres Team Leader), D Mansbridge (Project Engineer), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

Three members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: L McClure

Seconded: J Gerard

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives and sustains** an apology for lateness from J Goldsworthy who arrived at 7.38pm.

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 – 10 December 2025

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: D Lundy

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 10 December 2025.

CARRIED

3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

T Kunkel advised that Environment Canterbury had notified all submitters to the Loburn Quarry consent that the applicant was submitting to the Fast Track Approvals Bill and therefore all hearings were on hold till May 2026.

3.3. **Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Workshop– 10 December 2025**

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives**, the circulated notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 10 December 2025.

CARRIED

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

5. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

6. **REPORTS**

- 6.1. **Request to Approve the Extension of No-Stopping Restrictions on Southbrook Road**
–N Puthupparambil (Transportation Engineer) and S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer)

S Binder took the report as read and welcome any questions.

K Barnett questioned why consultation had not been undertaken with surrounding residents. S Binder advised that letters were sent to the seven residents adjoining the proposed no-stopping restrictions, seeking feedback. One response was received, opposing the proposal. He noted that due to the safety concerns associated with the proposal, staff sought feedback but were not requesting alternative suggestions.

Barnett further asked why the respondent opposed the proposal. S Binder explained that the objection related to the reduction of available on-street parking.

D Hawkins queried whether it was common practice to install no-stopping restrictions following concerns being raised, and whether such issues could be identified earlier during design processes. S Binder confirmed that staff were improving their assessment practices to better identify the need for no-stopping restrictions in advance. Historically, less formal assessment occurred, and drivers relied on their own judgement regarding parking until restrictions were deemed necessary.

Moved: D Hawkins

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260116006869.

AND

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board recommends:

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

(b) **Approves** installation of the following no-stopping restrictions:

- Southbrook Road, on the east side of the road, for a length of 18.5m south of the existing restriction, starting at the northern end of driveway to 66A, 66B, and 66 Southbrook Road and ending at northern end of driveway to 66A Southbrook Road.
- Southbrook Road, on the west side of the road, for a length of 6m to the south of the existing restriction, starting at the southern end of 55 A, and 55 Southbrook Road and ending at 13m from the northern end of driveway to 53D Southbrook Road.

(c) **Notes** that this extension of existing no-stopping restrictions will not result in on-street parking loss, as the areas are not designed for parking and are too narrow to safely accommodate parking.

CARRIED

D Hawkins felt this was an eminently sensible solution that would minimise the occurrence of accidents on heavily used roads. She therefore supported the motion.

6.2. **Request to Approve the Golding Avenue No-Stopping Restrictions –** S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer) and J McBride (Roothing and Transportation Manager)

S Binder reported that the installation of no-stopping restrictions on Golding Avenue, Rangiora, had previously been considered by the Board in 2025, at which time consultation with surrounding residents was undertaken. Golding Avenue was identified as a low-speed residential road where the existing S-bend created visibility issues when vehicles were parked on-street.

D Hawkins asked whether reducing the speed limit on Golding Avenue could address the safety concerns instead of installing no-stopping restrictions. S Binder noted that lowering the speed limit could help by increasing driver reaction time; however, previous proposals to reduce speed limits in the area had not received community support.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: W Doody

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260109002898.

AND

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board recommends:

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

(b) **Approves** installation of the following no-stopping restrictions:

- Eastern side of Golding Avenue, for a length of 11m north of the driveway to no. 22 Golding Avenue.
- Western side of Golding Avenue, from a point 10m south of the driveway to no's 19-31 Golding Avenue, for a length of 11m south.

(c) **Notes** that properties adjoining the proposed no-stopping restrictions were sent consultation letters in July 2025, but no feedback was received.

- (d) **Notes** that the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board requests that when finances are available priority be given to installing a safety island in the centre of Golding Avenue where it meets Kingsbury Avenue.

CARRIED

J Gerard expressed support for the motion, noting that although no-stopping restrictions would not resolve every safety issue on Golding Avenue, they were essential. He highlighted that when vehicles were parked on the S-bend, there was no line of sight, creating a significant hazard. J Gerard also observed increased traffic volumes due to growth on Ashley Street and Kingsbury Avenue, with drivers frequently cutting the corner. He suggested that installing a safety island would provide a substantial improvement.

W Doody also supported the motion, stating that the current road layout did not provide an acceptable line of sight when vehicles were parked on-street. She therefore supported the motion.

K Barnett noted that Golding Avenue was an important feeder road and expressed concern about traffic backing up further along the street. She emphasised the need for expert advice on the most effective long-term solution and commented that Kingsbury Avenue also required speed-management treatments.

D Hawkins supported the motions as she considered the proposal a wise use of funds that would deliver meaningful safety benefits.

D Lundy was fully supportive of the motion, stating that Golding Avenue was currently very dangerous, with vehicles frequently obstructing the carriageway.

6.3. **Installation of Sculpture at MainPower Stadium** – M Foster (Community Development Facilitator – Arts Strategy Implementation) and G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager)

M Foster introduced Sharon Earl, the artist creating the sculpture to be installed at MainPower Stadium. She advised that the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust, was requesting approximately \$2,000 from the Board's General Landscaping Budget to contribute to installation costs of the sculpture and prevent delays to the project.

D Hawkins asked whether the sculpture would be suspended. S Earl confirmed it would be secured to the ground on a concrete base. She described the artwork as resembling a water-worn rock with a central opening that people could sit in.

L McClure questioned whether the sculpture and its installation would require an engineering report for safety, given that it could be mounted by the public. M Foster confirmed that staff would ensure that the appropriate engineering requirements for the installation of the sculpture were met.

D Lundy enquired whether there were plans to share the vision of the sculpture with the wider community. S Earl noted that her work was generally grassroots in nature and easily understood by the public. M Foster added that the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust would install a plaque with the name of the piece, which could also include a description.

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: W Doody

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260122010759.
- (b) **Approves** installation of the sculpture, created by Sharon Earl, at MainPower Stadium.

- (c) **Approves** up to \$2,000 of discretionary funding from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's General Landscaping Budget to cover unforeseen installation costs with unused funds to be returned to the Boards budget.
- (d) **Notes** that the proposed location of the sculpture in MainPower Stadium has been agreed between the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust, the Council and the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust.
- (e) **Notes** that the sculpture will be owned and maintained by Council with ongoing maintenance costs being covered by existing Greenspace Maintenance Budgets (10.538.811.2507).

CARRIED

K Barnett expressed strong support for the concept, noting her appreciation for interactive public art. She stated that the sculpture would be an excellent addition to the Waimakariri District.

W Doody also endorsed the proposal, commenting on the high quality of S Earl's work and noting that it would be valuable to have one of her pieces located within Waimakariri District.

- 6.4. **Request for Inclusion of New Names to the Pre-Approved Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's Road and Reserve Names List** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Lay** the report on the table until a workshop can be held on the Boards criteria for pre-approved road names.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a briefing on the Rangiora Eastern Link Update at 7.46pm and reconvened at 8.26pm.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1. **Options for Managing Cats in Waimakariri**

- 7.2. **Phoenix Palm Tree at 2 Edward Street**

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the memo regarding Options for Managing Cats in the Waimakariri (Trim: 260105000830).
- (b) **Receives** the memo regarding Phoenix Palm Tree at 2 Edward Street, Rangiora (Trim: 251222244272).

CARRIED

8. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1. Chair's Diary for December 2025 and January 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: 260204019528).

CARRIED

9. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 3 December 2025.
- 9.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 December 2025.
- 9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 December 2025.
- 9.4. Council Submissions to Central Government Consultations for September and October 2025 – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.5. Adoption of Community Board Submissions on Resource Management Matters Policy – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.6. Adoption of Elected Members Expenses Policy – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.7. Elected Member Pecuniary Interests Register – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.8. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairpersons Report for Period 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025 – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.9. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Chairpersons Report for Period 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025 – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
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- 9.11. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chairpersons Report for Period 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025 – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.12. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report October 2025 to Current – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.13. Rural Recycling Facility Options – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 9 December 2025 – Circulates to the Rangiora-Ashley and Woodend-Sefton Community Boards
- 9.14. May 2025 Flood Recovery Progress Update and Project Update on Infrastructure Resilience Fund for 2024/25 and 2025/26 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 9 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.15. Update to Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group Terms of Reference – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 16 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.16. Arohatia te Awa Terms of Reference – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 16 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.17. Aquatics December Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 16 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.18. Libraries Update to December 2025 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 16 December 2025 – Circulates to all Boards

PUBLIC EXCLUDED9.19. Partial Acquisition of Todds Road and Fernside Road, Rangiora – Report to Council Meeting 2 December 2025 – Circulates to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

Moved: A Geeves

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.9.1 to 9.18.
- (b) **Receives** the separately circulated public excluded information in Item 9.19.

CARRIED**10. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE****R Brine:**

- A Southbrook Community Sports Hub Community workshop was planned for Tuesday 17 February 2026.

K Barnett:

- The Townsend Road, Rangiora closure had been delayed due to weather, with the new opening date being 23 February 2026.

A Geeves:

- Attended Civil Defence meeting.

B McLaren:

- North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support were going through the changes with the Charitable Trust process and once completed would seek a Board appointee.
- Attended the first concrete pour at the Pegasus Community Centre.
- Met with residents at the Elm Green Reserve regarding the playground consultation.
- Dudley Park Aquatic Centre was closed for essential maintenance with alternative pools available in Oxford and Kaiapoi.
- Attended the Pegasus Community Picnic Day where there were vintage cars and radio-controlled boats.
- Mysteries at the Rangiora Museum TV1 News story. Help was needed to identify people in historic photos.
- Watch the Twin Town Cruises for Muscle Car Madness. There was concern over who would pay for the mud damage; however, the maintenance was the responsibility of the Northern A&P Association, who owned showground grounds.
- Attended the Freedom Lifestyle Village opening in Ravenswood.
- Attended the DIY Garage Sale fund raiser for the Hope Community Trust. Tradespeople donated excess building products and tools.

J Gerard:

- Attended the Mayoral Christmas Morning Tea.
- Suggests Glenda from Meals on Wheels be nominated for a Community Service Award.
- Golding Avenue and Kingsbury Avenue, Rangiora, flooded in the recent heavy rain event. There would not be a quick fix solution, but in the future the road should be closed pre-emptively
- Attended District Licensing Committee Hearing and Deliberations.

J Ward:

- Attended the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan Budget meeting which was completed in one day.
- Southbrook Community Sports Hub were making good progress.
- Attended the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust introduction of Youth Awards Recipients' event.

D Hawkins:

- Loburn Road, Loburn had been resealed. There were some issues with willow trees hanging across the road which was dealt with immediately; however, long term effects would need to be considered
- The Ashley Rakahuri River Care Group still had concerns around cats; however, they would be trying to educate as many people as possible to help mitigate the disruption to nesting bird life.

B Robinson:

- The road works on Townsend Road seemed to be progressing well.
- Many graffiti were appearing on streets in Rangiora, especially on businesses on High Street. S Hart advised that private buildings owners were responsible for removal on their buildings and the Council had a contract in place to deal with graffiti on public land.

W Doody:

- Visited the new pensioner housing development in Kaiapoi which was very impressive.
- McPhail Avenue was becoming a busier street and would need to be considered with the construction of the Eastern Rangiora Link Road.
- The Koura Park stormwater swale had been installed.

D Lundy:

- Assisted with the clean-up from the Muscle Car Madness event.
- Attended a Civil Defence exercise in Oxford.
- He believed that had the Okuku Bridge repair and Loburn Road resealing been completed earlier several accidents would likely not have occurred.

J Goldsworthy:

- Several of the Council's bylaws and policies were up for review.
- The Council was making submissions on several Government Reforms.
- There had been concerns regarding the Rangiora Promotions Association advertising signs. Their priority system had been reinstated with local non-profits having priority.

11. CONSULTATION PROJECTS**11.1. Beach Users Survey 2025/26**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/beach-users-survey-2025>

11.2. Libraries Survey 2025

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/libraries-survey-2025>

The Board noted 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.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 11 March 2026 in the Council Chamber.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8.52PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

Briefing (7.46pm to 8.26pm)

(Trim: 260225063663)

- *Rangiora Eastern Link Update – Don Young (Senior Engineering Advisor)*

Workshop (8.52pm to 10.01pm)

(Trim: 260225063662)

- *Blake Street Carpark Reconfiguration Project – Heike Downie (Strategy and Centres Team Leader) 30mins*
- *BNZ Corner Development – Heike Downie (Strategy and Centres Team Leader) 30mins*
- *Members Forum*

Unconfirmed

NOTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 8.52PM.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer), H Downie (Strategy and Centres Team Leader), D Mansbridge (Project Engineer), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

1. **Blake Street Carpark Reconfiguration Project** – S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer), H Downie (Strategy and Centres Team Leader) and D Mansbridge (Project Engineer)

Presentation: Trim: 260204020452

Key Points:

- The Council was committed to an at-grade reconfiguration of the Blake Street carpark with budget included in the Long Term and Annual Plans.
- The Blake Street carpark currently provided 169 parks, which on average had 90% occupancy. The Parking Management Plan set an appropriate target occupancy range of 70% to 85%.
- The draft concept would provide a further 51 car parks.

Questions/Issues/Feedback:

- *Staff was requested to ensure the mobility parks have sufficient room for side loading as well as rear loading.*
- *Members asked whether wind-sheltering features had been considered. Staff noted that proposed plantings would provide shelter once established, and further mitigation options could be explored.*
- *Members also questioned whether any concepts had been developed for the urban activation components. Staff advised they were open to a range of ideas and had not yet identified specific elements.*

2. **BNZ Corner Development in Rangiora** – S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer), H Downie (Strategy and Centres Team Leader) and D Mansbridge (Project Engineer)

Presentation: Trim: 251223246121

Key Points:

- The BNZ Corner project was paused until the private development progressed, which was now underway.
- The overall objective was to create public realm and intersection improvements that enhance the pedestrian journey, connect the two halves and complement the new BNZ Corner development.

Questions/Issues/Feedback:

- *It was suggested that the project should be coordinated with the upcoming sewer upgrades scheduled for High Street, Rangiora*
- *Concerns were raised that the current pedestrian-crossing signal timing was insufficient for people with slower mobility to cross safely.*
- *It was recommended that the right-turn movement into High Street be retained.*
- *The Board proposed increasing pedestrian appeal through a multi-way pedestrian crossing.*
Staff noted this option had been assessed previously, but modelling indicated it would negatively impact traffic flow.
- *A proposal was made to remove the right-turn from High Street westbound onto Ashley Street, converting it into a straight-ahead lane and encouraging vehicles to use Albert Street instead.*

3. Members ForumKey Points:

- *Who was responsible for the maintenance of the Cust Domain buildings, playground and fencing?*
Staff would investigate and report to the Board.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE WORKSHOP CONCLUDED AT 10.01PM.

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**REPORT FOR DECISION**

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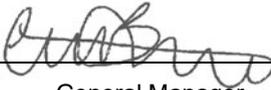
REPORT TO: RANGIORA ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 11 March 2026

AUTHOR(S): Chrissy Taylor-Claude, Parks Officer

SUBJECT: North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust Disc Golf Course Proposal

ENDORSED BY:
(for Reports to Council,
Committees or Boards)



General Manager



Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is seeking the Board's approval for installation of a disc golf course proposed by the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust (NCSRT) in the area between MainPower Stadium, Coldstream hockey turf, and MainPower cricket oval.
- 1.2. In January 2026, NCSRT provided a proposal to install a 9-hole disc golf course adjacent to MainPower Stadium and MainPower Cricket Oval (*attachment i*). This course is not pay to play and would be available to the public to use free of charge. There would be discs available to hire for a small charge from NCSRT at MainPower Stadium during staffed hours.
- 1.3. The NCSRT are interested in providing this opportunity as it will provide local disc golfers and new players with another course option in the Waimakariri which will grow interest and engagement in the sport. It will also provide a low-cost activity for visitors and their family members using nearby sports facilities and attract visiting disc golfers to the area for casual play or potential competitions. Along with this, the course will enable NCSRT to engage with sports programmes for both primary and secondary schools.
- 1.4. The installation of the disc golf course would be temporary in nature and can be easily moved or altered. As mentioned in the NCSRT's request, the course is to be set up so it can be easily adjusted in future once the overall usage plan for this area is finalised, with NCSRT's hope that disc golf can be included in this plan going forward. This includes making baskets relocatable and not doing any sort of major earthworks until such time as the course can be made permanent.
- 1.5. This proposal is being fully funded by NCSRT, resulting in no cost to Council or ratepayers. Any costs relating to maintenance, relocation, or removal of these items would sit with NCSRT.
- 1.6. Disc Golf is a social and competitive sport which any person can play, and which requires only a disc or Frisbee. Played much like traditional golf but with flying discs instead of balls and clubs, the player starts from a designated tee and aims to get their disc in an elevated metal basket target. The goal is to get the disc in the basket in the fewest throws possible.
- 1.7. Disc golf is a growing activity around Aotearoa New Zealand and there has recently been a disc golf course installed in Kaiapoi Domain which was requested and driven by members of the community. Jellie Park remains the most popular disc golf course in New Zealand with 15,926 rounds of disc golf recorded in 2025 which makes it the 7th most popular in the world when comparing the single most popular course in each country.

Attachments:

- i. Letter of proposal from North Canterbury Sports and Recreation Trust.
Trim: 260202017622.

2. RECOMMENDATION

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** 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 staff will put in place a License to Occupy 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 staff will work with Canterbury Country Cricket and NCSRT to confirm process to identify when cricket requires use and how the holes in question would be closed for that duration.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust (NCSRT) was established in 1982, as a partnership between representatives of the North Canterbury community, Waimakariri District Council and Rangiora High School to raise funds for facilities to provide recreational and sporting activities to benefit the entire community. Their goal is to promote healthy lifestyles across our community by providing active sport and recreation opportunities for all ages.
- 3.2. At the end of January 2026, NCSRT provided a proposal to install a 9-hole disc golf course adjacent to MainPower Stadium and MainPower Cricket Oval (*attachment i*). Trust staff have met with Council staff to better articulate the proposal and have provided the below proposed layout.

3.3. Proposed layout of the course as seen in attachment i:



- 3.4. In the image above, the circles indicate the baskets and the short line at the other end of each long line (fairway) indicates a tee block. Crossing fairways is not expected to raise any issues providing players are courteous and have full visibility between tee blocks and baskets. This visibility has been planned for in the suggested design for these two holes. NCSRT will make sure all documentation and any signage for players is clear.
- 3.5. The installation of the disc golf course does not have an end date; however, it would be seen as similar to goal posts in that it can be easily lifted out or moved if need be. As mentioned in the request, the course is to be set up so it can be easily adjusted in future once the overall usage plan for this area is finalised, with NCSRT's hope that disc golf can be included in this plan going forward. Allowing the location of the course, enables the Trust to gather usage data and engage the community to get a good understanding of its value to the stadium location. The installation includes making baskets relocatable and not doing any sort of major earthworks (for tee boxes or hazards). If the course proves to be a popular addition, the Trust will approach Council to consider more permanent fixtures. Currently, the project is more about information gathering and trying to activate the space.
- 3.6. This course is not pay to play and would be available to the public to use free of charge. There would be discs available to hire for a small charge from NCSRT at MainPower Stadium during staffed hours.
- 3.7. NCSRT plan to engage with local businesses to raise sponsorship to cover the costs of baskets and other materials needed to establish the course. Any long-term costs relating to maintenance, relocation, or removal of these items would sit with NCSRT.
- 3.8. Disc Golf is a social and competitive sport which any person can play, all you need is a disc or Frisbee. Played much like traditional golf but with flying discs instead of balls and clubs, the player starts from a designated tee and aims to get their disc in an elevated metal basket target. The goal is to get the disc in the basket in the fewest throws possible.
- 3.9. As shown below, the tee is generally a small, paved area on which you stand with instructions and information alongside. Cages can be permanent or temporary depending on the course and consist of a vertical pole often with chains and a catcher at the bottom.

- 3.10. Below is an example of what the equipment could look like:



- 3.11. Disc golf is a growing activity around Aotearoa New Zealand and there has recently been a disc golf course installed in Kaiapoi Domain which was requested and driven by members of the community. Jellie Park remains the most popular disc golf course in New Zealand with 15,926 rounds of disc golf recorded in 2025 which makes it the 7th most popular in the world when comparing the single most popular course in each country.
- 3.12. The proposed layout will not conflict with other services in the area. There is an irrigation pipe that runs under the ground near one of the proposed fairways. It is not expected that any construction will be undertaken over this area. Greenspace staff will work with the Water Unit and NCSRT to ensure any works are away from this area.

4. **ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1. There are 3 options for the Board to consider.

- 4.2. Option 1: Approve the proposal.

Staff recommend this option as it would occupy greenspace that it currently unutilised. This is an opportunity to provide another disc golf course option in the district at no cost to Council. This option would provide a local disc golf course for the Rangiora community, expanding on the current network of courses in Waimakariri. This will also enable new family participation options. The proposed location is reasonable as it is a hub for sport and recreation activities and an area where families and individuals of all ages already frequent. The area also already has parking and other facilities available for users.

- 4.3. Option 2: Decline the proposal.

Staff do not recommend this option because the proposal presents an opportunity to encourage more people to recreate in our community, including in family groups (intergenerational recreation). If the proposal was declined, it would risk losing an opportunity for provision of recreation infrastructure, specifically a disc golf course, at no cost to Council. Staff do not foresee any issues or negative impact on the community by the installation of a disc golf course at this location, and the temporary nature of the proposed course would enable any unforeseen impacts to be remediated later.

- 4.4. Option 3: Recommend another location for consideration.

Staff do not recommend this option because this may require another source of funding at another location. This location is proposed because of the ease by which NCSRT can manage and monitor the course. An alternative location could result in installation and maintenance costs to Council, which may negate the opportunity. However, this option may be selected if the Board would like staff to investigate whether a different space may be more suitable for long-term planning or recreational needs of the Coldstream precinct. This option would require staff to work NCSRT to investigate alternative locations, which may extend the timeframe for installation and draw further on Council resources.

4.5. **Implications for Community Wellbeing**

There are implications on community wellbeing by the issues and options that are the subject matter of this report. The enablement of recreation spaces is expected under Council's levels of service. Disc Golf courses encourage recreation and help build connectivity within communities. Active recreation improves physical and mental health in participants which contributes positively to overall wellbeing. As disc golf is an easy to learn social sport with very minor associated costs, it enables accessible participation. The activity is highly inclusive and social, welcoming families and mixed-ability groups. It encourages people to take part who may not typically engage in outdoor recreation. For example, it provides low impact activity for sedentary people and older adults. The proposed course will activate underutilised greenspaces, reduce anti-social behaviour, and offer a low-cost, high-value recreational asset for residents and visitors.

4.6. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

5. **COMMUNITY VIEWS**

5.1. **Mana whenua**

Consultation has not been carried out with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū. Staff do not foresee that they would likely to be affected by or have a specific interest in the subject matter of this report.

5.2. **Groups and Organisations**

There are groups and organisations likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report such as Canterbury Country Cricket who operate at MainPower Oval. NCSRT have engaged with Canterbury Country Cricket who support the proposal providing there is assurance that disc golf does not interfere with cricket activities. Canterbury Country Cricket will have priority of use of the area and if they ask for modifications, NCSRT will work with Canterbury Country Cricket to make any necessary changes to ensure activities are not negatively impacted. If approved, the NCSRT would need to arrange a process with Canterbury Country Cricket to identify when cricket requires use and how the holes in question would be closed for that duration. Users of the artificial hockey turf such as Rangiora Hockey Club may also have interest in the subject matter of the report. However, as this area is fully fenced, it is not expected to impact people using the hockey turf. The hockey turf is also a bookable space coordinated by NCSRT, giving them clear oversight of any conflict between hockey turf users and disc golf users. Staff do not anticipate any conflict because of the orientation of the holes and location of hockey. However, if any issues arise, the holes can be closed, moved or relocated while hockey is in session. As with any public reserve space, there is a risk of conflict between users; however, any risk between users has been mitigated as much as possible. If there was any conflict due to the course being open to the public, this would be managed like any other Council reserves by relying on service requests coming in to Council and having an open line of communication with NCSRT if anything of concern is raised by them. If there were any issues raised by Canterbury Country Cricket or hockey turf users that could not be remedied, the course can be relocated if required.

5.3. **Wider Community**

The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report as this is in a high-profile location due to its proximity to MainPower Stadium, the hockey turf and cricket oval. However, due to the area being unutilised at present by any formal groups or known casual users, it is not expected to have negative impact on the community. This installation will be temporary in nature and can be easily adjusted as required. Because of this reason, staff do not expect a need for public consultation. It is expected that this will attract more people to recreate in the community.

6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1. **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications of the decisions sought by this report. This proposal is to be fully funded by NCSRT, resulting in no cost to Council or ratepayers. NCSRT plan to engage with local businesses to raise sponsorship to cover the costs of baskets and other materials needed to establish the course. Any long-term costs relating to maintenance, relocation, or removal of these items would sit with NCSRT. If in future Council needed to take on any costs to maintain, relocate, or remove the equipment, a further report to the Board would be required.

This budget is not included in the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan.

6.2. **Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The recommendations in this report do not have sustainability and/or climate change impacts.

6.3. **Risk Management**

There are risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

6.3.1. There is a risk of discs hitting surrounding infrastructure or residential properties in the future. It is not expected that this will be an issue as the fairways are facing away from the current buildings (e.g. MainPower Stadium). As mentioned above, there is fencing between the hockey turf and the disc golf course which will mitigate any risk of disc interfering with hockey turf users. If in future, there are issues with discs hitting residential properties, or other issues arise, the particular hole can be relocated.

6.3.2. There is a risk that the disc golf course could interfere with Canterbury Country Cricket. However, as mentioned in NCSRT's proposal letter, they would continue to work with Canterbury Country Cricket to ensure the course did not negatively impact cricket activities.

6.3.3. NCSRT have provided further information below to reduce any risk to Canterbury Country Cricket:

- Course design: Structured as much as possible to have players throw away from the cricket grounds. Further monitoring will be undertaken in the initial stages.
- Mandatory flight paths: On the one hole that follows around the side of the oval we have kept the fairway down low behind the bund and will use trees as "mandatories", which means discs must go to the right side of these and away from the turf.
- Hole closure: On days where there is cricket being played and spectators are around the east side of the oval; there will be signs and other means to ensure people do not play the affected holes on that day. Other means could include covering the baskets. If a hole needed to be closed for an extended period of time, there is an app used by disc golfers that has the ability to show if a hole is inactive and unable to be used.

6.3.4. As mentioned above, if any issues arise with Canterbury Country Cricket that cannot be remedied, the disc golf course can be redesigned or relocated.

6.3

Health and Safety

There are health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report. As above, any health and safety risks relating to cricket interference would be eliminated or mitigated as much as possible. Staff do not expect there to be any other health and safety concerns beyond that which is reasonably expected through participation in any outdoor recreational activity.

7. CONTEXT

7.1. **Consistency with Policy**

This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

7.2. **Authorising Legislation**

Local Government Act

7.3. **Consistency with Community Outcomes**

The Council's community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

Environmental

- Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces

Social

- Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation.
- People are able to enjoy meaningful relationships with others in their families, whanau, communities, iwi and workplaces.

7.4. **Authorising Delegations**

The Rangiora-Ashley Community Board has delegated authority to approve the recommendations in this report.



22nd January 2026

RE: Disc Golf Course Proposal

To Waimakariri District Council and Rangiora Ward Committee

Disc Golf is growing in popularity with many District Councils (including WDC) assisting community and clubs to find suitable space and establish the course. Examples include Christchurch City Council working with the Hagley Park Golf course to establish a disc golf course in Hagley Park, and also WDC introducing a course in Kaiapoi recently.

NC Sports (aka The North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust) is proposing to set up a 9-hole Disc Golf course adjacent to MainPower Stadium and MainPower Cricket Oval.

This course would be available to the public to use free of charge, with discs available to hire for a small charge from MainPower Stadium during staffed hours. NC Sports will engage with local businesses to raise sponsorship to cover the costs of baskets and other materials that may be needed to set up the course, so there would be no costs to WDC or ratepayers.

The land proposed for this disc golf course is currently unutilised green space on the west side of MainPower Stadium and around the south end of MainPower Hockey Turf, and into the trees to the east of MainPower Cricket Oval. See map below.

We propose setting up the course so that it can be easily adjusted in future once the overall usage plan for this area is finalised, with the hope that disc golf can be included in this plan going forward. This includes making baskets relocatable and not doing any sort of major earthworks (for tee boxes or hazards) until such time as the course can be made permanent within the greenspace plan for this area.

We have engaged with Canterbury Country Cricket at MainPower Oval who support the proposal so long as steps are taken to ensure golf does not interfere with cricket activities. We have taken this into account within the course plan and if the course goes ahead we will continue to monitor this alongside the cricket staff.

In developing the course layout we have worked with a group of local disc golf enthusiasts who provided great advice and suggestions, and who will help us tweak the course further once it is up and running. We will also ensure the course does not adversely affect the mowing or other maintenance in this area.

DISC GOLF COURSE - MAINPOWER STADIUM & MAINPOWER OVAL



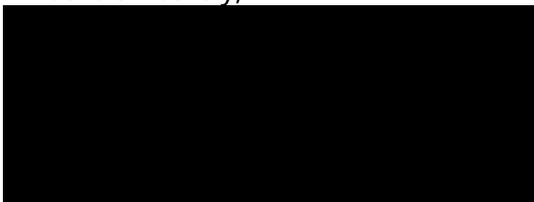
We see a number of benefits with the establishment of this course including...

- Provide local Disc Golfers and new players with another course option in the Waimak, growing interest and engagement in the sport
- Provide another low-cost activity for visitors and their family members to other sports facilities in the area, which include MainPower Stadium, Tennis Centre, Hockey Turf, Cricket Oval and Maria Andrews Football Park.
- Engage with sports programmes for both primary and secondary schools
- Attract visiting Disc Golfers to the area for casual play or potential competitions

If we can secure approval from WDC and Rangiora Ward Committee to progress the development of this Disc Golf course NC Sports will engage with local business sponsors to purchase the baskets and any other equipment required. NC Sports will install any signage required and provide scorecards and other information for players at MainPower Stadium, on website etc. We will also promote the opening of the course via various media platforms. There will be no cost to the community other than hire equipment.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this proposal please feel free to ask me at any time

Yours sincerely,



Tony Kean

NC Sports / Mainpower Stadium

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WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**REPORT FOR DECISION**

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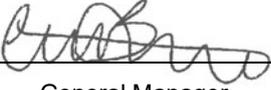
REPORT TO: RANGIORA – ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 11th March 2026

AUTHOR(S): Julie Mason – Landscape Architect

SUBJECT: Elm Green Reserve Master Plan for Approval and Implementation

ENDORSED BY:
(for Reports to Council,
Committees or Boards)


General Manager


Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present the Elm Green Reserve Master plan to the Rangiora Ashley Community Board and seek approval to implement the play space which has recently been out for public consultation.
- 1.1. The Rangiora – Ashley Community Board approved community engagement at its December 2025 meeting on the Elm Green Reserve Draft Concept Plan. ‘Let’s Talk’ flyers were delivered to residents within a 500m radius of the site and information was included on the Council website and social media platforms.
- 1.2. In total this consultation received 59 formal responses of these, 28 respondents fully supported the plan, 13 supported it and suggested other play interventions they would like to see in the space, 8 did not support the plan but would support it if changes they suggested were made and 10 respondents were opposed to the plan.
- 1.3. Feedback from early consultation with the Waimakariri Access Group along with feedback received from the community engagement has now formed the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan for approval in this report.
- 1.4. Should the Board approve the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan, detailed design is programmed for early to mid-2026 and construction planned to start in Spring 2026.
- 1.5. This project is a growth project funded through reserve development contributions. A budget of \$400,000.00 has been allocated from the Land Development - Neighbourhood budget for Kippenberger / Elm Green Linkage Playground Development.
- 1.6. Staff estimate the costs to implement the proposed Elm Green Reserve Master Plan to be approximately \$385,000 which includes a 15% project contingency.
- 1.7. If the Board approves the plan, the next steps will involve progressing to detailed design and initiating the tender process, during which the market will be invited to submit pricing. It is expected that the resulting estimate will fall within the allocated budget to enable implementation.

Attachments:

- i. Elm Green Reserve Master Plan (TRIM: 260226064838)
- ii. Elm Green Reserve Play Space Elements (TRIM: 260217028331)
- iii. Elm Green Reserve Draft Concept Plan Survey Responses (TRIM: 260217028351)

2. RECOMMENDATION

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 budget of \$400,000 within the Land Development - Neighbourhood budget for Kippenberger / Elm Green Linkage Playground Development (PJ 102758.000.5225).
- (e) Staff have undertaken a cost estimate and assess 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).

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Elm Green Reserve is located in East Rangiora between MacPhail Avenue and Goodwin Street, (refer below image of Elm Green Reserve). The reserve is an open grassy corner site which dips down to the Eastern end. The creation of a play space in this location is required to meet the level of service for the Highgate and Elm Green developments with the reserve located between the two subdivisions.



- 3.2. This project is a growth project where the budget of \$400,000 will come from the Land Development - Neighbourhood budget for Kippenberger / Elm Green Linkage Playground (PJ 102758.000.5225). Noting that at present the project is estimated to cost \$385,000 which is within allocated budget.
- 3.3. Elm Green Reserve has been identified as a Local Play Space location under Waimakariri District Council's Play Space Strategy (2017) and Parks Categories and Levels of Service.

- 3.4. The reserve is intended to cater for residents within a 500m catchment area, providing accessible, safe recreational opportunities that meet the needs of the surrounding community.
- 3.5. It has been identified that residential properties around Elm Green are currently not adequately served by existing or planned play spaces. This supports the need to develop a play space at Elm Green Reserve which is the most appropriate site available to serve the area outside of that radius.
- 3.6. The table below shows the general level of service requirements for a play space in such a location.
- 3.7. **Level of Service Requirements**

Characteristic	Local Play Space
Size	Small to Medium
Catchment Area	Local neighbourhood. Within walking distance of most residential households.
Access	Primary focus on walking, cycling and other non-motorised travel. Roadside vehicle parking along one or more park boundaries.
Usage	Primarily local residents using the play space on a regular basis for short to moderate periods.
Target Groups	Priority focus on pre-school (under 5) and young primary age (5-8). A play space catering for a relatively large or high-density catchment should include elements for older children.
Play Value	All core play values for the age levels targeted. Primary play values at the highest level achievable within the scope of local level provision. (See Appendix C: <i>Play Values Checklist</i>)
Supporting Infrastructure	Open grass space, shade trees, low-maintenance landscaping and seating. Toilet facilities not normally provided unless the site attracts long-stay visits and/or significant visitor numbers from outside the local area.
Other Possible Infrastructure	Paths, shade facilities, picnic table, drinking fountain, litter bin. Supplementary recreation/play facilities compatible with park size and characteristics e.g. basketball half court

- 3.8. In October, staff presented a Draft Concept Plan to the Waimakariri Accessibility Group to ensure the design aligns with best practices in accessibility. The feedback received guided the Elm Green Reserve Draft Concept Plan.
- 3.9. In December 2025 the Rangiora – Ashley Community Board approved consultation with the surrounding community on the Elm Green Reserve Draft Concept Plan. Staff have summarised the results of this consultation and any corresponding changes made in Section 4 of this report below.

4. **ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1. Staff undertook consultation with the surrounding community over a 4-week period following approval from the Community Board. Lets Talk Flyers were delivered on the 19th December and consultation closed on the 21st of January. These flyers were delivered to all residents within a 500m radius of the site and information was included on the Council website and social media platforms. While online feedback closed on the 21st January, we did receive some feedback received shortly afterwards which was included and considered as part of this process.

- 4.2. Overall, there were 58 people who responded to the survey online plus one emailed response. The consultation asked respondents to share their thoughts on the draft concept Plan for Elm Green Reserve and if they had any concerns or suggestions. 28 people (47%) were supportive of the plan and provided positive feedback, 13 people (22%) were supportive but suggested other play responses they would like considered, 8 people (14%) were not supportive of the plan but would be if changes they suggested were implemented, and 10 people (17%) are totally opposed the plan and provided feedback as to why.
- 4.3. Staff have collated this feedback and collated it into three tables, Table 1 lists the positive feedback received, Table 2 summarises feedback requesting changes to the draft concept plan and Table 3 summarises feedback from respondents who are not supportive.
- 4.4.

Table 1: Positive feedback from respondents
Be great to have a fun pathway for kids to scooter or little kids to trike / bike around. An area that they can scooter around rocks and trees bushes, etc... a cool design. Love and look forward to the play area in the area, well overdue.
Anything for the kids.
There has been a need for another playground in this area for a long time. Very pleased it is being addressed. Really hope there are not too many 'naysayers'.
Really positive for the area and a great use of the space. Fully supported.
I think this is a great idea, about time!
I think it is a brilliant idea. Thank you.
Fantastic use of this green space. Kids & their families will love it!
This is a fantastic idea. We have grandchildren who visit, and they will love it. Ideal for a flying fox due to the long piece of land. Love the King of the Castle rock - it's great when kids can use their imaginations and create their own games. Please don't delay or our grandchildren will be too old! This playground is very much needed in this area.
Looks great. Thanks!
We are so excited about this project! We have so many kids in our neighbourhood - this park will mean a lot to them and their families.
It looks great! We appreciate being given the opportunity to give feedback. thank you & good luck!
I think it looks great! What an excellent use of a 'dead' space!
Great idea, the grandkids will love it.
I'm a grandparent & think this is absolutely ideal for that area. I hope it goes ahead.
A great use of the area. Lots of different activities for all ages.
Looks like an exciting and engaging place for children to play. I like the range of activities proposed.
A great idea.
I live in Elm Green Stage 1. I have two young children and would love to have a play area like this close by. It will be great to have that area developed into something useful.
I think it looks perfect. Great place for the kids & parents to be outside enjoying fresh air & fun things to do in that green space. Well done.
It's fantastic to see this space being utilised at last for the many families that live around this reserve.
I think a playground over this side of town is a great idea
Great spot that will come to life with a playground!
Playground looks great.
All in all, great.
looks fab!

- 4.5. Feedback from respondents who suggested changes to the plan has been combined, summarised and addressed with staff comments in the table below:

Table 2: Combined feedback from respondents both supportive *and not* supportive, but would be with suggested changes

Qty	Feedback	Staff Comment
4	More shade/Shade Sails	Trees have been included within the plan which will provide natural shade cover to the playspace in time. Staff will ensure that the trees selected are of a grade suitable to reduce the time until these provide a canopy as much as possible. There is no budget available for additional shade structures without removing other assets from the plan. Shade sails come with high installation and maintenance costs, vulnerability to strong winds, safety and clearance issues, vandalism risks, and a shorter UV-affected lifespan. This leads to increased ongoing operational costs.
5	Drinking fountain (1)/toilets (4)	This is a neighbourhood provision playspace and therefore a drinking fountain or toilet provision are outside of the level of service provision for this space.
3	More Picnic tables	Provision has been made for 1 x accessible picnic table; and an additional table has been included in the revised plan.
1	Full length path MacPhail to Goodwin with litter bins each end	The revised plan has included the accessible table being relocated nearer to the trampoline where a litter bin has been included. It is expected that one rubbish bin will meet the levels of service in this playspace and any additional bins will create more ongoing operational costs and are not necessary. A full-length path is not necessary due to the play space being located in close proximity to both pedestrian walkways on MacPhail Avenue and Casino Street.
10	Slide (5), More and better swings (4),	Although these items received the most requests, they have not been included in the plan because they are already available at the nearby Koura Reserve. Providing diverse play experiences across local reserves is a key priority to ensure a varied offering that supports different ages and abilities throughout the district.
2	Incorporate stream/swale into plan / bridge/nature play/ water play	There is insufficient budget for water play in this reserve and no current services to site for this. A swale has now been constructed along the site boundary as part of a separate project and provision for \$5000 has been allocated from Biodiversity budgets for planting around the swale area which will add to the aesthetics and also encourage natural play.
1	Better Parking/ Cycle stands (1)	This is a neighbourhood provision playspace. This means that it is provided for the local community and not a destination playspace which we would anticipate people would drive too. Cycle stands have been included to accommodate local users.
2	More seating around entire area/picnic table or seat across road	Seating has been provided within the Master Plan however if the Board wanted more, this could be a consideration for a future project funded out of their General Landscaping Budget.
3	Better play toys -boring	The plan reflects options that best fit the site's location, character, and budget. Limited space and safety requirements restrict what can be included, and the budget prioritises features with the greatest community benefit. As a result, the plan focuses on the most feasible and widely supported elements.
17	Tunnel under mound (1)/Talk tubes (1)/ Outdoor fitness equipment (1)/Monkey Bars	These requests have not been included in the plan due to budget or space constraints. Staff have prioritised items that

	(1)/Small pump track for beginners (1)/ Climbing wall (1)/ Tight rope (1)/Bigger tramp (1)/Core board/braille sign (1)/ Half court (2)/Soccer goals (3)/Cricket nets (2)/ Marked running track (1)	are different to nearby Koura Reserve whilst offering responses for a range of ages and abilities. If the Board wishes to replace any items, staff can revise the plan and present an updated Master Plan. An adult exercise area is outside the scope of this development but could be considered as a separate future project through community funding or the next Long-Term Plan if supported.
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4.6. The table below includes feedback received against the current proposal along with staff responses;

Table 3: Combined feedback from respondents <i>not</i> supportive		
Qty	Feedback	Staff Comment
6	Placing a playground next to MacPhail Avenue, soon to be a busy bypass for cars and trucks would expose children to increased traffic volume and speed, creating significant safety risks. This makes the proposed location, especially for younger children, unsuitable and poorly planned. A secure fence or barrier along MacPhail Avenue for safety.	Fencing is not included in the standard level of service for playspaces and, while beneficial for some caregivers, can also introduce entrapment and supervision risks. Bollard fencing will therefore be installed along the MacPhail Avenue and Casino Street boundaries to slow movement toward the roadway and prevent unauthorised vehicle access. Staff have revised the design by shifting the play space further from MacPhail Avenue and incorporating soft landscaping and additional trees to create a visual barrier. The primary entry point has been relocated to Casino Street, where associated facilities and visual cues are more accessible.
9	A playground here is unnecessary, nearby parks especially the under-used Koura Reserve are close and could be upgraded instead. Place a new playground in Belgrove, this site is to be exposed, windy conditions make it unsuitable.	Elm Green Reserve is classified as a Local Play Space location in the Waimakariri District Council's Play Space Strategy, meaning it is designed to serve residents within a 500 m catchment by providing accessible, safe recreation for the nearby community. This is the most suitable site for such in this catchment area. Belgrove will have its own neighbourhood playspace.
15	Playground with a flying fox would attract noise, late-night gatherings, and antisocial behaviour, disrupting the quiet environment for elderly residents. Its proximity to homes was seen as increasing noise, reducing privacy, and heightening safety risks, especially given the reserve's sound amplification and potential to draw in teenagers. It's beyond rude.	The flying fox proposed will be a modern, low-noise design utilising a nylon mechanism similar to that at Townsend Fields Playspace which has received no noise complaints since installation or issues around teenagers on the flying fox. The noise generated by flying foxes and playspaces in general is in keeping with the types of activities associated with a neighbourhood reserve. Staff have shortened its length and positioned it closer to Casino Street to maximise distance from nearby homes. The park will not include lighting, helping to limit activity during nighttime hours. The Flying Fox is one of a few key features, where it provides variety for older children who might otherwise have limited play opportunities on this site. This is met at Koura with a climbing tower and a basketball court. This is a small neighbourhood playspace intended for nearby residents, not a destination playground attracting visitors from outside the area. Trees and planting around the swale will also provide visual privacy for nearby properties.
6	The reserve becomes very wet and muddy in winter, limiting use. Past tree plantings have repeatedly failed due to poor drainage and	A swale has recently been constructed to improve drainage for both neighbouring residents and the site. Trees will be

	underlying clay, making new plantings unlikely to survive and potentially a waste of money. Drainage needs to be addressed first.	planted in 1 × 1 m tree pits with adequate mulch in the clay pan, using species tolerant of wet soils and the site-specific conditions to ensure better survival.
6	The reserve is already well used as an open green space for ball games, golf practice, kite flying, dog walking, and informal play, permanent structures would take away from these existing activities, leave as it is.	The play space will occupy only the Northwest end of the reserve. A focus has been made for the design to blend aesthetically and functionally with the landscape whilst still providing a local play space that meets required service levels for the community and allowing existing uses such as free play and dog walking to continue.
4	Concern about safety risks from the proposed trampoline/concerns on impacts on wildlife/The playground does not meet community needs/Opposition against the project due to recent rate increases, arguing council funds should focus on essential services rather than non-essential new amenities.	The trampoline has been removed from this plan due to the accessible basket swing being the primary inclusive feature for this site. Staff intend to include an accessible trampoline in the future Belgrove play space to ensure a good spread of accessible equipment across the district. The proposed wheelchair-accessible design will continue to meet all required health, safety, and playground standards. This is a growth project funded by development contributions rather than Council Rates in order to meet level of service provisions which outline the needs of the community. Council's Biodiversity Team have reviewed the plan and do not have concerns for impacts on the local wildlife. Rather the planting around the swale and trees will also provide valuable habitat for local wildlife.
1	Would like a community meeting to address their concerns	Staff believe that sufficient work has been undertaken to adapt the plan based on the feedback received and a public meeting is not required. Staff do not recommend a meeting as people have been given an opportunity to personally provide their feedback and a public meeting is unlikely to gain further or more relevant information/feedback. If the Board wish for Staff to undertake one prior to approval, while not recommended, this can be undertaken but would delay the project until the plan was approved at a later date.

4.7. Elm Green Reserve Master Plan

The Elm Green Reserve Master Plan (*Attachment i*) incorporates the consultation feedback on the Elm Green Reserve Draft Concept Plan. The changes made to the plan are outlined below;

- The flying fox has been reduced to a 30m length allowing the play space to be moved closer to the MacPhail Ave and Casino St boundaries. This reduces the fall/mound height to 1.2m and provides more distance from any neighbouring properties.
- The springy play items have been swapped out for items such as Tic Tac Toe, Sensory Play Tunnel and Junior Lollipop Swing. These responses offer more diversity and are different to those responses at Koura Reserve creating variety of play responses in the area.
- A cycle stand and addition of another picnic table have also been included as per requests in the consultation feedback. The accessible table has been moved closer Casino Street boundary for improved connectivity.

- Additional trees for more shade have been added along with garden beds of native plantings around the swale area. The location of the trees and garden beds have been strategically placed to also provide screening and a visual barrier for nearby properties.
- The 'King of the Castle' mound has been incorporated into the flying fox mound to maximise play value and eliminate duplication of items.
- The wheelchair accessible trampoline has been removed from this plan due the key accessible item being the basket swing. Staff propose the addition of a wheelchair accessible trampoline be added to the new Belgrove Development Play space to ensure a variety of accessible items is provided around the district.

4.8. **Next Steps**

Now that community engagement has been completed and the design modified where possible and practical based on consultation feedback, staff are seeking approval from the Community Board of the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan and to carry out implementation of it.

The Board have the following options available to proceed:

- 4.9. **Option 1:** The Board approves the Master Plan for implementation with no changes. Small changes to the plan have been made where possible and practical following consultation feedback. Staff have provided comments in Table 3 in Section 4 of this report on feedback that is not supportive of the plan. The plan provides for a neighbourhood play space for residents within the 500m radius of the site and can be accomplished with the budget available. Staff recommend this option.
- 4.10. **Option 2:** The Board request additional changes before approving the plan. This option remains a viable and supported pathway and minor changes with limited impact on site or cost can likely be accommodated without needing to return to the Board. Significant changes, however, would require further staff review and a return to the Board with a revised plan. Staff do not recommend this option as this would cause a large delay and additional time for the community where their expected level of service is not being met.
- 4.11. **Option 3:** The Board chooses not to approve the Master Plan. Staff have consulted with the local community and feedback shows that there is support for the play space in the community and where possible ideas have been included and considered within this proposal. Not approving the plan would significantly delay the project and leave the community with a level of service is not being met. Staff therefore do not recommend this option.

Implications for Community Wellbeing

- 4.12. There are implications on community wellbeing by the issues and options that are the subject matter of this report. Elm Green Reserve is a neighbourhood reserve and levels of service to meet the requirements as discussed in the above section of this report. There is a positive benefit to local children when play spaces are installed. Play is an important part of a child's development as it builds imagination and creativity, fosters cognitive growth (for healthy brain development), delivers well-being benefits (can help reduce anxiety and boost joy and self-esteem), improves literacy (socialising and by observing others), encourages greater independence and promotes physical fitness. The

development of this space also allows a functional, inviting and safe space for parents and caregivers to utilise at the same time.

- 4.13. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

5. **COMMUNITY VIEWS**

5.1. **Mana whenua**

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū are not expected to be affected by or interested in this report. As part of standard Council process, staff briefed Whitiōra for consideration at their Cultural Advisory Group meeting, but no response was received, so the project has proceeded.

5.2. **Groups and Organisations**

There are groups and organisations likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report.

The Waimakariri Accessibility Group has been directly consulted with to ensure the Plan aligns with best practices in accessibility. The feedback provided has guided the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan attached to this report.

5.3. **Wider Community**

The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. Greenspace staff have undertaken consultation with the wider community as discussed in Section 4 of this report above and amendments made to the Concept Plan where practical and possible to align with feedback received which now forms the Elm Green Reserve Master Plan.

6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1. **Financial Implications**

There are financial implications of the decisions sought by this report. This budget is included in the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan.

This project is a growth project funded through developer reserve development contributions. A budget of \$400,000.00 has been allocated from the Land Development - Neighbourhood budget for Kippenberger / Elm Green Linkage Playground Development (PJ 102758.000.5225).

This budget is allocated within this 2025/26 financial year however, as construction is unlikely to begin until spring, some of this budget will be carried over into the 2026/27 financial year.

There is an additional \$5,000 put aside for planting around the swale from the Natural Transitional Planting Fund (PJ 102471 000 5223), along with \$1,000 from the Interpretive Signage Fund (PJ 102472.000.5223) for a Biodiversity sign. These can both be completed separately from the main construction contract and can be completed this financial year.

Staff estimate the costs to implement the proposed Draft Concept Plan to be \$385,000.00 which includes a 15% project contingency. The ongoing operation costs is factored into the end-to-end planning of this asset and is covered by operational budgets within the LTP.

Soft-fall matting has been specified beneath the basket swing to ensure full wheelchair accessibility. This option represents an estimated additional cost of \$9,000 compared with bark surfacing. The associated cost for the soft-fall matting has been incorporated into the overall project estimate.

6.2. Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts

The recommendations in this report have some sustainability or climate change impacts. As playground equipment needs to meet particular standards in New Zealand and is expected to last for a long time it is generally brought new and manufactured using strong and durable materials. This means that they should last longer than cheaper lower quality products which reduces both material and energy use in the long run. Where possible, New Zealand manufacturers are used, however in some cases the components or some features are only available on the international market which does have an impact on the energy used to create it.

Canterbury suppliers are used for the bark soft fall, and it is made from tree bark or, in some cases the recycling of broken pallets and unusable timber. While the top surface of the wet pour rubber matting is virgin rubber imported from other countries, the thicker springy layer is recycled car tyres shredded and reused which reduces waste.

This design provides for 15 specimen trees. Twelve juvenile trees are already on site, and some may need to be relocated to accommodate the play space. These, along with three new trees, will be planted as shown on the plan, and an allowance for relocation costs has been included. Trees offer natural shade—reducing the need for built shade structures—and support local habitats while improving air quality.

The swale that has recently been created to connect with existing swale at the Eastern Goodwin Street end and will have planting around the perimeter to create interest and soften the overall form of the swale along with provide privacy for residents and vital habitat for native species.

6.3. Risk Management

There are risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

It is important to note that activities included within the Master Plan are examples of activities that could normally be expected to be found within a neighbourhood reserve. Therefore, the associated noise or other impacts, while managed as much as possible through design, should not prevent these activities being provided in these areas as residents close to neighbourhood reserves should have a general expectation of these activities occurring – even if not currently provided.

A total of 10 negative responses were received, with several submitters raising similar concerns. These concerns have been summarised, along with staff responses addressing each issue, in Table 3 in Section 4 of this report.

Staff have reviewed the revised budget from changes made to the plan following consultation feedback. Due to the project's scale, there is a risk that when tenders are received, they may be higher than anticipated within the engineers estimate. A 15% contingency has therefore been included to help mitigate this risk.

6.4. **Health and Safety**

There are health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report. Staff will ensure through the tender process that the contractor is site wise and Health and Safety requirements are met.

7. **CONTEXT**

7.1. **Authorising Legislation**

- Reserves Act 1977
- Neighbourhood Reserves Management Plan 2015
- New Zealand Standards 5828.2015: Playground equipment and surfacing

7.2. **Consistency with Community Outcomes**

The Council's community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

Social ...a place where everyone can have a sense of belonging...

- Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation.
- Our community has equitable access to the essential infrastructure and services required to support community wellbeing.

Environmental...that values and restores our environment...

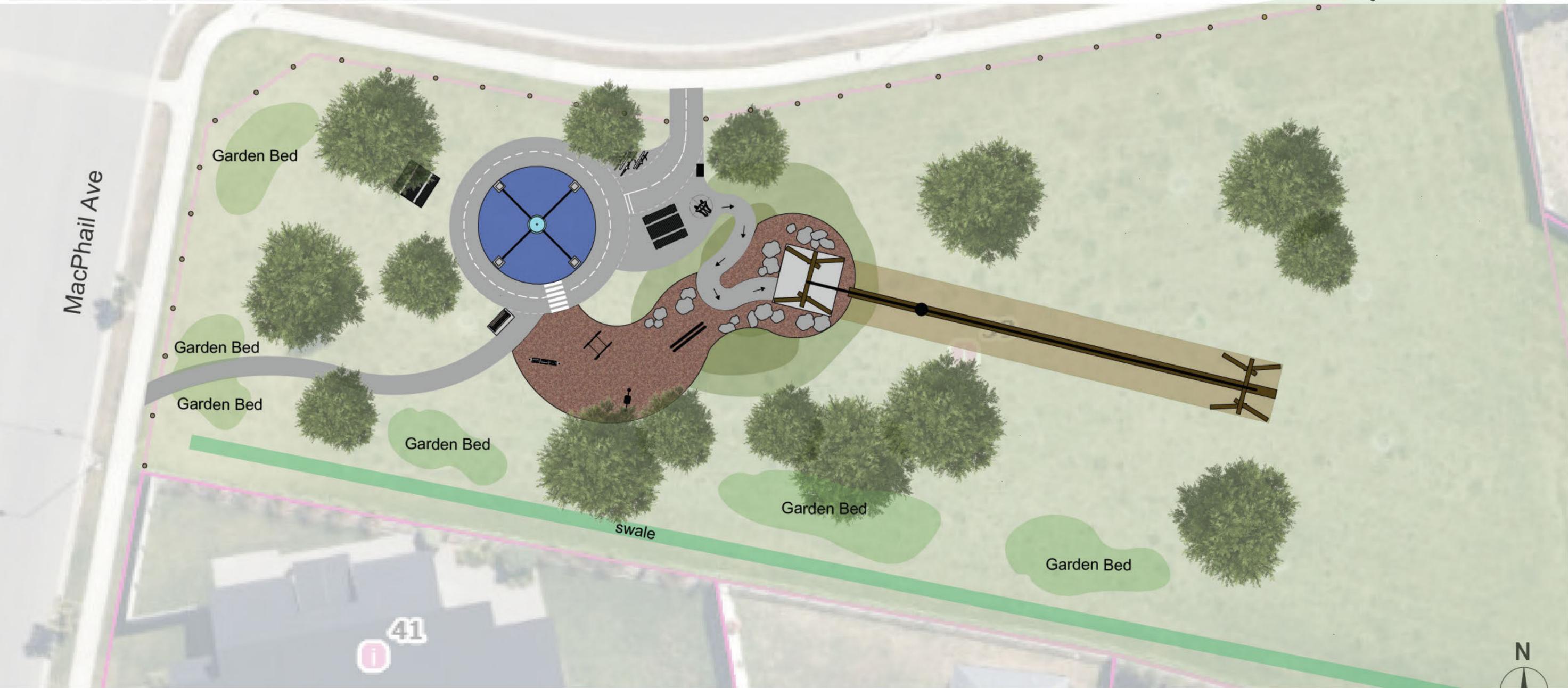
- People are supported to participate in improving the health and sustainability of our environment.
- Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.

Economic...and is supported by a resilient and innovative economy.

- Infrastructure and services are sustainable, resilient, and affordable.

7.3. **Authorising Delegations**

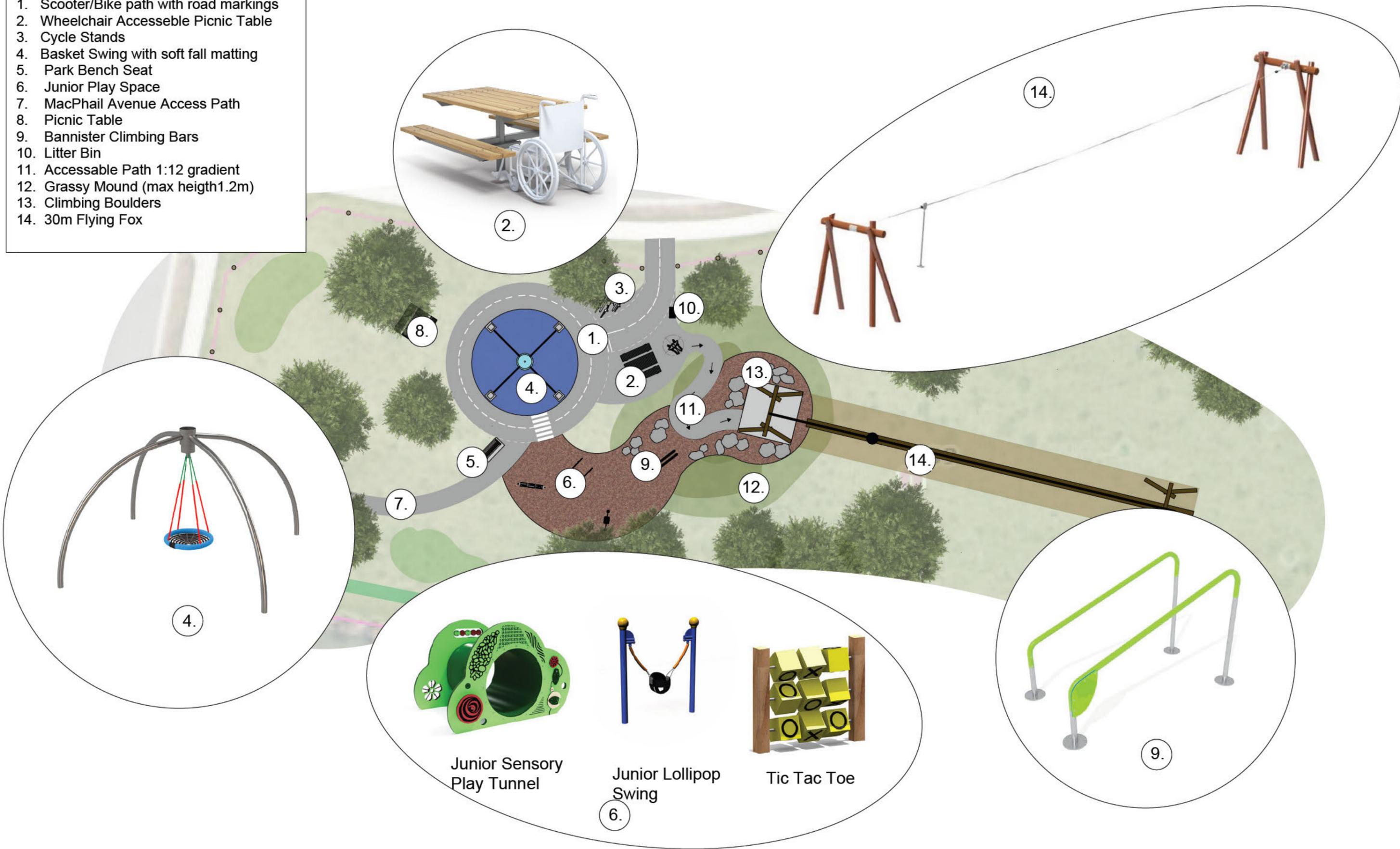
The Rangiora-Ashley Community Board have the delegation to approve the revised Elm Green Reserve Master Plan for implementation.



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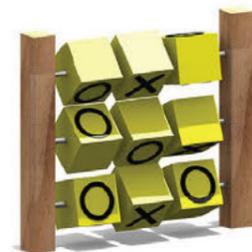
1. Scooter/Bike path with road markings
2. Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Table
3. Cycle Stands
4. Basket Swing with soft fall matting
5. Park Bench Seat
6. Junior Play Space
7. MacPhail Avenue Access Path
8. Picnic Table
9. Bannister Climbing Bars
10. Litter Bin
11. Accessible Path 1:12 gradient
12. Grassy Mound (max height 1.2m)
13. Climbing Boulders
14. 30m Flying Fox



Junior Sensory Play Tunnel



Junior Lollipop Swing



Tic Tac Toe

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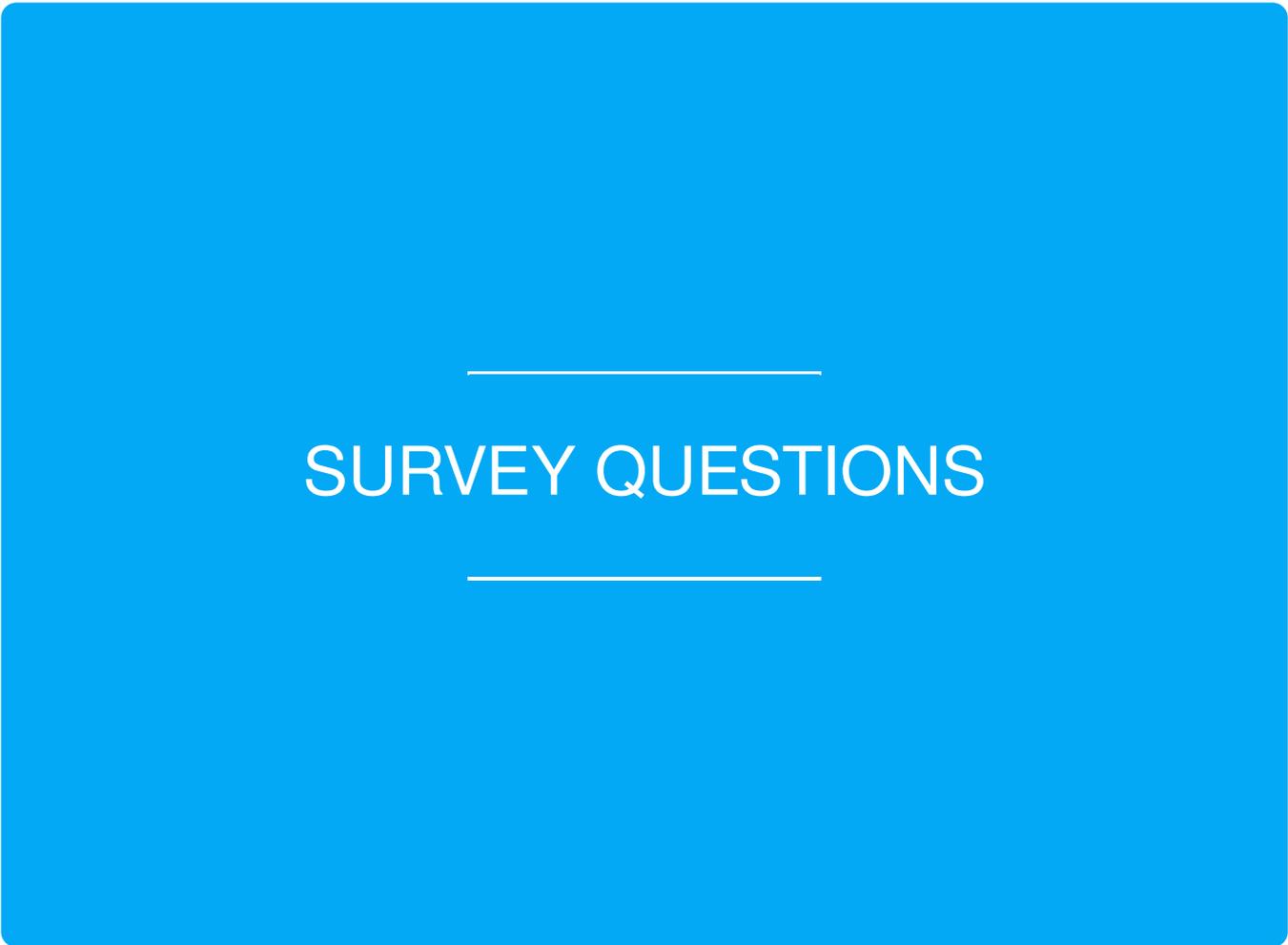
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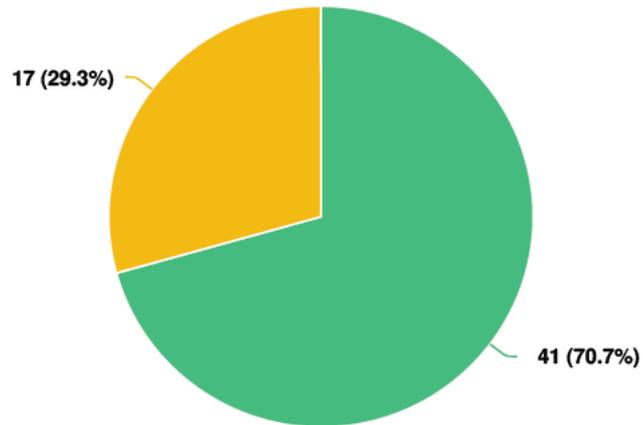
SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

21 February 2020 - 25 January 2026

PROJECT NAME:
Elm Green Reserve



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Do you support the Draft Concept Plan for Elm Green Reserve?**Question options**

Yes No

*Mandatory Question (58 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q2 | Do you have any further comments? Have we missed anything?

Valuable green space, please no permanent structures Koura reserve playground one block away never in use

Be great to have a fun path way for kids to scooter or little kids to trike / bike around. A area that they can scooter around rocks and trees bushes, etc... a cool design. Love and look forward to the play area in the area, well over due.

It's fantastic to see this space being utilised at last for the many families that live around this reserve. The only additional things I could suggest to what's already proposed is maybe some water play and some shade sails as the trees are still quite immature and don't offer much shade.

Anything for the kids. Anonymous submitter

It is a wonderful idea, but do make sure that the many dog walkers aren't inhibited. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

There has been a need for another playground in this area for a long time. Very pleased it is being addressed. Really hope there are not too many 'nay sayers'. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I think adding in a sign language board/brail for children to use e.g. alphabet or simple communication sign pictures so children can communicate with those that might have a disability & only way is throughsign. E.g. Hello, thank you, please, play with me, goodbye etc. Days of week under each one put brail for blind children to use. Child friendly. Even numbers 1-10, colours, weather pictures. Easy to read. Good for children to be exposed to other childrens learning ways - from an ECE Kaiako/teacher - Hokitika playground has this!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Really positive for the area and a great use of the space. Fully supported [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I think a playground over this side of town is a great idea. Could it also have a drinking fountain/water? Kids are always so thirsty and we love the playgrounds around Rangiora that have water + toilets. We go to them over others. Also there is a empty grass area on MacPhail Ave/Cassino St opposite this suggested area. Could there be a wee garden/picnic bench there? often people I see sitting there.
[REDACTED]

I think this is a great idea, about time!

The flying fox will bring bored teenagers to the area all hours of the night and cause disruption to homes in the area. The quietness will be broken and the children who already use the area will be threatened or pushed away from using it. We dont have children at home anymore ourselves who use the reserve but see many who do. Rangiora has a teenage deliquent issue, please dont give them a new place to congregate and destroy. Putting a playground for younger children right next to MacPhail Ave just before it becomes a busy bypass for traffic heading south out of Rangiora seems like incredibly poor planning with the possibility of adverse results for the planned users. On the subject of the planned trampoline, will probably lead to unsupervised injury or worse.

I think this will create extra noise for people living around this reserve. It is currently a great space for walking/ running dogs around and is often seen having cricket touch rugby and kite flying on it. I am open to it being upgraded to include some kind of swings, picnic table and nice shaded area where it will not interfere with locals living nearby or safety of children when the new road is put through. A flying fox will be too close to residential areas and although there are many families around the area there are more older retired folk living in this zone. I think this part of the plan particularly needs revisiting. Flying fox can become very noisy and disturb the local wildlife in the reserve across the road and locals living near and beside the reserve. Happy to help or chat further. Kind regards. [REDACTED]

Elm green is a very narrow space. flying fox belongs in a large

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park, not in front of people's houses the play area is ok but not the fox people pay extra to look out on a green space. Not to have a flying fox going past and also do you think this will attract board teenagers at night. most of our houses on Koura Drive face the green space.. say no to the flying fox

MacPhail Avenue is a main thoroughfare right next to the reserve, it also tends to attract higher speed traffic which is unsafe for small children. The reserve is an extremely wet area at certain times of the year and stops people using it. When dry, the area at the western end gets used by teens playing ball, cricket, flying kites, why take that away from them, people also use the area to walk their dogs. The cold easterly wind often screams through the length of the reserve making it an unpleasant area, a playground should be situated somewhere sheltered. The current trees have been replaced many times and I would imagine at great expense, the layer of clay underneath holds the water in the bowl of where the trees are planted making them drown, future plantings will not survive and without shelter and greenery it will look terrible. The houses all around the reserve will be exposed to noise and even more lack of privacy, particularly with the southern properties only having pool fencing. There is other play ground areas easily within walking distance. Forward plan for a more suitable site rather than throwing this at established residents.

1. This is a very quiet area with not a lot of young children in the area. There is already a park at Koura reserve which is under utilised. This would be a great area to re-develop/improve, rather than adding another park only a short distance away. 2. In addition, the new estate on the other side of Kippenberger road should have a playground/park area as part of the new development which is considerably larger than the immediate area around Elm Green. 3. MacPhail avenue is/will already increase in traffic due to the main road connecting the new road from Lineside through to Bellgrove and beyond. This will result in parking issues along the road by Elm Green reserve and could be a potential hazard for children crossing the road to the reserve. 4. I don't know if anyone has ever walked along Elm Green reserve but if you had, you would know that it is used by dog walkers. 5. The area where the flying fox is planned will result in extra noise for the neighbours. This area echoes noise - I know this as my voice echoes when I call my dog.

Great spot that will come to life with a playground! A tunnel under the grassy mound would be great. Another idea is a talk tube with the tubes on opposite sides of the balanced equipment for children to

speak to each other through.

Would be good to include basic outdoor exercise/gym equipment in these reserves.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Playground looks great. But where are the toilets. No toilets - no playground! Do without some play equipment, and put a toilet in. Please & thank you. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A public toilet and a few picnic tables for families to sit, enjoy, and maybe have their child's Birthday party there. All in all great. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I think it is a brilliant idea. Thank you. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Fantastic use of this green space. Kids & their families will love it!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This is a fantastic idea. We have grandchildren who visit and they will love it. Ideal for a flying fox due to the long piece of land. Love the King of the Castle rock - it's great when kids can use their imaginations and create their own games. Please don't delay or our grand-children will be too old! This playground is very much needed in this area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Have you walked down that green area in the winter time, it is like a bog the further you walk east. So leave it as is for now a lot of the rate payers have had a guts full of the massive rate increases over the last few years and I would say it won't be long before there is a huge push back on rate rises. Anonymous submitter.

[REDACTED]

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Looks great. Thanks! [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

We are so excited about this project! We have so many kids in our neighbourhood - this park will mean a lot to them and their families.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It looks great! We appreciate being given the opportunity to give feedback. thank you & good luck! [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I think it looks great! What an excellent use of a 'dead' space! [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Families & children already utilise this reserve - Practising their golf swing - Playing catch - Setting up goals for ball sports - People playing with their dogs This proposed playground is too close to homes on the boundary of the park. It will attract noise & youths gathering up to no good. Surely there's a more appropriate green space in Rangiora for this. If the proposed bypass down MacPhail happens I don't believe a playground so close to a main thoroughfare is appropriate. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This is a nice to have item, not a must. There is the Northbrooks Wellows and walk-way to the south, plus the Kouro Reserve playground to the south. Given the rate increases over the past five years, and the total cost of this idea it should never happen. On a personal note, I walk most days and often only see one family at these two council paid for sites. Now this and the extra cost pressure on everybody in the district please don't spend money where it's not needed. Fix your roads, footpaths and try not to decimate the main street by allowing other shopping ideas close by. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Great idea, the grand-kids will love it. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A great use of the area. Lots of different activities for all ages. [REDACTED]

Looks like an exciting and engaging place for children to play. I like the range of activities proposed.

A great idea. [REDACTED]

Go big or go home. Add some better play toys.

I would like the swings to be adult friendly assuming there are swings. As a parent it is lovely to be able to swing alongside your children and the swings at koura reserve around the corner do not fit adult bottoms! Adults should be able to be examples in play for their kids and playground equipment should be designed as such! The creek that runs out of the proposed Elm green reserve supports the life of a number of eels, I think this stream should be incorporated into the proposed plan (it looks like it could be slightly on the map). I would do this by adding a path and bridges that move along the stream - I would also add stepping stones through/accross the stream and a little deck with eel feeders (little sticks with pegs to attach meat to). If you are wanting to incorporate nature and natural play I think you are missing an opportunity by not doing this. I would also plant trees to shade the stream and improve stream life. Another thing I would also love to see is a water play area. The absence of this in Rangiora is something we have noticed as a family who have moved out of the city to raise children. In christchurch every house we lived at had splash pads or paddling pools within a short walk yet to find an equivalent in Rangiora on a hot summers day we need to get in the car and drive to Waikuku. We would love to see this remedied for Rangiora and why not do it for this new playground! I think with the new bypass this area will also become busier, perhaps including better parking, Toilets and some form of barrier to the busy road maybe usefull - maybe the childrens play space could be shifted to the Goodwin street end. The storm green area on the otherside of Goodwin street is also frequently used for recreation however there is no seating in it perhaps this could be dont at the same time. I have met an Older man who walks through this area, his wife is unable to join him as she can not walk this far with out a rest and there is not where in this area for her to stop and rest. I would love to hear back

about if any of this feedback has been incorporated or heard. I have to admit, when I see a survey that wraps so many different possible things to collect feedback on, in to the one word "support" I am dubious about how genuine the intention of feedback is. I do support the idea of creating a playground in this area, that does not mean I completely agree with the way it may be done.

A scooter or bike pump track would be ideal. We have so many young children in the area and the current park on Watkins is not sufficient. Also a lot of teens in the area so a half court and hoop or soccer goals would be an amazing addition (similar to Ravenswood park). Keep the teens busy doing constructive activities and out of trouble. The area is growing so quickly and currently we do not have adequate play spaces for kids of all ages. It looks like a slide has also not been included in the plan so maybe something to consider.

[REDACTED]

No - definitely not! You say you want something unique and different!?! This is plain boring. Sorry. Have any of you looked at what the new playground in Tauranga looks like? If not, I suggest you do. It is nothing shy of incredible. Yes, it probably was expensive to put in - but the response to it has been incredible. It is new, it is fresh and it is invigorating. I implore you to consider something like that. Please don't go with your current idea - it would be a total waste of money - my rates money!!! [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Basketball goal slide - I know these are at the Watkins Drive play area but feel they would still be included here. Monkey bars - at a height for older children. One idea is a varied height revision. Idea is great, but seems a few more things for older children could be added. These suggestions from my grandchildren - Some sort of climbing wall/apparatus, again aimed at older children. Wobbly steps up to a tall slide. "Tight rope" walking with hand support between 2 fixed ends. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I am not opposed to children's playgrounds and know they are vital in the community but I don't think this is a good place for the following

reasons. 1) MacPhail Ave is going to become a bypass road which will increase the traffic flow. It would be like putting it on Ashley or Percival Streets. 2) The easterly wind screams through this space most of the time making it a very cold area. 3) The reserve drops down and becomes very wet and muddy. 4) The proposal shows tree planting. In the 7 years I have lived here 1 tree has survived. The rest have been taken out and replanted every 18 months. They don't survive even with water. 5) I think it would be better use of council money to upgrade the playground in Koura Reserve and add a flying fox. There is a lot of shelter from houses and plantings plus a safer area. [REDACTED]

Yes, let's TALK, not just communicate individually, this matter concerns many and we should have the opportunity to express and hear each other's views and concerns. We do NOT support a flying fox system. We feel it will attract a teenage gathering location, particularly at nighttime. They also generate noise which we are not keen on particularly at night. If a flying fox is pushed ahead The Council needs to make the obligation to residents to see that is disabled during hours of darkness. We also feel that the reserve narrows quite quickly and a flying fox would be intrusive to the dwellings around the reserve. A flying fox would be better placed, and probably used more, if it was in one of the bigger reserves where there is more than enough room to accommodate one, should the demand be genuinely there. Teenagers are quite motive these days through e scooters, e bikes and pushbikes so getting there is no issue to them. When we bought our property, we bought it because the reserve offered a open, quite, space with unobstructed view towards Mt Grey. Currently many people walk their dogs through the reserve, they do so quietly and it is nice to see, We also observe children playing rugby etc. we are supportive towards them and feel an open space for outdoor physical activity is already being provided. However, we do support a place for parents to take juniors at the North West end of the park and feel a well-designed area for juniors would be appropriate provided; the actual demand for use is worthy of the cost and upkeep of doing so. As rate payers we require the Council to make good decisions that will see good use of ratepayer funds, not just raise rate payer levees to meet unnecessary costs due to bureaucracy deciding it is compulsory to do so. Particularly when the space is made available already and the funds put aside and invested for when the demand is required. Please take Note: We have lived here for approximately 5 years, and I often walk North Brooke Wetlands, Koura Reserve Playground and have noted what a great play area it is, but honestly, I have not observed much use of the play area and seldom see children playing there. But we must keep up maintenance and not at a small cost. It is a shame, but we

are in changing times and parents seem to be reluctant to expose their children to these areas even though it is safe to do so. Before council decides on a major cost, which will be ongoing, they should carry out a survey on the use of Koura reserve playground. This can be done quickly and cheaply through security cameras and would be a good measure on whether the demand for a junior's playground at Elm Green Reserve is required at the present time. The above could also be carried out where other flying foxes have been installed.

Our decision, albeit reluctantly reached, is to decline the current draft concept plan. This was not an easy conclusion; it is not that we are opposed to the enhancement or further development of Elm Green Reserve for recreational purposes. The reserve is already well used during the drier months of the year, with children playing ball, flying kites, learning to ride bicycles, and community members walking their dogs. On fine days, the space is utilised appreciably. We had anticipated that, as part of this planning process, the Council gave consideration to the longstanding water retention issues at the lower section of the reserve, which render it unusable during winter months—for instance, it cannot be mowed. Additionally, the elevated portion of the reserve channels water onto our property (and others) during significant rainfall events, resulting in waterlogging. Regardless of the development direction chosen, this matter must be addressed. It would be problematic for the proposal to proceed without resolving these issues, or worse, exacerbating them. Given the already elevated nature of one end of the reserve, we hold concerns that any further increase in elevation will amplify noise transmission, particularly from features such as a flying fox. The fencing along the Koura Drive boundary is of a pool style design that, while visually appealing, does not provide privacy. Although we have planted along our boundary to enhance privacy, such measures do not mitigate noise. We remain supportive of improvements to this reserve area, provided they include measures to remedy the water movement issues and address the impacts currently experienced by neighbouring properties, alongside delivering appropriate recreational enhancements for community use. As an additional suggestion, the most suitable location for a flying fox may be within the North Brook green zone, heading toward the Notebook Wetlands. Terry and Lynda Stack [REDACTED]

I live in Elm Green Stage 1. I have two young children and would love to have a play area like this close by. It will be great to have that area developed into something useful.

Although the trees will grow, this takes a long time. Please consider

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adding more shade. There are lots of sporty kids in this area, some kind of cricket/football net would be great. The rest looks fab!

Spokes strongly supports the Bike/scooter/wheelchair accessible path with road line markings suitable for all ages. We would also like to see staple or hoop cycle stands that allow everyone to safely secure their bikes or scooters while using the proposed play space. A small pump track suitable for beginners would also be a nice addition.

I think it looks perfect. Great place for the kids & parents to be outside enjoying fresh air & fun things to do in that green space. Well done.

Optional question (57 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**REPORT FOR DECISION**

FILE NO and TRIM NO: GOV-26-11-06 / 260209021653

REPORT TO: RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 11 March 2026

AUTHOR(S): Thea Kunkel, Governance Team Leader

SUBJECT: Applications to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Fund

ENDORSED BY:
(for Reports to Council, Committees or Boards)


General Manager


Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the following three applications:

Name of Organisation	Purpose	Amount requested	Does the application comply with the Discretionary Grant Fund Criteria
Okuku Pony Club	Towards the purchase of prize ribbons	\$1,000	The application complies with the Criteria.
North Canterbury Scout Jamboree	Towards the costs of attending the pre-Jamboree camp	\$1,000	This application partially complies with the Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 30% of attendees are from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. The criteria require that grant funding be limited to projects primarily within the Board area or benefiting the residents of the area. It is not clear from the financial information provided by the applicant that they will be able to deliver the project.
Rangiora Boxing Club	Towards the costs of providing medical care for athletes during the event	\$500	This application partially complies with the Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 20% of attendees are from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.
Total:		\$2,500	

1.2 The current balance of the Rangiora-Ashley Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Fund is \$9,474.

1.3 The Rangiora Boxing Club has submitted applications to all Waimakariri District Community Boards seeking funding of \$500 from each Board.

Attachments:

- i. Application form from Okuku Pony Club (Trim Ref: 251219244039).
- ii. Application from North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Troop (Trim Ref: 260217028550).
- iii. Application from Rangiora Boxing Club (Trim Ref: 260216027032).

- iv. A spreadsheet shows the grants for the previous two years.
- v. The Board Discretionary Grant Funding Criteria for the 2025/26 financial year (Trim Ref: 210603089776).

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

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

OR
- (c) **Declines** a grant to the Okuku Pony Club.
- (d) **Approves** a grant of \$..... to the North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Troop towards the cost of attending the pre-Jamboree camp in Oxford in March 2026.

OR
- (e) **Declines** a grant to the North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Troop.
- (f) **Approves** a grant of \$..... to the Rangiora Boxing Club towards the cost of medical care for athletes during the South Island Golden Glove tournament.

OR
- (g) **Declines** a grant to the Rangiora Boxing Club.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The **Okuku Pony Club** seeks funding to purchase prize ribbons for its 14 June 2026 Events Day.
- 3.2 The **North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Troop** seeks funding towards the cost of attending a pre-Jamboree camp in Oxford in March 2026. This application does not meet the following Board Discretionary Grant Funding Criteria:
 - (a) Only 30% of attendees are from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.
 - (b) It is not clear from the financial information provided by the applicant that they will be able to deliver the project.
- 3.3 The **Rangiora Boxing Club** seeks funding towards the cost of medical care for athletes during the South Island Golden Gloves tournament. This application does not meet the following Board Discretionary Grant Funding Criteria:
 - (a) Only 20% of attendees are from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.
- 3.4 The current balance of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant fund is \$9,747.

4. **ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

Okuku Pony Club (the Club)

4.1 Information provided by the Club:

- 4.1.1 Pony Clubs were established in New Zealand in 1946 to improve standards of horse care and riding, and to promote rallies, gymkhanas, and other competitions that develop riders' character and self-discipline. The Canterbury Area comprises three Clubs, with seven branches operating in North Canterbury, including the Okuku Pony Club. Each branch is autonomous with its own Committee and Chief Instructor, while remaining accountable to the North Canterbury Pony Club.
- 4.1.2 The Okuku Pony Club is a rural-based organisation located off Foothills Road in Okuku, with strong connections to its local community. Originally founded as a youth club, it now provides opportunities for participants of all ages. Rallies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Most members reside in the Rangiora-Ashley ward, and the Club benefits from significant family involvement, with parents and extended whānau contributing to its operations.
- 4.1.3 The Club will hold its primary fundraising event in June 2026 at an estimated cost of \$2,600 and is seeking assistance to purchase prize ribbons. Participants will benefit from formal recognition through prize ribbons awarded at a well-organised and affordable competition, helping to develop their skills, confidence, and sportsmanship. The estimated cost of ribbons is \$1,600, with remaining expenses covered through entry fees and ongoing fundraising.
- 4.1.4 The event is expected to attract riders, families, and spectators to the Waimakariri District, supporting local activity, strengthening community connections, and encouraging young people to engage in outdoor recreation. Most members participating in the event will be from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward, with the remaining 25% from Oxford-Ohoka and 25% from Kaiapoi-Woodend Wards. Teams from outside these areas will also attend. The event is expected to attract approximately 300 participants and spectators. The event will proceed without this grant; however, not receiving funding would place additional pressure on the event budget and the volunteers responsible for fundraising.
- 4.1.5 The original application related to the Club's January 2026 event however could not be presented to the Board as it was received after the December 2025 meeting. The Club has therefore asked staff to resubmit the application for its June 2026 event, which is essentially unchanged.

4.2 Council Evaluation:

- 4.2.1 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.
- 4.2.2 The Criteria also require that funding support projects located within, or providing clear benefits to, the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. This application satisfies those requirements and is expected to provide economic benefits through visiting participants and their families.
- 4.2.3 The Club has successfully applied for funding detailed below and all Accountability Forms have been received:

Date	Project	Amount
June 2021	Towards the purchase of new jump rails	\$500
May 2022	Towards the cost of hiring a St John ambulance	\$500
April 2024	Towards the cost of hiring a St John ambulance	\$1,000
Total		\$2,000

North Canterbury Scout Troop (the Troop)

4.3 Information provided by the Troop:

- 4.3.1 Scouts New Zealand aligns its programmes with the principles and vision of the Youth Development Strategy of Aotearoa, supporting the positive development of young people across the country. As New Zealand's largest co-educational youth organisation, Scouts provides fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure, and opportunities for service, enabling young people to build confidence and contribute positively to their communities.
- 4.3.2 Scouts from Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Woodend, Pegasus, Oxford, Ohoka, Spencerville, and Glenmark will attend a pre-Jamboree camp at Payton Lodge in Oxford from 13 to 15 March 2026. The troop comprises 36 school-aged scouts from a broad cross-section of the community. Thirty percent of participants are from the Rangiora–Ashley Ward, 15% from both the Oxford–Ohoka Ward and the Woodend–Sefton area, and 25% from the Kaiapoi–Tuahiwi area. The remaining 15% of participants are from outside the district.
- 4.3.3 The camp will support participants to develop practical skills that are valuable both within scouting and in their wider communities. The programme will focus on teamwork, resilience, and leadership in an outdoor environment. Scouts will also learn to set up and manage patrol sites, organise daily routines, plan and cook meals, and rotate through leadership roles. The camp will strengthen the overall scout programme by building capability and confidence among both youth and volunteer leaders, enhancing problem-solving skills and preparing the troop for participation in the Jamboree.
- 4.3.4 Scouts Aotearoa provides national leadership, structure, and programme guidance for scouting in New Zealand, including safety systems, training standards, and youth development goals. Local scout groups deliver the national programme within their communities by running weekly meetings, camps, and activities, managing volunteers, and supporting young people at a local level.

4.4 Council Evaluation:

- 4.4.1 The application meets the Board's Discretionary Grant Criteria, as it is submitted by a community-based youth organisation and the requested funding is in line with the specified \$1,000 limit per application.
- 4.4.2 However, the Board's Discretionary Grant Application Criteria require that grant funding be limited to projects primarily within the Board area or benefiting the residents of the area. It should be taken into consideration that only approximately 30% of participants will be from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.
- 4.4.3 The full cost of the camp will be approximately \$135,733, and the Troop is requesting \$3,404 towards the costs to be incurred. The Troop is currently relying only on in-house fundraising, and no other funding providers have been approached. The application states that if the application is unsuccessful, the camp will proceed; however, given the high camp costs, there is no indication of how the remaining funds will be raised.
- 4.4.4 The Troop has successfully applied for funding detailed below, and all Accountability Forms have been received:

Date	Project	Amount
November 2019	Towards attending a Scout's jamboree	\$500
August 2023	Towards attending a Scout's jamboree	\$500
Total		\$1,000

Rangiora Boxing Club (RBC)

4.5 Information provided by the RBC:

- 4.5.1 The purpose of RBC is to provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where children and young people can build physical fitness, discipline, and respect through boxing. The gym is committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of all participants by promoting positive behaviour, ensuring appropriate supervision, maintaining clear safety standards, and fostering a culture of respect. Through structured training and strong role modelling, RBC aims to empower young people to reach their potential while ensuring their physical, emotional, and social safety.
- 4.5.2 RBC has been selected to host the South Island Golden Gloves tournament, the largest boxing event in the region. The two-day tournament will feature approximately 90 to 100 bouts and, although hosted by RBC, will be held at the Kaiapoi Boxing Club, which provides a more suitable venue. The event offers athletes the opportunity to compete in a high-quality tournament that supports skill development, performance progression, and advancement within amateur boxing pathways.
- 4.5.3 The funding requested will contribute to covering the cost of medical care for athletes throughout the event. The tournament is expected to benefit 48 young people, with participants coming from across the Waimakariri District. Approximately 20% of the participants would be from the Woodend–Sefton area, 60% from the Kaiapoi–Tuahiwi area, and 10% each from the Rangiora–Ashley and Oxford–Ohoka Wards. Hosting the tournament will strengthen RBC's capabilities, sustainability, and visibility, while also generating economic benefits for the Waimakariri District.
- 4.5.4 RBC is also pursuing sponsorship and has applied to the New Zealand Community Trust. The event is estimated to cost \$14,500, and RBC is seeking \$500 from each Community Board. This is the first funding request of its kind from a boxing club. Although RBC has not indicated whether the event would proceed without grant funding, its scale suggests it is likely to go ahead.

4.6 Council Evaluation:

- 4.6.1 The application partly complies with the Board's Discretionary Grant Application Criteria, as it is from a community-based group. The RBC's \$500 request is also within the specified \$1,000 limit per application.
- 4.6.2 The Board's Discretionary Grant Application Criteria also require that grant funding be limited to projects primarily within the Board area or benefiting the residents of the area. It should be taken into consideration that only approximately 20% of participants will 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.
- 4.6.3 The Rangiora Boxing Club has submitted applications to all Waimakariri District Community Boards seeking funding of \$500 from each Board.
- 4.6.4 This is the RBC's first time applying to the Board for funding.

4.7 Implications for Community Wellbeing

There are social and cultural implications as supporting recreational and outdoor initiatives encourages social interaction, reduces isolation, and improves physical activity, which in turn enhances mental and physical wellbeing.

- 4.8 The current balance of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant fund is \$9,747. If all the applications are granted, the balance would be \$7,247 for the remainder of the 2025/26 financial year, which ends on 30 June 2026.

- 4.9 The Management Team has reviewed this report.

5. **COMMUNITY VIEWS**

5.1 **Mana whenua**

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū are not likely to be affected by, or have an interest in, the subject matter of this report.

5.2 **Groups and Organisations**

No other groups or organisations are likely to be affected by or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report.

5.3 **Wider Community**

The wider community will likely be affected by or interested in the report's subject, as sports and community events provide opportunities for social interaction, improve mental wellbeing, and boost people's self-confidence.

6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 **Financial Implications**

6.1.1 The Council's 2025-26 Annual Plan includes a budget provision of \$14,510 for the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board to approve grants to community groups for the 2025/26 financial year (July 2025 to June 2026). A carryover of the 2024/25 financial year amounted to \$3,049; thereby bringing the 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Fund to a balance of \$17,559.

6.1.2 The current balance of the Rangiora-Ashley Board's 2025/26 Discretionary Grant Fund is \$9,474. If all the applications are granted, the balance would be \$7,247 for the remainder of the 2025/26 financial year.

6.1.3 The application criteria specify that grants are generally limited to \$1,000 in any financial year (July to June); however, groups can apply twice a year, provided the applications are for different projects. Where applicable, GST values are calculated and added to the appropriately registered groups if the decided benefits exceed the Board-resolved values.

6.2 **Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The recommendations in this report do not have sustainability and/or climate change impacts.

6.3 **Risk Management**

There are no risks associated with adopting and implementing the recommendations in this report.

6.4 **Health and Safety**

All health and safety-related issues will be the responsibility of the organisations and groups that have applied for funding.

7. **CONTEXT**

7.1 **Consistency with Policy**

This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

7.2 **Authorising Legislation**

Not applicable.

7.3 Consistency with Community Outcomes

The Council's community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

People are friendly and caring, creating a strong sense of community in our District. There are wide-ranging opportunities for people of different ages and cultures to participate in community life and recreational activities.

7.4 Authorising Delegations

Community Boards have delegated authority to approve Discretionary Grant Funding.

What happens now?

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Return your completed application form (with financial records and any supporting information which you believe is relevant to this application) by posting to Private Bag 1005, Rangiora 7440, New Zealand, or hand delivering to your local Service Centre, or emailing to: IM@wmk.govt.nz

What happens next?

- Your application will be processed and presented to the Board at the next appropriate meeting.
- Following the meeting a letter will be sent to notify you of the Board's decision and if successful an invoice and your organisation's bank account details will be requested. This information is required within 10 days of the Board decision.
- On receipt of this information payment will be processed to your organisation's bank account.

Groups applying for Board Discretionary Grants 2025/2026

Name of group: Okuku Pony Club

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact person within organisation: [REDACTED]

Position within organisation: Event Organiser

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Describe your project or event and what the grant funding will specifically be used for. (Use additional pages if needed)

Okuku Pony Club is hosting a Show Day on Saturday 31 January 2026 at the Okuku Pony Club grounds. The Show Day includes a range of ridden and inhand classes and is open everyone to attend with their horse or pony, no matter if they are green or experienced riders.

Grant funding is requested to support the provision of prize ribbons as part of the delivery of this community sporting event. Prize ribbons recognise effort and achievement and encourage participation across a wide range of ages and abilities. The total cost of prize ribbons is \$1,650. Okuku Pony Club is requesting \$1,000 toward this cost, with the balance funded by the club through entry fees and fundraising.

What is the timeframe of the project/event date? Saturday 31 January 2026

Overall cost of project/event: \$2,600

Amount requested: \$1,000

How many people will directly benefit from this project? 300

Who are the range of people benefiting from this project? (You can tick more than one box)

People with disabilities (mental or physical) Cultural/ethnic minorities District

Preschool School/youth Adults Whole community/ward

Provide estimated percentage of participants/people benefiting by community area:

Oxford-Ohoka 25% Rangiora-Ashley 40% Woodend-Sefton 15% Kaiapoi-Tuahiwī 10%

Other (please specify): Other Canterbury: 10%

What are the direct benefit(s) to the participants? 64

Participants will take part in a well-run and affordable equestrian competition that helps build riding skills, confidence, and good sportsmanship. Prize ribbons recognise effort and achievement and encourage riders to keep progressing.

What is the benefit(s) to your organisation?

The event supports Okuku Pony Club's ability to deliver quality equestrian opportunities, maintain member engagement, and sustain volunteer involvement while reducing financial pressure on families.

What are the benefits, economic or otherwise, to the Rangiora-Ashley community or wider district?

The event draws riders, families, and spectators into the district, supporting local activity while bringing the community together and encouraging young people to be active outdoors.

Is your group applying under the umbrella of another organisation (that is Charity/Trust registered)? Yes No

If yes, name of parent group: _____

What is the relationship between your group and the parent group?

What other fundraising has your group undertaken towards this project/event? List any other organisations you have applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for.

Entry fees, club fundraising activities, and volunteer support.

What other Council funding sources have you applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for i.e other Community Boards, Annual or Long Term Plan, Community Grants and Enterprise North Canterbury.

None

Have you applied to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board or any other Waimakariri Community Board for other project funding in the past 18 months? Yes No

If yes, please supply details:

If this application is declined, will this event/project still occur? ⁶⁵ Yes No

If No, what are the consequences to the community/organisation?

- Enclosed Financial Information (*compulsory – your application cannot be processed without financial statements*)
 Bank Statement (*Bank Statements will remain confidential*)
 Supporting costs, quotes or event budgets
 Other supporting information

- I am authorised to sign on behalf of the group/organisation making this application.
 I declare that all details contained in this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
 I accept that successful applicants will be required to report back to the Community Board by completing an Accountability Report.
 I accept that information provided in this application may be used in an official Council report available to the public.

PLEASE NOTE: A signature is not required if you submit this form electronically. By entering your name in the signature box you are giving your authority to this application.

Signed: [REDACTED] _____

Date: 19 December 2025 _____

Quote to:

Okuku Pony Club
Canterbury



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Quote

Date 17/10/2025

Estimate # **1609**

Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Prize Ribbons 50mm x 1500mm	799		1.40	1,118.60
100mm x 2M Single Sashes Non Classified	30		8.50	255.00
Triple Halter Sash, 25/100/25mm x1M, 3 ring	2		29.00	58.00
Trifecta Rosette				
Set Up	1		25.00	25.00
order to be picked up				

- Valid for 60 days from date of estimate -

Subtotal \$1,456.60

GST \$218.49

TOTAL \$1,675.09

*If you have any questions regarding this estimate,
please do not hesitate to contact us.*

Estimate # **1609**

On acceptance of estimate, please confirm by email

Okuku Pony Club - Financial Performance

for the Year ended 2025

EXPENSES

Administration	
Accountancy	
AGM/Conference	
Bank	
Insurance	2083.79
Levies	678
NZPCA Levies	
Club Levy	
Area Levy	
- Total Administration	2761.79
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Coaching	
Exam/Instructor Fees	630.35
Lessons	
Coaches Conference	
Resources	
ECTP Application	
- Total Coaching Costs	630.35
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Events	
ODEs	4350.07
Show	1325
Camp	130
Dressage	
Show jumping	
Prizes/Ribbons	1804.15
- Total Eventing Costs	7609.22
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Operational	
Ground rent/fees	
Resources	
Repairs & Maintenance	298.3
Equipment (<\$500)	103.89
Equipment (>\$500)	
- Total Operational Costs	402.19
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other	
Uniforms	
	0
Total EXPENSES	\$ 11,403.55

INCOME

Administration			
Interest	41.09		
Donations			
Fundraising			
Grants	2762.5		
Subscriptions	970		
Savings accounts interest	18.87		
- Total Administration Income	3792.46		
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Coaching			
Private Lessons			
other			
- Total Coaching Income	0		
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Events			
Hosting Events - show entry fees	3680		
Hosting Events - ODE entry fees	6695.5		
ODE bbq	396		
photos	20		
- Total Eventing Income	10791.5		
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Operational			
Grazing Fees			
other			
- Total Operational Income	0		
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other			
Uniform Sales			
Other			
	0		
Total INCOME	\$ 14,583.96		
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	\$ 3,180.41		
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Date	23-Jan-26		

Pony Club - Financial Position

as at 31-Dec-25

ASSETS

Bank	9552.43
Savings accounts	2410.99
Debtors	0
Fixed Assets	0
Total Assets	11963.42

LIABILITIES

Creditors (Unpresented Cheques)	0
Loans	0

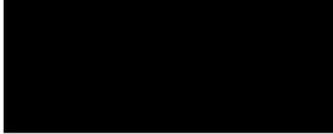
EQUITY

Opening Surplus	8783.01
Current Years Surplus/(Deficit)	3180.41
Total Liabilities and Equity	11963.42



OKUKU PONY CLUB

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Today's statements

Account type	Account number	Balance
Business Premium Current Account	[REDACTED]	9,609.39

Business Premium Current Account

Account name OKUKU PONY CLUB MAIN ACCOUNT
 Account number [REDACTED]
 Statement number 00204
 Statement period 01 Sep 2025 - 30 Sep 2025

Date	Transaction type and details	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
01 Sep	Opening balance			9,757.86
01 Sep	BP [REDACTED]	27.00		9,730.86
16 Sep	DC [REDACTED]		90.00	9,820.86
22 Sep	DD [REDACTED]	399.01		9,421.85
29 Sep	BP [REDACTED]	60.00		9,361.85
30 Sep	[REDACTED]		2.54	9,364.39
30 Sep	DC [REDACTED]		245.00	9,609.39
Totals at end of page		\$486.01	\$337.54	\$9,609.39
Totals at end of period		\$486.01	\$337.54	\$9,609.39

Your available credit is \$9,609.39 as at the closing date of this statement.

AP Automatic Payment BP Bill Payment DC Direct Credit ED Electronic Dishonour FX Foreign Exchange IP International EFTPOS Transaction IF International Payment
 AT Automatic Teller Machine CQ Cheque/Withdrawal DD Direct Debit EP EFTPCS Transaction IA International Money Machine VT Visa Transaction

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What happens now?

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Return your completed application form (with financial records and any supporting information which you believe is relevant to this application) by posting to Private Bag 1005, Rangiora 7440, New Zealand, or hand delivering to your local Service Centre, or emailing to: IM@wmk.govt.nz

What happens next?

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- Following the meeting a letter will be sent to notify you of the Board's decision and if successful an invoice and your organisation's bank account details will be requested. This information is required within 10 days of the Board decision.
- On receipt of this information payment will be processed to your organisation's bank account.

Groups applying for Board Discretionary Grants 2025/2026

Name of group: North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Troop

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact person within organisation: [REDACTED]

Position within organisation: Rangiora Scout Group Secretary & North Canterbury Scout Jamboree Grant Coordinator

Contact phone number: [REDACTED] Email: ncjamboreefundraising@gmail.com

Describe your project or event and what the grant funding will specifically be used for. (Use additional pages if needed)

Our project is the North Canterbury Scouts Pre Jamboree Camp, held 13 to 15 March at Payton Lodge in Oxford. This camp gives local Scouts the chance to grow practical skills they will use in our community and in all their future Scouting activities. Over the weekend they learn teamwork, resilience, leadership and confidence in an outdoor setting. They will practise setting up and running their patrol sites, managing daily routines, planning and cooking meals, taking turns in leadership roles and completing safety training suited to outdoor adventures. These activities help our youth gain the skills they need to participate safely, work well with others and take on new challenges across North Canterbury.

What is the timeframe of the project/event date? 13-15 March 2026

Overall cost of project/event: 135,733 Amount requested: 3404

How many people will directly benefit from this project? 36

Who are the range of people benefiting from this project? (You can tick more than one box)

- People with disabilities (mental or physical) Cultural/ethnic minorities District
 Preschool School/youth Adults Whole community/ward

Provide estimated percentage of participants/people benefiting by community area:

Oxford-Ohoka 15% Rangiora-Ashley 30% Woodend-Sefton 15% Kaiapoi-Tuahwi 25%

Other (please specify): Glenmark Scout Troop will be joining us too

What are the direct benefit(s) to the participants? 70

Participants will gain a wide range of practical and personal skills that support their development in Scouting and in the wider community. They will build confidence in outdoor environments, strengthen teamwork, and learn how to plan and run basic camp routines. The camp teaches youth how to set up and manage their own patrol sites, prepare meals safely, take responsibility for shared tasks, and rotate through leadership roles. They also develop problem solving skills

What is the benefit(s) to your organisation?

This camp strengthens our overall Scout programme by building the skills and confidence of both our youth and our volunteer leaders. It helps create a more capable, resilient and well prepared troop, which supports smoother running of future camps, activities and community events. The camp also builds stronger connections within our group, helping Sc

What are the benefits, economic or otherwise, to the Rangiora-Ashley community or wider district?

Our troop includes youth from Rangiora, Woodend, Pegasus, Kaiapoi, Oxford, Ohoka, Spencerville and other nearby areas, and Glenmark Scouts will be joining us as well. This means the benefits of this project reach young people and families across much of the Rangiora Ashley community and the wider North Canterbury district.

Is your group applying under the umbrella of another organisation (that is Charity/Trust registered)? Yes No

If yes, name of parent group: Scouts Aotearoa

What is the relationship between your group and the parent group?

Scouts Aotearoa provides the national leadership, structure and programme for Scouting in New Zealand, including safety systems, training standards and youth development goals. Local Scout Groups (such as ours) then take this national programme and deliver it within their own communities. They run weekly meetings, camps and activities, manage local volunteers and support youth across their area.

What other fundraising has your group undertaken towards this project/event? List any other organisations you have applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for.

Although we have not applied for any external funding specifically for this camp, our group is actively carrying out general fundraising to support our youth and reduce costs for families. This includes selling goods, running raffles and completing community based tasks such as service projects and working bees. These activities help us build local suppo

What other Council funding sources have you applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for i.e other Community Boards, Annual or Long Term Plan, Community Grants and Enterprise North Canterbury.

none

Have you applied to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board or any other Waimakariri Community Board for other project funding in the past 18 months? Yes No

If yes, please supply details:

If this application is declined, will this event/project still occur? ⁷¹ Yes No

If No, what are the consequences to the community/organisation?

- Enclosed Financial Information (*compulsory – your application cannot be processed without financial statements*)
 Bank Statement (*Bank Statements will remain confidential*)
 Supporting costs, quotes or event budgets
 Other supporting information

- I am authorised to sign on behalf of the group/organisation making this application.
 I declare that all details contained in this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
 I accept that successful applicants will be required to report back to the Community Board by completing an Accountability Report.
 I accept that information provided in this application may be used in an official Council report available to the public.

PLEASE NOTE: *A signature is not required if you submit this form electronically. By entering your name in the signature box you are giving your authority to this application.*

Signed: [REDACTED] _____

Date: 16 February 2026 _____

Pre Jamboree camp 13th - 15th March 2026

		Cost	Total	Per Person
Accommodation Scout	X36	\$ 10.00	\$ 360.00	
Accommodation Leader	X14	\$ 15.00	\$ 210.00	
Food	X50	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Activities	X50	\$ 10.00	\$ 500.00	
Gas Bottles Gas	X2	\$ 42.00	\$ 84.00	
Sundries	X50	\$ 5.00	\$ 250.00	
			\$ 3,404.00	\$ 68.08

Jamboree Costs	each			
Jamboree fee - youth	\$	1,460.00	\$	52,560.00
Jamboree fee - leader	\$	875.00	\$	7,875.00
Jamboree fee - Staff	\$	545.00	\$	1,090.00
Air NZ	\$	555.56	\$	20,000.00
Bus	\$	97.22	\$	3,500.00
Marguee	\$	94.44	\$	3,400.00
Pre Jamboree camp 1	\$	68.08	\$	3,404.00
Pre Jamboree camp 2	\$	68.08	\$	3,404.00
uniform	\$	444.44	\$	16,000.00
cleaning suplies			\$	500.00
sundries	\$	50.00	\$	1,800.00
Container chch				
Container Hamilton				Statements out 15th every month due 30th
Container			\$	15,000.00
incidentals/insurance	\$	50.00	\$	1,800.00
Spending money	\$	150.00	\$	5,400.00
			\$	135,733.00
			\$	3,770.36

Jan - \$150
Feb - Nov \$300
Dec - Final bill

North Canterbury Jamboree Scout Troop

Balance Sheet

Assets

Asset type	Amount
Kitchen cooking trailer (fixed asset)	\$9,000.00
Starting NC zone bank balance	\$5,174.70
Petty cash	\$159.00
Banked for Jamboree 26/27	\$29,773.35
Total cash on hand	\$35,107.05
Total assets	\$44,107.05

Accounts Receivable

Item	Amount
33 outstanding invoices at \$3,500 each	\$115,500.00

These are participant payments invoiced out but not yet paid. They are not guaranteed income but can be shown as receivables.

Liabilities

Liability type	Amount
Current liabilities	\$0.00
Long term liabilities	\$0.00
Total liabilities	\$0.00

Equity

Equity type	Amount
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Accumulated funds	\$44,107.05
Total liabilities and equity	\$44,107.05

Note: The accumulated funds figure represents the total of all cash and non-cash assets held by the troop as at 23 February 2026.

Project Cost Summary

Total Jamboree Project Cost: \$135,733.00

Breakdown:

Jamboree Costs

Jamboree fee - youth	\$	52,560.00
Jamboree fee - leader	\$	7,875.00
Jamboree fee - Staff	\$	1,090.00
Air NZ	\$	20,000.00
Bus	\$	3,500.00
Marguee	\$	3,400.00
Pre Jamboree camp 1	\$	3,404.00
Pre Jamboree camp 2	\$	3,404.00
uniform	\$	16,000.00
cleaning supplies	\$	500.00
sundries	\$	1,800.00
Container Chch		
Container Hamilton		
Container	\$	15,000.00
incidentals/insurance	\$	1,800.00
Spending money	\$	5,400.00
	\$	135,733.00

Funding Position

- Confirmed funds on hand: \$35,107.05
- Outstanding invoices issued: \$115,500.00
- Total project cost: \$135,733.00
- Funding gap remaining (if all receivables are paid):
\$135,733.00 minus \$35,107.05 = \$100,625.95

Fundraising Undertaken

Our troop continues to raise funds through:

- Selling goods
- Raffles
- Community based service tasks
- Non-refundable deposits already collected
- Ongoing payment plans from members

These activities support our goal of reducing the cost to families and ensuring all youth can participate.



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Statement of Accounts

Your accounts at a glance as at 30 January 2026

NORTH CANTERBURY JAMBOREE TROOP

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Today's statements

Account type	Account number	Balance
Business Premium Current Account	[REDACTED]	17,950.67

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Business Premium Current Account

Account name NORTH CANTERBURY JAMBOREE TROOP
 Account number [REDACTED]

Statement number 00033
 Statement period 01 Jan 2026 - 30 Jan 2026

Date	Transaction type and details	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
01 Jan	Opening balance			14,836.14
05 Jan	[REDACTED]		640.60	15,476.74
07 Jan	DC		150.00	15,626.74
09 Jan	DC		1,400.00	17,026.74
21 Jan	BP		23.18	17,049.92
26 Jan	DC		150.00	17,199.92
26 Jan	BP		100.00	17,299.92
26 Jan	BP		200.00	17,499.92
28 Jan	BP		150.00	17,649.92
28 Jan	BP		150.00	17,799.92
30 Jan			1.37	17,801.29
30 Jan	BP		150.00	17,951.29
30 Jan		0.62		17,950.67
Totals at end of page		\$0.62	\$3,115.15	\$17,950.67
Totals at end of period		\$0.62	\$3,115.15	\$17,950.67

Your available credit is **\$17,950.67** as at the closing date of this statement.

AP Automatic Payment
 AT Automatic Teller Machine

BP Bill Payment
 CQ Cheque/Withdrawal

DC Direct Credit
 DD Direct Debit

ED Electronic Dishonour
 EP EFTPOS Transaction

FX Foreign Exchange
 IA International Money Machine

IP International EFTPOS Transaction
 VT Visa Transaction

IF International Payment

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Groups applying for Board Discretionary Grants 2025/2026

Name of group: Rangiora Boxing Club

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact person within organisation: [REDACTED]

Position within organisation: Manager

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Describe your project or event and what the grant funding will specifically be used for. (Use additional pages if needed)

The South Island Golden Gloves is the largest amateur boxing tournament in the South Island, with both novice and open divisions, there's something for all levels - from those stepping into the ring for the first time to more experienced fighters chasing a title. The tournament spans two action-packed days and three sessions, featuring approximately 90-100 bouts. It's an exciting spectacle open to the public, offering an up-close look at some of the South Island's most promising amateur talent. Each year, a different club is chosen to host this prestigious event, and in 2026, the honour goes to Rangiora Boxing

What is the timeframe of the project/event date? 30/31 May 2026

Overall cost of project/event: \$14500

Amount requested: \$500

How many people will directly benefit from this project? 48

Who are the range of people benefiting from this project? (You can tick more than one box)

- People with disabilities (mental or physical) Cultural/ethnic minorities District
 Preschool School/youth Adults Whole community/ward

Provide estimated percentage of participants/people benefiting by community area:

Oxford-Ohoka 20% Rangiora-Ashley 20% Woodend-Sefton 20% Kaiapoi-Tuahiwī 40%

Other (please specify): _____

What are the direct benefit(s) to the participants? 80

Participation in the South Island Golden Gloves provides competitors with a range of direct sporting, personal, and developmental benefits.

Firstly, the event offers athletes the opportunity to compete in a high-quality tournament against matched opponents from across the South Island. This level of competition supports skill development, performance improvement, and

What is the benefit(s) to your organisation?

Hosting the Golden Gloves provides significant benefits to Rangiora Boxing Club and supporting partner clubs, contributing to organisational sustainability, capability development, and regional profile.

The event will be a major annual fundraiser for Rangiora Boxing Club, generating essential income to support ongoing club operations, equipment upgrades, coaching development, and youth participation programmes. This financial

What are the benefits, economic or otherwise, to the Rangiora-Ashley community or wider district?

The event will attract competitors, officials, supporters, and spectators from outside the district, generating increased demand for local accommodation, hospitality, retail, transport, and services. Hosting a recognised sporting event also strengthens Waimakariri's reputation as a capable and attractive destination for future events.

The Golden Gloves event will act as a focal point for community engagement, bringing together residents, visitors

Is your group applying under the umbrella of another organisation (that is Charity/Trust registered)? Yes No

If yes, name of parent group: _____

What is the relationship between your group and the parent group?

[Empty text box for relationship details]

What other fundraising has your group undertaken towards this project/event? List any other organisations you have applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for.

Sponsorship is being sort after
funding to NZCT fund applied for

What other Council funding sources have you applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for i.e other Community Boards, Annual or Long Term Plan, Community Grants and Enterprise North Canterbury.

Funding application to Enterprise North Canterbury is going in
funding from other community boards sort after

Have you applied to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board or any other Waimakariri Community Board for other project funding in the past 18 months? Yes No

If yes, please supply details:

[Empty text box for funding details]

If this application is declined, will this event/project still occur? ⁸¹ Yes No

If No, what are the consequences to the community/organisation?

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Signed: [REDACTED] _____ Date: _____

Describe your project:

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The tournament spans two action-packed days and three sessions, featuring approximately 90-100 bouts. It's an exciting spectacle open to the public, offering an up-close look at some of the South Island's most promising amateur talent.

Each year, a different club is chosen to host this prestigious event, and in 2026, the honour goes to Rangiora Boxing Club.

Direct Benefits

Participation in the South Island Golden Gloves provides competitors with a range of direct sporting, personal, and developmental benefits.

Firstly, the event offers athletes the opportunity to compete in a high-quality tournament against matched opponents from across the South Island. This level of competition supports skill development, performance improvement, and progression within the amateur boxing pathway.

Organizational Benefits

Hosting the Golden Gloves provides significant benefits to Rangiora Boxing Club and supporting partner clubs, contributing to organisational sustainability, capability development, and regional profile.

The event will be a major annual fundraiser for Rangiora Boxing Club, generating essential income to support ongoing club operations, equipment upgrades, coaching development, and youth participation programmes. This financial contribution is critical to the club's ability to remain accessible and sustainable.

Other Benefits

In addition, the tournament will highlight the Kaiapoi Boxing Club and its venue as a suitable and capable host location for regional sporting events. Successfully delivering the event at this venue will strengthen its reputation, support future event opportunities, and encourage greater use of local facilities.

The event will attract competitors, officials, supporters, and spectators from outside the district, generating increased demand for local accommodation, hospitality, retail, transport, and services. Hosting a recognised sporting event also strengthens Waimakariri's reputation as a capable and attractive destination for future events.

The Golden Gloves event will act as a focal point for community engagement, bringing together residents, visitors, sports clubs, volunteers, and local organisations. Sporting events provide shared experiences that foster social connection, inclusiveness, and community pride, helping to strengthen relationships across diverse groups within the district.

Boxing has strong appeal for rangatahi (young people) and provides positive role models, discipline, and pathways for personal development. Hosting this event locally will inspire increased participation in sport and physical activity, supporting positive lifestyle choices and helping to engage youth in constructive, community-based activities.

Hosting a prestigious amateur boxing event will reinforce Waimakariri's identity as a vibrant, active, and supportive community. Successfully delivering the event will generate local pride, celebrate community achievement, and showcase the district's facilities and organisational capability.

Dear Kay,

Thank you for your email, and I apologise for the oversight in my previous message.

The funding would be used to help cover the cost of medical cover for the event. The total cost for this is \$3,000, and without this essential cover, the event would not be able to proceed.

The medical team plays a critical role in ensuring the safety of our boxers. They are responsible for confirming that each participant is medically fit to compete and are positioned ringside to intervene immediately or stop a bout if they deem it medically unsafe. Due to the specialised nature of the event, there are only a small number of qualified medical professionals who are able to provide this level of cover.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if you require any further information.

Thanks

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Subject: Applications to the Community Boards Discretionary Grant Fund

Good Afternoon ██████████

Thank you for your applications to the Community Board's Discretionary Grant fund towards the South Islan Golden Gloves event in May which was received today.

The applications will be assessed and reports written to be presented to the March/April meetings. We will then be in touch to let you know the Boards decisions.

On a quick glance I notice that your application does not actually state that you are looking for funding to host the event. It also does not specify where the Board funding would be spent. You have included the proposed budget which is a good start and quotes received however the Boards would prefer that you specify that the funding being requested would go towards the hire of the ring or the of promotion. It would be appreciated if you could rectify this via an email which I would include with your application.

Also be aware that the Board's traditionally do not always support applications that have been sent to all four Boards, however may be willing to make an exception given the possible economic benefits for the district as a whole.

Proposed Budget – Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament

Expenditure

Expense Category	Description	Amount (NZD)
Venue Hire	Hall, ring space, setup/pack down	0.00
Ring Hire & Equipment	Ring, gloves, headgear, scales	\$500
Officials & Referees	Referees, judges, timekeepers	\$4,000
Medical Services	Ringside doctor, medics, first aid	\$2,500
Affiliation & Sanctioning	Boxing NZ / Canterbury Boxing Association fees	\$ 200
Travel & Accommodation	Officials / medical support	\$1,800
Event Operations	Security, cleaners, stewards	\$ 500
Marketing & Promotion	Posters, flyers, digital promotion	\$1,800
Trophies & Awards	Medals, trophies, certificates	\$1,000
Administration	Printing, stationery, registrations	\$500
Contingency	Unforeseen costs	\$1,500
Total Expenditure		\$14,300

Budget Summary

- **Total Expenditure:** \$14,300
- **Net Position:** \$0 (balanced budget)

Notes for Funders

- Rangiora Boxing Club operates on a **not-for-profit basis**, with significant volunteer contribution reducing overall costs.
- Any surplus generated will be reinvested into **club development, youth participation, and future community events**.

CANTERBURY BOXING ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED



MAKING CHAMPIONS SINCE 1905

Canterbury Boxing
C/O Holly Sullivan
174 Huxley St
Sydenham
CHRISTCHURCH

QUOTE # 00002

15th October 2025

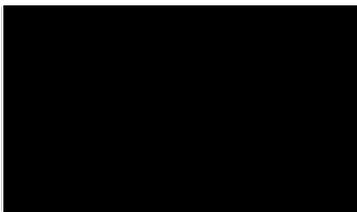
ATTN: [REDACTED] Rangiora Boxing Club

Find below quote for The South Island Golden Gloves 2026. 30th and 31st May 2026.

Ring Hire for affiliated clubs Includes use of: Gloves, Head Gear + Scales	\$400	
Permit	\$80	
	Payment to Canterbury Boxing	\$480
Trailer delivery and Removal Fee	\$65	Cash Payment Made Direct
Total cost:		\$545

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Holly Sullivan
Secretary
Canterbury Boxing
canterburyboxingassociation@gmail.com



Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Quote Ref # 51798-1

Rangiora Boxing Club

Hi [REDACTED]

We have put together a quotation to produce and supply corflute signs as requested.

Corflute Sign (x1, 1830x1220mm)

Digitally print and supply a 5mm thick sponsors sign as discussed (x1, 1830x1220mm).

Your Investment: 150.00

Corflute Signs (x20, 900x600mm)

Digitally print and supply 3mm thick advertising signs as discussed (x20, 900x600mm).

Your Investment: 350.00

***Your Total Investment:* \$500.00**

All pricing excludes GST & freight/delivery. Prices quoted are valid for 30 days from date of quotation.

Jess, our team of trade's people are NZQA qualified and perform this kind of project to the highest possible industry and safety standards.

- Note 1 :** Expected turnaround time from acceptance of quotation, payment terms and receipt of artwork would be approx. 9-12 working days. This could be negotiated to meet a required timeframe.
- Note 2 :** Included in this quotation is the allowance for the provision of an initial design concept and one round of revisions. Any further revisions may require an additional charge.
- Note 3 :** Upon acceptance of quotation we will require a 50% deposit to be paid with the balance on completion, unless credit terms have been agreed upon prior.

If you have any questions or want to discuss this proposal further feel free to get in contact at any time.

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The Riverstone ⁸⁷

18 Southbrook Road
 Rangiora New Zealand
 Tel: 03 313 1863
 Reservations: 03 313 1863

Quotation

GST No. 126-660-413
Quote No.: 1424
Date: 30 Jan 2026

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 C/- Rangiora Boxing Club
 Rangiora
 New Zealand

Ref : Rangiora Boxing Club

Site	Description	Date In	Nights	Site Rate	Based On	Extras Rate	Guests	Total
17 2-	2-Bedroom Suite (Room No.	28 May 26	2	295.00	2		2	590.00
18	4-Bedroom Apartment	28 May 26	2	650.00	6		4	1,300.00

Payment Terms: On Arrival	GST Content	246.52	Subtotal	1,890.00
Total Guests 6	Total Unit Nights 4		Grand Total	1,890.00

per Night per Head per Head/Night
 Cost 472.50 315.00 157.50

Deposit required 50% or 945.00 Bond and Deposit Payment 945.00
 Bond per guest Balance Payment 945.00

Thank you for your inquiry, we appreciate you choosing to select us for your accommodation.

Acceptance

Quote No.: 1424 

I accept the above costings and agree to pay the non refundable booking deposit.

Signed (on behalf of ██████████)

Signed

Organiser Signature

For The Riverstone

Please find our quote for accommodation attached and note our terms and policies below

Availability: We have reserved these rooms and dates for your occupation; please confirm this group booking within 7 days with the payment of the deposit as below. If the reservation is not confirmed, we will release the rooms and they will be able to be booked by others

Payment: Payment can be made by Direct Credit (to the bank account below) prior to check-in, or by an eftpos transaction on arrival; we accept the following cards: EFTPOS (Debit), AMEX, VISA and MasterCard. Please note, there is a 1.5% transaction surcharge (5% for AMEX) for contactless payments using EFTPOS (Debit), VISA or MasterCard. If an EFTPOS (Debit) card is swiped through, or inserted into our EFTPOS terminal, then there is no card surcharge

The Riverstone accepts these cards and reserves the right to temporarily hold an amount against the total reservation cost prior to arrival. Although payment is not required at the time of booking, we do require valid credit card details to hold and secure your booking

Payment is processed on arrival, unless your booking is non-refundable, in which case your credit card may be charged at any time after your booking is confirmed

Please note, The Riverstone does not accept cheques as a form of payment

Deposit: For group bookings such as this one, we require a 50% deposit (non-refundable) with the acceptance/confirmation. Please pay the deposit into the following bank account

MCMT Ltd (CA & MC Dougan) The Riverstone: 38-9022-0512171-00

Payment of the balance: The remaining balance is payable on arrival

Cancellation Policy for Group Bookings: Once you confirm a reservation we guarantee your rooms are held for you; unable to be booked by any other party. Due to the nature of our business, cancellations affect us significantly as we may turn away other guests while holding your reservation. Our standard cancellation policy for a single room reservation is 7-days

For this reason, we apply the following policy should the entire group booking be cancelled / partially amended (based on a 3 pm check-in time on the arrival day):

For group bookings such as this one: at least 8 weeks' notice of cancellation is required with no penalty

A cancellation of your entire booking within 8 weeks to 4 weeks will lose the deposit paid

A cancellation of your entire booking within 4 weeks to 7 days, will require 75% of the total booking value to be paid

A cancellation of your entire booking made less than 7 days before check-in, will require 100% of the total booking value to be paid

We will consider individual room cancellations/ amendments on a case-by-case basis, as and when they arise, and we are advised of such

A request to reduce the length of your stay on an existing reservation may result in having the rate re-quoted or the reservation being reviewed for acceptance. Early termination of a booked term may not result in a refund, unless we are able to re-let the booked accommodation on the same terms

The Riverstone is not responsible for any personal, unforeseen circumstances, such as cancelled events, flights or ferry sailings, breakdowns, change of mind, illness, etc.

We strongly suggest that guests take out travel insurance in the event that you may need to cancel and/or reduce the length of your reservation with us, for any reason

Child, infant and porta-cot policy: For infants under 2 years, The Riverstone has porta-cots for hire, subject to availability. Due to fire regulations, there is no capacity for extra beds at this property

Andrew Bell Medical Ltd
2/565 Manchester Street
Christchurch 8014
New Zealand

To: Rangiora Boxing Club

Attn: [REDACTED]

Invoice 0162
12 October 2025

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount NZD
Medical Cover - South Island Golden Gloves	1.0	2608.70	391.30	3000.00
Total NZD				\$ 3,000.00

Please pay to:
Andrew Bell Medical Limited
2/565 Manchester Street
Christchurch 8014

[REDACTED]

Internet Banking
Please quote your invoice number when paying by Internet Banking

Bank:
Account Name:
Account Number:

ANZ
Andrew Bell Medical Ltd.

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Statement of Financial Performance

Rangiora Boxing Club Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2025

'How was it funded?' and 'What did it cost?'

	NOTES	2025	2024
Revenue			
Donations, koha, bequest and other fundraising	1	9,528	2,858
Grants received	1	29,500	38,500
Membership fees and subscriptions	1	24,006	18,051
Sale of goods or services	1	9,935	1,243
Other cash received	1	765	-
Total Revenue		73,734	60,652
Expenses			
Employee and volunteer related costs	2	10,719	25,251
Rental and utility costs	2	23,523	24,062
Costs related to sale goods or services	2	26,106	18,780
Other cash paid	2	21	36
Total Expenses		60,369	68,129
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		13,365	(7,478)

This statement has been prepared without conducting an audit or review engagement, and should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

Statement of Financial Position

Rangiora Boxing Club Incorporated As at 31 December 2025

'What the entity owns?' and 'What the entity owes?'

	NOTES	31 DEC 2025	31 DEC 2024
Assets			
Cash or cash equivalents	3	11,703	4,964
Other current assets	3	1,099	1,099
Property Plant Equipment	5	28,452	24,126
Total Assets		41,254	30,188
Liabilities			
Employee Costs Payable	4	-	2,300
Total Liabilities		-	2,300
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		41,254	27,889
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	41,254	27,889
Total Accumulated Funds		41,254	27,889

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Statement of Cash Flows

Rangiora Boxing Club Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Operating receipts		
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	9,528	2,858
General grants	29,500	38,500
Membership fees and subscriptions	24,006	18,051
Other cash received	10,700	1,243
Total Operating receipts	73,734	60,652
Operating payments		
Employee remuneration and other related payments	(25,423)	(31,915)
Payments related to commercial activities	(40,988)	(33,748)
Other payments	(584)	(488)
Total Operating payments	(66,995)	(66,151)
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	6,740	(5,499)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	6,740	(5,499)
Bank Accounts and Cash		
Opening cash	4,964	10,463
Net change in cash for period	6,740	(5,499)
Closing cash	11,703	4,964

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Spreadsheet Showing Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Discretionary Grant for the 2024/25 Financial Year

Meeting considered	Group	Project	Accountability Received	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Running Balance	
		2024/25 = \$ 14,200				\$ 14,200.00	
10-Jul	Waimakariri United Football Club	Towards Bibs for in-house teams	28-Jul-25	\$920	\$600	\$13,600	
10-Jul	North Canterbury Federation of Women's Institute	Towards hosting a craft day	26-Jul-24	\$300	\$110	\$13,490	
10-Jul	Southbrook Netball Club	towards annual prize giving, storage and new netballs	Declined	\$1,000	\$0	\$13,490	
10-Jul	St Joseph's School Rangiora	towards hosting a cultural Festival	Declined	\$1,000	\$0	\$13,490	
10-Jul	The Salvation Army Just Brass Band	towards hosting free music lessons	9-Apr-25	\$1,000	\$500	\$12,990	
14-Aug	Cust/West Eyreton Playcentre	towards maintaining the first aid kit	funds not claimed	\$410	\$205	\$12,785	
14-Aug	Oxford Community Trust	towards catering costs for Day Out event	Declined	\$750		\$12,785	
14-Aug	Saracens Rugby Club	Towards sending teams to the Global Games Festival	10-Oct-24	\$1,000	\$250	\$12,535	
11-Sep	North Loburn School	Towards bark for playground	Declined	\$1,652	\$0	\$12,535	
11-Sep	Southbrook school 150th Jubilee Committee	Towards the purchase of a bench	28-Nov-24	\$750	\$750	\$11,785	
11-Sep	North Canterbury Inclusive Sports Festival	Host the festival at Mainpower	Funds not claimed	\$500	\$250	\$11,535	
Rangiora-Ashley Community Board 10.137.100.2410	13-Nov	North Loburn Home and School Committee	Towards seeds, compost	18-Jun-25	\$1,000	\$750	\$10,785
	13-Nov	North Canterbury BMX Club Inc	Towards aspholding	18-Dec-24	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$9,785
	12-Mar	Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade	Towards gazebos	22-Apr-25 returning \$985 as whole \$2000 not spent	\$1,000	\$1,015	\$8,770
	12-Mar	Rangiora Cricket Club	Towards new cricket balls	5-May-25	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$7,770
	9-Apr	Rangiora Community Patrol	Dash cams	29-Jul-25	\$775	\$775	\$6,995
	9-Apr	Big Brothers Big Sisters	New Office computer	15-Jul-25	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$5,995
	14-May	Rangiora and Districts Early Records Society Inc	New printer		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$4,995
	14-May	Rangiora Players	New Lighs for stage		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$3,995
	14-May	Momentum Charitable Trust	Towards support programmes	Declined	\$7,180	\$0	\$3,995
	14-May	North Canterbury Radio Trust	Network switch	12-Aug-25	\$401	\$401	\$3,594
	11-Jun	Southbrook Community Sports Club Inc	Towards new register and Totalpos	Withdrawn	\$1,000		\$3,594
	11-Jun	Rachel's House Trust	Towards catering costs for Big Splash	event to be held 22 August 2025	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,594
		Inclusive Sports				\$250	\$2,844
		Cust Playcentre				\$205	\$3,049

Spreadsheet Showing Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Discretionary Grant
for the 2025/26 Financial Year

Meeting considered	Group	Project	Accountability Received	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Running Balance
	Carry forward 2024/25 =3,049	2025/26 = \$14,510				\$ 17,559.00
9-Jul	North Canterbury Classics Leisure Marchers Inc	registration costs for 15 members to the National Leisure Marching event	Declined	\$535	\$0	\$17,559
9-Jul	Community Colleges New Zealand - Comcol North Canterbury	Purchase solar panel, connectors and battery for compostable toilet	16-Dec-25	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$16,559
9-Jul	North Canterbury Musical Society Inc	towards the purchase of a heat pump	19-Dec-25	\$957	\$957	\$15,602
9-Jul	North Canterbury Floral Art Group	towards hosting a Floral Art Demonstration and	10-Dec-25	\$1,000	\$500	\$15,102
13-Aug	Southbrook Community Sports Club	Towards plan design drawings	waiting for community workshop February	\$575	\$575	\$14,527
13-Aug	The Mainland Staffordshire Bull Terrier Society	towards a branded gazebo	declined receiving funds	\$750	\$400	\$14,527
13-Aug-25	North Canterbury Pony Club	Hiring of toilets	Declined	\$840	\$0	\$14,527
10-Sep	Ashgrove Netball Club	Towards uniforms and bibs		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$13,527
10-Sep	North Canterbury Youth Cricket Club	Towards the purchase of warm up equipment		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$12,527
10-Sep	The Hope Community Trust	towards the purchase of shelving		\$912	\$912	\$11,589
12-Nov	Empire marching Team	Towards uniforms and bibs		\$938	\$562	\$11,027
12-Nov	Noaia Charitable Trust	Community market for equipment and promotion		\$1,000	\$500	\$10,527
12-Nov	Mahi Matatoa Trust	Towards first aid training		\$780	\$780	\$9,747
10-Dec	McCullough Guards Leisure Marching	Towards hosting the National Leisure Marching Event	declined	\$5,000		\$9,747
11-Feb	Friends of Dudley Park	Towards establishment of the Group	On Hold	\$1,000		
11-Mar	Okuku Pony Club	Towards Prize ribbons		\$1,000		
11-Mar	North Canterbury Scout Group	Towards attending the Jamboree		\$1,000		
11-Mar	Rangiora Boxing Club	Towards the cost of hosting the Golden Gloves tournament		\$500		

GOVERNANCE

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

Discretionary Grant Application

Information to assist groups with their application

The purpose of the Board discretionary grants is to assist projects that enhance community group capacity and/or increase participation in activities.

When assessing grant applications the Board considers a number of factors in its decision making. These include, but are not limited to; type of project, time frame, benefits to the community and costs. The more information you as a group can provide on the project and benefits to participants the better informed the Board is. You are welcome to include a cover letter as part of your application. The decision to grant funds is the sole discretion of the Board.

The Board cannot accept applications from individuals. All funding is paid to community-based project groups, non-profit community organisations, registered charities or incorporated societies. Council funding is publicly accountable therefore the Board needs to demonstrate to the community where funding is going and what it is being spent on.

The Board encourages applicants, where practically possible, to consider using local businesses or suppliers for any services or goods they require in their application. The Board acknowledges that this may result in a higher quote.

It would be helpful to the Board to receive a project summary that includes costs, and shows the areas where funds will be spent, fund raising the group has undertaken towards the project, and other sources of funding that have been accessed. Please note that your application will not be processed if the required financial information is not provided. The Board reserve the right to request additional information.

Examples (but not limited to) of what the Board cannot fund:	Examples (but not limited to) of what the Board can fund:
✗ Wages	✓ New equipment/materials
✗ Debt servicing	✓ Toys/educational aids
✗ Payment for volunteers (including arrangements in kind eg petrol vouchers)	✓ Sporting equipment
✗ Stock or capital market investment	✓ Safety equipment
✗ Gambling or prize money	✓ Costs associated with events
✗ Funding of individuals (only non-profit organisations)	✓ Community training
✗ Payment of any legal expenditure or associated costs	
✗ Purchase of land and buildings	
✗ Activities or initiatives where the primary purpose is to promote, commercial or profit-oriented interests	
✗ Payment of fines, court costs or mediation costs, IRD penalties	

- The Board supports a wide range of community activities. However, an application will only be considered if it is deemed of the nature listed in the table of examples of what the Board can fund (see previous page).
- The Board will consider grant applications every month. Applications must be received at least four weeks before Board meeting dates to be processed on time.
- 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.
- Applications from Funding Committees and/or similar community-based groups associated with schools will be considered only if 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.
- 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.
- Grants are generally limited to \$1,000 in any financial year (July to June). However, a group may apply twice a year, provided it is for different projects. The Board will only consider granting more than \$1,000 in exceptional circumstances and will provide detailed reasons for exceeding the present limit.
- 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 associated with the administration or running of the applicant's club organisation or club.
- Organisations predominately 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.
- The applicant 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.
- 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.
- Where possible, Boards request permission to use these photos on their Facebook page, the Council website, or other social media to encourage other community groups' participation.
- No new application will be accepted until the Board receives the Accountability Form and relevant documentation for previous funding granted.

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**REPORT FOR DECISION**

FILE NO and TRIM NO: GOV-26-11-06/ 260115005741

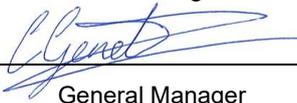
REPORT TO: RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: 11 March 2026

FROM: Thea Kunkel, Governance Team Leader

SUBJECT: Approval of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Plan 2025-28

SIGNED BY:
(for Reports to Council,
Committees or Boards)


General Manager


Acting Chief Executive

1 SUMMARY

This report seeks the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's (the Board) approval of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Plan 2025-28.

Attachments:

- i. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Plan 2025-28 (Trim: 261012003789).

2 RECOMMENDATION

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.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As required by the Council, the Community Board must prepare a Community Plan (the Plan) each term and review it annually. This process enables the Board to assess progress toward its objectives, reflect on its current activities, and incorporate community feedback.
- 3.2 The plans have been developed with input from Community Board members, who maintain regular engagement with residents, community leaders, and local organisations, and should therefore be well placed to advocate on behalf of their communities. Workshops were held with the Boards in December 2025 to outline the process and obtain members' contributions.

4 ISSUES AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 The plans reflect the Board's key achievements and the progress of their projects in 2025 and highlight upcoming Board initiatives. Information on the various projects has been sourced from the relevant service departments.

- 4.2 The Plan also contains information regarding the Rangiora-Ashley community, the role of the Community Board, Discretionary Grant Funding, its Landscaping projects, and information on the Board's meetings for 2026. It is intended to help the community understand how their concerns are being acknowledged and to reinforce that they have a voice in local government decision-making.
- 4.3 The Board has the prerogative not to approve the Community Board Plan 2025-28. However, the Plan is important, as it provides a key mechanism for the Board to communicate its purpose and performance expectations to the community. It also ensures that community needs are presented to the Council in a consistent and strategic manner, informing both Annual and Long Term Plans. It is therefore recommended that the Board endorse the plan.
- 4.4 If the plan is approved, it will also serve as a promotional document for the Community Board and will be published on the Council's website.
- 4.5 Staff request that the Chairperson be authorised to approve the final version of the updated Plan if any further minor editorial corrections are required.
- 4.6 **Implications for Community Wellbeing**
The issues and options in this report have implications for community wellbeing, as the Plan is a tool to inform the community about the work and progress on issues being addressed by the Board during the term.
- 4.7 The Management Team has reviewed this report.

5. **COMMUNITY VIEWS**

5.1 **Mana Whenua**

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri hapū is not likely to be affected by or have an interest in the subject matter of this report.

5.2 **Groups and Organisations**

Community groups and organisations benefit from the projects and funding delivered by the Community Board. Many may apply for funding or seek the Board's support for local initiatives. The Plan includes important information for Community groups and organisations.

5.3 **Wider Community**

The wider community is not likely to be affected by or have an interest in the subject matter of this report. However, the Plan was developed with input from Board members who communicate regularly with local residents, community leaders, and community organisations.

6 **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

6.1 **Financial Implications**

The decisions sought by this report have no financial implications, as the servicing of Community Boards is met within the Council's existing Governance Budgets. There is a small cost associated with printing the documents (in-house) for the Service Centres and members.

6.2 **Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The Plan includes information on several projects underway in the Rangiora-Ashley area that could impact sustainability and climate change, such as alternative transport, tree planting, and food security.

6.3 **Risk Management**

There are no risks arising from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

6.4 **Health and Safety**

There are no health and safety matters arising from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

7 **CONTEXT**

7.1 **Consistency with Policy**

These matters are not matters of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

7.2 **Authorising Legislation**

Local Government Act 2002 Clause 52.
Delegation to Community Boards, Part 3, S-DM 1041, Issue 10, as at 25 October 2016.

7.3 **Consistency with Community Outcomes**

People are friendly and caring, creating a strong sense of community in our District.

There are wide-ranging opportunities for people of different ages and cultures to participate in community life and recreational activities.

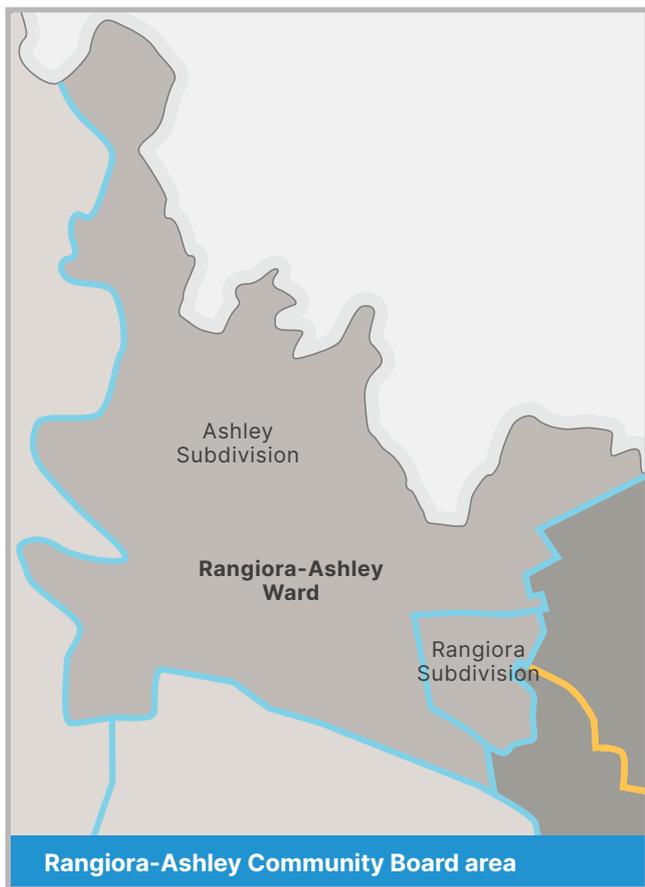
7.4 **Authorising Delegations**

The Board is required by the Council to prepare and adopt a Community Board Plan annually that highlights the key issues, priorities, and actions that the Board proposes to advance during the year.



Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Community Plan 2025–2028

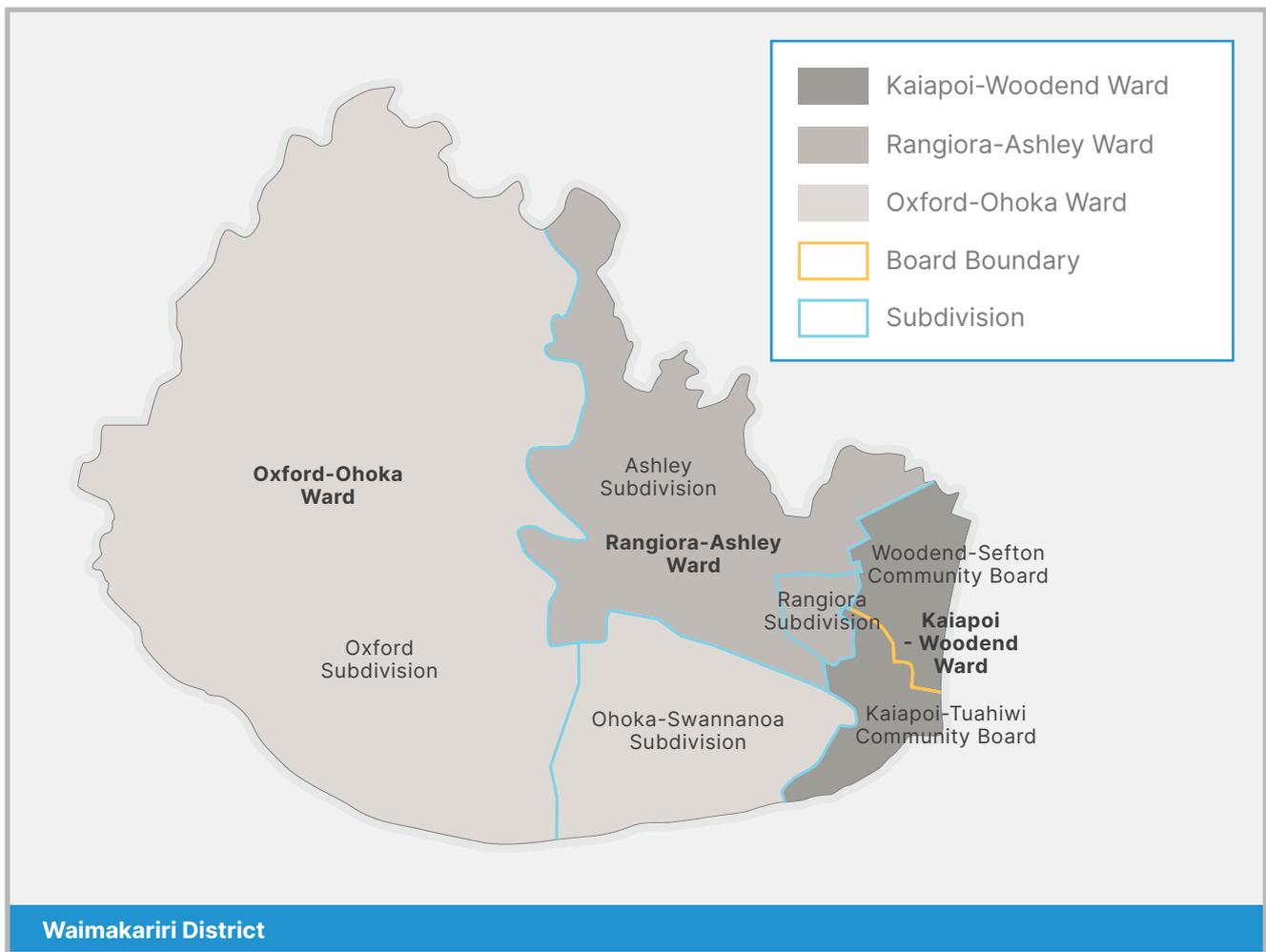




Ward	Population
Rangiora-Ashley Ward	29,126
Oxford-Ohoka Ward	14,865
Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward	30,082
Total	74,073

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 therefore 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.

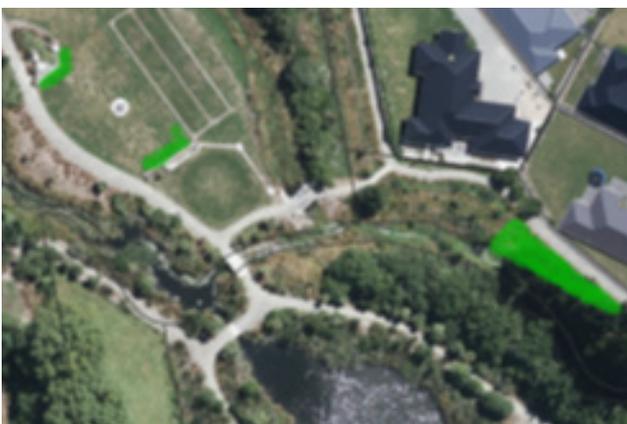


StoryWalk in Northbrook Wetlands

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.

Waka Kotahi funding

The Board is concerned that Waka Kotahi 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 is further aware 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



Blake Street Carpark

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. Therefore, 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.



Hunnibell Lane, 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, therefore, 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, therefore, 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, therefore, 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 therefore 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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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.



Southbrook School 150th Jubilee

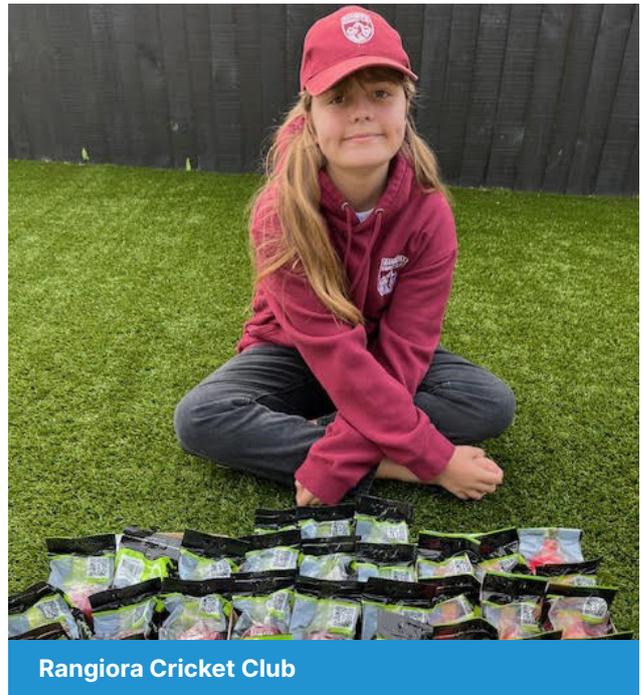
Rangiora-Ashley Community Board criteria for funding applications

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

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 asphalt 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.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

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.



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.



Kippenberger Avenue

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
\$14,510	\$14,980	\$15,340	\$15,690

If you have a suggestion for beautifying your community that you would like the Board to consider, please contact either the Board Chairperson (liz.mclure@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

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



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



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



Trevor Inch Memorial Library



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

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
Private Bag 1005
Rangiora 7440, New Zealand
Phone 0800 965 468
waimakariri.govt.nz

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Keep Rangiora Beautiful Group

C/-Adrienne McGowan- Secretary
 Atawhai, 163 Fernside Road, Kaiapoi 7691
 Email: adrienne.atawhai@gmail.com
 Phone/Txt 027 314 7725

February 20, 2026

Grant MacLeod
 Manager Green Space Unit
 Community and Recreation
 Waimakariri District Council

For Attention: **Liz McClure**
 Chair Ashley/Rangiora Community Board

WINDING -UP OF THE GROUP DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDUAL FUNDS

Dear Liz,

It is with much regret that the Keep Rangiora Beautiful Group, advises that it will cease to operate as from end of March 2026. Over the last couple of years, the group has struggled to attract both new members and meet expectations to deliver small planting projects across Rangiora with only a few retired members to do the work.

We met with Chris Brown, the Head of the Recreation and Community Division and Grant MacLeod Manager of the Green Space Unit in December to inform them about our decision and discuss a few matters.

A few issues to consider:

1. Arrange for planting of trees that we have purchased.

The Green Space Unit will arrange for its contractor to pick up and plant the replacement trees that we purchased last year for the Flaxton Ponds and Milton Avenue projects. We would also gift back 14 Water Wells to the Council for use on other trees.

2. Members continuing interest in assisting local planting and maintenance projects

As discussed at the meeting with Council staff there is still a keenness by members to participate in actioning planting projects. Members were interested in joining with other groups and participating in Council organised biodiversity projects. There was acknowledgement that joining the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust for example would enable our members to be even more involved in a wider range of projects. Members have also been helping council staff with weed control at Matawai Park, and others involved with litter collection and maintenance work associated with the Council's waste minimisation project.

Sandra Stewart and Grant Edge are both now Trustees with the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust and will continue to promote biodiversity action in that role.

4. Distribution of Residual Funds.

At this stage the group it is likely to have residual funds of about \$2000+.as we wrap up business. We suggest that this money be transferred/gifted from the group's account to the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust rather than being returned to Council. This money would be put , toward one of the local Rangiora projects that the group has on its list, or otherwise an agreed project of interest.

Note of Thanks

The Keep Rangiora Beautiful Group wishes to thank the Waimakariri District Council, the Ashley Rakahuri Community Board and the Council's Parks staff for their on-going financial support for the group over the last 40 years.

This funding and assistance have helped deliver planting and litter collection projects around Rangiora during this time.

We acknowledge past member of the society and the tremendous work undertaken, not only in planting projects, but weeding, litter collection and recycling campaigns. Much of the work of the group was recognised in our 2019 30-year celebration booklet, which provides a great record of projects delivered by our dedicated volunteer members.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Ashley/Rakahuri Community Board endorses the re-distribution of any residual funds of the Keep Rangiora Beautiful Group to the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust. The group will organise this as part of the final winding-up process due to be completed by the end of March.

Kind Regards

Chair Greg Miller

Secretary Adrienne McGowan

Treasurer Grant Edge

RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
6/2 – Waitangi Day Celebration in Kaiapoi	Was a quick visit, but it was great to see so many people attending and taking part in the celebration	
9/2 – Agenda Meeting		
11/2 – RACB Meeting		
17/2 – Southern Community Hub Community Meeting	Community workshop to discuss and gather ideas for the upgrade of Southbrook Sports Club – great workshop, fabulously facilitated by WDC staff, with 66 community members in attendance, all positive about the project	
18/2 – All Boards Meeting		
20/2 – Mayor's Afternoon Tea to celebrate Ian Poulter (King's Honour recipient) & Beverley McGowan (Community Service award)		
22/2 – Working Bee in Rangiora Food Forest	Encountered several members of the public asking about the works in Spark Lane. They all thought it was the commencement of the Eastern Link Road and were concerned with the media releases about the budgets	Referred them to WDC after confirming with them that this was drainage and sewer pipe upgrades – several of them did not believe me.
24/2 – Purple Poppy Day	Attended the Purple Poppy memorial at the Cenotaph. One of the RSA members asked how they can encourage more people to attend and for WDC to support this, as they do for ANZAC Day.	Referred them to WDC and said I would mention it in my monthly report. 24 February is Purple Poppy Day for the remembrance of all service animals who were war victims and are still in service today.

UPCOMING: For anyone interested or who wants to come along, Food Secure North Canterbury is running a Grow and Tell event over two weekends in March. Our Rangiora Food Forest has been accepted to participate and will run 3 sessions on Saturday, 14 March 2026, to showcase our Food Forest and encourage people to think about how they can use underutilised garden space to help their communities.

RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD

MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Member's Name: Robbie Brine

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
<i>Southern Community Hub</i>	<p><i>Several meetings of the Southern Community Hub (Southbrook Park pavilion) working group have taken place over the last month, including the attached summary (Attachment A) of a well-attended community meeting. Discussion is ongoing with some key potential foundation members.</i></p> <p><i>Optimism is high in the group, which we hope to increase by bringing in key future users of the facility.</i></p>	<i>I will be reporting to the Board frequently and, with Madam Chair's indulgence, can try to answer questions.</i>

Member's Name: Alan Geeves

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
<i>Waimakariri Access Group meeting</i>	<i>Feedback on Blake Street parking proposal</i>	<i>Request that signage does not block pedestrian/wheelchair access between car parks</i>
	<i>Draft Traffic Bylaw</i>	<i>Request for an online map showing mobility parks</i>
	<i>Correspondence: A request to have a representative on the Project Reference Group for the Play Active Recreation and Sport Strategy and spaces planning group</i>	<i>Not the Community Board</i>
	<i>Training 20th February and 12th March 2026</i>	
	<i>Library Survey</i>	<i>Request to look at a mobile library service</i>
<i>Landmarks</i>	<i>None</i>	

Member's Name: Jim Gerard

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
2 February 2026 – DLC Training		
7 February 2026 – Cricket meeting	General discussion regarding Southbrook Park	No action required, as it was a public meeting
9 February 2026 – RACB Agenda Meeting	Various issues were raised regarding the items on the RACB Agenda for the February 2026 meeting.	Matters to be discussed at the meeting
10 February 2026 – RACB meeting	See RACB meeting Minutes	See RACB meeting Minutes
12 February 2026 – Community Networking Forum	The communities were facing challenging times.	Ongoing
17 February 2026 – Southern Community Hub	Discussion regarding the Southern Community Hub. It was a well-attended community meeting.	Discussion is ongoing.
18 February 2026 – Joint All Boards Session	Community Board members were updated on the Council's draft 2026/27 Annual Plan.	RACB to prepare submission on the Council's draft 2026/27 Annual Plan.
19 February 2026 – Meals on Wheels		

Member's Name: Diana Hawkins

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
17 February 2026 Hurunui Water Mgt Liaison Committee meeting	<p>Very interesting format. A good way to communicate water issues widely. They have 16 schemes, catering for 14,000 Hurunui residents and 5,000 Waimak.</p> <p>Water assets are in great condition and therefore have had no breaches of DW standards in the last 6 months. 100% compliance across the district. HDC proactively manage challenging situations. I.e., flooding and wind-related power outages, to ensure that all water is safe at all times.</p>	<p>Possible use of such a forum for WDC to inform Waimak residents of infrastructure issues/compliance/ outage/workflow timings, etc.</p> <p>Is it possible to have this kind of update for road and water infrastructure? Biennial.</p>

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>i.e, Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>i.e, Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>i.e, Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
	<p>Also provided the average time to fix outages and other metrics for each scheme type. Outages also included communication issues.</p> <p>The WSCCO (with Kaikoura DC) is progressing and is hoped to be in operation by 1 July 2026.</p>	
19 February 2026 ARRG meeting	<p>Presentation of recent season. Black-fronted terns had a fledging rate of only 15% last year, despite this year having the most monitoring and predator control ever. Wrybill fared much better, with an 82% fledging.</p> <p>However, this hides the major nest-abandonment issues, largely caused by predation, as well as the actual predation losses. More than 60% of nests were lost to abandonment and predation.</p> <p>In early February, the ARRG contacted the Mayor regarding another attempt to introduce a cat bylaw, but has not yet received a response.</p>	<p>I will continue to ask for the creation of a bylaw similar in intent and execution to the Kaikoura District Council bylaw. With the intent to educate residents rather than prosecute.</p> <p>Only 1 nest was destroyed by 4WD/quad bike activity this year. A mark of the success of education.</p> <p>Pass on the Pets and pests: charting the course for comprehensive cat management in Aotearoa New Zealand (Attachment B)</p>
23 Feb, North Loburn School Community Emergency Hub Launch	<p>Explanation of the role of the emergency hub both in the local community and how it fits in the wider community. Attendance was good as the launch was tagged to a school event and a PTA meeting</p>	No further action for me specifically, as my emergency hub is Loburn school.

Member's Name: Bruce McLaren

COMMUNITY INTERACTION	ISSUES RAISED	ACTION SUGGESTED
<i>e.g. Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>e.g. Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>e.g. Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
<i>Note: My Councillor meetings, workshops, committee meetings and public engagements are recorded separately.</i>		
Waitangi Day Celebrations at Ohoka Market and Kaiapoi	Great celebrations. Fun family days. Well organised and I didn't observe any protests or disruptions.	
Civil Defence Volunteers Long Service Awards - Rangiora	Especially for RACB member Duncan Lundy (40 years) and Heather Thomas JP (50 years).	RACB to acknowledge Duncan's significant contribution to Civil Defence for two score years.

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<i>e.g. Events, meetings, e-mails</i>	<i>e.g. Community Feedback and Concerns</i>	<i>e.g. Call for report, refer to Council, Service Request</i>
Community Networking Forum - Rangiora	Attracted 32 representatives from a wide range of groups and organisations. Many Board members and councillors also attended.	Commend the Community Support team for organising and facilitating these forums.
Fire Fighting Competitions	Dudley Park. Good fun. Highly skilled firefighters.	
Lunar New Year Celebrations	Rangiora Library. Well organised and popular – especially the delicious dumplings being given away.	Commend the Library staff for organising this event.
Humans of Waimakariri launch in the Rangiora Library Chamber Gallery	Showcasing the people in our district through a photograph and a short story.	Commend Sally O’Connell for her significant support and drive to make this happen, along with Shelley Topp.
Rangiora Community Patrol fundraising	Safer Plates and BBQ at Pak’nSave Rangiora. Quiz afternoon at the Rangiora RSA.	Spread the word that number plate theft is still a significant problem.
Christchurch Earthquake 15 th Anniversary		
Citizenship Ceremony - Rangiora	A significant day for our newest New Zealanders as the Mayor took their Oath of Allegiance.	RACB members can attend future ceremonies. The Governance team can send a calendar invite for those.
North Loburn School Community Emergency Hub launch	The 19 th Community Hub opened in our district. Well attended by the local residents.	Commend council Civil Defence staff and volunteers for facilitating this community-run initiative.
Violence Free North Canterbury meeting	Multiple organisations meet to share information and find solutions to domestic violence in our District.	Commend the Community Support team for organising and facilitating these meetings.
Pop Up Libraries	Visited the team at Pegasus and Woodend	Commend the Library staff for this initiative.
Satisfy Food Rescue's new premises visit	Excellent work saving and redistributing food	

- * *The purpose of this exchange is to provide a short update to other members in relation to activities/meetings that have been attended or to provide general Board-related information.*
- * *Members are urged to submit written updates in time for inclusion in the Community Board Agenda for the community’s benefit.*

Southern Community Hub at Southbrook Park

Executive Summary of Community Workshop 17 February 2026

Southbrook Park is widely regarded as one of Rangiora’s most important community spaces. It is valued for its central location, strong identity, multi-generational use, and role as the home of grass-roots sport. Community feedback shows overwhelming support for exploring a Southern Community Hub at the site, with a strong desire to retain the park’s character while expanding its potential.

Current Use of Southbrook Park

Southbrook Park is heavily used for sport, recreation, and community/social events:

- Rugby, touch, cricket, bocce, Special Olympics, school and high-school sport
- Dog walking, casual recreation, running, fitness groups
- Events: weddings, funerals, 21sts, meetings, tournaments and visitor gatherings

This high level of daily and seasonal activity reinforces the park’s identity as a central, accessible, and multi-use community asset.

Community Values of Southbrook Park

Feedback consistently highlighted:

- Genuine greenspace supporting walking, play, and informal use
- Community identity and belonging, with generations involved in sport
- Accessibility, proximity to schools, and good transport connections
- High-quality sports fields with good drainage
- Existing amenities, including toilets, lighting, changing rooms, parking, bookable spaces

Retention priorities include the location, park name, history, and current users.

Future Opportunities

The community sees Southbrook Park as a “blank canvas” with unrealised potential.

A Southern Community Hub could:

- Provide a multi-purpose, inclusive facility for all ages and abilities
- Support sport, recreation, culture, arts, learning, events, social gatherings
- Enable women and girls’ sport, safe youth spaces, senior-friendly spaces

- Offer flexible rooms, co-working areas, performance space, and event infrastructure
- Improve resilience through use as a Civil Defence hub
- Support a bowls development vision including covered greens and tournament facilities
- Deliver all-weather sport options including turf, lighting, indoor spaces
- Provide improved parking, EV chargers, motorhome parking, cycle connections
- Create flexible indoor/outdoor event environments
- Incorporate future-proof technology for digital learning, hybrid meetings, e-sports
- Maintain the park's greenspace character while enhancing community use

Revenue Earning Opportunities

A sustainable hub requires diverse income streams. The community identified:

- Commercial tenants: gym, café, physio, office tenants, X-Golf, motorhome parking
- Sponsorship & grants: naming rights, corporate partnerships, pub charities
- Hospitality income: bar, café/restaurant, catering services
- Event and function hire: weddings, 21sts, funerals, conferences, meetings
- Programme & activity revenue: youth programmes, bowls tournaments, coaching, workshops, after-school care
- Maximised activation: seven-day use, workforce to activate the facility, daytime community bookings

What Will Be Needed to Turn Opportunities Into Reality

The community outlined four essential pillars:

1. Deep Community Engagement

- Co-design with all groups: sport, schools, youth, seniors, disability, culture
- Expressions of interest to confirm “must haves”
- Ongoing communication and inclusion

2. Strong Governance & Clear Processes

- Transparent governance structure
- Clear booking rules; avoid politics and protect community use
- Representation from all key user groups

- Designated facility manager
- Not-for-profit structure for funding access

3. A Phased, Realistic Development Approach

- Stage 1: core essentials (toilets, storage, lighting, key rooms)
- Stage 2: enhanced facilities (covered areas, expanded social spaces)
- Well-scoped plan based on needs first, then aspirational features
- Clear design process to guide site layout and building placement

4. Inspiration & Best Practice

- Learn from successful hubs: Eastern Community Hub (Christchurch), Toitu Pōneke (Wellington), Saxon Fields (Stoke), Aorangi Park (Timaru)
- Adapt proven models to Waimakariri's context

Who Could Help

A broad coalition of potential partners is available to support achievement of a hub:

- Local residents, volunteers, trades, businesses
- Sport and recreation organisations, regional and national
- Youth and community leaders
- Council for planning, governance design, funding alignment
- North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust as an advisor
- Funders and trusts including Lotteries, COGS, gaming trusts
- Support networks such as marketing professionals, community hubs around NZ, and local media



Southbrook Park

— COMMUNITY FEEDBACK —

What People Value Most	Current Use of the Park	Important to Retain
 <p>Sport & Recreation Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grassroots sports – Rugby, Touch, Cricket Multiple fields for tournaments 	 <p>Sports Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby & Touch Cricket, Bocce, Special Olympics 	 <p>Central Location & Accessibility</p>
 <p>Good drainage, playable in winter</p>	 <p>Dog Walking & Running</p>	 <p>Community Greenspace</p>
 <p>Central & Accessible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to Rangiora New Life & Southbrook School Good parking, bus routes, traffic lights 	 <p>Casual Play & Fitness</p>	 <p>Name & History</p>
 <p>Events & Gatherings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournaments & School Events Meetings & Functions Venue 		

Potential for the Future:

 <p>Improved Facilities</p>	 <p>Larger Events</p>	 <p>Community Hub</p>
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Southern Community Hub

Opportunities



Inclusive & Multi-Use Spaces



All ages, all abilities, barrier-free access

Indoor & Outdoor Sport



Sports courts, turf, changing rooms, gym

Social & Community Areas



Café, events, meetings, functions

Bowls Facility



Covered & synthetic greens

Events & Markets



Outdoor space for festivals & activities

Emergency Resilience Hub



Civil Defence & Community Support

Accessible Parking & Transport



Buses, EV chargers, motorhome park

Southern Community Hub

Making It Happen!

Sustainability & Revenue Opportunities

Commercial Tenants



Gym, Café, Physio, Office Rentals, Motorhome Parking

Sponsorship & Grants



Naming Rights, Sponsorship, Pub Charity Grants

Hospitality & Events



Consultation, Co-Design, Communication

Programme & Activities



What Will Be Needed to Turn Opportunities into Reality

Community Engagement



Consultation, Co-Design, Communication

Strong Governance



Clear Rules, Shared Leadership

Phased Approach



Build Essentials First, Expand in Stages

Inspiration & Best Practice



Clubs, Local Businesses, Volunteers



Sports Orgs & Trusts



Council & Grant Providers



Youth & Community Leaders

Who Could Help



Pets and pests: charting the course for comprehensive cat management in Aotearoa New Zealand

BH Beattie

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Pets and pests: charting the course for comprehensive cat management in Aotearoa New Zealand

Cat management in Aotearoa has been a vexed topic for over a decade. Some would argue that in its contemporary form, the conversation arose after Gareth Morgan's 2013 "Cats To Go" campaign (Morgan 2013; Morgan Foundation 2016) that raised the ire of cat lovers nationwide, and some believe led to horrendous and entirely unacceptable actions from a few people (Manins 2013).

Perhaps at the root of much of the antagonism and angst over cat conversations is the idea that one must make a choice: one is either for cats or agin' them, and if agin' them, then one must be on the side of our native species. In fact, it is not a binary choice – Aotearoa New Zealand can have cats kept safe and happy at home, and thriving native species.

To achieve that utopia, two things are required: comprehensive national cat management legislation that addresses companion, stray and feral cat management, and patience. Like many aspects of animal welfare advocacy, cat management advocacy is a long game and requires an intergenerational shift in attitudes, assisted by extensive and persistent education. Cats will be best protected by a careful and planned policy programme that is supported by voluntary human behaviour change.

Given there is no documented history of Aotearoa's cat advocacy over the last decade, this editorial sets out its short history, including the inception of a national collective on cat management, key milestones, and what is needed to achieve meaningful national cat management.

Establishing the National Cat Management Strategy Group

Following his "Cats To Go" campaign, Morgan spoke at the 2014 New Zealand Companion Animal Council (NZCAC; now known as Companion Animals NZ) conference. His address was predictably provocative: cats as predators, trespassers, and soiling machines. But to some in the audience, what he said also made a lot of sense – he spoke of the need for a coherent, national policy to manage and protect cats and native species.

I was present in the crowd that day, as was Pieter Verhoek, then a New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) board member. We both thought Morgan made (provocative) sense, and following a conversation with him, the NZVA organised a meeting with the Morgan Foundation and the SPCA. Given the hostile relationship between the two at the time (Morgan 2019a, 2019b), the meeting was a somewhat remarkable feat.

At the meeting, all agreed that the fragmented, local approach taken to cat management was not effective. Cat management had evolved haphazardly, with councils

rarely and inconsistently regulating owned cats via bylaws (see NCMG 2025). Left absent was any guidance on stray populations – arguably, the most significant challenge within cat management.

The meeting led to the eventual establishment of the National Cat Management Strategy Group (NCMSG; now known as the National Cat Management Group), the first national collaborative working group to develop evidence-based, nationally consistent recommendations for the humane, effective management of cats across the owned–stray–feral cat continuum.

Membership of the group was the NZVA (Chair), NZVA Companion Animal Society (now known as NZVA Companion Animal Veterinarians), Morgan Foundation (replaced by Predator Free NZ in 2025), RNZSPCA, Local Government NZ, and NZCAC, with central government agencies represented by a technical advisor (Department of Conservation) and an observer (Ministry for Primary Industries).

The National Cat Management Strategy Group discussion paper

The NCMSG's first major output was the *New Zealand National Cat Management Strategy Discussion Paper* (NCMSG 2017), a landmark, co-designed document that mapped the scale of the issue and proposed a strategic, humane, nationally cohesive framework for cat management.

During development, the paper was consulted widely across New Zealand, with cat lovers, haters, individuals, groups of cat carers/rescuers, welfare agencies, conservationists and councils given the opportunity to provide feedback. Not surprisingly, consultation and subsequent publication of the discussion paper attracted voluminous and varied feedback and, aligning with international experience following publication of cat impact research (Trouwborst and Somsen 2020), emails, websites and campaigns that expressed extreme distress about the report's proposed cat management techniques, and disdain towards its authors.

Perhaps consequently, there was (and remains to be) little enthusiasm from regulators to make meaningful policy change to protect cats and nature, which "may be motivated in part by the anticipated unpopularity of such actions with parts of their constituencies" (Trouwborst *et al.* 2020).

The discussion paper set out four strategic goals:

1. All cats are responsibly owned and valued, and the benefits of cat ownership are recognised;

2. Humane and effective cat management is supported through an appropriate legislative, regulatory and educative framework;
3. The protection of our native species and ecosystems is enhanced through the humane management of cats;
4. Minimising the negative impact of cats on the community and our shared environment, both urban and rural.

The paper noted that it *“is not possible to accurately quantify the cat population in New Zealand numerically, as exact cat numbers are unknown”* and that data *“concerning the New Zealand cat problem are largely unavailable or estimated, as there is no central depository for the numbers of cats rehomed, euthanased, trap-neuter-returned or trapped and killed”* the numbers of which are thought to run into the tens of thousands.

The paper also emphasised the inherent value of cats, their sentience and the benefits they provide to many people through companionship, improving quality of life for the elderly, and providing specific and general health benefits. As well, the paper noted the damage cats do to native ecosystems, such as predation on native species, including bats and birds, and noted there is an *“urgent need for research and development of more humane control methods for feral cats”* (NCMSG 2017) (and other alien species).

Importantly, with regard to Aotearoa’s unique ecosystem and cat population, the NCMSG proposed new and more meaningful categories of cats which align with required management. As well as feral cats, the paper proposed that domestic cats are categorised as companion cats, and that stray cats can be socialised or unsocialised, and be managed or unmanaged by people.

NCMSG’s second and third reports

While updated with research that now includes significantly more New Zealand-focused publications, the 2017 recommendations remain key to the second (NCMSG 2020) and third reports (NCMG 2025). The 2025 Report was launched alongside a new NCMG website (<https://www.nzncmg.com/>).

Key principles and recommendations in the reports include the acknowledgement of sentience and cats’ ability to suffer; the vast amount of education and human behaviour change required regarding our relationship with cats, and responsible cat guardianship; and the need for a nationally legislated and coordinated approach to cat management, including stray cats (NCMG 2025).

The NCMG continues to support the use of managed, targeted trap, neuter and return (mtTNR) programmes with exclusions in ecologically vulnerable areas. mtTNR is a conflict point for many with interests in cat welfare and/or ecology, but evidence shows that trap and kill is not successful long term (Hatley 2003; Palmas *et al.* 2020; Calver *et al.* 2022), and has low public palatability, where mtTNR is supported by a growing body of evidence (Levy *et al.* 2003; Swarbrick and Rand 2018; Kreisler *et al.* 2019). The cat population must be considered as a

continuum where cats transition from one category to another, meaning desexing of companion cats is critical to limit the flow of companion cats to the stray cat population. The three reports establish the most coherent, cross-sector blueprint for comprehensive cat management that New Zealand has ever produced. A key aspect of all the reports is the long-term, strategic vision for all cats in New Zealand to be responsibly owned and valued, and that cats are humanely managed in a way that protects their welfare, and our unique environment – in short, *“every cat in a lap”* (now the NCMG tagline; G. Simmons, as cited in McLean 2016).

Key milestones

Local Government NZ remit 2017

Following discussions with their local SPCA Director of Animal Welfare and Chief Inspector about the impossibility of managing, and the potential illegality of killing, unsocialised but managed stray cats, in 2017 the Dunedin City Council lodged a remit (Anonymous 2018) to Local Government NZ (LGNZ) requesting central government regulation of cats. The remit sought compulsory microchipping and desexing of cats, aligning with NCMSG’s goals and creating much anticipation. It indicated a new understanding that national regulation would assist councils to implement local bylaws for cat control and wildlife protection. But, perhaps demonstrating yet again the vexed nature of cat conversations, despite a mandate being given by the remit sneaking through by 51%, nothing eventuated from it, as neither LGNZ nor government prioritised its progress.

“Safe and happy at home” 2020

In 2020, recognising the importance of human behaviour change and the impact of helpful and consistent language, Predator Free NZ’s CEO Jessi Morgan led the development of a values-based messaging guide for cats. Out of this work came the phrase, *“Keeping cats safe and happy at home”* which can be achieved in a variety of ways, from having an indoor cat, to catios or cat proof fences.

While the generic message is the goal, providing a non-roaming cat with a good life comes with significant challenges, and it is not a matter of merely shutting the door (Ellis *et al.* 2013; Heath 2025).

Erica Rowland’s petition 2021

Rowlands’ 2021 petition asking the House of Representatives to *“mandate the registration and desexing of pet cats and kittens,”* was considered by the Environment Select Committee, who delivered its report in 2023 (Anonymous 2023). The Committee recommended by a majority that legislation be developed to implement a nationwide cat management framework, within which cats would be registered, desexed, and microchipped with appropriate exemptions. The report noted,

...the current, largely unregulated approach to cats does not serve the welfare of the large numbers of stray and feral cats. Moreover the stray and feral cat population decimates native wildlife [and] we consider that a nationally consistent approach to cat control would provide a more effective outcome than bylaws. Public education and gaining community support for change will need to go hand in hand with legislative and regulatory action.

The House of Representatives did not action the recommendation.

Members' bill on microchipping of cats 2024

Throughout the last decade, direct lobbying and education of Members of Parliament has also occurred alongside the wider, more visible cat management advocacy. Most recently, NCMG members helped draft a Members' bill (Anonymous 2024), which, in 2024, with support from National MP Barbara Kuriger, saw Green MP Celia Wade-Brown lodge a bill whose purpose is "two-fold: to improve cat welfare and to protect native wildlife focused on microchipping of companion cats."

The bill serves an important role: it advances public and political discussion, highlights cross-party support for cat management, and emphasises that "there is a varied and inconsistent approach across the country. The Bill establishes consistent national minimum requirements for microchipping and registering of future domestic cats, while allowing more stringent local bylaws." Importantly, it demonstrates that some MPs understand the need for a statutory framework for cat management. The bill is currently in the ballot, awaiting selection and its first reading in Parliament.

Predator Free 2050 Strategy review 2025

In 2025, the Predator Free 2050 Strategy was reviewed (Anonymous 2025a), with many NCMG member organisations submitting in support of the inclusion of feral cats. The Department of Conservation kills feral cats on public conservation land, so resistance to adding cats to the strategy is perplexing, but it illustrates speciesism in how unwanted alien species are considered (Rouco *et al.* 2017). A rat, mouse or mustelid might be either a pet or a pest, but that logic does not extend to cats.

It has been noted (Trouwborst *et al.* 2020) that the exclusion of feral cats from the initial iteration of the Predator Free 2050 policy was "very likely because of anticipated strong social opposition to their control" (Rouco *et al.* 2017). In late 2025, in a sudden about-turn from Conservation Minister Tama Potaka, an announcement was made premature to the wider 2026 Predator Free 2050 review announcement, that cats would be included (Anonymous 2025b).

The next 10 years

A mark of progress to date might be that while steps forward have been slow and small, the direction of travel has been consistently forward; while the

conversation might still be emotive, it is no longer validly arguable nor contentious that the time has come for national cat management.

Over the next decade, New Zealand has the opportunity to implement a comprehensive, humane, and science-based national cat management framework. This will require legislative action, ideally through a dedicated Cat Management Act that incorporates the NCMG's foundational work. National standards for microchipping, desexing, and responsible ownership should be embedded, alongside mandated data collection to enable long-term monitoring.

Most critically, the next 10 years must address stray cats directly: establishing consistent approaches to colony management, the use of mtTNR, and clarifying responsibilities among colony carers, councils, and central government.

With a stable legislative platform and sustained cross-sector cooperation, Aotearoa can make meaningful progress towards reducing harms to wildlife, improving cat welfare, and creating the national consistency that the NCMG envisioned from the outset, resulting in "every cat in a lap."

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