

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KAIAPOI-TUAHIWI COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE KAIKANUI ROOM, RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE, 176 WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 2025 AT 4PM.

PRESENT

J Watson (Chairperson), S Stewart (Deputy Chairperson), N Atkinson, T Bartle, A Blackie, and R Keetley.

IN ATTENDANCE

B Cairns (Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward Councillor) and P Redmond (Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward Councillor).

C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roding), J McBride (Roding and Transportation Manager), K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader), K Rabe (Governance Advisor) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

There were five members of the public present.

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board – 19 May 2025

Moved: J Watson

Seconded: R Keetley

THAT the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting, held 19 May 2025, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Management of Raupō Overgrowth in Kaiapoi Lakes – Dale Blackledge

D Blackledge stated the Sovereign Palms Lake was a hidden gem of Kaiapoi. Himself, other lakefront residents, the local anglers club and nearby business owners were concerned by the rapid and unchecked spread of raupō around the lake boardwalk over the past two to three years and its potential spread across the entire lake. The residents sought a meaningful solution that balanced raupō control with lake health, aquatic plant diversity and wildlife protection. He believed the time to implement an action plan was now before it reached a point where control was more difficult and costly.

D Blackledge noted his first key consideration was lake health. As the raupō rapidly spread it reduced the open water area resulting in the lake shallowing as there was also a build-up of decomposing plant material and the plant reduced water circulation raising the likelihood of harmful algal blooms and low-oxygen conditions. Light and oxygen levels were reduced under dense raupō strands causing a decline in submerged aquatic vegetation which was an essential food source for local birds. The second key consideration was habitat. Due to the raupō density, other wetland plants had less space to grow reducing the variety of bird nesting and feeding habitats. Pūkeko and Coots were limited to raupō edges and bush for nesting. The undeveloped southern area of the lake included marshland, bush and raupō. It served as a key nesting area and was signposted by the Council for protection and provided other natural areas for wildlife to relocate to. B Blackledge's final key consideration was community value. The boardwalk and structures were major developer contributions with expectations of ongoing maintenance and preservation. A large number of residents were calling for a meaningful targeted reduction and management plan to ensure further deterioration did not occur resulting in declining property values. He acknowledged that the Council had carried out selective trimming near platforms which was ineffective due to raupō's vigorously regrowth.

D Blackledge stated a possible solution was targeted mechanical removal which would remove rhizomes, increase water depth, which raupō were less likely to grow in, and supported long-term management. Another solution would be seasonal maintenance however this would be labour intensive and may not be practical if the raupō area increased further in size.

Following a question from A Blackie, D Blackledge noted he was not aware of the Runanga's raupō harvesting programme however would investigate this further.

N Atkinson queried if D Blackledge was aware that when the development was proposed the Community Board and Council were against the boardwalk being installed due to the likely growth of raupō. D Blackledge acknowledged the Council and Board's previous position and felt the issue could be resolved by deepening the area as raupō was less likely to grow in deeper water.

S Stewart queried if the lake was privately owned or vested to the Council. C Brown clarified the lake was vested to the Council.

P Redmond sought clarification on whether the area was a reserve and if there was a management plan. C Brown confirmed the area was a recreation reserve noting there was no specific management plan for the lake however it was included in the Combined Reserves Management Plan which did not go into detail regarding raupō management.

4.2 Kaipoi Lakes Raupō – Andre Hofenk and Maria Zaini

A Hofenk stated he supported comments made by D Blackledge. Himself and M Zaini were in the process of moving to a lakefront property in Sovereign Palms and had been attracted to the area by its beauty and vibrancy. As part of their due diligence, they raised the concern of raupō with the Council and the possible loss of beauty and view.

B Cairns questioned if the couple wanted all the raupō removed or just managed. A Hofenk commented their preference was for it to be removed to ensure there were no further issues moving forward.

S Stewart asked if there was any data on bird life and nesting in the raupō. C Brown confirmed staff could investigate and provide that information at the workshop scheduled on this matter after the July Board meeting.

The Chairperson thanked both deputations for their presentation and bringing this matter to the attention of the Board.

5 ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Roading Capital Works Programme for 2025/26 and Indicative Three Year Programme – J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager) and K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader)

J McBride reported the programme covered kerb and channel renewals, footpath renewals, minor safety improvements, the new footpath programme and public transport infrastructure including new bus shelters and seats. The kerb and channel and footpath renewal programmes were driven by a condition rating which was completed in early 2025. The minor safety programme focused on low cost, high benefit safety improvements with input of Council and Community Boards being an important factor. The new footpath programme and public transport infrastructure went through a prioritisation process.

S Stewart sought the reason for large budgets carried over from the 2024/25 financial year. J McBride explained the confirmation of funding from New Zealand Transport Agency was received in September 2024 which impacted on the delivery of projects in the first year of the three year funding cycle. In the past this decision had been received earlier in the financial year.

N Atkinson questioned if the Cridland Street footpath renewal and kerb and channel could be brought forward from the 2028/29 financial year due to significant regular flooding issues. J McBride stated staff could further investigate and discuss with the Three Waters Team if this was a possibility. She suspected the works needed to be aligned with the three waters team as likely more than just the footpath renewal and kerb and channel work being completed.

A Blackie queried what works were planned for the Tram Road, Edmunds Road and Jacksons Road intersection. J McBride confirmed these would be low-cost safety improvements including new signage, road markings and splitter islands. It would not be a full intersection upgrade.

Following a question from T Bartle, J McBride explained the speed treatment budget was a placeholder for the 2028/29 financial year until specific projects were identified. Projects would come to the Board for approval once identified.

B Cairns asked if there was a programme planned for remediation of the road outside New World. J McBride replied that the project sat within the resurfacing, resealing and road rehabilitation and maintenance budget. She believed it was within the 2026/27 financial year.

Moved: R Keetley

Seconded: A Blackie

THAT the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250505077283.
- (b) **Endorses** the attached 2025/26 DRAFT Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme.
- (c) **Endorses** the indicative Roothing Capital Works Programme for the 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 years.

- (d) **Notes** that feedback from this report, and reports to the other Community Boards, will be taken by staff at the Board meetings and will be incorporated into the final report which is proposed to be taken to the Utilities and Roading Committee in July 2025 for approval.

CARRIED

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

8 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1 Chairperson's Report for May 2025

J Watson reported the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust had selected an artist to create the design for the Kaiapoi Bridge.

Moved: J Watson

Seconded: T Bartle

THAT the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the verbal report from the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

9 MATTERS REFERRED FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1 Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 7 May 2025.
- 9.2 Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 12 May 2025.
- 9.3 Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 14 May 2025.
- 9.4 Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 Implementation Plan and Advisory Group Terms – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.5 Submission to Central Government Consultations April 2025 – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.6 Council Submissions Process and Delegation – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.7 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report March 2025 to Current – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 9.8 Progress Update on Capital Work Renewals Programmes and Sports Ground Growth Programme for Greenspace – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.9 Libraries Update to 8 May 2025 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.10 Aquatics May Report – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.11 Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026 Special Consultative Procedure – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.12 Drainage Staff Submission to Annual Plan 2025/26 – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.13 Water Supply – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2025/26 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.

- 9.14 Wastewater – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2025 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.15 Roading Staff Submission to the 2025/26 Annual Plan – Request Changes to the Roading Capital Works Budget – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.16 Greenspace and Strategic and Special Projects Staff Submission to the 2025/26 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: J Watson

Seconded: N Atkinson

THAT the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

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

CARRIED

10 MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

R Keetley:

- Attended the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust meeting.
- Attended the RSA Executive meeting.
- Attended the Historical Society Annual General meeting.

S Stewart:

- Attended the Historical Society Annual General meeting.
- Attended a planting of O'kair Lagoon. The Student Volunteer Army had assisted with the planting. The project was one of several wetland restoration projects in the north Kaiapoi area.
- Keep Rangiora Beautiful were doing tree planting and several small projects in urban areas.
- Attended Matawai Park 50th anniversary. A trapping group had been started by the park neighbours to eliminate rates and possums. M Kwant and a Delta staff member gave a tour highlighting the emerging weed issues.
- Attended Greypower meeting. who were still struggling with resourcing for its committee.
- Attended Council Briefing on the Woodend Bypass.

B Cairns:

- Met with members of the Waimakariri United Football Club. They had 1000 members however they also had 450 first kicks players and 840 school children who played during terms one and four.
- A Matariki Event would be held in Pegasus with a talk from Joseph Hullen, a walk around the wetland and a barbeque at the Pegasus Community Centre.
- The Youth Action plan had started with various events around the district. 180 surveys had been completed with some school promising to have the entire school participate. Were capturing the views of 12 to 24 year olds on what did and didn't work in the district. So far the team had seen many youths not understand what a Council did. The team had been very flexible in terms of how they were trying to capture as much info as possible from across the entire district with a demographic which mingles and talks a different language to what we are used too.
- Waimakariri Welcoming Communities second stake holder meeting took place with a large amount of talk and enthusiasm. More meetings were planned, with an outcome of having action plans on how we can better welcome people to our community. The aim was to have an event in September which was welcoming communities month.
- The promotion review had been delayed with option to go to the new Council in the Long Term Plan.
- North Canterbury Food Bank meals provide by the month, 29191 in February, 33241 in March and 38871 meals handed out in April.
- Food Secure North Canterbury (FSNC) are to create videos hosted by Jo Seager to encourage people to grow and eat healthy food. In August they were looking at holding a

food security forum in Hurunui. Next year were looking at developing a bountiful backyards program to inspire people to grow their own food

- Council would be learning about a proposed Housing Action Plan s there wasn't any transitional housing or emergency housing in the district and limited social housing. Otautahi Christchurch had the potential to expand to Waimakariri.
- Due to the good work from the Community Team the Menzshed were closer to moving to the Community Hub site on Courtney drive, they have appointed a funding and admin person. Suttons had provided a time frame as to when they need to get off their current site.
- Driving Miss Daisy, a locally owned franchise is doing well with now nine vehicles serving the community. They were looking at selling off the Rangiora portion of the franchise as the Coastal part of the district is so busy.
- The Waimakariri Inclusive Sports Festival was planned for 4 July 2025 the third year of the event being held.
- A disability forum would be held on 30 August 2025 helping those transitioning from school to work.
- Libraries were going through Hapai accreditation which looked at the accessibility of facilities. There were only two businesses in North Canterbury that were accredited, Coffee Culture in Kaiapoi and Rangiora.
- Enterprise North Canterbury pie July marketing is starting to go out.
- Kaiapoi Promotions were looking at running a Kai in August, to lift the profile of foodies in the town. They were struggling to get people to attend their connection events.

P Redmond:

- Nothing to report.

T Blair:

- Nothing to report.

T Bartle:

- Attended Waimakariri Health Advisory Group meeting. The new Chair was settling in well.
- Attended Central Drainage and Coastal Drainage Advisory Group meetings. Were progressing well. During the last rain event they successful worked alongside Environment Canterbury.
- Attended Council Woodend Bypass Briefing.

A Blackie:

- Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust:
 - Chairs report for Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust would be presented to Council.
 - Kaiapoi Pa Trust had contracted the Trust to do preparatory work before they began mowing.
 - New Zealand Transport Agency had to relocate lizards due to the Woodend Bypass construction and the Trust had expressed interest in relocating them to the park.
 - Were currently renovating the inside of the Trust building.
 - The Coastal Transec Project was coming to a satisfactory end.
 - Kaiapoi Adventure Race were hoping to use the Trust land for its event in October 2025.
 - The laminated wood of the waharoa in Huria Reserve had begun delaminating. There was a plan to repair the structure due to insurance issues.
 - The next planting day would be held in July 2025.
- Attended Silverstream Reserve planting day with 70 people in attendance.
- Council would be deciding on the District Plan in late June 2025.
- Working with the Harbour Master to identify a boat located at the mouth of Saltwater Creek.

N Atkinson:

- Working with the Harbour Master to identify a boat located at the mouth of Saltwater Creek. Cut out a portion of the gudgeon for dating purposes. It was likely to be of international interest due to the age of the ship. The archaeologist on site during the work thought there was at least four gudgeons making it the largest ship of its age in New Zealand.

P Redmond questioned if any steps had been taken to protect the site. N Atkinson noted they were not concerned with people trying to loot any part of the ship due to it being located in the tidal zone and largely buried under the sand.

11 CONSULTATION PROJECTS

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

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

Consultation closes Sunday 22 June 2025.

11.2 Inclusive Waimakariri- Draft Accessibility Plan

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

Consultation closes Sunday 22 June 2025.

11.3 2025 Environmental Awards

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

Applications close Saturday 28 June 2025.

12 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1 Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 May 2025: \$759.

12.2 General Landscaping Budget

Balance as at 31 May 2025: \$45,650.

13 MEDIA ITEMS

14 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

15 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board will be held at the Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre on Monday 21 July 2025 at 4pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 4.59PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

Workshop (4.59pm to 5.34pm)

See Trim Ref: 250623112372

- *Silverstream Boulevard Traffic Calming – Joanne McBride (Roding and Transport Manager) and Gerard Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roding)*
- *Members Forum*