

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON 8 JULY 2026 AT 7 PM.

PRESENT

L McClure (Chairperson), J Gerard (Deputy Chairperson), R Brine, K Barnett, 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), J Borland (Strategy and Partnerships Team Leader), A Black (Community Development Facilitator), C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer), M Kwant (Senior Ranger Biodiversity), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

Nine members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: J Ward

Seconded: K Barnett

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** and **sustains** an apology for leave of absence from W Doody.

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 June 2026

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: A Geeves

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 June 2026.

CARRIED

3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

T Kunkel advised the Council's Greenspace Team had confirmed that the Cust Domain Advisory Group was consulted regarding the Cust Domain Football Review.

3.3. Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 10 June 2026

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Lundy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 10 June 2026.

CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1. Tree Planting to Support Victims of Domestic Violence in North Canterbury – Heather Mather, Soroptimist North Canterbury

H Mather, President of the Soroptimist International North Canterbury Club, provided an overview of Soroptimist International and outlined its vision of enabling women and girls to achieve their individual and collective potential, realise their aspirations, and have an equal voice in creating strong and peaceful communities worldwide. The organisation's mission to transform the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment, and opportunity was also presented, along with its values of human rights, global peace, international goodwill, integrity, diversity, volunteering, and friendship.

H Mather presented a proposal seeking the Board's support for the planting of a tree and the installation of a commemorative plaque within the Good Street, Rangiora, Community Space. The project was proposed as a memorial to acknowledge and raise awareness of violence against women in North Canterbury. A kōwhai tree was suggested due to its association with Women's Refuge and its potential to serve as a visible symbol of support for victims of domestic violence within the community.

H Mather advised that the proposal aligned with the Board's objectives of supporting community groups and encouraging initiatives that create positive community outcomes. She noted that the Violence Free North Canterbury network had expressed support and enthusiasm for the project, with both the Oxford Community Trust and Women's Refuge agreeing to be involved.

B McLaren queried whether a kōwhai tree would survive if planted in the proposed planter box, given its limited size. H Mather acknowledged the concern and advised that she was not an expert on tree species or planting requirements. While the kōwhai had been selected for its symbolic association with Women's Refuge, she advised that the group was open to expert advice regarding the most suitable species for the location. She reiterated that the key intention was to establish a tree at the site accompanied by a commemorative plaque.

D Hawkins questioned whether consideration had been given to the toxic properties of parts of the kōwhai tree. H Mather confirmed that some research had been undertaken regarding the tree's toxicity; however, expert advice from the Council's Greenspace Team would be relied upon.

J Gerard sought clarification on whether the request was solely for support to plant a tree in the proposed location or whether funding was also being sought from the Board. H Mather clarified that Soroptimist North Canterbury was prepared to fund the project.

In response to a query from J Ward, H Mather advised that, should a kōwhai tree be deemed unsuitable for the proposed location, she would welcome recommendations on a more appropriate alternative species. She noted that the primary purpose of the project was to raise awareness through the commemorative plaque, with the tree intended as a complementary feature.

K Barnett asked whether Greenspace staff had provided advice on the type of tree that would be suitable for the Good Street location. H Mather advised they had not provided advice on a specific tree species. She noted that support from the Board was being sought first with the intention of working with Greenspace staff to select and plant a suitable tree at the appropriate time to ensure its successful establishment.

4.2. **Speed Limits on Fawcetts Road through Ashley** – Stewart Fletcher and Doug Guthrie

D Guthrie addressed the Board regarding the speed limit on Fawcetts Road, Ashley, between Cones Road and Ashley Rakahuri School and tabled a letter of support from the Ashley Rakahuri School Board of Trustees. He advised that he had lived on Fawcetts Road for 44 years and had witnessed significant growth in the area during that time, including the development of Max Wallace Place. D Guthrie noted that this growth had increased the number of children travelling along Fawcetts Road to and from the school. He also highlighted an increase in cyclist movements between Ashley and Rangiora following the construction of the bridge and associated safety improvements.

D Guthrie advised that, together with other residents, he had collected 135 signatures in support of reducing the speed limit from 80 km/h to 60 km/h. He stated that feedback from residents had been overwhelmingly supportive of a lower speed limit, with improved safety identified as a key benefit for children, cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists accessing properties along the route. D Guthrie further noted that travelling at 60 km/h rather than 80 km/h would add only approximately 30 seconds to journey times.

S Fletcher, a consultant planner, reported that he had become aware of community concerns regarding the current speed limit through his involvement in recent rezoning work in Ashley. He noted that he had discussed the matter with the Council's Senior Transportation Engineer and that a request had been made for the Council to formally consider a speed limit reduction as part of future speed limit reviews. S Fletcher encouraged the Board to consider reducing the speed limit on Fawcetts Road between Cones Road and a point approximately 500 metres east of the Fawcetts Road/High Street intersection. He considered that a reduction to 60 km/h would be appropriate given the existing level of community support and the anticipated future growth of the area.

S Fletcher advised that 47 properties in Ashley had been rezoned for large lot residential development and had the potential to yield a total of 131 allotments. He further noted that a property on the eastern side of Ashley Village had been rezoned as Settlement Zone land and could potentially be subdivided into approximately 80 allotments. Given the strong level of community support and the likelihood of future growth placing additional demands on the roading network, he urged the Board to consider the proposal.

D Hawkins questioned whether Ashley Rakahuri School had been consulted on the proposal. D Guthrie confirmed that the school had been approached and was strongly supportive of the speed limit reduction. He advised that the school had raised concerns regarding students safely crossing Fawcetts Road, noting that increasing school roll numbers had resulted in insufficient parking capacity on the quieter side streets, leading to greater vehicle activity in the area.

In response to a further question from D Hawkins, D Guthrie noted that the school was not aware of the scale of proposed growth within Ashley and would need to engage with the Ministry of Education regarding future capacity requirements.

D Lundy asked whether traffic count data was available for Fawcetts Road. D Guthrie observed that he was not aware of any formal traffic count figures but noted that, based on his experience as a long-term resident, traffic volumes were relatively high.

K Barnett noted that speed limits outside schools had recently been reviewed nationally and that a reduced speed limit had already been implemented outside the school during peak school travel times. She asked whether the school was seeking a permanent 60 km/h speed limit during school hours. S Fletcher advised that the school's concern was that some drivers were not reducing their speed sufficiently in advance of reaching the school. He noted that the school considered an extended 60 km/h speed zone would increase the likelihood of motorists slowing before reaching the school frontage, thereby improving safety for students.

K Barnett further queried whether advocating for a roundabout at the High Street intersection could be considered, as it would improve access to Ashley Village while also providing a physical traffic-calming measure. S Fletcher acknowledged that a roundabout would be beneficial; however, he considered that vehicle speeds should still be addressed given the increase in pedestrian activity within the area.

L McClure thanked D Guthrie and S Fletcher for their deputation and requested that a staff report be presented to the Board on the matter of reducing the speed limit on Fawcetts Road between Cones Road and High Street.

4.3. **Change of Name of Northbrook Reserve to Spark Reserve** – Christine Patterson

C Patterson addressed the Board regarding the proposed naming of the currently unnamed reserve at 151 Northbrook Road as Spark Reserve. She advised that the land had been farmed by the Spark family for many decades prior to its sale to the Council and subsequent development as a reserve. C Patterson noted that the family had also donated land for a future cycleway and had made a significant contribution to the local community.

C Patterson further advised that a seat within the reserve had already been dedicated to the memory of the late Dawn Spark, a well-known and respected member of the community. She stated that naming the reserve after the Spark family would recognise the family's long association with the land and preserve that connection for future generations.

C Patterson also suggested that, subject to funding being available, interpretive signage be installed to provide information and photographs outlining the history of the area, similar to the displays located at the Northbrook Waters wetlands. She expressed her support for the reserve being named Spark Reserve and offered to contribute \$200 towards the cost of a reserve sign should the proposal proceed.

5. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. **151 Northbrook Road Reserve Naming** – C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer)

C Taylor-Claude spoke to the report, noting that the proposed reserve name complied with the Council's Naming Policy and that the Rūnanga was supportive of the proposed name. She invited questions from members.

D Hawkins asked if anyone had objected to the proposal and C Taylor-Claude confirmed there had not been any opposition to the name.

Moved: J Ward

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260617144383.
- (b) **Approves** naming the property at 151 Northbrook Road as Spark Reserve.
- (c) **Approves** installing a sign at 151 Northbrook Road for the name of Spark Reserve.
- (d) **Notes** the community member has nominated the name Spark Reserve to recognise the contribution of the Spark family to the area.

- (e) **Notes** staff contacted the Spark family who have confirmed they are supportive of naming the area Spark Reserve.
- (f) **Notes** that installation is estimated to be in the range of \$500-\$2,500 and would be paid for through the existing Parks and Reserves Signage budget (101097.000.5224). This budget is for new and upgraded signage and has sufficient allocation to support the recommendations in this report.

CARRIED

In speaking to the motion, J Ward advised that, as a nearby resident, she regularly visited the reserve and observed that it was well used by both residents and visitors from across the wider region. She noted that the reserve held special significance in recognising the Spark family and considered the proposed name to be a fitting tribute. J Ward believed the naming was highly appropriate given the location and its history.

B McLaren expressed his pleasure at seeing the proposal brought forward and indicated his strong support for the recommendations. He acknowledged the significance of the reserve and the benefits it provided to the wider community.

D Lundy also expressed his support for the proposal, describing it as an excellent initiative. He noted that the naming would recognise the significant contribution the Spark family had made to the wider community. D Lundy commented that the family had represented the area admirably over many years and that it was appropriate for their contribution to be acknowledged in this way.

6.2. **Proposed Memorial Seat: Lynn Humphrey** – M Kwant (Senior Ranger Biodiversity)

M Kwant presented the report and advised that Northbrook Wetlands was a special place that held particular significance for the family making the request. He noted that the proposed memorial seat would provide a place for members of the public to sit, rest, and reflect, as Lynn Humphrey had done during her lifetime.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No.260617144070.
- (b) **Approves** the installation of a seat to be located at the viewing terrace on the edge of the lake at Northbrook Wetlands (as shown on Figure 1 in Trim 260617144070) as a memorial seat for Lynn Humphrey.
- (c) **Approves** the robust seat design as shown in Figure 3 in Trim 260617144070.
- (d) **Notes** that as a Council asset the ongoing operational cost of the seat and the plaque would be the responsibility of Council. This includes depreciation and maintenance, although these costs are very minor.

CARRIED

J Gerard supported the motion, noting there were several memorial seats throughout the Waimakariri District. He commented memorial seating was an appropriate way to recognise and remember individuals and considered the proposal to be fitting for the location.

D Hawkins also supported the motion, noting that the memorial seat would provide an opportunity for quiet reflection. She highlighted the reserve's peaceful atmosphere and commented that there were limited public spaces where people could pause and reflect.

6.3. **Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund and 2026/27 General Landscaping Budget** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Kunkel presented the report and advised that its purpose was to inform the Board of the funding allocated by the Council for the 2026/27 financial year. She noted that the Board had been allocated \$30,250 for the General Landscaping Budget and \$14,980 for its Discretionary Grant Fund. T Kunkel drew attention to the final 2026/27 Annual Plan deliberations and advised that the Council had resolved not to carry forward unspent Discretionary Grant funding for Community Boards as part of its efforts to maintain the rates increase below 5%.

K Barnett sought clarification on whether all Community Boards had been affected by the decision not to carry forward unspent Discretionary Grant funding. T Kunkel confirmed that all Boards had unspent funding remaining from the 2025/26 financial year and that none of this funding had been carried forward.

In response to a further question from K Barnett regarding the apparent reduction in Discretionary Grant funding, T Kunkel clarified that the Board's annual allocation had not decreased. She advised that the previous year's total funding had included unspent grant funding carried forward from the 2024/25 financial year. For the 2025/26 financial year, the Board had been allocated \$14,510, with an additional \$3,049 carried forward from the previous financial year, resulting in a total available budget of \$17,559. For the 2026/27 financial year, the Board's Discretionary Grant Fund allocation, excluding any carry-forward funding, was \$14,980.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: J Ward

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260527125100.
- (b) **Notes** that the Board's General Landscaping Budget allocated by the Council for the 2026/27 financial year was \$30,250, with any carry forward from the previous financial year to be reported back in September 2026.
- (c) **Notes** that the Board's Discretionary Grant Funding allocated by the Council for the 2026/27 financial year is \$14,980.
- (d) **Approves** the Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund Application Criteria and Application Form, which is unchanged (Trim No. 210603089776).
- (e) **Approves** the Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Accountability Form, which is unchanged (Trim No. 210603089961).
- (f) **Approves** that Discretionary Grant Fund applications be considered at each meeting during the 2026/27 financial year (July 2026 to June 2027).

CARRIED

J Gerard supported the motion, noting that the Board had encouraged the Council, through its submission on the Council's draft 2026/27 Annual Plan, to contain costs wherever possible. He considered the decision not to carry forward unspent Discretionary Grant funding to be consistent with that approach.

J Ward agreed that the decision not to carry forward unspent Discretionary Grant funding was considered prudent in the current economic climate. She acknowledged the significant effort required to keep the rates increase below 5% despite ongoing inflationary pressures and the need to maintain service levels.

K Barnett expressed disappointment that the decision not to carry forward unspent Discretionary Grant funding had been made without prior discussion with the Board. She noted that the Board operated with a limited budget and delegated authority. She was concerned that funding criteria had become increasingly restrictive, making it more difficult for community organisations to access funding. K Barnett commented that the Discretionary Grant Fund had originally been intended to provide small amounts of funding to support local community groups and projects. She encouraged members to assess applications based on their overall merit and community benefit, including projects that delivered value to both the local ward and the wider Waimakariri District. K Barnett also requested improved communication with Community Boards regarding future funding decisions.

D Hawkins supported the previous comments and noted that the emphasis placed on the percentage of beneficiaries in a geographical area could be difficult to apply in practice, as applicants often had no reliable way of determining how many beneficiaries resided within a particular area and were frequently required to make estimates. She agreed that where an application demonstrated a clear community benefit and a connection to the ward, it should primarily be considered on its merits.

R Brine acknowledged the need to balance competing priorities but expressed concern that the decision could create a “use it or lose it” approach to Discretionary Funding. He noted that the ability to carry funding forward enabled Community Boards to support worthwhile projects at the appropriate time, rather than feeling compelled to allocate funding unnecessarily before the end of a financial year. While recognising the difficult decisions the Council had faced in managing budgets and rates increases, R Brine emphasised that discretionary grants, although relatively small in value, were important to local community organisations and projects. He encouraged Council to consider the position of Community Boards when making future funding decisions.

In his right of reply, J Gerard acknowledged the concerns that had been raised and commented that some of the Discretionary Grant funding criteria were necessary to guide decision-making and ensure funding was distributed fairly. However, he considered the issues raised to be valid and suggested that the Board revisit the matter as part of its submission on the Council’s Long Term Plan.

6.4. **Applications to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund** – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Kunkel spoke to the report and advised that the Ashley School PTA was seeking funding to assist with the purchase of new kapa haka uniforms and props. She noted that the application met the Board’s funding criteria, as it had been submitted by a community-based organisation, the amount requested was \$1,000 (the maximum grant available per application), and all students who would benefit from the project resided within the Board’s area. T Kunkel further advised that, while it was highly unlikely that the Ministry of Education would fund the project, the applicant had not provided evidence confirming that funding would not be available from Central Government sources.

J Gerard sought clarification on whether the kapa haka uniforms would remain the property of the school and be available for use by future students. T Kunkel confirmed that the uniforms would be retained by the school and made available for ongoing use by subsequent students in future years.

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: B Robinson

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260526123932.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$1,000 to the Ashley School PTA towards new Kapa Haka uniforms and props for performances.

CARRIED

K Barnett noted that kapa haka was an extracurricular activity and, as such, was not funded through the education system. She commented that uniforms of this nature were generally the responsibility of schools and their communities to provide and therefore had no concerns regarding the funding request. K Barnett observed that the benefits of the project extended beyond the students participating in kapa haka, as parents, whānau, and the wider community also benefitted from opportunities to attend and enjoy performances. She considered the application to have broad community value and welcomed the opportunity to support the PTA.

B Robinson expressed support for the comments made by K Barnett.

B McLaren indicated his strong support for the application, noting that approximately half of the school's students participated in kapa haka, which he considered an outstanding level of involvement. He also remarked that, in the school's 162-year history, this was the first time it had applied to the Board for grant funding.

T Kunkel reported that the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group was seeking funding towards training for its rat detector dog. She noted that the application met the Board's Discretionary Grant criteria, as it had been submitted by a community-based organisation and the amount requested was less than \$1,000. T Kunkel advised that the application indicated approximately 50% of beneficiaries would be from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. However, she noted this should be considered in the context of the broader benefits provided by the Group, whose work supported biodiversity enhancement and recreational opportunities across the wider Waimakariri District.

In response to a question from A Geeves, T Kunkel confirmed that the Group had not applied to any other Community Boards for funding.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$1,000 to the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group Inc towards further training for the Group's rat detection dog.

CARRIED

J Gerard advised that he had given the application considerable thought, particularly given that the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group held funds in reserve. However, he acknowledged the significant contribution the Group had made over many years in controlling pests and predators along the river corridor. J Gerard noted that the area covered by the Group's work extended from the confluence of the Cust and Ōkuku Rivers through to State Highway 1, encompassing a substantial stretch of river that required ongoing protection and management. He considered it important to support and encourage volunteers undertaking this work and expressed his admiration for those involved in pest control and biodiversity restoration initiatives. J Gerard observed that there was no simple solution to protecting threatened bird species and enhancing biodiversity within the district and considered the Group's work to be significant both locally and across the wider district.

B McLaren expressed support for the application, noting that the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group's work benefited communities across several wards and provided a good example of why funding criteria relating to beneficiary percentages should be applied with a degree of flexibility. He commented on the importance of the Group's biodiversity work and acknowledged the passion and expertise of those involved, particularly in relation to birdlife and the local ecosystem. B McLaren noted that he had met representatives of the Group at several community and volunteer events and had been impressed by their commitment to protecting and enhancing the natural environment. He indicated his support for the application and stated that he looked forward to seeing the rat detection dogs assist with the Group's conservation efforts in the future.

J Ward also expressed strong support for the application and shared details of a conversation she had with one of the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group's volunteers. Through that discussion, she gained further insight into the work undertaken by volunteers to control rats, mice, and other predators along the Ashley River corridor. J Ward noted that volunteers carried out extensive trapping and monitoring activities to protect native birdlife and enhance biodiversity. She further advised that the Group was contributing to research with Lincoln University through the collection of pest data and specimens, helping to improve understanding of predator populations within the area. J Ward acknowledged the dedication of the approximately 40 volunteers involved in the programme and commented on the significant environmental benefits generated through their efforts.

K Barnett noted that, when considering the substantial number of volunteer hours contributed by the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group, the funding request represented a relatively small contribution towards the value being returned to the community. She commented that the Group's work extended beyond trapping and pest control to include education and community engagement initiatives, which she considered equally important. K Barnett regarded the Group's work as having far-reaching benefits and noted that any support provided by the Board would be multiplied through the positive outcomes generated by the Group's volunteers and programmes.

D Hawkins expressed strong support for the initiative and acknowledged the significant volunteer contribution made by the organisation. She noted that Evie, the rat detection dog, had been acquired following the loss of the owners' previous dog and that, when they were ready to obtain another dog, a conscious decision had been made to purchase and train a dog specifically for pest detection work. D Hawkins highlighted the challenges associated with securing funding and recognised the considerable dedication required to purchase, train, and maintain a rat detection dog, particularly given the limited training opportunities available.

L McClure advised that she had not fully understood the role of a rat detection dog until viewing a recent television segment featuring Rosie the rat dog on Rātārōa Island. She highlighted the value and effectiveness of rat detection dogs in supporting pest management and conservation efforts and, on that basis, expressed her support for the motion.

In his right of reply, J Gerard suggested it would be beneficial for the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group to present to the Board on its work, to further familiarise members with the Group's activities and conservation initiatives.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. **Petition for Reduction of Speed Limit on Fawcetts Road**

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: J Ward

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the tabled petition from D Guthrie and S Fletcher on a reduction of speed limit on Fawcetts Road.

CARRIED

8. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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

L McClure's Chairperson's Report had been circulated with the Board agenda.

K Barnett sought further information regarding the cultural training attended by the Chairperson. L McClure advised that the training had been delivered by Whitiara for Councillors, Community Board Chairs, and Deputy Chairs. She noted that the programme focused on Te Reo Māori, local history, and building participants' confidence in using Te Reo Māori in everyday conversations. L McClure reported that the first session had been completed and had generated considerable discussion and enthusiasm among participants. She also advised that a Council Karakia was being developed for use by Community Boards and Council meetings.

Moved: L McClure

Seconded: J Gerard

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report (Trim 260630153180) from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

9. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 3 June 2026.
- 9.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 June 2026.
- 9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 15 May 2026.
- 9.4. Rangiora Airfield Governance Review 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 2 June 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.5. Section 155 Assessment of proposed Public Spaces Bylaw – Report to Council Meeting 2 June 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.6. Closed Circuit Television and Other Recording Devices Policy – Report to Council Meeting 2 June 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.7. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report April 2026 to May 18 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 2 June 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.8. Adoption of the Annual Plan 2026/27 – Report to Council Meeting 16 June 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.9. Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC) 2025/26 Approved Statement of Intent (SOI) and Associated Business Plan – Report to Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 16 June 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

9.10. Aquatics June Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 16 June 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

9.11. Libraries Update to June 2026 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 16 June 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

Public Excluded:

9.12. Middlebrook Culvert Remediation Options – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 16 June 2026 – Circulates to Rangiora-Ashley Community Board.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Lundy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.9.1 to 9.11.
- (b) **Receives** the separately circulated public excluded information in Item 9.12.

CARRIED

10. **MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

J Gerard:

- J Gerard's members' information exchange was circulated as part of the Board agenda.

J Goldsworthy:

- Attended many discussions regarding the Head Start process.
- The Council approved a draft Public Spaces Bylaw which would consolidate several existing bylaws and provide clearer guidance on the management of activities within public spaces. Attention would be given to the operation of street retailers in public areas.
- Attended an Audit and Risk Forum where discussion focused on optimism bias in long-term planning. The forum considered the tendency for organisations to adopt optimistic assumptions when planning for the future and highlighted the importance of considering alternative scenarios, including exit strategies and appropriate review points should circumstances change.
- Attended a Community Hub training at The Sterling in Kaiapoi.
- The District Licensing Committee had a busy month with one of its decisions being appealed to The Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

A Geeves:

- A Geeves members' information exchange was circulated as part of the Board agenda.

K Barnett:

- Attended the Big Splash event.
- The Rangiora Players would be producing a new show in November 2026.
- Attended the Rangiora Promotions Association Annual General Meeting. She expressed concern that the Board was not invited, even though they had been in the past.
- Submitted a service request regarding flooding on the corner of Belmont Avenue and Oakwood Drive.
- Submitted a service request regarding the Town Hall Magnetic Doors failing which was a safety concern during performances. She suggested the Board receive an update on the condition of the Town Hall main auditorium.

R Brine:

- Southern Community Hub:
 - The last meeting was very positive, and the Annual General Meeting was planned for August 2026.
 - Following the appointment of a consultant, a meeting was held with all stakeholders, potential stakeholders, and potential user groups on their desired features for the facility. Initial feedback indicated it was successful and well received.

D Lundy:

- Attended Civil Defence training session where two volunteers were awarded long service awards.
- Attended the Central Rural Drainage Advisory Group meeting which was constructive and objective.
- Received several calls regarding the Head Start amalgamation.

B McLaren:

- B McLaren's members' information exchange was circulated as part of the Board agenda.
- He highlighted the following:
 - The response to the installation of the Coreboard in Victoria Park, Rangiora, had been overwhelmingly positive, with people enquiring from outside the Waimakariri District on how similar boards could be installed in their areas.
 - The Disc Golf course at MainPower Stadium had opened and was proving to be very popular. The facility was free to use and accessible, which provided an inclusive recreational opportunity for the community.

D Hawkins:

- Attended a Civil Defence-focused technology exhibition at a local school. The innovative projects and technology on display were impressive. The event aligned well with community resilience and emergency preparedness, particularly given the role schools often played as Community Hubs.
- Attended the Rangiora Drop-in Session on the Head Start amalgamation. The general sentiment expressed by attendees was strongly supportive of North Canterbury interests.
- Attended the Water Race Advisory Group meeting. There had been a blockage within the race in Cust; however, there was no budget for CCTV assessment. There was also a conversation on equivalence rating.

B Robinson:

- Attended a Salvation Army driver licensing programme graduation, where young participants were presented with certificates recognising their achievements. Several recipients spoke about their personal journeys and the positive impact the programme had had on their lives. The presentations had been inspiring and highlighted the value of the initiative in supporting young people.
- Greypower:
 - Received a presentation from Satisfy Food Rescue which was highly informative, particularly regarding the scale of food waste and the organisation's work in redirecting surplus food to those in need.
 - Also had a discussion on amalgamation and an update on the Kaiapoi Bridge Balustrade project.

J Ward:

- Attended a Finance and Revenue Policy Briefing.
- Attended the Welcoming Communities accreditation ceremony.
- Significant time had been given to the Head Start discussions and community drop-in sessions. Meetings had been held with several councils throughout Canterbury, including Environment Canterbury, which only gave limited attention to Waimakariri and Hurunui matters.

D Hawkins sought further information on the discussion with Environment Canterbury. It was reported that a significant portion of the discussion focused on catchment management and future governance arrangements. A presentation was received that explored whether certain functions should be considered on a broader South Island-wide basis rather than at a regional level.

- Attended a meeting with Chris Genet, the Council's General Manager Finance and Business Support, regarding the Audit and Risk Committee meeting and her relevant portfolios.
- Attended two Southern Community Hub meetings.
- Attended Cultural Training.
- Attended the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust Board meeting.
- Attended the Rates Rebate working group meeting.
- Met with residents of Riverside Road regarding access to the paper road. Council staff were working through the issue.

11. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1. Draft CCTV and Other Recording Devices Policy

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/draft-cctv-policy>

Consultation closed on Monday 20 July 2026.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

12. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 1 July 2026: \$14,980.

12.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 1 July 2026: \$30,250.

The Board noted the funding updates.

13. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

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

Nil.

16. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 12 August 2026 in the Council Chamber.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8.46PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

Workshop (8.46pm to 9.04pm)

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