



Notice of Meeting
and
AGENDA
of the
Ahuriri Community Board

at

Kurow Memorial Hall, Kurow

at 3.15pm on Monday 27 August 2018

Ahuriri Community Board Meeting

Venue: Kurow Memorial Hall, Kurow

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Waitaki District Council**Ahuriri Community Board**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES of the Ahuriri Community Board
Meeting held at the Kurow Memorial Hall, Kurow
on Monday 28 May 2018 at 3.15pm**

Present	Graham Sullivan (Chair), Calum Reid (Deputy Chair), Vicky Munro; and Cr Craig Dawson
Apologies	Tony Chapman, Brent Cowles
In Attendance	Mayor Gary Kircher (ex officio) Cr Guy Percival (rostered Councillor) Fergus Power (Chief Executive) Ainslee Hooper (Governance Advisor) Ruth Grundy (media)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3.15pm, and welcomed everyone present.

1. Apologies

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/023

Cr Craig Dawson / Vicky Munro
That the Ahuriri Community Board accepts apologies from
Tony Chapman (absent on leave) and Brent Cowles.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate in the
Public Forum.

4. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/024

Cr Craig Dawson / Callum Reid
That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the minutes of the
16 April 2018 Meeting, as circulated, as a true and correct record
of that meeting, with one amendment: under Agenda Item 5, fourth
paragraph, second line – should read “to projects in order to not
risk overrating” [insert the word “not”].

CARRIED

**ACTION POINT rollover – Kurow Island Boat Ramp.
To remain flagged for future discussion.**

5. Kurow Camp Irrigation Connection

The report, as circulated, sought the Board's consideration, for recommendation to Council for approval, to allow the lessee to continue to irrigate grounds as necessary following the Kurow Duntroon Irrigation Company changing the existing above-ground irrigation channel to an underground pipeline.

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/025

Cr Craig Dawson / Calum Reid
The Ahuriri Community Board recommends:
That Council approves an irrigation connection and pipe to connect to the existing Kurow campground irrigation system.

CARRIED

6. Omarama Top 10 Office

The report, as circulated, sought the Board's consideration, for recommendation to Council for approval, to allow the lessee to construct a new office block to separate this activity from the lessee's residence and improve traffic flow.

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/026

Cr Craig Dawson / Vicky Munro
The Ahuriri Community Board recommends:
That Council approves the construction of a new office block by the lessee at the Omarama Top 10 campground.

CARRIED

7. Ahuriri Community Visioning Workshops – Outcomes Documents and Next Steps

The memorandum, as circulated, presented (as an attachment) the Outcomes documents from the three facilitated community visioning workshops held within the Ahuriri ward during early March, and conveyed the Chair's intention that the Board members discuss and agree on the next steps in the community visioning process.

- There was considerable discussion around the waste minimisation plan, recycling, and transfer stations.
- The community is concerned that there appears to be no change proposed to the opening hours at the transfer station, despite the community board's submission.
- The key issue is that the whole district is paying a lot for the cartage associated with recycling in the Ahuriri ward. The resource consent requires that waste is collected weekly, whether summer or winter, regardless of how full the bins are. That causes a huge cost.
- There is huge buy-in to recycling from the locals; it is the rate that needs to be sorted.
- The community wants to consider changing the opening hours around.
- There were differing views about the key problem – the cartage versus the hours.
- There was general consensus that the community board, in conjunction with Council, should work with the contractors providing the service to see if there was any opportunity to move hours around and look particularly at the green waste issue.

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/027

Calum Reid / Vicky Munro
That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

8. Ahuriri Community Board – Submission on the Long Term Plan 2018-28

The memorandum, as circulated, presented (as an attachment) the Board's submission on the Waitaki District Council's Long Term Plan 2018-28.

It was noted that the submission had been well written, and was an excellent summing up of the community's issues.

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/028

Graham Sullivan / Calum Reid
That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

9. Tourism Waitaki Update

Tourism Waitaki General Manager Margaret Munro joined the meeting and made a verbal presentation. She had just visited the Kurow Information Centre and was impressed with the set up and how well the whole service had come together.

Key discussion points included the following:

- The desire to record better data through all of the i-sites in the district, to understand better where tourists were coming from, where they were going, how they were travelling (as part of a group or as an individual). The aim was to use such information for marketing purposes; to talk agents into changing itineraries to bring groups down SH83. If data could show that trends were developing along those lines, then the picture would be clearer and more useful.
- Commercial accommodation statistics and how they had been the only entities recording bed nights used. The increase in other providers (eg private residences, Book a Bach, Air BNB and the like) meant that bed nights were now understated nationally, by approximately half the number. Tourism New Zealand is looking for a national one-source data set which would be great for all; Statistics New Zealand was keen to be involved, too.
- TRENZ Exhibition – there had been some really positive feedback about the Waitaki region. There is serious interest from agents about redirecting their tours down SH83 to Omarama rather than Queenstown. Tourism Waitaki representatives were jumping into the discussion, explaining the diversity of tourism opportunities right across the district, and encouraging the change in route patterns. Mrs Munro noted that most tourists require attractions to be in place before they will come. There was great opportunities for Waitaki now with Alps2Ocean and Geopark to attract a more diverse range of tourists with offers that were unique to here and engaging for any age or interest group. Farm tours, stays and farm experiences were a high potential area, and Mrs Munro encouraged board members to have conversations with their communities about what business opportunities could be established down SH83; if the attractions were built, then Tourism Waitaki would get the trade to come to them.
- Luxury tour agents are also expressing interest; they want unique experiences for high-end clients; they would travel via helicopter in and out, so it was about needing the people on the ground to connect with them.
- Tourism Waitaki wanted to involve the communities in these opportunities, and hoped to do some drop-in sessions soon, to talk about trade, find out who is asking the questions and what they wanted, and then importantly, who here wants to do it?
- Capitalising on the Geopark initiative was also important. What else is up the valley that can be added to that experience? The more local knowledge and story-telling, the better. Chief Executive Fergus Power suggested that Board members encourage their communities to go to Council's website and click on the Expression of Interest application for the Geopark. If anyone had any recommendations for improvements or more experiences to add, then he would be very happy to receive them.

- External funding for some projects could be sought. MBIE funding might assist with earlier completion of A2O sections. There was a new fund (Tourism Attraction Projects – TAP) which was aimed at accelerating tourist attraction development. Some of it required a 50/50 split.
- Dark-sky accreditation – A Trust had set up the programme in Tekapo and organised the funding drive for it. Earth and Sky was operating a profitable economic business, which came back into International Dark-sky Accreditation (IDA). That has a regional benefit not directly to the business but to the district – creating new businesses, enhancing others already going. It does not require a business to drive IDA; it required a committee.
- There was another way to achieve accreditation. Mackenzie District had worked with Transit to get the right street lighting. Within the town, the lights had to be signed off by an engineer that they were approved for night-sky lighting and then that was put into a bylaw. Once the bylaw was in, then accreditation could be sought.

The Chair thanked Mrs Munro for attending the meeting and said it had been a real pleasure having an opportunity to discuss matters of interest with her directly. There was two Board members not at the meeting today, so he hoped there would be an opportunity soon for her to meet them as well.

Margaret Munro left the meeting, at 4.37pm.

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/029

Graham Sullivan / Vicky Munro
That the Ahuriri Community Board records its sincere appreciation to the General Manager Tourism Waitaki Margaret Munro for her very informative update on tourism in the Waitaki Valley.

CARRIED

10. Ahuriri Community Board Financial Update – Quarter 3 2018

The report, as circulated, presented information about the separate rate accounts and the funds available for distribution to community projects within the Ahuriri ward.

With regard to the **request for a workshop on the Kurow water rates shortfall**, this matter had been referred to the Finance Team.

With regard to the **criteria for each of the accounts**, the Board Secretary read out the explanation that had been provided by the Accounting Manager.

ACTION POINT: Secretary to email out the information to Board members

It was noted that the rates income for Otematata was rather high. The Chairman advised that there was a footpath project that would be coming to the Board soon.

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/030

Calum Reid / Vicky Munro
That the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. receives and notes the schedule detailing balances of separate rate accounts within the Ahuriri ward; and
2. receives and notes the report detailing movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

CARRIED

11. Recreation Update

The memorandum, as circulated, updated the Ahuriri Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects from 4 April to 14 May 2018.

There was brief discussion on the following topics:

- Twin Lakes Boat event had happened yesterday, and had been well attended.
- Camping revenue was up 15% over budget. That could be the result of a good summer, with people paying to stay longer, or because some were being displaced to here and other districts when the likes of Queenstown and Wanaka were full.
- The next opportunity would be around splitting up the season, and having an off-season pass perhaps; and promoting the Christchurch to Dunedin route more.

RESOLVED

ACB 2018/031

Cr Craig Dawson / Calum Reid

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

12. Assets Update

The memorandum, as circulated, updated the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Ahuriri Ward since the last Board meeting on 16 April 2018.

It was noted that there was still some finishing work to be done on the footpaths for that project to be fully completed.

RESOLVED

ACB 2018/032

Graham Sullivan / Vicky Munro

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

13. Building Consents Issued in Ahuriri Ward for the month of April 2018

The report, as circulated, provided the Ahuriri Community Board with a list of building consents issued in Ahuriri Ward for the month of April 2018.

RESOLVED

ACB 2018/033

Cr Craig Dawson / Graham Sullivan

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.

CARRIED

14. Elected Members' and Executive Management's Information Report

The report, as circulated, presented collated updates from Elected Members of the Ahuriri Community Board and of Council, and from Executive Management, in order to share information about matters and events that have occurred since the previous Board meeting. Part I included reports from the Chair, Board Members, and Ward Councillor. Part II included the Mayor's and Chief Executive's Reports to the 8 May 2018 Council Meeting, and the Health and Safety Update to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting on 15 May 2018.

Calum Reid provided his contribution verbally, as follows: That he had been involved with the playground project, and had been working with Paul Smith, the contractor at Kurow.

RESOLVED

ACB 2018/034

Calum Reid / Vicky Munro

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information in Part I of the report.

CARRIED

The Mayor's report was taken as read. Mayor Gary Kircher noted that tomorrow was Council's big day to decide on issues for the Long Term Plan. It was looking like a slightly lower total rate increase of 3.33% rather than the 3.5% originally envisaged. He said that the submissions from the community board, and Omarama and Otematata residents' associations had all been well received, and it was clear a lot of effort had been put into them. There was agreement to get on with some town plans, which was a key response. Some things may not happen straight away but when they did come up, there would be good consultation with the communities. Some suggestions were quite straight forward (eg carparking and shop tidy-ups at Omarama). An application had been sent to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the toilet upgrade in Otematata. The Mayor also noted that the ward services rate could be used to do some things – eg parks and reserves, toilets, mowing, landscaping in towns.

In response, the Chair thanked the Mayor for his and Councillors' positive feedback on the community submissions. Local Committees were really getting into the community visioning process now, and were keen to work closely with the Board and the Council to keep things moving along.

The Chief Executive's report was taken as read. The Chairman noted that he had received a media enquiry about the quality of the water in Otematata, which actually had chlorine in it. Chief Executive Fergus Power advised that there was little doubt that centralised regulation on drinking water standards would be implemented. The Mayor also suggested that the nationalisation of water administration was another possible outcome of the Havelock North enquiry. Usefully, water is one area where Waitaki is doing quite well, and is ahead of the game with water upgrades (eg consolidation, pipelines, paying its way).

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/035

Cr Craig Dawson / Calum Reid
That the Mayor's, Chief Executive's and Health and Safety
Reports be received and noted.

CARRIED

RESOLVED
ACB 2018/036

Cr Craig Dawson / Graham Sullivan
That the Ahuriri Community Board extend a vote of thanks to
Vanished World for the work it has done over the past 17 years as
a volunteer organisation which has laid the foundation for the
Waitaki district's bid for UNESCO Global Geopark status.

CARRIED

Rostered Councillor Guy Percival said he had nothing to add to that which had already been said by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It had been a good one, he said, and a highlight had been the presentation from Tourism Waitaki's General Manager Margaret Munro.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.24pm.

With regard to the **next meeting**, it was noted that Board members Vicky Munro and Calum Reid would be absent on leave on the scheduled date of the next meeting (9 July). ACTION POINT: Board Secretary to canvass Board members' availability for a 9 July meeting to determine whether a quorum could be achieved or – if not – an alternative date for the meeting.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the next meeting which was scheduled to take place on the 9th day of July 2018 at the Kurow Memorial Hall, Kurow (or an alternative date, to be determined).

Chairman

Ahuriri Community Board Report

From Property Officer

Date 27 August 2018

Community Bike Stands

Recommendations

That the Ahuriri Community Board approves the construction of an asphalt surface for a bike stand area opposite to the Otematata Lakes Centre, with a \$6,000 budget funded from the Ahuriri Community Grants fund.

Objective of the Decision

To ensure cyclist safety when stopping at the Otematata Lakes Centre.

Summary

Council has approved the use of the fee simple land area across from the Otematata Lakes Centre to be resurfaced by the Ahuriri Community Board. The Board has advised that the current location of the bike stands in front of the Community Centre is not ideal, and therefore has asked that the bike stands be moved to the new area to improve the safety of cyclists from the flow of traffic in the carpark.

Summary of Decision Making Criteria

	No/Moderate/Key		No/Moderate/Key
Policy/Plan	No	Environmental Considerations	No
Legal	No	Cultural Considerations	No
Significance	No	Social Considerations	No
Financial Criteria	Key	Economic Considerations	No
Community Views	Moderate	Community Board Views	Key
Consultation	No	Publicity and Communication	No

Background

The Ahuriri Community Board has proposed that the bike stands be located on the Council-owned fee simple land across the carpark from the current location. The current location poses a risk in terms of either congestion or accidents. Cyclists will be safer, and parking will be more secure on the new surface. It is proposed that the Ahuriri Community Board resurface the proposed area with either asphalt or concrete.

Summary of Options Considered

Option 1 – Do Nothing (Not recommended)

The current location of the bike stands in Otematata has been identified as being a risk for cyclists and traffic. It would be prudent to consider the other two options.

Option 2 – Construction of a suitable surface for a bike stand area opposite to the Otematata Lakes Centre with a \$6,000 budget funded from the Ahuriri Community Grants fund (Recommended)

It is challenging to arrange tradesmen, since the cost will invariably be higher for those travelling from Oamaru. The tennis courts in Otematata will be resurfaced around September and it was suggested that the same contractor also quote on the asphalt option for the bike stands. The quotation came back as \$5,175 including GST. The work would include digging up and basing out the bike stand area. It would not include edging. Another option is to put down concrete. A quotation for that option came back as \$9,430 including GST.

Conclusion

Having considered the options summarised above, the following conclusions have been reached:

1. The new community bike stand area should be built.
2. The area be resurfaced with asphalt.
3. The project be funded from the Ahuriri Community Grants fund.



Sarahann du Plooy
Property Officer

Neil Jorgensen
Assets Group Manager

Attachments:

Additional Decision Making Considerations
Site Pictures

Additional Decision Making Considerations

The following matters have been considered in making the decisions.

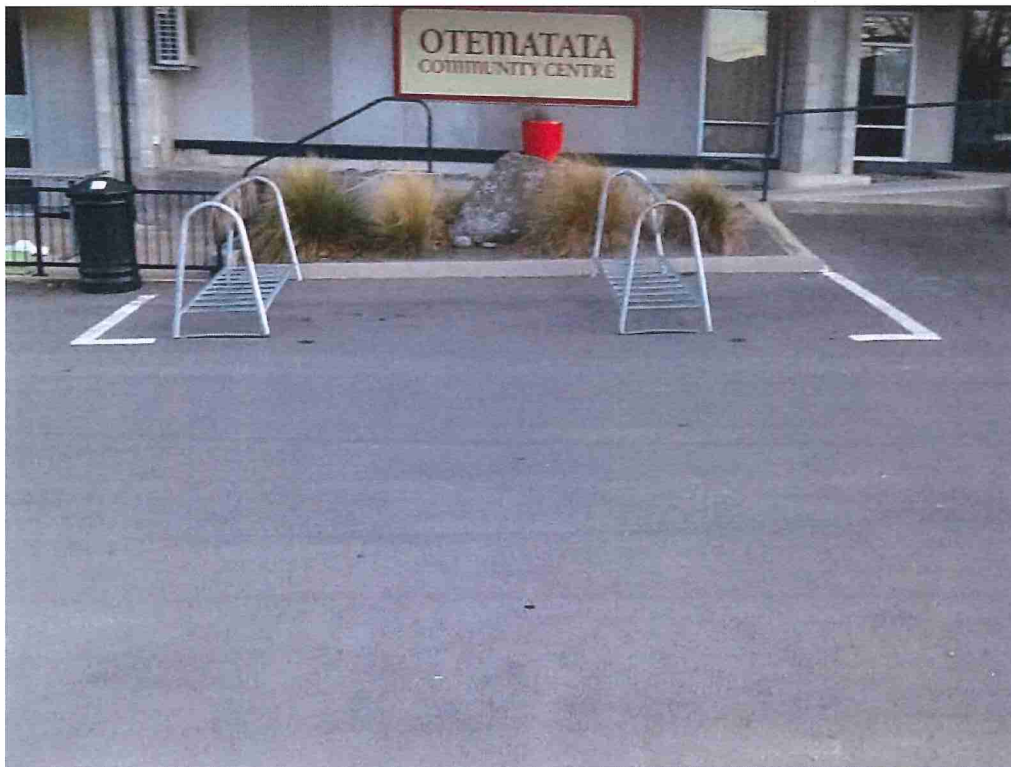
Outcomes

This decision contributes to the following community outcomes:

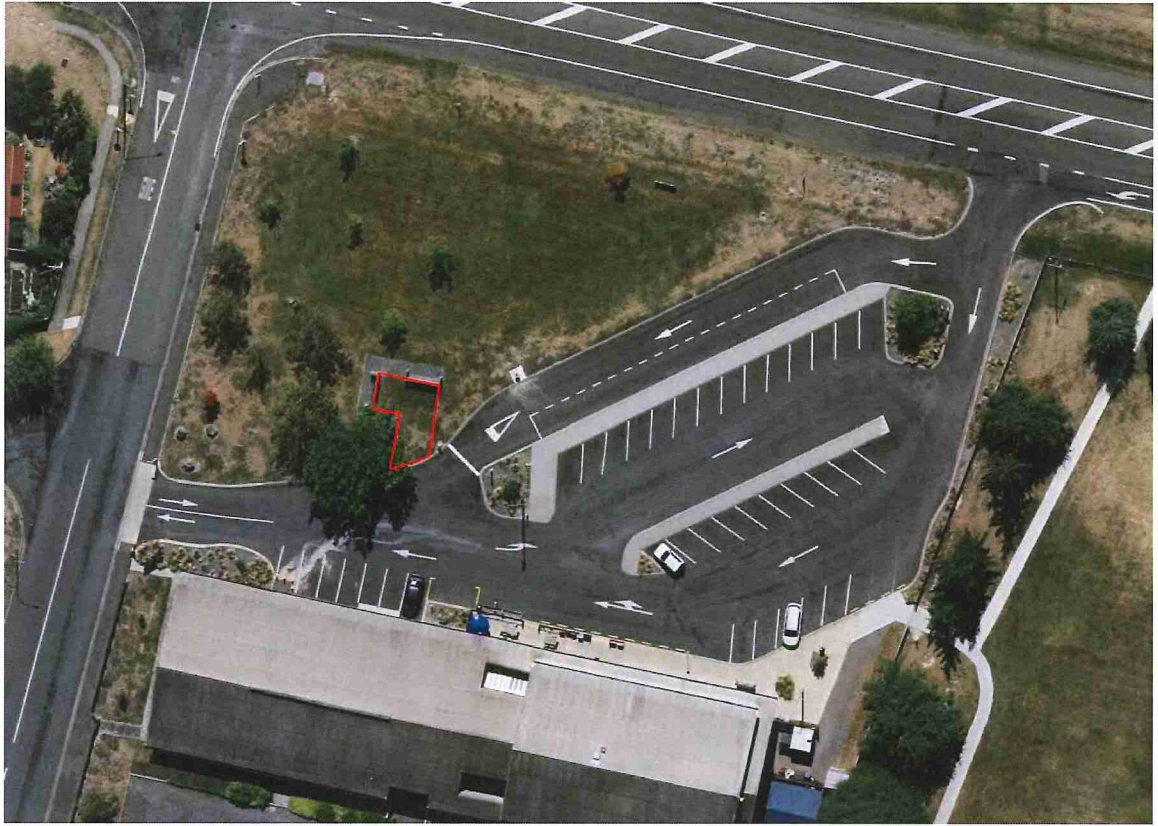
- We understand the diverse needs of our community.
- We provide and enable services and facilities so people want to stay and live here
- We maintain the safest community we can.

Financial Considerations

The Project will be funded from the Ahuriri Community Grants. There is \$10,000 budgeted for this financial year, and a carry forward of \$30,000.



Current location



Proposed location in Plan view



Proposed location in side view

Ahuriri Community Board Report

From Community Safety and Development Facilitator

Date 27 August 2018

Temporary Alcohol Ban

Recommendations

The Ahuriri Community Board recommends:

That Council approves the extended Temporary Liquor Bans in Otematata and Omarama for the extended period from Labour weekend (9.00pm, Friday 19 October 2018) through to Queen's Birthday weekend (until 6.00am on Monday 3 June 2019) inclusive.

Objective of the Decision

To enable the enactment of a temporary liquor ban during the summer months when there are high numbers of visitors to the communities.

Summary

The temporary liquor bans are proving highly effective and are clearly desired by the Waitaki Valley Communities. However, it has become clear over recent times that, whilst there were few alcohol-related issues during the periods of the temporary bans, there were increasing problems identified by the community and Police between these periods. Therefore, it is desirable to continue with bans for an extended period, from Labour weekend in October 2018 through to Queen's Birthday weekend in June 2019 to cover the summer period which is when the problems occur.

Summary of Decision Making Criteria

	No/Moderate/Key		No/Moderate/Key
Policy/Plan	No	Environmental Considerations	Moderate
Legal	Moderate	Cultural Considerations	No
Significance	No	Social Considerations	Moderate
Financial Criteria	Key	Economic Considerations	No
Community Views	Key	Community Board Views	Key
Consultation	Key	Publicity and Communication	Moderate

Background

Ahuriri Community Board previously recommended to Council that it enact a Temporary Liquor Ban in the township of Otematata within 80km signs East and West of the Otematata Town boundaries to the Northern Otematata Golf Club boundary over Labour weekend, Christmas, New Year and the Easter statutory holiday periods. Omarama had a Temporary Liquor Ban during the Christmas/New Year statutory holiday period. The area of that ban covered the township of Omarama within the 100km speed limit signs.

The original Temporary Liquor Ban proposal followed meetings in the Otematata township after issues with disorderly behaviour in the township, which supported the use of temporary bans. Such a ban is permitted under Council's Liquor Ban Bylaw and has been successfully used in Omarama and Otematata. Residents concerned about the disruption caused by disorderly behaviour during the summer period do not want a repeat of previous conduct.

The extended ban was a trial – recognised as an opportunity to determine if the extended Temporary Liquor Ban is sufficient to mitigate the harmful behaviour and create a safer community. Police enforcing the extended bans consider the ban successful. The extended ban has been an effective tool enabling them to manage anti-social behaviour in these areas at peak holiday times.

In the 2015/16 year, the cost of advertising individual bans was \$900. With the Temporary Liquor Ban extending to June, the cost has been less as only one set of signage will be required.

Summary of Options Considered

Option 1 – Enact existing Temporary Liquor Bans for peak holiday periods only.

Option 2 – (Preferred) Approve the extended Temporary Liquor Bans in Otematata and Omarama for the following extended period: Labour weekend (9.00pm Friday 19 October 2018) until Queen's Birthday weekend (6.00am Monday 3 June 2019) inclusive, with the intention to withdraw should the alcohol ban be successful.

Option 3 – Do nothing.

Option 4 – Establish a permanent Alcohol Ban in these areas

Assessment of Preferred Option

Option two is the preferred option. Responses from the Otematata and Omarama communities and Police are that the Temporary Liquor Bans have worked successfully since inception in 2009/2010. They continue to be an effective tool for Police when they are enacted. However, people became familiar with the time periods of the bans and behaviour improved during the bans but deteriorated between these periods. In support of extending the period of the Temporary Liquor Ban, the community wanted to limit the potential for drunk and disorderly behaviour, littering, broken glass, vandalism and violence not only during the peak holiday periods but for the extent of the summer months when there is an increase in visitor numbers and these issues were occurring. The desire of the community was confirmed by the Community Board's recommendation to Council to review/extend the period of the Temporary Liquor Bans. The extended period has proved successful in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 years.


Having considered the options summarised above, the following conclusions have been reached:

1. **Option 1:** To revert to the previous process whereby a temporary ban is approved for each individual holiday period
 - Labour Weekend 9.00pm Friday 19 October 2018 to 6.00am Monday 22 October 2018
 - Christmas New Year 9.00pm Monday 24 to 6.00am Wednesday 2 January 2019
 - Easter 9.00pm Thursday 18 April 2019 to 6.00am Tuesday 23 April 2019
 - Queen's Birthday Weekend 9.00pm Friday 31 May to 6.00am Monday 3 June 2019
2. **Option 2:** Approve the extended Temporary Liquor Bans in Otematata and Omarama for the following extended period:
Labour weekend (9pm Friday 19 October 2018) until Queen's Birthday weekend (6am Monday 3 June 2019) inclusive with the intention to withdraw should the alcohol ban be successful.
Preferred option.
3. **Option 3:** Do nothing. This is not considered a viable option because, without a liquor ban in place, there is a strong likelihood of a return to previous anti-social behaviour and associated impact on the community.
4. **Option 4:** Establish a permanent Alcohol Ban in these areas
The existing Bylaw is currently under review. Another option is to include the addition of Omarama and Otematata into the Alcohol Ban Bylaw Schedule A. However, the Bylaw consultation process will not be completed before October 2018. Therefore, Option 2 is preferred.

Conclusion

The extended Temporary Liquor Bans have proved effective when enacted. To limit the potential for drunk and disorderly behaviour, littering, broken glass, vandalism and violence over the summer period, it would be desirable to continue with the extension of the Temporary Liquor Ban periods, to run continuously from Labour weekend 2018 to Queen's Birthday weekend 2019.

Helen Algar
Community Development Coordinator



Lichelle Guyan
Heritage, Environment and Regulatory
Group Manager

Additional Decision Making Considerations

The following matters have been considered in making the decisions.

Outcomes

This matter is relevant to the following community outcomes:

- We maintain the safest community we can
- Waitaki's distinctive environment is valued and protected.

Policy and Plan Considerations

Community Views

Community feedback has been positive and outcomes of previous liquor bans in these areas have been very successful.

Financial Considerations

Temporary liquor bans involve some costs. These costs relate to preparing and installing signage and other public information publicising the liquor ban.

Legal Considerations

Council has legal authority under the Local Government Act (2002) to enact a Temporary Liquor Ban through a bylaw. The Police enforce the Temporary Liquor Ban. Police officers in both Otematata and Omarama are aware of the Community Board's intention to recommend to Council that there is a Temporary Liquor Ban extended to cover the period from Labour weekend 2018 to Queen's Birthday weekend 2019. Police have indicated to Community Board members and Council officers that they have enough resources to enforce the Temporary Liquor Bans.

Publicity and Communication Considerations

It is recommended as per the Liquor Ban Bylaw which requires the local authority to publically notify a Temporary Liquor Ban at least 14 days before the liquor ban comes into force. Officers will arrange for public notices to be placed in the Otago Daily Times and local media in advance of the Temporary Liquor Bans.

Otematata Golf Club

Postal Centre

Otematata

29 June 2018

Ahuriri Community Board

Dear Board Members

The Otematata Golf Club (OGC) is in the process of installing a new water intake for course irrigation.

The bore and the pump shed are in the vicinity of the Otematata Sewerage Treatment Plant handy to the nearest power supply.

To obtain power to run their pumps the OGC made an approach to the Waitaki District Council (WDC) who own the power line from State Highway 83 to the treatment plant to gain access to that supply.

The OGC also made contact with Network Waitaki for their conditions for the OGC to take power from that supply. The conditions were that they would have to replace an old transformer and associated switch work. The quote for this was \$13,566.00 incl GST. The Golf Club accepted this.

The WDC is willing to share the supply infrastructure with the OGC, on condition that the OGC

- Satisfy all requirements with Network Waitaki including easements.
- Pay 50% of the pole replacement works earlier in the year. Total cost was \$10731.47 including GST so the OGC share would be \$5365.73 including GST.
- Formally agrees to pay for 50% of future maintenance costs.

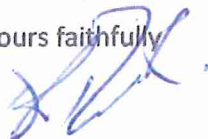
The pole replacement work was carried out due to poles being red tagged prior to the Golf Club application. The condition that the Golf Club pay towards the pole replacement is excessive considering the Golf Club is upgrading the transformer for the future longevity of the power supply to both parties.

This is a very distressing demand on the OGC which is run by volunteers and struggles with finance.

As you will be aware the Golf Course is zoned reserve and the Golf Club is therefore maintaining a Council reserve.

We ask the Community Board for their help in gaining a grant to recover the Club's share of the pole replacement cost.

Yours faithfully



David Blick

President



Waitaki

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24 July 2018
LTP Ref: 60126

Graham Sullivan
Ahuriri Community Board

Dear Graham

Thank you for your submission to our 2018-28 Long Term Plan. Council has discussed all the feedback we received and have now finalised the Long Term Plan which came into effect on 1 July 2018.

In total we received over 170 submissions from people across the District and appreciate the effort you and others made to voice your views on what we should do over the next ten years. The feedback is very helpful including the feedback from the hearings held in May 2018 during which we heard from over 60 individuals and community groups. This has helped us reach our decisions and make sure we do our best to meet the needs of our community.

Council is committed to developing a Community Board Plan in conjunction with the Ahuriri Community Board by December 2018. This plan will build on the initial visioning material developed about community aspirations, and set out objectives and priorities for the Board to assist with guiding Board decisions, action and future engagement with the community and Council. Council has also allocated \$20,000 each for Otematata and Omarama for the development of a Masterplan which will feed into the District Plan review process. This will include options to beautify Otematata. Budgets have been set aside for Omarama streetscaping in year one of the plan (2018/19).

Council will fund \$150,000 per annum towards road seal extensions to help maintain and improve core services. Settlement Road Kurow and Henburn Road will be added to the seal extension programme. Council will also include Henburn Road in Provincial Growth Fund applications (linking to tourism expenditure). Council's roading unit will also prepare a seal extension priority list for Council approval.

Council will direct Tourism Waitaki to investigate Dark-sky status for the Waitaki District, and the roading unit staff will work to ensure there are practical solutions.

The Board's comments regarding waste were considered as part of Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24, which was adopted on 26 June. A document outlining the key decisions included in the plan is enclosed for your information. This includes a commitment to keep the Resource Recovery Parks open with the current levels of service by increasing user charges for rubbish and green waste, to increase the frequency of emptying rubbish bins in the townships, and to trial 24-hour recycling at the Omarama Recovery Park.

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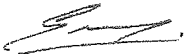
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Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24: Decisions on key issues and proposals



Council included proposals for 11 key issues in the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24, which went out for public consultation in March.

This document provides an overview of the final decisions made on these proposals, along with a summary of Council's planned approach to some of the other issues raised by submitters.

ISSUE 1: Cost recovery at Rural Resource Recovery Parks

Council confirmed it will:

- **Increase charges for rubbish disposal at the Rural Resource Recovery Parks and Palmerston Landfill to \$120 per m3 from 1 July 2018 (effective 1 August 2018) to increase the level of cost recovery at these facilities**

This decision is consistent with Council's user-pays approach to rubbish disposal charges. Increasing charges to \$120 per m3 is expected to lift the total level of cost recovery at the parks and landfill from approximately 15% to between 25-30%. This will better reflect the actual cost of accepting and disposing of rubbish at these facilities and will bring cost recovery for rubbish disposal closer to Council's cost recovery policy of 40-60%. While district-wide ratepayers will still need to subsidise about 65-70% of the costs of operating these facilities, we think this is a fair compromise to keep the recovery parks sustainable and open for these communities into the future.

Council's reason for taking a user pays approach to rubbish disposal is to ensure the costs of waste are borne by those who generate waste, rather than by those who choose to minimise their waste. We have also considered item 10 of the New Zealand Packaging Accord 2004:

'An essential part of the framework for sustainable development is a market that brings the true financial, social, and environmental costs of resource use and disposal to bear on producers, consumers, and waste system users. Central and local government have policy and regulatory opportunities to encourage market signals that will more accurately reflect environmental and social impacts.'

The NZ Waste Strategy 2010 also notes that "getting waste disposal pricing policies right is crucial to improving waste minimisation. The Act [Waste Minimisation] helped change the price signals around waste by introducing the waste disposal levy and generating funding for waste minimisation initiatives through the Waste minimisation fund and territorial authority levy payments. The purpose of the levy is to increase the price of waste disposal to better reflect the cost of waste on the environment, society and the economy and to generate money for waste minimisation initiatives...for example, the introduction of the waste disposal levy has contributed to an increase in the cost of waste disposal, which may encourage more recycling and other waste minimisation activities."

Council incentivises recycling by taking a user-pays approach to waste disposal and providing free recycling facilities as extensively as possible. This means households and businesses can reduce their costs by minimising waste and recycling.

We take on board concerns from some submitters about a possible rise in illegal dumping resulting from increased charges and accept this is a possibility. We will continue to monitor this and take action wherever possible. Illegal dumping has always been a problem in our district, as it is throughout New Zealand, even where rates-funded kerbside collection services are offered.

ISSUE 2: Green waste management at Rural Resource Recovery Parks

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Increase charges for green waste disposal at the Rural Resource Recovery Parks and Palmerston Landfill to \$50 per m3 from 1 July 2018 (effective 1 August 2018) to increase the level of cost recovery.**
- ▶ **Chip green waste on-site and make it available for use by the community free of charge**

Increasing charges for green waste disposal to \$50 per m3 will better reflect the actual cost of handling and disposing of green waste at these facilities. Greater screening of the green waste is likely to be required to ensure the end product is of decent quality.

If the community is unable to make use of the chipped green waste, we will most likely use it at local reserves - although this may increase handling costs and result in further increases to disposal charges.

ISSUE 3: Planning for Palmerston and Hampden Landfills

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Investigate ways of maximising use of capacity and increasing revenue at the Palmerston Landfill, with the intention of closing it earlier than 2027 (when its consent expires)**
- ▶ **Transfer the contents of the Hampden Closed Landfill to the Palmerston Landfill if further investigation confirms this is the most cost-effective option and the required consents can be obtained.**

Council appreciates submitter concerns about the suitability of the Palmerston Landfill as a disposal site for the Hampden Closed Landfill waste. These will be addressed as part of the investigation process and we

will only proceed with a proposal if it is cost-effective for the community and can meet the environmental controls required by the Otago Regional Council and Ministry for the Environment.

ISSUE 4: Waste Minimisation Education and initiatives

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Increase the proposed budget from \$21,000 to \$31,000 annually to fund a resource to undertake waste minimisation education and initiatives (\$21,000 will come from Ministry for the Environment levy funding, and \$10,000 will come from rates)**

Council wants to ensure households and businesses get the information and support they need to minimise waste and reduce their costs. Following consideration of submissions which supported Council's proposal to do a better job of educating and supporting the

community, the proposed funding was increased to \$31,000 per annum for the final plan. This funding is in addition the \$25,000 we have committed annually to the Enviroschools programme.

ISSUE 5: Support for Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust (WRRT)

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Continue to provide support to WRRT to the value \$270,000 per annum, and will consider additional financial support on a case-by-case basis**

This decision recognises the high value Council places on the services WRRT offers the community and

provides scope for reconsidering the level of funding over the life of the plan.

ISSUE 6: Support for other community providers

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Provide WRRT with annual funding of \$30,000 per annum to distribute to smaller community providers on its behalf, subject to specific criteria and conditions from 2019/20 onwards**

Small community groups play an important role in promoting and supporting waste minimisation in their communities. Council currently provides annual funding of \$24,000 to smaller community providers to support them in undertaking their waste minimisation activities. From 2019/20 onwards, we will provide this funding

(plus an additional \$6,000) to WRRT to distribute to community providers on our behalf. Providers will make proposals for funding to WRRT, who will consider each proposal on its merits and with consideration given to Council's funding criteria.

ISSUE 7: Rural township and urban recycling bins

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Continue providing township recycling bins in Herbert, Enfield and Papakaio, but will review how these are operating in order to make the service more consistent across the centres**
- ▶ **Continue collaborating with WRRT to develop a phased programme for replacing existing litter bins in key public locations around the district**

The township recycling bins are valued and well-utilised by these communities, so Council is keen to see them remain available into the future. We will, however, be reviewing them closely over the next year or so to make sure they are delivering value for money and that service levels are consistent across the centres. We will also consider providing bins in other townships if this is cost-effective.

Council has recently worked with WRRT to provide recycling bins at areas like the Harbour and Public Gardens. Providing more recycling bins at key public locations will provide further opportunities for recycling.

ISSUE 8: Collaboration with others

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Continue collaborating with WRRT and Waste Management NZ Ltd in accordance with the current Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) while also seeking opportunities for collaboration and service provision through other organisations or agencies in accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) and as appropriate under the MoU. Council will also pursue opportunities for collaboration and shared services with other local authorities through the Otago Regional Solid Waste Section 17A Review Group, where appropriate.**

We think a more collaborative approach to waste management and minimisation is a cost-effective way to get better outcomes for the community.

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ISSUE 9: Waste Minimisation Levy funding expenditure

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Work to fully utilise levy funding available by funding the education resource and any other waste minimisation in accordance with the WMMP action plan.**

The Waste Levy is set and collected by the Ministry for the Environment and is then redistributed to councils based on population. In recent years, we haven't had a dedicated solid waste officer and have struggled to

fully utilise the funding available from the Ministry for the Environment. Having a dedicated education resource will ensure we can do this.

ISSUE 10: Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Continue to leave kerbside collection of residual waste, recycling and green waste to the private market, and**
- ▶ **More proactively inform and educate the community on options for kerbside collection during the first year of the plan, and**
- ▶ **Undertake a community survey on kerbside collection in 2018/19 to review future options.**

Council has never offered rates-funded kerbside collection of recycling. We did offer a user-pays kerbside rubbish bag collection prior to 2009, however, rates funding was required to subsidise this service as only 17% of residents used it, with the rest opting to use private contractors to dispose of their rubbish at the landfill. After reviewing options for kerbside collection of rubbish and recycling in 2007/08, Council decided in 2009 to cease the rubbish bag service and to leave kerbside collection of rubbish and recyclables to the private market.

Since kerbside collection was left to the private market, we've had both positive and negative feedback about how well it's working for people. Submissions to the draft plan also reflected these opposing views, with some asking Council to provide a rates-funded service and others asking us to retain the current system.

Making changes to the system would have a significant impact on rates and what households and businesses pay for waste management. While some would pay less under a rates-funded system (particularly those who create a lot of waste), many others would pay more (especially those who currently reduce their waste as much as possible). For this reason, we want to make sure we have a more detailed understanding of what households are actually paying and how well the current range of services and facilities are meeting their needs.

In 2019, we plan to survey the wider community to see how many households are using the privately-run kerbside services, how much they're paying, and how well the services are meeting their needs. Feedback from the survey will help us work out if the system needs to be improved, and how this could be done.

ISSUE 11: Solid Waste Bylaw

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Review and amend the Solid Waste Bylaw following adoption of the WMMP so it better reflects the current waste situation.**

Other issues raised by submitters:

Service levels at Rural Resource Recovery Parks

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Retain current opening hours at the Rural Recovery Parks, with flexibility around how these are configured.**
- ▶ **Investigate options for a 24-hour recycling drop-off in Omarama and trial a preferred option in consultation with the Ahuriri Community Board at an estimated cost of \$5,000, to be funded through revenue from increased refuse disposal charges at the rural recovery parks.**

Council will retain the current number of opening hours at the parks but will be flexible around how these are configured – that is, opening days and times could change at any time to suit the community. Increasing the number of opening hours was considered, but as this would also increase operating costs and significantly reduce any cost-recovery gains made

through increasing charges for rubbish and green waste disposal (as discussed under Issues 1 and 2).

One change we are considering is providing 24-hour recycling at the parks. However, there risks and costs associated with this, which is why we are planning a trial at Omarama before confirming any changes.

Zero Waste

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Acknowledge that the steps in the plan will lead us towards the goal of zero waste.**

In its 2010 update of the NZ Waste Strategy, the Ministry for the Environment states:

'While the 'zero waste' vision of the 2002 Strategy was ambitious, many of its targets were unable to be measured or achieved. The revised Strategy enables a more flexible approach to waste management and minimisation through two high level goals: reducing harm and improving efficiency.'

With consideration to this, instead of specifying zero waste as the plan's vision Council has set an objective to see the total volume of waste generated per person in Waitaki reduced over the 6-year life of the plan. This is considered to be more realistic, measurable and achievable.

Provision and servicing of litter bins

Council confirmed it will:

- ▶ **Review and amend the Solid Waste Bylaw following adoption of the WMMP so it better reflects the current waste situation.**

The growing number of visitors to our district brings many benefits, but it also increases the need to improve core infrastructure and service provision to cater for this. Some submitters to the draft plan were concerned about a lack of litter bins and problems with

some existing litter bins overflowing at busy times. Funding has therefore been set aside to ensure litter bins are emptied more frequently and Council will continue to consider provision of additional bins in key areas where they are most needed.

Illegal dumping and enforcement

Council confirmed it will:

- **Continue to monitor illegal dumping and take enforcement action wherever possible**

Unfortunately, illegal dumping is an issue throughout New Zealand and something all councils are trying to tackle. It's something we take very seriously and while we would like to take a much tougher line on the dumpers, we can only issue infringement fees for illegal dumping fly-tipping in accordance with the provisions of the Litter Act, or in accordance with court-imposed fines in the case of a successful prosecution. Over the next six years our new education resource will look at ways to discourage littering and illegal dumping, and we may also consider installing signage and cameras at dumping 'hot spots' as a deterrent and means to identify the dumpers.

There were concerns expressed in submissions that increasing waste disposal fees will increase instances of illegal dumping. While this may happen in some instances, we don't believe it's an excuse for people to break the law. Unfortunately, there are some who will continue to dump illegally regardless of what services and facilities are in place, and how much they have to pay (illegal dumping was an issue in Waitaki even when the charges for rubbish disposal were low).

The WMMP vision, goals and objectives

Council confirmed it will:

- **Include the proposed vision, goals and objectives in the final WMMP with minor amendments (underlined) as follows:**

Goal 1: To keep Waitaki people safe and healthy and to minimise waste

Objective 1: Ensuring appropriate and accessible waste management and minimisation services, facilities and education programmes are provided

Council did consider other changes to the vision, goals and objectives but confirmed the vision, goals and

objectives proposed in the final plan as these were considered to be realistic and achievable.

Product stewardship and packaging

Council doesn't have the authority or means to impose a packaging tax or levies on packaging however, we will look at developing specific local initiatives for packaging through the proposed resource for waste minimisation education and initiatives.

They will develop a plan for various waste minimisation initiatives based on local data and issues, in consultation with the Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust and other local waste minimisation experts.

Product stewardship and packaging

The cost of waste disposal is always a contentious issue and getting the balance right between user pays and affordability is an ongoing challenge for all councils, including us.

Council has taken a user pays approach to waste disposal wherever possible, as discussed under Issue 1. However, our cost recovery policy of 40-60%

for waste disposal acknowledges that in some areas, such as the Waitaki Valley, it is more expensive to provide facilities and charging people in these areas the actual cost of waste disposal would be prohibitive. While this means district-wide ratepayers have to pay a bit extra to subsidise these areas, we think this is a fair compromise to ensure all people in the district have access to good quality waste facilities.



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24 July 2018
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Charlotte Cook
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Dear Charlotte

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Regarding your concerns around the availability of facilities in Omarama, I am pleased to advise that Council has allocated \$20,000 for Omarama for the development of a Masterplan which will feed into the District Plan review process. Budgets have been set aside for Omarama streetscaping in year one of the plan (2018/19).

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Your concerns regarding road safety have been passed onto our Roding unit. We note that State highways are managed by NZTA but we have regular meetings with NZTA and are happy to advance your concerns. You could also contact NZTA directly with your concerns.

Council does not have the ability to modify speed and access through private property (fuel stations); however this could be progressed through the Ahuriri Community Board and the companies concerned, and the Roding Unit can review any changes proposed that affect the road corridor.

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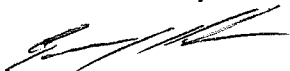
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Kircher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary Kircher
Mayor for Waitaki

To Whom It May Concern,

I make this submission on behalf of the Resident's Association of Omarama in relation to the Waitaki District Council's Long Term Plan (2018-2028) and in support of the issues brought up at the recent Visioning meeting.

Rubbish

With the rapidly growing number of tourists and holiday makers in the Omarama area I propose that the following issues be addressed. These issues are of high importance to enable the town to stay clean, tidy and environmentally hygienic;

- More controlled management of the dumping of refuse materials at the campervan/grey waste site either through better signage or cameras.
- A facility for holiday makers to be able to dump their rubbish at a convenient time – and better communication to those living and holidaying here about the options available to them. Perhaps extended days/hours at the Omarama Resource Recovery Park or an 'after hours' facility that they can use.
- More rubbish bins in town; the bins at the Merino Café, Oasis Café & Toilets are particularly bad in the summer. This year saw a huge volume of waste in the town even with two bin changes a day and a large wheely bin installed temporarily outside the toilets.
- Extra bin installed near or close to the Wrinkly Rams Café, another along the residential street of Chain Hills Highway and perhaps to move the one between the School and iSite closer to the footpath and install a bin similar to those in town with a smaller hole in the lid to discourage domestic waste.
- Provide more incentive for businesses to recycle their waste instead of it all going into landfill.
- Provide a recycling point in town: glass, plastic bottles and paper/cardboard, aluminium cans.
- Enforcement of fines for those dumping domestic rubbish into the town bins.

Thank you for your consideration.

Charlotte Cook

Omarama Residents' Association

I also make the following submission on an individual basis.

Services

- Maintenance and support for the facilities and services available here: The Emergency Services; Fire Service, Search and Rescue and St John's, are of particular importance to those who use the area for recreation and those traveling through on our dangerous roads and provide first response aid. They require continuous support from the community through donations and volunteers. I am of the opinion that the vast majority of our population would be in support of keeping these services for the foreseeable future and beyond.

Infrastructure – Footpaths and Roads

- There is a need for better footpaths throughout the town to meet the needs of a growing population. Particularly between the main residential area of town and the school, but also between SH8 and Cirrus Place, an area which is hugely popular now with no sections of land left for sale and lots of new developments there.
- Airport Road also is experiencing a greater volume of traffic and there will be a need for road markings to better control the traffic going through this small part of town.
- Speeding in the main car park between Challenge and Mobil is becoming an issue at all times of the year. Some form of speed control would be advantageous as this is a highly pedestrianised area and experiences a lot of people using it in the summer. If traffic increases, which it's set to do, there will be a great risk of someone being injured or killed. This also is tied in with the request for more & better walkways/footpaths through town.
- Some form of speed control for the main state highways 8 and 83 as there are ALWAYS people speeding through town. I'd also like to see the 50kph speed limit expanded to cover the turn off to airport road on SH8, past the turn off for Broken Hut road on SH8 and past the turn off for Ahuriri Drive on SH83. I think this will encourage drivers to slow down sooner, but also will make it safer for the increased traffic .

Thank you for your consideration,

Charlotte Cook

Omarama Township Resident

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The proposed easement to link between Park and T A Munro Lanes requires land purchase and survey. Again it is suggested the Ahuriri Community Board becomes actively involved to table a proposal that can then be reviewed. This proposal should also form part of a strategic review of Omarama.

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Yours sincerely

Gary Kircher
Mayor for Waitaki

**Omarama Primary School Board of Trustees Submission to Waitaki District Council
for a Pedestrian Access easement between Park Lane and T A Munro Lane.**

We are concerned for the safety of the Omarama children coming to and going from School.

In the space of 300 odd metres there are six busy entrance ways, parking spaces and vehicles accessing both the Service Stations and the Shopping Centre.

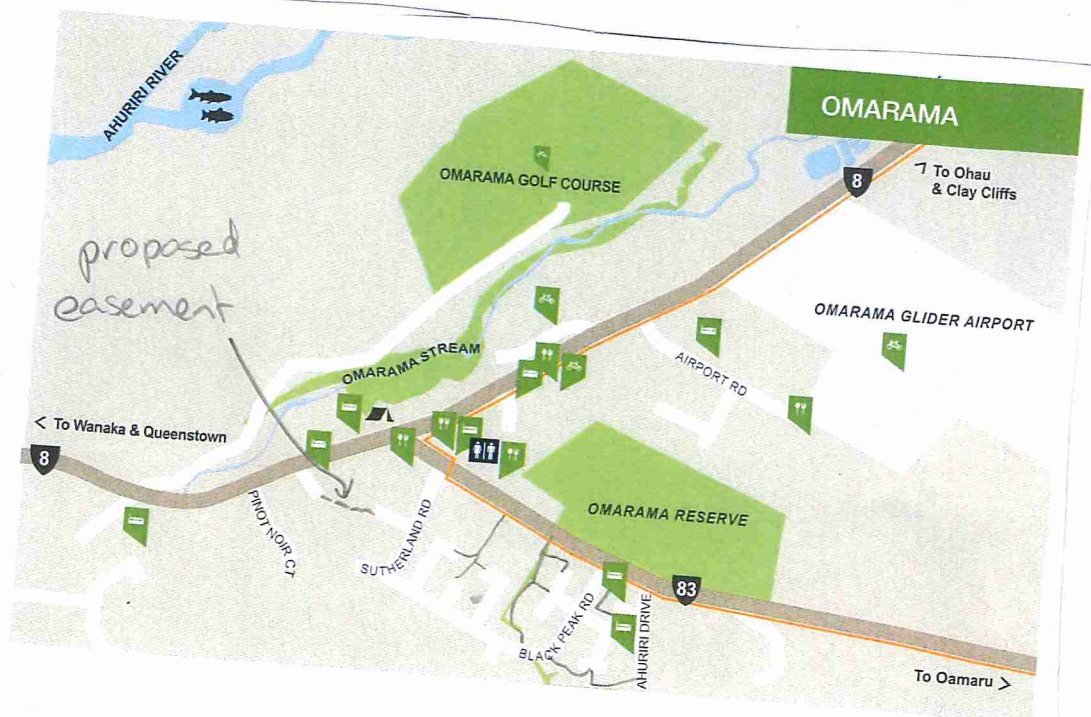
There is a huge volume of traffic passing through the town centre, large Trucks and rental vehicles, a large percentage of drivers are using GPS and not their physical brain, GPS does not recognise a child crossing in front of it and will not tell the driver to stop or proceed with caution.

Many vehicles speed through the western entry into Omarama and Children generally do not develop the ability to perceive this kind of danger until around the age of nine.

Omarama has a whole network of pedestrian pathways linking various streets and we request the Council to create an easement between Park Lane and T A Munro Lane, this would keep Omarama School Children and other pedestrian traffic safely away from the busy town centre.

The property that this proposed easement would pass through is currently for sale. We therefore urge the Council to act now.

*Yours Faithfully
Jan Thomas
on behalf of the
Board of Trustees Omarama School.*



Ahuriri Community Board

Memorandum

From Accounting Manager

Date 27 August 2018

Ahuriri Community Board Financial Update – Quarter 4 2018

Recommendations

That the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. receives and notes the schedule detailing balances of separate rate accounts within the Ahuriri ward; and
2. receives and notes the report detailing movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

Background

Separate Rate Accounts

These are maintained where Council levies a targeted rate for specific purposes, such as water and sewer systems, township amenities (including stormwater systems if applicable), community halls and Ward Services generally (including the operations of the Community Board itself, parks and reserves, etc).

Because several of those targeted rates relate directly to communities within the Community Board's oversight, it is appropriate that the Board is kept informed of their status. This information is updated quarterly, at 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June in each financial year. The information attached is current at the date appearing on the appended report (31 March), as year-end processing is not yet complete, meaning June balances are not available.

Community Funding

The annual budget for the Community Board includes amounts intended to enable it to provide a degree of additional financial support within its local community.

- **Discretionary Fund**

The Community Board has an annual budget to fund small community projects. As this budget is funded directly from rates, any balance remaining unspent at year end may be carried forward until spent. The current year's expenditure is detailed fully on the report.

- **Community Grants**

The Community Board has an annual budget allocation for "Community Grants", which includes \$5,000 specifically for the Waitaki Valley Heritage Society, and in the 2017/18 financial year a further sum for general community groups. As with the Discretionary Fund, any unspent balances can be carried forward until spent.

Conclusion

Any questions related to the information provided in these reports should be directed to Council's Financial Services unit via the Board's Chair.



Ian Wells
Accounting Manager

Paul Hope
Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager

Attachments

Appendix (a) Separate Rate Accounts at 31 March 2018

Appendix (b) Funds Available for Distribution at 30 June 2018

Ahuriri Community Board

Separate Rate Accounts 1 July 2017 - 31 March 2018

	Rate Account						Rate Account	Depreciation Reserve		Internal Loans	
	Balance	Rates	Other	Operating	Capital	From / (To)	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	
	01-Jul-17	Income	Income	Expenditure	Expenditure	Reserves	31-Mar-18	01-Jul-17	31-Mar-18	01-Jul-17	31-Mar-18
Ward Services											
Ahuriri Ward Services	413,662	362,856	15,197	(361,534)	(10,662)	5,271	424,790	148,918	171,634	(155,556)	(137,499)
Specific projects to fund											
Ward discretionary fund							20,000				
Ahuriri reserve improvements							14,000				
Discretionary fund							7,216				
Community grants							29,500				
Total committed							70,716				
Township Amenity											
Kurow	80,582	13,635	-	(285)	(36,373)	(5)	57,554	3,192	3,451	-	-
Lake Ohau	23,235	2,601	-	(195)	-	(90)	25,551	2,728	2,905	-	-
Omarama	58,016	13,797	-	(3,815)	-	(25)	67,973	8,873	9,303	-	-
Otematata	103,831	41,814	-	(37,656)	(2,415)	(5,358)	100,216	275,244	286,649	(73,163)	(68,880)
Hall											
Kurow	27,958	9,945	10,727	(30,161)	-	-	18,469	-	-	-	-
Omarama	4,489	11,151	127	(4,434)	-	(1,805)	9,528	-	-	(20,667)	(18,374)
Otekaieke	6,528	675	165	(2,693)	-	-	4,676	-	-	-	-
Otematata	2,985	12,024	60	(12,900)	-	-	2,168	-	-	-	-
Water											
Kurow	(47,929)	94,689	9,151	(126,830)	629	(9,228)	(79,518)	114,025	141,908	(34,274)	(32,898)
Lake Ohau	55,586	15,192	24,922	(23,599)	(5,053)	(16,008)	51,040	131,761	138,416	-	-
Omarama	386,644	109,197	40,810	(111,434)	(3,203)	(10,205)	411,809	180,535	214,535	-	-
Omarama upgrade loan	-	10,071	-	(557)	-	(9,514)	-	-	-	(46,734)	(32,896)
Otekaieke	(2,527)	8,370	706	(8,960)	-	(290)	(2,701)	29,722	32,759	-	-
Otematata	139,481	131,742	819	(144,626)	(35,466)	22,549	114,499	(338,955)	(308,314)	(409,877)	(406,027)
Sewerage											
Kurow	102,898	40,041	11,179	(62,512)	-	2,942	94,548	347,551	363,740	-	-
Lake Ohau	26,792	15,147	6,580	(18,831)	-	(2,393)	27,295	162,579	171,663	-	-
Omarama	100,567	83,745	22,649	(109,938)	(1,440)	(3,179)	92,404	402,334	420,837	-	-
Otematata	89,258	99,837	23,149	(139,412)	(18,744)	40,559	94,647	644,799	639,106	-	-

Appendix (b) – Funds available for distribution at 30 June 2018

Ahuriri Community Board

Funds available for community purposes

	Balance 01-Jul-17	Annual Rates	Operating Expenditure	Available 30-Jun-18
Community Grants				
Kurow Museum (specific)	5,000.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	5,000.00
			(5,000.00) Kurow Museum grant	
Other	22,000.00	5,000.00	(2,500.00)	24,500.00
			(2,500.00) Otago Maintenance - pontoon R&M	
Discretionary Fund	10,216.00	5,000.00	(8,000.00)	7,216.00
			(3,000.00) Kurow Museum funding	
			(5,000.00) Kurow Museum funding	
Total available	<u>37,216.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>(15,500.00)</u>	<u>36,716.00</u>

Ahuriri Community Board

Memorandum

From Recreation Manager

Date 27 August 2018

Recreation Update

Recommendation

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Ahuriri Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects from 15 May 2018 to 7 August 2018.

Comment

General:

- Council's replacement Parks Officer for Oamaru Lindsay Hyde joined the team on 21 May. This will help to relieve some of the pressure on the Recreation team but there is still a lot of unfinished tasks to complete. For over nine months, the Recreation team has been operating at 50% of normal operational capacity and it will be great to get back to full strength.
- Waitaki continues to get frequent rainfall events. Met-service statistics record that, towards by the end of July we have received our annual average rain with five months of 2018 remaining. These are not typical North Otago conditions with parks continuing to be wet and this causes difficulty in completing planned work without causing damage to the grounds.

Camping:

- The 'Twin Lakes Boat Marathon' was held on Lakes Benmore and Aviemore on 26 and 27 May using Sailors Cutting and Parsons Rock boat ramps. Officers have arranged with the organisers to recover boat ramp fees that were not paid as part of this event.
- Camps closed on the first weekend of May and will reopen on 15 September 2018.
- A number of tree removals are planned over the winter months for safety reasons and to improve camp conditions.
- 33KVA lines at Sailors Cutting now have a 4m height barrier underneath.
- Building and resource consents for Sailors Cutting wastewater system have been obtained, and tenders for construction work have been received and are being considered.
- Council's engineer continues to investigate options for wastewater disposal at Falstone.

Toilets:

- Waitaki District Council, Mackenzie District Council, DoC, NZTA and LINZ are collaborating to respond to tourism needs in the Mackenzie district. The current focus is on managing the impacts of 'freedom camping' over the coming summer. These agencies have made a joint funding bid to MBIE for support for additional facilities, better enforcement and education.
- Officers have made an application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the following projects:
 - Otematata toilet replacement
 - All Day Bay and Katiki Straight (x2) toilets
 - Palmerston Campervan dump station
 - Lindis Pass signs
 - Trailer mounted porta-loos for responding to Freedom Camping and Alps 2 Ocean needs.

Parks:

- Drinking fountains for Omarama, Otematata and Kurow have arrived and are expected to be installed in the coming months. These have been specified for frost protection.

Officers understand the preferred locations are:

- Kurow – corner of the fence near the entrance to Hydro Place playground
 - Otematata – near the existing toilet block
 - Omarama – corner of the stairs in front of the hall.
- Officers have received the results of the Ohau residents' consultation on changes to the Ohau Reserves Improvement Plan and understand these have been sent to the Ahuriri Community Board. Officers suggest a workshop in the coming months to discuss this plan. Comments appear to be largely consistent with the existing plan, with the following priorities:
 - Weed control
 - Planting low shrubs / shelter
 - Pine / larch removals
 - Bollard / parking control
 - Tussock plantings of areas difficult to mow.
 - Following a complaint about possible encroachment, officers have investigated and determined dwellings on 20 and 22 Ohau Drive are not built over McKinnon Reserve as it appears on LINZ data and Waitaki District Council aerials.
 - Otematata Wetlands – Concerns raised over unapproved structures installed have been time-consuming and identified issues around the license to occupy and the lack of a management plan, communication and approvals. This has also identified that the golf course does not hold a lease for the land it occupies. Officers will look at resolving these issues with LINZ as time allows.
 - Bridges across the water race to the south of Park Lane Reserve have been identified to have the potential to block stream flows. These are on LINZ land and serve as private access to the reserve. If these are not maintained by the landowners for whom they provide access, then LINZ may require their removal.
 - Officers referred an opportunity for government funding for memorial plantings to the Memorial Oaks Committee and the Lakes and Shoreline Committee for consideration to replant the Dunkirk trees.
 - Otago Community Trust has advised that it would consider an application for a maximum of 10-15% of the Kurow bike park project.

Alps 2 Ocean:

- The commissioner has approved Council's application to vary the resource consent to route the track along the marginal strip between Sailors Cutting and Benmore Dam. Officers are working with MBIE to secure the necessary funding for construction.
- Elections for business partner representation on the Alps 2 Ocean Joint Committee have been held, with Michael Neilson and Scott Fitzgerald being elected.
- Officers expect to hold a workshop with Councillors on the Alps 2 Ocean Business Plan and maintenance responsibilities in September.

Cemeteries:

- Kurow Cemetery Books have been handed over to the Oamaru Museum by John and Mary Currie after many years of 'ownership'.

Erik van der Spek
Recreation Manager



Neil Jorgenson
Assets Group Manager

Ahuriri Community Board Memorandum

From Assets Group Manager

Date 27 August 2018

Assets Update

Recommendation

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

Summary and Purpose

To update the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Ahuriri Ward since the last Board meeting on 28 May 2018.

Roading

The majority of re-metalling has been completed for the season and generally works are business as usual. There is also a number of consents being reviewed for subdivisions within Ahuriri Ward.

Community Board Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is underway on a carpark design for the Otematata Wetlands Walkway. The problem with the new bike stands not fitting the 29 inch bike wheels has been noted and options are being considered.
Bridges and Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening and widening of bridges 95 and 96 on Lake Ohau Road are currently in the design stage. Tender is to be released in September.
Road Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal of metalling of unsealed roads for 2018-2019 has commenced. Roads completed to date include Broken Hut Road, Birchwood Road, Golf Course Road and Henburn Road. The programme will conclude with Falston Road. Edge-break maintenance is being undertaken on Awamoko Road. Metalling on Ben Omar Road is being undertaken. Levelling by cattle-stops and scouring repairs on Birchwood Road is progressing. Grading work on Birchwood Road, Broken Hut Road, Golf Course Road, Henburn Road, Quailburn Road and Shortcut Road has been undertaken.
Township Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bins have been emptied.

Water

Omarama

The roof on the large (wooden) reservoir was damaged by high winds earlier this year, and will be replaced by contractors in late August.

Otematata

A filter trial is currently underway at the Otematata water treatment plant. This will determine which type of filters would best remove very fine particles coming from the bores, thereby ensuring that the UV lamps work to their full capacity.

Ohau

The treatment upgrade options for Ohau water supply are being formed and a consultation strategy will be prepared for consideration.

Waste Water

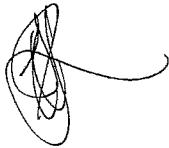
Omarama

Contractors will be installing safety barriers around the two pump stations (Omarama Avenue and Ahuriri Drive), including block walls and grates.

Council staff are continuing negotiations with the Airfield Company in order to construct a land disposal system on Airfield land. This system needs to be in place before December 2019, and once installed final discharge will no longer be to the Omarama Stream.

Duntroon

Council will be applying for a resource consent for the existing waste water disposal system in Duntroon. The existing system is essentially a community septic tank and is closed to new connections. Until recently, this has been operating as a Permitted Activity, but Environment Canterbury rules have changed and a consent is now required. It will be applied for this calendar year.



Neil Jorgensen
Assets Group Manager

Attachment: SouthRoads Summary Report for June 2018

WDC 642 Summary Report June 2018

Note: This report is prepared and created by the SouthRoads Team for the purposes of reporting against the maintenance contract, primarily for the roading team. It is provided as an "FYI" attachment to the Assets Committee report.

Welcome to the June report, this month marks the completion of the first year of contract 642. A big thankyou to all those who have had an involvement in the contract and helped complete the maintenance on the network this year. It's been a big year and everyone one involved has help make it a very enjoyable year.

The footpath crew have completed some footpath repairs around Oamaru. The other siteworks crew have been completing a community project for Hampden, replacing the kerb and channel past the four square.

The drainage crews have been completing water table maintenance in the Goodwood, Duntroon, Moeraki and Hampden areas. In July the drainage crews will look to complete work in these areas before shifting onto the 2018/19 reseal sites. The remaining excavators have been completing dig outs and culvert replacements in the Palmerston, Ardgowan and Five Forks areas.

The Maintenance Metalling programme has been completed, having one truck in Palmerston, and two trucks shifted from Palmerston into the Herbert area. We also have had three trucks completing metalling the Omarama area.

The premix crew has been completing edge break and levelling work throughout the district. With a lot of work been done in the Oamaru, Ngapara and Fiveforks areas.

Our graders have been busy working on their monthly beats. The North grader has been working its way down from Duntroon and around the Oamaru plains. The South grader has been completing maintenance grading in the Macraes area is making its way back towards Goodwood.

Delta have been focusing on noxious spraying and township spraying. They have sprayed some Lichen areas around the townships which we are seeing dying off currently. Trimming of vegetation to fit within the road envelope has been started, and work will continue over the winter throughout the district

The signs crew has been busy replacing some old faded signs throughout the district. Old location signs have been replaced on our main roads throughout the district. A night audit is scheduled with the WDC for July to help identify areas where more signage may be required or where old signs may need replaced.

The stabi crew have moved onto shoulder widening, completing work scheduled on Macraes Rd and Livingstone Duntroon Rd. They will be heading to the Fiveforks area once some maintenance has been completed on their equipment.

PERFORMANCE

			Last month	June
CRM's	Structures	Monthly	1	-
	Culverts/Side drains	Monthly	19	9
	Fallen Trees	Monthly	-	-
	Flooding Roads/Footpaths	Monthly	4	1
	Frost and Ice Response	Monthly	-	1
	Grading/Metalling	Monthly	41	42
	Kerb and Channel	Monthly	1	1
	Road Litter	Monthly	11	10
	Signs Missing/Damaged	Monthly	5	2
	Roadside Vegetation	Monthly	7	8
	Safety Road Condition	Monthly	3	1
	Sealed Road Failures	Monthly	1	2
	Potholes	Monthly	6	3
	Snow Clearing	Monthly	-	-

			Month	YTD
TEAM SAFETY	Medical Treatment Intervention - #	Monthly	0	1
	Lost Time Injury - #	Monthly	0	0
	Near Miss/IOF	Monthly	10	178
	Incidents	Monthly	16	106
	Safety Audits/Tours completed	Monthly	10	72

PROGRESS

Item	Completed	Comments
Stabi's	73m ²	15,060.33m ² YTD
Maintenance Metaling (20,000m ³)	12,923m ³	38,687m ³ YTD
Grading (280km target)	344km (MTD)	2,397km (YTD)
Road Sweeping	17 (MTD)	361 (YTD)
Signs	Cleaned 13 (MTD) Straightened 30 (MTD)	292 (YTD) 299 (YTD)
Roadside Litter Collection	23 (MTD)	242 (YTD)
Wilding Trees	- (MTD)	161 (YTD)
Traffic Counts (300 per year)	15 (MTD)	384 (YTD) 128%

Activity	Completed MTD	Completed YTD	Remaining Quantity
Culvert Inspections (240/month)	160	2,607	273 (9%)
Bridge Inspections (15/month)	36	144	36 (20%)

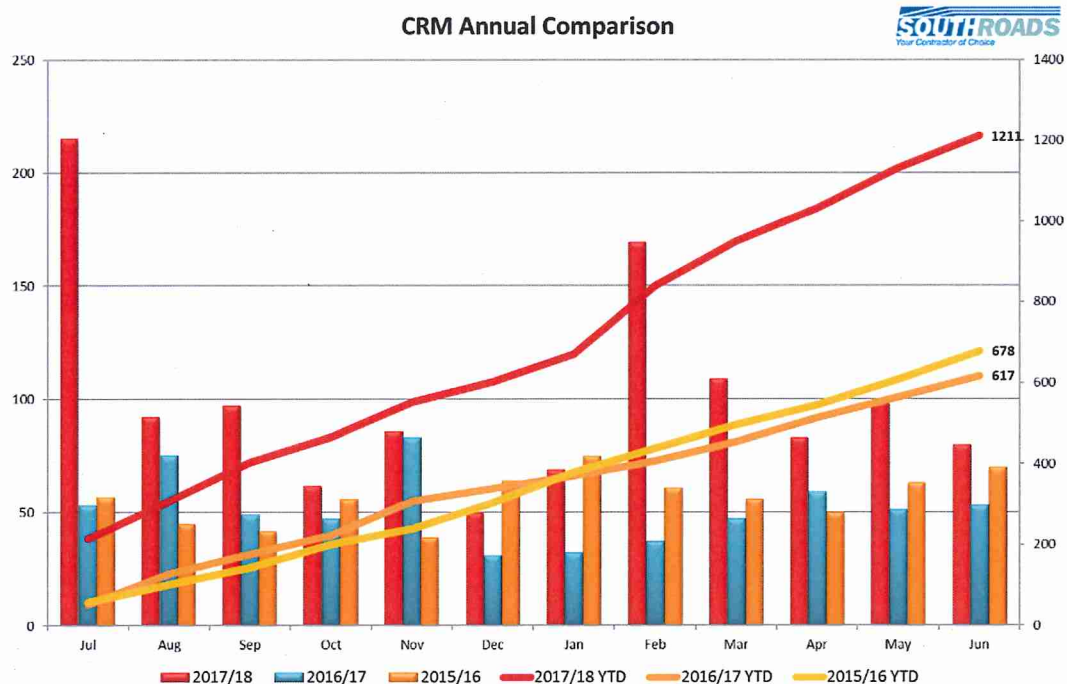
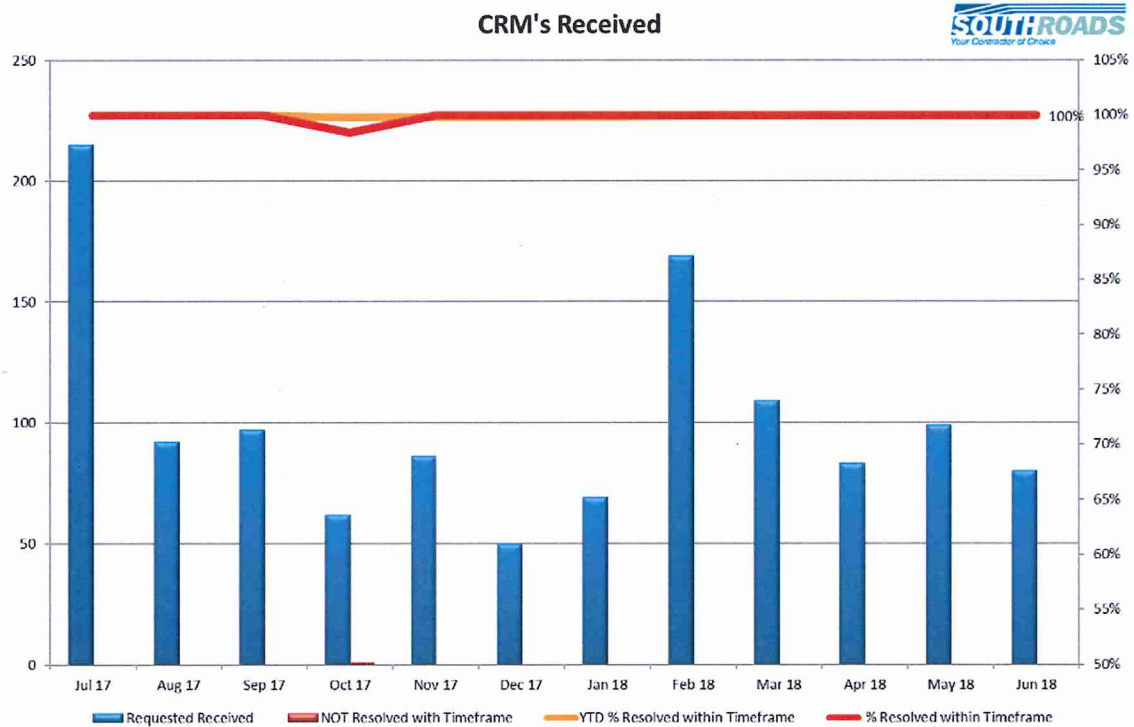
RISK & STRATEGY UPDATES

Identified Risks		Update
Roads	Henburn Road	This road has been metalled in June. We will monitor this over the winter to see how it holds up with the increased traffic volumes
	Coal Pit Road	Road is holding up still. Would pay to remove the hedge blocking the road from sunlight over the winter
	Waianakarua Road	Coastal erosion work has been completed in 2016. This section of road will be monitored for any other movements.
	Horse Range Road	More movement was detected at the slip sites in May 18. Levelling work has taken place in June to remove the immediate lip this has caused
Slips	Haven Street - Moeraki	Continually moving. This will continue to be monitored.
Strategic	RAMM Data	Pocket RAMM devices are being used to capture data in the field and programme repairs while onsite.
	Reseal sites	Reseal sites have been released for the 2018/19 season. These sites will then be inspected, and repairs programmed to get repairs underway before next season.

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER REPORT

We received 80 CRM's for the month of June. This is down 19 on last month, majority of the difference is less drains blocked. This reflects coming out of the leaf drop and having less leaves to contend with around town, also we have completed a large amount of water channel cleaning over the last few months. The grading and metalling CRM's are still up which is a common trend we see this time of year. We have put three graders out on the network in July to help maintain the unsealed roads over the colder months.

CRM GRAPHS



PERFORMANCE MEASURE RESULTS

For June the Management Performance Measures we have scored a 85% compliance. Focus will be put into improving traffic count data as there is still some small issues around some data being sent through.

The Operational Performance results are at 81% compliance. Focus will be put into grading and spot metaling of unsealed roads, vegetation control around town and in surface water channels and to target pothole repairs to bring this score up.

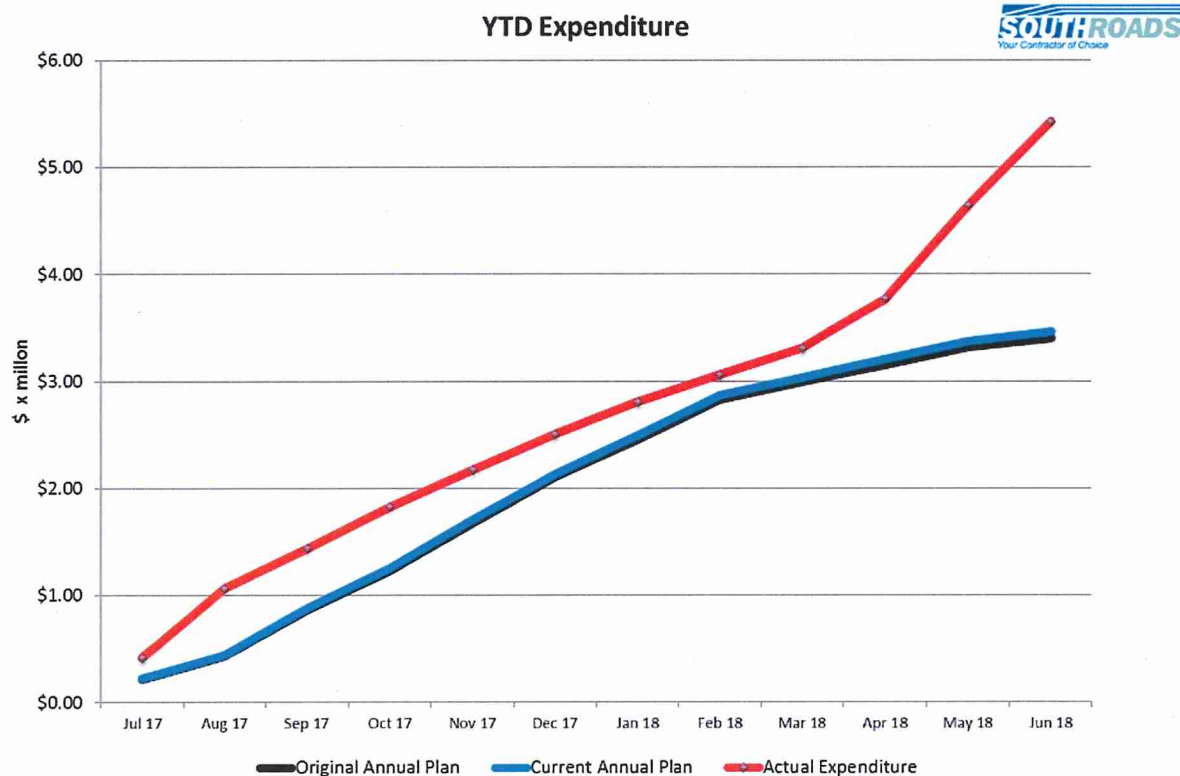
GOLD STAR INITIATIVES

We have implemented the Mobile Roads phone app to complete sump inspections, recording the location of these and providing photos of the asset.

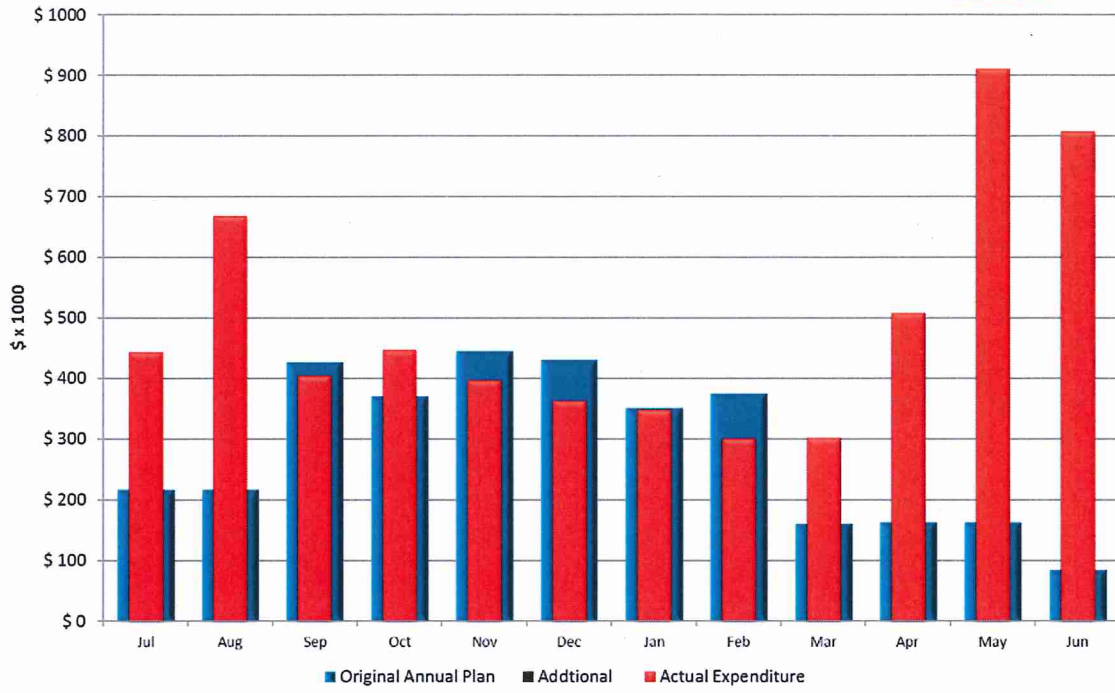
TRAFFIC CRASH/DAMAGE REPORT

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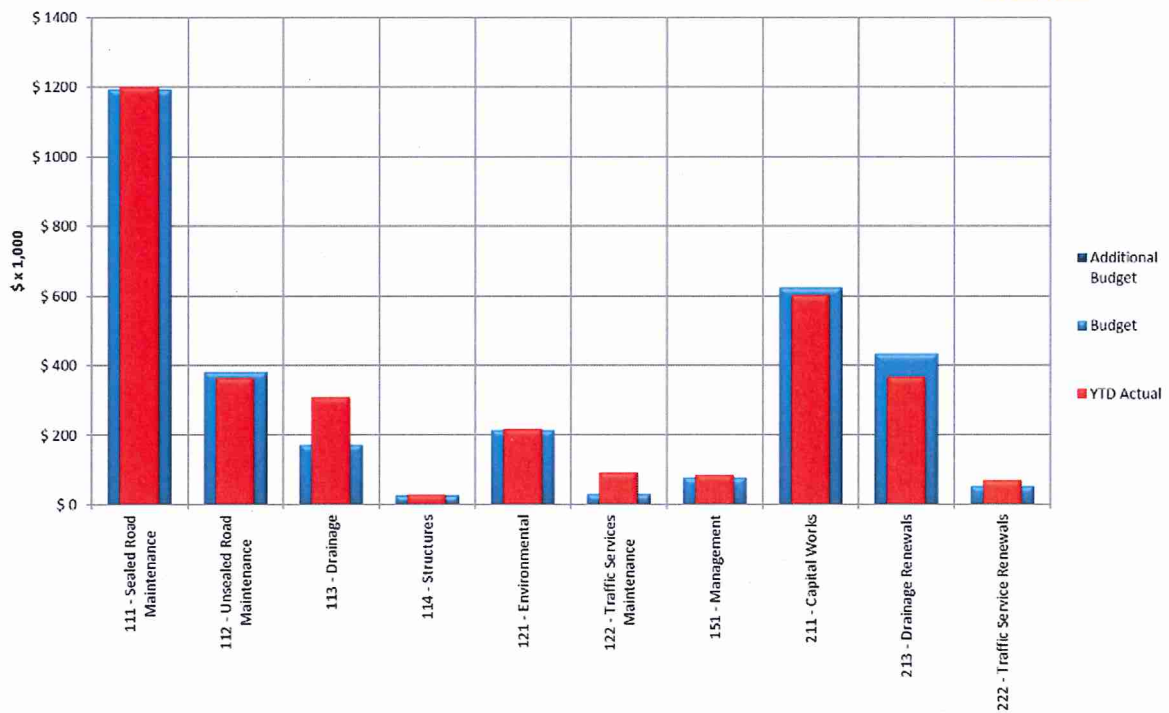
FINANCIAL GRAPHS



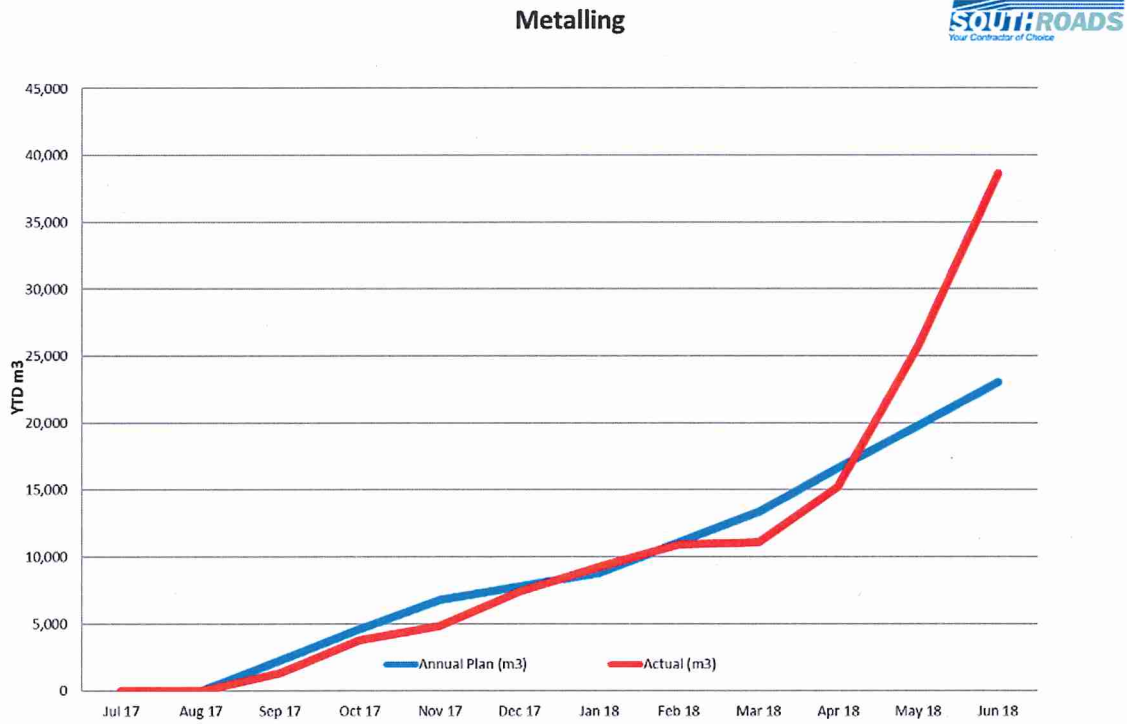
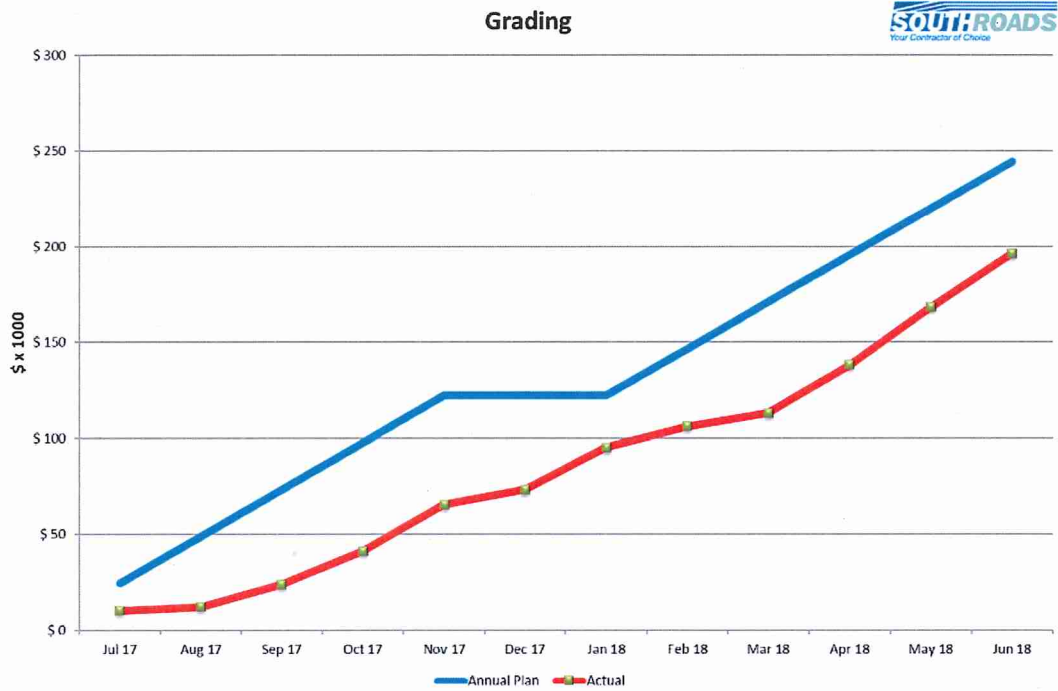
Monthly Expenditure

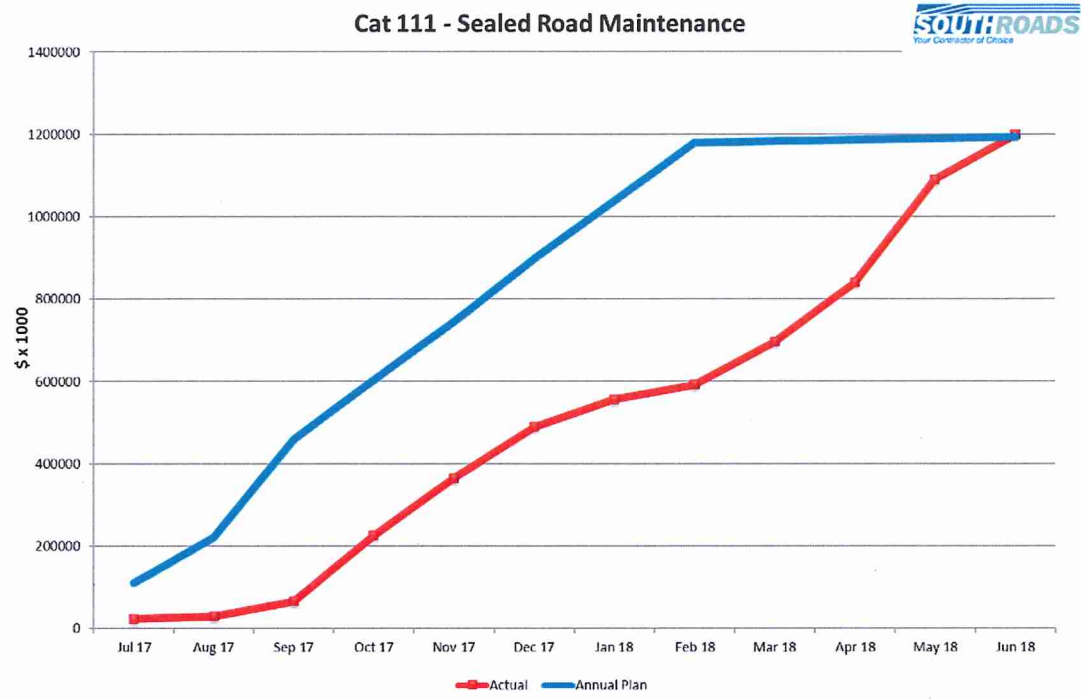


Expenditure by Category



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR GRAPHS





FINANCIAL SUMMARY

All Works Summary	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Under(-ve)/ Over (+ve)	%age Under(-ve)/ Over (+ve)
Original Annual Plan	239121	239121	495910	447225	525158	459480	380797	404407	190450	185433	185433	106737	3859273		
Additional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Current Annual Plan	243926	243926	500715	452030	529964	464286	385603	409213	195255	190238	190238	111542	3916936		
YTD Revised Annual Plan	243926	243926	500715	452030	529964	464286	385603	409213	195255	190238	190238	111542	3916936		
Actual Expenditure	442946	668124	404827	447086	397688	363852	349034	300277	302528	508262	911398	807246	5903269	1986333	51%
Remaining Cyclic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Tasked Forward Work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Projected Expenditure	442946	668124	404827	447086	397688	363852	349034	300277	302528	508262	911398	807246	5903269	1986333	51%

FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

The year completed expenditure is \$5,903,269.00. The claim for the month was \$807,246.00(including township works) and consisted of mainly programmed works and maintenance activities.

Ahuriri Community Board

Memorandum

From Building Services Manager

Date 27 August 2018

Building Consents Issued in Ahuriri Ward for the months of May, June and July 2018

Recommendation


That the Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.

Summary and Purpose

To provide the Board members with a list of building consents issued in Ahuriri Ward for the months of May, June and July 2018.

May 2018		
5636 Kurow-Duntroon Road	Installation of a Firenzo Kompact AG inbuilt woodburner and Flue	\$4,500
20 Ohau Drive	Installation of a free-standing Metrofire Mega Rad woodburner and Flue	\$10,000
13 Omarama Avenue	Amendment 2017/4074/2 - Add verandah to north elevation	\$5,000
5 Ahuriri Heights	Installation of a free-standing Metrofire Classic Rad woodburner and ECO Flue	\$5,000
1341 Omarama-Lindis Pass Road	Installation of a free-standing Bosca Spirit 550 woodburner and Flue	\$5,000
4 Sunset Place	Site relocated dwelling on existing concrete slab (Stage 1 2017/3804), alter internal partitions to suit new bathrooms and bracing elements and connect to services	\$12,000
13 Bledisloe Street	Installation of a free-standing Woodsman Tarras MK III woodburner and Heat Saver Flue connected to wet-back	\$4,500
2779 Otematata-Kurow Road	Installation of a free-standing Firenzo Lady Kitchener AG08 Dry woodburner and Flue	\$5,000
35 Gordon Street	Installation of a Metrofire Smart Insert woodburner and ECO Flue	\$5,000
15 Kowhai Place	Construct new 4 bedroom dwelling with 2 bathrooms, Woodsman Tasman log burner and gas water heating	\$320,000
71 Bledisloe Street	Construct new 2 bedroom dwelling with attached garage (will be 71A)	\$199,000
71 Bledisloe Street	Construct new 2 bedroom dwelling with attached garage (will be 71B)	\$199,000
4580 Omarama-Otematata Road	Construct New Woolshed	\$181,700
19 Cattle Valley Road	Construct new lean-to Great Southern 4 bay pole shed	\$15,000
26 Coronet Place	Installation of a free-standing Metro Tiny Ped woodburner and Flue	\$1,500
4247 Kurow-Duntroon Road	Amendment 2017/3724/2- Exclude concrete pit wall & footings, platform plinth, structural footings, shed edge foundations, shed & outer offices floor slabs and toilet sewer drainage	\$0

4247 Kurow-Duntroon Road	Pile foundations, construct internal walls, install insulation, reline external walls and install septic tank for relocated classroom changing use to domestic dwelling	\$60,000
22 Sutherland Road	Foundations and connect to services for relocated dwelling	\$30,000
15 Kowhai Place	Construct a 10x6 Versatile Garage	\$25,000
June 2018		
19 Sutherland Road	Installation of a Woodsman Totara in-built woodburner and Flue into existing chimney	\$3,000
19 Kowhai Place	Installation of a free-standing Woodsman Tasman MK II woodburner and Heat Saver Flue	\$4,000
1 Rata Drive	Installation of a free-standing Jayline FR400 woodburner and Flue	\$4,000
4940 Omarama-Otematata Road	Amendment 2017/4164/2 - Change flat ceiling to raking ceiling in part of the house	\$0
3904 Omarama-Otematata Road	Amendment 2016/3460/3 - Replace Septic Tanks with Pumps	\$97,750
July 2018		
Waitaki Drive	Construct 15m x 9m Totalspan building with WC, wash hand basin, shower and Rheem hot water cylinder	\$88,700
Ohau Drive	Installation of a free-standing Masport R5000 wood burner and new Flue, re-use existing outer liner	\$5,000
Sunset Place	Construct new 3 bedroom dwelling and separate garage with bathroom	\$250,000
Spencer Road	Installation of a free-standing Woodsman ECR NoVo wood burner and Heat Saver Flue	\$2,000
Coronet Place	Construct new 3 bedroom dwelling with Metro Wee Rad wood burner and Flue and Construct new 1000 Series Versatile garage	\$278,200
Parsons Lane	Construct new 7.8m x 6m 600 Series Versatile Garage	\$32,900
Ahuriri Heights	Construct Great Southern 64m2 Implement shed for storage	\$45,000
Ohau Drive	New relocatable 1 bedroom dwelling with Wagener Sparky wood burner, gas hot water and connected to services	\$120,000
Domett Road	(Stage 1 of 2) Installation of a holding tank for redirected wastewater	\$75,000
Bledisloe Street	Building extension to existing kitchen prep area	\$30,000
Cirrus Place	Construct new Skyline Garage	\$58,000
Ahuriri Heights	Addition to existing dwelling to include verandah & alfresco areas	\$30,000
Birchwood Road	Foundations, deck, verandah, steps and connect to services for new relocated dwelling	\$48,843
Otematata-Kurow Rd	Alterations to block C	\$30,000



Roger Cook
Building Services Manager



Lichelle Guyan
Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager

Ahuriri Community Board Memorandum

From People and Culture Group Manager

Date 27 August 2018

Elected Members' and Executive Management's Information Report

Recommendation

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

Summary

This report presents collated updates from Elected Members of the Ahuriri Community Board and of Council, and from Executive Management, in order to share information about matters and events that have occurred since the previous Community Board meeting (28 May 2018).

Contributing reports are presented in two parts, as follows:

Part I – Community Board Elected Members

- Chairperson's Report to this meeting;
- Community Board Members' Reports to this meeting;
- Community Board Councillor's Report to this meeting;

Part II – Management and Council Elected Members and Management

- Mayor's Report to 31 July 2018 Council Meeting
- Chief Executive's Report to 31 July 2018 Council Meeting
- Health and Safety Update to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, 10 July 2018.

The Councillor and Executive Management representative rostered to attend this meeting will also have an opportunity to make a verbal report to this meeting. Their comments will be recorded and incorporated into the meeting minutes, under an additional "**Part III – Rostered Councillor and Executive Management**" to this information report.

Purpose

The purpose of this information is to bring Community Boards up to speed with matters considered by Council over the preceding period.

Community Boards and Community Board Chairs may have already received some of this information.



Lisa Baillie
People and Culture Group Manager

Attachments

Contributing Reports

**Elected Members' and Executive Management's Information Report
to Ahuriri Community Board Meeting, 27 August 2018**

PART I – COMMUNITY BOARD ELECTED MEMBERS

(a) Chairperson's Report (to report verbally at the meeting)

- **Graham Sullivan**

(b) Community Board Members (to report verbally at the meeting)

- **Vicky Munro**
- **Tony Chapman**
- **Calum Reid**
- **Brent Cowles**

(c) Ahuriri Ward Councillor Craig Dawson

29 May	Council workshop – Regulatory Compliance Strategy, followed by Council session.
2 June	Phone conference with Tourism Waitaki re events management.
5 June	District Plan review workshop, Executive Committee and Councillor briefing.
12 June	FAR Committee Meeting, Councillor workshop re building fees, Harbour Area Accommodation workshop, Provincial Growth Fund projects (including UNESCO Global Geopark) followed by Councillor only briefing session.
19 June	Heritage, Environment and Regulatory committee (HER) exemptions for pole sheds, earthquake prone buildings, meeting with Network Waitaki Board, UNESCO Geopark workshop, Mobile Trading workshop, followed by Councillor briefing.
22 June	CWMS Zone Committee Meeting.
26 June	Council meeting, followed by briefing.
29 June	Meeting with NZTA to discuss issues regarding rumble strips on state highway 83.
2 July	Waitaki Vehicle Trust meeting Kurow.
3 July	Executive Committee meeting
10 July	FAR committee meeting, District Plan Review, Mackenzie Basin Upper Waitaki agency working agreements update, workshop cultural awareness, workshop with Kurow-Duntroon Irrigation Company, followed by Councillor briefing.
18 July	Committees Meeting Day, workshop Drug and Other issues in the community.
21 July	Public meeting at Omarama Community Centre re camping issues at the Ahuriri Bridge. Those who attended voted to have the camp remain open, by 2/3 majority.
23 July	Pamela Peters and Steven Fraser EQUIP facilitated group session with Councillors.
24 July	Council workshop with St John re proposals with new building, Cultural Facilities project update, and Councillor briefing.
25 July	Wrap-up session with Pamela Peters and Steven Fraser.
29 July	Ohau Residents' Association AGM.
31 July	Council meeting, followed by Councillor briefing and Executive Committee workshop re District Licencing Committee proposal.
2 August	Pre-meeting with Executive Committee, followed by meeting with Board members of Whitestone Contracting.
7 August	Executive Committee Meeting
13 August	UNESCO Commissioners' tour of the Elephant Rocks, Duntroon and Kurow.
14 August	Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting and workshops.

PART II – COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

(a) Mayor's Report to 31 July 2018 Council Meeting

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information.

Purpose

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors and the public up-to-date with a number of issues and happenings that have arisen since the last Council meeting on 26 June 2018.

What's been happening?

It has been an opportunity to catch up on business, and to get ahead on some of the key activities that we want to progress before the end of the year. It is also the time of year for Local Government New Zealand's (LGNZ) annual conference, so I have included in this report a brief summary of that from me, and then attached (as Appendix 1) summaries of some of the speakers/sessions that have been written by the attending Councillors.

We have taken the opportunity to also get some reasonably significant training done for both elected members and senior management. This includes better governance training from LGNZ, and we have booked in experienced governance and directorship speaker Richard Westlake who will be visiting us later in August.

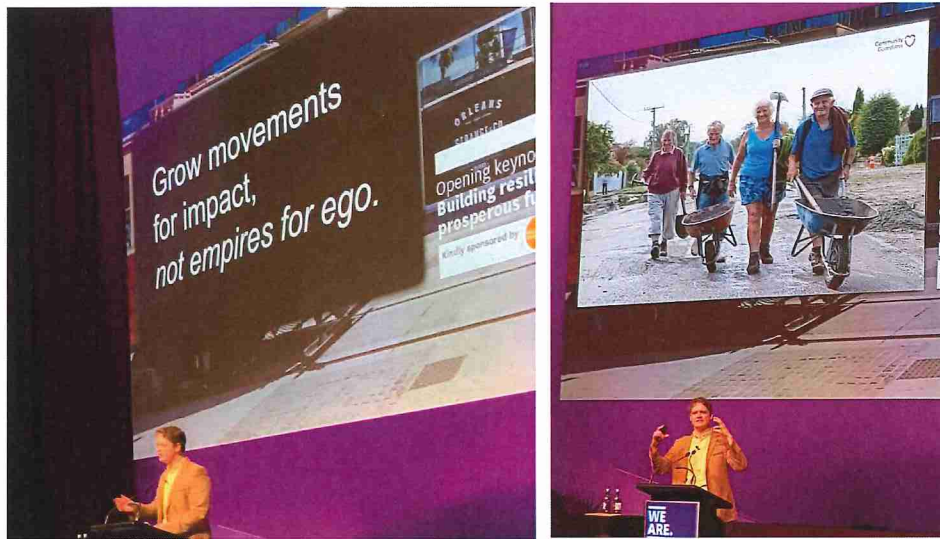
LGNZ Conference 2018

The theme for this year's conference, held in Christchurch, was 'Future-proofing for a prosperous and vibrant New Zealand.' Sadly, I do not believe the conference lived up to that title, and instead was a mish-mash of ideas, concepts, and commentary. Some of it was interesting, but too much of it was disappointing, drawn out, and simply too light in content for me, and for a good number of attendees who I talked to. A conference like this is an opportunity to go away, meet with like-minded people, get challenged and rejuvenated mentally, and come away with some great ideas and renewed enthusiasm. Unfortunately, that occurred in only a very moderate way.

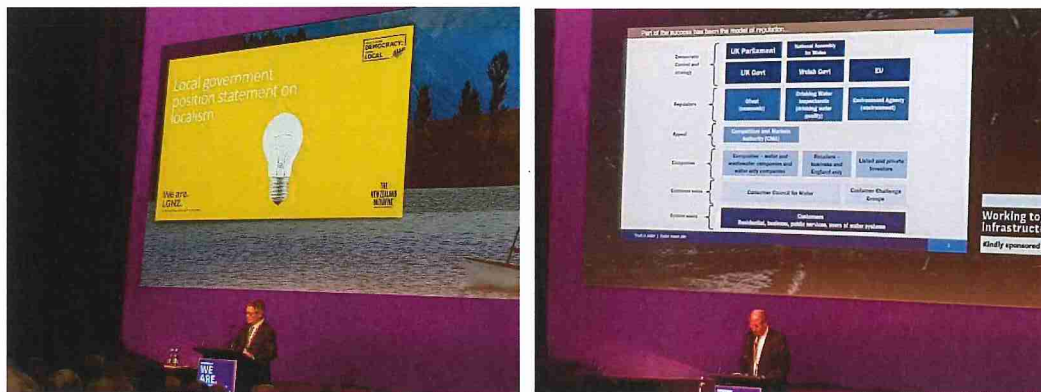
The conference started with the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, with very good attendance by most Councils in New Zealand. The key business was the twelve remits to be discussed and voted on. They went reasonably smoothly, and almost all passed. Some we voted against because they were populist, damaging and/or ineffective, but most passed anyway. The one that did get voted down was the remit telling LGNZ to publicly call for banks to divest themselves of their investments in fossil fuels etc. One would think that some in the sector do not realise just what our roads and many other products are made of... The positive remits, in my opinion, that got voted through included improving the situation for heritage buildings in relation to earthquake legislation; strengthening the effect that Local Alcohol Policies can have on liquor licencing; reducing the use of copper in brake pads to reduce contaminants entering the environment; reducing the waste stream; and introducing a tyre stewardship programme.

For me, the highlights of the conference included the keynote speaker on the first day – Sam Johnson who spoke on building resilience in our communities; Kylie Legge who spoke on creating resilient, sustainable and liveable places; and the best speaker of all was the very last one – Daniel Flynn, the young entrepreneur who began Thankyou which is an organisation selling products such as bottled water to help fund clean water projects in third world countries. Daniel was a phenomenally good speaker. His story did not link directly to what we do, but there were enough small take-home points that made it valuable, and definitely the best part of the conference programme.

LGNZ needs to do better with its conferences in future. They are not cheap to attend, and when we dedicated reasonable resources to send four Councillors, three group managers plus our Chief Executive and myself, we need to get better value for money. I have completed my survey giving feedback to organisers, and will follow up in person to see how we can have more focused conferences which have us all leaving with the enthusiasm and ideas which help us improve what we are doing and how we do it.



Sam Johnson – with a quote from the Dalai Lama (left-hand picture) ... and showing local Oamaruvians volunteering during the Christchurch earthquake clean-up (right-hand picture)



The Minister for Local Government,
the Hon Nanaia Mahuta



Daniel Flynn

New Business Support

The Business Hive is a hub for young businesses, and it is also a hot-desk space for those who need it. Based in Ribble St, the Business Hive has been set up by Cara Tipping-Smith to provide a service which she sees is increasingly needed. There are many people working from home, in small offices or on the kitchen table, who would benefit from having a central space to work from where they can have the services they need and also share socially with others – something that is not possible in the home office environment. Cara has produced a wonderful space, with a variety of areas to work in. It is a very good addition to the local business scene, and I encourage Councillors and staff to go and check it out!



Portside Punch

The second Portside Punch event was held, four years after the inaugural one. Once again, Sally Ann Donnelly was behind the event, and she has once again done a sterling job of pulling together the key people to make the event a truly memorable experience for the amateur fighters, and for the 500 or so people who pay to go along. I have not seen just how much was raised through the event, but I understand it was marginally ahead of the \$118,000 raised back in 2014 by the first event. Another huge event for Waitaki, and a real tribute to every single person involved!



One of the very good fights on the night –
'Stone Cold' Josh Dooley (Red) vs Luke 'The Animal' Smyth (Blue)

Observatory Retirement Village, Resthome beds Stage 2

On 20 July, a low-key opening of the next twenty care beds in the resthome of the retirement village was held with staff, trustees, and key contractors present. The opening and blessing was completed by David Higgins. It is expected that, over a two week period, there will be approximately 16 of those beds filled with people who have been waiting for the facility to open. The standard of workmanship is excellent, and the rooms are large and many have excellent views.

These rooms are very important for our local older folk who have, in a number of cases, been placed out of town in the interim, or have chosen to stay at home until space was available. The rooms were made possible through the loan made by Council, and the entire retirement village continues to grow through strong demand. It is serving an important role in looking after our people, and it is so pleasing that our Council is playing an important part in helping to make it happen.



Pasifika Education Plan Summit

The Honourable Jenny Salesa, Associate Minister of Education, visited Oamaru to engage with locals to discuss education in our communities. The focus was on our Pacific Island (PI) community, to ensure that they are being well-served across Waitaki. It is the only session being held in Otago and Southland, no doubt due to the high number of Pasifika people living in North Otago. The feedback I got from some of the attendees was that it was a most useful session, and that they were pleased that the Minister took the time to come here and seek their views.

It was also an opportunity for me to discuss with the Minister just how important the PI community is to our district, and we covered topics such as political representation, and participation by Pasifika people in various activities in our community. Education is key to many opportunities in life, so a good education is important to all of us in helping us all move forward.



Mayors' Taskforce For Jobs

Successive Waitaki Mayors have been members of the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ), and I have continued that trend. The main interaction we have with the organisation is assistance with the Graduation Ceremony for In-work Trainees, which we have held around November for the past three years. There are more things we could do, but they have been difficult to take advantage of without some extra resources. However, the organisation continues to make a difference. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in conjunction with the LGNZ Conference, and there was some good discussion on future initiatives. For now we will carry on with what we are doing, and keep an eye on the other opportunities to improve job prospects for our youth.



The AGM collection of Mayors or their Deputies who are members of the MTFJ, along with Taskforce Coordinator James Mather relaxing in front.

Waitaki Valley Freedom Camping

Freedom camping is still a major topic of discussion across New Zealand, and Waitaki is no exception. There are a few hot-spot areas for us, and one is the Department of Conservation (DoC)-controlled Ahuriri River bridge reserve just a couple of kilometres north of Omarama. The Omarama Residents' Association called a meeting with some of the main organisations, so the community could hear from them and voice their concerns. I was speaking for Waitaki, with the Hon Jacqui Dean there as the local Member of Parliament, and representatives were there from the Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, New Zealand Transport Agency, New Zealand Motor Caravan Association, and other groups. In all, there was around 100 or more people – an excellent turnout for the small community, and a number that showed just how seriously they take the issue!

Mark Davies spoke for DoC, and his five minutes was followed by a good half hour of questions. My turn ended up about the same, and I was able to get the message out that the Council is very supportive of DoC's intention to better manage the area. The Department has applied for Tourism Infrastructure Funding to get some immediate fixes in place for the coming season, while they work on long-term solutions for the area.

Discussion points and questions put forward by the community ranged from a complete camping ban for the area, to a temporary ban, and most supported the idea of much greater control and monitoring of the spot. There were also calls for some of the reserve adjacent to the community hall to be utilised for a user-pays responsible camping site. This last suggestion had the advantage of putting people where they could walk to shops etc.

All told, DoC's application for funding is a total of \$500,000, which will go to fix immediate problems at a variety of places across Mackenzie as well as this hot-spot in Waitaki. Our Council has fully supported their application and will continue to be part of the group working on the long-term issues around camping. It appears we are now making good progress towards the goal of turning freedom camping into responsible camping!



DoC representative Mike Davies speaks as the other guest speakers look on.



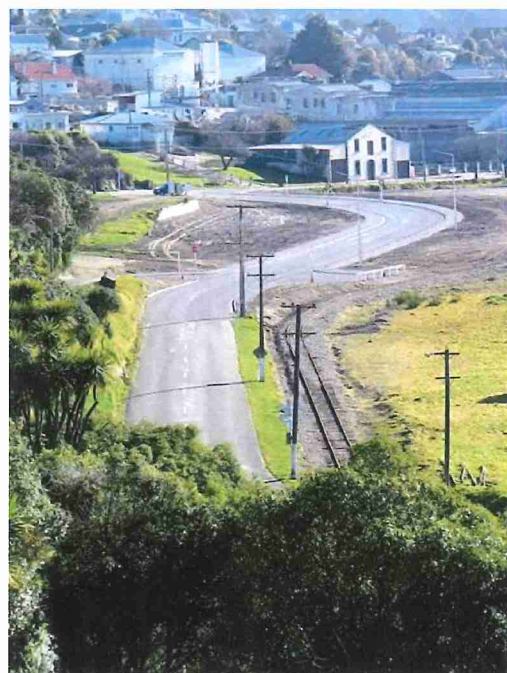
The 100+ attendees of the meeting listen as the various speakers outline their organisation's position on camping in the area.

Harbour Accommodation

After a considerable time in the planning, advertising, selection of preferred developer, due diligence, and negotiations, we have now been able to announce that Ross and Debbie Ward will be building a 20-24 room high-end visitor accommodation on the site on the corner of Tyne St and the new section of Waterfront Road. The Wards come with excellent credentials, having run a number of successful accommodation businesses in the past, and they have a solid reputation for providing quality facilities with quality service.

Councillors have already had an initial meeting with the Wards to give their input to the design process, and we now await the final design. I have put forward the design principles that were originally agreed on for any development at the harbour, as being key elements for the design of this accommodation. They were given to us by the late Sir Ian Athfield, an architect with a reputation for innovation, sympathetic adaptive reuse, and the recipient of over 60 national and international architecture and design awards.

I am confident that these elements which involve retention of view shafts, use of appropriate materials, and consideration of complementary size and bulk for any development, will stand the test of time. I look forward to seeing the final designs, and I would like to express my appreciation for the collaborative approach that the Wards have brought to the process. Another exciting and appropriate step forward for the harbour area!



A view from on high, of the new road,
with the new accommodation site located to the left of the curve

Meetings Attended:

11 June	Meeting with property developer
11 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
11 June	Meeting with Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale one-on-one feedback
11 June	Morning Tea with Dougal McGowan
11 June	Meeting with Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale and Neil Jorgensen
11 June	Meeting with Weston Progress League re Weston footpaths
12 June	FAR Committee Meeting
12 June	Council Workshop – Building fees
12 June	Councillor briefing
12 June	Council Workshop – Harbour Area Accommodation
12 June	Council Workshop – Provincial Growth Fund Projects (including UNESCO)
12 June	Councillor only session
12 June	Meeting with New Zealand Whisky Collective
13 June	Meeting with Peter Cameron, North Otago Cricket
13 June	Corporate Planning Meeting
14 June	Meeting with Lisa Baillie
14 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
14 June	Meeting with Lichelle Guyan and Lisa Baillie
14 June	Meeting with Community Board Chairperson Kathy Dennison one-on-one feedback
14 June	Site Visit to Bursa Street, Palmerston (re flooding)
15 June	Observatory Retirement Village Trust meeting
15 June	Meeting with Keith McIntosh, Fire and Emergency New Zealand
15 June	Meeting with Moeraki Limited and David Higgins
18 June	Meeting with the Hon Jacqui Dean MP
18 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
18 June	Draft Agenda Meeting – Council
18 June	Phoenix Mill Water Wheel Trust meeting
18 June	Citizenship Ceremony
18 June	Economic Development Manager and CEO Catch-up
19 June	HER Committee Workshop – Fire and Emergency New Zealand
19 June	HER Committee Workshop – Pole Shed Exemptions
19 June	HER Committee Workshop – Earthquake Prone Buildings
19 June	Lunch with Network Waitaki representatives, followed by workshop
19 June	UNESCO Global Geopark Workshop
19 June	Workshop – Mobile Trading Permits
19 June	Councillor Briefing
19 June	Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust Meeting
20 June	Mackenzie Basin Tourism Strategy Launch, Tekapo
20 June	MPI (Mycoplasma Bovis Meeting) Papakaio Hall
21 June	Meeting with Community Gardens re update Regional Community Trust
21 June	Annual General Meeting – Grey Power North Otago
21 June	Meeting with Mark Smith, Whitestone Civic Trust
21 June	Meeting with North Otago Tennis, Robin Jamieson and Josh Dalziel
24 June	Photo Shoot at Oamaru North School
25 June	Real Radio Interview
25 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
25 June	Meeting with Neil Jorgensen, to discuss Waste Manifesto Remit
25 June	Meeting with Jock Webster, Kurow/Duntroon Irrigation Company
25 June	Visit to The Business Hive, Ribble Street
26 June	Council Meeting
26 June	Council Workshop – Bella Vista Subdivision Tauranga
26 June	Councillor briefing
28 June	Opening of the Pedestrian Bridge Oamaru Creek
28 June	Musical Theatre Oamaru – dinner
29 June	Meeting with NZTA – Rumble Strips, Omarama
29 June	Meeting with Community Board Chair Graham Sullivan, Otematata
30 June	Portside Punch

2 July	Mayor and CEO catch-up
2 July	Speaking at the North Otago Leadership Academy Programme
2 July	Meeting with Waitaki Irrigators Collective
2 July	Meeting with Neil Jorgensen and Marty Pacey (3Waters)
2 July	Meeting with Aurora Fundraising
3 July	Whalan Lodge site visit, Kurow
3 July	Observatory Hill Retirement Village meeting
3 July	Speaking at University 3 rd Age Group
3 July	Executive Committee Meeting
4 July	Coordination Group Meeting
4 July	Meeting – Work-ready passport for students
5 July	Delegations and Harbour discussion
6 July	Meeting with Lucianne White – Farmers Market
9 July	Meeting – possible North End improvement project
9 July	Mayor and CEO Catch-up
9 July	Draft Agenda Meeting – Committees Day
9 July	Harbour Area Accommodation Proposal workshop
10 July	FAR Committee Meeting
10 July	District Plan Review Committee Workshop
10 July	Mackenzie Basin, Upper Waitaki Agency working arrangements update
10 July	Council Workshop – Cultural Awareness Training
10 July	Workshop with Kurow-Duntroon Irrigation Company
10 July	Councillor briefing
11 July	Meeting with Graeme Butler – Harbour Accommodation
11 July	Trust Power Awards Judging Meeting
11 July	Meeting with Fi McKay and Marcus Weight (Immigration)
11 July	Corporate Planning Meeting
11 July	Meeting with Gerard Quinn re economic development
11 July	Meeting with Shane Toa King – Parkside Quarries
12 July	Meeting with Helen Jansen
12 July	Meeting with Lisa Scott – Candidate for the Communications Specialist role
12 July	Meeting with Grant Finn, New Zealand Whisky Collective
12 July	Meeting with Heritage New Zealand – Dunedin
13 July	Meeting with CEO
15 July	LGNZ Annual General Meeting
15 July	Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs Annual General Meeting
15 July	LGNZ Conference
16 July	LGNZ Conference
17 July	LGNZ Conference
17 July	Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust Meeting
18 July	Committees Day
18 July	Workshop – Drug and other Issues in the Community
18 July	Meeting Bill Dean and Neil Jorgensen re harbour
18 July	Councillor Briefing
18 July	Pasifika Conversation – Union Parish Hall
19 July	Mayor and CEO catch-up
19 July	Phoenix Mill Water Wheel Trust meeting
19 July	Corporate Planning Meeting
20 July	Observatory Hill Retirement Village – Stage 2 Opening
20 July	Waitaki Tourist Routes Workshop
20 July	Meeting with Anne Te Maiharoa Dodds and other Waitaha Trustees

(signed)

Mayor Gary Kircher

Appendix 1 – Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference July 2018 – Summaries from attending Councillors

Mayor's Report to 31 July 2018 Council Meeting – Appendix 1

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND (LGNZ) CONFERENCE, 16 – 17 July 2018

Summaries from Attending Councillors

From Cr Colin Wollstein:

Building Strong Local Economic Prosperity – a summary of the key points.

- In New Zealand, Councils have little power; 'central government knows best' is the default position.
- 93% of taxes go to central government, only 7% to local government. Currently, there is a highly rigid mind-set.
- Thus local government is less relevant to communities as central government has the main roles and funds.
- Central government sets the roles and scope for local government, at a low level.
- As a comparison, in New Zealand, 7 cents in the dollar of the tax spend is by local government, whereas the OECD average is 46 cents!!
- Central government reduced territorial authorities (TAs) from 500 to 78 now, lower local relevance.
- Operating terms are set by central government; local government is its compliance arm.
- Result – very low productivity growth in New Zealand compared with Switzerland.
- In Switzerland, powers are decentralised to local government and communities.
- Switzerland has 8.4 million people in an area smaller than Canterbury.
- Much more economic growth and success than New Zealand.
- GDP per capita is twice that of New Zealand; in the 1960s, it was at the same level.
- Local government's share of tax revenues is over 50%; in New Zealand, it is only 7%.
- 2300 municipalities, 3620 people in each; in New Zealand, 61,500 per average per 78 TAs.
- Each TA sets taxes independently from central government; areas compete with tax rates.
- Economic growth comes back directly to the local area, not to central government.

Conclusion:

The current New Zealand mind-set needs to be challenged. It is time for central government to shrink its role, and transfer both functions and funding to local government, to return the powers and control back to local communities.

From Cr Jim Hopkins:

On a wet Sunday morning, we joined the Smart City walking tour, which gave us a chance to see some of the electronic features being incorporated as part of the post-quake Christchurch rebuild. Amongst the technology features we were shown was an electronic 'billboard' on a popular cycleway near the historic Avon River boatsheds which displayed the number of cyclists who had travelled either way past the recording site since it had been installed.

The installation of thousands of relatively inexpensive accelerometers intended to measure very site-specific ground and building movements during a quake was also explained outside the new Civil Defence building site in the Justice Precinct. We were told that data gathered during earlier tremors had shown that ground and building movements at locations quite close together were often significantly different.

Installing the accelerometers will give building owners and Council staff reliable information about the stresses experienced during a quake and enable a confident assessment of a structure's safety to be made within hours.

Two electronic monitoring devices potentially relevant to all Councils were, firstly, the rubbish bin sensors that alerted contractors when bins were full, thus reducing complaints and servicing costs and, secondly, monitors installed at Disabled Parking places which wirelessly checked if vehicles were carrying an 'electronic' disability permit that entitled them to be there. While still a work in

progress, this innovation may, in the future, be extended to apply to metered space charging as well as right-to-occupy confirmation.

The presentations outlining the benefits of localism in Switzerland were a highlight, particularly the one which detailed how a small Canton, population not much over 2000 from memory, had negotiated its own deal with overseas investors to redevelop an aging resort thereby generating considerable benefits for its residents. This was possible because, unlike New Zealand, the Swiss federal government allows Cantons to operate their own Overseas Investment Offices and also because a much higher percentage of total official spending comes from local government.

In New Zealand, central government dominates, accounting for 88% of spending on operations and infrastructure. In other countries, including Switzerland, local government is responsible for a much higher percentage of spending.

The argument is that localism is the best and most effective way to guarantee regional development and it is hard to argue with that.

Also noteworthy was the Monday morning keynote speech from Kylie Legge, *Creating resilient, sustainable and liveable places*. Her speech looked at the evolving practise of 'place-making', which may better be called place-improving or enriching.

There were some key messages that stood out. Australia-based Ms Legge talked about various placemaking fads that have been imitated around the world in the past three decades, starting with a craze for pedestrian malls, followed by equal enthusiasm for Aquariums, then Convention Centres and most recently, what is described as the 'Bilbao Effect', that being a reference to architect Frank Gehrig's extravagant Guggenheim Museum in that city, which has inspired global mimicry and seen as many as 14,000 incomplete cultural buildings in Spain alone.

The speech urged us to understand and identify place attraction, namely the things that attract people to a particular area or location and also place attachment, which has more to do with what there is to do in a specific place.

Kylie Legge also stressed the need to talk to people when embarking on placemaking projects, and to trust their intuitive responses in subjective areas such as the things they most care about and enjoy. People are the real experts when it comes to what they feel matters most, and her company had developed processes to gauge these bedrock community feelings. They should underpin development, attractions, activities and placemaking projects in general. Self-evident perhaps, but applicable for us as we develop our own local initiatives.

To end, a great line from another speaker, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

From Cr Bill Kingan:

I enjoyed going to the Conference in Christchurch. We listened to some inspirational speakers (and some not so much) and came away more aware of some of the challenges we face. These include the Three Waters infrastructure needs, climate change, Maori connections, and an interactive session I attended, on building excellence in locally delivered infrastructure and services.

One of the themes of the Conference was around "localism". I went on a bus trip to Lyttleton where we witnessed localism at its best. We were shown how, after the earthquakes, the town had taken ownership of the situation and rebuilt, along with their Community Board and Christchurch City Council, a community so vibrant and caring that it was a joy to witness. A group called Project Lyttleton had reinvented the Recreation Centre, School, and Library and plan to build an Art Gallery; made up a small urban park; arranged festivals; operates a Farmers Market and a four days a week garage sale; operates a Time Bank (trade skills with other community members and no money changes hands) and a tool library. All of this required leadership, and they had that, but it was the local community that had embraced it wholeheartedly because it was "theirs".

There were three speakers at the Conference that really impressed me. Robett Hollis, Sam Johnson and Daniel Flynn. All in their early thirties and with such ability it was an inspiration to hear them.

From Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale:

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference 2018 Summary – Localism

At this year's conference, LGNZ released its position statement on localism*. Simply put, localism is shifting power and decision-making back to citizens and their community.

New Zealand has a very top-down approach to public expenditure, and the setting of policies and programmes. Very often rules are set at a national level, with Councils playing the role of the Government's regulatory arm, often without any corresponding funding. Central Government in New Zealand is responsible for 88% of our public expenditure, with the average OECD country's central government spend sitting at 46%.

Country	Central government's share of public expenditure
New Zealand	88 per cent
United Kingdom	72 per cent
Republic of Ireland	72 per cent
Iceland	55 per cent
Greece	54 per cent
United States	54 per cent
Korea	41 per cent
Denmark	31 per cent
Finland	29 per cent
Germany	19 per cent
Switzerland	13 per cent
OECD average	46 per cent

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We have a high level of fiscal centralism, and our Government's domination of the allocation of public expenditure shows no signs of diminishing. This means our communities have largely lost the power to make meaningful decisions at a local level, with an increasingly one-size-fits-all approach adopted.

"We do not need the Government to micro-manage the day-to-day life of our communities yet that is occurring at an increasing rate," according to LGNZ 's position statement.

"Centralism can often be paternalistic (we know what is best for you) and encourage citizens to assume that the government will "fix things".

"We are calling for an active programme of devolution and decentralisation."

**Local government position statement on localism*

The Honourable Nanaia Mahuta, Minister for Local Government, cautioned that the discussion isn't merely a matter of decentralisation.

"There is an opportunity for new thinking about how a circular economy, social enterprise, procurement, economic development partnerships deliver better outcomes. This will be a game changer but not because it separates out localism and local solutions but because it reinforces coordination and collaboration," said Minister Mahuta.

Councils have some complex, challenging issues to address, including but not limited to climate change, tourism demands and natural hazards.

"Councils vary widely in area, population, infrastructure assets, community needs, rating base and financial resources. I'm encouraged by the way Councils are determined to respond to these challenges as you seek to tailor solutions to meet local needs and circumstances," said Minister Mahuta.

"I'm not closed to the need for the conversation."

The Minister spoke of taking local leadership back where it needs to be - in our communities. It will require strategic vision and leadership, "national objectives with local benefits".

Hon Minister Mahuta then took questions, and left us with a simple but important question to ponder: What is it local government does really well, better than central government?

We are not all on the same page at this stage, but this is the start of a brave and necessary discussion. Do we accept things the way they are without question, or do we enter the conversation to make sure the right decisions are being made by the most relevant people, for the right reasons?

(b) Chief Executive's Report to 31 July 2018 Council Meeting

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information.

Purpose

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors up-to-date with issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting on 26 June 2018.

1. Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark

Work continues on the proposed Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark, with Gerard Quinn (Economic Development Manager) assuming the lead role of developing Provincial Growth Fund applications relating to this initiative, the global geopark management plan, and the final dossier (due with the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO on 12 November 2018).

2. Staffing – Office of the Chief Executive

Lisa Scott has commenced her role as Communications Specialist (replacing Alena Lynch who departed on 6 April 2018). Lisa is a well-known journalist, author and media commentator and has extensive experience in Public Relations. She has been a regular columnist for the Otago Daily Times (ODT), and article writer for several magazines. Previously she has been Marketing Manager for the Fortune Theatre in Dunedin and of the Enterprise Division of the University of Otago, and Education Officer for the Otago Museum.

Lisa has also been a guest panellist on *The Panel* with Jim Mora, National Radio. On 20 July, she spoke on *The Panel* about her experience of the Waitaki and her excitement at joining the team at the Waitaki District Council.

3. Upcoming site visit by representatives of the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO

On 12 – 14 August 2018, representatives from the Commission will undertake a field inspection of the proposed Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark. This will assist UNESCO's Expert Advisory Group (EAG) to assist the Waitaki Whitestone Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark to compile a persuasive application in the form of the final dossier as required under UNESCO's rules. It is anticipated that a draft final dossier will be made available to the EAG in early November so that a final dossier can be submitted to the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO on 12 November 2018. Following this, the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO will forward the final dossier to UNESCO in Paris.

Pen-y-Bryn Lodge has kindly sponsored the accommodation of the UNESCO deputation, while Heliventures NZ Ltd has also kindly sponsored helicopter transport for the deputation.

The Waitaki district – having been successful in achieving selection as New Zealand's candidate for accreditation as a global geopark – is now entitled to refer to itself as: 'The Waitaki Whitestone Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark':



WAITAKI
WHITESTONE
ASPIRING GLOBAL
GEOPARK
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

4. Business and Site Visits

28 June	Opening of the Pedestrian Bridge, Ōamaru Creek
2 July	Business After 5, Waste Management, Ōamaru
5 July	JBL Properties Site visit with Gerard Quinn
6 July	Ōamaru Airport Site Visit – New Zealand Aviation Academy

5. Meetings Attended

27 June	Meeting with Amie Pont, New Zealand Walking Access Commission
27 June	Waitaki Whitestone Global Geopark Project Group Meeting
28 June	Meeting with John Brown, JBC Properties
29 June	Meeting with Hamish MacLean, Otago Daily Times
2 July	Teleconference with Richard Blaikie, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Otago University
2 July	Teleconference with Professor Richard Blaikie, University of Otago
2 July	Meeting with Waitaki Irrigators Collective
2 July	Teleconference with Dr Ian Graham, GNS Science
4 July	Meeting with Paul Olsen, St Kevin's College and Helen Algar, Waitaki Safer Community re Work Ready Passports for students
5 July	Meeting with Geologist Sophie Briggs, University of Otago
6 July	Teleconference with Abby Cheeseman, MBIE
11 July	Meeting with Fi Mackay and Marcus Weight, Immigration NZ
11 July	Meeting with Shane Toa King, Parkside Quarries
13 July	Meeting with David Higgins, Te Rūnunga o Moeraki
15-17 July	LGNZ 2018 Conference and Awards
20 July	Meeting with NZAA Directors
20 July	NZTA Waitaki Tourist Routes Workshop
20 July	Meeting with Anne Te Maiharoa Dodds and Waitaha Trustees
23-25 July	Meetings with Pamela Peters, Equip LGNZ
26 July	Meeting with Dean and Associates
30 July	Meeting with Jeff Page, Meridian Energy

(signed)

Fergus Power
Chief Executive

(c) Health and Safety Report to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, 10 July 2018

Extract from the Finance and Corporate Development Group Activity Report to the meeting:

Health and Safety

Safeguard Incidents June 2018

There were four incidents and three corrective measures reported for action. Three of the four incidents were reported at the pool, all of which were minor in nature. One incident was from a staff member working off-site who slipped in the mud and sprained an ankle.

Other

Wellness checks were completed in June for staff who opted to do this, and workplace assessments were completed for most of the staff whose work stations were relocated in the recent change.

The Health and Safety Officer's position interviews are taking place this week.