



Waitaki

DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**I hereby give notice that the
Ahuriri Community Board Meeting**

will be held on:

Date: Monday, 11 March 2024

Time: 2.00pm

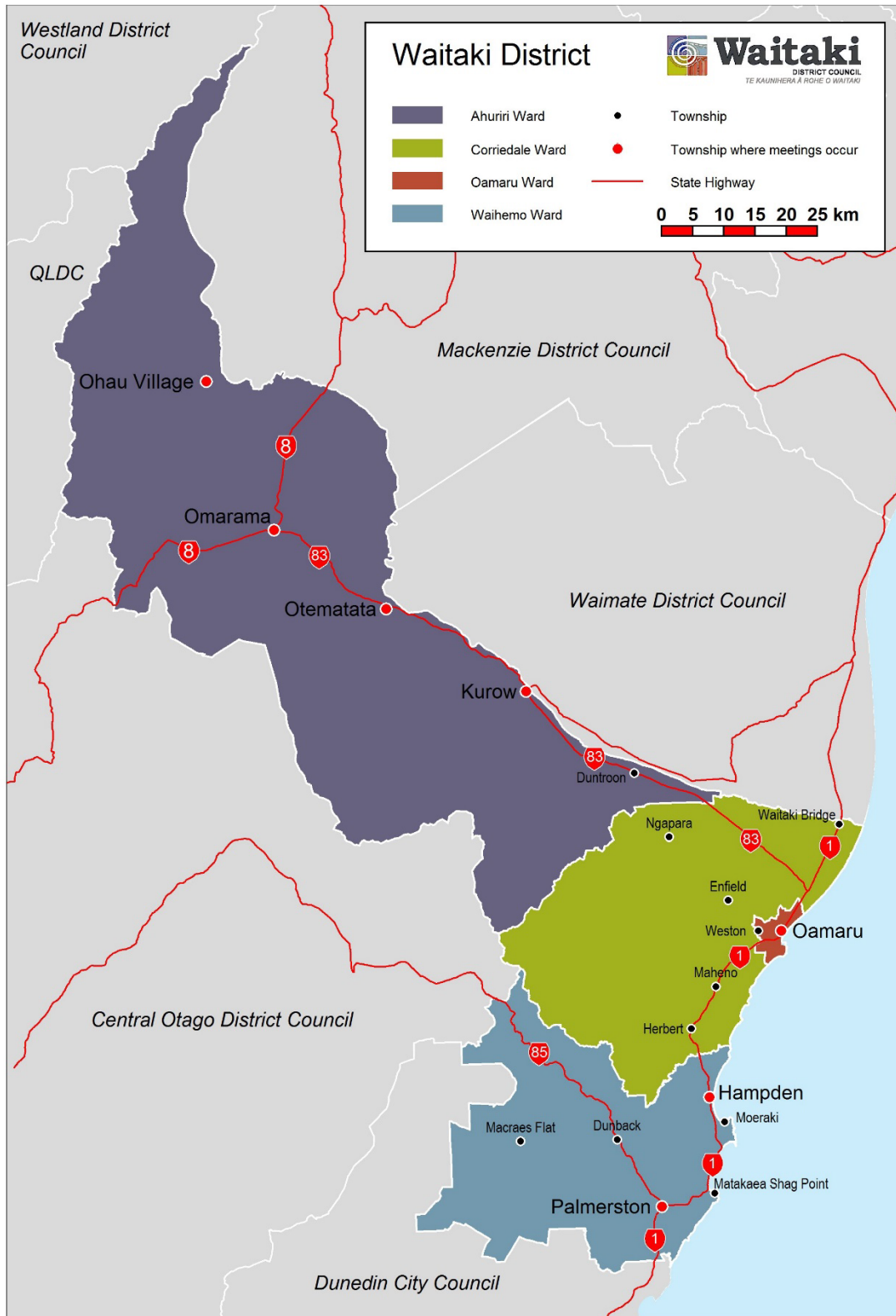
Location: Lakes Centre, Otematata, North Otago

Agenda

Ahuriri Community Board Meeting

11 March 2024

**Alex Parmley
Chief Executive**





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- 1 APOLOGIES**
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4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2023

Author: Ainslee Hooper, Governance and Policy Advisor

Authoriser: Lisa Baillie, People and Transformation Group Manager

Attachments: 1. **Public minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 5 December 2023**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 5 December 2023, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE DUNTROON COMMUNITY HALL, DUNTROON
ON TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2023 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT: Mr Calum Reid (Chair), Mr Steve Dalley (Deputy Chair), Mr Mike King, and Cr Brent Cowles

APOLOGY: Mr Alan Pont and Mrs Karen Turner

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gary Kircher
Roger Cook (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager)
Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)

MEETING OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.30pm and welcomed everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED ACB 2023/051

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley

Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the apologies received from Board Members Alan Pont and Karen Turner be accepted.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speaker registrations for the Public Forum, so it was not held.

The Chair then advised that there was only one public excluded agenda item in this meeting's agenda – that relating to Confirmation of the Previous Meeting's Public Excluded Minutes. He advised that, if no Board Member wished to speak to those unconfirmed minutes, then he would bring them forward to confirmed as a new Agenda Item 4.3 in the Public section of the meeting.

No one wished to speak to those Public Excluded Unconfirmed Minutes, so the Chair declared that they would be confirmed as new Public Agenda Item 4.3 at this meeting.

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

RESOLVED ACB 2023/052

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 11 September 2023, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLVED ACB 2023/053

Moved: Mr Mike King

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2023, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4.3 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLVED ACB 2023/054

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles

Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Excluded Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2023, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

5 DECISION REPORTS

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF OMARAMA MASTERPLAN OPTIONS

The report, as circulated, sought the Ahuriri Community Board's recommendation that Council agrees to annotate an amendment to the Ōmārama Masterplan to include opportunities from all three options in scope for future development and to agree to a process to pursue three of those opportunities with a community-led project team and with the Chief Executive having delegated authority to release the Better Off Funding for Ōmārama projects as and when they are recommended by that project team.

Invited to comment, Board Member Mike King said he was very happy with the outcome of community conversations and the contents of the report.

RESOLVED ACB 2023/055

Moved: Mr Mike King

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board recommends:

That Council:

1. Agrees to annotate the Ōmārama Masterplan, which was approved by Council in March 2020, to recognise that opportunities from all three options proposed in the Masterplan (on page 5) will be in scope for future development; and
2. Agrees that three opportunities are progressed initially, to be managed by a community-led project team, in order to leverage a portion of the \$225k Better Off Funds allocated to Ōmārama, namely: (a) Develop design concepts of a natural playground and new amenities at the Community Hub; (b) Six-month parking improvement trial and (c) Better signage for Sutherland Road carpark; and
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to approve the final distribution of the \$225k Better Off funding for Ōmārama across individual projects in the Ōmārama Masterplan as recommended by the nominated community-led project team.

CARRIED

5.2 CONFIRMATION OF FIRST MEETING OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD IN 2024

The report, as circulated, sought the Board's agreement to the date and time of its first meeting in 2024, subject to final confirmation of the Meetings Schedule 2024 by Council at its meeting on 12 December 2023.

RESOLVED ACB 2023/056

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley

Seconded: Cr Brent Cowles

That the Ahuriri Community Board agrees to holds its first meeting in 2024 on Monday, 11 March 2024, from 2.00pm at the Otematata Community Centre in Otematata, subject to final confirmation of those details by Council at its meeting on 12 December 2023.

CARRIED

6 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

6.1 AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL UPDATE NOVEMBER 2023

The report, as circulated, provided an update to the Ahuriri Community Board on financial matters and activities within the Ahuriri ward since the last Board meeting.

In response to a query about missing updates on amenity rates within the Ward, the Governance Advisor explained that the data for them had not been available from which to compile the reports for this meeting and that they would be included in subsequent financial reports.

It was also clarified that discretionary grants would be paid this month, and that Council would be discussing new delegations at the Additional Council Meeting to be held on 19 December 2023.

Information relating to the new delegations for community boards would be distributed in the new year, possibly through a direct briefing in the first instance.

RESOLVED ACB 2023/057

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles

Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the report detailing balances held in separate rate accounts and movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

CARRIED

6.2 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT DECEMBER 2023

The memorandum, as circulated, shared the Chairperson's report with Board Members and the public.

There was no discussion on the report.

RESOLVED ACB 2023/058

Moved: Mr Calum Reid

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.3 COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS' AND WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

The memorandum, as circulated, conveyed reports from the Ahuriri Community Board Members and the Ahuriri Ward Councillor for the information of the wider Ahuriri communities.

There was no discussion on the report.

RESOLVED ACB 2023/059

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley

Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.4 COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT - LINKS TO COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS

The report, as circulated, provided links to final agenda papers and any related attachments for recent Council Meetings and events, along with the Chief Executive's summary of discussions at Council Meetings (where available), for the information of Community Board members and their Ward communities.

Mayor Gary Kircher briefed the meeting on preparations for the Long Term Plan and the pressures that many councils were feeling, especially with regard to not knowing what was happening with water services. He explained the Omarama water schemes, and that per person affordability is really challenged. Other councils are already charging upwards of \$2k per property in water and wastewater in rates per year, which created genuine affordability issues. Council was continuing to discuss these matters and trying to juggle things to keep things affordable. However, the system is broken, and the way of funding things like that is just not affordable for the country. For rural areas like Waitaki, it would become very challenging without central government providing more funding to councils.

Asked by the Chair about the risk of a cryptosporidium outbreak as there had been in Queenstown Lakes District Council, Mayor Kircher said Waitaki was among many councils that were spending a lot of money putting in the right barriers and treatments to protect water resources from such outbreaks and managing the risk. There had been an increase in standards for wastewater treatments and meeting them involved huge costs which communities cannot afford. Oamaru's water resource consent runs out in about 10 years, so that was looming on the horizon. In the upcoming Long Term Plan, 'affordability' would be in every second sentence. Council was reluctant to cut everything else, so there would be ongoing discussions with central government to see what help they can provide. Mayor Kircher noted that discussions were continuing with other councils in Otago, Southland, and Canterbury about possible joint venture water schemes. With regard to other reforms, Mayor Kircher advised that the new government had advised it would be repealing the Resource Management Act in the next 100 days, although there was no further clarity around what that might involve or mean at the local government level. The District Plan Review Sub-Committee was meeting regularly to review and recommend to Council the various chapters of the plan, with a view to notifying a Proposal Plan in February 2024. That notification would then allow the submissions process to commence. He highlighted that the review of any district plan was a long and complex process, and Council was closer to the end than the start with its review.

Group Manager Roger Cook highlighted that the District Plan Review process 'was quite a beast' and there was definitely a lot to do to get the many chapters through before Christmas. If the Christmas deadline was met, then the DPR team would spend January and February ensuring that the chapters all 'talked to each other' (ie were aligned and cross-referenced accurately).

On other matters, Mr Cook advised that teams within his Group were keeping a close eye on what the new government was looking to change – especially the repeal of the Natural Built Environment Act which was likely before Christmas. He also advised that waste was a matter of growing emphasis, and the Solid Waste team would soon take the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan to Council for approval to go out to public consultation at the end of January 2024. That would trigger a kerbside waste collection feasibility study sometime in 2024. The new government was requiring all councils to have kerbside collections in place for populations of more than 1,000 by 1 January 2027. Council would need to decide whether to take the minimum, medium, or maximum approach. If a large chunk of the market was taken away from the current operation, it would have implications across the whole district because it would alter the viability of providers in the waste collection area.

Another piece of policy that would be going out to consultation in 2024 was the Dangerous, Affected, or Insanitary Building policy. A building was dangerous or derelict if it was starting to affect the one next door. Insanitary building owners would be given seven days to fix it. There is also an amendment in this review around emergency legislation.

The Dog Bylaw would also go to early engagement, with the policy out for consultation later in 2024. The key question that would be asked of the public is about where they feel dogs should be allowed and not allowed.

It was acknowledged that there was a lot going on in the legislative reform and policy review spaces.

Invited to provide feedback by the Governance Advisor on the new approach that had been taken with this report, several Members said they found the links to previous Council Meetings and recordings of them to be “helpful”. The Chair added that he felt the Council website worked very well and was a useful resource for community board members.

The Governance Advisor mentioned that a combined community board workshop would be scheduled in either February or April 2024 (depending on availability of officer resources and time) to brief members on the proposed new Meeting Cycle for 2024 and the new rules for workshops/briefings and other non-decision-making events (which Council would decide on 12 December 2023); the new delegations for community boards and how agenda reports and financial reporting would change to reflect those, and the new governance processes that would apply in the changing environment.

A request was made for follow up to confirm whether the Community Boards’ Conference would be proceeding in 2024 (as had originally been expected) or whether it was postponed to 2025 (which had been rumoured but not confirmed).

ACTION: Governance Advisor

RESOLVED ACB 2023/060

Moved: Mr Mike King
Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

The Governance Advisor confirmed that, because the previous meeting’s Public Excluded Minutes had been confirmed in the Public session earlier in the meeting, there was no requirement for Agenda Items 7, 8, 9 and 10 at this meeting. The minuted record of that situation is provided below.

- 7 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC – NOT REQUIRED**
- 8 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SECTION – NOT REQUIRED**
- 9 RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING – NOT REQUIRED**
- 10 RELEASE OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED INFORMATION – NOT REQUIRED**

- 11 MEETING CLOSE**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.10pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting to be held on Monday 11 March 2024 at the Otematata Community Hall in Otematata.

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CHAIRPERSON

5 DECISION REPORTS

5.1 AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS AND NON-DECISION-MAKING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2024

Author: Ainslee Hooper, Governance and Policy Advisor

Authoriser: Lisa Baillie, People and Transformation Group Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board formally ratifies its Meetings and Non-Decision-making Event Schedule for 2024 pursuant to the Meetings Schedule adopted by Waitaki District Council on 12 December 2023, noting that specific venues and times for non-decision-making events can be confirmed by the Board outside of this meeting.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the dates, times, and venues for Ahuriri Community Board meetings during the 2024 calendar year, for ratification by the Board following formal adoption of the Waitaki District Council Meetings Schedule for 2024.

SUMMARY

The Waitaki District Council Meetings Schedule for 2024 was adopted by Council on Tuesday, 12 December 2023. Following prior consultation with the two Community Board Chairs, meeting dates and times for community board meetings in 2024 were incorporated into that schedule.

The adopted Meetings Schedule for 2024 has been published on Council's website. A direct link to it there is provided below for ease of reference.

[20231212-waitaki-district-council-2024-meetings-schedule-as-adopted-on-12-december-2023.pdf](https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/our-council/council-meetings/2024-waitaki-district-council-meetings-schedule-as-adopted-on-12-december-2023.pdf)

The general pattern for meetings of both community boards will be similar in most respects to that used in 2023, with a few exceptions (see commentary below). The Ahuriri Community Board would normally meet on the second Monday of a meeting month, and it will do so in March September and November. However, in consultation with the Chair, the Board will meet on the first Monday in May, July, and December in 2024 to accommodate other commitments and activities as proposed. Ahuriri Community Board meetings will have a commencement time of 2.00pm (except the July meeting which will start at 3.30pm). Meetings venues have been agreed with the Chair, and reflect the Board's wish to meet in each of the main townships throughout the Ahuriri Ward during the year. The 1 July meetings of both community boards will be held in Council headquarters in Oamaru, following a scheduled combined community board workshop earlier in the day.

The adopted Meetings Schedule allows for both Community Boards to hold a scheduled workshop/briefing in the alternate months between their Board meetings, as required. These will be non-decision-making events and therefore will be subject to the new definitions and operating rules that were also adopted by Council on 12 December 2023. The definitions and operating rules have since been published on Council's website (Meetings page). A direct link is provided below for ease of reference.

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/our-council/council-meetings/2024-waitaki-district-council-definitions-and-operating-rules-for-non-decision-making-events-wef-february-2024.pdf>

Set out on the next page is a summary of the meetings for the Ahuriri Community Board in 2024 which were part of the overarching Meetings Schedule adopted by Council.

The Board has the opportunity to set the dates of the non-decision-making event in the alternate months. That can be organised with the Governance Advisor outside of this meeting.

**= different meeting date to the usual second Monday of the month*

AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE 2024

<p>Monday 11 March 2024 (2.00pm) Venue: Otematata Community Centre, Otematata</p>	<p>Ahuriri Community Board Meeting (with Public Forum)</p>
<p>Monday 8 April 2024 (time TBC) Venue: Board to confirm</p>	<p>Non-decision-making event (as required)</p>
<p>*Monday 6 May 2024 (2.00pm) Venue: Kurow Community Hall, Kurow</p>	<p>Ahuriri Community Board Meeting (with Public Forum)</p>
<p>Monday 10 June 2024 (time TBC) Venue: Board to confirm</p>	<p>Non-decision-making event (as required)</p>
<p>*Monday 1 July 2024, 1.00pm – 3.30pm Venue: Council Chamber, Third Floor, Office of the Waitaki District Council, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru</p>	<p>Joint Community Boards' Workshop/Briefing (classification TBC) Preceded by lunch with Waitaki District Council elected members, Executive Leadership Team, and key staff (12.00pm – 1.00pm)</p>
<p>*Monday 1 July 2024 (3.30pm) Venue: Council Chamber (Oamaru)</p>	<p>Ahuriri Community Board Meeting (with Public Forum)</p>
<p>Monday 12 August 2024 (time TBC) Venue: Board to confirm</p>	<p>Non-decision-making event (as required)</p>
<p>Monday 9 September 2024 (2.00pm) Venue: Otematata Community Centre</p>	<p>Ahuriri Community Board Meeting (with Public Forum)</p>
<p>Monday 14 October 2024 (time TBC) Venue: Board to confirm</p>	<p>Non-decision-making event (as required)</p>
<p>Monday 11 November 2024 (2.00pm) Venue: Omarama Community Centre</p>	<p>Ahuriri Community Board Meeting (with Public Forum)</p>
<p>*Monday 2 December 2024 (2.00pm) Venue: Duntroon Community Hall, Duntroon</p>	<p>Ahuriri Community Board Meeting (with Public Forum)</p>

6 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

6.1 ASSETS UPDATE TO COMMUNITY BOARDS - MARCH 2024

Author: Erik van der Spek, Project Manager (Major Projects)

Authoriser: Paul Hope, Acting Assets Group Manager

Attachments: 1. COPY Assets Group Activity Update to Council 12 March 2024 - for Community Boards

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

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.

AHURIRI WARD ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

New contracts for maintenance of the Alps 2 Ocean trail have been awarded. A large focus has been put on skills and quality in the new contract. The new contractors started on 15 January 2024.

Alps 2 Ocean Repair and Resilience Works are nearing completion. The Resilience works are complete subject to Quality Assurance sign off. Contractors are busy completing smaller jobs in Rakis tunnel and drainage improvements along SH83 and Sailors Cutting.

Duntroon War Memorial restoration – Discussions are underway with the Department of Education upon whose land the memorial resides, as to the various parties' level of responsibility for undertaking any repair work.

A bore pump failed in Kurow on 22 January leaving just one pump in operation. Normally, this would not be problematic, as the system operates on duty/standby. However, in the summer months, two pumps are required to meet demand. The remaining pump struggled to keep up during the late afternoon/early evening peak and the community was placed on full restrictions overnight (no outside water use, and limited use inside where possible). A replacement pump was installed the next day which meant that the two-bore system was back up and running and water restrictions were lifted. The issue was resolved quickly thanks to the efforts of Water Services team officers, SouthRoads treatment plant operators, Plunket Electrical, and Kirk Irrigation. This issue has highlighted the limited redundancy at the site during the summer months. An assessment will be required to determine future improvements such as a third bore or planned summer restrictions. Communication via text message was trialled during this event and was very successful. The text system will be utilised for all relevant communication going forward. An education campaign is being prepared to encourage consumers to provide Council with a cell phone number.

NOTE: The attached copy of the Assets Group Activity Update to Council will be considered at the Council Activity Update event on 12 March 2024 (the day after the Community Board's meeting). As there will be fewer officers at the Board meeting than at the Council Activity Update, some questions may not be able to be answered. As an alternative, Community Board members and members of their Ward communities are welcome to watch Council's discussions on all Council Activity Updates on 12 March 2024 via the livestream on Council's YouTube channel. A direct link to that Council Activity Update event is provided below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3tKPeXN-Yw>

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1.7 ASSETS GROUP UPDATE - MARCH 2024

Author: Erik van der Spek, Project Manager (Major Projects)

Authoriser: Paul Hope, Acting Assets Group Manager

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide insight into recent work undertaken by the Assets Group departments.

OVERVIEW

The Assets Group Activity Update report provides commentary on activities and operational projects covering Property, Parks and Recreation, Rooding, and Water Services. The report provides relatively high-level detail and commentary relates to significant, not 'business as usual', matters.

Each sub-group will cover the following:

- Current Activity – This narrative will cover operational projects, projects and maintenance contract performance metrics, issues, and operational topics in these activities.
- Risk and Opportunities that are important to note.
- Looking Forward – what is happening in the next 1-3 months to give a picture of what is coming up.

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PROPERTY

Current Activity

Property Strategy Implementation

Of the current set of 31 Tranche One properties, 11 are on hold pending the release of the Target Operating Model for the Transformation Programme. This makes the available set of properties for consideration 20. Of these, seven (7) are in Strategic Evaluation, one (1) is in actions and decisions, and 12 are pending release as resources allow.

Community Housing

Healthy Homes installation in the Ōamaru complexes is scheduled to be 100% compliant in April when the final kitchen extractor is installed. Electrical upgrades and installation of kitchen and bathroom extractors are progressing once again at the Palmerston units and are expected to be completed later this year.

	Number of Units	% Compliant
Ōamaru	65	98%
Hampden	3	100%
Palmerston	20	45%

Our wait list for units in Hampden and Ōamaru remains high, with 62 people on the waiting list for 68 units. Many of these applicants will have found housing elsewhere and will not need housing when they reach the top of the queue. There remains very little demand for the units in Palmerston from high priority applicants (as defined by the Policy). We have granted two short-term tenancies of 90 days to maintain good occupancy level. Unit occupancy at the end of February is 100% across the complexes.

Ōamaru Airport

Annual aircraft movements have exceeded 40,000 for the first time (for the 12 months ending 31 December 2023). With the increase in movements, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) requires Council to conduct an aeronautical study to assess the existing and proposed changes to airport infrastructure to ensure a safe and efficient operational environment. The aeronautical study will provide advice on improvement measures for Council to implement. Mike Groome, Avsafe Limited, has been engaged to carry out the study which is due to be submitted to the CAA by 30 June 2024. Any goals and actions that are contained in the Ōamaru Airport Strategic Masterplan are on hold while this work is undertaken.

On 22 February, a discrete frequency zone will be implemented for the Ōamaru Airport; it is a radio frequency only assigned to the Ōamaru Airport. In the past, Ōamaru has shared a frequency with neighbouring airports. This safety measure has been applied to reduce radio congestion for the airport users.

Ōamaru Harbour

A review of the harbour is underway covering fees, income and expenses, consent compliance, risk, and opportunities. Discussions held with the Otago Regional Council (ORC) Harbourmaster regarding increases in visiting vessels and potential income and opportunities. Council has received notification of the ORC compliance audit of moorings to be undertaken before June 2024. The successful compliance audit of 13 consents relating to the harbour were completed by ORC in February 2024. In the last month, one vessel has broken down and dragged its mooring with no damage or injury and is currently safely on the slipway.

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Forrester Gallery Extension

Resource consent and archaeological authority have been issued for the new building extension. The Geotechnical testing has been completed, with basalt rock struck 5m below the building extension floor level. The detailed design work and head contractor procurement planning is progressing well.

Risk and Opportunities

- Progress on implementing changes to property management continues to be slowed by competing resource constraints imposed by BAU and project work, and training commitments for new staff.
- A rapid increase in traffic density and frequency and changes in the type of aircraft operations have resulted in increased operational risk, as highlighted by an increase in reported occurrences at the Ōamaru Airport.
- Discussions with the ORC Harbourmaster have identified a need to review our processes with our Resource Consent for moorings to ensure compliance.

Looking forward – the next three months

- New underground services will be reticulated to Holmes Wharf Sheds.
- Ōamaru Harbour Slipway 20 tonne-rated cradle has been manufactured and is scheduled for installation in March 2024.
- Scheduling the remaining Reed Street, Ōamaru healthy homes ventilation installation and progressing the ventilation installations in the Palmerston community housing complex where upgrades to the power supply and kitchen have already been undertaken.
- Despite a quiet commercial market, it is hoped that a tenant for 1 Thames Street (old I-site) will be found by our contracted agency PGG Wrightson.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Waitaki Events Centre

Apollo Project Limited is working on its Detailed Feasibility Report which will lay out the specifications for agreement. A draft report is expected in mid-March. Detailed Design (Construction drawings) will commence after the report is agreed.

Recreation - Current Activity

- New contracts for maintenance of the Alps 2 Ocean trail have been awarded. The new contractors started on 15 January 2024.
- Awamoa Park Toilet – The Facility was opened to the public on 16 November 2023. Work is complete pending the installation of picnic tables. There have been 14,000 visitors to date. This project is forecast to come in well under budget and MBIE has paid out the third and final claim from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.
- Alps 2 Ocean Repair and Resilience Works are nearing completion. The Resilience works are complete subject to Quality Assurance sign off. Contractors are busy completing smaller jobs in Rakis tunnel and drainage improvements along SH83 and Sailors Cutting.
- The Parks and Reserves Maintenance Contract was released to the market on 17 November 2023. Five (5) proposals were received, four (4) being of good quality. Officers are undertaking evaluations.
- Ōamaru Public Gardens – water play space. Tenders have closed, with four (4) proposals being received which are currently being evaluated.
- Ōamaru Public Gardens – the pond cleaning project has required additional testing of the water quality and accumulated sediments, to provide the basis for an appropriate methodology of improving the water quality.
- Work has continued with the refurbishment of the Ōamaru Public Gardens Display House. The northern end has been reglazed and awaits a final coat of paint. For continuity, works are progressing methodically throughout the middle section, replacing rot. This will then lead into work on the southern part of the display house as the final stage.
- NZ Gardens Trust has completed its assessment of the Ōamaru Public Gardens and awarded the Gardens as a Five-Star Garden (Garden of National Significance).
- Dunback Domain Boys Brigade Building remnants were removed, with the full footprint area being fully capped as required for the building demolition. ORC has since deemed this area as a Hazardous Activities and Industry List (HAIL) site. Council officers have requested further information on this notice.
- Waitaki Aquatic Centre – A swim meet for Special Olympics has been booked in for March; this is for the Otago region. A "ladies" only session will soon start on a Tuesday evening, following receipt of a lot of interest in such a programme.

Risk and Opportunities

- ORC has been investigating Council's compliance with the Maclean scale for work undertaken on the rabbit population at Moeraki. With a rating of three, it is expected that Council will have to continue this programme within the township.
- Hampden Beach Toilets have not been coping with increased use over the past months as a result of increased popularity of the area. This will likely require an upgrade to the existing facility. This toilet facility is within the Significant Coastal Landscape.

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Looking forward – the next three months

- Cleaning of all district war memorials in anticipation of ANZAC Day.
- Ōhau Reserve Stormwater management – The catchment area has been surveyed. Officers expect to have preliminary pipeline designs completed by end of February 2024, following which consideration will be given to the extent of construction.
- Duntroon War Memorial restoration – Discussions are underway with the Department of Education, upon whose land the memorial resides, as to the various parties' levels of responsibility for undertaking any repair work.
- Cape Wanbrow Carpark – Officers are to assess the viability and cost of a carpark at the end of Test Street for users of the area.

ROADING

Current Activity

- **Kakanui Point Bridge Renewal:** The decision paper for Council has now been rescheduled to be considered at the 23 April 2024 Council Meeting.
- **Ardgowan Shared Path:** This is open and being well utilised, with positive community comment.
- **Resurfacing:** A further 9km of re-sealing has been added to the contract, utilising the extra funding received from Waka Kotahi for this financial year. This work will be completed by the end of March.
- **Rehabs:** Hillgrove-Moeraki Road is completed. The Eden Street rehabilitation work is progressing, and it is expected to be completed in the third week of March.
- **Road Roughness:** 2023 results show an improvement in 'overall ride quality', meaning our network is less bumpy than in 2021. Previously, urban areas were particularly rough, due to pavement failures, service covers, and slumped trenches. This has improved with the emphasis on urban areas for rehabilitation and resurfacing (including pre-reseal repairs) for the past two years.

Risk and Opportunities

- **Risk: Speed Management** – Changes to Speed Management Rules mean that Council does not *need* to continue with our full speed management plan (fSMP). However, there are a few schools that were noted for implementation as part of the fSMP and the principals are contacting the team asking when the speed reduction signage will be installed.
- **Opportunity:** Video footage of the entire network has recently been captured and is being analysed using Artificial Intelligence (AI). This will help improve our knowledge of network condition, enable more efficient forward works planning; and the footage can be used by multiple departments of Council (like an up-to-date version of Google Street View).

Looking forward – the next three months

- The District Road / Gilligan Street intersection improvement project has been re-scoped and will be tendered in February, for construction in March-April.
- Copinsha Street's new footpath (Waihemo Community Board project) is to be priced for construction by June.
- Perth Street retaining wall renewal: Design work has been completed. Budget is to be confirmed before construction.

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- Central Management control system for streetlights: The base station is commissioned. Light control units are to be installed prior to July 2024.
- Rationalisation and programming of works ahead of the 2024/25 reseal and rehabilitation (reconstruction) programmes: Using new technology to support evidence-based decision making and 'right-sizing' repairs.
- Co-designing Forestry rate expenditure policy, with key stakeholders.
- Procedural audit by NZTA: According to the annual programme, Waitaki District Council is scheduled for Q4 (April, May, or June), although there is no confirmation for timing.
- Tranche two of the Rooding Policies will be presented to the Rooding Subcommittee for review and recommendation for Council approval around May 2024.
- Funding for 2024-2027 NLTP: Feedback on budgets is expected to be received around May-June 2024.

WATER SERVICES

Current Activity

Compliance and Development

Taumata Arowai Requirement for Protozoa Barriers – Water Services officers and the Corriedale Water Management Ltd (CWML) Chair met with representatives from Taumata Arowai to discuss Taumata Arowai's requirements around installing protozoa barriers. Barriers are expected to be in place by December 2024 for the following Council-owned water supplies:

- Managed by Water Services:
 - Ōmārama
 - Bushy Creek
 - Awahokomo
 - Lake Ōhau
 - Stoneburn
- Managed by CWML:
 - Awamoko
 - Kauru Hill
 - Tokarahi
 - Windsor

Bushy Creek, Lake Ōhau, and Awahokomo also require a barrier against bacterial contamination.

The option of an enforceable undertaking to meet these requirements for some of the water supplies was discussed and what the requirements would be if this option were taken.

Taumata Arowai representatives outlined that they are moving on from an establishment phase and will begin focusing more on enforcement.

Officers will be seeking Council's agreement on the proposed plan to meet the above requirement, at the 26 March 2024 Council Meeting. Budgets have been requested for the treatment plant upgrades as part of the Long Term Plan 2025-2034 development.

Monitoring Maintenance Contract Performance

Since 1 July 2023, SouthRoads has resolved 1,014 urgent and routine water-related customer requests and 49 urgent sewer-related customer requests.

The median response and resolution of these requests is currently well within the urgent targets of one-hour response and 24 hours resolution, and routine targets of two working days' response and five working days' resolution.

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Operations and Maintenance

Kurow Water Supply bore pump failure – A bore pump failed in Kurow on 22 January leaving just one pump in operation. Normally, this would not be problematic, as the system operates on duty/standby. However, in the summer months, two pumps are required to meet demand. As such, the remaining pump struggled to keep up during the late afternoon/early evening peak and the community was placed on full restrictions overnight (no outside water use, and limited use inside where possible). A replacement pump was installed the next day which meant that the two-bore system was back up-and-running and water restrictions were lifted. The issue was resolved quickly thanks to the efforts of Water Services team officers, SouthRoads treatment plant operators, Plunket Electrical, and Kirk Irrigation. This issue has highlighted the limited redundancy at the site during the summer months. An assessment will be required to determine future improvements such as a third bore or planned summer restrictions.

Communication via text message was trialled during this event and was very successful. The text system will be utilised for all relevant communication going forward. An education campaign is being prepared to encourage consumers to provide Council with a cell phone number.

Beach Road pump station – A flow meter was installed on the discharge of the Oamaru Beach Road sewer pump station in January by SouthRoads and Mathias Plumbing. Property owners in the surrounding area were asked to conserve water and to keep sewer flows to a minimum, which aided the success of the project.

The flow meter will help with understanding the network's capacity, particularly during wet weather events, and plan for future upgrades.

Eden Street sewer replacement – SouthRoads replaced a section of failing sewer main on Eden Street in January. The work was not straightforward due to the sewer main being 1.9m deep. This required extensive health and safety planning and shoring up the trench walls to ensure it did not collapse.

Boil Water Notices in Kurow and Otematata – Boil Water Notices were issued for Kurow and Otematata in January due to positive E.coli sample results. The restrictions were lifted following three days of clear test results. The source of the E.coli is unknown. However, officers have reviewed sampling collection, transport, and storage processes to ensure samples are not at risk of contamination before getting to the laboratory for testing.

South Hill Reservoir – Concrete Structures Limited has begun work on construction of the second reservoir at the South Hill site. This work includes installing temporary perimeter fencing, site clearing, and scraping works, and excavation of the reservoir circumference.

The next stage of the work includes drainage installation, formwork, and reservoir foundation construction. The construction of the reservoir is expected to be complete by September 2024.

Activity Management and Strategic Programme

Condition assessment of falling mains – A condition assessment of the two large Cast Iron water supply falling mains from the Oamaru Water Treatment Plant has been completed. These pipes were installed back in 1888 and are still in service.

The condition assessment results are pending and will determine if any intervention is required and help to predict the remaining life of the pipes.

Risk and Opportunities

- While inflationary pressures in procurement of materials have eased, cost increases are still being experienced across the board. This has had an impact on the cost of projects.

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- The 3 Waters Reform legislation, specifically that related to the establishment of the entities, has been repealed by the new Government. Council will be required to consider the best operating model for 3 Waters into the future, such as the establishment of a Council-controlled organisation.
- Taumata Arowai's plans to focus more on enforcement means that, going forward, there is likely to be more scrutiny from the regulator and may also mean more instances of penalties being applied for non-compliance. The Water Services team continues to focus on providing safe drinking water that meets legislative requirements.

Looking forward – the next three months

Hampden septic tank cleaning and inspection – Preparations are underway for the second round of septic tank cleaning and inspection in the Hampden township. It has been five years since the first round was completed.

The project for a reticulated wastewater system for the township is being considered as part of the Long Term Plan 2025-2034.

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6.2 AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL UPDATE JANUARY 2024

Author: Ian Wells, Accounting Manager

Authoriser: Paul Hope, Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the report detailing balances held in separate rate accounts and movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Ahuriri Community Board on financial matters and activities within the Ahuriri ward.

BACKGROUND

Separate Rate Accounts

These represent unspent balances of targeted rates levied for specific purposes, such as water and sewer systems, township amenities (including stormwater systems if applicable), community halls and Ward Services (including operations of the Community Board, parks and reserves, etc).

The reports provided to this meeting cover balances of separate rate accounts at 30 June 2023 and include balances of depreciation reserves and internal loans at that date. Officers are working on updating these reports to incorporate the results of transactions processed in the current financial year, and these will be reported to subsequent meetings.

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 Ahuriri Community Board has an annual budget of \$5,000 which, together with unspent funds of \$7,989 from the 2022-23 financial year, provides \$12,989 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.

- **Community Grants**

The Community Board has an annual budget of \$10,000 for "Community Grants", including \$5,000 "tagged" for the Waitaki Valley Community Society. As with the Discretionary Fund, unspent balances are carried forward until spent, and \$41,478 has been added from 2022-23, providing \$51,478 for the 2023-24 financial year.

CONCLUSION

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

Appendices:

Appendix (a) Separate Rate Account balances – 30 June 2023

Appendix (b) Funds Available for Distribution – 29 February 2024

Appendix (a) Separate Rate Account balances – 30 June 2023

	Rate Account Balance 30-Jun-23	Depreciation Reserve Balance 30-Jun-23	Internal Loans Balance 30-Jun-23
Ward Services			
Ahuriri Ward Services	189,800	429,953	-
Township Amenity			
Dunroon	17,027	-	-
Kurow	110,210	-	-
Lake Ohau	36,358	-	-
Omarama	114,990	-	-
Otematata	167,823	-	-
Hall			
Dunroon	26,548	-	-
Kurow	26,473	-	-
Omarama	20,374	-	-
Otekaieke	10,367	-	-
Otematata	19,882	-	-
Water			
Dunroon	(102,941)	74,040	(75,667)
Kurow	(326,408)	(223,570)	(52,523)
Lake Ohau	(18,151)	176,936	(125,655)
Omarama	259,262	152,308	(421,446)
Bushy Creek	(4,460)	39,284	(57,251)
Otematata	(218,091)	(372,334)	(747,408)
Sewerage			
Dunroon	(28,337)	3	1,792
Kurow	(10,087)	479,379	-
Lake Ohau	(1,892)	249,225	-
Omarama	(73,385)	472,175	(796,872)
Otematata	(167,297)	893,671	-

Appendix (b) – Funds available for distribution at 29 February 2024

	Balance 1-Jul-23	Annual Rates	Operating Expenditure	Available 29-Feb-24
Community Grants				
Kurow Museum (specific)	-	5,000.00	(2,500.00)	2,500.00
			(2,500.00) Waitaki Valley Community Society 15/11/2023	
Other	41,478.00	5,000.00	(8,000.00)	38,478.00
			(1,500.00) Waitaki Valley Community Society 15/11/2023	
			(6,500.00) Residents Assn of Omarama 20/12/2023	
Total Community Grants	41,478.00	10,000.00	(10,500.00)	40,978.00
Discretionary Fund	7,989.00	5,000.00	(480.00)	12,509.00
			(480.00) Assn Duntroon and District Development 20/12/2023	
Total	49,467.00	15,000.00	(10,980.00)	53,487.00

6.3 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE AHURIRI WARD DURING NOVEMBER 2023, DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

Author: Josh Dooley, Building Services Team Manager - Inspections and Compliance

Authoriser: Roger Cook, Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

PURPOSE

To provide the Board members with a list of building consents issued in the Ahuriri Ward during November 2023, December 2023, and January 2024.

NOVEMBER 2023

Project Address	Project Description	Cost (\$)
Airport Road, Ōmārama	Construction of a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom dwelling with woodburner and attached carport.	391,000
Buller Crescent, Otematata	Amendment 25mm EPS insulation under foundations, Vertical corrugated colorsteel wall cladding to be over cavity battens and verandah posts shifted and footing amended.	1,200
Springhills Road, Otiake	Construction of a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom dwelling with Hunter woodstove Clearwater Z54 Septic System and attached double garage.	1,643,777
Clutha Street, Otematata	Alteration to 3-bedroom dwelling, reconfigure bathroom, laundry, and kitchen layout. Remove existing lean.	130,000
Lindis Crescent, Otematata	Construction of a 1-bedroom sleepout with ensuite.	110,000
Cirrus Place, Ōmārama	Add additional toilet to bathroom.	1,000
Lake View Place, Otematata	Installation of an inbuilt Stovax Studio woodburner and Flue kit.	30,000

Area Sub-totals	Cost (\$)
Ōmārama	392,000
Otematata	271,200
Otiake	1,643,777

DECEMBER 2023

Project Address	Project Description	Cost (\$)
Lake Ōhau Road, Lake Ōhau	Alterations to existing dwelling to reconfigure kitchen, bathroom, and laundry areas. Removal of internal walls and erecting new walls, extend slab and add new verandah.	230,000
Prohibition Road, Ōmārama	Construction of a 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom dwelling with woodburner, new septic system and 108m2 open 4 bay Pole shed.	450,653
Ōhau Drive, Ōhau	New relocated dwellings 2 blocks - kitchen and 2-bedrooms with free-standing woodburner.	770,600
Gordon Street, Kurow	Construction of a corrugated iron garage.	40,000
Spencer Road, Otematata	Minor extension and alterations to existing dwelling to include new kitchen, laundry, bathroom, and outdoor toilet. Installation of woodburner and chimney.	280,000
Rata Drive, Otematata	Installation of a free-standing woodburner and flue kit with Dektite Acrylead tile flashing.	5,000
Twizel- Ōmārama Road, Ōmārama	Construction of a 4 bay Goldpine Implement Pole shed.	60,000

Area Sub-totals	Cost (\$)
Kurow	40,000
Lake Ōhau	230,000
Ōhau	770,600
Ōmārama	510,653
Otematata	285,000

JANUARY 2024

Project Address	Project Description	Cost (\$)
Ōmārama- Otematata Road, Ōmārama-Otematata	Stage 1 of 2 - Construction of a garage with bunk room and ensuite	950,000
Ranfurly Street, Kurow	Alterations to existing dwelling to include enclosed entry area.	8,000
Livingstone Street, Duntroon	Alteration to existing accessible toilets and storeroom to create a new universal school bathroom. Additional accessible signage and additional fire exit signage.	119,000
St Cuthbert Place, Ōmārama	Construction of a 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom dwelling with a Nectre Big Bakers oven cooker.	600,000
Broken Hut Road, Ōmārama	Reline and insulate portion of existing external walls.	3,000

Area Sub-totals	Cost (\$)
Duntroon	119,000
Kurow	8,000
Ōmārama	603,000
Ōmārama- Otematata	950,000

6.4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - MARCH 2024

Author: Ainslee Hooper, Governance and Policy Advisor

Authoriser: Lisa Baillie, People and Transformation Group Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to share the Chairperson's report with Board Members and the public.

There was no written report available from the Board Chair at the time of agenda production. A verbal report may be given to the meeting.

REMINDER:

There's now an easy way to let Council know about problems that need fixing - it's called Snap Send Solve. Check out the page on Council's website with details about how to use it, and what to use it for. The direct link to the relevant page is provided below.

Direct link to Council's website for the "Snap Send Solve" app:

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/Services/Get-it-done/Snap-Send-Solve>

6.5 COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS AND WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - MARCH 2024

Authors: Ahuriri Community Board Members and Ward Councillor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to convey reports from the Ahuriri Community Board Members and the Ahuriri Ward Councillor for the information of the wider Ahuriri community.

Deputy Chair Steve Dalley

9 December 2023	Otematata Residents Association Incorporated (ORAI) ORAI Meeting
27 January 2024	ORAI Meeting
15 February	Let's Talk Waste Meeting Omarama
15 February	Let's Talk Waste Meeting Otematata
2 March	ORAI Meeting

Board Member Mike King

14 December 2023	Residents' Association of Omarama Incorporated (RAOI) meeting
18 December	RAOI discussion – Understanding the Funding
18 January 2024	RAOI monthly meeting
1 February	RAOI special meeting with Mayor of Waitaki
7 February	RAOI Zoom meeting re Better Off Funding
9 February	Better Off Funding Committee Meeting
15 February	RAOI monthly meeting

Board Member Alan Pont

December	Communication with Ian Mann (NZMCA) re specification for Public Dump Station and offer to supply.
January 2024	Toilet blocked at Loch Laird, Otematata. Health and Safety issue. Snap Send Solve (SSS) message sent to Council. Council confirmation received that it had been cleared.
February	Trees in Main Street of Kurow growing into power lines and others need trimming; considered a fire risk. SSS sent to Council. Council confirmed that work has been programmed with Network Waitaki.
February	Let's Talk 2024 – Meeting Waste Management – Poor attendance
February	Omarama, Golf Club Road needed grading. SSS sent to Council.

Board Member Karen Turner

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| 13 December 2023 | Attended Duntroon District Development Association (DDDA) monthly meeting |
| January 2024 | Catch up with Duntroon local residents re Duntroon Domain mowing |
| January 2024 | Discussion with Council Recreation Officer and DDDA members re Duntroon Domain mowing |
| February | Walk through Kurow playground / bike park and Mavis Shaw Reserve with Council Recreation Officer to review status / appearance |

Ahuriri Ward Councillor Brent Cowles

[No report was available at the time of agenda publication.]

6.6 COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT - LINKS TO COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS

Author: Ainslee Hooper, Governance and Policy Advisor

Authoriser: Lisa Baillie, People and Transformation Group Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide links to final agenda papers and any related attachments for recent Council Meetings and events, along with the Chief Executive's summary of discussions at Council Meetings (where available), for the information of Community Board members and their Ward communities.

Links are provided below to the final agenda papers to recent Council Meetings, as published on Council's website, since the previous Community Board Meeting. The Chief Executive's summaries of Council Meetings, where available, have also been provided within the list of links, for ease of reference for Board Members and members of the wider Waihemo communities.

Please note that recordings of all the public sessions of the meetings and events listed below can also be found on Council's YouTube page

[Waitaki District Council - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5QsY7I0r-NK-TEIR8C9yNw>

Click on the LIVE tab to bring up the various meetings and events that have been livestreamed.

Direct links to Council Meeting agenda papers as published on Council's website, in the "Council Meetings / Agendas and Minutes" section:

Public Agenda and Agenda Addendum for 12 December 2023 Council Meeting

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/12/20231212-council-meeting-12-december-2023-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/12/20231212-council-meeting-12-december-2023-agenda-addendum-public-item-5.3.pdf>

Chief Executive's Summary of 12 December 2023 Council Meeting

"A busy morning at Council today in which the Council endorsed both the Ahuriri Community Board and the Waihemo Community Board's proposed use of the "Placemaking Better Off Funding". This funding is part of a fund given to councils as part of the last government's 3 Waters Reform Programme. It is enabling us to take forward projects with our community boards and community groups to make improvements to our townships. This includes supporting a new track up Puketapu Hill in Palmerston and making improvements to public spaces in Otematata and Omarama. The way we are approaching this is a great example of the Council working with and enabling communities to realise their aspirations for where they live with all the projects are being driven by community groups.

*There was a lot of discussion on the item recommending Council applies to the Environment Court to make a number of new rules in the **Draft District Plan** have immediate legal effect from when the plan is notified. Whilst this was not about what the rules are and the lines on the maps defining where the rules apply, there was concern as to the implications for land owners and also the consequences if certain rules were not applied immediately. As a result the Council agreed to come back to the issue at their meeting next week when further information will be provided.*

*Council also agreed an updated **Policy for Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings**. This sets out our approach to meeting our legal duties to ensure buildings are safe and do not pose a risk to our residents health and life.*

*There was also agreement today to consult the community on a draft **Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP)** subject to minor amendments. The plan sets out a proposed way forward to minimise the generation of waste and ensure that as much waste is diverted from landfill, including by improving recycling rates. We can see the cost of past generations' approach to waste on our residents today as we spend millions of dollars dealing with landfill sites at Hampden and Beach Road. New Zealand is lagging behind most of the developed world both in reducing waste and also minimising use of landfill and a new government strategy aims to improve national performance. The WWMP sets out how Waitaki will improve its performance and work with other councils in Otago as well as community groups to minimise waste and improve reuse & recycling.*

Finally, Council agreed its meeting dates for next year. After a review, Council will move away from meetings every two weeks, to holding meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. This aims to reduce the administrative burden of meetings and also give a bit of space to focus on important matters such as delivering the Transformation Programme. There will also be a new approach to other activities that involve Councillors, including that Workshops will be advertised and open to the public to attend unless they meet the rules for public excluded."

Public Agenda for 19 December 2023 Additional Council Meeting, and accompanying attachments (including the Waitaki District Council 2022-23 Annual Report)

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/12/20231219-additional-council-meeting-19-december-2023-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/12/20231219-2022-23-annual-report-version-3.pdf>

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/12/20231219-additional-council-meeting-19-december-2023-agenda-addendum.pdf>

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/12/20231219-waitakidc-23j-audit-opinion-issued-19.12.23.pdf>

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Public Agenda for 27 February 2024 Council Meeting, and accompanying attachments (including the Waitaki District Council 2022-23 Annual Report)

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/files/agendas-and-minutes/2024/02/20240227-council-meeting-27-february-2024-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

Chief Executive's Summary of 27 February 2024 Council Meeting (as published on Facebook):

"Today we held the first Council meeting of the year.

: *Long Term Plan deferral*

The main item was our Long-Term Plan (LTP) which was due to be agreed by the end of June this year and sets out our delivery plans and budgets for the next ten years. We and every council, are working in an environment of significant cost increases, change and uncertainty, which is making it challenging to plan our work programme and budgets.


A few days ago, as part of its thinking on water reform, the Government announced that it will give the ability to councils to defer the Long-Term Plan for a year, and instead, put together an enhanced Annual Plan.

Today Council agreed to take the option to defer the LTP which will give us space and time to see how various changes impact on us. It will also provide a longer period to engage with our communities on the difficult choices ahead and the potentially different approaches to financing and delivery.

Deferring the LTP will also safeguard us against the costly risk of undertaking an LTP this year and then having to undertake an LTP amendment next year due to the significant changes we foresee. The work we have done to date still remains relevant and we will still be planning for more than a year.

: *Farmers Market Investment*

Following consideration by the Harbour Area Sub-committee, Council today approved investment in improving the Farmers Market area of Oamaru Harbour. This forms a longstanding ambition in the Harbour Plan and, whilst details are still to be finalised, the project will see the \$735k budget (almost half of which is provided by the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund) invested in delivering a number of improvements including:

 - *Formalised parking for cars, motorhomes, shuttle vans with trailers, and buses; and to allow for buses and truck and trailer units to transition the area*

 - *Landscaping along Waterfront Road*

 - *Multifunctional 'Urban Park/ Farmers market'*

 - *Formalising access from Marketplace area onto Waterfront Road*

 - *Provision for lighting*

 - *Walking connection along Tyne Street to connect with Waterfront Road*

: *Water update*

Our Waters Team has been progressing a programme of backflow prevention, to reduce the risk of contaminated water coming back into the mains supply from properties and businesses. Today Council agreed the approach to funding and paying for these, with owners of properties identified as medium or high risk being required to meet the cost, with a choice of paying in full at installation or through a targeted rate over a period of time.

Sticking with water, across the Waihemo Water Supply, there are many water mains that are poorly performing and require renewal. In the rural areas, the majority of mains would be a like-for-like replacement but in the urban area, the community wants fire-fighting capacity to be incorporated into the upgrades, which is a level of service increase that requires significantly larger infrastructure and comes at a considerable cost.

The Annual Plan 2023/24 allocated a budget of \$6.645 million, and this was predominantly allocated to the Palmerston township. Due to ongoing affordability concerns, this is difficult to progress and so today, Council agreed to proceed with just rural water main upgrades for now, utilising half of the available budget.

This will allow Council to decide on future budgets for the upgrade of the urban water mains in the Palmerston township as part of the Long-Term Plan 2025-34 process, where affordability is a key consideration.”

At today’s Ahuriri Community Board meeting:

At the invitation of the Board Chair at the meeting, the Mayor for Waitaki, Chief Executive, rostered Councillor, Group Manager and Governance Advisor will provide brief verbal updates on business or activities within Council that may be of relevance or interest to community boards and their communities.

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