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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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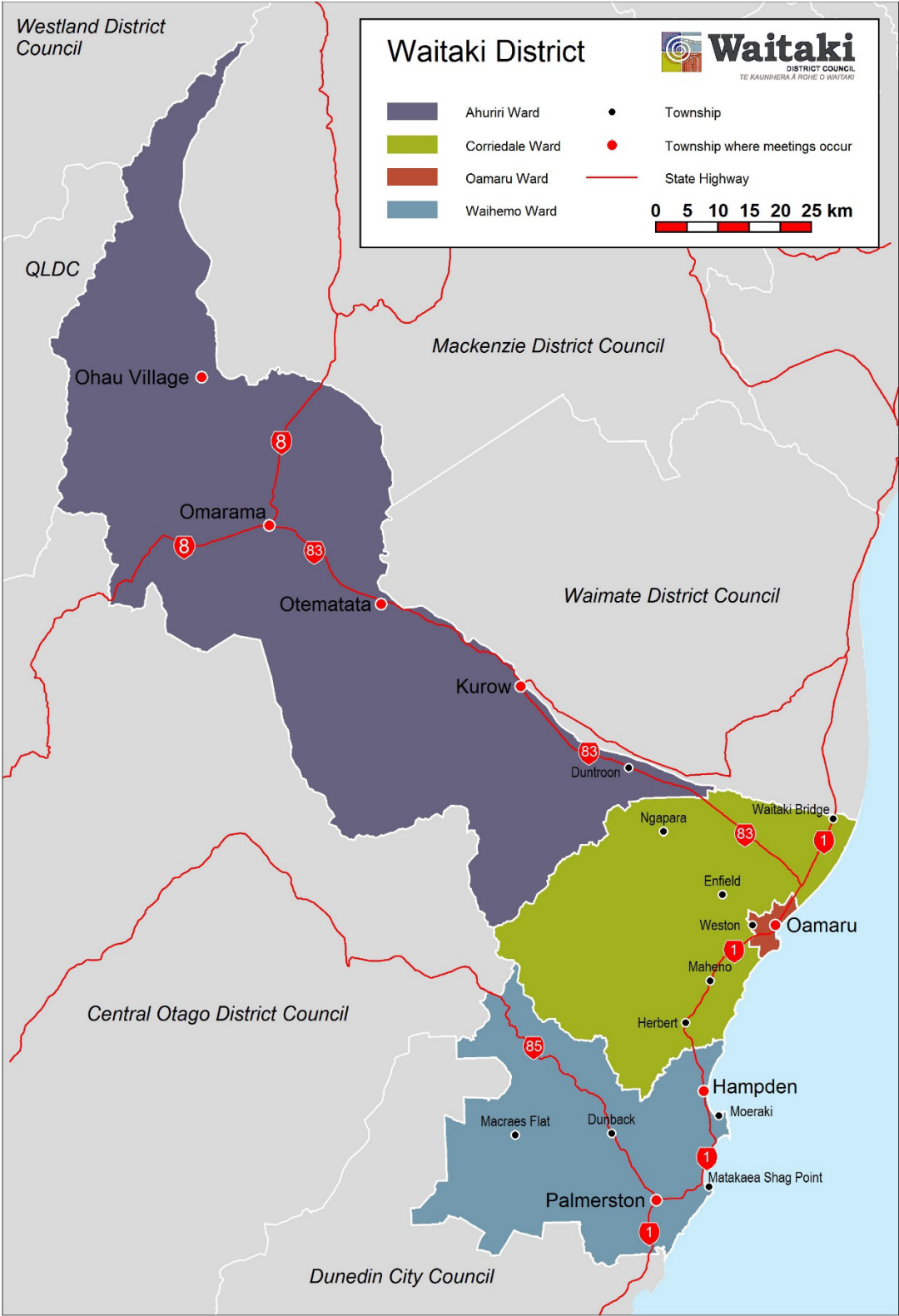
**I hereby give notice that the
Ahuriri Community Board Meeting
will be held on:**

Date: Monday, 12 September 2022
Time: 3.15pm
Location: Duntroon Community Hall, Duntroon

Agenda

Ahuriri Community Board Meeting 12 September 2022

**Alex Parmley
Chief Executive**





COMMUNITY OUTCOMES



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Ensuring we get core business done while delivering on our strategic priorities and achieving our community outcomes



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4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2022

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 11 July 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 11 July 2022, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO-CONFERENCE
HOSTED BY THE WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON MONDAY, 11 JULY 2022 AT 3.17PM**

PRESENT: Mrs Vicky Munro (Chair), Mr Steve Dalley, Mr Ross Menzies, and Mr Calum Reid

APOLOGY: Mr Brent Cowles

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Bill Kingan (Buddy Councillor)
Cr Colin Wollstein (Buddy Councillor)
Mayor Gary Kircher (from Agenda Item 6.1)
Alex Parmley (Chief Executive)
Roger Cook (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager)
Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)
Stephanie White (Executive Assistant / Minute-taker)

MEETING OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3.17pm and welcomed everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED ACB 2022/025

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley
Seconded: Mr Ross Menzies

That the apology received from Board Member Mr Brent Cowles be accepted.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registrations for the Public Forum.

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2022

RESOLVED ACB 2022/026

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley
Seconded: Mr Ross Menzies

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 9 May 2022, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

5 DECISION REPORTS

5.1 RATIFICATION OF AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSION ON WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PLAN 2022-2023

The report, as circulated, provided a copy of the Ahuriri Community Board's submission on the Waitaki District Council's Annual Plan 2022-2023, for formal ratification by the Board and for the information of members of the Ahuriri community. There was no discussion on the report.

RESOLVED ACB 2022/027

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley
Seconded: Mr Calum Reid

That the Ahuriri Community Board formally ratifies its submission on the Waitaki District Council's Annual Plan 2022-2023, as attached.

CARRIED

6 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

6.1 ASSETS UPDATE

The report, 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.

The Board extended thanks to Theresa and Simon Fox for their generous donation of a table and bench seats situated near Lake Aviemore. The table is like the one the pair had installed at Sailors Cutting. Buddy Councillor Bill Kingan advised that the gift had been acknowledged by a letter from the Mayor.

A request was made for the "No Exit" sign at the entrance to the Ōmārama Cemetery to be removed.

Overgrown weeds at the sportsground in Ōmārama were raised, with a request for potential solutions to be found to make such spaces easier to care for and maintain. It was suggested that the Otematata sports field could be oversewn. Mr Reid undertook to check on the grounds at Duntroon and Kurow.

ACTION: Group Manager Roger Cook to follow up both requests with Council departments

One Board Member expressed serious concerns about the state of the road between Priest Road, west of Duntroon and Gibson Road near Papakaio. Recent repairs by Waka Kotahi had started to deteriorate only one month after being completed. There was brief discussion about other roading concerns. Mayor Kircher acknowledged that roads in poor states of disrepair seemed to be a nation-wide problem.

Cr Bill Kingan encouraged Board members to move a specific motion to recommend that Council officers communicate the Board's concerns to Waka Kotahi. This is recorded below.

RESOLVED ACB 2022/028

Moved: Mr Calum Reid

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board recommends that Council officers urgently communicates with Waka Kotahi the Community Board's extreme concern about the condition of the State Highway between the Māori Rock Drawings and Gibson Road.

CARRIED

RESOLVED ACB 2022/029

Moved: Mr Calum Reid

Seconded: Mr Ross Menzies

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.2 AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL UPDATE

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.

The Chair thanked Accounting Manager Ian Wells for his informative report and the addition of Duntroon financial information as requested at the previous meeting.

Regarding Community Boards' discretionary funding, the Governance Advisor Ainslee Hooper, with the leave of the Chair, briefed Board members on the status of the development of a policy, procedure and application process. Given that only two community board members had been able to participate in the combined community boards' workshop, it was now proposed that she and the Accounting Manager would aim to hold a Zoom workshop with both community boards in August to discuss draft documents, if they could be finalised by then in amongst other priority work for both officers. Ms Hooper also advised that it was likely the documents would not be put before either board this side of the elections for adoption, but rather to the incoming boards since they would be the ones having to administer it. In the meantime, Ms Hooper suggested to Board members that they visit the LGOIMA page of Council's website where a recent LGOIMA request had been answered with an outline of the proposed policy for community board discretionary funding that would be put to community boards for approval after the elections. A recent example of how the Hampden Hall Committee had used that LGOIMA response to apply successfully for discretionary funding from the Waihemo Community Board was also available in that Board's previous set of meeting papers, and Ahuriri Community Board members could review the application document and the officer report which had had to be written to cover it to facilitate the Waihemo Community Board's decision in report, for useful examples of how the process was intended to work. Ms Hooper reminded Board members that they should refer to her initially any community group that was interested in seeking discretionary funding from the Board so that she could assist them with the application process.

Mr Reid raised concerns about ongoing issues with the Kurow boat ramp, and particularly that the group funding the project is \$25,000 short of the amount required to fix the ramp. When he asked

if a portion of the Board's discretionary funding could be used to aid that project, Ms Hooper invited him to contact her after the meeting and to provide costings for the proposed work. She could then liaise with other officers to ascertain first whether there were other funding sources that could be used instead, or she would liaise with the Kurow boat ramp group to help them complete a discretionary funding application for the Board's consideration at its September meeting.

RESOLVED ACB 2022/030

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley

Seconded: Mr Calum Reid

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

CARRIED

6.3 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE AHURIRI WARD FOR APRIL AND MAY 2022

The report, as circulated, provided Board members with a list of building consents issued in the Ahuriri Ward during April and May 2022.

Board members highlighted the interesting work being undertaken in the ward, and the growth that it was demonstrating.

RESOLVED ACB 2022/031

Moved: Mr Ross Menzies

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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

The Chair advised that the Waitaki Valley Residents' meeting originally scheduled for 5 July had not been held and would instead be rescheduled to sometime in August.

Group Manager Roger Cook thanked Board members, on behalf of the Planning team, for their attendances at the Draft District Plan community feedback sessions. Board members acknowledged that there had been some positive and productive discussions with the community during the sessions, and that the officers involved had been very knowledgeable and helpful.

RESOLVED ACB 2022/032

Moved: Mr Calum Reid

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.5 COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS' AND 'BUDDY' COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The report, as circulated, provided reports from Board members and Buddy Councillor/s.

Board Member Steve Dalley advised that the Community Led Development Programme had been successful in securing funding for the Otematata playground, and for irrigation at the Otematata Golf Club.

Cr Kingan reminded Board Members of the Council funding rounds which were now open for various community grants and awards and encouraged Board Members to nominate deserving individuals or groups within the community.

Board Member Ross Menzies shared his concern that the sump water drainage on Black Peak Road in Ōmārama, approximately 50 metres from State Highway 83, was insufficient. It was noted that a number of customer relationship management tasks had been submitted for this matter over about three years, but the problem continued and was a particular concern at this time of year due to increased rain and snow falls. Using the Snap Send Solve app was suggested as particularly good way to address such problems.

ACTION: Group Manager Roger Cook to follow up with the Chair and Mr Menzies after the meeting

The Chair thanked Councillors Bill Kingan and Colin Wollstein for being 'great Buddy Councillors' to the Board, especially in recognition of their willingness to share in the duties and to attend different events throughout the Ahuriri Valley.

Mayor Gary Kircher advised Board members about the upcoming Citizens Awards and encouraged them to think about some of the groups within their community who could be nominated. Groups could include those volunteering at playcentres, golf clubs, Whalan Lodge, the fire brigade and St John's, for example.

Mayor Kircher also reminded Board members about the upcoming elections and the need to have at least five Ahuriri Ward residents willing to enrol as a candidate in order to avoid a by-election. In addition, Mayor Kircher reminded the Board that Council was scheduled to conduct another representation review in the Waitaki district in the next triennium, and that, if there continued to be a struggle to give five people to stand for the Ahuriri Community Board at the local elections, then maybe the Board could be reduced to a membership of four which was the minimum possible. The Chair advised that there were still people out in the community who may be willing to stand, and there were five separate towns in the Ward, each of them with different needs.

RESOLVED ACB 2022/033

Moved: Mr Calum Reid

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.6 COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT - LINKS TO COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS

The report, as circulated, provided a link to the final agenda paper for the most recent Ordinary Council Meeting that contained reports by the Mayor and/or Chief Executive, for the information of Community Board members and their communities.

Mayor Kircher briefed the Board on key aspects in his report, including recent activities relating to the Future For Local Government reform, the Three Waters reform and the recent two-day Rural and Provincial Sector meeting. He highlighted Council's recent development and agreement on a Climate Change Declaration as it is important to acknowledge the massive impact that climate change is going to have both worldwide and for the communities within the Waitaki district.

Mayor Kircher also acknowledged the very busy work programmes within Council, including the development of an Economic Development Strategy (a draft had been agreed, and was now being

discussed with stakeholders); the Draft District Plan and its progression and Council's request that it be more specific around the cycle trail going via Otematata and the importance to the economy and safety of that. Work was also beginning on the Culture and Heritage Strategy and the Property Strategy. The aim of all this strategy work was to ensure that good plans and strategies were in place to provide guidance to staff so that they could get on with the work and did not have to come back to Council as much as they had previously, but only for matters where they related to the broader community or were of a political nature.

Group Manager Roger Cook acknowledged the comments of the Mayor above about the busy work programmes within Council. He also referenced the commencement of the Transformation Programme, which was aimed at ensuring Council's services would be fit for purpose in the future once all the various reforms had taken place. The Chief Executive would report progress on that Transformation in his quarterly reports to Council Meetings, and Mr Cook encouraged Board members to read those in the Council Meeting agendas when they were published. Mr Cook also raised the recent weather events and noted that Civil Defence was currently keeping an eye on what was looming, noting that Omarama may get another dumping of snow soon.

RESOLVED ACB 2022/034

Moved: Mr Calum Reid
Seconded: Mr Ross Menzies

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

7 MEETING CLOSE

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and declared the meeting closed at 4.14pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting to be held on Monday, 12 September 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

5 DECISION REPORTS

5.1 OTEMATATA COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Author: Erik van der Spek, Recreation Manager

Authoriser: Paul Hope, Acting Assets Group Manager

Attachments: 1. Otematata Community Led Development Landscape Plans

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board recommends:

That Council:

1. Approves the developments proposed by the Otematata Residents Association Incorporated as shown in Attachment 1; and
2. Accepts responsibility for the maintenance and depreciation of the improvements.

DECISION OBJECTIVE

To seek a recommendation from the Ahuriri Community Board for Council approval for the Otematata Residents' Association to carry out development work on Council-administered land in Otematata and for Council to accept ownership and responsibility for the maintenance and future replacement of the improvements.

SUMMARY

The Otematata Residents' Association Incorporated (ORAI) has been working with the support of the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to lead community development projects. Council has previously approved ORAI to install new play equipment for Otematata Domain. ORAI is seeking to progress the remaining planned improvements and is seeking Council approval as landowner for ORAI to carry out the work, and for Council to accept ownership and responsibilities for maintenance, and replacement, on completion. The proposed work is anticipated to be funded through DIA.

DECISION-MAKING EXPECTATIONS

Governance Decision-Making:	Community Board recommendation for approval by Council as landowner for the proposed work. Council acceptance of ownership of improvements
Operational Decision-Making:	Working alongside ORAI to support the installation. Equipment maintenance.
Communications	Media Releases – contributed to by officers and Elected Members Media/public enquiries regarding governance decision-making topics above can be addressed by governance

Media/public enquiries regarding operational decision-making topics above can be addressed by officers

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	Moderate
Financial Criteria	Moderate	Economic Considerations	No
Community Views	Key	Community Board Views	Key
Consultation	Key	Publicity and Communication	No

BACKGROUND

Over the past three years, ORAI has been leading a 'Community Led Development Project' (CLDP) with support from the DIA.

This has seen ORAI consult with the Otematata community to identify three main projects to prioritise for delivery. These are:

1. Enhancing the Otematata wetlands, including the development of a new track, the creation of specially designed places that can be used for sharing of cultural, historical, or educational information, a new carpark; and improved entranceways.
2. Collaborating with the Golf Club to develop land alongside State Highway 83 to create a "sense of arrival", incorporating specified plantings, post and rail fence line, creative pathways, and artistic features linking the A2O cycle track to the town centre.
3. Enhancing the Otematata Domain with new planting, irrigation, shade areas, seating, a community barbeque, and new play equipment as a place of family and fun.

The first stage planned for delivery was the installation of the new play equipment, which Council approved and agreed to accepted ownership for and maintain at an anticipated cost of \$5,000 per annum for maintenance and \$13,000 per annum for depreciation. ORAI now seeks Council approval for the remainder of the proposed improvements. The proposed development reflects feedback received from the community. Plans are provided in Attachment 1.

ORAI intends to seek funding for the improvements from DIA. To seek this funding, ORAI requires approval from Council as the landowner, and is also requesting Council accepts ownership and maintains the equipment once installed. In addition to the already approved playground improvements, anticipated maintenance costs are expected to be approximately \$20,000 per annum which would be funded from Ahuriri Ward rates. Council typically funds depreciation on 'Hard' assets, such as furniture, paths, fencing, to have sufficient funds to replace equipment at the end of its life. Over a 20-year life, this would equate to a further \$5,000 per annum.

SUMMARY OF OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Option 1 – Council approves the developments proposed by the Otematata Residents Association Incorporated as shown in the attachments; and accepts responsibility for the maintenance and depreciation of the improvements. **(Recommended)**

Option 2 – Council declines the proposed developments by the Otematata Residents' Association Incorporated.

ASSESSMENT OF PREFERRED OPTION

Option 1 is the preferred option as the proposed developments have been determined through consultation with the community and supports a community led initiative.

CONCLUSION

ORAI has worked with the Otematata community to determine improvements for Otematata. DIA is supporting ORAI in this initiative and has funding available for implementation. ORAI requires Council support as landowner to approve the developments.

ADDITIONAL DECISION-MAKING CONSIDERATIONS

Outcomes

We keep our district affordable

We enable opportunities for new and existing business

We provide and enable services and facilities so people want to stay and move here

We understand the diverse needs of our community

Waitaki's distinctive environment is valued and protected

We maintain the safest community we can

Policy and Plan Considerations

The proposed works form part of the Otematata master plan adopted by Council.

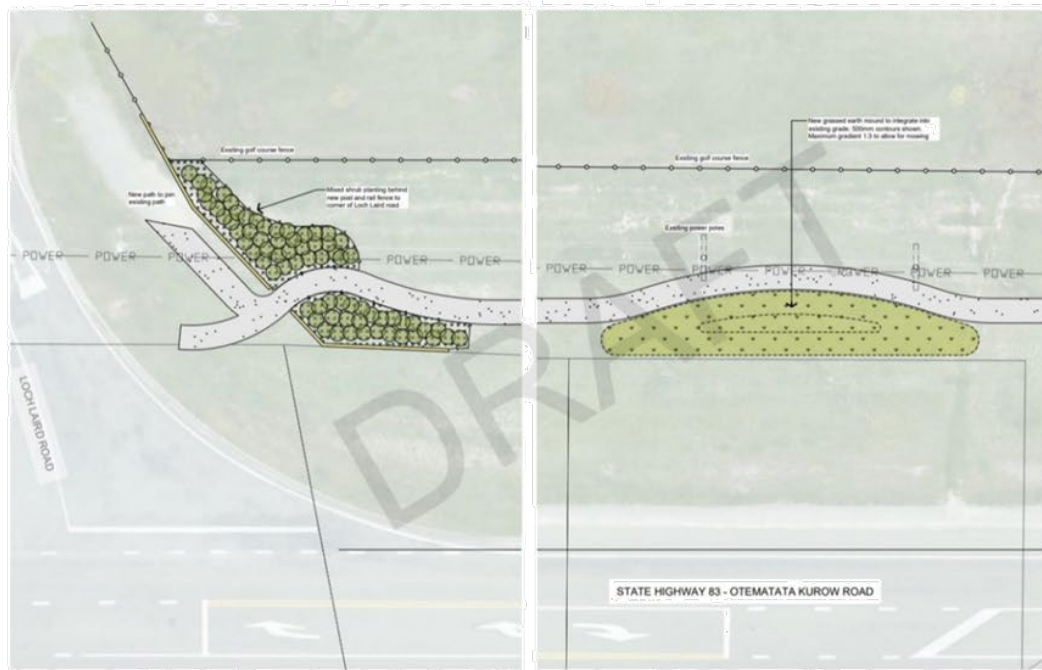
Community Views

ORAI has designed selected these improvements based on feedback from the Otematata community.

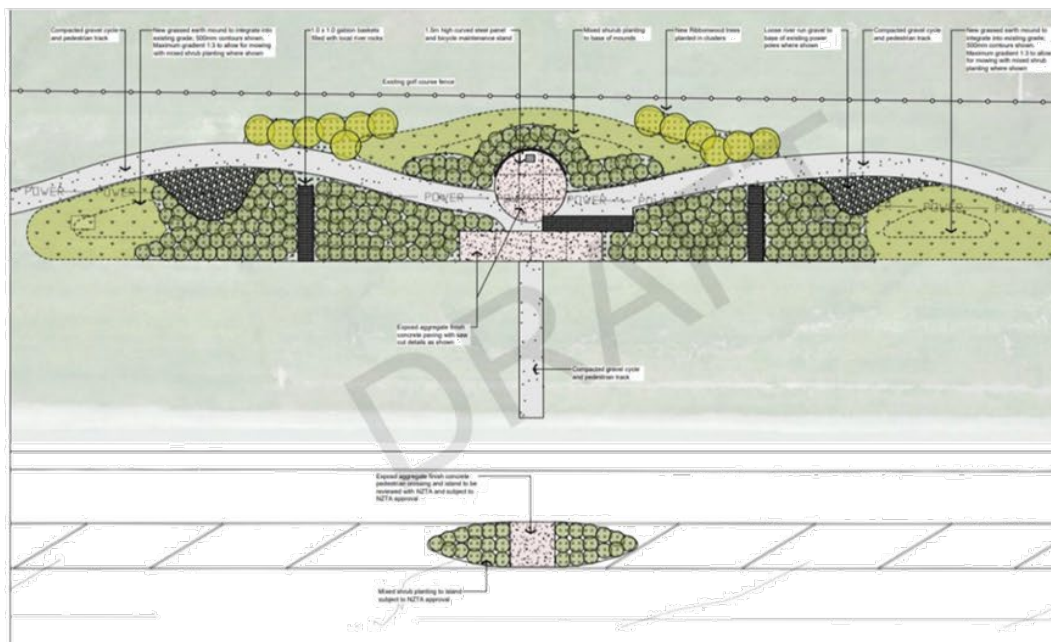
Financial Considerations

ORAI is requesting that Council accept ownership of the improvements once completed.

OTEMATATA COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT LANDSCAPE PLANS



State Highway and Loch Laird Road Intersection



Golf Course / State Highway Frontage



Access to Otematata Domain from shop carpark



Playground Landscaping



Playground Landscaping



Playground Landscaping

5.2 KUROW BOAT RAMP UPGRADE

Author:	Erik van der Spek, Project Manager (Major Projects)
Authoriser:	Paul Hope, Acting Assets Group Manager
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kurow Island Map2. Meridian application3. Jet Boat association letter of support4. Fish and Game letter of support5. Kurow Island Group letter of support6. Police letter of support7. Request to Waitaki District Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board recommends:

That Council grants \$7,800 plus GST from Ahuriri Ward Services Rate Reserves to the Waitaki Valley Community Society towards the extension of the Kurow Boat Ramp.

DECISION OBJECTIVE

To determine Council's contribution to improvements to the Kurow Boat Ramp.

SUMMARY

The Kurow Boat ramp is an important recreation asset and is used for emergency response. The current ramp is not usable in low river flows. The Waitaki Valley Community Society has obtained a quote to extend the boat ramp and secured \$40,000 from Meridian towards the improvements. The Society has requested the Waitaki and Waimate District Council each fund \$7,800 to make up the shortfall. Waimate District Council approved a payment of \$7,800 plus GST at its 23 August 2022 Council Meeting.

DECISION-MAKING EXPECTATIONS

Governance Decision-Making:	Funding improvements to Kurow Boat Ramp
Operational Decision-Making:	Implementing grant
Communications	<p>Media Releases – contributed to by officers and Elected Members</p> <p>Media/public enquiries regarding governance decision-making topics above can be addressed by governance</p> <p>Media/public enquiries regarding operational decision-making topics above can be addressed by officers</p>

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	Moderate
Financial Criteria	Moderate	Economic Considerations	No
Community Views	Key	Community Board Views	Key
Consultation	No	Publicity and Communication	No

BACKGROUND

The Kurow Island boat ramp is in the Waimate district, partly on riverbed administered by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), and partly on land administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC) (refer Attachment One). Waitaki District Council holds a Licence to Occupy from DOC to allow the community to carry out beautification work in accordance with a landscape plan. The part of the ramp which extends into the river does not form part of the Licence to Occupy, as it is on LINZ land (riverbed). Waimate District Council carries out mowing on the licenced (DOC) land to the approximate value of \$7,500 per annum and Waitaki District Council provides a grant of the same amount to the community to support other beautification work in accordance with the landscape plan.

The ramp was upgraded by the New Zealand Transport Agency as part of constructing the new bridges, as the old ramp was in the way of the bridge embankment and had to be replaced. The new ramp is only usable at high flows. No agency has responsibility for the ramp.

The ramp is used by jet boaters from Waitaki and Waimate districts and further afield and by emergency services, and it is an important asset for the community. Some maintenance work has previously been carried out by jet-boaters. The Waitaki Valley Community Society has engaged with a local contractor to develop a methodology and cost to extend and improve the ramp. They have also applied (Attachment Two) with supporting letters (Attachments Three to Six) and received a grant of \$40,000 from Meridian Energy towards this work and have a shortfall of \$15,600. They have requested that Waitaki and Waimate District Councils fund half of the shortfall (\$7,800) each. (Attachment Seven). Waimate District Council resolved to approve payment of \$7,800 plus GST at its 23 August 2022 Council Meeting.

It is expected that no maintenance would be required for 10 years following the extension. How and who will maintain the ramp will be discussed between the two district councils and with the community following completion of the improvements. The solution may be that the two district councils share the costs of maintaining the ramp, or that it gets included into one Council's Camping activity and ramp fees are charged to fund maintenance.

The Ahuriri Ward has \$334,307.49 in the Ahuriri Ward services rate reserves and Council has \$189,062 in boat ramp reserves derived from user fees at the Lakes campground boat ramps. Using the Ahuriri Ward services rate reserve is recommended, as the boat ramp reserves have accumulated from user fees on other ramps and this should be spent back on those ramps. As the Kurow ramp is used by jetboats, the users are generally different from those who use (and paid for) the campground boat ramps.

SUMMARY OF OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Option 1 – Council provides a grant of \$7,800 plus GST from the Ahuriri Ward services rate reserve.
(Recommended)

Option 2 – Council provides a grant of \$7,800 plus GST from Boat Ramp Reserves.

Option 3 – Council declines to provide a grant.

ASSESSMENT OF PREFERRED OPTION

Option 1 is the preferred option as it supports community improvements for an important recreation asset in the Ahuriri Ward.

CONCLUSION

The Kurow Boat ramp is an important recreation asset and is required for emergency and rescue response.

ADDITIONAL DECISION-MAKING CONSIDERATIONS

Outcomes

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Community Views

The need to extend the Kurow Boat Ramp has been discussed for years in the Kurow community. The Waitaki Valley Community Society has secured \$40,000 from Meridian towards this. The Boat Ramps forms an important recreation asset in the community and the community supports the work.

Financial Considerations

The Ahuriri Ward service rate has a balance of \$334,307.49 at 30 June 2022. While the ramp sits just outside the ward (in the Waimate district), it is used by ratepayers in the Ward and further afield.



DOC administered land shown in red with Council Boundary bisecting the Island.

★ Indicates Boat Ramp Location

Kurow Island Boat Ramp - Meridian

Summary of project:

Extending and remodeling the existing boat ramp on Kurow Island to ensure a safe and reliable launch is possible during low flow rates.

Background of project:

The existing boat ramp on Kurow Island has been put in place by NZTA after the construction of the new Waitaki river bridge in 2013. The current ramp isn't safe or functional to access during low flow rates below 220 m3 (which occur frequently on the Waitaki River). This causes issues for the recreational boaters as well as a potential issue for search and rescue missions launched from Kurow Island. The closest ramp accessible during these low flow rates is in Duntroon.

How does this project meet funding criteria?

- contribute directly to the community
- generate benefits that do not currently exist
- contribute long-term solutions to issues
- foster the development of skills and capacity
- demonstrate the ability to make effective use of the funds
- have performance measures that focus on outcomes
- provide promotional opportunities
- use the fund to attract additional funding for the project
- demonstrate a sustainable future for the project beyond the support of the fund.

The boat ramp is frequently used by jetboaters and fishermen, who have voiced their issues regarding launching and hauling boats on the existing ramp during low flow. The wider community will benefit from a safer and more functional boat ramp for both commercial and recreational boaters. The goal is to fix and future proof the boat ramp to ensure it is easily accessible to all boaters (especially in emergency situations).

Continued maintenance

The Waitaki and Waimate Councils both contribute towards maintenance of Kurow Island. The Town Enhancement Group under the umbrella of Waitaki Valley Community Society receive funding from both Councils to maintain the area. Maintenance will probably not be required for around 10 or 15 years depending on usage and flow levels.

What is the value/benefit to the community?

The Jetboat Association, Fish & Game as well as the local Police officer have voiced their support for this project and the benefits to the community (see attached letters of support).

More reliable access to the river at low flow rates benefits a wide group of people enjoying river activities near Kurow.

What benefits will your project generate for the community that do not presently exist?

Recreational and commercial boaters will be able to confidently launch their boats, even during low flow rates. Currently the nearest access is Duntroon when flow rates are low.

At the moment time critical river access may not be possible for emergency services if the river is flowing low. This upgrade will ensure access is always possible and it is done so in a timely manner.

Expected outcomes

A better suited concrete boat ramp will be installed to ensure all users can confidently launch their boats during low river flow. The contractors have been briefed on the desired outcome to remodel and extend the existing ramp to a standard that allows a safe launch despite low river flow rates.

Project's performance measures

We know that the current ramp is unsuitable for purpose. When the project is completed, we intend to survey users and confirm the new ramp meets the intended outcome.

When will you project commence?

Within 3 months of funding being sourced.

Does the project require support from Meridian staff?

No

What progress has your project had to date?

In 2014 NZTA installed the current ramp. Over the years it has become obvious the Ramp isn't fit for purpose and requires extensive upgrading.

Do you have a promotional marketing strategy?

No. Everybody who uses the ramp is aware of the need for the upgrade.

Can you outline any opportunities to promote Meridian within your project?

We would like to have a sign informing the public that Meridian was to thank for the upgrade. We will acknowledge all contributions via our Community Newsletter and social media.

Jet Boating New Zealand
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20 October 2021

To Whom it may concern,

The Waitaki Branch of Jet Boating New Zealand (JBNZ) and the New Zealand Jet Boat River Racing Association, (the competition arm of JBNZ), would like to convey our combined support for this application in seeking funding to extend and remodel the public boat ramp on Kurow Island, in the Waitaki River.

Currently the boat ramp is only safe and functional to use for launching and retrieving jet boats at flows greater than 220cumecs as the current concrete is too short. When the flow falls below this level, there is a step off the end of the concrete that boat trailers “belly” on. This means that when the river flows are lowered by Meridian below 220cumecs, recreational jet boating is severely impacted for recreation and fishing or worst-case scenario, jet boat access for search and rescue from Kurow.

While there is no physical log kept of how many jet boats use this facility (there is no sign in or honest box system) we can provide the data gathered in the Environment Canterbury RiVAS Study (2015), that the section of river from Bells Pond to the Waitaki dam sees an estimated 3000 user days per year.

This ramp is key to the safe and reliable access to the upper section of the Waitaki River with the next public option for launching being Duntroon, 24km downstream.

Meridian has a consent which permits a low flow of 120cumecs. Ideally any design changes should take this level of flow into consideration in determining the length of the ramp.

Who is Jet Boating New Zealand?

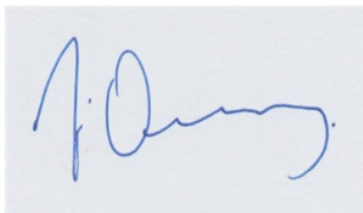
JBNZ was Incorporated in 1962 and currently has 2500 financial members. The number of people who enjoy jet boating is far greater when you add in the friends and family associated with each individual subscription paying member.

JBNZ has nine regions across NZ, with over half the membership (Waitaki 190, Canterbury 885 and Otago 320) residing in the central South Island. It should to be noted that jet boaters from across New Zealand, come to this region and the Waitaki River specifically due to its consistency of flow range, when adverse river conditions make other rivers un-boatable.

Yours Sincerely



Chris Broadhead
Chairman
Waitaki Branch -JBNZ)



John Derry
President
New Zealand Jet Boat River Racing Association



Paul Mullan
External relations
Jet Boating New Zealand



Ronald Clearwater
Chairman
JBNZ National Rivers Committee



October 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Central South Island Fish and Game Council (CSIFGC) is writing to express support for the proposal of the Waitaki Valley Community Society (WVCS) to extend/remodel the boat ramp, in the Waitaki River at Kurow.

Currently the Kurow boat ramp is only safe and reliable for jetboat launching and retrieving at flows greater than 230m³/s. Flows of between 180m³/s and 230m³/s occur commonly on the Waitaki River. When the river flows released by Meridian at the Waitaki Dam are below 230m³/s, there is no reliable public jetboat ramp upstream of Duntroon.

The Kurow boat ramp is an important asset for anglers and hunters undertaking sports fishing and game bird hunting. In particular, the upper river as accessed by jet-boating anglers, sustains a significant brown and rainbow trout fishery. Due to the river's dense riparian vegetation and large flow volumes, jetboating provides the only means of access to this fishery over its entirety.

A good example of the Kurow boat ramp's value to anglers is its status as the "hub" of fishing season opening day activities on the Waitaki River. It is common for 10-20 boats to launch at the Kurow ramp for the occasion.

The extension and remodeling of the Kurow boat ramp will improve the reliability of the ramp across a range of operational flows and will therefore provide a direct benefit to anglers and hunters.

Your Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J P Graybill'.

J P Graybill,

Chief Executive

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats

Central South Island Region

Monday 28th March 2022

Letter Of Support Kurow Jet Boat Ramp Extension by Sandy Cameron, Kurow Island Group:

Background:

The Kurow Island Group – operating under the auspices of the Waitaki Valley Community Society Inc (WVCSI) has had a long association with the Kurow jet boat ramp.

The new ramp located at the top/western end of the Island and within the picnic recreational area, was built in 2014 at the time of the construction of the 2 new bridges over the Waitaki River.

It replaced a single ramp - in existence for many years that would get in the way of the 2 new bridge builds.

The design of the new ramp is not fit for purpose, does not extend far enough into the river and requires extending to accommodate lower flows.

The Waitaki is a modified river due to hydro generation in its Upper Reaches and Waitaki Dam resource consents allow the river levels to drop as low as 120 cumecs.

When low flows are occurring the boat trailers drop off the end of the ramp sustaining damage.

There appears to be large exposed rocks at the end of the concrete and a shingle bar above the ramp running parallel with the bridge.

The low flows often occur in the weekend when electricity demand is less but when recreational use is high.

I have been told recreational fisherman can experience no problem launching and then return after a day on the river to find the river level has dropped and they are unable to get their boats out.

We have observed difficulties, especially when Jet Boat race events are occurring.

The boats will be launched at Glenavy, the trucks with trailers will then drive to Kurow Island where the jet boats need to be removed from the river for refuelling.

When the river is experiencing low flows - there will be 8 or so blokes up to their wastes in the river at the end of the ramp, lifting the boats onto the trailers.

Because of this, they are others looking for alternatives and there are trucks backing trailers into the river, 10 metres downstream to remove their boats.

This exercise will then repeat itself when they relaunch the boats to return to Glenavy.

There will be more than 50 boats and 100s of spectators at the Island enjoying the moment, picnicking under the trees, or in the new shelter and viewing from the bridge pedestrian lanes.

The noise from the grunty big jet boats and helicopters overhead all adding to the atmosphere.

The Kurow Island has become a destination for jet boaters and anglers and as recently as yesterday I counted 14 trucks parked with jet boat trailers.

Search and Rescue

Of major concern is the ability of Search and Rescue to be able to undertake an emergency operation, to find someone reported in distress, lost, sick or injured.

There are too few public access points along the river, much of which is over private farmland and because farmers are required to fence their water ways, the river margins have become overgrown with gorse and broom.

Therefore the importance of a working, maintained Kurow Island ramp is paramount

Support

The Kurow Island Group support the application by the WVCSI to the Meridian Energy Power Up Fund to obtain a grant to extend the ramp.

From: SCOTT, Peter <Peter.Scott@police.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 24 September 2021 2:19 PM
To: Calum Reid <calum@calect.co.nz>
Subject: Funding Application for Kurow Island boatramp

Kurow Community Board

Attn: Cal Reid

Thankyou for the opportunity today to discuss your intention to extend the Kurow Island boat ramp. I am very happy to see someone has taken the initiative to make that ramp a safer amenity for all the community.

In my role at Kurow Police and Waitaki Search and Rescue I have found that ramp integral to several river rescues. I have set up a group of local jetboat owners who are able to deploy quickly to the river if a rescue is needed. It was brought to my attention that if the river flow got too low the jetboats are unable to launch at that ramp. Although we would manage to launch elsewhere it may be as far as Duntroon which may cost precious time in terms of a successful river rescue.

The existing ramp poses added risk to the weekend boatie. As power demand is low over the weekend the flow of water through the turbines, and thus down the river, is greatly reduced to a point where launching jetboats can become difficult. I am concerned jetboats will get out in the morning but find the river has dropped a bit more by the time they return and prohibit them coming ashore at the ramp. This poses a serious risk to families who return late around dark with no close ramp to exit.

I wish you and the community board all the best with your funding application and hope to see a safer ramp installed soon.

Regards Senior Constable Peter Scott

Kurow Police

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Hi Ainslee,

Please see attached the Meridian Application, with Quote, which we received 40K(excl GST) towards. As discussed at the last ACB, it would be appreciated if the WDC and ACB could look at picking up half the short fall required for Banks Building to complete the project.

We are also approaching Waimate DC to also look at picking up half the short fall as well.

Total received from Meridian - \$40,000.00 excl GST

Requesting help with

Waitaki DC \$7,800 excl GST

Waimate DC \$7,800 excl GST

We have also attached letters of support from users of the boat ramp.

Thank you for your help.

Regards,

Anna Glier
Secretary

Waitaki Valley Community Society

on behalf of

6 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

6.1 ASSETS UPDATE

Author: Joshua Rendell, Assets Operations Manager

Authoriser: Paul Hope, Acting Assets Group Manager

Attachments: 1. **COPY Assets Group Update to the Council Activity Update on 30 August 2022 - for Community Board information**

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

Throughout July and August, there have been a number of weather events which have caused damage throughout the whole Waitaki district, including in the Ahuriri Ward. Keeping our systems operating and our roads opened during the weather events has been challenging for Council staff and contractors.

There are a number of roads throughout Ahuriri which will require rehabilitation due to storm damage. Applications will be made to Waka Kotahi to provide some subsidy to assist in meeting the cost burden of these works. The repairs are likely to take some time due to the scale of the events.

The Alps2Ocean track is still closed in some areas due to heavy rainfall and subsequent storm damage. Inspections have been undertaken and contractors have been engaged to repair the track to make it rideable. Applications to the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)'s extreme weather event fund will be lodged to reduce the cost burden on ratepayers to perform necessary repairs. This application will likely include further resilience works to prevent further damage in the future.

At its meeting on 9 August 2022, Council approved an award of contract for Roding Maintenance works to Whitestone Contracting Limited for a period of five years. The contract will take effect on 1 October 2022, with Whitestone Contracting Limited to take over roding maintenance works from SouthRoads on this date.

At Attachment 1, there is a copy of the Assets Group Activity Update that was presented to the Council Activity Update on 30 August 2022. It includes further details of work that the Assets Group has been undertaking in the Ahuriri Ward and in the Waitaki district as a whole in recent weeks, for the Community Board's information.

**COPY OF COUNCIL
ACTIVITY UPDATE AGENDA**

30 AUGUST 2022

1.1 ASSETS GROUP UPDATE - 30 AUGUST 2022

Author: Joshua Rendell, Assets Operations Manager

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.

FOREWORD

Winter has been a challenging season for the Assets Group, with a series of weather events causing significant damage across our asset networks. The repairs of the known faults are estimated to be in the order of \$1.5 million.

The weather events have created a significant amount of work for staff and local contractors both in responding to and repairing defects. The weather events have also delayed progress on planned works during the period. Alternate funding avenues are being explored in attempts to reduce the burden on ratepayers needing to pick up the bill for repairs and Officers are hopeful some of these avenues will provide external funding.

At its meeting on 23 August, Council approved the carrying forward of incomplete works from the 2021/22 financial year totalling \$19.8M for the Assets Group. These works will be added to the current capital delivery programme of \$57.2M. This creates a total delivery programme for the 2022/23 financial year of \$77M.

In a time of skills shortages and uncertainty around material and contractor availability, the Assets Group will need to work closely with Elected Members to determine what can realistically be achieved given our current resources and market forces.

With constrained material and contractor markets, there has been an increase in inflationary pressure in New Zealand and globally. The level of inflation allowed for within budgets is significantly lower than current inflation rates. There will be pressures on staff and contractors to try to meet existing service levels with lower budget increases than necessary to keep up with inflation and in some cases, there will need to be a trade-off between work delivered and service level expectations to try to resolve the budget misalignment.

To enable delivery of some of the more high-profile projects in the Assets Group, our former Recreation Manager has transitioned into a Project Manager (Major Projects) role for a period of three years. The role of Recreation Manager was recently advertised internally as a secondment, and Lindsay Hyde commenced in the position on 22 August.

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PROPERTY

This has been a difficult time for the team due to winter illnesses, rain events, fire event and unexpected building maintenance requirements. Time spent on business as usual was reduced during this time to enable the team to respond to the urgent work that was required.

There will be a catch up of the business-as-usual work required in the short to medium term.

Asset Management and Strategic Programme

Property Strategy

The first round of meetings for the second stage of the Property Strategy discovery work have now been booked for the week of 31 August. This round of engagement will focus on linkages of the property strategy with other Council strategies and high-level parcels of work as well as engagement with key partners and stakeholders to get a better understanding of the future demand for Council property and property services. A second round of engagement to determine demand and service requirements closer to the point of delivery will follow this initial round.

Ōamaru Airport Strategy and 5-year business plan – A draft Airport strategy has been developed and the draft business plan is currently being worked on.

Projects and Capital Delivery

Holmes Wharf

Despite the weather and winter illnesses, this project continues to progress with the re-decking reaching approximately 50% complete. There were some large sea swells which battered the Ōamaru Harbour breakwater rock armouring and Holmes Wharf – both of which held up well. The swells resulted in stones and seaweed washing up onto Holmes Wharf. This is the first time we have seen stones washed onto the wharf in recent years.

Ōamaru Breakwater

The rock armouring which was completed in 2020 is performing very well and continues to provide protection of the aged concrete breakwater structure. The recent heavy swells have depleted smaller rock armouring south of Ramsay Extension. This will require replenishing of larger rock as part of Council's yearly maintenance. A 3D mesh annual monitoring survey will be undertaken in the Spring. The purpose of this survey is to determine how many tonnes of rock have been reclaimed by the sea over the past 12 months.

Community Housing

The refurbishment of Unit 2 in Palmerston is complete, and Unit 5 in Usk Street is almost complete. Unit 4 is currently being refurbished.

Healthy Homes

Contractors are continuing to make good progress with compliance of rental properties to the healthy homes' standards. The five standards aim to improve the health and warmth of rental properties by creating minimum standards for heating, insulation, ventilation, draught stopping, moisture ingress and drainage. New tenancies are required to comply within 90 days of the tenancy agreement and all rental homes to comply by 2024. Heating and insulation standards are approximately 99% complete with ongoing insulation assessments. Ventilation is approximately 40% complete. Draught stopping is approximately 40% with ongoing assessment and repairs. Moisture ingress is approximately 25% complete.

1 Thames Street

Tourism Waitaki surrendered its lease over the former i-SITE premises at 1 Thames Street on Friday 29 July 2022. Upon vacant possession, it was noticed that the building was showing areas of moisture ingress at ground floor level. Minor intrusions into the interior linings revealed a large amount of moisture had penetrated the building stonework which has now been exposed to dry.

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Investigatory works are continuing to expose the extent and origin of the problem so that options for mitigation can be explored.

Rock revetment

Work to bolster the rock armouring on the southern side of the inner Harbour is likely to commence in the next couple of months subject to contractor availability.

Property Management

Community Housing

There was a fire at a community housing unit in Copinsha Street, Palmerston in July. Sadly, the occupant of the unit passed away due to injuries suffered in the fire. Tenants of the neighbouring units were temporarily relocated whilst the units were inspected for the structural and electrical integrity. Some remedial works were required to make the electrical supply safe, and tenants have since returned to their homes. An insurance claim is underway and remedial works will be scheduled in the near future.

Rain event

Heritage buildings with internal gutters continue to be a challenge with the ongoing rain event. Several leaks have revealed themselves and work is scheduled for repairs. Contractor availability for this type of work has been an ongoing issue. The flood gates at Council's main headquarters building were deployed on a number of occasions during this time as a precautionary measure.

Two grass runways at Ōamaru Airport have been closed due to surface flooding during the recent rain events. The sealed runway remained open during this time. All runways are currently operational.

Ōamaru Town Clock

There is a malfunction with the clock. The dials are not currently working. This is very specialised work and requires specialised contractors to undertake the work. The availability of those contractors is causing delays to remedial works.

Staff Appointments

Lori Butterworth and Alex Fraser were welcomed to the Property team. Both are filling vacancies to existing positions. Lori joins the team as Property Officer and Alex as the new Building Maintenance Officer.

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RECREATION

Asset Management and Strategic Programme

Storm Damage

Weather events in July and early August have caused damage to assets across the district, with the most damage in the Ahuriri Ward and along the Alps to Ocean. Reinstatement of these damaged assets will be a priority, and this is likely to cause delays in implementing projects such as the Awamoa Toilet and Bushey Beach Track.

Vandalism

The ears on the Panda have been repaired and rebroken twice more. The gardens staff have been continuing to repair at this stage. Kakanui Beach Reserve grass surface has been damaged by vehicles doing burnouts. Repairs to the Ōamaru Public Gardens toilet have been completed after a sanitary bin was set alight, which melted the plumbing as it ran down the drain requiring a section of the concrete floor to be cut out to complete the repairs.

Cemeteries

After the recent rain there has been some ground settling in many of our cemeteries. The contractor is attending to these as a priority as conditions allow.

Sportsgrounds

The annual assessment of the fields was undertaken by an independent agronomist. All the fields were in a very good condition with good grass coverage following the wetter than normal summer growing season. Recommended renovation work will be completed at the end of the winter season.

Playgrounds

The team are replacing the spinner at the Southern Reclamation Reserve and installing a fort and slide unit at Casa Nova Park. This should be completed in October. Casa Nova Park has had a path built that allows better connectivity to the playground and walkway.

Operations

Moeraki Rabbits

Rabbit numbers appear to have reduced significantly. ORC have undertaken tests on several carcasses as it appears a virus may have had an impact on the numbers. This has worked in WDC's favour with several nights of shooting being an adequate control method for the remaining rabbits at this stage. While we have not known to our neighbours that this work was happening and they might like to engage the same contractor to manage their properties, there has been no uptake. A local has been co-ordinating landowners to use another local contractor, so between the two options hopefully a large proportion of the area will be covered. If rabbit populations persist in the inaccessible areas, Pindone bait stations throughout the township may be implemented later.

Palmerston Mountain Biking

Craig Alter along with other local volunteers developing Mountain Bike Tracks in Brough Street Forest have suggested late September for an official opening. They have been working diligently to develop additional tracks. Mike Harrison from FENZ has provided No Fire signage to be installed in the carpark.

Camping Grounds

Some remedial work was undertaken over winter to a group of trees at Loch Laird. The team will undertake a pre-season check of trees prior to the camp season opening. We have worked with Council's Customer Liaison Team over the winter period to develop an online booking form which is being used via the Camping portal on the Council Website. We are also developing a QR code payment system for casual users of boat ramps.

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Sports fields

The recent weather events resulted in our taking the unusual step of closing fields for use on the weekend of 31 July.

Otematata Developments

The community led development group is working with their Landscape Architect and a Project Manager to seek funding from Department of Internal Affairs for a Quantity Survey and cost estimate for their proposed improvements. This will be used to seek funding for construction from Department of Internal Affairs. Playground equipment (funding approved) is expected to be installed in March/April with the remaining work to commence in August 2023 (subject to funding).

Projects and Capital Delivery

Water Play

The long-awaited detailed design plans have arrived, and tender documents are being prepared.

Thames Street Tree Lighting

Officers are in the process of investigating options. This has been a low priority with other projects taking precedence. Indications are the current budget would only be sufficient to allow a few trees to be lit.

Duntroon Toilets and Road Improvements

Whitestone Contracting established onsite on 15 August and have commenced works.

Kakanui Toilet

This project is currently on hold as we have been unable to get agreement on a suitable site.

Awamoa Toilets

The application for \$172,000 from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund was successful and Officers will commence with design.

Bushy Beach

MBIE removed the land purchase price from the project total requested in our Tourism Infrastructure bid. We are currently assessing options.

Ōhau Reserve Stormwater

The team are currently assessing options and talking to landowners in order to resolve a surface water ponding issue in Ōhau village.

Events Centre

Funding applications to Lotteries and Otago Community Trust are due to be submitted in early September. A decision on whether to bring the grandstand in scope will not be able to be made until we know what funds we have. We remain committed to a six-court facility with changing rooms and communal meeting space.

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Aquatic Centre

July school holidays and Term Three is traditionally the quietest period of the year. The introduction of 'FlippaBall', Swim Workshops and Swim clinics combined with a regular 'Active Activity' (inflatables etc) programme have kept people coming through the doors.

The team has recently recruited a new 'Shift Supervisor' which means our pool operating team is now heading back to a healthy staff level. We have also recruited a couple of other 'all-rounder' roles which will work across the facility. This will help and relieve the pressure on some of our existing team that have been doing big hours to maintain opening hours and service to our customers.

The slightly reduced winter hours have been extended for the rest of term and this appears to be fitting current usage patterns with no negative feedback received in response to the slight reduction.

While the community is starting to learn to live with COVID, the past few years have changed people's habits and use continues to suffer. This trend is seen across the country with large decreases in attendance at Aquatic Centres across New Zealand.

Parent and Child water confidence and safety courses have benefitted from staff getting out and promoting to local childcare and Plunket resulting in an increase in numbers in the programme.

The team recently took delivery of a new pool inflatable 'Climb & Swing (big mutha)' which was 90% funded through Sport Otago.

A2O

The planned work was completed with the first 45m of Rakia Tunnel now boasting a concrete surface and the final report and claim have been sent to MBIE for payment.

The flooding that has hit the district has also caused significant damage to parts of the A2O Trail. Some initial repairs to the Elderslie section were completed after the first event, only to be taken out two weeks later. This weather event has impacted most of the trail in the Waitaki District, with washouts, holes, slips, scouring and damage to bridges and cattle stops throughout. Scoping of repairs has commenced with contractors and immediate remedial repairs to get the trail rideable commenced. Additional repair and resilience work is being scoped and an application to MBIE to access their extreme weather event funding can be made. This has a cap of \$300,000 and repairs are likely to exceed this.

The business case to take the remaining sections off-road has been a high priority over the last three months. This has included a workshop held with the Joint Committee in June, working with the master trail builders to confirm routes and costs, and the compilation of the business case document. Martin Jenkins is currently working on completing the Cost Benefit Analysis work. A draft of the Business case will be completed, ready for discussion with the Joint Committee at the end of August.

The A2O reference group has now been established. This provides a forum for Tourism operators and landowners to have input into the strategic and operational matters of the A2O. The first meeting was held in June with another the second week of August.

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ROADING

Roading department are starting this year with engaging the Network Maintenance Contract and building the team for the next 5 years. Staff departures have left openings in the office staff with recruitment conditions challenging.

The Central Government directions and changes are challenging us to keep up with:

- Starting the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme funding and supporting documents
- Reshaping Street Regulatory changes, Changes to the Land Transport Rule making it easier for Local Authorities to change infrastructure to support active travel, public transport, and placemaking.
- Speed Limit setting and Management, interim plan and school speed limits preparation and implementation
- Transport Choice Package Expressions of Interest – New \$350Million work package to improve urban centres. This package enables funding to be released for Climate Change response, Safety, Infrastructure, Pedestrian Crossings, School travel, Speed Reduction and Mode change.

Regional Transport Committee are embracing the extra roles of Regional Speed Management, Freight efficiency, Road to Zero and public transport across the regions.

New works commencing include the new Drainage Improvement work programme with works in Lake Ōhau Village, Perth Street, and recently Oteratata township. Ardgowan Road walking and cycling project development is starting as staff resources permit.

Customer Response Management (CRM) is a focus that Roding and CLT are working towards improving as staff resource allows and is a change programme included in the new Maintenance Contract.

Asset Management and Strategic Programmes

Asset Management (AM) work is focused on work programmes for the 2022-23 budgets, preparing for the 2024-27 NLTP, and the supporting AM data collection and analysis to inform/support the proposed work programmes/budgets.

Kakanui Bridge replacement design requires funding approval from Waka Kotahi, even though it is an endorsed work programme. Funding approval for AM programme testing is also awaiting approval. Relationship management with Waka Kotahi is not a small measure of AM staff time for the future.

Strategic Planning for work programmes for the 2024-27 and 2027-2029 NLTP periods is required without having resources, staff and financial, to allocate.

Operations

In July, the first of what became four flooding events in three weeks occurred. This resulted in 6 bridges becoming affected from abutment washouts, in particular the bridge on Lake Ōhau Road: the sole vehicle access point to Ōhau Village and the lodge. Well-organised emergency work crews enabled the abutment to be reinstated within three working days. SouthRoads are currently attending to the Flood Response stage through Ahuriri, Waihemō, and Corriedale Wards.

The scale of the event is that 37 roads were closed for one or more days, 6 bridges that could not be crossed, more than 10km of unsealed roads require significant road pavement rebuilt. The repeat rainfall affected the road network three times in the same areas.

Emergency works are covered through the Global Consents that have been recently granted. There are multiple notification requirements of these consents that have been, and are, in progress. ECAN have been especially helpful during this first recovery stage.

The cost of the event recovery is estimated at greater than \$1.5 Million, and financial support from the National Transport Fund has been applied for.

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Haven Street – Moeraki

Haven Street Moeraki has been affected with a block land movement of significance. Following the initial road closure, a geotechnical engineering report has been requested with the initial confirmation that closing the road to all traffic was required. Semi- permanent road closure barriers and signs will be installed in advance of a full report to Council for future options.

Projects and Capital Delivery

We are pleased with the number of contractors who are actively tendering for road construction projects recently with tenders attracting bids from as many as five contractors. At the time of writing this report, ten contracts have been awarded since July with works underway on some contracts.

Contracts Awarded:

- Weston Ngapara Road Seal Widening- M3 Contracting, start date October 2022
- Seven Mile Road intersections and Seal Widening- M3 Contracting, start Date January 2023
- Intersection Bundle – Georgetown Ngapara, Island Cliff, Settlement Road intersections – M3 Contracting, start date 15 August
- Eden Street rehab - Downer NZ Ltd, start date 8 August
- Eden and Orwell Streets Rehab-Whitestone Contracting Ltd, start date 15 August
- Essex Street and Gardiners Road intersections – Whitestone Contracting Ltd, start date of 14 October
- Whiterocks, Fortification and Springhill Road intersections –Whitestone Contracting Ltd start date 9 January 2023
- Pavement Rehabilitations – Nore Street and Ribble Street Rehabilitations – South Roads- start Date 9 January 2023

Road Safety

The locally produced and recorded series of Multi-lingual road safety radio advertisements was nominated for a Radio Broadcasting Association (RBA) New Zealand Radio Award in the category of "Best Community Campaign".

Unfortunately, it did not win, but the ads are still receiving great coverage and more areas around New Zealand are playing them. Thanks, we again go to the Ōamaru Pacific Island Network who undertook much of the voice acting and Dan Lewis of Real 104FM who recorded and edited them to be available for any radio station in New Zealand to use.

Continuing the radio theme, thanks must also go to St Kevin's College and Waitaki Boys High School, who not only provided a very entertaining rugby game in wet conditions. But allowed the two captains time out to record a road safety message for fellow students.

The team from Road Safety Education was able to deliver a "RYDA" workshop for the year 12 students. All four high schools were invited but only two were able to attend the rearranged date because of COVID. At the time of writing, three of the four high schools have committed to attending next year's event in February 2023, with an opportunity available for those students who missed this year's event to attend next year's.

This important programme continues to receive very positive feedback from both students and teachers.

Congratulations must also go to Lena Dupu of St Kevin's College; Lena has just been selected as a National Leader for Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD).

Over the past few years, our district has been well represented, and it is great to see Lena continuing that great tradition and representing the district at a national level. Well done, Lena.

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WATER SERVICES

Asset Management, Policy and Strategic Programme

Backflow Prevention Inspection Programme

The backflow hazard inspection programme has been finalised and property owners have been informed as per our Communication and Engagement Plan. Our Compliance Officer will start visiting businesses this month to assess the level of backflow risk at each property. It will also be an opportunity for property and business owners to discuss any questions they have regarding their water services.

Compliance Reporting Tool

The project to develop a new compliance reporting tool that will ensure we can prove compliance with the new Drinking Water Standards and Rules is now underway. Information needed to build the tool has been provided by staff to our supplier and they expect to have it ready to trial in the next 8-12 weeks.

LTP enhanced investment programme

Preliminary work is underway progress key capital projects within the investment programme – including issues and options reports for the Stoneburn Water Supply Upgrade and Lower Waitaki Water Supply, and the Ōamaru Water Supply Capacity Study. Planning is also underway for further engagement with the Hampden community regarding the township's wastewater. Information on the outcomes of the work will be brought to Council at its progresses.

Operations

July Rainfall Event

July and early August saw significant rainfall across the district, with flooding in many areas. This resulted in multiple boil and conserve water notices being issued on the water network, along with overflowing stormwater drains, and flooded water and wastewater treatment plants.

Operations staff and contractors were called away from planned projects and maintenance work to respond to issues during and following the flood events. This has resulted in some delays in planned work.

Orwell Street Pump Station

The Orwell Street pump station was severely impacted by the sea during the weather events. The sea has eaten away parts of the access road. The operations team are working closely with Roding to put in rock protection along the sea edge. Operations are investigating protection works in conjunction with KiwiRail to try and retain the asset.

Projects and Capital Delivery

Wastewater Main Renewals and CCTV Inspection and Cleaning – Ōamaru and Palmerston
HydroTech has finished the CCTV inspection in Ōamaru and is now moving onto the proposed lines in Palmerston. The CCTV inspection footage will enable them to assess and generate a feasibility report to confirm which pipes can be re-lined. The relining part of the contract will start mid-September.

Ōamaru Water Main Renewals

SouthRoads installed a 200m section of water main on Stuart Street, replacing the old main that had recently become problematic, and have nearly completed the second stage of a new 550m water main on Till Street. On 8 August, SouthRoads commenced an upgrade of the existing water main

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on Maudes Road to provide a better level of service for residents and minimise disruptions to the water. This work will take approximately 2-3 months and will complete the 717 Contract.

Waihemo and Ahuriri Bulk Water Filling Stations

The bulk water filling unit in Gilligan Street, Palmerston, has been successfully installed. However, due to cold weather and rain, the chip seal work around the concrete pad has been delayed. Once this work is done and the contractor has completed fine tuning of the pressure sustaining valve to ensure the water network is not impacted, the unit will become operational.

Three Waters Reform Tranche One Funded Projects:

- **Palmerston Water Mains Renewal**
Delays due to COVID-19 and the recent rain events have impacted on completion of this project. The two new watermain along Tiverton/ SH1 have been completed and will be lived in soon.
- **Otematata Campground Water Supply Upgrades**
Work is nearing completion for the supply of potable water to four of Council's campgrounds in the Otematata area. Recent weather events pushed the completion date back by two weeks.
- **Weston Watermain Upgrades**
Specialised Services Group have completed the contract to upgrade the watermain on four Weston streets. These upgrades will provide a better level of service and firefighting capacity as part of Council's plan to provide Weston consumers with an on-demand water supply.
- **Palmerston Wastewater Dispersal Field Improvements**
Specialised Services Group completed these works on 1 July. A new pump shed has been built and located to the wastewater ponds with a new surrounding carpark. The building has all new pumps, pipework, and electrical controls. A field control cabinet has also been installed on the additional dispersal field.

Water Reform

The National Transition Unit (NTU) has commenced engagement with Three Waters staff whose roles may be affected by the transition so they can have their say and understand what the changes might mean for them as early as possible.

Local People and Workforce Leads have been appointed within the NTU for each Entity. Waitaki's Water Services staff were introduced to the Entity D Lead, Liz Smith, in August and given an opportunity to ask her questions or key issues or concerns to them.

Initial NTU engagement has focused on release of the Proposed Staff Transition Guidelines in July, with feedback sought on these until 22 August, and the introduction of a staff engagement portal 'The Staff Room'. Our staff have taken the opportunity to provide detailed feedback on the proposed guidelines.

6.2 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE AHURIRI WARD FOR JUNE AND JULY 2022

Author: Stephanie White, Executive Assistant to GM Heritage, Environment and Regulatory

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 June and July 2022.

JUNE 2022

Project Address	Project Description	Cost (\$)
Avoca Lane, Ōhau	Foundations and services for 3 bedroom 2 bathroom transportable dwelling	700,000
Buller Crescent, Otematata	New woodburner	5,000
Airport Road, Ōmārama	New 3 bedroom 2 bathroom dwelling with internal lift, double garage and 4 bay shed	936,206
Prohibition Road, Ōmārama	Toilet and shower area connected to new septic system and diesel heater installed in shed	25,000
West Road, Otematata	New Veranda over existing deck	15,000
Doctors Creek Road, Otekaieke	New woodburner	5,000
Lake Ōhau Road, Ōhau	New 3 bay pole shed	40,000
Duntroon-Georgetown Road, Duntroon	New woodburner	4,000
Lake View Place, Ōmārama	New 2 bay pole shed	60,000

Area Sub-totals	Cost \$
Duntroon	4,000
Ōhau	740,000
Ōmārama	1,021,206
Otematata	20,000
Otekaieke	5,000

JULY 2022

Project Address	Project Description	Cost (\$)
Dobson Lane, Ōhau	Construct 3 bedroom dwelling	400,000
Bowen Street, Kurow	New woodburner	5,000
Rees Street, Duntroon	New woodburner	5,000
Duntroon-Georgetown Road, Duntroon	Convert bedroom into ensuite and walk-in wardrobe, replace shower and hot water cylinder, extend kitchen with concrete floor	100,000
Ōhau Drive, Ōhau	Foundations, steps, and connections to services for new 3 bedroom dwelling	90,000
Doveys Road, Kokamo	New woodburner	5,000
Ōmārama Avenue, Ōmārama	Addition of internal sliding door, removal of external step	8,000
Coronet Place, Otematata	New 3 bedroom 2 bathroom dwelling	550,000

Area Sub-totals	Cost \$
Duntroon	105,000
Kokamo	5,000
Kurow	5,000
Ōhau	490,000
Ōmārama	8,000
Otematata	550,000

6.3 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Author: Vicky Munro, Ahuriri Community Board Chairperson

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.

Meetings, workshops, and community events attended by the Board Chair

2022

4 July	District Plan Drop in Kurow
6 July	District Plan Drop in Duntroon
13 July	zoom Covid Community Care Welfare Meeting
18 July	District Plan Drop in Omarama (much rain, major flooding Omarama & Otematata.
19 July	Roads closed, major flood damage to roading and property in Otematata, Omarama, Ohau township bridge access and Kurow usual racecourse area.
20 July	postponed District Plan Drop in Otematata.
21 July	Assisted Otematata Resident property with flood clean up
23 July	Met Otematata Golf Club volunteers, major damage to the course and viewed the pressure on the culverts and water race. Unfortunately after the clean up further flood damage occurred.
8 August	District Plan Drop in Otematata
17 August	Attended Otematata Residents fire safety workshop.
24 August	Community Grants Meeting

In conclusion, this will be my last meeting as a Community Board Member.

Really enjoyed mixing with the people of the Ahuriri Ward. This last term has been a serious challenge for our Community, Fires, Floods and the loss of Ross McRobie our Councillor to Cancer, lots of Love to Petrea and family.

To the Board Members who have resigned or are moving onto new ventures, sincere good luck, and can't thank you enough for your help in the last 3 years.

Congratulations Brent Cowles, Steve Dalley and Cal Reid another challenging term to look forward to, best of luck. On a low note it's sad to not see a full Board line up, as Chair of the Board the inclusion of a representative from Ohau, Omarama and Duntroon is vital, only you know the grass roots of your town needs. As Chair I relied very much on the town residents to keep me informed on major town issues, some amazing community residents out there, would be so helpful to have on our Board.

Finally I can't say enough praise about Councillors, Council Officers and their Staff, Budgets, compliance etc etc often restricted projects but "All of the above" and locals moved mountains to get the job done, often quietly and without the drama of Facebook!

I myself feel it's time to move on, planning a large renovation to my home of 47 years "A sense of Space"

Genuine sincere regards to you all, be safe be happy and make this Ward a great place to live.

6.4 COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS' AND 'BUDDY' COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Authors: Ahuriri Community Board Members and 'Buddy' Councillors

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a framework for reports to the meeting from the Ahuriri Community Board Members and Ahuriri Ward "Buddy" Councillor/s.

BOARD MEMBER BRENT COWLES

It has been a busy period with lots of challenges regarding weather events and district plans.

4 July District Plan Drop in Kurow
18-19 July assisting with flood response and CDEM
27 July Assist with flooding.
9 August Debrief meeting regarding flood response.
12 August Councillor-elect Ahuriri Ward
17 August Meeting with Mayor Kircher and Alex Parmley regarding outline of induction plan.

I am looking forward to my new role as Councillor and would like to thank those who I have worked with on the community board in this past term who have stood down. In particular the 9 years of service Vicky has provided to the board. Her contribution has been valued.

Question from Board Member Brent Cowles forwarded to officers for a response:

Hi team,

Just a thought but should we be requesting a report from roading on an update of where we are at with flood repairs and any plans that have been made to remedy some of the issues discovered during the events. It would be great to know where things are at as it's a constant question I am getting from constituents. A roadmap of planned works would be great.

Officer Response (originally sent to Cr Bill Kingan and Board Chair on 25 August; repeated here for all members of the Board and the wider community, with the permission of Mr Harrison and in agreement with Mr Cowles):

"Message from Roading Manager Mike Harrison

Hello Bill and Vicky

I thought I would provide you with the most recent progress at Otematata Stormwater response project:

Dobson St should soon be good to go as new pipelines have been installed, taking the stormwater assets off of House 17. The new pipeline isn't yet connected to the existing pipeline, that would then discharge the water through the River Tce outlet.

We have located the Outlet on River Tce which has been jetted and the 2 Manholes on River Tce will soon get reinstated.

It is anticipated that this will address the current issues, and the Roding Dept activity will cease as 3Waters returns to the stormwater asset management and operations at Otematata

The issue at the Omarama end of Otematata are not something that falls to me, and while I continue to talk with the State Highway team, I have not received anything more recently. The last I was told they were looking at the culvert under the highway and had committed to increasing this size. They were also investigating in the hills above Otematata to see if anything had changed in the landscape that contributed to the quantity of stormwater that came from new, or historically low flow catchments."

BOARD MEMBER STEVE DALLEY

16/07/2022 CLDP Monthly meeting

18/07/2022 Omarama draft plan drop-in session, well attended by the community

03/08/2022 CLDP meeting

04/08/2022 Meeting with Baxter Designs and Sequent Project management Otematata Park

06/08/2022 ORAI monthly meeting

29/08/2022 Erik van der Spek New staff member introduction Otematata community centre

I have enjoyed my first triennium as a board member and are looking forward to working with Callum going forward.

Congratulations to Brent as our new councillor for the Ahuriri Ward, a big thank you to Colin Wollstein and Bill Kingan for being willing buddy support to our board after Ross McRobie passed late last year. Thank you to our two retiring board members Vicky Munro and Ross Menzies for your contribution to our ward and communities.

BOARD MEMBER CALUM REID

1. Meet with Meridian representatives to look at the repairs to the Kurow Boot Ramp.
2. Meet with Rugby, Squash and Jockey representatives re the damage caused from the Flood waters washing away the access road and bridge leading to the Club rooms.
3. Attended 3 Irrigation meetings as a Shareholder and to get a feel for the community vibe on how this will affect Kurow.
4. With Flues affecting everyone we have been unable to have Society Meetings. They have all been carried out via email, with accounts being passed from reports. With summer approaching we hope this will allow normal meetings to resume.
5. I have been traveling and taking notes on roading conditions, which I will present when the new Board is formed.
6. Attended a Council planning day in Kurow. Two ratepayers came in to ask questions.

Question from Board Member Cal Reid referred to officers for a response:

The catchment from Diggers Gully and Awakino come down to water ways with a common outlet at the Race course. Where they either go under or over the roads, can be a choke point if not kept clear. This leads to Flooding onto Mance Rd, and Settlement road.

Once it enters the Race Course it then travels down through a canal to Freyberg Road. At the top of Freyberg Ave, this can become over grown and restricts the flow. With large flows this then comes along the back of the Houses east of the canal, and onto McIlraths property and per design.

The water then enters at the eastern end of Reid's and Paterson's properties, and as long as the canal traveling east is clear of weed etc, the Flood water travels along and out the river through Waterston's and eventually the Hills to the River.

If the flow is restricted or too great, it travels west along Reid's property and out through the middle culvert. Once the Middle Culvert or the east bound canal is full, the water can head south east over Pattersons Paddocks and flood the two houses east of the Canal.

Just to really complicate things, the Irrigation Race, which used to take most of the water at the top side of the Race Course is now gone (Filled in) so all flood water now travels down through the 3 canals.

Hence a yearly maintenance plan is required more than ever before.

Officer response:

The work outlined in the attachment 'Ecan Meeting' in the attached email (Request for officer comment/report – re Kurow waterways – email 1 of 2) was completed by our Roading department in April of 2021. As part of its roading maintenance contract, SouthRoads have also undertaken vegetation spraying in the drainage channels in the channel that runs parallel to Freyburg Avenue to ensure the channels were kept clear. Removal of further vegetation (grass lining) from that channel would cause undermining of the channel walls and subsequent erosion may lead to damage of the drainage channels.

With respect to the comments/queries in the email:

The drains that lead into the common outlet at the race course were checked in July after the initial rain event. Manse Road was clear and Settlement Road had some branches in the drainage channel which have been cleared. The Settlement Road structure is a flowover structure – that is, water comes over the road at that location rather than remaining under it.

According to the Land Drainage Act 1908 (Section 62), Council may order the owners or occupiers of land adjacent to drainage channels to make those drainage channels clear of obstructions – including earth, stone, timber and vegetation of all kinds. Only where those landowners fail to undertake those clearing works can Council access the properties and undertake the clearing of obstructions on behalf of those premises at their cost (or at the cost of the community as approved by the ACB). That is to say, where drainage channels traverse private land, it is not the responsibility of Council to clear those channels, it is the responsibility of those landowners to ensure drainage channels are clear.

Contractors are undertaking annual inspections of the drainage channels on public lands and will attend to any choke points as they may arise in accordance with the instructions from the Ahuriri Community Board in 2019. If an issue becomes known, please lodge a customer request with Council by phoning 03 433 0300.

BOARD MEMBER ROSS MENZIES

The time has come to say farewell.

Thank you to the residents of the Ahuriri Ward for allowing me to represent and articulate your views to the WDC, also thanks to the WDC for allow me/us to articulate your views to the Ward Residents. I have enjoyed working with the Councillors and with most of the staff, a good bunch of people.

There is a major problem with the Local Bodies Act 2002 in that when it comes to the duties of the Community Board, the only duty for the Board is to articulate to and from the WDC. One of the hardest jobs we have is to convince everyone, including the WDC, that the Community Board is not part of the WDC, we are a separate identity and as such we are not responsible to the WDC or for what the WDC does or doesn't do.

Further to the above duties the Community Board has been allocated some \$10,000 per year for distribution to the residents of the Ward however we have been blocked by a council staff member at every turn in distributing this money and the total now holds at just under \$50,000. Ratepayers Money, rated for the purpose. That is five years of un-distributed funds. And still no agreement on how to distribute it.

The residents have come to believe that what we on the Board are all about is to spy on the residents (I was told that in those words) on behalf of the WDC and that's it. They have lost faith in the Board. Which is understandable when the public has been turned away from Public Forums again and again.

The hundreds of little extra curricular tasks that we do like draw the works dept's attention to some fault that may have just appeared and that gets fixed straight away. Or a problem to do with the SH8 that gets sent on to the LTNZ and resolved, after a while or maybe a long while. Or maybe spend hours on a problem of what to do with Flood water that has been sucked into a vacuum truck and now has no where to go. And no thanks at all for the hours spent on insuring the village water race continues to run through the residents houses to insure water availability for the vegi garden when 3waters start making new rules. On a number of occasions residents have asked me to assist them with a problem by articulating on their behalf to an outside department or company or NGO which I have done and at the very least have been able to take some heat from the disagreement. Each time I have signed myself as a Board member of the ACB and I have a number of thank you emails.

The thanks for this work and all the other work we do is, at all times subject to the risk of social media comments, and that stuff can sometimes hurt.

I am happy with the three years of serving this community faithfully as a member of the Ahuriri Community Board, my time has come to say farewell to the community and we wish everyone well for the future.

Ross Menzies

‘BUDDY’ COUNCILLOR BILL KINGAN

Meetings and Workshops attended since last Board Meeting

12 July - Development Contribution Meeting
13 July - Covid Community Care Welfare Meeting - Zoom
25 July - Events Centre Meeting - Zoom
26 July - PAR Committee Meeting, 3 Waters Workshop, Airport Strategic Plan Workshop, Councillor Briefing
28 July - Assets Manager Meeting - Teams, Events Centre Meeting - Zoom
1 August - Events Centre Meeting - Zoom
4 August - WDC / Whitestone Contracting Shareholder Meeting
9 August - Council Meeting, Councillor Briefing, Coastal Erosion Workshop and Inspection, Junction Hotel site visit
16 August - Site visit, District Road, Executive Committee Meeting, EM and ELT Strategy Meeting
24 August - Council Meeting, PAR Meeting, CE's Performance Review
25 August - Asset Managers Meeting
30 August - Council Activity Update, Economic Development Strategy Workshop, Better Off Funding Workshop, Councillor Briefing
31 August - Covid Community Care Welfare Meeting - Zoom, Property Strategy Drop-in Session
6 September- Council Meeting, Presentation by LGNZ Libraries Advisor, Executive Committee Meeting, Councillor Briefing
7 September - Creative Communities Scheme Meeting

This is my last Report to the Board. I have enjoyed, along with Cr Wollstein, being your “Buddy” Councillor but I do wish Ross McRobie was still here.

This last period has been a testing time, weather wise, not only in the Ahuriri Ward but right across the district. This places our officers and contractors in a difficult position sorting the repair priorities. We have to support them.

Well done Brent Cowles standing for Council. Getting elected is the easy bit though!

It is really disappointing a by-election has to take place again for the Board. I am sure as part of Council's Transformation Programme the role of Community Boards will be looked at. Starting the conversation soon is important so that the best outcomes for the whole district are realised.

Bill Kingan

'BUDDY' COUNCILLOR COLIN WOLLSTEIN

I have pleasure in providing my Final Report, for presentation at the 12 September Meeting. This will be my last Meeting as a Buddy Councillor for the Ahuriri Ward, a role that I have enjoyed since the sad passing of Councillor Ross McRobie.

In the recent period, the main duty I fulfilled was to attend the Draft District Plan public information days in both Omarama and Kurow. My role there was to discuss matters other than the District Plan with attendees, and I had some good discussions with ratepayers on a number of topics. One popular topic was the state of some roads following the snow events, and I raised these concerns with the Roading Manager. I also explained to the members of the public the lack of funding received from Waka Kotahi for roading, and the lack of contractor resources, that meant that Council was not able to respond as quickly and fully as some people were expecting.

I wish to bring the Council Grants to the attention of the Board. Vicky, Bill and I recently sat on the Committee considering applications for Grants from the Community Group Grants Fund. This fund, and the Creative Communities Fund, provide grants to groups that apply and meet the criteria. But, there have been few if any applications received from groups in the Ahuriri Ward, and I would like the Board to raise awareness of the grants available to encourage applications from the groups in the area.

Bill has been active in working with Petrea McRobie, and others, to have a seat installed as a tribute to Ross McRobie. Councillors have contributed funds to provide for this seat, and I express my hope that this will be installed before the end of this term.

Finally I express my thanks to the Board members for the good work you complete on behalf of your community, and for allowing me to be a small part of the Board. I wish Steve and Cal all the best for the next term on the Board, and trust that Brent will enjoy being the Councillor to represent the ward.

Colin Wollstein

6.5 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 a link to the final agenda papers for the Council Meetings that contained reports by the Mayor and/or Chief Executive since the last Community Board meeting, for the information of Community Board members and their communities.

Change to timing of Council Meetings

Waitaki District Council is now meeting every fortnight, from 9 August 2022 through to the last day before the Local Elections on 8 October 2022, as part of a trial of new governance processes.

The Mayor and Chief Executive are providing reports to alternate Council Meetings.

Links to Previous Council Meeting Agenda Papers

(a) FINAL Agenda Papers PUBLIC for the 9 August 2022 Council Meeting

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/files/agendas-and-minutes/2022/08/20220809-council-meeting-9-august-2022-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

- The Mayor's report is Agenda Item 5.1 commencing on page 31.

(b) FINAL Agenda Papers PUBLIC for the 23 August 2022 Council Meeting

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/files/agendas-and-minutes/2022/08/20220823-council-meeting-23-august-2022-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

- The Chief Executive's Report is at Agenda Item 5.1 commencing on page 14.
- The Adoption of the Chief Executive's Key Performance Indicators for FY 2022-2023 is at Agenda Item 6.1 commencing on page 23.

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