



Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Tuatapere Community Board will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday, 5 June 2018  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Venue:** Waiau Town and Country Club  
41 King Street  
Tuatapere

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## **Tuatapere Community Board Agenda OPEN**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Margaret Thomas
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Anne Horrell
<b>Members</b>	Stephen Crack
	Blayne De Vries
	Maurice Green
	Jo Sanford
	Councillor George Harpur

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

<b>Committee Advisor</b>	Alyson Hamilton
<b>Community Partnership Leader</b>	Simon Moran

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## **Terms of Reference – Community Boards**

Community Boards are bodies established by statute. Their responsibilities and powers are as delegated by the Southland District Council which are to:

- Represent and act as an advocate for the interest of its community.
- Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Southland District Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board.
- Maintain an overview of services provided by the Southland District Council within the community.
- Consider annual estimates for expenditure within the community and recommend these to Council.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.
- Undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the Southland District Council.

In addition to these activities, Community Boards will consider how best to provide for their communities, and the people who live there, into the future.

Community Board members will provide leadership by:

- Positively representing their community and the Southland District
- Identifying key issues that will affect their community's future and work with Council staff and other local representatives to facilitate multi-agency collaborative opportunities.
- Promote a shared vision for the wider community of interest area and develop ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes
- Community Boards will adopt a strategic focus that will enable members to:
- Provide local representation and guidance on wider community issues, initiatives and projects.
- Contribute to the development and promotion of community cohesion, by developing and supporting relationships across a range of stakeholders at a local, regional and national level.
- Take part in local community forums, meetings and workshops.
- Inform local residents and ratepayers on issues that affect them.

Community Boards shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers

### **Engagement and representation by:**

- Facilitating the Council's consultation with local residents and community groups on local issues and local aspects of district wide issues including input into the Long-term Plan, Annual Plan, and policies that impact on the Board's area.
- Engaging with council officers on local issues and levels of service, including infrastructural, recreational, community services and parks, reserves and cemetery matters.
- Representing the interests of the community at Council, Committee or Subcommittee meetings when a motion under debate relates to a matter that the Board considers to be of particular interest to the residents within its community.
- Monitoring and keeping the Council informed of community aspirations and the level of satisfaction with services provided.

### **Financial by:**

- Approving expenditure within the limits of annual estimates.
- Approving unbudgeted expenditure for locally funded activities up to the value of \$10,000.

### **Rentals and leases**

- In relation to all leases of land and buildings within their own area, on behalf of Council;
    - Accepting the highest tenders for rentals of \$10,000; or less per annum.
    - Approving the preferential allocation of leases where the rental is \$10,000 or less per annum.
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**Local assets and facilities by**

- Overseeing the management of local halls and community centres which are owned by Council and where no management committee exists. This will occur by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.
- Appoint a local liaison person responsible for community housing.

Some Community Boards have specific delegations in addition to the broad delegations above:

**Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board**

- Contributing to the development of policy relating to the governance of the Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority (SIESA).
- Overseeing the management of SIESA by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.

**Te Anau Community Board**

- Overseeing the management of the Te Anau/Manapouri Airport by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.

The Community Boards can make recommendations to Council on:

**Assets and Facilities**

- Annually providing feedback on any asset management plans or community services strategies applicable to the community for which the Community Board is responsible.

**Rentals and leases**

- In relation to all leases of land and buildings within their own area, on behalf of Council;
  - Recommending rentals in excess of \$10,000 per annum to the Group Manager Services and Assets
  - Recommending the preferential allocation of leases where the rental is in excess of \$10,000 per annum to the Group Manager Services and Assets.

**Contracts/Tenders**

- Recommending tenders less than \$200,000 to the Group Manager Services and Assets.
- Recommending tenders in excess of \$200,000 to the Services and Assets Committee.
- Recommending tenders to the Services and Assets Committee where preference is not for acceptance of the highest tenderer,

**Financial**

- Recommending annual estimates to Council.
- Recommending unbudgeted expenditure in excess of \$10,000 to the Services and Assets Committee.

**Local Policy**

- Considering matters referred to it by officers, the Council, its committees or subcommittees, including reports and policy and bylaw proposals relating to the provision of council services within the Board's area; and
- Making submissions or recommendations in response to those matters as appropriate.

The Chairperson of each Community Board is delegated with the following additional responsibilities:

- Approval of leases, rental agreements and the rollover of existing contracts under \$1,000;
- Engaging with Community Board members to make submissions to the Council on behalf of the Community Board where a submission period is outside of the Community Board meeting cycle. Where a Chairperson is unable to base a submission on a consensus among Community Board members, a Community Board meeting must be held.

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**UPDATES**

**8.1 Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson, Member Thomas, to report on matters with which she has been involved with since the Board's last meeting.

**8.2 Councillors Report**

Councillor Harpur to report on matters from the Council table.



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**1 Apologies**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

**2 Leave of absence**

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

**3 Conflict of Interest**

Committee Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

**4 Public Forum**

Notification to speak is required by 5pm at least two days before the meeting. Further information is available on [www.southlanddc.govt.nz](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz) or phoning 0800 732 732.

**5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items**

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the committee to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) the reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) the reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
  - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
  - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."

**6 Confirmation of Minutes**

6.1 Meeting minutes of Tuatapere Community Board, 10 April 2018



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## Tuatapere Community Board

### OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Tuatapere Community Board held in the Waiau Hotel, 47 Main Street, Tuatapere on Tuesday, 10 April 2018 at 5pm.

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#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Margaret Thomas	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Anne Horrell	
<b>Members</b>	Stephen Crack	
	Blayne De Vries	
	Maurice Green	
	Jo Sanford	arrived 5.09pm

#### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Committee Advisor</b>	Mayor Gary Tong
<b>Community Partnership Leader</b>	Alyson Hamilton
	Simon Moran



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**1 Apologies**

An apology was received from Councillor Harpur and apology for lateness from Member Sanford.

**Resolution**

Moved Member Crack, seconded Member De Vries and **resolved:**

**That the Tuatapere Community Board accept the apologies.**

**2 Leave of absence**

There were no requests for leave of absence.

**3 Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4 Public Forum**

Jill Leith and Penny Beckley

Mrs Leith and Mrs Beckley addressed the meeting advising that they own land near the Clifden Historic Bridge Reserve and intend in the near future to build on this land.

Mrs Leith and Mrs Beckley advised that they oppose the freedom camping designation of this area as a self-contained/ non-self-contained camping area.

Mrs Leith explained the area is being abused by freedom campers who are using the nearby bush areas as a toilet, and not using the toilet provided.

Mrs Leith informed she would like to see the freedom camping designation removed from this site so that visitors/tourists visiting the historical bridge are not deterred with freedom campers being parked there with washing hanging out etc.

Mrs Leith added that she is not opposed to the proposed upgrade to the toilets at this site.

Graeme Egerton - Mr Egerton addressed the meeting in relation to self-contained camper vans and whether people actually use the on-board toilets.

Val McKay - addressed the meeting in relation to Freedom Camping at the Clifden Historical Bridge Reserve supporting Jill Leith and Penny Beckley stance on this matter.

Murray Dowling addressed the meeting in relation to Freedom Camping at the Clifden Historical Bridge Reserve. Mr Dowling expressed his concerns to the meeting on the matter.

Marg McCulloch - addressed the meeting in relation to Freedom Camping at the Clifden Historical Bridge Reserve supporting Jill Leith and Penny Beckley stance on the matter.

Mayor Tong advised of his attendance at a meeting with the Tourism Minister, 30 Mayors and Central Government officials to discuss Freedom Camping issues around New Zealand.

Mayor Tong advised the discussions were wide ranging and highlighted the diversity of views that exist in relation to freedom camping and how it is best managed. Mayor Tong added the challenges facing different local authorities vary around the country.

Mayor Tong explained of the establishment of a working group to assess the situation nationally. The group will include representation from local government, the Department of Conservation, Land Information New Zealand and commercial operators.

The Chair, Members Thomas expressed appreciation to the Mrs Leith and Mrs Beckley advising that the Board will consider their concerns in the formal part of the meeting.

Angus McKay and Delia Riley

Mr Angus McKay introduced himself to the meeting advising of his role as Manager at Emergence Management Southland and introduced Ms Delia Riley advising of her position as Team Leader for Emergency Management Southland (EMS).

Mr McKay updated the Board on current activities being undertaken by EMS advising introductory community meetings are planned to be undertaken around Southland District in the near future. Mr McKay added a second round of meetings is to follow for local information gathering purposes.

Mr McKay advised the first of the introductory community meetings is scheduled for 10 April 2018 at the Tuatapere Returned Services Association rooms at 7pm.

The Chair, Member Thomas expressed appreciation to Angus McKay and Delia Riley for their attendance at the meeting and presentation to the Board.

## **5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items**

Moved Chairperson Thomas, seconded Deputy Chairperson Horrell and **resolved:**

**That the Tuatapere Community Board consider the following item as a matter of urgent business in order that a decision can be made before the next ordinary meeting, subject to Section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

**Item 1: Nomination for Southland District Council Community Services Award (Public Excluded Item).**

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### Resolution

Moved Member Green, seconded Deputy Chairperson Horrell **and resolved:**

**That the Tuatapere Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2018 as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

## Reports

### 7.1 Council Report

#### Record No: R/18/3/6919

Simon Moran (Community Partnership Leader) presented the report.

Mr Moran advised the purpose of the report is to provide an overview of key issues across the Southland District, as well as high level local issues from various Council units.

Mr Moran informed the report highlighted various issues of interest including;

- Freedom Camping
- Climate Change
- Civil Defence Review
- Southland Regional Development Agency
- Welcome Ambassador Project Update
- Community Organisation and Volunteer Sector Shared Services Pilot
- Tourism Infrastructure Fund Application
- Representation Review
- Environmental Health - two new camping rangers
- Libraries - Kotui Platform system commences 3 May 2018
- Community Facilities and Housing Review
- Tuatapere

Mr Moran advised the issue of businesses dumping commercial waste at the transfer station is being attended to by the Water and Waste Department.

### Resolution

Moved Member Sanford, seconded Member Crack **and resolved:**

**That the Tuatapere Community Board:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Council Report" dated 28 March 2018.**

## Updates

### 8.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson, Member Thomas, reported on matters with which she has been involved with since the Board's last meeting. These included:

- Tuatapere whiteware collection day scheduled for Saturday, 14 April 2018
- Venture Southland update
- Invercargill Museum and Information Site closure

At this point the Board considered the issues raised by members of the community during the Public Forum section of the meeting with regards to the area at the Clifden Historical Bridge Reserve that is designated as a Freedom Camping site for self-contained/ non-self-contained vehicles.

The Board noted that the presenters wished the freedom camping status at this site be removed.

Following discussion the Members suggested that staff provide a report to the Board outlining the processes and options involved in undertaking a review of the current Freedom Camping Bylaw for the Clifden Historical Bridge Reserve.

Moved Deputy Chairperson Horrell, seconded Member Sanford **and resolved:**

**That the Tuatapere Community Board:**

- a) Request staff provide a report to the Tuatapere Community Board outlining the processes and options involved in undertaking a review of the current Freedom Camping Bylaw for the Clifden Historical Bridge Reserve.**

## **8.2 Councillor's Report**

Mayor Tong reported on activities from the District Council table. These included:

- Ouvea Premix
- Milford Opportunities
- MBIE Stewart Island Community Plan Update
- Viaduct restoration project

## **C10.0 Public Excluded**

**Exclusion of the Public: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

## Resolution

Moved Member Crack, seconded Member Green **and resolved:**

**That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.**

### **C10.1 Nomination for SDC Community Service Award – (Public Excluded Item)**

**The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:**

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Community Service Award	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

That the Community Partnership Leader and Committee Advisor be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the item **C10.1 Nomination for SDC Community Service Award**. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because of their knowledge on the issues discussed and meeting procedure.

The public were excluded at 6.50pm.

## **RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to Open Meeting at this point.

The meeting concluded at 7.04pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A  
MEETING OF THE TUATAPERE COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018.

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....



# Submission from the Tuatapere Community Board to the Southland District Council Initial Proposal for the Representation Review

**Record No:** R/18/5/11049  
**Author:** Alyson Hamilton, Committee Advisor  
**Approved by:** Rex Capil, Group Manager Community and Futures

☒ Decision ☐ Recommendation ☐ Information

## Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of the report is to enable the Tuatapere Community Board to consider their submission to the Southland District Council Initial Proposal for the Representation Review.

## Recommendation

**That the Tuatapere Community Board:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Submission from the Tuatapere Community Board to the Southland District Council Initial Proposal for the Representation Review" dated 28 May 2018.**
- b) **Endorses the submission of the Tuatapere Community Board to the Southland District Council initial proposal for the Representation Review.**

## Attachments

- A Tuatapere Community Board - Submission - Representation Review Initial Proposal [📎](#)

SUBMISSION FROM TUATAPERE COMMUNITY BOARD:

In Response to Southland District Council 2018 Representation Review-Initial Proposal

This submission, in response to the Southland District Council 2018 Representation Review Initial Proposal, is from the Tuatapere Community Board.

An informal meeting of the Tuatapere Community Board was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 4pm at the Waiau Town and Country Club, Tuatapere. Apart from the Tuatapere Community Board members, those in attendance included members of the Orepuki CDA.

Discussion took place amongst Tuatapere Community Board members.

Each Community Board member spoke in response to the SDC Representation Review document and a summary of those points follows. The Orepuki CDA members present at the meeting were also invited to contribute their opinions and ideas. It was helpful to seek advice from the CDA members as to where the new boundary could be. As Tuatapere is the primary community of interest board members spoke, specifically, about the proposed changes to the present Tuatapere and Riverton Community Board representation, as outlined in the Review document.

The Tuatapere Community Board wish to declare, unanimously, their opposition to the formation of a new (combined) community board, which proposes to include the present Tuatapere and Riverton community boards, as well as the previous CDAs of Orepuki, Colac Bay and Thornbury. The Tuatapere Community Board would like both the Tuatapere and Riverton community boards to remain autonomous with a variation in boundaries, so that the past CDA communities can be absorbed. A boundary suggested is at the current Orepuki/Colac Bay Hall rating boundary (Wakapatu Round Hill Road). This is simply a proposed idea of a boundary which would require further discussion, to ensure satisfaction from all parties involved. It is suggested that Colac Bay and Thornbury be represented by the Riverton Community Board and Orepuki represented by the Tuatapere Community Board.

The unanimous opposition to the proposal is supported by the following points raised by Community Board members:

1. With the proposed Taramea Te WaeWae Community Board the people of Tuatapere have a real possibility of having little or no representation following the 2019 Local Body elections. With there being some 3,300 people in the Riverton area and a mere 1,500 in the Tuatapere area we stand only a slim chance of any future representation and a local voice. It is obvious that a larger population base has a greater chance of success in an election.
2. Large amenities and facilities will be deprived of attention if there is little or no local representation. It will be impossible for a Community Board of the proposed Taramea Te WaeWae Board size to understand the complexities of history, community association and the significance of the present facilities throughout the vast geographic area.
3. The greater communities of Tuatapere and Riverton are quite dissimilar. Although both service a rural area the history, nature of industry and composition of people are quite different. It would be a huge, almost impossible, challenge for one community board to



adequately satisfy the needs of the diverse communities within the proposed boundary. Determining priorities of need could cause conflict and dissention. Although the proposers of the new boundaries may envisage a unified "Let's all work together" attitude, unfortunately the reality is that some will feel disadvantaged and unrepresented. It would be understandable that many people in Riverton would see Invercargill being more of a community of interest to them than Tuatapere.

4. Another concern is the supposition that 6 community board members are expected to understand all the infrastructure needs etc of the whole community board area. This will be an unreasonable expectation of time and travel commitment, not to mention time liaising with members of communities within the community board boundaries to ensure necessary attention to priorities is taking place. Already community boards are stretched to meet all the needs of their communities. Both Tuatapere and Riverton have an area of coastline, town localities and isolated areas like Port Craig, Monowai and Cozy Nook, all of which deserve attention.
5. The concern is that, yet another aspect of our identity has danger of eroding. Tuatapere is typical of a small town hugely affected by the recession of the 1980s. Already we have lost important services eg the Bank, a Post Office, a Pharmacy, Maternity Home, Forestry Headquarters. Tuatapere people have had to fight to retain a medical service. Tuatapere and the surrounding districts have always had a reputation for being innovative and self-sufficient. Our forefathers were committed to building a solid foundation for the local and surrounding folk to enjoy. That pioneer spirit has remained. The formation of the Lake Hauroko road, the building of halls, the establishment of the Hump Ridge Track, the formation of trusts and committees to protect and enhance our assets and the formation of clubs and organisations catering for our citizens' interests and enjoyment have all been achieved largely through volunteer effort. We owe it to our forefathers, our present population and future generations to continue to be active in meeting the needs of our people. Unfortunately, the suggestion that a Taramea Te WaeWae Board arrangement would be successful in retaining the unique identity of Tuatapere (and the other communities within the geographic area) holds no conviction for us.
6. The issues that Community Boards need to address are increasing, rather than decreasing. The existence of the Southern Scenic Route and the increasing number of tourists impacts greatly on public facilities, the condition of roads and the infrastructure. Another huge issue which has gained momentum is the erosion of our coastal areas. We have already had problems on the Colac Bay foreshore, Bluecliffs Beach Road and the Monkey Island cliffs, just to mention a few. This issue will not go away.

In conclusion, the Tuatapere Community Board would like the Representation Review panel to reconsider the proposed changes to the current Tuatapere and Riverton Board areas. It is clear that the Review document focusses more on boundaries, rather than the tasks required to successfully put 'people first'.

We, the Tuatapere Community Board, would like to speak to this submission.



## **Council Report**

**Record No:** R/18/5/11572  
**Author:** Simon Moran, Community Partnership Leader  
**Approved by:** Rex Capil, Group Manager Community and Futures

☐ Decision ☐ Recommendation ☒ Information

### **Chief Executive**

#### **Water Issues**

1. During the month the Minister of Local Government announced the establishment of a 3 waters review, which follows on from the work that they have completed to date in considering the recommendations from the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry that was released in late 2017. A copy of the cabinet paper and other reports relating to the review are available on the DIA website [www.dia.govt.nz/three-waters-review](http://www.dia.govt.nz/three-waters-review)
2. The work completed by the Government to date has concluded:
  - That the operating environment is becoming more complex because of rising standards and expectations, risk and resilience issues, and the funding pressures to renew and extend infrastructure;
  - There are risks to human health and the environment in some parts of New Zealand;
  - There is evidence of affordability, capacity, and capability concerns in some areas of New Zealand;
  - There is inadequate system oversight and connection between different parts of the overall system;
  - There are variable asset management practices throughout the country which have efficiency and effectiveness consequences;
  - Existing reporting obligations do not provide consumers and other stakeholders with accurate, meaningful, and easily assimilated information. This position fails to incentivise performance improvement.
3. The perceived consequences of these concerns are:
  - A risk of further Havelock North type of events;
  - Housing infrastructure supply being unable to meet demand in high-growth areas;
  - A failure to meet national and local environmental outcomes for freshwater and the marine environments;
  - A constrained ability to plan and fund robust systems to meet the hazard landscape;
  - Limitations on developing regions particularly where business establishment or expansion is dependent on the existence of reliable water infrastructure.

4. The review is to be completed and decisions made by Cabinet in October 2018 so that any financial implications of the decisions made can be included in the 2019 Budget. Hence, the work is to be progressed within a very tight timeframe particularly given the wide scope and complexity of the work to be completed before then.
5. As part of the review the Department of Internal Affairs will be establishing the following four work streams:
  - i. Effective oversight, regulatory settings, and institutional arrangements relating to three waters;
  - ii. Funding and financing mechanisms, including analysis of a range of options for funding the three waters infrastructure system;
  - iii. Capacity and capability of decision makers and suppliers (including consideration of the Government Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry's recommendations for the aggregation and licensing of drinking water suppliers);
  - iv. Information for transparency, accountability and decision making.
6. Each of the four work streams will identify the range of options available to address the issues which have been identified to date. It is expected that this will include a move to establish an independent regulatory agency. The implications, including potential cost impacts, for local authorities will be depend on:
  - The design and breadth of role of any independent water infrastructure regulator;
  - The incentive or mandatory regime that might drive supplier aggregation;
  - The cost and timeframe to meet increased regulatory standards;
  - The degree of rigour of any possible licensing regime;
  - The nature of any changes to the existing planning regime to heighten the enforcement regime;
  - The nature of the relationship between existing regulatory institutions and any new regulatory body; and
  - The impacts of any changes to central government accountabilities for water infrastructure policy.
7. Given the tight timeframes within which the Government's review is to be progressed Local Government NZ (LGNZ) will be looking to accelerate the work that they have been completing in this space, primarily through their Water 2050 project. As part of this work they recently released a Stage 1 report expressing their views on a potential model for the establishment of a water regulator. A copy of the report is available at [www.lgnz.co.nz/assets/Uploads/45959-LGNZ-Water-2050-Governance-FINAL.pdf](http://www.lgnz.co.nz/assets/Uploads/45959-LGNZ-Water-2050-Governance-FINAL.pdf)
8. The report proposes:
  - A co-governance model that would bring together the information held by central government policy makers with the knowledge of local issues held by local government and the technical insights of suppliers and assessors;

- The co-governance entity would be responsible for continuously evaluating and recommending to the Minister refinements to drinking water standards and mandatory processes;
  - The enforcement of the standards by a regulator which should be independent from any policy-making department;
  - Replacing the current ‘principles-based’ approach to the regulation of drinking water with an outcome or performance-based form of regulation.
9. A Stage 2 report, which will look at the detailed design for a co-regulatory model for drinking water is currently under development and is expected to be released in coming months.

### **Climate Change**

10. The Deep South Science Challenge has recently released a discussion document which sets out current understanding of the vulnerability of communities to rising seas and more frequent flooding.
11. The report confirms that many communities and Iwi in coastal and flood-prone locations face an uncertain future because of climate change. It identifies that Councils will need to be proactive in working with exposed communities, anticipate the support that may be required, and offer equitable solutions. However, the report has identified that we do not yet have a good understanding of a number of issues, including:
- Identifying who might be disproportionately affected by climate change;
  - How institutions for addressing climate change impacts and adaptation could focus on protecting vulnerable people and communities;
  - Understanding how local government’s planning for climate change adaptation can focus on reducing impacts on vulnerable people and communities;
  - How information about climate change impacts and adaptation can be most effectively communicated to facilitate positive attitudes and constructive.
12. The Government has also recently established an Interim Climate Change Committee to advise on how agriculture can be included in the current Emissions Trading Scheme and also how New Zealand can move to having 100 percent of its electricity generated by renewable energy.
13. This work is important as the Government works towards the formation of a new Climate Change Commission and introduction of a Zero Carbon Act next year. Keith Turner, who chairs the Milford Opportunities Project has been appointed to this Committee.
14. The work that is occurring in the emissions reduction area is very important to our Southland communities given that agriculture currently accounts for close to half of New Zealand’s total emissions. As a result achieving real reductions in the agriculture area is fundamental to New Zealand being able to achieve its targets under the Paris Accord.

### **Low Emissions Economy**

15. The Productivity Commission has now released its draft report [www.productivity.govt.nz](http://www.productivity.govt.nz) on how New Zealand can transition to a low-emissions economy. The report is in response to a

request from Government for the Commission to identify options for how New Zealand can reduce its domestic greenhouse gas emissions through a transition to a low-emissions economy, while at the same time continuing to grow income and wellbeing.

16. The draft report provides insights into how and where emission reductions can be achieved, the emissions-pricing and other regulatory policies that will be required to bring about the transition, and the challenges, opportunities, benefits and costs of alternative transition pathways. It also notes that current land use will change significantly across NZ as part of the transition.
17. The recommendations in the draft report include:
  - a strong signal from the Government, and preferably from across the Parliament, about its long-term commitment to transitioning to a low-emissions economy;
  - establishing an institutional framework that supports policies for transition;
  - a broad-based and effective emissions pricing scheme that includes phasing in agriculture;
  - supporting regulation and policies, such as a “feebate” scheme for imported vehicles;
  - more resources focused on low-emissions research and development, especially for agriculture; and
  - mandatory financial disclosures about climate risk.
18. The report is open for submissions until 8 June following which the Commission will finalise its report by August.

### **Roading GPS**

19. The Government released the draft Land Transport Government Policy Statement for consultation at the beginning of April.
20. The GPS helps guide investment in transport by providing a longer-term strategic view of what is prioritised and why. The new strategic priorities outlined in the document reflect the Government’s commitment to:
  - Safety;
  - Mode neutrality;
  - Liveable cities;
  - Regional economic development;
  - Protecting the environment; and
  - Delivering the best possible value for money.
21. The GPS represents a shift in government priorities from the previous GPS. In particular there is now a much stronger emphasis being placed on road safety and a more to supporting broader regional development. The focus that was previously placed on a number of ‘roads of national significance’ projects is now significantly reduced. Other themes in the draft GPS 2018 include:
  - a mode-neutral approach to transport planning and investment decisions;

- incorporating technology and innovation into the design and delivery of land transport investment; and
  - integrating land use and transport planning and delivery.
22. Submissions on the draft GPS were open until 2 May. It is expected that the final GPS will be released in mid-May so that the Land Transport programmes for 2018/19 can be finalised before 30 June.
23. Initial indications are that the new draft GPS is not expected to have a significant effect on Southland District Council's transport plan for the next three years. This has been further supported by recent correspondence from NZ Transport Agency which has provided Council with an update on its funding application for the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme – indicative investment levels for continuous programmes.
24. At its meeting on 20 April the NZ Transport Agency Board made its decision on indicative investment levels for continuous programmes. Continuous programmes relate to local road maintenance, state highway maintenance, public transport services and road safety promotion programmes. Council requested \$70,228,000 over the three years and indicative funding approval has been received for this quantum.
25. The Board made its decision ahead of the adoption of the NLTP on 31 August to assist Councils with budgeting, long-term plan development, and Regional Transport Committees to finalise their Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP). The NZTA Board will confirm the funding allocations for these programmes when it adopts the NLTP.
26. The local road maintenance programme has traditionally included renewals, maintenance and operations of local roads. The draft GPS has signalled footpath maintenance as now being eligible for NLTF funding which may create opportunities to access funding. In anticipation of its inclusion in the final GPS, an indicative funding allocation for footpath maintenance has been made nationally. What this actually means for Council still needs to be worked through with the NZ Transport Agency as there is little detail available at present. Staff will continue to work with NZTA on how this funding can be accessed.

### **Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Bill and Local Electoral Matters Bill**

27. A Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Bill and the Local Electoral Matters Bill have been introduced to Parliament and referred to select committee.
28. The Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill seeks to reinstate the four well-beings back into the Local Government Act and acknowledges the role local leadership has to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of citizens and communities. Explicit statutory recognition of the four well beings is recognition that local authorities, by their nature, have a broad responsibility to make their jurisdictions, whether towns, cities or regions, better places in which to live.
29. The Bill also seeks to give Councils back the ability to collect development contributions in order to fund increased demand for community facilities, such as libraries, sports grounds and swimming pools resulting from developments. The ability to fund these activities through

development contributions was removed from the Local Government Act by the previous government.

30. The Bill also seeks to modify the development contributions power so that it is clear that advances of financial assistance from the NZTA that are recoverable do not affect the power of territorial authorities to collect development contributions for projects financed using this mechanism. This provides clarity in an area that has been contentious for some time.
31. The Local Electoral Matters Bill addresses the design, trial and analysis of new voting methods for local elections, and will make it easier to trial electronic voting, including online voting.

### **Auditor General Local Government Report**

32. The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) has recently released its report on local authority financial performance for the 2016/17 financial year.
33. In the report the OAG notes that they continue to be concerned that a number of local authorities might not be investing enough to ensure the maintenance of infrastructure capacity, which is critical to be able to ensure the ongoing delivery of services in the long term.
34. While the appropriateness of comparing asset renewals with the level of depreciation can be questioned it is important to recognise that a prolonged period of under investment can create an infrastructure deficit risk including an increased risk of asset failure and/or the transfer of costs to future generations.
35. The cost transfer issue is a 'known' issue for the sector given that the funding of depreciation did not become a requirement until relatively recently.
36. The report also highlights the need for ongoing investment in the development of good quality and reliable asset management data noting that **"without good information about assets, elected members cannot make good decisions about whether they are spending the right amount at the right time on the assets they govern"**.

### **Freedom Camping**

37. Freedom camping has been a topical issue with significant discussion occurring around different parts of New Zealand. Mayor Tong was one of 30 Mayors who met with Tourism Minister Kelvin Davis and senior officials to discuss freedom camping issues on 8 March. The discussions were wide ranging and highlighted the diversity of views that exist in relation to freedom camping and how it is best managed. The challenges facing different local authorities vary around the country.
38. There was also a national freedom camping symposium held in Nelson on 19 April, in conjunction with the Zone 5 and 6 meeting. The symposium was very well attended with a range of representatives from local government, the tourism industry, NZ Motor Caravan Association and central government in attendance.
39. The level of commitment that central Government has to addressing the issues was demonstrated by the attendance of Hon Nanaia Mahuta, as the Minister of Local Government, and Hon Eugenie Sage, as the Minister of Conservation. This can be seen as a clear indication that Government are wanting to develop a better understanding of the issues and opportunities that might exist to address the issues which are currently being experienced.



40. As can be expected there were a wide range of views presented at the meeting with some areas clearly seeing freedom camping as providing an opportunity to grow the tourism industry and the economic contribution that it makes to local communities, while others see it as a significant issue that requires a significantly tighter level of control introduced.
41. There remains a level of concern, particularly at the national level, that if action is not taken to address the impacts that freedom camping is having in communities currently experiencing problems that it may begin to have an impact on the level of community support for the tourism industry. Given that tourism is now New Zealand's biggest export earner it is clearly important that the industry be allowed to grow in a way that manages its adverse impacts, including its impact on local communities.
42. At a local level staff are continuing to monitor the situation and have work planned to look at developing a district wide management strategy once the direction of any national policy review work becomes clearer.

### **Road Safety Summit**

43. A local government road safety summit was held in Wellington on 9 April 2018. Key themes emerging from the discussions at the Summit included:
  - The need for strong and ongoing leadership on road safety from central government, including consideration of the Vision Zero approach to road safety;
  - There should be clear government road safety targets and consideration should be given as to whether local government should be tied to any interim targets;
  - Support for increased funding for road safety projects including changing Funding Assistance Rates;
  - The processes for accessing funding for road safety improvements should not be unduly onerous and disproportionate to the scale of the project;
  - The process for changing local speed limits, including looking at how default speed limits are set, should be simplified and streamlined;
  - Road safety should be a whole of government approach and should bring together a wide range of government agencies, all of which should share a consistent view;
  - Improving the safety of children and other vulnerable users walking and cycling to school, including an increased use of eBikes, should be a priority;
  - There should be increased use of road safety education campaigns, as well as an increased level of on-road enforcement by New Zealand Police;
  - There should be improved access to national data especially for smaller Councils which may lack specialist data analysis skills;
  - Ensuring consistent national standards for road markings, signage, and road designs.
44. The Associate Minister of Transport, who also attended the summit, has asked officials to start investigating how these and the other ideas that were recorded can be developed further. Further

information related to the summit is available on the Ministry of Transport website  
[www.transport.govt.nz](http://www.transport.govt.nz)

### **Southland Regional Development**

45. All four Southland Councils have now endorsed the recommendation of the Joint Committee to proceed with the establishment of a new Southland Regional Development Agency as a CCO. Following the confirmation of these decisions work will now proceed with the next phase of work needed to establish the new Agency.
46. The work to be progressed in the next phase will include the drafting of constitutional documents, identifying a process for the appointment of the Board and commencing an internal Southland District Council process to identify the range of services that it might want to purchase from the new Agency.

### **Libraries**

47. The Kōtui Library Management System and new Library webpage were launched in early May, with great support from the Communications team, as part of the project. Users will need to update their library cards if they have not already done so.

### **Services and Assets**

#### **Group Manager's Update**

48. It has been a busy time for the team, with a number of important work streams currently underway. A priority for staff has been summarising, considering and responding to the Long Term Plan submission feedback.
49. Environment Southland's Land and Water Plan has some significant implications for our long-term asset management strategies in relation to our three-waters assets. As such, a working group has been established including other local Territorial Local Authorities in a bid to undertake a detailed review of the plan and determine next steps.
50. As we draw to a close on the latest New Zealand Transport Agency three year funding cycle our transport team is working very hard to maximise the value able to be elicited from the funding whilst also seeking to ensure that our delivery resource has a steady stream of work to deliver in the new financial year as we embark on the next three year cycle.
51. In addition to the day to day activity and asset management functions undertaken by the group there are a number of other key strategic activities requiring some focus. Some of these include:
  - the establishment of a consolidated Project Management Framework;
  - a review of reporting functions across the group;
  - an upcoming Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority Contractor Procurement exercise;
  - the Community Facilities 17A Review Implementation Plan;
  - the Open Space Implementation Strategy;
  - the management structure and resource associated with Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority, Te Anau Airport and Southland District Council Forestry Activities.

### **Forestry (IFS)**

52. Harvesting is now completed at Ohai, with the crew now re-established and operating in the Waikaia forest. All production, safety and financial targets are anticipated to meet and exceed expectations.
53. With a full year reforecast program of 48,000 tonnes, there remains 28,000 tonnes to be harvested by the end of the year. Log prices are slightly back for export in April, but overall still well up on budget. There has been no change in domestic sawmill prices.
54. The pruning and thinning program is close to completion which included the Gowan and Ohai Forests. Preparation for planting at Ohai for this winter is awaiting an aerial pre-plant spray, to be completed in April.
55. The mandatory emissions return for the Post89 ETS (2013-18 period) has been submitted and approved by the Ministry for Primary Industries. With the influence of harvesting there is a net unit loss resulting of 15,000 units to cover harvest liabilities. These units will be surrendered from the Council to the Crown soon.

### **Te Anau Wastewater Discharge Project**

56. Following the decisions made at the 13 December 2017 Council meeting to approve the business case for the Kepler option, albeit subject to a final decision being made as to the preferred discharge method staff have been progressing the work needed to give effect to the decisions made. This includes:
  - Establishment of the project team and associated processes needed to enable the project to proceed to the next phase. The recruitment process for a Project Manager is currently underway.
  - Progressing the development of the detailed design for the reticulation system needed to transport the treated wastewater from Te Anau to the Kepler block. This has included surveying of the proposed route for the disposal pipeline.
  - Development of a 'basis of design' report conceptual design for a sub-surface drip irrigation disposal system at the Kepler block
  - The appointment of a peer reviewer, Ben Stratford, and the engagement of Peter Riddell to provide comments on the design and costings for the proposed sub-surface drip irrigation system.
  - Completion of a bird strike risk assessment report for the Te Anau Manapouri airport
  - Commissioning of legal advice on the resource management issues that will need to be considered in advancing a new disposal method
  - Development of further financial models to support future decision-making as to a preferred disposal method once the costs and risks associated with Option 3 have been developed further

- Development of advice (including the drafting of a brief for legal advice) on the Local Government Act 2002 decision-making requirements if the Council were to make a decision to adopt an alternative disposal method
- Preliminary consideration of the procurement methods that might be used and the process that might be used to assess each of these.

57. Changes to the terms of reference for the Te Anau Wastewater Discharge Project Committee have also now been approved by Council. These changes reflect the current status of the project and Council's desire for the Project Committee, along with the Finance and Audit Committee and Services and Assets Committee to provide commentary on the revised business case before it is presented back to Council.

### **Land and Water Plan Implementation**

58. Under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) water quality and quantity are to be maintained and improved, with any over allocation to be phased out over time. Environment Southland is required to set environmental limits by 2025, with all 'communities' required to meet those limits in due course. They are progressing this work via their proposed Water and Land Plan.
59. To assist with addressing the impacts of these changes on local authority infrastructure, Environment Southland have formed a Three Waters Officer Working Group. The objectives of the group are to work through the implications of the new freshwater standards, develop an agreed approach to the re-consenting of local authority infrastructure and ensure that the organisational objectives are aligned.

Council staff and elected members from the three Southland Territorial Local Authorities, presented evidence to the hearing panel in September. Decisions were released and the appeal period closed on 17 May.

### **Review of Solid Waste Contract Arrangements**

60. The WasteNet Southland Waste Management Group recently notified contractors Bond Contracts and Southland Disability Enterprises Limited of its intention to begin negotiations, around rolling both contracts over. Both contracts are currently in year six of an initial eight year duration, with ability to roll over for a further eight years. Negotiations began in April 2018 and were led by an independent facilitator. A report is going to Wastenet on 23 May with recommendations.

### **Operations and Community Services**

61. The new TIF application projects are tracking well. The cost estimates for each of the locations are nearing completion.
62. The Lumsden Project has started with South Roads completing preparation work for the sealing and at this stage, subject to weather the project is on track.
63. All Community Engineers areas are tracking well with Request for Services. There is a workshop coming up with Customer Support Partners and the Community Engineers to review and assist with the information they get from the customer at lodgement of the RFS.

### **Alternative Coastal Route Seal Extension Project**

- 64. This project is tracking behind schedule and recent weather events have slowed progress. The Roothing Company have completed all the earthworks and drainage works on the Otara Haldane Road section. Construction on this section is nearing completion with 60% of the route sealed.
- 65. The earthworks and drainage are have started along the Waipapa section and are approximately 50% completed.

### **District-Wide Resurfacing Contract**

- 66. Downer have completed all the chip sealing for the 2017/2018 season.

### **LED Streetlight Replacement Programme**

- 67. Network Electrical Services have established a third crew on the project and still believe they will be able to complete at least 65% of the network by 30 June 2018. It is noted that NZTA have now extended the 85% funding for the programme until 2021.
- 68. They are currently working in the Te Anau area as accommodation availability allows and when not, they are working in the Otautau area.

### **Riverton Water Structures**

- 69. Progress is continuing to be made on the Riverton Wharves. Licencing and overview of the repair works of the jetties has occupied staff time. Most licence holders are progressing with essential repairs. However some are not and the time will come soon when decisions need to be taken about action for those not carrying out repairs.

### **Golden Bay Wharf**

- 70. Negotiations have been continuing with South Port and Rakiura Adventures over the potential transfer of ownership and redevelopment of the Golden Bay Wharf.
- 71. Through this process the legal position re the public right to pass over and use any coastal structure, including the Golden Bay Wharf and pontoon, has been confirmed. Any restrictions, including the right to charge, for such passage need to be reflected in the relevant coastal permit.
- 72. Conceptual designs for replacement of the Golden Bay Wharf have also been developed and forwarded to the Stewart Island Community Board and Jetties Subcommittee for their feedback.
- 73. A further report outlining a proposed pathway forward in relation to the ownership and replacement of the wharf structure will be taken to the Community Board, Jetties Subcommittee and Council in the near future.

### **Community and Futures Group**

#### **Community Futures Research and Analysis Work Programme**

- 74. Council is committed to undertake various research and analysis work to support its decision making and transitioning from 2018 to 2021 in preparation for the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.
- 75. The work to be undertaken over the period of 2018-2021 will assist in leading the development of Council's overall approach to the management of change and preparation for what the future might hold for the district and its communities.

76. The Research and analysis work and initial topics for consideration include
- Socio demographic projects – how BERL can help to shape community futures
  - Climate change and implications for Southland District
  - Service delivery framework – district vs. local service provision and levels of service
  - Rating affordability modelling and scenario planning and implications for Southland District
  - Asset renewal strategy
  - Environmental – Land and Water Plan implications for Southland District Council
  - Community facility functional hierarchy provision framework
  - Community partnership, community assistance and funding alignment approach
  - Technological change impact on communities and implications for Council
77. This is a significant programme of work identified to be advanced and developed across the organisation. This is important to assist council in delivering on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 and the identified priority of investing in our community future planning.

### **Representation Review**

78. On 20 April the Council adopted its Initial Proposal on the Representation review to go out for consultation.
79. Consultation opened on Monday 30 April and will close at 5pm on Wednesday 6 June. Council's proposal includes 12 councillors elected from five wards with boundary changes for the four of the wards to ensure that each ward (apart from Stewart Island Rakiura) meeting the requirements for fair representation as noted in the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the plus or minus 10% rule). Council is also proposing that Stewart Island Rakiura remain as an island community of interest. Council is also proposing (in line with the guiding principles it adopted) that there will be eight community boards across the district providing district wide coverage of community boards.
80. Public notice was given in the Southland Times and the Advocate. A copy of the consultation booklet was provided with the Advocate for distribution across the district and available from SDC offices. A copy of the booklet and a copy of the Community Governance Reference Document (which was produced to give a context, background, and a draft indicative set of terms of reference for the proposed community boards) was sent to all 175 elected members.
81. A hearings panel comprising Council and members of the Elected Representative Working Group will meet on 18 and 19 June to hear any submitters who wish to be heard and considered, and make recommendations on the proposal. Council will then on 11 July decide whether to make any changes to the proposal and adopt its final proposal. Public notice of the final proposal will then be given and there will be an opportunity for objections and/or appeals. These will be sent to the Local Government Commission who will make the final determination.

### **Milford Opportunities**

82. The governance group met on the 19th April where they received an update on Phase 1 from the project managers. The work is progressing well with the information gathering phase nearly

complete and the analysis well underway. The analysis will identify the further work that is needed to be done and the project managers will then prepare business cases for those pieces of work.

83. The team provided a survey link to give the public a chance to provide any information they are aware of as well as having an open meeting session in Te Anau and approaching stakeholders directly.
84. Also on the 3rd of May the Chair of the governance group, Dr Keith Turner, took the opportunity to meet with the Ministers of Conservation and Tourism to discuss the Milford Opportunities project

### **Leadership Cluster Meetings**

85. Staff have re-instigated the Northern Southland Leadership Cluster meetings with the first of the meetings for 2018 being held in March in Lumsden. The meeting was very well attended by members of all the CDAs in Northern Southland and the Mararoa Waimea Ward Councillors.
86. Those in attendance discussed issues common to their area such as tourism and the impact on local facilities and speed issues on state highways. The next meeting will take place in July.
87. Staff are also working to set up a Leadership Cluster for Western Southland with the majority of Board and CDA Chairs indicating they would also like to become part of this group. The first meeting will take place over the next month.

### **Catchment Groups**

88. With the release of the Draft Land and Water Plan many local farming communities have banded together to form local catchment groups based on land users of Southlands waterways. Initially these groups were set up to provide feedback on the Land and Water Plan to Environment Southland but have continued to grow and evolve their focus into broader projects. As an example, staff recently attended a Waimatuku Catchment Group Field Day at the Otautau Blueberry Farm where landowners, Department of Conservation, Environment Southland and Southland District Council staff were in attendance.
89. Continuing with this, an initial meeting was held in March by several parties to explore the possibility of working together collectively in the Aparima, and subsequently a much broader invitation has gone out to invite interested parties to a follow-up session to discuss the draft concept brief and project plan that have been put together by a small working group based on the discussion at that initial meeting and subsequent conversations.
90. The working description for the brief states that the Aparima project is a land manager led initiative to build and support the resilience of the Aparima catchments. It is aiming to accelerate the uptake of farm environmental management plans and good management practices (and capture and monitor the work that is being done), and to go beyond this to support the catchments and people in those catchments to transition into the future. It is proposed that this project will be implemented across the Aparima Freshwater Management Unit, of which the Aparima, Pourakino and Waimatuku Catchments are the largest catchments with each of these catchments having active catchment groups.

### **Stewart Island Community Plan**

91. In August 2017, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) approached Council, to lead a programme of development and consultation around opportunities and planning for the future of Stewart Island. The catalyst behind this was the Bonamia Ostreae parasite that has devastated oyster production on Stewart Island. The purpose of the project is to determine the short, medium and long term community vision for the future sustainability and growth of Stewart Island Rakiura.
92. The final report was submitted to Council 27 March, at which time Council accepted the recommendations made and endorsed the preparation of two investment proposals around Strategic leadership and wharves on the island. Following the completion of any investment proposals, a further report will be submitted to Council in June for approval to submit to MBIE.

### **Community Organisation and Volunteer Sector Shared Services Pilots**

93. The purpose of this project is to develop and run two pilot projects around the concept of shared services and shared service delivery within two communities in the Southland district. The two communities running this pilot are Winton township and Edendale-Wyndham and surrounds. Shared services is a concept utilised throughout many groups around the country and beyond, and where there is significant benefit to the efficiency and effectiveness of community organisations and volunteer groups, can work extremely well.
94. From the Community Organisation and Volunteer Sector Research undertaken in 2017, and anecdotal information here in Southland and across other areas in New Zealand, we know that many community organisations and groups have identified barriers in their administration, and attracting and retaining people in skilled governance roles, such as Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers. These pilots will investigate the opportunities available for shared services and what is needed to achieve this by organisations and, if appropriate, funding agencies.
95. One of the most critical aspects of shared services will be to look at how we communicate with community and volunteer groups around retaining their autonomy while also being supported by peers in a shared service environment. This will be an important part of any discussions, and will play a pivotal role in determining the success of any shared services.

Venture Southland community development staff have begun discussing this with a number of groups within the pilot areas, and will progress this over the next few months. The pilot will run for the course of the calendar year.

### **Community Leadership Plans**

96. Council's Community Partnership Leaders have been working together to develop phase three of the community leadership plan process. Phase one consisted of workshops with elected members to seek feedback on a range of questions relating to the future of the district. Phase two involved similar workshops but this time with key stakeholders in the community. Staff are now working to develop a brief for phase three which will bring together the important findings of the first two phases into draft plans focusing on key issues impacting our people across the district. Phase three will also involve broad discussions with the wider community.



## **Environmental Services Group**

### **Group Managers Update**

97. The Group Manager Environmental Services attended the National Freedom Camping Symposium in Nelson on 19th April. This was well attended and a very worthwhile seminar with very useful information exchange in relation to issues that areas were experiencing. The vast majority of these related to non-self-contained camping. There was also useful discussion on possible solutions to some issues, and a very informative and impressive presentation from the creator of the Campermate smart phone app about how technology can assist in the management of freedom camping issues and assisting to inform the best location for tourist related infrastructure.
98. The Whakamana te Waituna Trust held its first meeting in April. Councillors Keast and Duffy are the Council's appointed representatives on this Trust. This was a very positive first meeting, co-chaired by Cr Lloyd McCallum of Environment Southland and Mr Dean Whaanga, Kaupapa Taiao Manager, of Te Ao Marama.
99. The Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment is providing a grant towards a one year fixed term Project Manager - Community position for the Predator Free Rakiura Leadership group. Council has agreed to be the administrator of this funding and to management the recruitment process. This position is being advertised at present, closing late May.

### **Environmental Health**

100. The new Food Act has enabled any authorised persons to audit a category of food approvals called 'national programmes', as opposed to template food control plans that only the local Council can audit. National programme approved businesses include garages that sell pies, or some grocery stores. To enable Councils to offer these services they offered a 'fast track' approval process.
101. Staff were surprised to learn that only four Councils in the South Island received fast track approval, being Southland District, Invercargill City, Central Otago District, and Queenstown Lakes District Councils. Dunedin is the only Council in New Zealand that has a full audit approval, without having to go through fast track.
102. Currently, the Environmental Health team has put these (discretionary) services on hold in order to focus on other priorities, but hopes to offer these services soon.

### **Dog Control**

103. Extensive work has been carried out to reduce administration workload for dog registration. A number of initiatives have been implemented (or in the process of) to achieve this, such as new systems to enable new dogs to be registered online, a re-designed form, a prize draw to encourage online registration, and new promotional banners in our area offices.

### **Tuatapere projects**

104. As previously reported agreement has been reached over the Tuatapere Railway Station and we are now just waiting for a suitable time to get the material shifted off site and transported.

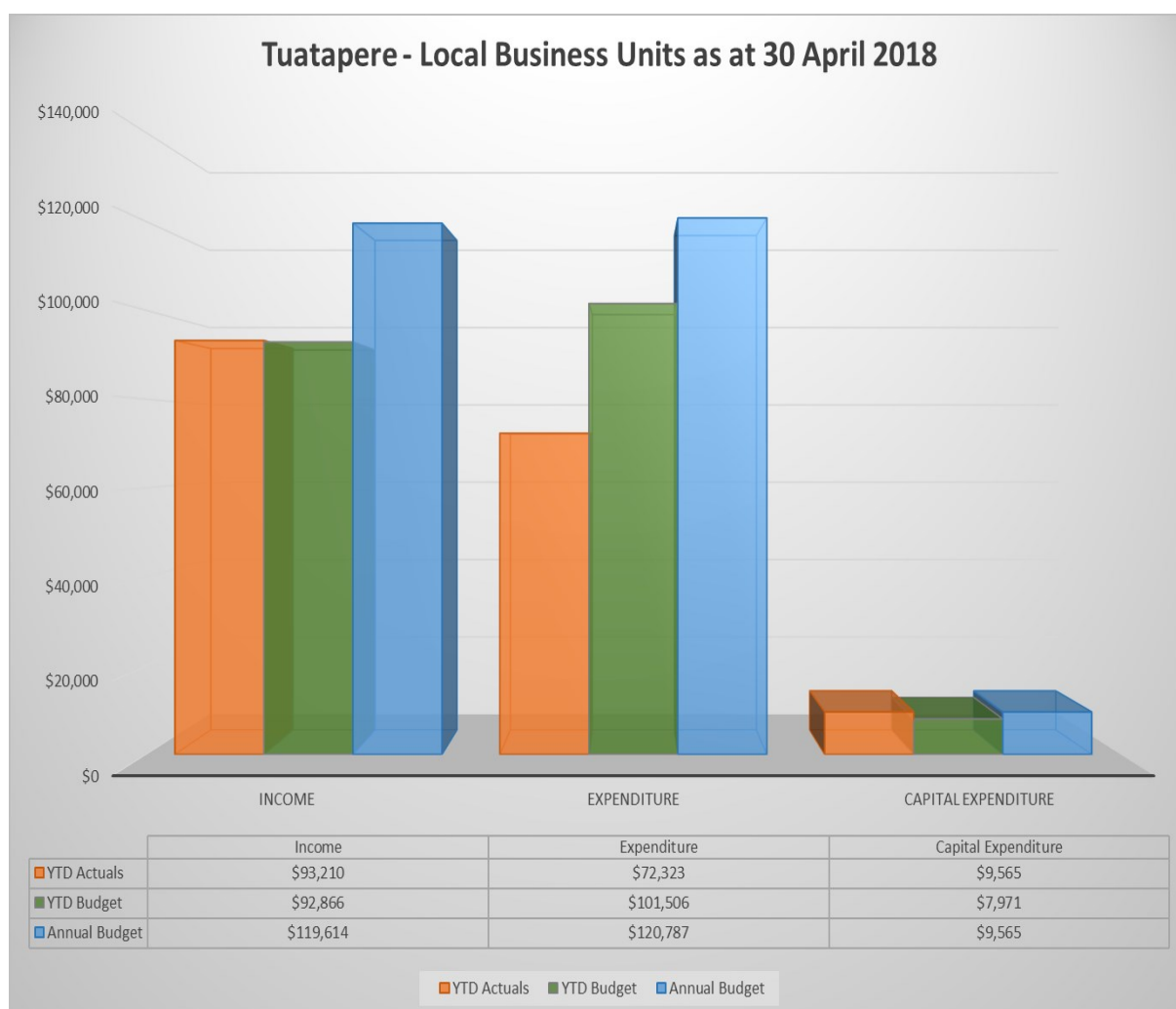
105. The seal widening on the Clifden – Blackmount Road has been completed and more is programmed for the Clifden Gorge road.

**Tuatapere Sewerage Scheme Refund**

106. Council has calculated the final cost of the Tuatapere Sewerage scheme. Due to an increased number of connections and the scheme costing less than budgeted the final cost for each connection has reduced from \$6,300 to \$5,240. The resulting refund of \$1061.38 will be paid to the current ratepayer by cheque if the connection has been repaid in full or will reduce the ongoing annual Tuatapere Sewerage loan rate for those still paying the initial connection charge over 15 or 25 years.
107. For those receiving cheques, they were mailed to residents last Friday the 11th May. For those still paying the rate over 15 years, the charge for 2018/19 will be \$404.63 (GST incl) compared to \$637.15 in 2017/18. For those paying the rate over 25 years the charge for 2018/19 will be 363.84 compared to \$474.63 in 2017/18.
108. Council staff have understandably received a number of calls from people who had paid the connection in full but are no longer ratepayers of that property and hence have not received the refund. In explaining why the refund is going to the current ratepayer, Council staff have noted that in offering options to ratepayers in 2008 Council was legally required to advise about what would happen if a refund was calculated. In making the decision to pay the current ratepayer, Council noted that properties may change hands a number of times before the final calculation was undertaken and that Council staff would have to calculate the split of the refund for each of those owners and also attempt to locate them. Given Council anticipated a small refund, if any, and because of the administration around undertaking this exercise, Council believed the most efficient way was to pay any refund to the current owner at the time. Given that Council was legally bound to advise what would happen if a refund occurred, Council is now bound to apply that but understands the feelings of those who have sold.

**Finances**

109. Income is tracking to budget.
110. Expenditure is tracking below budget primarily due to the operating costs and street works budgets being underspent as well as there being no uplift of the pool funding to date.
111. This year's capital project has been completed.



Tuatapere - Business Units as at 30 April 2018										
		Income			Expenses			Capital		
BU Code	Business Unit	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year	Expenses YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year
28000	Administration - Tuatapere	\$10,692	\$10,668	\$20,510	\$11,618	\$10,343	\$12,801			
28002	Operating Costs - Tuatapere	\$18,754	\$18,711	\$22,453	\$12,561	\$18,982	\$22,453	\$9,565	\$7,971	\$9,565
28007	Street Works - Tuatapere	\$10,102	\$10,078	\$12,094	\$4,015	\$10,352	\$12,422			
28010	Refuse Collection - Tuatapere									
28013	Stormwater Drainage - Tuatapere	\$7,710	\$7,693	\$9,231	\$4,228	\$7,724	\$9,231			
28028	Beautification - Tuatapere	\$18,282	\$18,261	\$21,913	\$16,464	\$18,261	\$21,913			
28032	Tuatapere Parks & Reserves	\$7,203	\$7,187	\$8,624	\$4,602	\$7,331	\$8,624			
28040	Waiau River Collection	\$241	\$241	\$289	\$412	\$241	\$289			
28048	Tuatapere Ward Pool Rate	\$8,461	\$8,423	\$10,215		\$8,423	\$10,107			
28050	Hall - Tuatapere	\$11,764	\$11,606	\$14,285	\$18,424	\$19,849	\$22,947			
Total		\$93,210	\$92,866	\$119,614	\$72,323	\$101,506	\$120,787	\$9,565	\$7,971	\$9,565

## Reserve Balances

Tuatapere	Opening Balance	Current Budget	Forecast Budget	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028
<b>Community Centre</b>													
<i>Reserve</i>													
Tuatapere Community Centre - R	20,588	20,946	11,926	12,615	13,327	14,062	14,821	15,605	16,415	17,252	18,116	19,009	19,931
<b>Total Community Centre Reserve</b>	<b>20,588</b>	<b>20,946</b>	<b>11,926</b>	<b>12,615</b>	<b>13,327</b>	<b>14,062</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>15,605</b>	<b>16,415</b>	<b>17,252</b>	<b>18,116</b>	<b>19,009</b>	<b>19,931</b>
<b>Total Community Centre Balance</b>	<b>20,588</b>	<b>20,946</b>	<b>11,926</b>	<b>12,615</b>	<b>13,327</b>	<b>14,062</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>15,605</b>	<b>16,415</b>	<b>17,252</b>	<b>18,116</b>	<b>19,009</b>	<b>19,931</b>
<b>Local</b>													
<i>Operating</i>													
Tuatapere General - OPR	64	64	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Local Operating</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<i>Reserve</i>													
Tuatapere General - RES	261,165	268,756	259,191	268,321	247,414	256,534	266,176	276,357	287,095	298,408	320,479	333,334	346,833
Tuatapere Pool - RES	18,012	18,120	18,120	18,716	19,332	19,968	20,625	21,304	22,005	22,729	23,475	24,247	25,045
Tuatapere Property - RES	2,825	2,943	2,943	3,040	3,140	3,243	3,350	3,460	3,574	3,692	3,813	3,938	4,068
Waiau River Collection - RES	1,089	1,089	1,089	1,125	1,162	1,200	1,239	1,280	1,322	1,366	1,411	1,457	1,505
<b>Total Local Reserve</b>	<b>283,092</b>	<b>290,908</b>	<b>281,343</b>	<b>291,202</b>	<b>271,048</b>	<b>280,945</b>	<b>291,390</b>	<b>302,401</b>	<b>313,996</b>	<b>326,195</b>	<b>349,178</b>	<b>362,976</b>	<b>377,451</b>
<b>Total Local Balance</b>	<b>283,156</b>	<b>290,972</b>	<b>281,407</b>	<b>291,202</b>	<b>271,048</b>	<b>280,945</b>	<b>291,390</b>	<b>302,401</b>	<b>313,996</b>	<b>326,195</b>	<b>349,178</b>	<b>362,976</b>	<b>377,451</b>
<b>Water</b>													
<i>Reserve</i>													
Tua Water Meridian Contr - Res	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744	6,744
<b>Total Water Reserve</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>
<b>Total Water Balance</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,744</b>
<b>Total Tuatapere Reserve Balance</b>	<b>310,488</b>	<b>318,662</b>	<b>300,077</b>	<b>310,561</b>	<b>291,119</b>	<b>301,751</b>	<b>312,955</b>	<b>324,750</b>	<b>337,155</b>	<b>350,191</b>	<b>374,038</b>	<b>388,729</b>	<b>404,126</b>

## Recommendation

**That the Tuatapere Community Board:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Council Report" dated 21 May 2018.**

## Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.