



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

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 April 2018  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Meeting Room:** Waiau Hotel  
**Venue:** 47 Main 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**

Board 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**

*Jayne McAllister, Community Advisor, Emergency Management Southland wishes to address the meeting and update on civil defence activities.*

**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, 13 February 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 Town and Country Club, 41 King Street, Tuatapere on Tuesday, 13 February 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
	Councillor George Harpur

#### IN ATTENDANCE

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

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**1 Apologies**

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

**That the Tuatapere Community Board accept the apology for non-attendance from Member Sanford.**

**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**

There was no public forum.

**5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items**

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

**6 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolution**

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

**That the minutes of Tuatapere Community Board meeting held on 12 December 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**Reports**

**7.1 Council Report**

**Record No: R/18/1/2002**

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:

- Central Government update



- Southern Tourism Workshop
- Health and Safety Policy update
- Welcome Ambassador project update
- Milford Opportunities Project
- Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028
- Dog Registration Amnesty
- Proposed District Plan 2012 - operative 22 January 2018.
  
- Bylaws Review  
Mr Moran advised in October 2017 Council decided that it would not proceed with amending the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2015 for Lumsden at this time. The current bylaw will remain in place for the current summer season.
  
- Community Leadership Plan - stage 2  
Mr Moran advised key issues identified from the workshops for the District going forward were around levels of service, depopulation, volunteering, community development, funding, transport, housing, health and safety.
  
- Service Delivery Review Update  
Mr Moran informed work has been completed to analyse the results of the customer service delivery review survey and has also conducted a demand analysis of services at each Council office and library.
  
- Parks and Reserves  
Mr Moran advised the report on Open Spaces Priority Settings has been received which recommended significant investment in this activity which will be considered as part of the Long Term Plan.

Mr Moran advised as the Department of Conservation is now the owner of the Clifden Historic Bridge an onsite meeting is being organised with the aim of coordinating development at this site which includes the bridge, freedom camping and toilet facilities.

- Tuatapere Recycling Container issues  
Mr Moran advised that commercial users have been contacted reminding them that the container is intended for domestic use only. Mr Moran added that the letter also lists potential alternative options for waste disposal i.e. extra wheelie bins or skip bin rental.

Members agreed there is an issue in the township of persons disposing of rubbish due to no transfer station in the area.

The Board requested an invitation be extended to the Strategic Manager Water and Waste to attend the next informal meeting of the Board to discuss this issue.

- Tuatapere Railway Station Site  
Mr Moran provided an update on progress of the relinquishing of the four leases currently held with Mr Colin Brown in relation to the Tuatapere Railway Station, the goods shed, the water tower and rolling stock, to Council.

Mr Moran advised that further consultation is being undertaken with Mr Brown to clarify the agreement that he holds with Mr Dowling to ensure the correct procedure is undertaken in regards to removal of the equipment from his property.

- Tuatapere Domain issue  
Members requested staff arrange for doggie-do-bags to be placed at the Tuatapere Domain for public use with appropriate signage and an accompanying rubbish container. Staff to arrange accordingly.

### **Resolution**

Moved Member De Vries, seconded Deputy Chairperson Horrell **and resolved:**

**That the Tuatapere Community Board:**

- a) Receives the report titled “Council Report” dated 1 February 2018.**

## **8.1 Chairperson's Report**

The Chair, Member Thomas reported on activities she has been involved since the Board's last meeting. This included the following;

- Advice of dead flax bushes being removed from roadsides.
- Advice of ongoing issue of blockages at the public toilets.
- Tuatapere whiteware collection day scheduled for 14 April 2018 - a central collection point has been organised at S Crack Contracting yard.
- Advice of Southland/Otago Area Schools sports day scheduled May 2018 in Tuatapere and an approach from the school for use of Hall; Members agreed fees for Hall to be waived.
- Advice of donation from Mrs Green of two walnut trees with super dirt donated from the Tuatapere Lions Club having been placed in the Heritage Orchard.

## **8.2 Councillor's Report**

Councillor Harpur reported on activities from the District Council table. These included:

- Representation Review update - Members were advised a workshop for all Community Boards is scheduled Monday, 1 March 2018 at the Winton Library.
- Update on Waiau River Liaison Group activities - Members expressed concern at Meridian Energy proposal to change the rate it can draw water from both Lake Manapouri and Lake Te Anau when the lakes are in their low operating ranges. Members expressed concern at the negative impact the proposal could have on the lower Waiau rivers flood flow patterns.

The meeting concluded at 6.40pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A  
MEETING OF THE TUATAPERE COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2018.

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....



## **Council Report**

**Record No:** R/18/3/6919  
**Author:** Simon Moran, Community Partnership Leader  
**Approved by:** Rex Capil, Group Manager Community and Futures

☐ Decision ☐ Recommendation ☒ Information

### **Chief Executive**

#### **Water Issues**

- 1 As noted previously the Stage Two report from the Havelock North Water Inquiry, was released in December 2017 and identified a number of deficiencies with the way in which drinking water services are managed across the country.
- 2 Following release of the report Central Government have been progressing work to make an initial set of decisions about the changes to be made to the way in which the regulation and delivery of water services is managed. It is expected that a set of initial decisions will be made by Cabinet in the next month. These are expected to include the establishment of a water regulatory agency, whose mandate is likely to extend beyond just drinking water.
- 3 Given the ‘connected’ nature of the water system it can be expected that the Government will take a very broad systems approach to the issues involved. Hence, this is likely to include the water quality issues that currently fall within the scope of the Regional Councils as well as the water, wastewater and stormwater services that are currently managed by territorial local authorities.
- 4 The establishment of an independent regulatory agency will inevitably mean a ‘raising of the standards’ that will need to be met. In turn this will create a number of increased cost pressures which local authorities will need to manage.
- 5 While the cost implications of new water management standards for different communities will differ it is acknowledged that there are already a number of significant pressures on rates across the local government sector. These pressures may, particularly in high growth communities lead to models that allow for the introduction of new funding partners. This is already occurring through the Crown Infrastructure Partners model being used in the central North Island. The broad range of expenditure pressures and the options for addressing these will be reviewed through the proposed local government funding inquiry.
- 6 In response to the recommendations coming from the stage 2 report additional funding has been included in the draft 2018 Long Term Plan, to enhance current data recording systems and to install further disinfection at the Riverton Water Treatment Plant, following the abolition of the ‘Secure Status’ of all raw water sources.

#### **Freedom Camping**

- 7 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.
- 8 The actions arising from the discussion include:

- The establishment of a working group before the end of March to assess the situation nationally. The group will include representation from local government, the Department of Conservation, Land Information NZ and commercial operators
  - A review of the relevant legislative and regulatory environment including the Freedom Camping Act and Camping Ground Act
  - A review of the potential to develop nationally consistent policy and other standards including signage, a warrant of fitness for self-contained vehicles and technology.
  - Consideration of the potential to have consistent regulatory approaches to managing the different types of land (eg conservation and local authority) where campers congregate.
  - A review of the options for funding the infrastructure and other services needed to support freedom camping.
- 9 There is a level of concern 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 tourism in general. Given that tourism is now NZ's biggest export earner it is clearly important that the industry be allowed to operate and with a strong 'social licence' or level of community support.
- 10 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.

### **Climate Change**

- 11 The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment released a report titled *A Zero Carbon Act for New Zealand: Revisiting Stepping stones to Paris and beyond*. A copy of the report is available on the Commissioner's website ([www.pce.parliament.nz/publications/a-zero-carbon-act-for-new-zealand-revisiting-stepping-stones-to-paris-and-beyond](http://www.pce.parliament.nz/publications/a-zero-carbon-act-for-new-zealand-revisiting-stepping-stones-to-paris-and-beyond)).
- 12 In the report the Commissioner notes that New Zealand needs to move on from a 'stop/start' approach to managing the impacts of climate change. It also highlights the importance of having a structured approach to both mitigation and adaptation.
- 13 The recommendations included in the report, in relation to mitigation, include:
- Any emissions reduction target/s set out in legislation must be certain;
  - That it may be appropriate to introduce emissions reduction targets in a staged manner;
  - Separate targets for different major gases may be appropriate and would provide clarity about the need to make progress on all gases;
  - The Zero Carbon Act should specify the expertise required on the Climate Commission and a process that ensures some level of cross-party consensus in the appointment of the Commissioners;
  - The Climate Commission should have an advisory role, and the Government should have responsibility for developing budgets and implementing the policies needed to achieve the budget; and
  - That the Act should lay out explicit timeframes within which the Government must detail the policies it intends to implement in response to newly enacted carbon budgets.

- 14 In respect of adaptation, the report recommends that the proposed Zero Carbon Act should include a process for carrying out regular national-level risk assessments and national adaptation strategy planning. It will be important for this Council to do adaptation planning work at the district and community (eg Colac Bay and Stewart Island) level, particularly where there are significant risk issues to be managed.
- 15 The Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group is progressing work on its second report which will provide recommendations on how we should be adapting to climate change. It is expected that the Group's recommendations will include suggested actions in the following areas:
- The need for a planned approach to adaptation. It is important that there is a level of consistency to the planning and assessment of the adaptation risks arising from climate change ahead of it occurring
  - The development of greater information and assessment tools to assist local authorities and communities with their planning and adaptation work. The importance of developing more national guidance is highlighted by the wide variation in approaches that are currently being used in different communities across New Zealand. There is, for example, significant variability that different local authorities are making about the level of sea level rise that might occur over the next 100 years. Greater progress will be made if a consistent set of national standards on sea level could be set
  - The development of a standard national methodology and risk assessment tools to assist communities with quantifying the risk that they face and developing adaptation strategies
  - The development of greater capacity and capability across both central and local government to assist with adaptation work.

### **Civil Defence Review**

- 16 The Minister of Civil Defence has been consulting widely on the recommendations made through the recent review of civil defence structures.
- 17 Through the consultation process it is clear that there has been a wide level of support for many of the recommendations made including the desire to 'raise the standards' expected and bring a more professional approach to the management of this area. This will have flow-on implications for all of the entities involved including local authorities and Emergency Management Southland.
- 18 One of the key issues, from a local perspective, was the recommendation to require a move to regional service delivery and funding models. While the regional service delivery model proposal is not an issue for Southland, given the existence of Emergency Management Southland, it would have significant implications for a number of other regions. It would also affect the current funding model used in Southland in that the funding responsibility would move to Environment Southland rather than being spread between the local authorities as occurs at present. As a result a strong message has been given by many across the local government sector about the need to have a degree of local decision making in each region as to what might constitute the most appropriate model.
- 19 The Minister will be developing a series of recommendations to go through to Cabinet in the next three months to enable the initial set of policy decisions to be made. It is expected that decisions on the future structure for the Ministry of Civil Defence and national operations centre will be deferred to be made at a later date.

### **Southland Regional Development Agency (SRDA)**

- 20 In September 2017 the four Southland Councils released the statement of proposal relating to the formation of the SRDA as a council controlled organisation (CCO), to lead regional development activity.
- 21 There were some 105 submissions received which were considered by a Joint Committee consisting of two Councillors appointed from each of the four Southland Councils.
- 22 The Joint Committee has now completed its deliberations and is recommending that the Councils proceed with the formation of the new Agency as a CCO. There is a separate order paper item on the 27 March Council agenda dealing with this issue.
- 23 The Joint Committee has also made a number of other suggestions about the shareholding, constitution, transitional arrangements and operating framework for the SRDA. These are reflected in a series of propositions which will need to be considered further as work proceeds with establishment of the new Agency.

### **Tuawhenua – Provincial Growth Fund**

- 24 The Provincial Growth Fund was launched by the Government in Gisborne on 23 February. All regions, apart from the metropolitan areas of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch are able to access the fund. There are also five ‘surge’ regions, which do not include Southland, who will receive priority funding allocations to support their development.
- 25 The Fund aims to enhance economic development opportunities, create sustainable jobs, contribute to community well-being, lift the productivity potential of regions, and help meet New Zealand’s climate change targets.
- 26 The fund has been split into three main areas being:
- Regional Projects and Capability. This area is for regional economic projects including feasibility studies and capability building projects.
  - Sector investment. This covers investments in major sectors such as tourism and aquaculture. The Government’s 1 billion trees programme is also being funded from this pool.
  - Enabling Infrastructure projects where major investments are needed to enable growth in regional economies. A number of rail projects being promoted across the country will be funded from this pool.
- 27 There are a number of detailed criteria relating to how the fund might be accessed and prioritised. These include the requirement for all projects to have regional support before they are put forward. Other key points to note include:
- There are no set application rounds for the Fund;
  - An Independent Advisory Panel has been appointed to assist the decision-making of ministers and officials, supported by a new Regional Economic Development Unit within MBIE to work directly with regions;
  - There are different delegations in place based on the level of support being sought. While some decisions will be able to be made by senior officials and/or ministers the larger applications will need to go to Cabinet.



### **Te Anau Wastewater**

- 28 Work is progressing with the implementation of the business case for the Kepler wastewater preferred option. This includes progressing the design work for the construction of a new reticulation system to transport treated wastewater from the treatment plant to the Kepler Block.
- 29 Initial conceptual design work is also underway for the development of a sub-surface drip irrigation (SDI) system. This work is needed to be able to develop a 'refined' design and cost estimate for an SDI system, as requested by Council. Ben Stratford, an engineer with experience in designing wastewater sub surface drip irrigation systems has been appointed as a peer reviewer to assist with this work.
- 30 Staff are also advancing discussions with Fiordland Sewage Options (FSO) about the potential for Council to employ Peter Riddell to provide comment on the proposed SDI solution. Employing Peter, will provide an opportunity to gain a wider range of technical input to Council's decision-making processes.

### **National Planning Standards**

- 31 The Government is due to release the first set of the proposed new National Planning Standards (Standards) for consultation in April. The Standards have been introduced as part of the 2017 amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 and are intended to standardise planning tools across New Zealand.
- 32 The aim of these standards is to improve consistency in plan and policy statement structure, format and content so they are easier to prepare, understand, compare and comply with. The Standards also support implementation of national policy statements and help people observe the procedural principles of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
- 33 The first set of Standards are expected to cover the following areas:
- District plan structure
  - Regional plan and policy statement structures
  - District and regional plan form
  - Zones and overlays
  - Definitions
  - Incorporation of national direction
  - Metrics
  - Administrative provisions
  - Mapping
  - Accessibility of plans online.

### **Ouvea Premix**

- 34 There are approximately 22,000 tonnes of Ouvea premix in Southland, located at the former paper mill in Mataura, and at sites at Awarua and Invercargill. It was owned by Taha Asia Pacific, which went into liquidation in 2016.
- 35 In December 2017, the Taha liquidators EY formally disclaimed the premix, leaving its disposal to interested parties, including central and local government and the landlords of the storage sites. Ouvea premix, if mixed with water, can produce ammonia gas.

A funding package of \$4 million has been pulled together to have the premix removed and disposed of in an appropriate manner. The package involves a contribution from NZ Aluminium Smelter, central government, local government and the landlords.

## **Community and Futures Group**

### **2018 Long Term Plan and Policies**

- 36 The draft 2018 Long Term Plan consultation document and supporting information along with the draft Revenue and Financing Policy and draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy were adopted for consultation at the Council meeting on 27 February 2018. Audit NZ completed its review of the consultation document and the supporting documents and was present at the Council meeting to issue an unmodified audit opinion. A separate report is being prepared about the audit Management Report for the Finance and Audit Committee.
- 37 The consultation period opened on 7 March 2018 and runs through until 9.00am on Monday, 9 April 2018. The consultation document and the key policies are available on Council's website [www.southlanddc.govt.nz/ltp2018](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/ltp2018) and hard copies are available at each of the Area Offices. Copies of the consultation document will also be distributed to mailboxes in Southland District in the first week of the consultation period. The communications team have also put together animated videos for each of the three key issues in the consultation document which are being used on facebook, on the website and within the consultation form.
- 38 Following the close of the consultation period, Council staff will collate all submissions into a submission booklet for the hearings meeting which is scheduled for 18/19 April 2018. Staff will then prepare a range of issues and options papers for consideration at the deliberations meeting on 2 May 2018. Audit NZ will also be onsite to audit the final LTP in late May, prior to Council adopting the final Long Term Plan on 20 June 2018.

### **MBIE Stewart Island Community Plan Update**

- 39 In August 2017, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment 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 terminated oyster farm production on Stewart Island. Council engaged Christchurch based independent consultant, Sandra James to undertake the work.
- 40 The purpose of the project was to determine the short, medium and long term community vision for the future sustainability and growth of Stewart Island Rakiura. It would also identify the infrastructure and social structure needed to support the achievement of the overall goals.
- 41 This engagement has now been completed, and the consultant has spoken with over 150 residents on the island around their views and aspirations around the future of the island. A community meeting was held on the Island on 5 March to present the overall findings and seek support in principle from the community to the proposed business cases to be put forward to government in relation to strategic leadership and wharves. The meeting was attended by representatives from MBIE, MPI, DOC, ES and Council who all provided an update on the work that they are currently undertaking on the Island. At this meeting a grant of \$100,000 to support the appointment of a Predator Free project manager was also announced.
- 42 The final report, submitted to Council on 27 March 2018 recommended some key themes for further investigation, and recommends to Council the development of investment proposals to MBIE.

### **Welcome Ambassador Project Update**

- 43 The purpose of this project is to develop and deliver a pilot in Te Anau that has a focus of intentional welcoming, where being a welcoming community can significantly enhance the experience of residents, ratepayers, and visitors to the area. The pilot will be led and supported by Council's community partnership leader, and delivered by community development through Venture Southland.
- 44 A public meeting was held in Te Anau on 7 March 2018 and was attended by a small and interested group of the public. Following in-depth discussions it was agreed by the residents present to not pursue this further in Te Anau at this time, however they wanted to ensure that there may be opportunity further down the track to investigate the project. The residents who attended felt that there were already a number of things happening in Te Anau, and that in general the township already provided a welcoming environment.
- 45 It is the express intention of this project that Council and other agencies or organisations have only a supporting role, and that the level of engagement and on-going accomplishments of the group are identified, driven and led by volunteers in the community themselves. From here, staff will have further discussions around any other townships who might be approached for expressions of interest in the project.

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

- 46 The purpose of this project is to develop and run two pilot projects around the concept of shared services and shared service delivery within community organisations and volunteer groups within the Southland District.
- 47 Shared services is a concept generally supported by Central Government funding agencies and philanthropic funding bodies, and where there is significant benefit to the efficiency and effectiveness of community organisations and volunteer groups, can work extremely well.
- 48 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, funding for operational and staffing issues, and attracting and retaining people in skilled governance roles, such as Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers.
- 49 Council and community development staff, with the support of Community Board members in the areas, have identified Winton and Edendale-Wyndham to initiate these pilots. Both pilots will be run concurrently and will have an urban and rural point of difference. Community development staff will begin interviews and conversations with community organisations over the next few months to look at ways in which a shared service model around the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer could be developed. Preliminary conversations have also been made with some funding agencies and has received a favourable response to speak with them further about this concept. The pilots will be run throughout the 2018 calendar year.

### **Policy and Bylaw Update**

- 50 Currently, two draft policies are out for consultation as part of the Long Term Plan consultation process. These are the Development and Financial Contributions Policy and the Revenue and Financing Policy. Council are required to have these policies to provide predictability and certainty about sources and levels of funding. Submissions on these policies close on the 9th of April and hearings held on either 18 or 19 April 2018.

- 51 The draft Trade Waste Bylaw is also out for consultation. Although the Trade Waste Bylaw 2008 has been effective at controlling trade waste discharges, under section 159 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Trade Waste Bylaw 2008 is due to be reviewed in 2018. Largely the Bylaw is unchanged, but the draft Bylaw does propose to increase the maximum penalty for a breach of the Bylaw. Submissions close on 2 May, and it is proposed that hearings will be held on 16 May.
- 52 A draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2018 has been developed and presented to the Regulatory and Consents Committee. If adopted, the draft policy would replace the current Earthquake-Prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2011. The current policy is due to be reviewed as new statutory provisions override the parts of Council's current Policy that relate to earthquake-prone buildings. The draft Policy will be presented to Council for its input and to approve the draft policy for consultation, later this year.
- 53 Council is currently in the process of reviewing the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw. Preliminary consultation has been undertaken, and staff are considering the feedback that has been received from internal and external stakeholders. Staff are in the process of identifying if any changes should be recommended. Possible changes to the Levy will be discussed with the Community and Policy Committee mid-year.

Council has resolved to review the Local Alcohol Policy with the Invercargill City Council (ICC) and the Gore District Council (GDC). As part of the review process, Council has also agreed to consult with, and to request information from, the Police and Inspectors and Medical Officers of Health. Feedback has been received from the Police that states the current Policy is working well, that it has been effective, and that it provides good guidelines for the alcohol industry and enforcement authorities. Staff are still waiting for feedback from the Inspectors and Medical Officers of Health, and when that feedback is received, staff will work with ICC and GDC to develop a draft policy.

### **Milford Opportunities Project**

- 54 The Governance Group along with the project management team from the Opus/Xyst partnership visited Milford on 15 February so that everyone could experience the pressures of peak season, to better understand the visitor issues and opportunities and hear first-hand from some of the operators.
- 55 They will be looking to develop a plan that will ensure the Milford experience is outstanding for years to come and continues to create benefit for Fiordland National Park, the region and New Zealand. In the first phase of the project the Opus/Xyst team will be gathering information to understand what is currently known and what else is needed to better inform the project about the people, place, and experience.
- 56 They will work closely with agencies and stakeholders to gather relevant information and research reports, with this phase taking up to six months. As this phase finishes, any gaps in information will be filled through further research.
- 57 Ultimately, this information will feed the strategy and overall masterplan which will create a framework for the future of Milford Sound and the corridor to enhance it and the Fiordland National Park.

### **Te Anau Community Development Planning**

- 58 The Te Anau Community Board is continuing to work through the suggestions that it received from the community consultation last year. The aim is to identify a range of medium to long term opportunities that the Board would like to invest in by including them in the Long Term Plan.
- 59 The intention is to then hold a workshop with a community focus group to discuss how and why those decisions were reached and to see whether there is a general agreement about where they have ended up. Cost estimates will then be sought for the projects which could lead to further prioritisation of the projects.

### **Tourism Infrastructure Fund Application**

- 60 Work on the information needed to support the application for work at Waikawa, Monkey Island, Clifden Bridge, and Te Anau is underway in anticipation of the next funding round being announced before the middle of the year. Those sites were agreed by Council as the priority for this round and further planning work is expected to be undertaken for the district's open spaces in the coming year.

### **Representation Review**

- 61 Since last reported in December 2017, Council, the Elected Representative Working Group and staff have been concluding the pre-consultation phase of the Representation Review and preparing concepts for discussion and feedback with members of community boards and community development area subcommittees.
- 62 Four feedback sessions were held in late February/early March. Following the feedback received Council considered and refined concepts which are currently being developed into what will become the Council's Initial Proposal that will go to Council in April for adoption for consultation. The Initial Proposal will then be open for submissions throughout May, with submissions closing on Wednesday 6 June. Hearings will be held in mid-June with Council adopting the Final Proposal in mid-July.
- 63 In order to inform and provide context for the Local Government Commission about the representation review and the community governance review a reference document, with information including an indicative terms of reference for community boards and information about how local groups will be supported in their local community and have a relationship with their community board, will be available.

### **Early Childhood Education (ECE) Network Meeting**

- 64 Staff were invited to attend a recent meeting facilitated by the Ministry of Education with representatives from the Ministry, Te Kura, Plunket, Playcentre Federation, Southern REAP and Council.
- 65 The purpose was to establish a network and create an understanding of the key stakeholders working in the early childhood sector in Southland and an understanding of the issues they are currently facing. Those in attendance described their roles and programmes on offer to the community.
- 66 Discussions centred around upcoming events and information sharing between agencies to get a better understanding of whether ECE facilities are attracting local families or if the families are traveling further afield to access ECE.
- 67 Plunket described their work in conjunction with REAP to develop a mobile physical programme to take resources to rural areas. REAP explained the resources they provide to Playgroups and

Home-based carers in Southland and programmes they run with Sport Southland. Playcentre advised of the changes happening at a national level and of the new guidelines being developed for use by local Playcentres. Te Kura shared their new electronic learning platform and advised they can offer financial support for accessing laptops and broadband to enable children to take part in early childhood education even if they don't live near an ECE provider.

- 68 A further network meeting is scheduled for later in the year.

### **Balfour Plunket**

- 69 The Balfour Plunket Group has moved out of their old building on Kruger Street and into the more modern Playcentre Building creating a great hub for young families in the District. Staff have attended meetings with local, regional and national Plunket representatives to discuss options for disposal of the building (owned by Plunket) and community consultation.

### **Venture Southland Community Development**

- 70 Staff have been providing support for a number of social enterprises across Southland. This involves working with these groups to help them integrate for-profit business models that support not-for-profit community outcomes.
- 71 Southland has been chosen as one of five regions throughout New Zealand to pilot the Welcoming Communities programme. Venture Southland will be coordinating the initiative in the region which will significantly contribute to Southland being considered a preferred place to live and work in.
- 72 As part of this initiative the Venture Southland community development team are working with Councils, the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), and Immigration NZ to draft a "Welcoming Plan" for the Southland region. This plan will support residents, migrants, immigrants, and refugees new to the region and set out how new and existing local policies, programmes, initiatives and services can be developed to support a welcoming environment.
- 73 The Welcoming Communities initiative has been developed in recognition that communities are healthier, happier and more productive when newcomers are welcomed and able to fully participate in the local community. The programme encourages communities to build upon their capacity to value diversity by embracing new culture and traditions. This is achieved by communities changing their dialogue to be more welcoming so that newcomers are not expected to change their ways and potentially lose their sense of self.
- 74 The long term aim of the programme is for communities to benefit socially, economically and culturally. Southland has the capacity to embrace this programme which will enable shared prosperity and growth for everyone.
- 75 Venture Southland has recently carried out a 'Welcoming Communities' survey to provide a benchmark for how welcoming Southland is for newcomers to the region. The results of this survey will contribute to the development of the welcoming plan.
- 76 Venture Southland has carried out a survey, in partnership with Stewart Island Promotion Association, to determine support for the creation of a Dark Sky sanctuary on Stewart Island.
- 77 The survey received a positive response and Venture Southland is now exploring funding options to assist in the preparation of an official application to the International Dark Skies Association.
- 78 Venture Southland will be running their annual business survey in April to determine the outlook of the Southland business climate. The survey will be able to be filled out online on the Venture Southland website. The survey will determine where Southland companies are doing business,

where they are exporting to and identify the challenges and employment trends affecting Southland businesses.

## **Environmental Services**

### **Building Solutions**

- 79 The value of consented work for the month of February 2018 is below February 2017 this is a reverse of an increase trend that started about 12 months ago. The number of consents that were issued were consistent with February 2017. The activity in farm building has rebounded on last month and is at a level similar to last year. The number of consents issued for the year is similar to last year for the same period, however there is a noted increase in the value of consented building work. There are currently 104 consents in the system 41 of these are on hold and 63 are actively progressing through the system.

### **Dog Control**

- 80 Staff have organised a dog amnesty from Monday 12 February 2018 until Friday 13 April 2018. As at 13 March, 53 dogs had been registered under the amnesty, none of which were menacing breeds.

### **Environmental Health**

- 81 Two new freedom camping ranger services have been operating in the Catlins and in Lumsden. The Catlins service is a shared service with DOC and Clutha District Council, and is limited to daytime educational patrols. Two late night/early morning patrols by Council staff indicate high levels of compliance in the Catlins. In Lumsden, compliance is good thanks to a trial of having additional parks for non-self-contained, however some refinement of the service will be required prior to next season.

### **Resource Management**

- 82 Council has joined Environment Southland, Invercargill City Council and Gore District Council to undertake some region wide studies on landscapes, biodiversity and climate change. The Planning Team will be inputting into these projects over the next few months.

## **Customer Support**

- 83 For the month of February 2018, Customer Support received 4482 calls to 0800 732 732. There were 549 Request for Service (RFS) recorded from our customers with the top three matters related to roading, water supply and new wheelie bin requests. We had 10,518 visitors to our libraries across the District (excluding Stewart Island and the Bookbus as there are no door counters). We processed 17,438 payments from our customers, of the payments received, 76.6% came to us electronically through direct credit or direct debit, 1.9% cash, 8.6% eftpos and 12.8% via cheque.

### **Libraries**

- 84 In a major upgrade of our management system SDC Libraries will be moving to the Kōtui Platform on 3 May 2018. The base system we are using won't show significant changes, particularly for members of the public, however the support underpinning this will be greatly enhanced for both Library staff and users.

- 85 On Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 and 2 May all branches will be open and delivering all services however printed receipts (those orange/yellow slips) will not be available with books taken out and the current catalogue will not be updated with transactions. Staff will be recording by pen and paper. This will ensure all data can be checked and tested prior to launch day on Thursday 3 May. We want the transition to be as smooth as possible, particularly for members of the public.

## **Services and Assets**

### **Forestry (IFS)**

- 86 The main harvest program is now underway, with a crew currently logging in the Ohai Forest.
- 87 With a full year program of 46,000 tonnes, there remains 35,000 tonnes to be harvested in Ohai and Waikaia Forests by the end of 2017/18. Log prices are well up on budget, as both export and domestic demand continues.
- 88 The forest growing operations continue with pruning and thinning in all forests during this period. Land preparation is also well underway for planting during winter in Ohai.
- 89 The Southland District Council are now eligible to claim the ETS Post 89 units for the 2013-18 period with Ministry for Primary Industries; this will be done soon.

## **Strategic Water and Waste**

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

- 90 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.
- 91 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.
- 92 Council staff and elected members from the three Southland Territorial Local Authorities, presented evidence to the hearing panel in September. Environment Southland released the decisions made by the commissioners on 4 April. Staff will be evaluating these decisions and considering what further action, if any, is needed.

## **Strategic Roding**

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

- 93 This project is tracking slightly behind schedule but good progress is being made. The Roding Company have around 99% of the earthworks and drainage works completed on the Otara Haldane Road section. The first 3km along this section has now been sealed (Otara end) a further 3.5km has been fully constructed with sealing programmed for mid-March. The 2km of Otta sealing along the tidal section and sealing of the approximately 5km of the main route to be completed during April.



### **Ramparts Road**

- 94 Fulton Hogan have completed the Otta sealing of Ramparts Road to the look out. The first signs of the Otta seal are starting to come through. Temporary speed limit signs have been kept in place to assist curing; to help provide a good outcome and reduce the risk of issues such as corrugations occurring.

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

- 95 Downer have completed the Eastern Area Contract and at the time of writing have 90% of the Western Area completed.

### **LED Streetlight Replacement Programme**

- 96 All light fittings required as part of the retrofit project have been purchased at the accelerated Financial Assistance Rate (85%).
- 97 Network Electrical Services are in the process of establishing a third crew on the project and believe they will be able to complete at least 65% of the network by 30 June 2018.
- 98 Staff are having discussions with the New Zealand Transport Agency around extending the enhanced funding assistance rate beyond the 30 June deadline, for the installation of the lighting units. There was a significant delay in NZTA providing their approval for this work due to a change in their approval processes. The timing and resourcing issues around completing the retrofitting apply in a number of regions and have been discussed at a national level with a paper being presented to the NZTA Board in April.

### **Community Facilities and Housing Review**

- 99 Morrison Low have recently completed a service delivery review, as required under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002, for our community facilities and community housing services. The report was presented to the 27 March Council meeting and so a copy of the report is available on Council's website.
- 100 The report notes that Council currently has some 65 contracts in place for managing the delivery of its community facility services. It notes that there is an opportunity to streamline the current approach by looking to standardise and then consolidate a number of the current contracts. A work programme to look at how this might be achieved is to be developed and will be reported back to the Services and Assets Committee.
- 101 In relation to community housing Morrison Low recommend that Council proceed to develop a business case to review and evaluate in more depth the pros and cons of each of the delivery models that might be available for the delivery of this service. The range of options available obviously include a continuation of the current model or a change to having the service delivered by, for example, external non-profit community groups such as a health or social service trust or a complete exit from the service altogether. There is obviously a considerable amount of work to be done to fully evaluate the range of options that are available within Southland. As a result evaluation of these options will take some time.

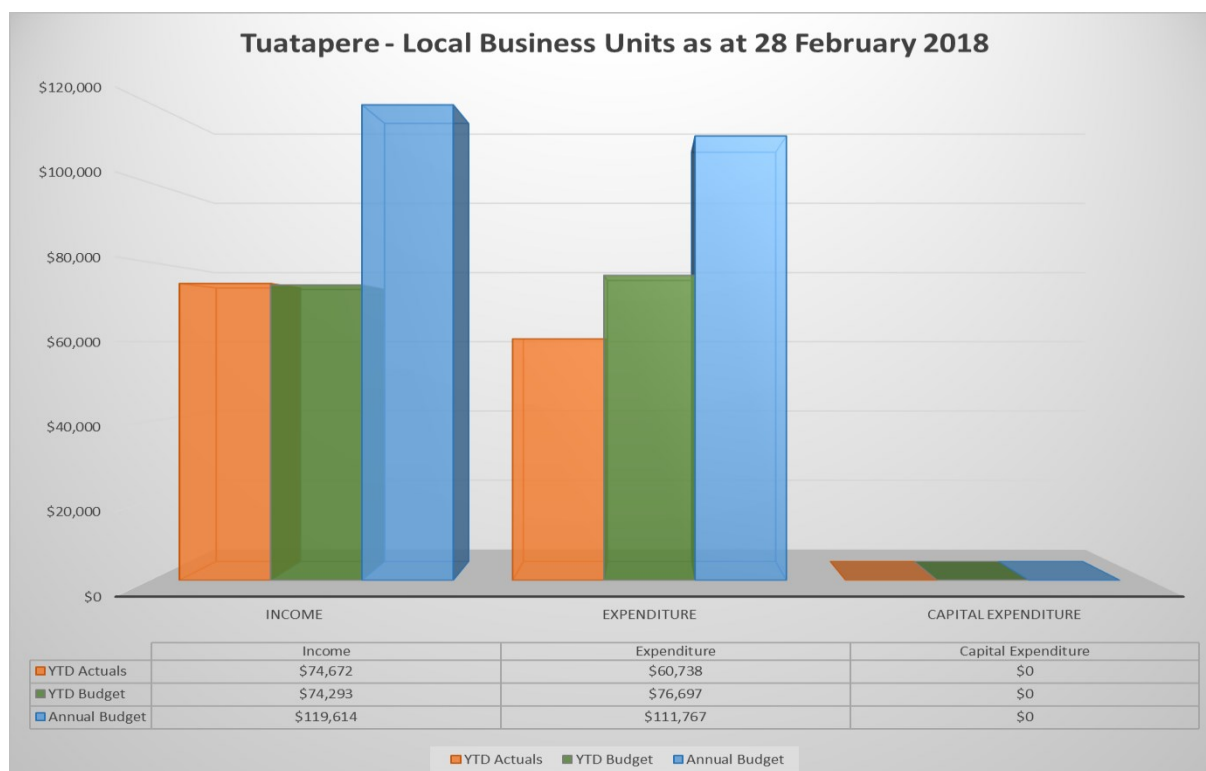
### **Tuatapere**

- 102 Once a quote for walking track signs and the Greenheart Reserve sign at the King Street entrance have been received and accepted by the Board they will be installed.
- 103 The issue of businesses dumping commercial waste at the transfer station is being attended to by Water and Waste Department.

- 104 The “Gray’s Mile” Invercargill entrance to town has been tidied up.

## Finance

- 105 All cost codes are below year to date budgets except the Tuatapere Hall which has had nearly \$10,000 in maintenance costs that were previously unbudgeted. At the current time this is offset by reduced spending in other areas where the general maintenance expenditure has been less than budgeted.



Tuatapere - Business Units as at 28 February 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	\$8,555	\$8,534	\$20,510	\$7,664	\$8,372	\$12,801			
28002	Operating Costs - Tuatapere	\$15,005	\$14,969	\$22,453	\$12,354	\$15,511	\$22,453			
28007	Street Works - Tuatapere	\$8,082	\$8,063	\$12,094	\$2,870	\$8,281	\$12,422			
28010	Refuse Collection - Tuatapere									
28013	Stormwater Drainage - Tuatapere	\$6,169	\$6,154	\$9,231	\$3,685	\$6,217	\$9,231			
28028	Beautification - Tuatapere	\$14,626	\$14,609	\$21,913	\$12,877	\$14,609	\$21,913			
28032	Tuatapere Parks & Reserves	\$5,763	\$5,749	\$8,624	\$3,466	\$6,039	\$8,624			
28040	Waiou River Collection	\$193	\$193	\$289	\$412	\$193	\$289			
28048	Tuatapere Ward Pool Rate	\$6,772	\$6,738	\$10,215		\$6,738	\$10,107			
28050	Hall - Tuatapere	\$9,507	\$9,285	\$14,285	\$17,410	\$10,737	\$13,927			
Total		\$74,672	\$74,293	\$119,614	\$60,738	\$76,697	\$111,767	\$0	\$0	\$0

## 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
Community Centre													
Reserve													
Tuatapere Community Centre - R	20,588	20,946	20,946	21,635	22,347	23,082	23,841	24,625	25,435	26,272	27,136	28,029	28,951
Total Community Centre Reserve	20,588	20,946	20,946	21,635	22,347	23,082	23,841	24,625	25,435	26,272	27,136	28,029	28,951
Total Community Centre Balance													
Local													
Operating													
Tuatapere General - ORR	64	64	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Local Operating	64	64	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve													
Tuatapere General - RES	261,165	268,756	268,756	277,886	256,979	266,099	275,741	285,922	296,660	307,973	330,044	342,899	356,398
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
Waiatu 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
Total Local Reserve	283,092	290,908	290,908	300,767	280,613	290,510	300,955	311,966	323,561	335,760	358,743	372,541	387,016
Total Local Balance													
Water													
Reserve													
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
Total Water Reserve	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
Total Water Balance													
Total Tuatapere Reserve Balance													
	310,488	318,662	318,662	329,146	309,704	320,336	331,540	343,335	355,740	368,776	392,623	407,314	422,711

## **Recommendation**

**That the Tuatapere Community Board:**

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

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.