



Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Oraka Aparima Community Board will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday, 11 February 2025  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Meeting room:** Riverton Senior Citizens Room  
**Venue:** Corner Bath Road and Princess Street, Riverton

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## **Oraka Aparima Community Board Agenda OPEN**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Michael Weusten
<b>Deputy chairperson</b>	Neil Linscott
<b>Members</b>	Alby Buchanan Emma Gould Troy Holiday Eve Welch Councillor Don Byars

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

<b>Community partnership leader</b>	Stella O'Connor
<b>Committee advisor</b>	Rachael Poole

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## Community board terms of reference

<b>TYPE OF COMMITTEE</b>	Community board (board)
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO</b>	Boards are responsible to Council Each board will also have relationships with Council committees (these committees are outlined in the delegations manual).
<b>SUBCOMMITTEES</b>	Some subcommittees will report to community boards – these are outlined in section 8.5 of the delegations manual.
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Oreti and Waihopai Toetoe boards have seven members elected by the local authority triennial elections plus a member appointed by Council. All other boards have six members plus a member appointed by Council.  The chairperson is elected by the board. Councillors who are not appointed to boards can only remain for the public section of the board meeting. They cannot stay for the public excluded section unless the board agrees.
<b>FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS</b>	Every second month, but up to 12 ordinary meetings a year with the approval of the chief executive.
<b>QUORUM</b>	Not less than four members
<b>THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY BOARDS</b>	<p><b>Governance</b></p> <p>Elected members are responsible for providing leadership, setting direction and for overseeing performance (at a high level).</p> <p>The chief executive and staff are responsible for management activities including the allocation of resources, overseeing the day to day operations of the community board, providing policy advice and implementing governance decisions.</p> <p><b>Roles outlined in the Local Government Act 2002</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appoint a chairperson and deputy chairperson</li> <li>• represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community</li> <li>• consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the board</li> <li>• maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community</li> <li>• prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community</li> <li>• communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community</li> <li>• undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional roles of boards</b></p> <p><b>Community wellbeing</b></p>



a) promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of local communities

b) monitor the overall well-being of local communities.

### **Community leadership**

a) to provide leadership to local communities on the strategic issues and opportunities that they face

b) identify key issues and opportunities that will affect the future of the board's community and work with Council staff and other local representatives to facilitate multi-agency collaborative opportunities

c) promote a shared vision for the board's community and develop and promote ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes

d) provide a local community perspective on Council's long term plan key performance indicators and levels of service as detailed in the long term plan, and on local expenditure, rating impacts and priorities

e) develop and manage community board plans including keeping these up to date and relevant to community needs and aspirations.

### **Engagement and relationships**

a) to develop relationships and communicate with key community organisations, special interest groups, residents and businesses within the community.

#### **Advocacy**

a) as part of the long term plan or annual plan process, prepare a submission to Council on the proposed levels of service, income and expenditure within the community of interest

b) as part of the long term plan or annual plan process, outline the relative priorities for the delivery of District services and levels of service within the board area (Council sets the levels of service for **District Activities**<sup>(ii)</sup> if a board seeks a higher level of service, they need to recommend that to Council, and the higher level of service will need to be funded in an appropriate way (locally).

### **Local activities**

#### **For local activities<sup>(iii)</sup>**

a) recommend to Council levels of service<sup>(iii)</sup> and budgets for local activities, having regard to Council budgets in the long term plan or annual plan process

b) recommend to Council rates, user charges and fees to fund local activities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) recommend to Council or a relevant committee the approval of project definitions or business cases and procurement plans for capital expenditure over \$300,000</li> <li>d) recommend to Council or a relevant committee unbudgeted capital expenditure</li> <li>e) monitor the services Council delivers its communities and assess the extent these services meet community needs or the expected level of service</li> <li>f) support the development of local management plans where required by statute or in support of the district plan, or other plans (reserves, harbours, or other community facilities).</li> </ul> <p>These plans should then be recommended to Council. There are times when local management plans<sup>(iv)</sup> should not be developed</p> <p><b>Environmental management and spatial planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) provide comment on resource consent applications referred to the community board for comment</li> <li>b) to make recommendations to Council about bylaws and about enforcing bylaws within the community, having regard to the need to maintain consistency across the District</li> <li>c) provide advice to Council and its committees on any matter of interest or concern to the community board in relation to the sale of alcohol, where statutory ability exists to seek such feedback</li> <li>d) provide input into regulatory activities not otherwise specified above, where process allows</li> <li>e) recommend to Council initiating an appeal to the environment court on decisions relating to resource consent applications that the board has made submissions on</li> <li>f) provide support to the development of community plans for a civil defence emergency and the recovery afterwards.</li> </ul>
<b>DELEGATIONS</b>	<p><b>In exercising the delegated powers, boards will operate within:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) policies, plans, standards or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council</li> <li>b) the needs of the local communities</li> <li>c) the approved budgets for the activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Boards shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers<sup>(v)</sup>.</b></p> <p><b>Community wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) develop local strategies to improve areas of wellbeing (where a need has been identified)</li> <li>b) to develop local community outcomes that reflect the desired goals for their community or place.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Community board plans</b></p> <p>a) Regularly review and update the community board plan to keep the plan relevant.</p> <p><b>Decisions on locally funded assets and services</b></p> <p>a) accept donations of a local asset (e.g. a gas barbeque, park bench, etc) with a value of less than \$30,000</p> <p>b) approve project definitions or business cases for approved budgeted capital expenditure up to \$300,000.</p> <p>Unbudgeted expenditure</p> <p>a) approve unbudgeted operating expenditure for local activities of up to \$20,000</p> <p>b) approve up to a \$20,000 increase in the projected cost of a budgeted capital works project/item that is included in the annual plan or long term plan</p> <p>c) authority to delegate to the chief executive, when approving a project definition or business case, over-expenditure of up to \$10,000 for capital expenditure against the budget detailed in the annual plan or long term plan.</p> <p><b>Leases and licenses</b></p> <p>In relation to all leases and licences of land and buildings for local activities within their own area, and subject to any relevant legislation and/or policy requirement, on behalf of Council;</p> <p>a) accept the highest tenders for rentals more than \$10,000</p> <p>b) approve the preferential allocation<sup>(vi)</sup> of leases and licenses where the rental is \$10,000 or more per annum.</p> <p><b>Community assistance</b></p> <p>a) establish a system for prioritising allocations, based on criteria provided by Council</p> <p>b) grant funds from the Community Partnership Fund</p> <p>c) allocate bequests or grants generated locally, consistent with the terms of the bequest or grant fund.</p> <p><b>Northern Southland development fund</b></p> <p>a) the Northern board can make decisions regarding funding applications to the Northern Southland development fund.</p>
<p><b>LIMITS TO DELEGATIONS</b></p>	<p>Boards have no financial or decision-making delegations other than those specifically delegated by Council.</p> <p>Boards shall only expend funding on purposes for which that funding was originally raised and in accordance with the budgets approved by Council through its long term plan or annual plan.</p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of section 39(2) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2022 the board may not incur expenditure in excess of the approved budget.</p>

	<p><b>Matters that are not delegated</b></p> <p>Council has not delegated to boards the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) make a rate or bylaw</li> <li>b) acquire, hold or dispose of property</li> <li>c) direct, appoint, suspend or remove staff</li> <li>d) engage or enter into contracts and agreements and financial commitments</li> <li>e) institute an action for recovery of any amount</li> <li>f) issue and police building consents, notices, authorisations and requirements under acts, statutes, regulations, bylaws and the like;</li> <li>g) institute legal proceedings other than the delegation to recommend to Council the initiating of an appeal to the environment court on decisions in respect to resource consent applications on which the board has made submissions.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTACT WITH MEDIA</b>	<p>The board chairperson is the authorised spokesperson for the board in all matters where the board has authority or a particular interest.</p> <p>Board members, including the chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media or outside agencies on behalf of Council on matters outside of the board’s delegations.</p> <p>The leadership team member will manage the formal communications between the board and its constituents and for the board in the exercise of its business. Correspondence with central government, other local government agencies or official agencies will only take place through Council staff and will be undertaken under the name of Council.</p>
<b>REPORTING</b>	<p>Boards are unincorporated statutory bodies which are elected to represent the communities they serve.</p> <p>Copies of board meeting minutes are retained by Council.</p>

- (i) **District activities include:**
- a) community leadership at a district level (including district community grants)
  - b) wastewater
  - c) waste services
  - d) water supply
  - e) district open spaces (parks and reserves)
  - f) roading
  - g) district community services (library services, cemeteries, community housing and heritage/culture)
  - h) district community facilities (public toilets, library buildings, offices and amenity buildings)
  - i) environmental services (building services, resource management, environmental health, animal services, emergency management)
  - j) stormwater
  - k) corporate support services

- (ii) **Local activities include:**
- a) community leadership at a local board level (including local community grants)
  - b) local community facilities (halls and other amenity buildings within Council's overarching policy for community facilities)
  - c) water facilities (boat ramps, wharves, jetties and harbour facilities)
  - d) local open spaces (parks and reserves, playgrounds and streetscapes)
  - e) parking limits, footpaths and streetlights
  - f) Te Anau/Manapouri Airport (Fiordland board)
  - g) Stewart Island Electricity Supply Authority (SIESA) (Stewart Island/Rakiura board)
  - h) for the above two local activities only
    - recommend levels of service and annual budget to Council or a relevant committee
    - monitor the performance and delivery of the service
  - i) naming reserves, structures and commemorative places
  - j) authority to decide upon requests from the community, regarding names of reserves, the placement of structures and commemorative places.
  - k) naming roads
  - l) authority to decide on the naming for public roads, private roads and rights of way
  - m) assisting the chief executive by providing comment (through the board chairperson) to consider and determine temporary road closures applications where there are objections to the proposed road closure.
- (iii) Levels of service is a term in asset management referring to the quality of a given service. Defining and measuring levels of service is a key activity in developing infrastructure asset management plans. Levels of service may be tied to physical performance of assets or be defined by customer expectation and satisfaction.
- (iv) Local management plans should not be developed where powers:
- a) have been delegated to Council staff
  - b) would have significance beyond the board's area or otherwise involves a matter of national importance (Section 6 Resource Management Act 1991)
  - c) involve the alienation of any part of a proposed or existing esplanade reserve by way of width reduction, easement, lease or otherwise.
- (v) Local Government Act 2002, s.53
- (vi) A preferential allocation is when there is a preference that a lease or license is given to a particular person or group, rather than having an open process. For example, a neighbouring land owner or a community group that use a building may be asked if they want to lease the land/building, rather than giving the wider public the opportunity to tender or apply.
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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**

Community 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 Extraordinary/urgent items**

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the community board 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.”

**5 Confirmation of minutes**

5.1 Meeting minutes of Oraka Aparima Community Board, 10 December 2024

**6 Public participation**

Notification to speak is required by 12noon at least one clear day before the meeting. Further information is available at [www.southlanddc.govt.nz](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz) or by phoning 0800 732 732.



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# Oraka Aparima Community Board

## OPEN MINUTES

**(UNCONFIRMED)**

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Minutes of a meeting of Oraka Aparima Community Board held in the Riverton Senior Citizens Room, Corner Bath Road and Princess Street, Riverton on 10 December 2024 at 6.30pm. (6.30pm – 9.14pm) (PE 8.50pm – 9.14pm).

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### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Michael Weusten
<b>Deputy chairperson</b>	Neil Linscott
<b>Members</b>	Alby Buchanan
	Emma Gould
	Troy Holiday
	Eve Welch
	Councillor Don Byars

### APOLOGIES

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Community partnership leader</b>	Stella O'Connor
<b>Committee advisor</b>	Rachael Poole
<b>Community facilities manager</b>	Mark Day
<b>Contracts and program lead</b>	Lance Spencer



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**1 Apologies**

There were no 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 Extraordinary/urgent items**

There were no extraordinary/urgent items.

**5 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolution**

Moved Troy Holiday, seconded Alby Buchanan

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting with corrections to item 7.1 resolution l and k amended to approve funding requested.**

**6 Public participation**

Cath Oakley spoke about the Riverton Pool and her thoughts on the process that is required to increase the Riverton Pool rate.

## Reports

### 7.1 Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024

**Record No: R/24/11/70473**

GM finance and assurance, Anne Robson took the board through this report and gave an overview of the last financial year.

**Resolution**

Moved Chairperson Weusten, seconded Deputy chairperson Linscott **and resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024".**

Councillor Byars left the meeting at 7.13 and returned at 7.14pm.

### 7.2 Proposed budgets and rates - Annual Plan 2025/2026

**Record No: R/24/11/71734**

GM finance and assurance, Anne Robson explained that this report was for the community board to consider local budgets for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and recommend local rates for the year commencing 1 July 2025 to Council.

This report provides an overview of the local activities provided under the governance of the Oraka Aparima Community Board. The report and attachment detail the proposed 2025/2026 budgets for these activities and the resulting local rates to be recommended to Council. For the board's information, the report also includes details about district community facility projects under the governance of the Council which are proposed to be undertaken in the community board area in 2025/2026.

Based on the current draft budgets, the total rate revenue needed to fund the community board rate would increase from \$367,674 in 2024/2025 to \$396,969 in 2025/2026 (GST inclusive). The main driver for the change in the community board rate is the increase in loan interest and principal repayments as well as increased general maintenance costs.

The board requested project P-10755A, Mankua Street playground in Colac Bay move from 2025/26 to 2026/27.

**Resolution**

Moved Chairperson Weusten, seconded Eve Welch **and resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Proposed budgets and rates - Annual Plan 2025/2026"**
- b) **determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002**

- c) **determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the Act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to deciding on this matter**
- d) **agrees that the following changes be made to the 2024/2025 local community board projects and recommends to Council that these be incorporated into Council's 2024/2025 forecasting process:**

<b>Town: Project</b>	<b>Current budget (24/25)</b>	<b>Revised budget (24/25)</b>	<b>Recommended timing (year) and budget</b>
FFOOT004 Riverton – new footpaths	\$112,000	\$56,000	Project remains in 2024/2025 but reduced scope to be new dunnite footpath (one side of Richard Street) versus concrete

- e) **agrees that the following changes be made to the 2025/2026 local community board projects:**

<b>Town: Project</b>	<b>Draft budget as per workshop (25/26)</b>	<b>Revised budget (25/26)</b>	<b>Recommended timing (year) and budget</b>
P-11212A Riverton Dog Park	\$5,100	\$0	Project moved to 2026/2027.

- f) **agrees the following changes**
- **that the Taramea Bay/Rocks development reserve balance at the 30 June 2025 be transferred to the Riverton General Reserve**
  - **that the Riverton Parks and Reserves Reserve at the 30 June 2025 be transferred to the Riverton General Reserve**
  - **changes the 2025/26 funding of P-10755A for the playground Colac Bay to fully funded from a loan of \$56,253 instead of \$51,000 from a loan and \$5,253 from rates, moves the project to 2026/27 year and removes related interest and principal repayments from 2025/26 year**
  - **fully fund FHALL046A, Colac Bay Hall – pile fasteners, ramps and paths from the Colac Bay Hall reserve for \$12,240 rather than a loan of \$6,839 and reserves \$5,301**
- g) **agrees that the following changes are made to the footpath programme for 2024/2025 to 2026/2027:**
- i. **remove the programme and funding as included in the Long Term Plan for these three financial years, incorporating the changes from 2024/25 into Councils forecasting process.**
  - ii. **include in Riverton footpath renewals in 2025/2026 of \$23,543, funded from a loan.**

iii. include in Colac Bay footpath renewals in 2025/2026 of \$20,157, funded from a loan.

- h) confirms the local budgets and work programmes incorporating the changes in resolutions (d), (e) and (f) and recommends to Council these be included in the draft Annual Plan 2025/2026.
- i) recommends to Council that for the year commencing 1 July 2025 it recovers the total amount for each rate as follows (subject to resolution (d), (e) (f) and (g)):

<u>Rate Description</u>	<u>Rate GST inclusive</u>
Oraka Aparima Community Board rate	\$396,969
Colac Bay Hall rate	\$24,694
Thornbury Hall rate	\$14,878
Riverton Pool rate	\$47,150

- j) provide an indication to staff of the percentage increase in total revenue collected to fund the Riverton pool grant that should be incorporated into the draft budgets for 2026/2027 and annually from 2027/2028 onwards :

- (iv) higher amount as requested by Riverton & District Baths Society  
2026/2027: ~21.8% (equivalent to \$5.75 incl GST per unit)  
2027/2028 onward: ~7.2% per annum (equivalent to \$2.30 incl GST per unit)

- k) requests staff advise the pool society of its funding decision
- l) recommends to Council the setting of the following fees and charges for the year commencing 1 July 2025:

<u>Fee/Charge Description</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Fee/Charge GST inclusive</u>
<b>Colac Bay hall</b>		
Funerals		\$100.00
Cabaret, socials, weddings		\$300.00
Bowls - night		\$40.00
Bowls - afternoon and night		\$60.00
Main hall	Per hour	\$20.00
Bond (refundable) (may be imposed at discretion of the custodian and advised at time of booking)	No GST	\$300.00
<b>Thornbury hall</b>		
Funerals		\$100.00
Cabaret, socials, weddings		\$300.00
Hire of any room	Per hour	\$20.00
Bond (refundable) (may be imposed at discretion of the	No GST	\$300.00

custodian and advised at time of booking)

- m) delegates authority to the board chair to approve any minor changes required to the budgets following this meeting.**

Councillor Byars left the meeting at 8.02pm and returned at 8.03pm.

### **7.3 Tree plan**

**Record No: R/24/12/73414**

Community facilities manager, Mark Day presented this report and presented the community board with an updated overview of the Southland District Council (SDC) Tree Plan, including key community feedback following public consultation, and to propose the next steps for adoption.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Troy Holiday, seconded Eve Welch **and resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled "Tree plan".**

### **7.4 Taramea Bay Riverton toilet project - final update**

**Record No: R/24/9/57008**

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and shared that the project budget was \$683,000 and external invoices received totalling \$662,000. Once internal charging has been finalised Ms O'Connor will let the board know the total cost.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Cr Byars, seconded Emma Gould **and resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- receives the report titled "Taramea Bay Riverton toilet project - final update".**

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**7.5 Community board reporting**

**Record No: R/24/11/69326**

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor informed the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district. Better off funding projects in the delivered phase and stage two of the Taramea Bay project is about to start with initial consultation with youth.

Staff will bring a report to a future meeting on options for Thornbury Hall.

**Resolution**

Moved Cr Byars, seconded Alby Buchanan **and resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Community board reporting".**

**7.6 Chairperson's report**

**Record No: R/24/11/71157**

Chair Weusten updated the board on what he has been involved with over the last two months.

**Resolution**

Moved Deputy chairperson Linscott, seconded Alby Buchanan **and resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Chairperson's report"**

**7.7 Councillor update**

**Record No: R/24/11/73058**

Councillor Byars updated the board on what has been happening at Council.

**Resolution**

Moved Cr Byars, seconded Emma Gould **and resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Councillor update".**

**Public excluded**

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

**Resolution**

Moved Alby Buchanan, seconded Deputy chairperson Linscott **and resolved:**

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

**C8.1 Community service award nomination - September 2024**

**C8.2 Proposed sale of Council land at Riverton**

**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
Proposed sale of Council land at Riverton	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	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.
Community service award nomination - September 2024	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.

The public were excluded at 8.50pm.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available unless released here.

The meeting concluded at 9.14pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of a meeting of the Oraka Aparima Community Board held on 10 December 2024.

**DATE:**

**CHAIRPERSON:**





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## Community Update - Oraka Aparima Rūnaka emergency pod

**Record no:** R/25/1/2003

**Author:** Rachael Poole, Committee advisor

**Approved by:** Robyn Rout, Governance legal manager

Decision

Recommendation

Information

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- 1 There will be an update from Oraka Aparima Rūnaka to provide an overview of the emergency pod contents, the process around using the pod and to answer any questions from the board.

### Recommendation

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled “Community Update - Oraka Aparima Rūnaka emergency pod”.

### Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.



## Councillor update

**Record no:** R/25/2/3643  
**Author:** Rachael Poole, Committee advisor  
**Approved by:** Vibhuti Chopra, Group manager strategy and partnerships

Decision                       Recommendation                       Information

### Purpose of report

- 1 This report is to provide the board an overview of the matters that have been considered at Council and Finance and Assurance Committee meetings from 27 November 2024 to 11 December 2024.
- 2 To watch any of the previous Council or Finance and Assurance Committee meetings select this link: [SDC youtube](#)
- 3 An overview of the reports presented is given in the table below.
- 4 This report is also to provide an opportunity for Councillor Byars to highlight particular matters or update the board on any other issues that have arisen around the Council table.

27 November 2024 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Presentation of Health and Safety certificate.	Mayor Scott presented Amenity Contracting with a health and safety champions certificate as Council staff have been impressed with the many health and safety protocols that they have for their worksites.
Roading Bylaw - Stewart Island/Rakiura Parking and One Way Amendments - Hearing and Submissions.	Councillors were provided information on the 46 submissions received during the consultation period. Three submitters spoke to their submissions during the meeting.
Milford Community Trust – Statement of Intent 2024-2027.	Staff presented the Statement of Intent 2024-2027 that the Trust approved in May 2024, for their information.
Milford Community Trust.	Councillors agreed to the following updates from staff on the Milford Community Trust: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the resignation of Matt Wilson as chair of the Milford Community Trust</li> <li>• approve deferring the process for appointing trustees to the Milford Community Trust until the government has released its decisions on the Milford Opportunities Project and considerations from any decision have been assessed; and</li> <li>• approve not invoicing operators for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year as the uncertainty about the recreation centre project is not yet resolved.</li> </ul>

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	Council thanked Cr Wilson for the work he has undertaken during his tenure as Chair.
Appointment of director to Milford Sound Tourism Limited.	Cameron McIntosh was appointed as a director to Milford Sound Tourism Ltd for a term of three years as the former director appointed by Council is no longer employed by Council.
Mayors report.	Mayor Scott updated Council on his recent activities and Northern Community Board Chair, Greg Tither, updated Council on what his board has been involved with over the last few months. Attached to the report was a copy of the letter that Mayor Scott forwarded to the Minister of Transport expressing concern over the reduction in funding from NZTA for Southland roads.
<b>4 December 2024 – Finance and Assurance Committee meeting</b>	
<b>Report</b>	<b>Overview</b>
Workplan for the year ended 30 June 2024.	The committee received a work plan and noted the following amendments to the plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Procurement Policy Review’ and ‘Edendale/Wyndham wastewater treatment plant re discharge consent’ were moved to 2025</li> <li>• a new quarterly report from the People and Culture group has been added to the plan.</li> </ul>
2023/2024 Annual report representation letter.	The committee delegated to the mayor and chief executive the authority to sign the representation letter to Deloitte for the 2023/2024 Annual Report on its behalf.
Draft Annual Report 2023/2024 recommending adoption by Council.	The committee recommended to Council the adoption of the 2023/2024 Annual Report and endorsed the summary 2023/2024 Annual Report.
Annual Report – Deloitte Management Report for the year ended 30 June 2024.	Staff and Mike Hawken (from Deloitte) presented the management report from Deloitte for the audit of the 2023/2024 Annual Report and commented on the four audit recommendations.  Mr Hawken acknowledged staff and the support that was given to Deloitte’s audit team given the quick turnaround between the LTP and Annual Report audits. The committee received the report.
Financial report for the period ended 31 October 2024.	The committee received the report that gave an overview of the financial results for the four months to 31 October 2024.
Interim performance report – period one – 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2024.	Results to date show that for the 64 total KPI’s, 70% (45) have been achieved, 17% (11) are not yet achieved and 13% (8) are yet to be measured. The report was received by the committee.

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Capital delivery programme update – October 2024.	Staff provided an update on the delivery of the 2024/2025 capital programme, outlined challenges with delivery in this timeframe and potential impacts. The committee made recommendations to Council around planned adjustments to the financial programme that totalled \$11,996,000.
Health and safety update.	The committee received the health and safety update from staff which included the measures of incident reporting to Council’s health and safety system.
Risk management – December 2024 quarterly update.	The committee received this report and noted the risks currently assessed as significant for the December 2024 quarter. These risks areas are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• change</li> <li>• cyber-security</li> <li>• finance.</li> </ul>
Draft risk management framework – recommendation.	The committee considered, endorsed and recommended Council adopts the draft Risk Management Framework 2024 to come into effect on 11 December 2024.
Balanced funds investment review.	The committee approved investing the second quarterly instalment for the 2024/2025 financial year. The committee also requested staff, when they complete the review of the Investment and Liability Management Policy, consider making allowance for minor fluctuations of the split of growth/income as a result of Council’s fund manager accounting for changing market conditions.
Quarterly update to the Finance and Assurance Committee on progress for the Environmental Services Business Improvement Plan -17a.	Staff updated the committee on the remote inspection service that is coming into effect next year, that preparation is underway for the upcoming IANZ audit in February 2025 and agreed to updated action delivery dates on two actions.

**11 December 2024 – Council meeting**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Overview</b>
Annual report 2023/2024 for adoption.	Council adopted the Annual Report and endorsed the Annual Report Summary for the year ended 30 June 2024.
Draft Risk Management Framework – adoption.	Council resolved to adopt the draft Risk Management Framework.
Great South update to Council on the Te Anau Airport Manapouri review.	Council received the update from Great South on its work to date on the review of the Te Anau Airport Manapouri.
Roading Bylaw - Stewart Island/Rakiura Parking Restrictions and One-way Amendments -	Council considered the feedback received on the draft Rooding Bylaw 2008 and agreed to make the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) removal of the proposed permanent one-way on Dundee Street</li> </ul>

<p>Deliberations and Adoption.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii) additional parking restrictions at the Watercress Beach boat ramp</li> <li>iii) amendments that reflect the time restriction parking and no parking recommendations</li> <li>iv) correction of an error in the draft Bylaw that incorrectly referenced the point of measurement for the lay by parking on the corner of Elgin Terrace and Main Road, from Argyle Street to Elgin Terrace.</li> </ul> <p>Council also endorsed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) implementation of a temporary trial one-way on Dundee Street before the wider Rooding Bylaw review</li> <li>ii) long term parking spaces are not designated in the draft Bylaw</li> <li>iii) mobility parking options are explored as part of the 2025 Bylaw review</li> <li>iv) Elgin Terrace boat ramp parking issues are explored as part of the 2025 Bylaw review.</li> </ul>
<p>Mayoral discretionary fund report.</p>	<p>Councillors received the report stating that there was an application from Koha Kai to the Mayoral Discretionary Fund. This was the first successful application for this triennium. Koha Kai delivered 45 meal boxes to rural Southland households during the period of heavy rainfall in October 2024.</p>
<p>Management report.</p>	<p>Councillors received the management report from chief executive Cameron McIntosh and heard from a number of staff on what has been happening in their areas of responsibility.</p>
<p>Stewart Island Rakiura renewable energy report.</p>	<p>Council approved unbudgeted expenditure of \$300,000 of external funding that has been received from the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment for the Stewart Island Rakiura Renewable Energy Project.</p>
<p>Signing of audit engagement letter for Milford Community Trust.</p>	<p>Council approved the signing of the audit engagement letter for the audit of the performance report of Milford Community Trust for the year ended 30 June 2024.</p>
<p>Reserves management plans.</p>	<p>Council approved the scope of works for the review of the Council’s reserve management plans and requested staff report back with an update following the proposed open procurement process with an update on the project and proposed timeline for delivery.</p>

**Recommendation**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled “Councillor update”.**

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.





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## Community board reporting

**Record no:** R/24/12/75438

**Author:** Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader

**Approved by:** Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing

Decision

Recommendation

Information

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### Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to inform the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

### Recommendation

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Community board reporting".**

### Attachments

- A Oraka Aparima community leadership report - 11 February 2025
- B Oraka Aparima operational report - 11 February 2025
- C RFS breakdown - November to December 2024
- D Community Compass Report



**What’s happening in your area**

**Better-off funding projects update**

PROJECT	FUNDING	CURRENT STATUS
Taramea Bay development plan – stage one, Riverton and Colac Bay	\$345,000	Stage one, the child/toddler playground at Taramea Bay is complete. The Colac Bay steps have been installed and are being monitored as the boulders have been displaced and the foreshore level is changing with the tides. A solution to improve the egress is underway. The satisfaction surveys have been completed.

**Pāua shell project**

Riverton’s iconic pāua shell has suffered an unfortunate injury. For unforeseen reasons the sub-surface on the pāua cracked and water was able to leak through, causing the paint to lift. The cracks will need to be repaired before sealing and finishing coats are applied onsite. Council staff are working with contractors to finalise a suitable repair process and timeline.

A new Kohikohi sign has been installed honouring the renowned wāhine Kohikohi for whom the park is named along with the history of the pāua shell and the skate park.

**Colac Bay playgrounds**

The play equipment at Colac Bay foreshore and Manuka Street playgrounds is due for renewal. Since the Council doesn’t own the land at Manuka Street, we’ll be engaging with the community to better understand local needs and explore future options for both playgrounds. In the meantime, we’re carrying out repairs on the existing equipment at the foreshore playground to extend the lifespan, giving everyone more time to consider and decide on the best way forward.

**Taramea Bay playground opening**

The redeveloped Taramea Bay playground was officially opened on Thursday 12 December by Mayor Rob Scott, Adeline Murch (8y/o) and Oraka Aparima Community Board Chair, Michael Weusten.

Children eagerly tested out the new equipment while the BBQ run by the Rocks Bowling Club kept everyone fueled for the afternoon.

Mayor Rob Scott praised the playground saying “This is a destination playground with one of the best views in the country. It’s great to have it all open in time for summer, I know there’s going to be people coming from all over Southland”.

The completion of the project would not have been possible without the efforts of many, bettering a space that has already been so loved by the community for so many years, now for even longer with the upgrades.

With the beautiful coastal background, the playground continues to be a favoured spot for locals and visitors alike.



### Make it stick survey results

The Taramea Bay playground improvements, funded through the Better Off Funding, have been a hit with the community. Most people feel the upgrades make Taramea Bay a more appealing place to visit, agree the playground offers more opportunities for social interaction and encourages kids to be active. The



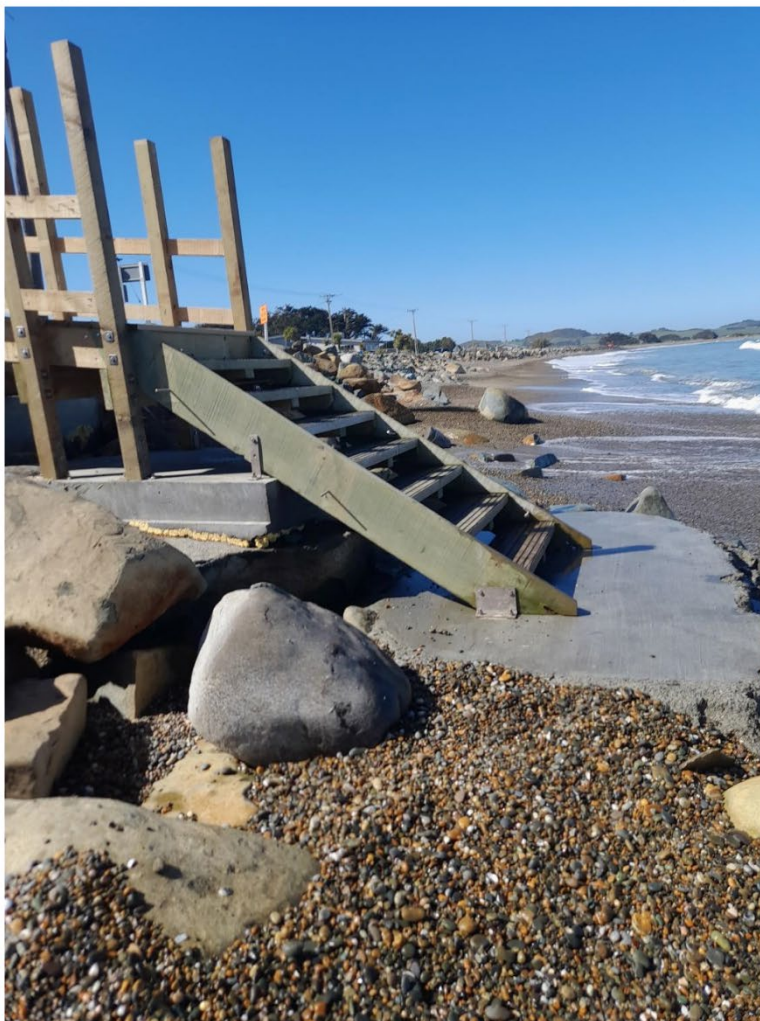
feedback highlights how these changes have made Taramea Bay an even better spot for locals and visitors alike.

“We travelled from wider Southland and the whole family really enjoyed the playground. Makes Riverton more attractive for a day trip with young children. Very cool!!!”

“Like how the equipment suits the environment and should last. The speed and challenge of the equipment great.”

Access to Colac Bay beach has always been challenging due to the need for a rock wall to protect against strong wave action, storms, and coastal erosion. The new Colac Bay beach access steps, funded through the Better Off Funding, have been a great addition to the community. Most people agree that the steps make it much easier and safer to enjoy the beach, enhancing everyone’s experience of this much-loved spot. Since the steps have been installed, we have been monitoring the shifting foreshore level and boulders. These issues have created a challenge for stepping off the steps and onto the beach, so we are looking into suitable solutions.

“These steps are well constructed. I like the rocks at the base providing protection from the waves. A group of us go swimming from that spot at 9 am on Saturday mornings and when the tide was high it was treacherous trying to get down those rocks while waves were crashing on us. These steps have made getting onto the beach so much safer. Thanks to SDC for making it happen.”



## Taramea Bay Stage 2 engagement

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Stage one of the Taramea Bay Master Plan redevelopment, which included upgrades to the child/toddler playground and the public toilet, shower, and changing facilities is now complete. As we plan for stage two, community input is sought to help guide where the budget should go. The master plan suggested including a youth-focused zone. Using the feedback we have received from stage one, we have designed a survey for residents to fill in and rate the importance of potential upgrades like extra play equipment, improved parking, picnic areas, and event facilities. We're also keen to know what specific features there could be for older children and youth, and any other ideas to make Taramea Bay even better for everyone.



## Tunatuna the pop-up pump track

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The pop-up pump track at Taramea Bay is a big hit with all ages this summer. On loan from Cycling Southland, its usage is being closely monitored to determine whether Taramea Bay is the right fit for a permanent track and if the community sees it as a priority for stage two of the Taramea Bay master plan development. In December alone, an impressive 24,698 laps were completed, covering a total of 1,408 km, which is roughly the distance from Riverton to Cape Reinga.

## Thornbury Hall

Updated numbers for the hireage of Thornbury Hall show a significant increase in usage during the discounted period.

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Jan - June (free fees)	2024 July - Dec (free fees)
Times used	1	6	8	6	5	5	71	22

The fees will return to the following schedule from 1 July 2025;

	1 July 2025
Thornbury Hall Funerals	\$100.00
Cabaret, socials	\$300.00
Weddings	\$300.00
Hire of any room Per hour	\$20.00
Bond (refundable) (may be imposed at discretion of the custodian and advised at time of booking) No GST	\$300.00

## What's happening across the district

### MBIE regional economic activity web tools

The Regional Economic Activity web tool presents economic data on New Zealand's 16 main regions, and the 66 territorial authority areas within them and can be found at <https://webrear.mbie.govt.nz/summary/southland?accessedvia=southland>. The tool highlights the trends, challenges and opportunities each region faces. These are useful to support planning and better decision making at all levels. The tool is updated periodically with the most recent data varies across indicators.

### Emergency pod blessing

A new emergency pod, located at the Riverton Racecourse was blessed by kaumata Teoti Jardine at a key gathering of key emergency response personnel, Ōraka-Aparima Rūnaka Kahui Kaumatua and community members on 4 December.

Kaumata Jardine gave the pod the name Pouaka kaiāwhina ki a mātau mō te wā mōrearea. The box that will support us in the time of disaster.

The pod contains essential items such as water filter, food, communication equipment and a generator and is available to the wider Riverton community during adverse events like flooding.

This is part of a wider collaboration between Ngāi Tahu and Te Puni Kōkiri where 18 Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga marae and six maata waka (urban) marae were supplied with emergency pods.



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### Community Compass report

The Q3 2024 Community Compass report for Southland District is attached. Staff can provide you with previous editions on request.

### Community funding

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#### SmartyGrants online grant system

Work is on track for having grants available to apply for online for the March 2025 funding round.

Check the SDC website for continuing updates of information.

Staff are available to assist people with submitting their applications especially during the early transition phase and beyond.

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#### Community Partnership Fund

The next funding round of the Community Partnership Fund closes on 31 March 2025.

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#### Other funding opportunities

The following funds will close on March 31 2025.

- Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund
- District Initiatives Fund
- Creative Communities Fund.



The following Southland District Council funds closed on 20 December 2024.

- Centennial Bursary Scholarships for recognised tertiary study
- Valmai Robertson Creative NZ Arts Scholarships
- Eric Hawkes Memorial Outward Bound Scholarship.

All application forms are on the Southland District Council website:

<https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/> or email [funding@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@southlanddc.govt.nz)

## Council department updates

### Governance

Work streams that may be of interest to the board include:

**The representation review** – On 30 January 2025 the Local Government Commission issued its determination on the representation arrangements for the Southland District. The LGC determination is the same as the final representation proposal endorsed by Council. So representation arrangements from the 2025 local government elections will be similar to those currently in place, with minor ward/community board boundary changes (at Dunearn, Drummond, Taramoa, Otamita Valley and Nokomai Station) and corrections to some ward and community board names to include macrons (Ōraka, Ōreti and Waihōpai). The determination can be viewed here - <https://www.lgc.govt.nz/assets/Determinations-Representation-Reviews/Current-Determinations/2025-Recent-Determinations/Southland-District-Council-Determination-2025.pdf>

**Citizenship ceremony** – Staff are arranging a citizenship ceremony that will be held at 1pm on Thursday 13 February 2025 at the Winton Memorial hall. This ceremony celebrates people becoming New Zealanders and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Declaring pecuniary and other interests** – Staff will be contacting elected members soon to receive information on any changes to elected members' interests.

**2025 local government elections** – Staff are doing some early work associated with the local government elections such as project planning, seeking a decision from Council on the order of candidate names on voting papers, arranging the provision of election services, arranging fliers to go in rates notices informing people that they can vote in the election issues at their holiday homes, etc.

**Mileage claims** - Please remember to send these claims through to Rachael Poole at [rachael.poole@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:rachael.poole@southlanddc.govt.nz) reasonably promptly after your travel.

### Annual Plan

Following on from the workshops and the community board meetings at the end of last year, staff are preparing a workshop for Council on the proposed rates for the 2025/26 Annual Plan. The draft budgets will then be presented to the Finance and Assurance Committee and will follow on to Council for approval after that.

More information will be available once the rates have been approved.

### Regional Climate Change Working Group update

The Regional Climate Change Working Group (RCCWG) has successfully completed Phase 1 of its work to develop a regional local government climate change response, with adoption of the Regional Climate Change Strategy for Murihiku Southland in late 2024. The group is now well into Phase 2 of their work, developing a Regional Framework for Action.



The Framework for Action will outline specific local government actions and priorities for climate change. It will include clear outcomes, focus areas for action, and details about how different agencies will work together. Key focus areas include regional climate leadership, understanding climate science and risk, adaptation planning, and achieving regional net zero emissions by 2050.

The working group plans to have a draft Framework for Action ready by mid-2025. They've scheduled workshops for March, April, and June. A regional climate change conference is planned for late March, to provide an opportunity for broader community input and ensure local concerns are reflected in the final framework. The group emphasises that climate change affects all regional stakeholders and that "we are all in this together," highlighting the importance of maintaining strong communication with elected officials and the wider community throughout this process.

If you would like a copy of the RCCWG governance group's latest interagency report, or if you have any other questions, please email [climatechange@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:climatechange@southlanddc.govt.nz).

## Stakeholder updates

### Update from Active Southland

#### Good Food Road Map

The release of Feeding Murihiku: Our Good Food Road Map was a significant step towards strengthening food security and food resilience in Southland. The Murihiku Kai Collective (MKC), the group behind the report, are hoping to start a movement which will ensure good food is available, affordable, and accessible to all Southlanders. The report highlights the challenges, and desired community-led solutions for improved kai resilience, access, and sustainability in Southland. The launch event was well attended with more than 65 guests – including representatives from local Councils, funding agencies, social services, social enterprise, charities and food entrepreneurs.

Four immediate outcomes to work on have been identified. These are:

1. Engaging key agencies to share the principles of and barriers identified in the Road Map,
2. Help those agencies identify and own their part in helping to remove barriers in the food system
3. Establish a local food hub
4. Increasing capability in the kai education sector to increase reach.

One of two local organisations involved is the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation who is working on a project called "Deerie". This projects aim is to divert venison that is hunted to communities in need. The venison that is culled will be processed and stored and then distributed to families in need.

The other is the Riverton Environment Centre who received funding from Rio Tinto to provide education sessions to families who are currently being supported by social agencies. We are working alongside agencies from across the Southland District to identify families who are interested in furthering their skill to grow and cook their own kai.

### Update from Fire and Emergency New Zealand

#### Stay fire safe in Southland this summer

It has been a slow lead in to meet the conditions that trigger a restricted or prohibited fire season in Southland this summer. Currently Southland is in an open fire season, but this is monitored daily and could change at any time. The process for declaring a fire season is legislated in the Fire and Emergency Act 2017, and local triggers are contained in the Southland District Fire Plan. This slow lead into summer doesn't mean we're without risk. As the conditions in Southland dry out, the risk of unwanted fires increases. For Fire and Emergency New Zealand this is our busiest time of the year, and our key message to communities is that everyone has a part to play in reducing the risk to help keep our communities safe. We understand that fire is an important land management tool, and we're keen to ensure people take the following steps when making a plan for any outdoor burning:

- before lighting a fire, check if a fire permit is required, a permit has conditions that will help keep the fire safe
- it's a good idea to notify neighbours so they aren't unnecessarily concerned when they see smoke
- when setting up your fire, choose a safe location away from power lines as smoke can create electrical hazards
- make sure the fire is small enough to maintain control
- ensure there is a clear area around the burn site, and there are enough resources to keep the fire safe
- before lighting the fire, check the weather, especially the wind and be prepared to put the fire out if the weather changes
- finally, keep safe by wearing enclosed footwear, and natural fabrics like wool or cotton, which are less likely to melt.

Once the fire is out, take care to extinguish it completely. This includes ensuring that no embers, smoke, or heat remain and return to the site regularly to check there are no signs of smouldering or re-ignition.

We advise anyone considering lighting a fire goes to [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) for more information.



### **WasteNet Southland - Waste Minimisation Fund**

The WasteNet Community Waste Minimisation Fund is run annually in September/October. The most recent round in 2024 did not result in the \$50,000 fund being fully distributed and as a result WasteNet Southland are planning to re-open the fund for applications in February/March. The remaining pool of funding for FY2024/25 is \$23,000.

Funding is available for ideas or projects that will help move community waste to zero. Funding criteria for these grants are:

- align with the vision, goals, and objective of Southland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2020-2026.
- take place within Southland or be for the benefit of the Southland community
- focus on reuse, recycling, and recovery of waste and diverted materials
- can become financially self-sustainable
- use the funds accordingly within six months of offering applicants a grant
- be from a legal entity or fall under an umbrella legal entity

- lead to measurable waste minimisation outcomes.

For more information contact [Fiona.Walker@icc.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Walker@icc.govt.nz). Application forms can be found out on the WasteNet website at [www.wastenet.org.nz/community-grants/](http://www.wastenet.org.nz/community-grants/)

### **Empower Youth Trust – 2025 mentoring programme**

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Applications for the Empower Youth Trust 2025 mentoring programme are now open. This free programme is designed to empower refugee-background students to achieve academic success, develop essential career skills, and build meaningful connections within their communities.

Programme highlights:

- **Personalised mentoring:** tailored guidance to help students excel in their studies
- **CV and interview preparation:** support for creating professional resumes and preparing for interviews
- **Scholarship application support:** assistance with identifying and applying for scholarships
- **University guidance:** advice on navigating university applications and selecting academic pathways
- **Social events and networking opportunities:** inclusive spaces to foster connections and celebrate diversity
- **Tutoring:** subject-specific support to enhance academic performance.

Additionally, the programme includes opportunities designed to equip students with the skills, tools, and connections they need to thrive and reach their full potential.

Applications are also being accepted for mentors who are passionate about guiding and inspiring the next generation.

Applications to become a mentee or mentor can be made via the website at [www.empoweryouth.org.nz](http://www.empoweryouth.org.nz). If you have any questions or require further information contact [info@empoweryouth.org.nz](mailto:info@empoweryouth.org.nz).



### **Funding opportunities for community groups**

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Environment Southland has partnered with Strategic Grants to provide community groups with free access to GEM Local until March 2025. GEM Local (Grants Expertise Management system) is a grants database designed to help New Zealand community groups find the right grants for them. This will help community groups find relevant grant opportunities and assist with grant preparation and training. The aim is to increase access to funding for community groups. More information regarding this can be found on the Environment Southland website or the following link <http://envirosouth.gemlocal.co.nz/C>

### **Predator Free NZ – funding opportunity**

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Communities across the country are working towards a predator free New Zealand with backyard trapping. Predator Free NZ communities fund can help support community groups with their backyard trapping.

Funding is now open and all information can be found on the Predator Free NZ website at [https://predatorfreenz.org/about-us/predator-free-new-zealand-trust/predator-free-communities-funding/?utm\\_source=PFNZ+Trust+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=029632f4ac-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2025\\_01\\_14\\_12\\_07&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-029632f4ac-530832992&mc\\_cid=029632f4ac&mc\\_eid=10c64919ab](https://predatorfreenz.org/about-us/predator-free-new-zealand-trust/predator-free-communities-funding/?utm_source=PFNZ+Trust+Newsletter&utm_campaign=029632f4ac-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_01_14_12_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-029632f4ac-530832992&mc_cid=029632f4ac&mc_eid=10c64919ab)

Applications close on Sunday 9 March 2025.



### **Environment Southland Coastal Plan review**

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Environment Southland are currently gathering feedback on what the Murihiku Southland coastline and its stunning locations mean to the community as their Coastal Plan is reviewed. The Coastal Plan sets out how coastal activities and resources in the region are managed.

Feedback is invited until Friday 7 March 2025 and can be made by visiting Environment Southland's Have Your Say website at <https://www.haveyoursay.es.govt.nz/coastal-plan-review>





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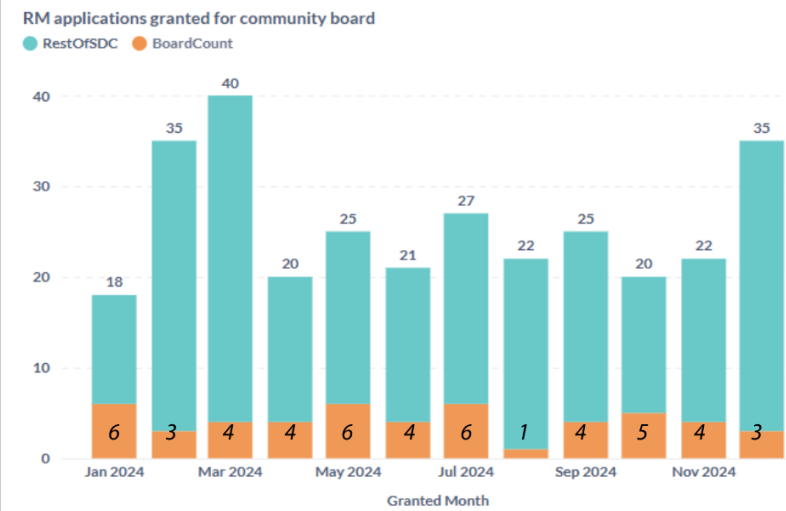
## Tracker – ongoing

Taramea Bay stage one complete with engagement started for stage 2.  
 Pāua shell – in project delivery phase as require cracking repairs and finishing coat.  
 Surfer statue – Progress League to lead fundraising.  
 Thornbury Memorial WW2 plaques– partial funding received and investigating further applications for funding.

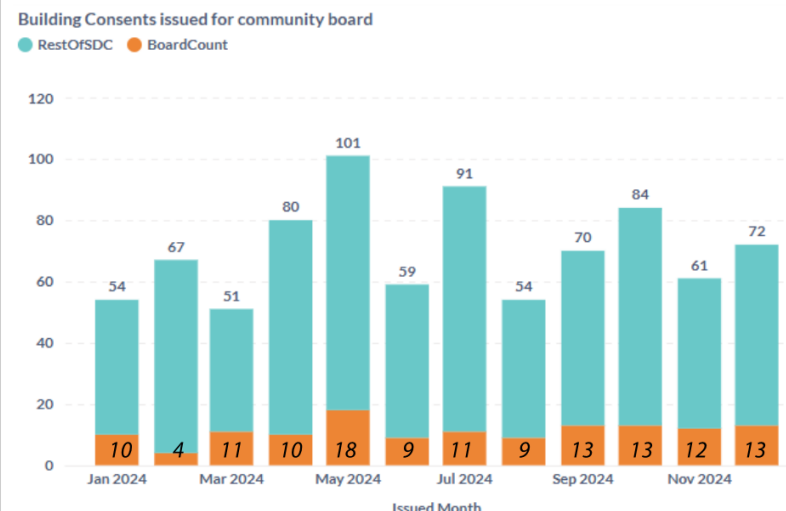
## Upcoming priorities

Colac Bay access steps – installed, will look to improve egress.  
 Kohikohi signage project – installed.

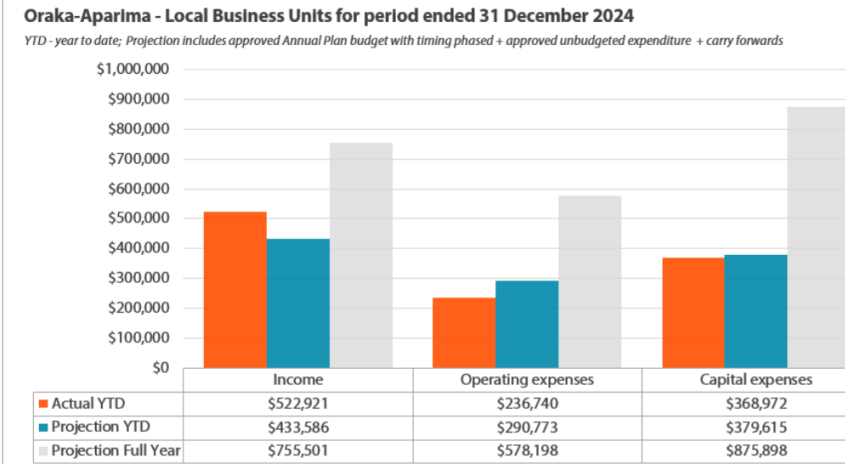
## Resource consents granted by month



## Building consents issued by month



## Local budget information



## Budget notes

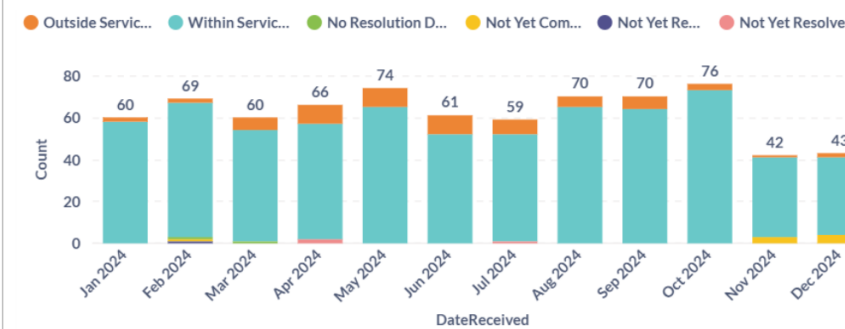
**Income** is \$89k (21%) over projection. This largely relates to the timing of Better Off Funding for the Taramea Bay playground that is earlier than projected due to the project being completed (\$105k). This is offset with the timing of Better Off Funding for the Colac Bay access steps. The remaining \$5k relates to the timing of NZTA/Waka Kotahi funding for footpaths that has been projected evenly across the year but will be received when the footpath maintenance work is undertaken.

**Operating expenses** are \$54k (19%) under projection. This largely relates to an underspend in maintenance areas in the parks and reserves (\$24k) and the halls (\$4k) as budgets have been phased equally across the year and general maintenance is reactive. Tree and hedge maintenance is under projection by \$11k and footpath maintenance is under projection by \$10k as the maintenance has not yet been undertaken. \$2.5k relates to community leadership miscellaneous grants that were not granted in the period and interest is under projection by \$3k due to lower loan drawdowns last year than projected.

**Capital expenses** are overall \$11k (3%) under projection. Riverton footpaths are \$55k under projection this project is now being rescope as a walking track. The Colac Bay hall is \$50k under projection due to the lighting and heat pump project not incurring any costs yet, it is currently in procurement. Colac Bay access steps have been completed \$10k under projection, the remaining \$10k may need to be used for further erosion protection. These are offset by the Riverton Taramea Bay playground being \$105k over projection due to the budget being phased until later in the year.

## Service requests

Across the district there were 936 requests for service lodged during the period November and December 2025, of which 210 were related to three waters. 85 of the total requests belonged to this board area. A full summary of those requests follows overpage.



## Local projects update

Activity	Name	Current Phase	Current Progress	Budget actual ytd
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Colac Bay Hall - replace lighting and heating	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$50,000 \$0 P-10557
In procurement.				
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Colac Bay surfers statue refurbishment	Business case phase	On track	\$31,325 \$0 P-11076
Preferred concept style for replacement identified. Colac Bay Progress League investigating fundraising options for replacement costs.				
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Purchase and relocation of pāua shell	Delivery phase	On track	\$39,315 \$38,221 P-11079
Installation completed. Surface repairs being investigated.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Colac Bay foreshore playground - equipment replacement	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$20,000 \$0 P-10754
Equipment refurbishment options being sought to maintain the playground while long term planning for the playgrounds in Colac Bay is undertaken.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Colac Bay Manuka Street playground - equipment replacement	Business case phase	Monitor	\$5,150 \$0 P-10755
This project is on hold until we get direction from the board, the playground isn't on Southland District Council land.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton Taramea Bay playground - Equipment replacement	Delivery phase	On track	\$566,429 \$290,032 P-10799
Phase 1 of the project has been completed, phase 2 is currently in consultation.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Thornbury playground - equipment renewal	Initiation phase	Monitor	\$8,454 \$0 P-10816
The swing has been tightened, we will look at the structure that needs replacing.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton - estuary planting	Delivery phase	On track	\$20,000 \$0 P-11213
Staff are currently talking with a contractor to try and get a planting plan for the Runaka to approve.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton - Riparian planting	Delivery phase	On track	\$5,000 \$0 P-11214
A contractor has been contacted to give a planting plan for the Runaka to approve.				
PUBLIC TOILETS	Riverton, Taramea Bay/ Princess Street toilet project	Delivery phase	On track	\$190,649 \$172,760 P-10390
New toilet in defects liability period. New stormwater pump and controls are commissioned and operating, and the new playground project has been completed.				
WASTEWATER	Riverton - new water treatment plant	Business case phase	On track	\$300,000 \$22,445 P-11406
We are currently working on the concept design and currently getting a design peer review with the objective to go to tender with design, build and operate for one year. The review will not be with us until late January 2025. Tender will be approximately May/June 2025 and construction will be 2025/26.				
WATER STRUCTURES	Riverton harbour – refurbishment of viewing platform	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$10,000 \$0 P-10692
Procurement plan is being prepared and will be out to the market in January.				
WATER SUPPLY	District water metered DMA areas - Riverton first	Delivery phase	On track	\$169,000 \$90,061 P-10270
The design for the district metering for Otautau and Tuatapere is currently with WSP, with construction and installation of these unit to be undertaken in 2024/2025 February/ March by both Downer and Wells Contracting.				

**Service contracts**

**Water and wastewater services operation and maintenance**

The 23/01 operations and maintenance contract is running well across the Oraka Aparima Community Board region. Water and wastewater services across the area have continued to operate well with a higher number of service requests than usual being received by Council and Downer, resources were pushed to respond in a timely manner.

The Christmas break was relatively uneventful for the three waters services in the board region. Demand did not exceed supply which has traditionally been an issue for Riverton when the population swells over the summer holidays. Works completed at the Riverton water treatment plant over the past 12 months are considered key reasons as to why supply was able to meet demand.

Council and Downer were notified of a large wastewater overflow event that occurred on Towack Street on 31 November, a fat blockage in the reticulation caused wastewater to surcharge and enter one of the stormwater ditches on Taramea Bay. Downer staff responded quickly and worked until midnight to investigate, remove the blockage and tidy up the area. Good communication was had between all parties and Environment Southland was made aware.

**Riverton area grass maintenance (mowing)**

The contractor is doing a good job of keeping the grass to acceptable standards with very few RFS related queries.

The extra mowing around Rocks Highway and the areas in Taramea Bay were completed prior to Christmas.

The Colac Bay foreshore has had additional weed eating done on the sea side of the road.

There have been some requests to be added to the mowing list, generally when property owners are no longer capable of mowing.

**Riverton gardening contract**

The existing gardening contract has concluded and the Council community maintenance team has taken over those sites.

**Central Alliance roading contract**

December has been reasonably quiet on the RFS front, with an improvement in weather the RFSs have dropped away.

Central has started the spraying of the unsealed network which should be finished in January.

The cyclic crew got around the level one roads prior to Christmas with the graders continuing on their given beats. Some of our problem roads were graded prior to Christmas and will be regraded prior to moving back onto their beats.

The pre reseal repairs have been completed for 2024/2025 and the numbers have been updated for 2025/2026. The plan is for the stabi crew to complete Waimea prior to starting Central, weather permitting the crew should be in Central at the start of or middle of February.

The premix crew will begin in Central in January and remain until March which should see a major dent made in the pre reseal repairs.

SouthRoads will spray the shoulders for the water channel clearing, once the material has died, we will review and revise the programme accordingly with the digger crew, likely to begin this in April/ May depending on how our budget is tracking.

We have had some issues with Dipton Castlerock in relation to seal bleeding and plucking out. We will need to look at interventions, most likely some heavy maintenance with the stabi crew undertaking this work later in the season.

JANUARY 2025	FEBRUARY 2025	MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025	MAY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2025	AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025
	11 February board meeting	11 March board workshop	8 April board meeting	13 May board workshop	10 June board meeting	8 July board workshop	12 August board meeting	9 September board workshop	TBC October board meeting	11 November board workshop	TBC December board meeting
		District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 31 March				1 July 2025 - Local Government Elections nomination period opens	Community partnership fund applications close 31 August	Community service award nominations close on 30 September 9 September 2025 – voting Local Government elections opens	11 October 2025 – Local Government Elections election day		Scholarships and bursary applications close 20 December
							1 August 2025 – Local Government Elections nomination period closes	District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 30 September			

## Service requests – breakdown by type

REQUEST TYPE	COUNT
<i>Community facilities - halls - repair/maintenance</i>	1
<i>Community facilities general</i>	1
<i>Community housing - repair and maintenance</i>	1
<i>Council leases and licences</i>	1
<i>Council property enquiry</i>	1
<i>Culverts blocked - rural</i>	5
<i>Gravel road faults</i>	7
<i>Litter matters urban (townships)</i>	1
<i>Parks and reserves - playground repair/maintenance</i>	2
<i>Parks and reserves - repair and maintenance</i>	6
<i>Sealed road faults</i>	3
<i>Signs repairs (not stop/give way)</i>	3
<i>Stop/give way signs - repairs (urgent 24hr fix)</i>	1
<i>Street lights out</i>	1
<i>Streetscape - vegetation</i>	12
<i>Toilets - cleaning, repair and maintenance</i>	1
<i>Transport - contractor customer complaint</i>	1
<i>Transport general enquiries</i>	6
<i>Vegetation rural (overgrown or visibility issues)</i>	2
<i>Water and waste general</i>	8
<i>Water structures - repair/maintenance</i>	1
<i>Water urban non urgent weeping water</i>	5
<i>Wheelie bin cancel/damaged/stolen</i>	5
<i>Wheelie bin collection complaints</i>	4
<i>Wheelie bin general enquiry</i>	1
<i>Wheelie bin new/additional</i>	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>







Q3 2024

# Quarterly Report

Southland District

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# Summary

Below we've presented a summary of Southland District's key metrics this quarter:

New Business Registrations this month

**11.0**

As of September 2024, Southland District saw 11.0 new business registrations, a decrease of 26.67% compared with June 2024.

Years to save for a house deposit

**6.0**

As of September 2024, it would take 6.0 years to save for a 20% home deposit in Southland District, a decrease of 0.51% compared with June 2024.

Gambling spend per capita

**\$34**

As of June 2024, an average of \$34.0 was spent by individuals over 18 years in Southland District through electronic gaming machines, a decrease of 9.73% compared with March 2024.

Crime rate

**140.5**

In September 2024, Southland District had a crime rate of 140.5 incidents per 10,000 people, a decrease of 1.66% compared with June 2024.

Deprivation Index

**2.0**

As of September 2024, the deprivation within Southland District is 2.0 and this is unchanged since August 2024.

Job seeker support rate

**3.4%**

In September 2024, 3.4% of the working population (15-64 years) in Southland District claimed Job Seeker Support, an increase of 2.04% compared with September 2023.

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# Economy

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## Key Pillar Changes

**New Business Registrations this month** Sep 2024 **11.0** ▼ **26.67%** % change is from June 2024

**Business Deregistrations this month** Sep 2024 **14.0** ▲ **16.67%** % change is from June 2024

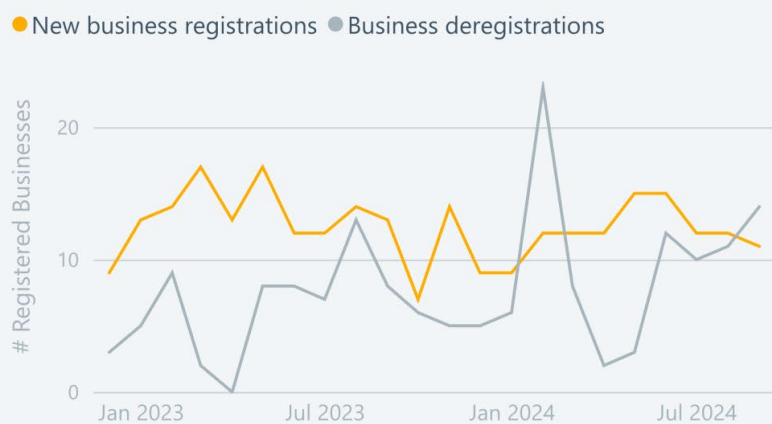
**Total tourism spend this quarter** Sep 2024 **\$15.9M** ▼ **29.94%** % change is from June 2024

## Total number of businesses registered to date



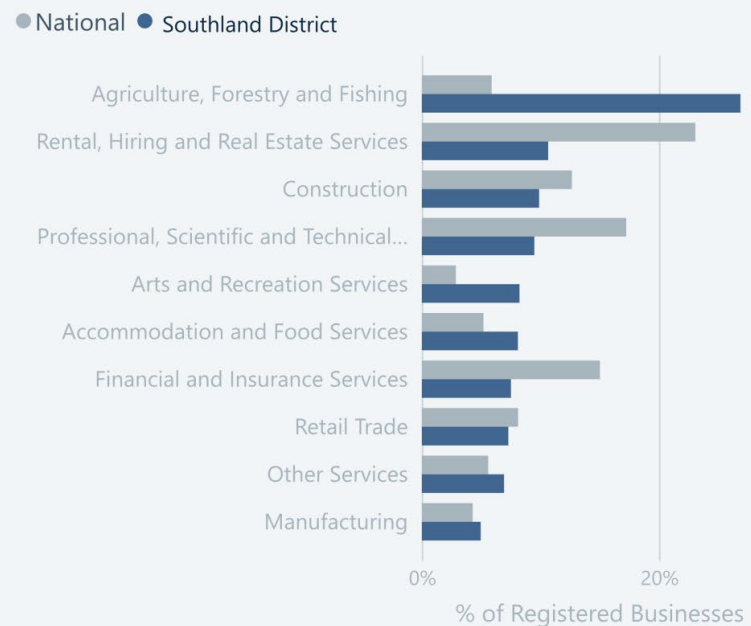
As of September 2024 there were 2622 registered businesses in Southland District. Over the last 12 months the number of registered businesses has increased by 35. Nationally, the number of registered businesses has increased by 1.37%.

## Business openings and closings in the last year



Comparing September 2024 with September 2023 Southland District has seen a decrease in the number of new business registrations of 15.4% and an increase in the number of business deregistrations of 75%.

## Distribution of registered businesses by industry



Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing is the largest industry operating in Southland District and makes up 22.9% of all currently registered businesses.

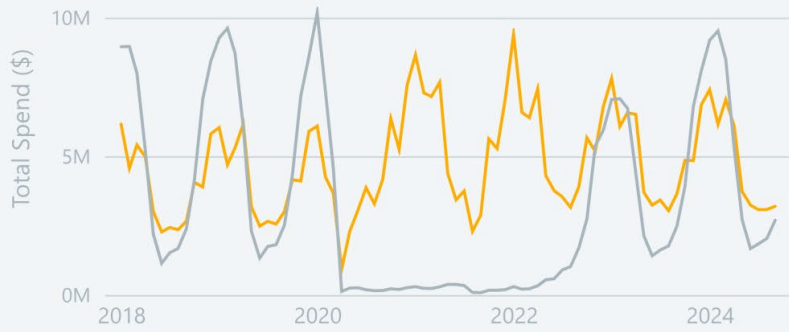


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## Tourism spend this quarter

● Domestic tourism ● International tourism



In September 2024, \$5.9M was spent in Southland District from domestic and international visitors to the district. Domestic tourism made up 54.3% of total tourism spend, and has decreased by 12.2% since the same time last year, whereas international tourism has increased by 8.8% in the same time period.

## Visiting regions with the greatest spend

Visiting region	\$ Change	Spend
Canterbury	▼ \$141K	\$1.4M
Southland	▼ \$75K	\$2.1M
Otago	▼ \$400K	\$3.1M
Waikato	▼ \$72K	\$492K
Auckland	▼ \$86K	\$813K

This quarter, the largest spend from domestic tourists visiting Southland District came from the Otago region, with tourists spending \$3.1M. This represents a decrease of \$400K since the same quarter last year.

## Visiting regions with the greatest % change

Visiting region	\$ Change	Spend
Gisborne	▼ \$7K	\$22K
Taranaki	▲ \$11K	\$69K
West Coast	▲ \$30K	\$77K

This quarter, Southland District saw the greatest % change in domestic tourism spend from those visiting from the West Coast region since the same quarter last year, with a \$30K increase in spend.

**i** Domestic tourism spend is calculated using the monthly spend of in-person electronic card transactions in the district, which come from individuals living outside of the district and whose own home district's largest urban centre is at least 40km away.

## Visiting countries with the greatest spend

Visiting country	\$ Change	Spend
Australia	▼ \$59K	\$2M
Rest of Asia	▲ \$209K	\$826K
Rest of Europe	▲ \$80K	\$521K
United Kingdom	▼ \$68K	\$481K
United States of America	▲ \$301K	\$1.8M

This quarter, the largest spend from international tourists visiting Southland District came from Australia, with tourists spending \$2M. This represents a decrease of \$59K since the same quarter last year.

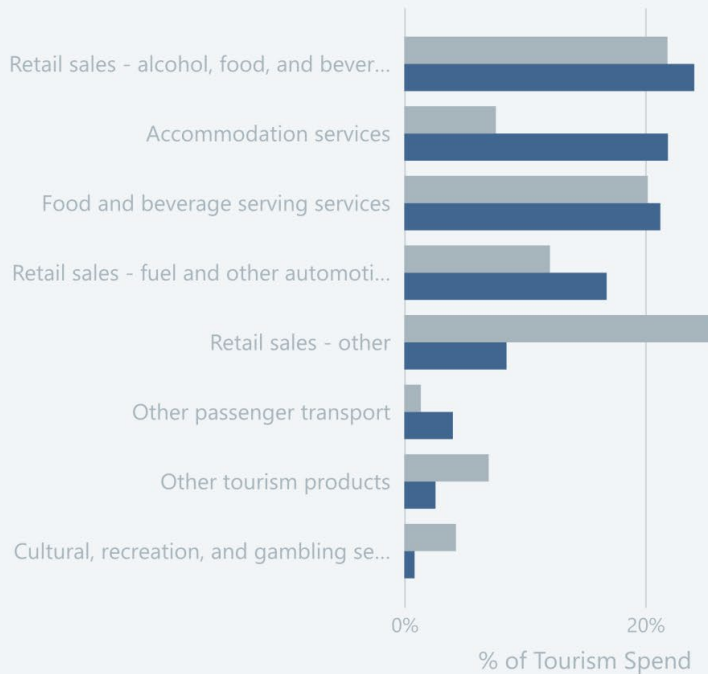
## Visiting countries with the greatest % change

Visiting country	\$ Change	Spend
Rest of Oceania	▲ \$6K	\$8K
Rest of Asia	▲ \$209K	\$826K
Africa and Middle East	▲ \$50K	\$127K

This quarter, Southland District saw the greatest % change in international tourism spend from those visiting from Rest of Oceania since the same quarter last year, with a \$6K increase in spend.

## Tourism spend by industry

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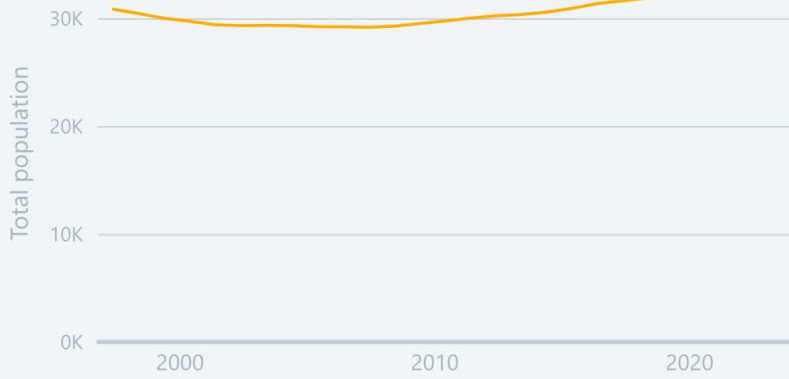
In Southland District tourists spent the most on Retail sales - alcohol, food, and beverages this quarter, which was 24.1% of all tourism spend. This is 10% larger than the national proportion.

# Demographics

## Estimated population

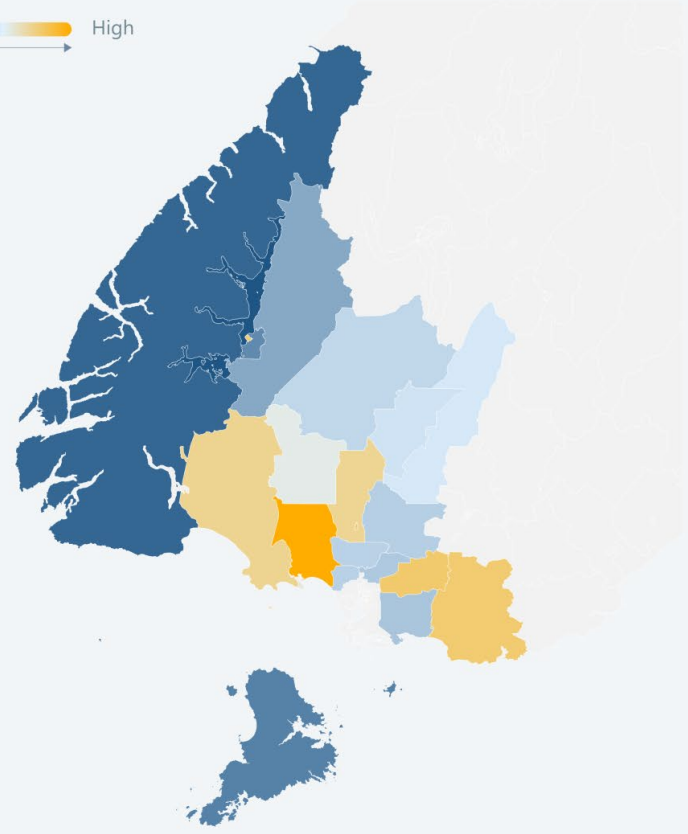
**33K**

Is the estimated total population in Southland District in 2023. The population in the area has increased by 1.2% or 390 people since 2022.



## Population distribution

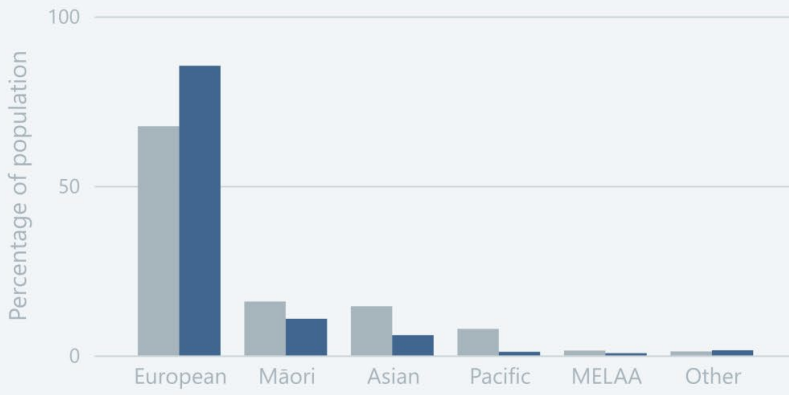
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In June 2023, Awarua Plains saw the greatest change in population, with an increase of 3.7% since June 2022.

## Ethnic distribution

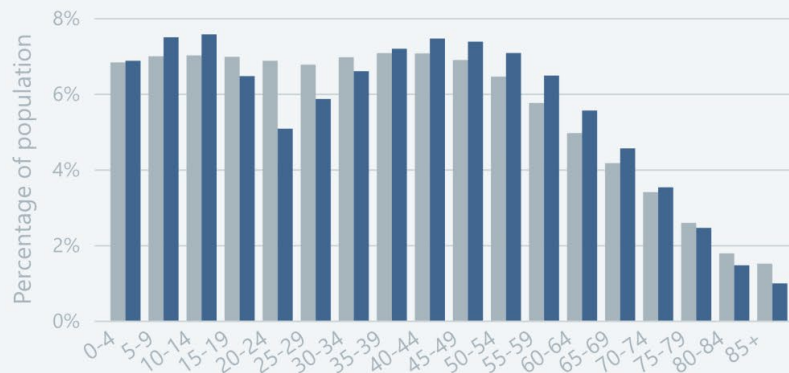
● National ● Southland District



As of March 2018 the largest ethnic group in Southland District is European (85.4%), 26.4% larger than the national percentage. The ethnicity that has had the greatest change since March 2013 is Asian, increasing by 62.77%.

## Age distribution

● National ● Southland District



As of June 2023 the largest age band in Southland District is 30-34 (7%), 9.1% less than the national distribution. The age band that has had the greatest change since June 2022 is 75-79, increasing by 11.36%.

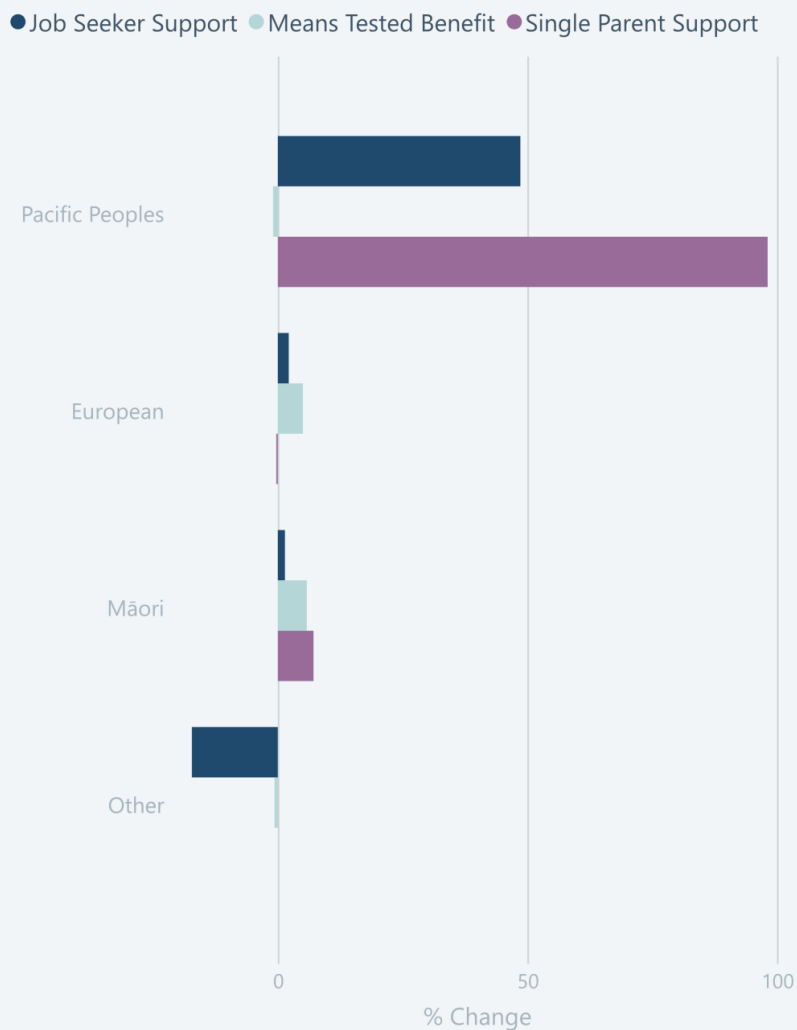
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## Key Pillar Changes

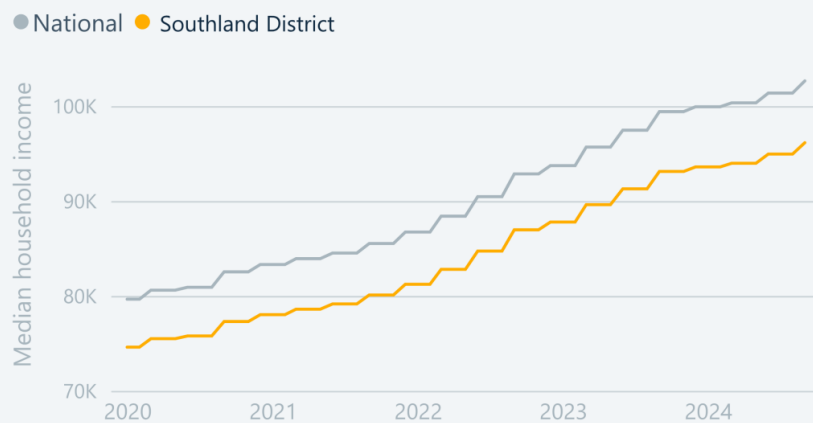
Job seeker support rate	Sep 2024	<b>3.4%</b>	▲ 2.04%	% change is from September 2023
Means tested benefit rate	Sep 2024	<b>2.3%</b>	▲ 6.1%	% change is from September 2023
Sole parent support rate	Sep 2024	<b>1.4%</b>	▲ 4.33%	% change is from September 2023

## Change in benefit rates by Ethnicity



Within Southland District, the benefit rate by ethnicity with the greatest increase in the last 12 months was Single Parent Support for Pacific Peoples, up 98.12% to a value of 2.82 claimants per 100 working adults (15-64yrs). Comparatively, Job Seeker Support for Other ethnicities (Asian, MELAA and other) saw the greatest decrease over the last 12 months, down 17.21% to 0.88 claimants per 100 working adults.

## Median Household Income over time



As of September 2024, the median household income (adjusted for inflation) in Southland District was \$96,156. This is 6.3% less than the national median.





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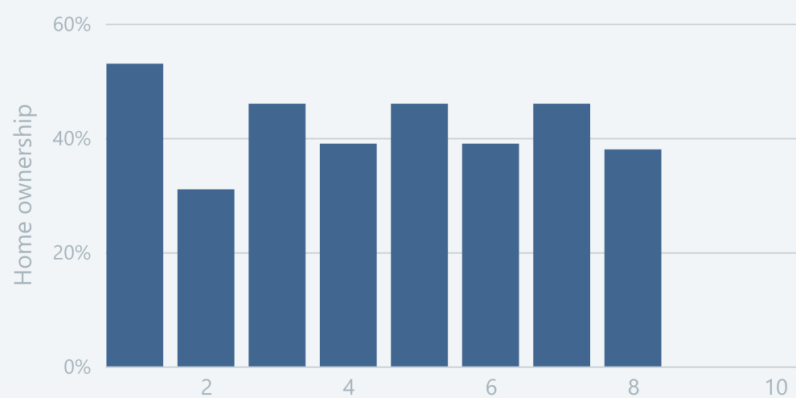
Key Pillar Changes

Years to save for a house deposit Sep 2024 **6.0** ▽ 0.51% % change is from June 2024

Rental affordability (% of income spent on rent) Sep 2024 **22.0%** ▽ 0.19% % change is from June 2024

Purchasing affordability (% of income spent on mortgage repayments) Sep 2024 **22.5%** ▽ 0.46% % change is from June 2024

Home Ownership by Deprivation Index



In Southland District, communities with a deprivation index of 1 have the highest rates of home ownership. The home ownership rate in these communities is 1.7 times greater than those communities with a deprivation index of 2 (the deprivation decile with the lowest home ownership rate). Deprivation and home ownership are as at March 2018.

Greatest Change in Rental Affordability

Otautau saw the greatest change in the percentage of income spent on rent over the last 3 months, with a 1.49% decrease. Of these communities, Riverton was the most unaffordable in September 2024, with 31% of annual household income spent on rent.

Community	% Change	Rental Affordability
Edendale-Woodlands	▽ 1.44	20.60
Oreti River	▽ 1.28	15.40
Otautau	▽ 1.49	19.80
Riverton	▽ 1.27	31.00
Winton	▽ 1.42	27.80

Greatest Change in Purchasing Affordability

Stewart Island saw the greatest change in the percentage of income spent on mortgage repayments, with a 19.6% decrease over the last 3 months. Of these communities, Te Anau was the most unaffordable in September 2024, with 30.6% of annual household income spent on mortgage repayments.

Community	% Change	Purchasing Affordability
Longwood Forest	▽ 5.73	14.80
Ohai-Nightcaps	▽ 6.62	25.40
Otautau	▲ 17.06	19.90
Stewart Island	▽ 19.55	25.10
Te Anau	▽ 4.37	30.60

**i** Purchasing affordability is the percentage of annual median household income that would be spent on mortgage repayment (based on purchasing at the median house price with a 20% deposit over 30 years assuming a fixed interest rate of 4%). Rental affordability is also based on the median annual household income.

# Education

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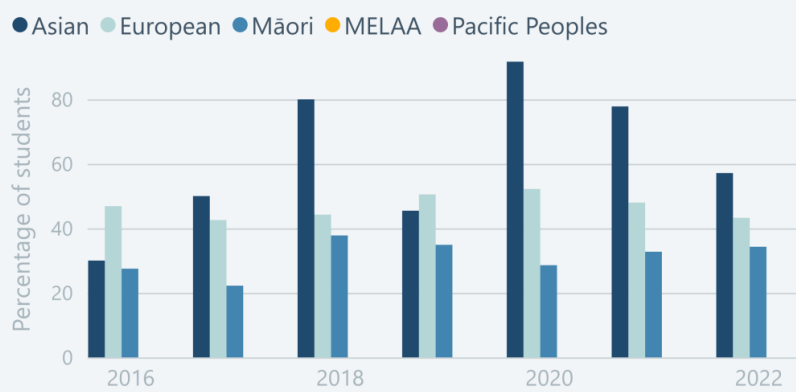
## Key Pillar Changes

Secondary school retention Jan 2022 **71.0%** ▼ 8.83% % change is from January 2021

Secondary school with highest proportion of students leaving with NCEA level 3 Jan 2022 **Central Southland College**

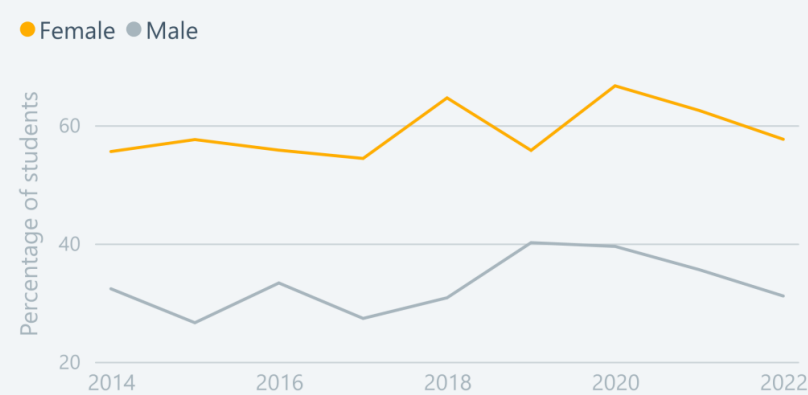
Ethnicity with greatest change in secondary school retention Jan 2022 **Māori** ▼ 21.43% % change is from January 2021

### School leavers with NCEA3 level by ethnicity



In 2022, Asian students in Southland District had the greatest proportion of students leaving with NCEA3. This is 1.67 times larger than Māori students, who have the lowest proportion of students leaving with NCEA Level 3. Māori students have seen the greatest change in NCEA Level 3 pass rates, with an increase of 14.6%. Māori NCEA Level 3 pass rates in Southland District are 96% of National Māori rates.

### School leavers with NCEA3 level by gender



Since 2014, on average the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 in Southland District for female students has been 1.79 times larger than male students. In 2022, the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 for female students compared with male students was higher than average. Compared to national figures, in 2022 the pass rate in Southland District were lower for both females and males.

### Schools with greatest change in NCEA3 pass rate

In 2022, the school with the greatest change in the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 (pass rate) since 2021 was Central Southland College, with a 4.22% decrease. Note that the table includes only those schools with more than 50 students.

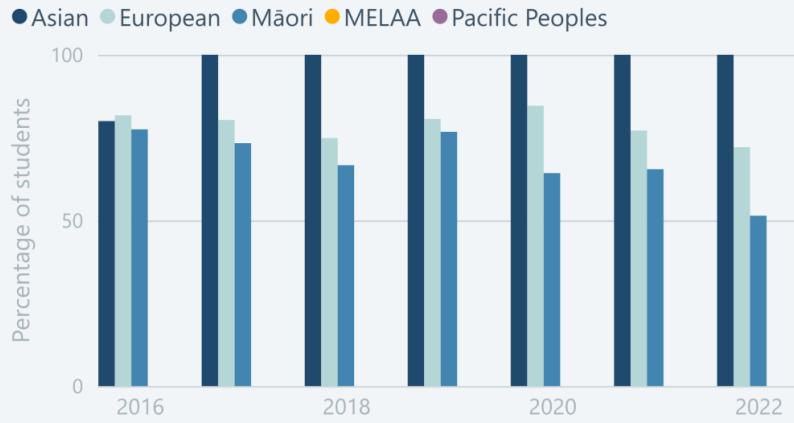
School	% Change	Pass Rate
Central Southland College	▼ 4.22	43.90



# Education

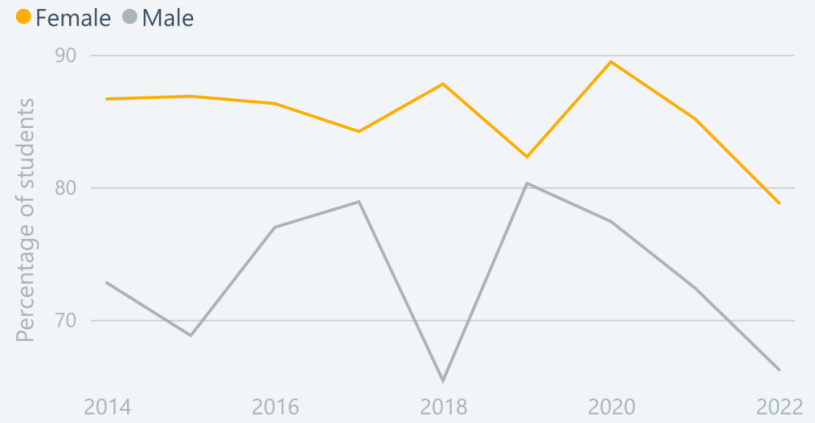
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## Secondary school retention by ethnicity



In 2022, Asian students in Southland District had the greatest retention rate. This is 1.94 times larger than Māori students, who have the lowest retention rate. Māori students have seen the greatest change in retention, with an increase of 1.8%. Māori retention rates in Southland District are 80% of National Māori rates.

## Secondary school retention by gender



On average, since 2014, the retention rate in Southland District of female students has been 1.16 times larger than male students. In 2022, the retention rates of female students compared with male students was higher than average. Compared to national figures, in 2022 the retention rates in Southland District were lower for both females and males.

## Schools with greatest change in retention

In 2022, the school with the greatest change in retention rate since 2021 was Central Southland College, with a 3.34% decrease. Note that the table includes only those schools with more than 50 students.

Community	% Change	Retention rate
Central Southland College	▼ 3.34	76

! Education data is released by Education Counts at the end of each year, and pertain to the year prior to release.

i Secondary school retention is defined as the percentage of secondary school leavers who are at least 17 years of age.

# Deprivation

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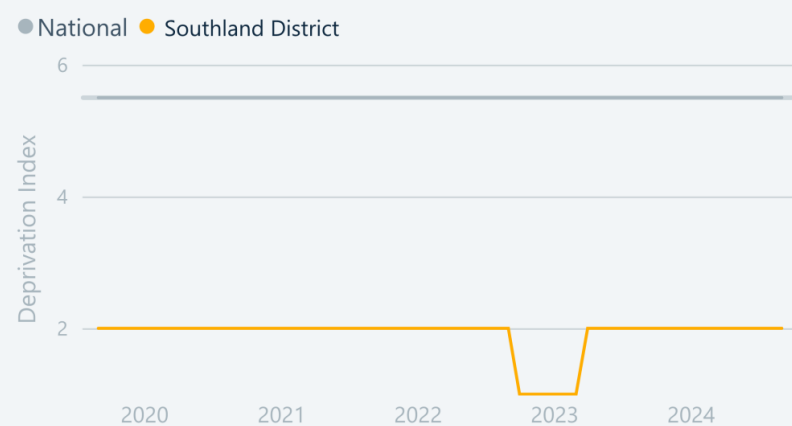
## Key Pillar Changes

Deprivation Index Sep 2024 **2.0** 0% % change is from August 2024

Community with greatest decrease in deprivation score Sep 2024 **Awarua Plains** 2.51% % change is from September 2023

Community with greatest increase in deprivation score Sep 2024 **Ohai-Nightcaps** 2.82% % change is from September 2023

## Comparison to National Deprivation Index



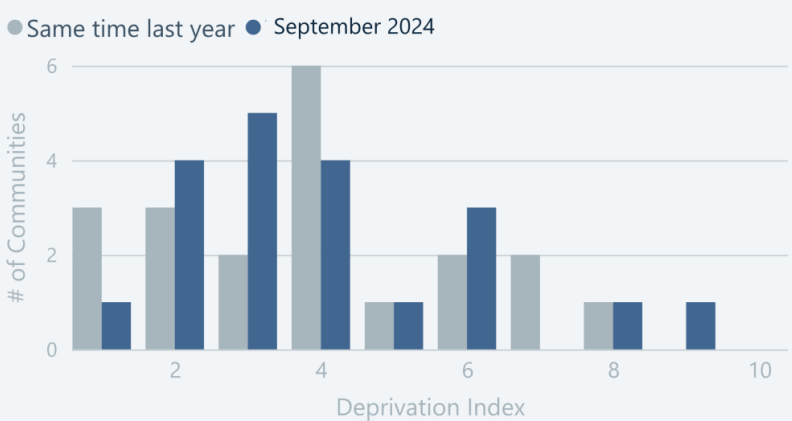
Compared to the same time last year, the deprivation index of Southland District has seen no change, and is 2 as of September 2024. The deprivation index is 63.6% below the national median index of 5.5.

## Communities with the Greatest Change

Community	% Change	Depr. score
Ohai-Nightcaps	2.82	1,076.51
Awarua Plains	2.51	924.84
Te Anau	1.94	919.49
Stewart Island	1.64	890.94
Mararoa	1.62	913.83

The community with the greatest change in deprivation score since the same time last year was Ohai-Nightcaps, with a 2.8% increase.

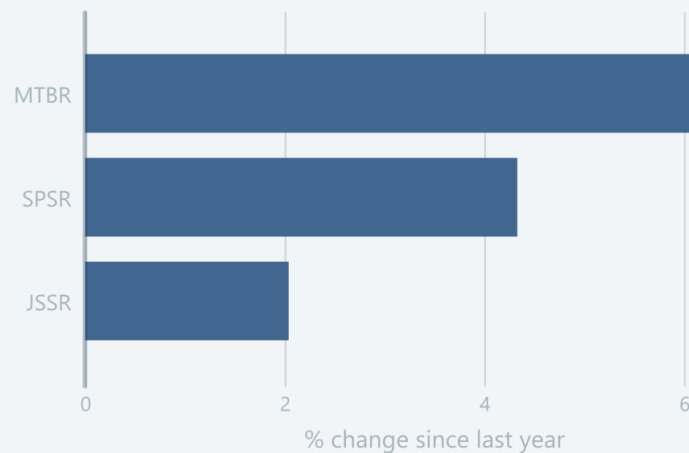
## Distribution of Deprivation Index



In Southland District, 10% of the population live in highly deprived communities (deprivation index 8-10), whereas 50% live in high socio-economic performing communities (deprivation index 1-3).

**i** Each month, small geographical areas are assigned a deprivation score. These areas are then assigned a deprivation index through deciles. A deprivation index of 1 represents the least deprived areas and a deprivation of 10 the most deprived.

## Benefit Deprivation Indicators



The benefit deprivation indicator that has changed the most in the last year is Means Tested Benefit Rate (MTBR) which saw a 6.1% increase. The bars above represent Single Parent Support rate (SPSR), Means Tested Benefit rate (MTBR) and Job Seeker Support rate (JSSR).

# Crime

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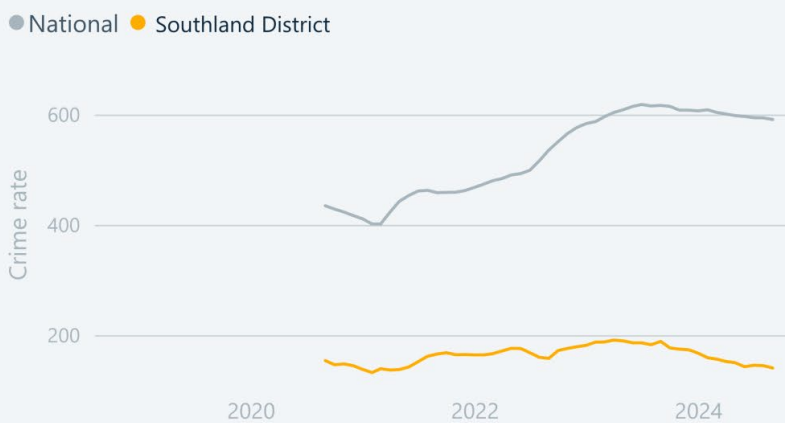
## Key Pillar Changes

Crime rate Sep 2024 **140.5** ▽ 1.66% % change is from June 2024

Crime type with the greatest change in crime rate Sep 2024 **Robbery, Extortion and Related Offences** ▽ 15.54% % change is from June 2024

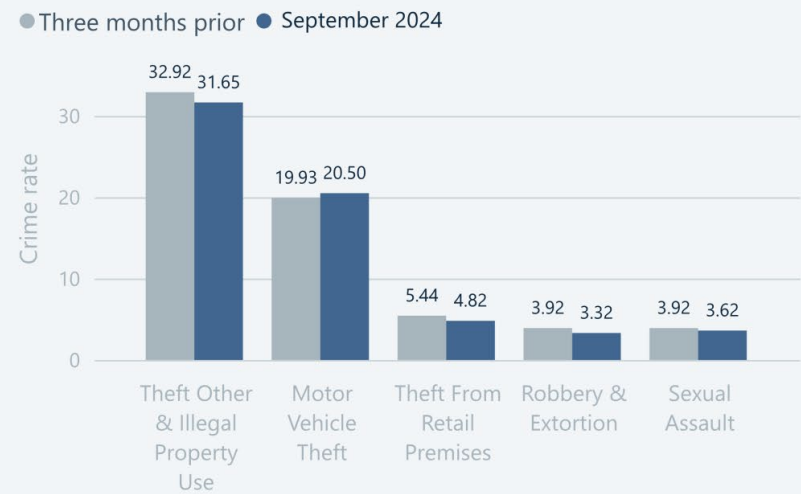
Community with greatest change in crime rate Sep 2024 **Whitestone** ▲ 48.03% % change is from June 2024

## Comparison to National Crime Rate



Compared with the same time last year the crime rate in Southland District has decreased by -25.6%, and is 140.5 as at September 2024. The crime rate is 76.2% below the national rate of 591.

## Crime Types with the Greatest Change



Within Southland District, the most prevalent type of crime in September 2024 was 'Theft (Except Motor Vehicles) & Illegal Use of Property'. The type of crime that had the greatest change in the last 3 months was 'Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences', with an increase of 2.8%.

## Crime Rate by Deprivation Index



In Southland District, communities with a deprivation index of 5 have the highest crime rate. The crime rate in these communities is 2.3 times higher than those with a deprivation index of 1, the group with the lowest crime rate. Communities with a deprivation index of 9 have seen the greatest change in their crime rate over the last 3 months, with an increase of 124.7%.

**i** Crime rate is defined as the the number of victimisations over the last 12 months per 10,000 people

## Communities with Greatest Change

Community	% Change	Crime rate
Whitestone	▲ 48.03	82.1
Wallacetown	▽ 35.92	71.3
Waianiwa	▽ 29.58	96.9
Oreti River	▲ 29.28	184.2
Mossburn	▲ 19.65	88.1

Whitestone saw the greatest change in crime rate over the last 3 months in Southland District, with an increase of 48%.



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## Chairperson's report

**Record No:** R/25/2/3650  
**Author:** Rachael Poole, Committee advisor  
**Approved by:** Vibhuti Chopra, Group manager strategy and partnerships

Decision  Recommendation  Information

### Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Oraka Aparima Community Board (the board) on activities the chairperson has been involved with since the board's August meeting.

#### Chairperson Weusten reports as follows:

We trust everyone has had a great time of family, refreshing and some brilliant weather over the Christmas break. ☺ We are committed to engaging with our community, ensuring that we advocate on your behalf and fully communicate Southland District Council (SDC) initiatives. Please contact myself or a board member with any ideas on community resourcing, queries or concerns.

It is fair to say that stage one of the Taramea Bay Playground Redevelopment opened by Mayor Rob Scott on 12 December 2024 has been very well supported and used. This playground has great new activities including a disabled access carousel, a cyclone, new log and net climbing frame, refurbished Pirate's Ship, additional swings and an interactive Taramea Bay Store play shop.

We also have for the three summer months the Tunatuna relocatable pump track. These are complimented by our new toilets with four disabled access toilets and four outdoor showers. Do complete the SDC survey seeking feedback on the new playground.

Jointly with the Colac Bay Progress League we are working on the replacement of the Colac Bay Surfer. Fundraising has begun, if you wish to contribute, contact the Colac Bay Progress League or see their "Save the Colac Bay Surfer" Facebook page.

The new sea access steps at the intersection of Colac Bay Road and Colac Foreshore Road have been completed. Do complete the SDC survey seeking feedback on the new Colac Bay access steps.

We next meet publicly Tuesday, 6.30pm, April 8, 2025 at the Senior Citizens rooms, Riverton.

The public are welcome to speak for 5 minutes with a 5 minute question time but must pre-book at least 2 working days prior by contacting our committee advisor, Rachael Poole on 0800 732 732.

FYI, I regularly update "Facebook - Riverton Haven by the Sea" and the Western Star.

**Michael Weusten**  
**Chair, Oraka Aparima Community Board**

## **Recommendation**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled “Chairperson's report”

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

## Exclusion of the public: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

### Recommendation

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

#### **C8.1 Proposed sale of Council land at Riverton**

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
Proposed sale of Council land at Riverton	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	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.