



Oraka Aparima Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

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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 08 April 2025 at 6.30pm. (6.43pm – 8pm)

PRESENT

Chairperson	Michael Weusten
Deputy chairperson	Neil Linscott
Members	Alby Buchanan
	Troy Holiday
	Eve Welch
	Councillor Don Byars

APOLOGIES

Emma Gould

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

1 Apologies

An apology for non-attendance was received from Emma Gould.

Moved Troy Holiday, seconded Deputy chairperson Linscott and **resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board accept the apology.

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 Deputy chairperson Linscott **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6 Public participation

Carol Elder gave an update on the fundraising for the Colac Bay Surfer Statue. To date they have raised just over \$20,000 and are targeting \$50,000 by June 2025. Super Quiz is being held on 24 May 2025.

Jaime McCabe and Veronica Wylie reported back on a successful Blues and Jazz by the Sea, despite having to postpone on the Saturday due to the weather and have made a profit of around \$12,000 to assist towards the next event in 2027. They have learned lots, the event ran well on the day and it was over by 7pm. Great to see the influx of people into Riverton for the weekend.

Reports

7.1 Community Update - beautifying Riverton ideas

Record No: R/25/4/14788

Roger Thompson presented his ideas for beautifying poles within Riverton and shared photos of some of his work that has been completed in other communities within New Zealand.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Weusten, seconded Alby Buchanan **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Community Update - beautifying Riverton ideas”.**

7.2 Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2025

Record No: R/25/3/12038

Community partnership leader, Stella O'Connor presented this report and explained that many of the variances are due to the timing of funding being received or spent. The board have requested more information on the financial and developer contributions and when they expire and/or where they can be spent.

Resolution

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

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) Receives the report titled “Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2025”.**

7.3 Grant to assist costs for the Riverton RSA Thornbury memorial project

Record No: R/25/2/6230

Community partnership leader, Stella O'Connor presented this report and asked the board to consider whether it wishes to approve a grant for the Riverton RSA Thornbury memorial project from the Oraka Aparima Community Board miscellaneous grant budget, for \$3,543.

The budget in the Oraka Aparima Community Board miscellaneous grant for the 2024/2025 financial year is \$5,000 and no funds have been allocated in this financial year.

Resolution

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

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled "Grant to assist costs for the Riverton RSA Thornbury memorial project"**
- 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 making a decision on this matter.**
- d) approves a grant of \$3,543 from the Oraka Aparima Community Board miscellaneous grant budget towards the costs for the Riverton RSA Thornbury memorial project.**

7.4 Rename Colac Bay Foreshore playground in honour of George Tasman Dawson

Record No: R/25/3/11368

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and requested approval from the Board on whether it wishes to rename the playground known as Colac Bay Foreshore in honour of local hero George Tasman Dawson.

The Colac Bay Progress League (CBPL) has requested renaming the Colac Bay Foreshore playground to honour local hero George Tasman Dawson.

George Tasman Dawson, awarded the Stead Gold Medal for bravery in 1914, saved ten lives after a locomotive accident. His descendants still live near Colac Bay.

The original name of the playground does not hold historical or sentimental value and the CBPL and local residents support the renaming.

Resolution

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

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Rename Colac Bay Foreshore playground in honour of George Tasman Dawson".**
- 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 making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **approve the proposal to rename Colac Bay Foreshore playground to George Tasman Dawson playground, Colac Bay.**

7.5 Community board reporting

Record No: R/25/3/12888

Community partnership leader, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and informed the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

- Taramea Bay stage two – staff are starting to scope the insights.
- Tunatuna had good use over it's time in Riverton
- Taramea Bay toilets – final costing is \$682,443 and this is within budget
- Thornbury Hall free fees ends in July 2025. To date no noticeable increase in its use.

Resolution

Moved Deputy chairperson Linscott, 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/25/3/13595

Chair Weusten spoke to his report and spoke about the following:

- New taskforce team are doing a great job, maintain and enhancing where they work
- Lions painted toilets at Howells Point, Council provided the paint
- Riverton Rotary are keen to paint the changing sheds at Mitchells Bay to give them a spruce up
- Great bird watching opportunities with the walk opposite Bupa Longwood care village.

Resolution

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

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

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

7.7 Councillor update

Record No: R/25/4/14402

Councillor Byars gave an update on what has been happening at Council and Finance and Assurance meetings over the last couple of months.

Resolution

Moved Cr Byars, seconded Troy Holiday **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

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

The meeting concluded at 8pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at a meeting of the Oraka Aparima Community Board held on 8 April 2025.

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON: