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# 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 10 June 2025 at 6.30pm. (6.32pm – 8.23pm)

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### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Michael Weusten
<b>Deputy chairperson</b>	Neil Linscott
<b>Members</b>	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>Councillor</b>	Christine Menzies
<b>Group manager strategy and partnerships</b>	Vibhuti Chopra
<b>Group manager customer and community wellbeing</b>	Sam Marshall

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**1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

Chair Weusten shared with the Board that Member Albie Buchanan has resigned from the Oraka Aparima Community Board on the 5 June 2025 and acknowledged his contribution to the Community during his time on the Board.

**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 is a late report for this meeting – A1 extraordinary vacancy on the Oraka Aparima Community Board that was not included with the agenda due to the Chief Executive receiving the resignation after the agenda had been run and the report could not wait until the next meeting as the August meeting is the last meeting for the triennium, so would make this report redundant.

Moved Chairperson Weusten, seconded Troy Holiday and **resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board, pursuant to section 46A of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987, considers the late item.**

**5 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolution**

Moved Deputy chairperson Linscott, seconded Cr Byars

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**6 Public participation**

Carol Elder and Deen McKay updated the board on the progress of fundraising for the Colac Bay Surfer Statue. (Attached)

## Reports

### 7.1 Contract renewal agreed levels of service

**Record No: R/25/4/14335**

Contracts and program lead, Lance Spencer sought approval from the Oraka Aparima Community Board for the levels of service and areas to be included in the future mowing, toilet cleaning and gardening contracts.

Staff are proposing to release the tender to the market in the final quarter of the 2025 calendar year to provide sufficient time to work through this process, and to allow successful contractors time to mobilise to start the new contracts on 1 July 2026

#### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Contract renewal agreed levels of service".**
- 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) **staff request that the Oraka Aparima Community Board provide the contact details of any contractors who may be interested in the upcoming contract renewal or carrying out general maintenance and improvement works for Council.**
- e) **Agrees to approve the areas and levels of service identified in the attachments to this report:**
  - **Contract renewal map – Oraka Aparima community board towns (Updated)**
  - **Oraka Aparima community board area analysis**
  - **Community Facilities Levels of Service for Contract Renewal 2025**
  - **Contract renewal timeline.**

## **7.2 Update on 2025 triennial election**

### **Record No: R/25/5/23260**

GM strategy and partnerships, Vibhuti Chopra provided an update and general information on the local government 2025 triennial election that will be held on Saturday 11 October 2025.

Candidate information sessions will be held on 15 July 2025, 6pm at the Otautau SDC Office, 176 Main Street and on 16 July 2025, 6pm at the Lumsden Memorial Hall, 8 Meadow Street.

### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled “Update on 2025 triennial election”.**
- b) **notes the following key dates in relation to the 2025 triennial election:**
  - **4 July 2025 – nominations open**
  - **15 July 2025 – candidate information session**
  - **16 July 2025 – candidate information session**
  - **1 August 2025 – nominations close at 12 noon**
  - **9 to 22 September 2025 – delivery of voting documents**
  - **11 October 2025 – election day (voting closes at 12 noon)**
- c) **notes the Local Government Commission determination for the Southland District, released on 29 January 2025, will apply from the commencement of the 2025-2028 triennium.**
- d) **notes that, the elected members of the 2022-2025 triennium will cease to hold office on the day after the day the official results of the 2025-2028 election are declared by public notice, unless they are re-elected**

### **7.3 Community board reporting**

**Record No: R/25/5/23578**

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.

The board have requested clarity on development and financial contributions that are in reserves and Ms O'Connor has suggested including all funding sources that are available for projects within the initial discussion documents for further transparency.

#### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

### **7.4 Chairperson's report**

**Record No: R/25/5/24519**

Chair Weusten presented his report to the board and has asked staff to prepare the following two reports for the August meeting:

- Unbudgeted reserve funds
- Developer and financial contribution status report

#### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled "Chairperson's report"**
- b) ratifies the submission on the Local Water Done Well, Local Government (Water Services) Bill (included with this report as Attachment A) that was lodged with Council on 7 May 2025.**

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**7.5 Councillor update**

**Record No: R/25/5/25452**

Councillor Byars spoke to this report and updated the board on what had been happening at Council.

**Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

**A.1 Extraordinary vacancy on the Oraka Aparima Community Board**

**Record No: R/25/6/26705**

GM strategy and partnerships, Vibhuti Chopra explained that an extraordinary vacancy has arisen on the board with the resignation of Albert Buchanan. Mr Buchanan resigned by providing notice in writing to Council's chief executive on 5 June 2025.

When a vacancy arises within 12 months of a local government election, the chief executive must notify the board immediately.

After being notified, the board must then make a resolution at a meeting to either:

- fill the vacancy by appointing a specific person to the board (who is qualified to be elected as a member), or
- to not fill the vacancy.

**Resolution**

Moved Deputy chairperson Linscott, seconded Eve Welch **and resolved:**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled "Extraordinary vacancy on the Oraka Aparima Community Board"**
- 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) notes an extraordinary vacancy has been created on the Oraka Aparima Community Board pursuant to Schedule 7 clause 5 of the Local Government Act 2002, through the resignation of Albert Buchanan on 5 June 2025**
- e) decides the vacancy is not to be filled.**

The meeting concluded at 8.23pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of a meeting of the Oraka Aparima Community Board held on 10 June 2025.

**DATE:**

**CHAIRPERSON:**



10 June 2025

Hi everyone,

Eight months ago, a group of community minded volunteers - the Colac Bay Progress League - took on fundraising \$108,000 to replace our 'about to be demolished' Surfer statue.

Working with S.D.C. we were shown the possible options and formed a view of how much needed to be raised to replace our statue.

The total estimate was \$140,000. S.D.C. already had in its budget \$31,335 for the surfer statue.

This was also approved by the C.B. and is already incorporated into current rates.

We understood we needed to find the rest /and or secure a loan from S.D.C. that would need to be repaid by ~~the~~ the ratepayers.

Our goal has always been to avoid any increase to rates for ratepayers. Although we were considering a loan on a temporary basis if it meant we could speed up the procurement process.

To date \$41,000 has been raised by the Progress League.

We have worked hard offering a range of fundraising options from hoodies and posters for sale, to quizzes and business sponsorship.

We have received incredible support from local businesses and our communities.

Our latest Footrot Flats Superquiz Fundraiser was overwhelming in terms of that support. \$11,000 raised from 28 auction items donated by local businesses.



The hall was packed <sup>with</sup> by 30 teams - 165 people and over 250 raffle table prizes donated by businesses and the general public.

At the next Progress League meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June, they will discuss adding \$17,000 from their general coffers, to bring the Progress League Sledge to \$58,000. This approval will be ~~subject to~~ <sup>contingent on</sup> The C.B. agreeing to \$11,000 of their unbudgeted reserve fund as a contribution to the Surfer Statue.

We have been made aware by Stella that the procurement process can commence once we raise the amount necessary to build the new statue i.e. \$100k.

The remaining \$40k can be raised as part of a second stage of fundraising, post commencement of procurement.

When we put together the potential \$58,000 from The Progress League, and the \$31,335 that is currently in S.B.C budget we have \$11,000 left to reach that \$100k target and commence the procurement of the Surfer Statue.

This is where you come in. We would like the Community Board to allocate \$11,000 from its unbudgeted reserve fund and put us on the fast track of procurement.

Moving forward with procurement has lots of advantages.

We can reward the Colac Bay Community and volunteers of The Progress League for taking challenge, and empower them and their momentum.



The procurement process can position them to seek grants from funding providers like C.T.S as ~~we~~ we will now have quotes to support applications.

This lets us get onto procurement, while we continue to fundraise for the remaining \$40,000.

And most importantly it means that we will be able to avoid any request by us for a loan from S.D.C. even for temporary funding support.

Raising \$41k in eight months is a mighty achievement. It could not have happened if it wasn't for the clear and consistent support we have received from both the Community Board and S.D.C. since we took on this challenge.

We love our Surfer Statue. For 25 years, it has been an iconic part of Colac Bay's identity.

It has heralded in a massive increase in popularity of surfing and still remains the only Surfer Statue in New Zealand.

Thanks for your support.

Lana Winders, Morgha Dawson, Michelle Dallas, Deen McIcay, Carole Elder and The Colac Bay Progress League.