



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

Date: 25 August 2025
Time: 1pm
Meeting room: Fiordland Community Events Centre, 20/22
Venue: Luxmore Drive, Te Anau

Fiordland Community Board Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Diane Holmes
Deputy chairperson	Julie Burgess
Members	Marilyn Hunter
	Kate Norris
	Nick Robertson
	Luke Thomas
	Councillor Sarah Greaney

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

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Community board terms of reference

TYPE OF COMMITTEE	Community board (board)
RESPONSIBLE TO	Boards are responsible to Council Each board will also have relationships with Council committees (these committees are outlined in the delegations manual).
SUBCOMMITTEES	Some subcommittees will report to community boards – these are outlined in section 8.5 of the delegations manual.
MEMBERSHIP	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.
FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	Every second month, but up to 12 ordinary meetings a year with the approval of the chief executive.
QUORUM	Not less than four members
THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY BOARDS	<p>Governance</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>Roles outlined in the Local Government Act 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appoint a chairperson and deputy chairperson • represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community • consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the board • maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community • prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community • communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community • undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority. <p>Additional roles of boards</p> <p>Community wellbeing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of local communities b) monitor the overall well-being of local communities. <p>Community leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Engagement and relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to develop relationships and communicate with key community organisations, special interest groups, residents and businesses within the community. <p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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⁽ⁱ⁾ 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). <p>Local activities</p> <p>For local activities⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) recommend to Council levels of service⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ 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
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 d) recommend to Council or a relevant committee unbudgeted capital expenditure e) monitor the services Council delivers its communities and assess the extent these services meet community needs or the expected level of service 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). <p>These plans should then be recommended to Council. There are times when local management plans^(iv) should not be developed</p> <p>Environmental management and spatial planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide comment on resource consent applications referred to the community board for comment 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 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 d) provide input into regulatory activities not otherwise specified above, where process allows 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 f) provide support to the development of community plans for a civil defence emergency and the recovery afterwards.
DELEGATIONS	<p>In exercising the delegated powers, boards will operate within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) policies, plans, standards or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council b) the needs of the local communities c) the approved budgets for the activity. <p>Boards shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers^(v).</p> <p>Community wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) develop local strategies to improve areas of wellbeing (where a need has been identified) b) to develop local community outcomes that reflect the desired goals for their community or place.

	<p>Community board plans</p> <p>a) Regularly review and update the community board plan to keep the plan relevant.</p> <p>Decisions on locally funded assets and services</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>Leases and licenses</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^(vi) of leases and licenses where the rental is \$10,000 or more per annum.</p> <p>Community assistance</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>Northern Southland development fund</p> <p>a) the Northern board can make decisions regarding funding applications to the Northern Southland development fund.</p>
LIMITS TO DELEGATIONS	<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>Matters that are not delegated</p> <p>Council has not delegated to boards the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make a rate or bylaw b) acquire, hold or dispose of property c) direct, appoint, suspend or remove staff d) engage or enter into contracts and agreements and financial commitments e) institute an action for recovery of any amount f) issue and police building consents, notices, authorisations and requirements under acts, statutes, regulations, bylaws and the like; 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.
CONTACT WITH MEDIA	<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>
REPORTING	<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 Fiordland Community Board, 23 June 2025

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 or by phoning 0800 732 732.



Fiordland Community Board

OPEN MINUTES (UNCONFIRMED)

Minutes of a meeting of Fiordland Community Board held in the Fiordland Community Events Centre, 20/22 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau on 23 June 2025 at 1pm. (1.06pm – 4.05pm)

PRESENT

Chairperson

Diane Holmes

Deputy chairperson

Julie Burgess

Members

Marilyn Hunter

Kate Norris

Luke Thomas

Councillor Sarah Greaney

APOLOGIES

Nick Robertson

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader

Stella O'Connor

Committee advisor

Rachael Poole

Community projects planning manager

Alex Macleod

Roading engineer

Nick Lewis

1 Apologies

An apology for non attendance was received from Nick Robertson.

Moved Chairperson Holmes, seconded Cr Greaney and **resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board accept the apology.

2 Leave of absence

A request for leave of absence from 24 June to 27 July was received from Marilyn Hunter.

Moved Chairperson Holmes, seconded Deputy chairperson Burgess and **resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board agrees to the leave of absence request.

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 Marilyn Hunter, seconded Luke Thomas **and resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6 Public participation

Vanessa Horvell and Katherine Mitchell from Fiordland Community Orchard spoke to the board on the new license to occupy for the Heritage Garden and expressed their concern that it is quite restrictive and have made some suggestions to move forward relating to alternative plantings.

Reports

7.1 Road naming of new streets for the Luxmore Developments Limited residential development at 75 Govan Drive Te Anau

Record No: R/25/5/24272

Roading engineer, Nick Lewis spoke to this report and requested the board to determine the road names for new streets that form part of the Luxmore Residential development at 75 Govan Drive, Te Anau.

The new roads, that will service the development, adjoin the new formed section of Govan Drive, that transits through the development and complete the Govan Drive alignment once stage 2 is completed. These new roads require new street names.

The transport staff recommendation is to approve the new street name for the cul-de-sac of "Willett Way" and the new local road as "Sir Richard Hayes Drive" as the preferred options.

The board will look to update the list of potential road names list at their next workshop as this has not been done for a number of years.

Resolution

Moved Luke Thomas, seconded Cr Greaney **and resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Road naming of new streets for the Luxmore Developments Limited residential development at 75 Govan Drive Te Anau".**
- 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 the naming of the new roads as option 1 "Willett Way" for the cul-de-sac, and option 4 "Sir Richard Hayes Drive" for the local road.**

Kate Norris voted against the above resolution.

7.2 Henry Street heritage orchard - licence to occupy

Record No: R/25/5/25442

Manager property services, Kevin McNaught spoke to this report and asked the Fiordland Community Board to consider and recommend to staff on entering into a new licence to occupy (LTO) with the Fiordland Community Garden Charitable Trust (FCG) over their occupation of a portion of the Henry Street recreation reserve, located at 22 Henry Street, Te Anau for a community heritage tree orchard.

FCG hold a LTO over part of 22 Henry Street, Te Anau for the permitted use of a community heritage orchard. The current LTO is for a term of five years and is due to expire on 30 November 2025.

A request has also been made by FCG to allow for companion planting to be permitted alongside the heritage fruit trees.

Resolution

Moved Luke Thomas, seconded Cr Greaney **and resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Henry Street heritage orchard - licence to occupy".**
- 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) **recommends to staff to enter into a licence to occupy (five year + five year renewal basis) with Fiordland Community Garden Charitable Trust over a portion of 22 Henry Street, Te Anau as proposed by staff, for use as a community heritage tree orchard at an annual rental of \$1.00 plus GST (if demanded).**
- e) **recommends to staff to permit companion plantings (herbs, flowers, non spreading berries and edible plants) within the rows, and the retention of the existing berry plants as part of the permitted use of the new licence to occupy for 22 Henry Street, Te Anau as recommended in d).**
- f) **in the event that the heritage orchard use (license to occupy) is required to be publicly notified, the board supports the removal of the word heritage from the license.**

The meeting adjourned at 2.41pm for a short break and reconvened at 2.43pm.

7.3 Community partnership fund applications - May 2025 funding round

Record No: R/25/6/26781

Community liaison officer, Gordon Crombie presented the report that was asking the Fiordland Community Board to allocate funding for the May 2025 round of the Fiordland Community Partnership Fund.

A total of four applications have been received for the May 2025 funding round of the Fiordland Community Partnership Fund. The applications are included as an attachment to this report. Please note that the attachments to the applications (including financials) are not attached to this report as they contain information sensitive to the applicant's privacy. These attachments were provided to the community board with the applications for their perusal prior to the meeting.

The Fiordland Community Board has \$45,000 available to allocate through the Fiordland Community Partnership Fund in the 2024/2025 financial year. The available balance is \$20,309.

There is a total of \$12,200 in requests for this round of funding. The board discussed approving additional funding due to the balance remaining in the community partnership fund this financial year.

Resolution

Moved Cr Greaney, seconded Luke Thomas **and resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Community partnership fund applications - May 2025 funding round".**
- 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) **receives applications from the following:**
 - **Te Anau Community Toy Library**
 - **Te Anau Volunteer Fire Brigade**
 - **Te Anau Junior Football Club**
 - **Fiordland Community House**
- e) **approves a grant of \$4,000 to the Te Anau Community Toy Library to assist with costs associated with revamping the storage system.**

- f) **approves a grant of \$5,000 to the Te Anau Volunteer Fire Brigade to assist with costs of a first responder vehicle and an additional \$6,209 subject to a funding shortfall.**
- g) **approves a grant of \$2,600 to Te Anau Junior Football Club to assist with costs of football equipment.**
- h) **approves a grant of \$2,500 to Fiordland Community House to assist with costs of the Matariki hampers.**

The meeting adjourned for a refreshment break at 3.05pm and reconvened at 3.17pm.

7.4 Update on 2025 triennial election

Record No: R/25/5/23264

Committee advisor, Rachael Poole spoke to this report and explained that the of this report was to provide an update and general information on the local government 2025 triennial election.

The triennial local government election 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.

Candidate packs that include nomination forms, the candidate handbook, pre-election report and electoral expense forms will be available at all Council area offices/libraries from 4 July 2025.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Holmes, seconded Cr Greaney **and resolved:**

That the Fiordland 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**

7.5 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/25/6/27855

Chair Holmes spoke to her report and through her report the board have requested staff to prepare reports for the August agenda as below:

1. information on development and financial contributions (including reserve contributions) that relate to the Fiordland Community Board area and recommendations for their use
2. unbudgeted expenditure request for \$20,000 grant to South Sea Spray for the Mural program to be delivered in Te Anau in late 2025
3. managing a project for the felling of the Douglas Fir trees in Water Park and the redevelopment of the area.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is at 1pm on Monday 25 August 2025 to be held at the Fiordland Community Events Centre.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Holmes, seconded Luke Thomas **and resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Chairperson's report".**

7.6 Councillor update

Record No: R/25/6/25584

Cr Greaney spoke to this report and gave an additional update on the following:

- Dog Control Bylaw is out for consultation and submissions close on 12 July. Encourage people to make a submission
- Oreti Community Board are looking at expanding their CCTV for Winton
- Council meeting held in Tuatapere, great to see what is happening in other areas and the Council visited the Railway Station, community archives, Clifden Bridge, library and two reserves.

Resolution

Moved Cr Greaney, seconded Deputy chairperson Burgess **and resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board:

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

7.7 Community board reporting

Record No: R/25/6/26281

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

Resolution

Moved Luke Thomas, seconded Marilyn Hunter **and resolved:**

That the Fiordland Community Board:

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

During the above report, Councillor Greaney left the meeting at 3.57pm

The meeting concluded at 4.05pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of a meeting of the Fiordland Community Board held on 23 June 2025.

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON:

Unbudgeted expenditure for a grant for South Sea Spray Te Anau

Record no: R/25/7/31006
Author: Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader
Approved by: Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing

☒ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☐ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is for the board to consider whether it wishes to approve unbudgeted expenditure of \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve for a grant to the South Sea Spray Trust as a contribution towards the mural and street art festival scheduled in Te Anau 16 – 21 December 2025.

Executive summary

- 2 South Sea Spray Trust is bringing its large scale public art installations event to Te Anau in December 2025. The festival will feature over 15 murals, youth workshops, and mentoring by leading New Zealand artists.
- 3 It has strong community backing and aligns with Council's open spaces strategy and the board's goals for community wellbeing and vibrancy.
- 4 The total project cost is \$180,000, with \$160,000 being secured by the Trust.
- 5 The board has the delegated authority to approve unbudgeted operating expenditure for local activities of up to \$20,000.
- 6 The balance of the Te Anau general reserve at 30/6/24 was \$1,137,683 and is forecasted to be \$447,663 at 30/6/25.

Recommendation

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Unbudgeted expenditure for a grant for South Sea Spray Te Anau”.**
- 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 unbudgeted expenditure of \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve for a grant to the South Seas Spray Trust.**

Background

- 7 South Sea Spray Trust (the Trust) is a not for profit charitable trust that specialises in large scale public art installations and high quality long lasting street art and murals. Their work celebrates creativity, fosters community pride, and transforms public spaces into lasting landmarks of inspiration.
- 8 The Trust has previously run mural and art festivals in Riverton, Bluff, Gore, Invercargill and Winton.
- 9 Communities that have been involved before having reported
 - high visitor numbers throughout the event and in the months following
 - vehicular and active transport numbers increased to some sites/open spaces/buildings
 - where murals are added, commercial activity in surrounding stores and business areas has increased. Locals have pride in the township and/or buildings and the murals become an avenue to tell their stories and connections to the area. They also create art learning opportunities in the art and cultural space for locals and specifically youth, that would rarely be available in local townships.
- 10 The Trust is seeking funding support for a mural and street art festival in Te Anau on 16 – 21 December 2025.
- 11 The plan is to paint over 15 vibrant murals across Te Anau’s central business district and surrounding areas.
- 12 In addition, they offer several hands on interactive workshops through the week of the festival as well as mentoring to a number of Te Anau’s young aspiring artists.

- 13 Twelve of New Zealand's greatest mural and street artists, and a number of rising stars, will share their talents with local youth and other inspiring artists by watching and learning from the process of creating large scale murals from start to finish.
- 14 Significant support has been received from the Te Anau community. Building owners have agreed to have walls on their building available to be painted as part of the festival.
- 15 The total budget for the project is \$180,000.
- 16 Approximately \$160,000 of funding is in the process of being secured and the Trust is seeking funding of \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve.

Issues

- 17 The Fiordland Community Board must determine whether it wishes to approve unbudgeted expenditure of \$20,000 for a grant to the South Seas Spray Trust for a mural and street art festival in Te Anau.
- 18 The board will need to assess whether the reserve can comfortably absorb this expenditure without compromising other priorities. The projected balance of this reserve at the end of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 is \$237,905.
- 19 While \$160,000 is in the process of being secured, the board may want clarity on the status of those funds.
- 20 It is unclear whether the murals will be maintained over time, that will be the building owner's responsibility, the murals that have been painted many years ago are lasting well.

Factors to consider

Legal and statutory requirements

- 21 The board does have delegation to approve unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve.

Community views

- 22 There has been wide support for this project from building owners, Te Anau school, Fiordland College and letters of support are attached to this report.

Costs and funding

- 23 The budget for the project is \$180,000.
- 24 Approximately \$160,000 of funding is in the process of being secured and the Trust is seeking funding of \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve.
- 25 The balance of the Te Anau general reserve at 30/6/24 was \$1,137,683 and is forecasted to be \$447,663 at 30/6/25.

Policy implications

- 26 Outcomes of a project like this align with outcomes contained in the Southland District Council open spaces strategy
- spaces for connection, celebration, and community identity
- 27 Outcomes of a project like this align with two of the board's future focus outcomes
- a community that attracts business, investment, people, and visitors

- a community that is committed to wellbeing through being connected, functional, safe and healthy, with access to excellent services.

Analysis

Options considered

- 28 The Fiordland Community Board must decide whether it wishes to approve unbudgeted expenditure of \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve for a grant to the South Seas Spray Trust

Analysis of options

Option 1 – approve unbudgeted expenditure \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve for a grant to the South Seas Spray Trust

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• supports a high profile community arts event that aligns with the boards and open spaces strategy outcomes (e.g. community pride, cultural celebration, activation of public spaces)• enhances Te Anau’s public spaces with murals, contributing to township beautification and tourism appeal• provides youth engagement and mentoring opportunities in the arts, which are otherwise limited in the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• there will be less funding available for other projects in the area.

Option 2 – decline unbudgeted expenditure \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve for a grant to the South Seas Spray Trust

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• retains the general reserve for other priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the project is not able to proceed until further funds are secured• may be perceived as a lack of support for arts, youth engagement, and community development, lost opportunities for locals to tell their stories and connections to the area through art.

Assessment of significance

- 29 Under Council’s significance and engagement policy this is not a significant issue.

Recommended option

- 30 Option one, approve unbudgeted expenditure \$20,000 from the Te Anau general reserve for a grant to the South Seas Spray Trust.

Next steps

- 31 If approved, a grant will be issued to South Sea Spray Trust for the mural and street art festival to be held in Te Anau on 16 – 21 December 2025.

Attachments

- A LOS SSS Fiordland College and Te Anau School
B LOS M Ruddenklau SSS Te Anau



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31 May 2025

To Whom it May Concern

Re: South Sea Spray Festival - Te Anau, December 16th - 21st 2025

On behalf of Fiordland College and Te Anau School, I am writing this letter in support of South Sea Spray Trust and their proposed project.

As a teacher at Fiordland College, I had the privilege of collaborating with Deow Owen (SSS Founder, Creative Director & CEO) in 2023. Deow worked alongside a group of ten college students to create two beautiful murals and bring a neglected corner of the college to life ([Link 1](#) and [Link 2](#) - scroll down the newsletter to see the photos of the murals).

The impact of the colourful legacy left by the students involved in that mural project is still felt and enjoyed today by the young people that play against the murals' backdrop, and by everyone within the Te Anau community that access the turf and the swimming pool. Looking at those murals we feel the strong connections between our place and the wonders of Fiordland National Park, as the artists brought to life its inhabitants and tales, like the bioluminescent mushrooms and the Lady of the Lake.

In 2023 the students wrote letters in support of the funding application that led Deow to Te Anau, and their voices still resonate today:

"Having an artistic project like a mural come to Te Anau could be exactly what our town needs. In Te Anau most of what happens revolves around sport and farming and there is not a lot of noticeable artistic elements. The areas surrounding Te Anau such as Fiordland National Park, mountains and wildlife offers so much that could be portrayed through a mural for locals and tourists to admire. Having something creative and new in Te Anau will add the much-needed spark of art and creativity so many people love."

Olivia O'Neill

"Organising for some murals to be painted around Te Anau would be an amazing way to bring the community together. Currently there are a lack of outlets for artistic and creative people in our community. Bringing Danny Owen to Fiordland College, and possibly the South Sea Spray Festival to Te Anau, would allow for aspiring artists to take part in designing and painting murals, and give them connections with New Zealand artists who can give them tips on how to follow their dreams. There are so many plain boring walls in our community. Now with the winter months coming, we see our streets feeling cold and gloomy. Murals would bring a pop of colour and life to our town and add a new dimension to Te Anau,

sparkling opportunities for locals, business owners and artists to come together and create something beautiful, all the while portraying the beauty of our community.”

Nina Menegatti-Zink

“I would like to see a mural around town because our town feels a bit dull and boring. It would be nice to bring some art to our town to help brighten it, and help people feel happy and enjoy their day. I know myself that there are many blank walls and power boxes. Some art has already started popping up on power boxes around town and me and my friend Hannah Moore would love to paint more. We also would like to paint a mural somewhere around Fiordland College itself so it can help warm people as they walk by. I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you!”

Liv Thompson

Both Fiordland College and Te Anau School wholeheartedly endorse the proposed project and believe that it has the potential to make a lasting impact in the Community we serve. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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31 May 2025

To Whom it May Concern

Re: South Sea Spray Festival - Te Anau, December 16th - 21st 2025

Please find below the responses of two of the students that worked with Deow in 2023 to create the college murals.

"As an exchange student, coming from another country, knowing nothing about Te Anau and being motivated to experience everything I could, the murals were my first approach to New Zealand and the people from Te Anau.

First, I've never been a great artist; I don't know how to draw but I love it (paradoxical I know). They didn't mind. Alessandra and the group invited me to join, regardless of my lack of talent but accepting me for the motivation I had. The students developed the design, according to their town's identity and we spent two days (or three, I don't really remember) painting and creating with Danny. It was amazing! We spent hours focusing on little details of the murals (just the wing of a Takahe for instance), laughing with the group and leaving our mark on the walls of the school. It was teamwork and for once in my life, I really had to be present in the moment. I also learned some painting techniques but mostly enjoyed creating it with my friends and schoolmates. This experience welcomed me in Te Anau (that became my second home), helped me create lifelong friendships and understand the essence of the region and New Zealand as well as it offered me amazing memories. I would recommend to anyone to participate in that project that shapes every young person and even if you are not an artist, you can always be one, just give it a shot! For the memories, for the friends you could make, for the artist you could find or for coming closer to your community identity, just do it for the experience!"

Manon (Exchange Student at Fiordland College 2023-2024)

[REDACTED]

"As a child I remember always thinking that our town was boring. Fiordland was such a beautiful place, but Te Anau lacked colour and vibrancy. I remember seeing murals in other towns, and thinking why couldn't we do that. My favourite has always been the little girl with her flowers in Invercargill, at the time I hadn't yet had the opportunity to meet the artist, and I remember wondering what her story was. Then, during Year 12, I got the opportunity to help paint a mural, alongside a group of peers at school, under the guidance of Danny Owen. The experience was incredible and a blank wall transformed into art full of colour and life. We made a drab grey corner of our school hold a lot more joy. It wasn't just the finished project that made it worth it, it was the fact we got to tell the story of our home on those walls. It was an incredible feeling knowing we created such beauty with our own hands, but what made it for me was seeing the smiles it put on people's faces. Art is designed to spark emotion, and ours sparked joy."

Nina (Former Head Student, Fiordland College 2024)

[REDACTED]

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Winton
25 May 2025

Letter of Endorsement for South Sea Spray – Te Anau

As Chairperson of Creative Communities Southland, Trustee of Arts Murihiku, and Trustee of the Fiordland Arts Society, I've spent over four decades actively supporting and advocating for arts, culture, and community well-being across Murihiku Southland. I also serve as an elected member of the Southland District Council, where I hold responsibilities to promote the **social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being** of our communities now and into the future.

Within that framework, I offer my full support for the **South Sea Spray Festival planned for Te Anau this December**.

This dynamic festival will bring together some of Aotearoa's most talented muralists and contemporary street artists to collaborate, create, and inspire. It will transform Te Anau's public spaces, enhance its creative identity, and most importantly, **enrich the lives of our tamariki and rangatahi**.

The benefits of this festival are far-reaching and align strongly with our community goals:

- **Cultural enrichment:** South Sea Spray creates opportunities for storytelling through art, helping our children and wider community connect with identity, place, and expression.
- **Educational opportunities:** Local students and young artists will gain hands-on experience through workshops and collaborations, igniting creativity and confidence.
- **Social connection:** Public art strengthens community pride and well-being, fostering spaces that encourage people to come together.
- **Economic vibrancy:** By attracting visitors and engaging locals, the festival supports businesses and adds another layer of vibrancy to Fiordland's cultural and tourism offerings.
- **Environmental awareness:** Art in public spaces can serve as a vehicle for messages of kaitiakitanga and sustainability, resonating deeply with young minds.

Te Anau is a taonga – a gem of the south – and initiatives like this elevate its identity as not just a gateway to Fiordland but a hub of creativity, expression, and community spirit. As someone who has watched generations of children grow up in and around Te Anau, I know firsthand the value the arts can bring in helping them feel confident, connected, and inspired.

I fully endorse the South Sea Spray Festival in Te Anau and commend those involved in delivering a project that will positively impact our district for years to come.

Margie Ruddenklau

Chair, Creative Communities Southland District
Arts Murihiku Trustee, Fiordland Arts Charitable Trust, Trustee
Elected Member, Southland District Council

Approval to scope a project to enhance the recreational potential of Water Park, Te Anau

Record no: R/25/7/33679

Author: Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader

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

☒ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☐ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to scope a project aimed at enhancing Water Park in Te Anau, a designated recreational reserve, by improving its recreational value and investigating the potential removal of mature Douglas fir trees.

Executive summary

- 2 At the Fiordland Community Board meeting on 23 June 2025, the board chair requested an update on the removal of the mature Douglas fir trees and expressed interest in redeveloping the area for broader community use.
- 3 A key focus of the project scoping will be the investigation into the potential removal of these trees. This aligns with the District Wide Reserve Management Plan and presents an opportunity to enhance the ecological and recreational value of the reserve. However, before any trees are felled, a concept plan will be developed and shared with the community to ensure transparency and support.
- 4 The unbudgeted expenditure for this project is expected to be funded by the recovery of the sale of the fir trees.

Recommendation

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Approval to scope a project to enhance the recreational potential of Water Park, Te Anau”.**
- 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 a project to be scoped to enhance the recreational potential of Water Park, Te Anau through improvements, including the investigation of removing mature Douglas fir trees.**

Background

- 5 Water Park is a 5.1471 ha block bordering the Manapouri Te Anau state highway 95 and state highway 94, Luxmore drive with a legal description Sec 1 SO 12162, Lot 1 DP 14182. It is classified as a Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977
- 6 The District Wide Reserve Management Plan states the majority of this reserve was originally vested in the Southland Acclimatisation Society as a fish hatchery. An area is leased out as a trout observatory, primarily as a tourist attraction. The reserve has mature plantings, some of which require selective removal or pruning. There have been plantings along the stream which have enhanced the area. Access to the reserve is off Manapouri - Te Anau highway and from Quintin drive.
- 7 The Te Anau Basin Development Plan identifies Water Park as a potential walking link between SH94, Quintin drive, and the Department of Conservation (DOC) office. It notes limited amenity outside the trout hatchery and recommends
 - enhancing ecological health with native wetland species
 - developing a formalised walkway
 - considering a māra hūpara or natural play area.

Issues

- 8 The cost of harvesting and reinstating the area must be considered. The Douglas fir trees are densely planted and unmanaged, with limited future growth or value. Their removal could improve safety from falling branches and open up space for development. The trees could be thinned which could increase growth but this could also open the area up for windthrow.

- 9 The trees were originally planted to provide some shelter. A replanting plan with appropriate fast growing trees should be considered with the concept plan.
- 10 Tree removal can be contentious. Clear communication and community engagement are essential.
- 11 The project is not currently budgeted but is expected to be funded by the sale of the trees.

Factors to consider

Legal and statutory requirements

- 12 Water Park is a recreational reserve, and the removal of vegetation is subject to the conditions stipulated in the Reserves Act 1977. Section 42 (2) of the Act states that trees or bush on any recreational reserve shall not be cut or destroyed except in accordance with a permit granted under Section 48A or if the administering body is satisfied that the cutting is necessary for proper management, safety, or revenue purposes. The District Wide Reserve Management Plan supports vegetation control, pest plant removal, track development and clear entranceways.

Community views

- 13 The community board has received requests to consider the removal of Douglas fir trees over the past years and are also looking to improve the lakefront to which the park could provide better access.
- 14 The community will be engaged through consultation and communication prior to any tree removal and will also be involved in the development of a concept plan for the reserve, including proposed uses and replanting strategies.

Costs and funding

- 15 The unbudgeted expenditure for this project is expected to be funded by the recovery of the sale of the fir trees.
- 16 An estimate for harvesting the trees has given a positive return but the final value will depend on the market price at the time. The estimate does not include traffic management and remedial work post harvest.

Policy implications

- 17 The District Wide Reserve Management Plan includes specific policies to continue developing and maintaining Water Park as an open space for casual recreation. Key points include:
 - controlling vegetation within the reserve
 - removing pest plants
 - developing clear entrances
 - maintaining and developing tracks.

Analysis

Options considered

- 18 The board needs to consider whether to approve a project to be scoped to enhance the recreational potential of Water Park, Te Anau through improvements including the investigation of removing mature Douglas fir trees.

Analysis of options

Option 1 – approve a project to be scoped to enhance the recreational potential of Water Park, Te Anau through improvements including the investigation of removing mature Douglas fir trees

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• removal of the Douglas fir trees will address community concerns and improve safety• support the growth of native vegetation• enhance the overall appearance and recreational usability of Water Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• removal of the fir trees might alter the landscape significantly, but there are other mature native trees in place.

Option 2 – does not approve a project to be scoped to enhance the recreational potential of Water Park, Te Anau through improvements including the investigation of removing mature Douglas fir trees

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• landscape not significantly altered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• community aspirations not considered• falling branches, shade and icy roads in the winter not addressed.

Assessment of significance

- 19 None identified.

Recommended option

- 20 Option one recommends that the board approve a project to be scoped to enhance the recreational potential of Water Park, Te Anau through improvements including the investigation of removing mature Douglas fir trees.

Next steps

- 21 Staff will start the consultation process to understand community wishes on the trees and the area to be improved.

Attachments

- A District Reserve Management Plan - Water Park, Te Anau

DISTRICT WIDE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Te Anau Ward - Adopted May 2003



Southland District Council

File: 3519/0002

Water Park

Te Anau 5

Description

Location	Manapouri-Te Anau Rd
Classification / Status	Recreation
Area (ha)	5.7681
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 14182 Sec 1 SO 12162 Sec 672 Blk 1 Manapouri SD Sec 1 SO 12358
Control	Te Anau Community Board
Previous Management Plan	This District Wide Reserve Management Plan replaces the 'Te Anau Reserves Management Plan 1999'
Hierarchy	Township
Adjacent Land	This land is surrounded by residential properties.
Facilities	Mature plantings and streamside amenity planting, Trout Observatory.
Acquisition	Lot 1 and Sec 1 were acquired in 1953 as a site for a fish hatchery and were set aside in 1970 a reserve for recreation. Sec 672 was acquired in 1976 as a reserve for recreation purposes.

New Zealand Gazette 1998 p 1653

General Description

Section 672 → Recreation Reserve (Te Anau Domain)

The majority of this reserve was originally vested in the Southland Acclimatisation Society as a fish hatchery. An area is now leased out as a trout observatory, primarily as a tourist attraction. The reserve has mature plantings, some of which require selective removal or pruning. There have recently been plantings along the stream which have enhanced the area. Access to the reserve is off Manapouri - Te Anau Highway and from Quintin Drive.

Specific Policies

- Continue to develop and maintain Water Park as an area of open space for casual recreation.
- Camping is prohibited on Water Park as per the Camping Bylaw (2000).
- Dogs may be exercised on Water Park as per the Dog Control Bylaw (1997).
- Continue to allow the Trout Observatory to be leased out.

Future Development Potential

Maintain mature plantings on the reserve. Remove and replant where appropriate. Develop a walkway system through the park and provide good access from Quintin Drive.

Lions Club own? page Section 1 SO 12162 with SDC

SCW/02/3/3912

Te Anau Ward

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DISTRICT WIDE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN
Te Anau Ward - Adopted May 2003



Water Park

SCW/02/3/3912

Te Anau Ward

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Fiordland Community Board submission on Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025

Record no: R/25/7/34052

Author: Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader

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

☒ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☐ Information

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to present a copy of the submission prepared by the Fiordland Community Board (the board) on the Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025 and to also ratify the submission that was lodged on behalf of the board on 14 July 2025.

Executive summary

2. Consultation for the Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025 opened at 9am on Monday 12 May 2025 and closed at midday on Sunday 13 July 2025.
3. The board decided to make a submission as part of the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy review consultation process. A draft submission was prepared by the board via email correspondence, taking into consideration their knowledge of community views on this matter.
4. A proforma submission was lodged with Council on 14 July 2025 to enable the board to provide feedback on the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy review 2025 before the end of the consultation period.
5. At this meeting, staff are recommending the board formally ratify the submission.
6. The options available to the board at this time are to decide to ratify the submission, to alter the submission, or to withdraw the submission. The advantage of lodging (the attached or an amended submission) are that the board can express its views on the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy review 2025 and potentially influence the final bylaw that is adopted by Council. If the board decides to withdraw the submission, a disadvantage will be not having the opportunity to have a say about the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025.
7. If the board would like to make changes to the submission at this time or to withdraw the submission, staff will action the decision by liaising with staff from Council.

Recommendation

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Fiordland Community Board submission on Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025”.**
- b) ratifies the submission on the Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025 (included with this report as Attachment A) that was lodged with Council on 14 July 2025.**

Attachments

- A FCB Dog Policy Submission July 25**



DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND DOG CONTROL POLICY REVIEW 2025

PRIVACY STATEMENT



The personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Southland District Council in accordance with our privacy policy and with the Privacy Act 2020. The privacy policy explains how we can use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with Council, and how you can access and correct that information.

Submissions including your name and opinions on the consultation will be published and made available to elected members and the public. Any personal details, excluding your name, collected in the 'your details' section will be redacted before publishing. Please note that you should not include any personal information in the open text fields of the submission form if you do not wish it to be made public.

Contact details provided by you may be given to elected members if they wish to contact you about your submission. Contact details may be used by Council staff for administration of the consultation process. Council staff will have access to complete submissions for the purposes of analysing feedback.

I have understood and agree with the privacy statement (required) ☒

PERSONAL DETAILS

First name (required) Diane

Last name (required) Holmes

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation? ☒

Organisation name (required) Fiordland Community Board

Postal address (required) _____

Email (required) FiordlandCB Chair FiordlandCB.Chair@southlanddc.govt.nz

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing? ☐

Please provide a contact phone number (required) 0279240557

SUBMISSION QUESTIONS

NEW DEFINITIONS

Do you support the proposal to include **definitions** and the wording proposed for 'Effective Control' and 'Public Place' in the Bylaw?

Yes ☒

No ☐

No opinion ☐

Effective control means

- you are aware of where the dog is and what it is doing
- you are close enough to prevent issues including nuisance or danger to other people, animals, wildlife, and property
- you can bring the dog quickly to heel through verbal command, whistle, physical signal or gesture, or restraint.

Public place means

- a) a place that, at any material time, is open to or is being used by the public, whether free or on payment of a charge, and whether any owner or occupier of the place is lawfully entitled to exclude or eject any person from that place; and
- b) includes any aircraft, hovercraft, ship or ferry or other vessel, train, or vehicle carrying or available to carry passengers for reward.

Please provide comments to support your view

LOCATION SPECIFIC PROPOSALS

Proposed maps for the following areas can be found in the **Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2025** or on the Key changes proposed page on <http://southlanddc.govt.nz/dogbylawreview>



TE ANAU



Do you support the proposal to permit dogs on leads in the Te Anau town centre?

Yes ☒

No ☐

No opinion ☐

Please provide comments to support your view

The Fiordland Community Board are in support with the proposed changes including allowing dogs, on leads, in the Town Centre.

CURIO BAY

Q1. Do you support the proposal for "dogs on leash" on Waikawa Curio Bay Road from the Cook Creek Access south?

Yes ☐

No ☐

No opinion ☐

Please provide comments to support your view

Q2. Do you support the proposal for "dogs prohibited" on Council land between the campground and the Ara Pahu subdivision?

Yes ☐

No ☐

No opinion ☐

Please provide comments to support your view

Q3. Do you support the proposal for "dogs prohibited" on Council land north of Mair Road?

Yes ☐

No ☐

No opinion ☐

Please provide comments to support your view

Q4. Do you support the proposal for dogs to be prohibited on the beach from Cook Creek southward and out to the mean low water springs shoreline as indicated?

Yes ☐

No ☐

No opinion ☐

Please provide comments to support your view

WYNDHAM DOG EXERCISE AREA

Do you support the proposal to reduce the dog exercise area in Wyndham?

Yes ☐

No ☐

No opinion ☐

Please provide comments to support your view

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Please share any further comments you may have on Council's Draft Dog Control Policy 2025 and Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2025: (draft policy and bylaw can be found on <http://southlanddc.govt.nz/dogbylawreview>)

HOW TO RETURN YOUR SUBMISSION

Post a submission form to:

Southland District Council
PO Box 903
Invercargill 9840
ATTN: Draft Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2025 Submissions

Deliver a submission form to Southland District Council, head office, 15 Forth Street, Invercargill, or to any Southland District Council area office.

Email a submission form to submissions@southlanddc.govt.nz

Roading bylaw, policy and policy procedures' review

Record no: R/25/7/35875

Author: Chris Rout, Team leader, organisational policy

Approved by: Hartley Hare, Strategic Manager Transport/Acting GM Infrastructure and Capital Delivery

☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide:
 - information to the Fiordland Community Board (the board) on the review of the Rounding Bylaw 2008 (Revision 3 2024), Rounding Policy 2008 (Revision 1 2015) and Rounding Policy Procedures 2008 (Revision 1 2015); and
 - opportunity for the board to give feedback on the rounding documents which will assist staff to identify issues and propose options for Council before undertaking public consultation.

Executive summary

- 2 The Rounding Bylaw 2008 Revision 3 2024, Rounding Policy 2008 Revision 1 2015 and Rounding Policy Procedures 2008 Revision 1 2015 (collectively referred to as the rounding documents) are currently due for review.
- 3 Each document has a distinct purpose to control and enforce prohibited activities, set Council's management approach, or set the criteria for permitted activities in the road environment.
- 4 As part of the review staff have identified matters for consideration by Council to be addressed in each document and are seeking feedback from the board on both these matters and the rounding documents themselves.
- 5 If the board chooses to provide feedback, staff will include this for consideration as part of the issues and options to be presented to Council for public consultation.

Recommendation

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Roothing bylaw, policy and policy procedures' review”.**
- 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) provides feedback for the review of the Roothing Bylaw 2008 (Revision 3 2024), Roothing Policy 2008 (Revision 1 2015) and Roothing Policy Procedures 2008 (Revision 1 2015).**

Background

- 6 The roading documents are suite of documents which collectively outline Council’s approach to the management and use of roads within Southland district.
- 7 The review frequency for the roading documents is drawn from the approach applied to the Roothing Bylaw 2008 Revision 3 2024 (the bylaw), and although bylaws under the Land Transport Act 1998 do not have a set review timeframe, it is good practice for Council’s review approach to be consistent with the 10-year review cycle other bylaws follow under the Local Government Act 2002.
- 8 In accordance with the above approach, review of the roading documents is now due, with the last full review undertaken by Council in April 2015, and only targeted amendments made to the roading bylaw since under Revision 2 in 2018 and Revision 3 in 2024, both to address parking issues on Rakiura/Stewart Island.

Roothing bylaw

- 9 The bylaw is considered secondary legislation which is established by Council in accordance with authorities granted under the Land Transport Act 1998 to control activities that are of a nuisance to the general public in use of or within the roading environment.
- 10 The bylaw focuses on management of:
 - stock on roads including droving, grazing, debris on the road, gates and damage;
 - parking restrictions including mobility parking and electric vehicle charging, restriction times, locations, etc;
 - one-way roadways;
 - heavy traffic prohibitions; and
 - vehicular accessways.

- 11 The bylaw has not been attached to this report, but can be accessed online from Council's website: <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/bylaws-and-policies/bylaws/>.

Roading policy

- 12 The Roothing Policy 2008 (Revision 1 2015) (the Policy) confirms Council's role for managing its roading network confirming Council's policy position in relation to matters of:
- road safety;
 - accessibility;
 - road management;
 - levels of service;
 - environmental effects; and
 - community effects.
- 13 The policy also applies the goals, objectives and levels of service set in Council's Long Term Plan and maintains consistency with roading strategies and objectives set at a regional and national level.
- 14 The policy has not been attached to this report but can be accessed online from Council's website: <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/bylaws-and-policies/policies/>.

Roading policy procedure

- 15 Council's Roothing Policy Procedures 2008 (Revision 1 2015) (policy procedures) is an operational management document which enacts the roading policy and roading bylaw.
- 16 The policy procedures set out the administration and process requirements for specified activities within the road environment. These provide procedural details in relation to permits and applications, compliance, bonds and insurances and include processes to be followed relating to the following activities on district roads or within the road reserve:

Stock crossings at grade	Signs on roads	Structures on the road margin
Stock races	Grazing the road margin	Whitebait huts
Stock underpasses	Road margin planting	Trees on roads
Debris on the road	Cultivation of road margin	Permanent fencing in the road margin
Operating on the road	Use of roads and road licences	RAPID numbering
Lower a road culvert	Gates across roads	Road naming
Drainage on roadsides	Requests to physically form roads	i centre signs
Public utilities and services on roads	Stopping of roads	Changes to road types
Private utilities and services on roads	Temporary closure of roads for public events	Stock droving

Vehicle accessways	Temporary closure of roads for roading purposes	Property numbering
Dust suppression on roads	Storage on the road margin	Rural accessway, (commercial)

- 17 The policy procedures have not been attached to this report but can be accessed online from Council's website: <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/bylaws-and-policies/policies/>.

Issues

- 18 Staff have identified a number of key matters within the roading documents where changes may need to be considered for each document in the tables below. These changes are being considered in addition to any changes or issues raised in feedback from community boards.

Roading bylaw

- 19 The following matters are proposed to be within the scope of review of the bylaw.

Topic	Issues
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> alignment between bylaw and physical signage and markings present in the road environment introducing electric vehicle parking reviewing mobility parking coverage introducing permit parking framework for boat trailer parking on Rakiura/Stewart Island.
Stock on roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reviewing permit thresholds and requirements for driving.
One-way roadways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reviewing status of any temporary one-way roads.
Fines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> alignment to fine provisions of Land Transport Act 1998
Unformed legal roads access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> folding in Ashton Flats Roding Bylaw under a new section prohibiting vehicle access to specified unformed legal roads additional restriction for vehicle access to the riverside unformed legal road beside the Oreti River at Wallacetown.
Drafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> exploring options to be more responsive to requests for changes to application of restrictions between reviews drafting tidy ups and corrections.

- 20 The Ashton Flats Roding Bylaw has not been attached to this report, but can be accessed online from Council's website: <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/bylaws-and-policies/bylaws/>.

Roading policy

- 21 The following areas are proposed to be within the scope of review of the policy.

Topic	Issues
Alignment to LTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> update to policy to maintain alignment with the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

Alignment with other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• review policy against regional and national roading strategies and objectives and update where required.
Drafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• drafting tidy ups and corrections.

Roading policy procedures

- 22 The following areas are proposed to be within the scope of review of the policy procedures.

Topic	Issues
Out of date references	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• updates to replace references which are now out of date.
Alignment to current practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• update to policy procedures where operational practice has moved on since previously reviewed.
Drafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• drafting tidy ups and corrections.

Feedback sought

- 23 Staff would like to receive feedback from the board for the review of the roading documents including the key matters raised above. Are there any areas where changes are required? For instance, under the bylaw are there any locations, times or restrictions which need to be expanded, reduced or amended, particularly within your board area? Are new restrictions required? Do policy or policy procedures need to be changed? Do we need to alter our scope?

Factors to consider**Legal and statutory requirements**

- 24 Section 22AB of the Land Transport Act 1998 provides Council authority to establish bylaws as it thinks fit for specified purposes to restrict or control activities in the road environment.
- 25 Council has general authority under Section 12 of the Local Government Act 2002 to adopt the policy and policy procedures.
- 26 Although Council is not legally required to have either the bylaw, policy or policy procedure, these have been put in place for the purposes set out above.

Community views

- 27 As part of its decision-making process, Council must give consideration to the views and preferences of those people affected, or likely to have an interest in, the matter.
- 28 Staff are currently in the process of conducting pre-engagement with stakeholders, community boards (under this report) and the wider community to help identify and analyse issues, propose solutions and prepare drafts of the roading documents for consideration by Council.
- 29 There will also be a formal consultation process based on Council's preferred approach to further understand community views on this issue prior to Council making its final decision.

Costs and funding

- 30 Costs associated with reviewing the roading documents will be met within current Council budgets. Costs will include staff time and advertising to meet the legal requirements of review and undertake public consultation.

- 31 Any additional costs to implement and manage changes made to the roading documents are yet to be identified and have funding sources determined.

Policy implications

- 32 Council may not be able to support enforcement of more significant changes to the bylaw due to limitations in Council's enforcement activities under Enforcement Policy, or enforcement may only be achievable at the cost of other enforcement activities, or at additional cost to Council.
- 33 Some changes to the roading documents which go beyond existing operational practice will likely require supporting administration changes to implement and remain in place which may incur additional costs for Council.

Analysis

Options considered

- 34 Staff have identified two ways the board could proceed:
- Option 1 - Provide feedback to Staff for the review of the roading documents
 - Option 2 - Provide no feedback for the review of the roading documents at this stage.

Analysis of options

Option 1 – Provide feedback to staff for the review of the roading documents.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the overall view of the board will be known by Council• board feedback is able to be considered and included at an early stage• significant feedback will not require additional consultation to be considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the board may want more time to liaise with its community.

Option 2 – Provide no feedback for the review of the roading documents at this stage.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the board has more time to liaise with its community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council will not know the overall view of the board• board feedback is not able to be considered and included at an early stage• more significant feedback provided at a later date may not be able to be considered without additional community consultation.

Assessment of significance

- 35 The Local Government Act 2002 (the LGA) requires Council to consider the significance (or the degree of importance) of all decisions in order to determine the required level of engagement with the community.
- 36 Staff have assessed this matter as being ‘not significant’ in relation to Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy and the LGA, primarily due to staff only seeking feedback from the board at this stage, with no decision yet required.
- 37 Any feedback provided by the board in connection with this report will help inform community views presented to Council for its later decision purposes in relation to this matter, which will have a separate, and likely higher, assessment of significance.

Recommended option

- 38 Council staff recommend that the board proceed with Option 1, and provide feedback to Council staff for the review of the roading documents.

Next steps

- 39 Staff will compile feedback from community boards on the roading documents and consider this as part of issues and options developed for proposal to Council prior to public consultation.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Councillor update

Record no: R/25/7/36099

Author: Deborah-Ann Smith-Harding, Committee advisor/customer support partner

Approved by: Deborah-Ann Smith-Harding, Committee advisor/customer support partner

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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 15 May 2025 to 25 June 2025.
- 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 Greaney to highlight particular matters or to update the board on any other issues that have arisen around the Council table.

28 May 2025 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Mayor's Taskforce for jobs – update from Great South	Southland Youth Futures team manager – Renata Gill and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs coordinator Elizabeth Wyatt presented to Council on the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) 2024/2025 contract year. For employers, it offers matched job seekers, access to grants and subsidies, training and pastoral support for new hires, and provision of workwear and equipment. They have connected with 212 young people and have 34 placed into fulltime employment.
SDC holiday programme update - January 2025	Jenna Shepherd and Wendy Finlay from Active Southland updated Council on the successful January holiday programme delivered on behalf of Council.
WasteNet's submission – proposed waste legislation	Council received and reviewed a draft submission prepared by WasteNet on the proposals to amend the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (before the draft submission was submitted to the Ministry for the Environment).
District Initiatives Fund applications - March 2025 round	<p>Council received and approved seven applications for the allocation of funds from the District Initiatives Fund as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southland Oral History Project/Heritage South \$1,000 • Shepherdess/Muster Vibrant Communities \$8,497 • Winton Men's Friendship Choir \$1,500 • Ladies Club of Winton \$1,500 • South Coast Environment Centre \$3,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuatapere Promotions Inc./Central Western Archive \$1,500 • Fiordland Trails Trust \$10,000
Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund applications - March 2025 round	<p>Council received and approved 12 applications for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Southland College \$1,050 • Riverton Rugby Club \$1,500 • Mossburn School – Hockey \$1,050 • Menzies College Netball Club \$1,500 • Mossburn School – Netball \$1,050 • Fiordland College \$1,050 • Riverton Athletic Club \$800 • Winton Football Club \$800 • Takitimu Primary School \$800 • Fiordland Swimming Club \$800 • Northern Southland College \$1,250 • Tokanui Netball Club \$450
Bridge weight restriction postings 2025/2026	<p>Council complied with the Transport Act 1962 and Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974 by advertising any posting weight limit necessary for bridges on the roading network and to revoke any restrictions that no longer apply.</p> <p>The number of posted bridges inspected within the Southland district has reduced this year due to an ongoing bridge replacement programme with two posted bridges replaced since July 2024.</p>
Changes to fees and charges 2025/2026 - deliberations	<p>Council received and acknowledged the submission they received, considered the feedback received and confirmed the fees and charges for inclusion in the Annual Plan 2025/2026.</p>
Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2025	<p>Council received a financial report for the nine months to 31 March 2025. Both income and expenditure were slightly below budgeted projections.</p>
Seaward Downs recreation reserve - potential disposal	<p>Council received the report and agreed staff are to initiate the disposal process for the property and to take the appropriate actions as required by the Crown.</p> <p>Council agreed that any potential net sale proceeds are to be transferred to the Waihopai Toetoe Community Board to be used for capital expenditure or projects on reserves, parks and open spaces.</p>
Milford Community Trust	<p>Council received this report and reappointed Rosco Gaudin and appointed Cr Sarah Greaney as a trustee of the Milford Community Trust for the remainder of this local government triennium.</p> <p>Council directed staff to advertise the remaining four trustee positions, one of the positions being the role of the independent chair.</p>

Technical staff submission on proposed changes to the emission trading scheme	<p>Council was updated by staff on the technical submission made on behalf of Council on the "Proposed changes to forestry in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme". Included in the submission was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to delay the update to the Pinus radiata default carbon tables to suggest the ETS system use regional sequestration tables for all species to better reflect the regional variation in carbon sequestration capability and not overly inflate Pinus Radiata that all high wilding species are excluded from the ETS system and current high wilding species are aged out of the program to prioritise research into transitional forestry and coppicing species.
11 June 2025 – Council Meeting	
Report	Overview
Public participation	Johan Groters spoke about Great South - that he felt smaller tourism operators are not getting much value for money or benefit from the money being invested in Great South.
Local Water Done Well – Decision on Preferred Water Services Delivery Model	<p>Council received 193 submissions (and an additional seven late submissions). Ninety seven percent of respondents supported the adjusted status quo model (an in-house business unit).</p> <p>Council adopted the adjusted status quo model as Southland District Council's preferred water services delivery model to be included in the Water Services Delivery Plan.</p>
Management report June 2025 (information only)	<p>Cameron McIntosh updated Council on what has been happening in the following operational areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government legislative agenda Governance Rakiura Energy project Communications and engagement Information services Strategic planning Spatial planning <p>Mr. McIntosh also discussed legislation publicly released the night before the meeting.</p>
Mayor's report	Mayor Scott took the Councillors through his report which highlighted meetings and events that he had attended. Mayor Scott, Cr O'Brien and Cr Wilson spoke about the onsite meeting they attended with the Mid Dome Trust, Cr Keast spoke about the Citizen Advice Bureau's launch of their community directory and Cr Greaney gave an update on Connected Murihiku.
Nightcaps hall, installation of new diesel tank - retrospective unbudgeted expenditure request	Council approved retrospective unbudgeted expenditure of \$3,316.56 plus GST for the transport and installation of the replacement diesel tank at the Nightcaps hall. This project is to be funded as any operational underspends in 2024/2025 with the remainder to be funded via the Nightcaps Community Centre Reserve.

Unbudgeted expenditure report - Ohai Railway Fund - March 2025 funding round	Council approved the unbudgeted expenditure of \$11,747 in Ohai Railway Fund grant allocations from the Ohai Railway Fund interest income.
25 June 2025 – Council Meeting	
Report	Overview
Public participation	Wendy Joy Baker addressed the meeting regarding her submission to the Local Water Done Well consultation. She also spoke about the rates increase being too high, First Edition costing too much and that volunteering needs to be recognised.
Annual Plan 2025/2026 adoption	Council agreed to adopt the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and delegated to the chief executive the authority to make the minor editorial changes that arise as part of the publication process.
Rates Resolution - Setting of Rates for the Financial Year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026	<p>Council set the rates for the year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026 with four instalment dates as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instalment One – 29 August 2025 • Instalment Two - 28 November 2025 • Instalment Three - 27 February 2026 • Instalment Four - 29 May 2026
Transport section 17a review findings report	Council approved the implementation of the recommended “Enhanced Status Quo” model with all new roading contracts moving forward and that the transport team progress to the procurement phase for key road maintenance contracts based on the recommended model.
25 June 2025 – Finance and Assurance Committee Meeting	
Report	Overview
Finance and Assurance Committee work plan for the year ended 30 June 2025	<p>A number of reports were moved to the next financial year to accommodate the additional reports that needed to be added to this agenda. The following reports will be now reported on in the next quarterly meeting in September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and Culture update • Follow up on audit action points • Update on progress of the Environmental Services Business Plan • IANZ re-accreditation report
B2B project update	The Committee received a progress update on the back together build - the project is on track.
Health and safety update	Staff updated the Committee on health and safety related events and activity from the last quarter.
New Zealand Transport Agency investment audit report for the period 2021/2022 to 2023/2024	As part of the New Zealand Transport Authority Waka Kotahi (NZTA) requirement, an investment audit is undertaken every three years. Staff updated the Committee on the audit findings and how staff have and will address the recommendations (four) from this audit.
New road maintenance contracts	The committee recommended:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council approve that procurement work proceed to the tender stage for the new roading alliance maintenance contract • that the results of the tender evaluation process be reported back to Council for consideration of awarding a contract • that a roading workplan is created to give them a better understanding of the road maintenance contracts.
Risk management - June 2025 quarterly update	<p>The committee recommended to Council the adoption of the proposed priority strategic risk areas as follows, to become effective 1 August 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse event – the risk that Council is unable to appropriately respond to the consequences of a natural or human-induced event impacting the District leading to a loss of critical service continuity • Change – the risk that Council has inadequate adaptability to respond to a continuously changing environment impacting its ability to achieve the best outcomes for the District • Climate response – the risk that Council fails to appropriately adapt to, or mitigate the effects of, a changing climate leading to significant financial, economic, and social impacts • Cyber security – the risk that Council’s systems do not have the resilience to protect information assets from cyber-attack and/or error • Decision making – the risk that suboptimal decision making by Council results in misalignment with community needs and/or expectations, or with statutory obligations • Finance – the risk that Council fails to manage its financial sustainability impacting its ability to fund essential services and projects now and, in the future, • Health, safety, and wellbeing – the risk that Council is unable to manage the health, safety, and wellbeing of staff, contractors, and the community where reasonably practicable to do so • Social licence – the risk that Council fails to maintain acceptable levels of satisfaction and social licence within the community leading to a loss of mandate to act on its behalf • Strategic relationships – the risk that Council fails to appropriately maintain its local, regional, and national relationships impacting its ability to achieve its objectives
Annual Plan 2025/2026 recommended adoption	<p>The committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and endorsed and recommended that Council approve unbudgeted expenditure for the Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai, levies of \$131,699 (excl GST) to be funded by interest earned on the water and wastewater development contributions.</p>
Financial Report for the period ended 30 April 2025	<p>Council received the financial report for the ten months to 31 March 2025. Both income and expenditure were slightly below budgeted</p>

	projections. Also included as attachments were the most recent reports from Milford Investments and BTNZ.
Investment and Liability Management Policy review	The Committee endorsed and recommended to Council the draft Investment and Liability Management Policy.

Recommendation

That the Fiordland Community Board:

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

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Community board reporting

Record no: R/25/8/36923
Author: Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader
Approved by: Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing

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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 Fiordland Community Board:

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

Attachments

- A Fiordland community leadership report - 25 August 2025
- B Active Southland report - August 25
- C Fiordland operational report - August 2025
- D Project updates - August 2025



What's happening in your area

Playground update

The installation of Lions Park is nearly complete, and everything is looking fantastic. Once the wind break fencing is installed, the space will be ready to welcome the community. Plans are already underway to host an official opening event in late September, which will be a great opportunity to celebrate this exciting new addition to the area. The Henry Street Playground is coming together also with a newly installed waka that will hold loose nature play items. More nature play features coming include log based play elements and furniture like seating made from logs with plans to add plantings and a tepee structure.



Te Anau Basin Development Plan

The board reviewed the summary of key themes and insights and agreed that it accurately reflected the survey results and community feedback.

Key community themes from lakefront improvement survey

- Preserve natural character: preference for native plantings, local materials, minimal development, and open lake and mountain views. Tidying up what is there.
- Accessibility: mixed support for shared use paths, vehicle access for all ages and abilities, and mobility friendly features.
- Public amenities: strong demand for more seating, shade, picnic green space areas, shelter, and an additional toilet at Steamers beach.
- Traffic and parking management: mixed views on vehicle access, concerns about large vehicles, and calls for safer, designated parking.
- Cultural and educational: interest in mana whenua storytelling, interpretive signage, public art, and educational features.
- Community engagement: desire for transparent, inclusive consultation and support for co-design and community led planning.
- Spending wisely: concern about rising costs; preference for practical, low maintenance improvements with clear community benefit.
- Strategic planning: support for a comprehensive masterplan aligned with broader development goals and avoiding piecemeal changes. Understanding boundaries and management with DOC.

Deep dive into survey insights about lakefront parking, cycleway, pedestrian and traffic

- Parking and vehicle access: mixed support for lakefront parking, concerns about space loss, and suggestions for better campervan/trailer management and traffic flow.
- Pedestrian and bike access: strong backing for improved access, with mixed views on shared paths and frequent calls for accessibility upgrades.
- Natural character and development: preference for a natural look, concerns about overdevelopment, and mixed opinions on commercial activity like food trucks.
- Safety: concerns about traffic and large vehicles, with requests for improved lighting that respects dark sky values.

With these key themes and insights from the feedback in mind, the board have spent time walking the lakefront with council staff and giving feedback on the areas and priorities to be included in the initial planning. Council continues to work closely with the Fiordland community board as together we develop a plan for positive changes at the waterfront. Based on the survey feedback there will be some quick wins in the next few weeks and then we will be looking at some more medium to long term opportunities.

Streetscape guide

As part of working through recommendations from the Te Anau Basin Development Plan and the Lakeside Improvement Project survey, staff are developing a Streetscape Guide to help bring consistency to future public features like seating and other installations. Over the years, there have been several requests for memorial seats, and the board wants to manage these respectfully while keeping a good balance across our open spaces. Once the new guide is agreed, it will include recommendations for suitable seating styles and locations that fit with the overall plan.

Dark Sky Park status

The board chair has sent a letter of support to Great South, who are working with the Department of Conservation to apply for dark sky park status for Fiordland National Park. This change from the original plan to apply for sanctuary status was based on advice from Gareth Davies, a member of the Dark Sky

Places Committee. Gareth explained that the committee now expects sanctuaries to be very remote and have few visitors, which would mean leaving Milford Sound out of the application. Since Milford is such an important part of Fiordland, and the benefits of dark sky status for education and tourism are significant, the decision was made to apply for park status instead. This designation has similar requirements but is more flexible about visitor numbers and location.

Manapōuri water supply future-proofed

Water supply in Manapōuri is future-proofed following a \$3.6 million investment by Southland District Council.

Southland Mayor Rob Scott was joined by Council chief executive Cameron McIntosh, councillors, Fiordland Community Board members and contractor Fulton Hogan on site for the official opening of the new Manapōuri Water Treatment Plant on 27 June 2025.

Mayor Scott said the plant reinforced Council's decision to opt for the adjusted status quo model in Local Water Done Well was the right option, ensuring it retained full responsibility and control for water services while adapting to legislative changes and evolving Southland communities.

"It is always a proud moment when projects of this calibre come to fruition. This showcases we are very capable of delivering infrastructure and water services to Southlanders," he said.

"The ability of the locals to have direct input into what's happening in their own backyard and working in collaboration with Council is incredibly important and we've proven in the Fiordland area through projects like this it is a priority for us.

"While managed by Council, these assets are owned by the communities they serve and, together with the Fiordland Community Board, the residents of Manapōuri should be proud of what's been achieved. We are building for the future."

Lead contractor Fulton Hogan, together with Murray Wallace Electrical, started construction of the upgraded asset last year, with the plant commissioned as fully operational in March. It replaces the previous one built in 1969, which was approaching end of life, including the steel water tower.

The new plant features filtration and pH correction to ensure compliance with the latest drinking water legislation. Firefighting capacity has been improved with larger pumps and a generator for backup power.

Space has been set aside to accommodate town growth and further water quality enhancements if required in the future.



Community Partnership Fund

The last round of funding for the community partnership fund for the 2024-25 financial year closed on 31 May 2025. Four applications were received, and the following grants were made:

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| • Te Anau Toy Library – storage system | \$4,000 |
| • Te Anau Volunteer Fire Brigade – first responder vehicle requiring it due to any shortfall | \$11,209 subject to their |
| • Te Anau Junior Football Club – football equipment | \$2,600 |
| • Fiordland Community House – Matariki hampers | \$2,500 |

The next round of funding will close on 30 September.

Community Service Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2026 round of Community Service Awards are open and will close on 30 September. Nomination forms are available on the SDC website and from local area offices.

What’s happening across the district

Stewart Island/Rakiura energy solution

Southland District Mayor Rob Scott is thrilled that a solution has been found to provide cheaper, renewable electricity to consumers on Stewart Island/Rakiura.

Associate Minister of Regional Development Mark Patterson announced a suspensory loan of \$15.35 million to the Rakiura Energy Solutions project at a public meeting on the island on 23 June 2025. About 90 people were in the Stewart Island Community Centre to hear the announcement.

The suspensory loan, from the Regional Infrastructure Fund, will enable the construction of a 2 megawatt solar farm and a 4 megawatt battery, as well as upgrades to the electricity supply network.

Mayor Scott said: “Stewart Island is a big jewel in New Zealand's crown, and electricity prices at 85 cents have got to the point where it is impacting the small resilient community that lives there. This announcement is huge and will have a significantly positive impact, not just on the island but for New Zealand.

“I’m rapt that the government has recognised this and chosen to invest in Rakiura. The community is long overdue for a solution, and I am looking forward to seeing it all unfold.”

The Rakiura Energy Solutions project has been exploring options since 2023 to reduce Stewart Island’s reliance on diesel generators to produce electricity. The project is being run by Southland District Council and the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board, working alongside the Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority (SIESA) and PowerNet.

Island consumers currently pay 85 cents per kilowatt hour, around 240% more than mainland New Zealanders pay for electricity.

Procurement will take place immediately, with contracts in place by the end of 2025. It is anticipated that construction and upgrades will begin at the start of 2026, with the project completed and the network integration fully commissioned by the end of 2027.



Mayor Rob Scott and Associate Minister of Regional Development Mark Patterson

Community Service Award – Michael McLees

You can bet Michael McLees wouldn't be a fan of all the fuss, but it's definitely warranted.

Regarded as a 'quiet achiever', the Blackmount man, who passed away last year, had continued a long-standing family legacy of service. The McLees family have farmed their Dunluce property for over 125 years, with each generation respected for its dedication to the community.

Mr McLees substantial contributions were formally recognised with the presentation of a posthumous Community Service Award from Southland District Council and the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board on 19 June 2025.

Southland Mayor Rob Scott said he was proud to recognise Mr McLees' tireless commitment.

"We are here not only to present a Community Service Award, but to honour someone who truly embodied the spirit of service," he said.

"Michael sounds like he wasn't the kind of person who sought the spotlight, in fact, he probably would've preferred we skipped the speeches and got straight to the working bee. But today is about remembering and celebrating his contributions."

Mr McLees served with the Blackmount Fire Group for an incredible 38 years, including roles as deputy fire chief and secretary. While previous records were lost, he attended 84 callouts and 390 training sessions since 2009 – an impressive 97.5% attendance rate – and received numerous honours, including the Gold Star Award and Long Service and Good Conduct medals.

He was instrumental in the Blackmount Pool Committee, helping bring a valuable community asset to life, and was involved in governance on the Blackmount School Board of Trustees.

Following in his mother's footsteps, he served on the Blackmount Chapel Committee.

Contributing to a positive morale, he managed the very popular Friday Night Club from 1998 to 2015, a much-needed social hub for local farmers.

"Michael was described as a 'quiet achiever', someone who leads by example, says very little, but when he does it's worth listening to, and always shows up when needed," Mayor Scott said.

“His presence at working bees, fundraisers, and community events has been a constant source of support to the Blackmount community.

“Michael’s legacy isn’t just in the buildings he helped build or the fires he helped fight, it’s in the community he helped build through his willingness to help. May his example continue to inspire us all to serve, to show up, and to care.”



Community Service Award – Mairi Dickson

The fact it would be impossible to count the hours Mairi Dickson has dedicated to the Waikaia community speaks volumes.

Her involvement spans over five decades and stems across all facets of life.

Mrs Dickson’s significant contributions were formally recognised with the presentation of a Community Service Award from Southland District Council and the Ardlussa Community Board last on 18 June 2025.

Southland Mayor Rob Scott said he was incredibly proud to bestow the honour.

“People often ask me if the mayoral chains are heavy and I tell them they weigh hardly anything because of the work done in communities by people like Mairi,” he told the big crowd at the Waikaia Hotel on Wednesday night.

“She has been a tireless advocate for both Waikaia and the wider Southland community. The time she’s dedicated to so many organisations and initiatives over the years is absolutely inspiring.

“Her efforts have had a remarkable impact for the community, particularly given the vital role she played in the establishment of the Switzers Waikaia Museum.”

From conception to reality, Mrs Dickson was a key figure in the creation of the museum – a project she embarked on with her mother. Her countless hours of planning, fundraising and project management were crucial to seeing the remarkable asset come to life and she continues to ensure the museum’s success as its current chairperson.

Her service extends across many community spheres where she has taken on pivotal roles such as secretary, treasurer and president in organisations such as the Waikaia Hall Committee, Waikaia Districts Progress League, Waikaia/Riversdale RSA, Waikaia Cemetery Committee and, since 2001, the town’s Red Cross.

In addition, Mrs Dickson has been a first responder for St John since 2008.

Highly respected for her compassionate nature, she has been known to drop everything to drive elderly residents to appointments and, at the opposite end of the generational spectrum, spent many years as school secretary, camp helper and even bus driver for Waikaia School.

In the arts space, Mrs Dickson has been an enthusiastic volunteer with the operatic societies in Gore and Balfour.

A Justice of the Peace, her extensive community involvement has been previously recognised with a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) and Woman of the Year at the Gore District Community Awards in 2020.

Whether supporting small local events or co-ordinating centennials and large-scale community functions, Mrs Dickson's willingness to help in any capacity has made her an invaluable stalwart of the region.



Community Service Award – John Miller

You'd be hard pressed to find a local organisation Riversdale's JD (John) Miller hasn't been involved in.

His extensive contributions were formally recognised with the presentation of a Community Service Award from Southland District Council and the Ardlussa Community Board 3 July 2025.

Southland Mayor Rob Scott said he was honoured to recognise Mr Miller's incredible dedication.

"This community wouldn't be the same without people like JD who take real ownership of it and lead by example," he said.

"These community service awards carry a lot of mana with them. When you look at the people they are presented to you soon realise that's where the mana comes from.

"Looking at the work JD has done across every single facet of the Riversdale community, he certainly is a deserving recipient of this award."

Having lived in the Riversdale area his entire life, Mr Miller's involvement extends from the sports field to a range of key community organisations.

Most notably, the Riversdale Cemetery Trust benefited from his dedication for over 50 years as sexton – a position he only recently resigned from.

"I want your job next," Mr Miller quipped to Mayor Scott, who in turn let him wear the mayoral chains – briefly.

Mr Miller, who completed compulsory military training in his teenage years, joined the RSA in 1993 and has held roles including president of the Riversdale branch and parade marshal for 10 years each. He was awarded life membership in 2012.

On the rugby field, his 21-year playing career led to 10 years of refereeing and various coaching roles with Riversdale teams and the Northern Colts. His administration duties included three stints as club secretary and president of the Northern Southland Rugby Union. Life membership was bestowed in 2009.

“It was a terrific time to play rugby,” Mr Miller said. “You got to play with and against All Blacks.”

Mr Miller has been involved with running the grounds for the Riversdale Combined Sports Association for over 30 years.

In operation for 21 years, Mr Miller was the St John medic for the rugby club and was awarded a brother title for his contribution.

“I joined St John with my wife Doreen as it was something we could do together. I used to carry the bag but Doreen did all the thinking,” he said.

His commitment to the day-to-day running of the Riversdale, Waikaia and Wendon Presbyterian churches has been substantial for over 30 years, including 20 years as treasurer.



Wyndham Museum Demolition

Initial work for the demolition of the Wyndham Museum started on 26 May and involved the establishment of site facilities, fencing, traffic control in front of the building and protection of the overhead power lines before scaffolding was erected.

Demolition of the building started from 3 June and involved a combination of mechanical and manual deconstruction, using both long reach excavators with specialist attachments and, where required, hand tools primarily on boundary walls adjacent to existing buildings.

Total demolition has been completed and some final tidy up work is being undertaken.

The concrete foundation along the front needs to be cut off at ground level and some flashings tidied up where the museum joined into the building to the north.

Southland firm Ryal Bush Transport successfully tendered for the project.

Home to the Wyndham and District Historical Museum, the building was closed in 2017 after it was deemed earthquake prone.

The museum boasted an extensive collection relating to the wider Wyndham area, including family genealogy, sheep and dairy farming, dairy factories, horse racing, household items and histories of local clubs and societies.

Following the building's closure, the collection was digitised with the assistance of Project Ark, a collaboration between the Invercargill City Council, and the Southland and Gore district councils to catalogue every item in the region's 12 museums which started in 2018.

Items are available to view online at www.chive.com.

Dedicated volunteers continue to actively fundraise with the aim of establishing a new museum on the site in the future.





Local Government Commission to investigate reorganisation of Southland councils

The Local Government Commission will investigate a reorganisation of councils in the Southland region.

Southland District Mayor Rob Scott made the proposal in August last year to reorganise local government in Southland into two unitary authorities – one rural based and one for Invercargill city. Southland District Council then decided to progress the suggestion by lodging a formal proposal with the Local Government Commission (LGC).

The commission consulted with Gore District Council, Invercargill City Council, Southland District Council and Southland Regional Council (Environment Southland), as the local authorities that would be affected by the reorganisation initiative, before deciding whether to undertake an investigation.

LGC also engaged with Te Ao Mārama Incorporated, on behalf of Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku.

The commission announced today that it had agreed to undertake an investigation in relation to Southland District Council's reorganisation initiative, noting that it met the aims of the Local Government Act by aiming to improve democratic local decision-making, increase efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery, and strengthen regional collaboration and representation.

Mayor Scott said he was pleased the Local Government Commission had seen merit in the proposal.

"There's definitely a need for change in local government in Southland," he said. "The people of Southland deserve relevant representation that is connected to their communities and is efficient and affordable.

"I'm looking forward to working with the commission over the coming months."

The commission said in its announcement today the initiative sets out potential benefits for the Southland region, and some concerns of the other affected councils may be able to be addressed in design of an investigation process.

Community funding

District Initiatives Fund

Grants were distributed to the following organisations for the March funding round of the District Initiatives Fund:

• Southland Oral History Project/ Heritage South – volunteer travel	\$1,000
• Shepherdess – Muster Vibrant Communities event	\$8,497
• Winton Men’s Friendship Club – travel costs for choir visits	\$1,500
• Ladies Club of Winton – travel costs for choir visits	\$1,500
• South Coast Environment Society – weekend workshops	\$3,000
• Tuatapere District Promotions – digihub training	\$1,500
• Fiordland Trails Trust – Leg 3 Te Anau Downs trail	\$10,000

Applications for the next funding round of the District Initiative Fund close on 20 September 2025.

Other funding opportunities

Applications for the next funding round of the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund close on 30 September.

The following Southland District Council funds close on 20 December 2025

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

Applications can be made on the Southland District Council website via the SmartyGrants link:

<https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/>

Council department updates

Governance

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

2025 local government elections – the governance team will have now processed all the nominations for mayoral, councillor and board positions. The team will be busy preparing voting papers, a candidate profile booklet and preparing to issue special votes. Just a reminder that voting papers will be delivered from 9 to 22 September, and voting closes at noon on 11 October 2025. In September the governance team will be putting out orange bins as local receptors for voting papers (people can return their voting papers to these receptors or by using the provided return postal envelope).

Preparation for the new triennium – the team will be preparing for meetings, workshops and providing induction information to elected members in the new triennium. The governance team present a number of reports to Council and community boards after the election.

Elected member remuneration – the annual elected members determination has been made, which makes minor amendments/increases to elected member pay. The new rates can be viewed here:

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2025/0140/latest/LMS1450657.html>

Mileage claims - Please remember to send these claims through promptly to Rachael Poole at rachael.poole@southlanddc.govt.nz.

Local Alcohol Policy Review

Council staff are undertaking a review of the local alcohol policy LAP

(<https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/assets/Bylaws-policies-and-strategies/policies/Local-Alcohol-Policy-2019.PDF>)

Staff have been working with ICC and GDC staff at this early stage to engage with key stakeholders (such as Police, Public Health officers, Ministry of Health, Hospitality NZ) to obtain their views on the current LAP.

SDC and ICC are currently in a combined policy, but due to the specific concerns that ICC face, we decided on an issues-based approach to developing our policies separately. This means that SDC can focus more acutely on a community level where any issues may be raised about the regulation of alcohol sales.

Organisational Policy staff would really like to hear from community boards on how they feel the current LAP is working at a community level. Ana Bremer is the lead on this review and information can be provided to her. Likewise, any questions can be directed to Ana.

Stakeholder updates

Active Southland - update

An update from Active Southland is attached.

Highways South – update

Drainage and earthworks for the new construction season will be beginning in August, with road renewals starting in September/October. The renewals in SDC area are listed below (note that the order and list may change). Residents and businesses will be kept informed, and all information will be available on our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/HighwaysSouthNZ

- SH93 Old Coach Road from Slopedown School Road to Hurst Road
- SH94 Te Anau-Mossburn highway from The Key south
- SH96 Winton-Hedgehope highway at Zwies Road, Browns
- SH96 Winton-Wreys Bush highway between Dunearn and Bayswater Road
- SH96 Nightcaps-Ohai highway approach to Ohai
- SH97 Mossburn-Five Rivers Road at intersection with SH6 - Five Rivers
- SH97 Mossburn-Five Rivers Road east of Ellis Road
- SH99 Wallacetown-Lorneville highway from town centre east

SH94 Te Anau-Milford highway near Sinclair Rd – pavement renewal

There are also two quite long chipseal sites this season:

- SH94 Lumsden-Riversdale highway west of Riversdale
- SH99 near Orepuki

Community board support would be appreciated to push the message out to our communities that the temporary speed limits are there for a reason. These temporary speeds ensure that our workers on the site are safe in their workplace, road users are safe travelling through these work sites, vehicles are not damaged by any road works taking place, and the roads themselves are not damaged by speeding vehicles while under construction. If they are damaged, then we need to come back and do the job all over again – increasing the disruption to motorists.

Winter has been a mixed bag so far, teams continue to monitor road and weather temperatures until the end of September to enable snow and ice preventative treatments (CMA and grit) when necessary.

A call for anyone wanting to be added to the 'No-Spray' register will be going out shortly. Any properties who would like to be included in the register need to contact snocadmin@southroads.co.nz by the end of August. Inclusion on this register means that teams will not spray the verge outside the property, and the onus is on the property owner to control the road reserve in front of their property to a noxious weed-free state in a rural area and ensure footpaths and kerblines are vegetation-free in an urban setting. No Spray signs must be installed - these are available from our office if required.

Feedback and questions from any of the boards is always appreciated.



Community Leadership Report – August 25

Welcome to the Winter Season!! As we settle into the winter months, we hope everyone is staying warm and keeping well, especially as winter illnesses continue to circulate throughout our communities. Here is a quick update on what Active Southland has been doing in our Southland District communities.

Healthy Active Learning

Active Southland continues to deliver successful Healthy Active Learning (HAL) initiatives across Southland District schools, supporting the wellbeing of tamariki through healthy eating, drinking, and quality physical activity. These practices are being embedded into everyday teaching to ensure sustainable, long-term impact.

Recognising the many demands placed on teachers, HAL provides practical strategies to integrate physical activity into classroom learning. This support helps maintain a balance between core curriculum delivery and the promotion of active, healthy lifestyles.

Last year, HAL collaborated with schools to build capability around Ki o Rahi, a traditional Māori ball game that holds deep cultural significance. Successful tournaments were held in Otautau (Western Southland) and Tokanui (Southern Southland). Building on this momentum, conversations are underway to host a similar event in Riversdale for the Northern Southland community. Ki o Rahi is more than just a sport, it's a culturally rich activity rooted in the story of the warrior Rahitūtakahina (Rahi), highlighting values such as resilience, teamwork, and peaceful conflict resolution.

Given the geographical spread and rural isolation of many Southland schools, collaboration is a key focus for the HAL team. Heron Futter, representing Healthy Active Learning, has played a pivotal role in supporting *Country Kids Connect* – a collaborative group of Year 7 and 8 students from small rural schools such as Garston, Waikaka, Waikaia, Otama, Te Tipua, and Knapdale. Many of these schools only have one or two students in these year levels, making connection and support crucial for social development and transition to secondary school.

The group recently participated in a camp that featured a wide range of activities, including shooting, orienteering, outdoor cooking, basic first aid, spotlight, and night-time BlazePod sessions. Students also shared ideas for future events, with interests including mountain biking, fishing, and additional outdoor adventures to build community and connection.



Spaces & Places – Pool Collective

Community pools across Southland continue to meet bi-annually to collaborate on shared challenges, successes, and operational improvements. These meetings have become a vital platform for information sharing and peer support, especially for isolated facilities facing common issues such as volunteer shortages and ongoing operational pressures.

To further enhance sustainability, the Pool Collective has engaged Southern Consulting Partnership (Christchurch) to support the development of maintenance plans for community pools. The key focus areas include condition assessments, pool heating systems, and water treatment/filtration design. Pools can opt into the area's most relevant to their current needs.

Currently, 12 Southland District Council (SDC) pools have expressed interest in working as a collective to seek funding for this initiative. The preliminary stages of information gathering for funding and planning are now underway. This process will provide each pool with a clear 10-year maintenance and upgrade plan, outlining what assets require renewal, when updates will be necessary, and helping pool committees strategically plan for future funding applications and fundraising efforts. Having this forward-looking plan in place will enable more proactive, efficient, and sustainable management of these valuable community facilities

If you have any questions regarding the report, please feel free to contact me

Nga mihi nui

Jenna Shepherd

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Fiordland Community Board

Tracker - ongoing

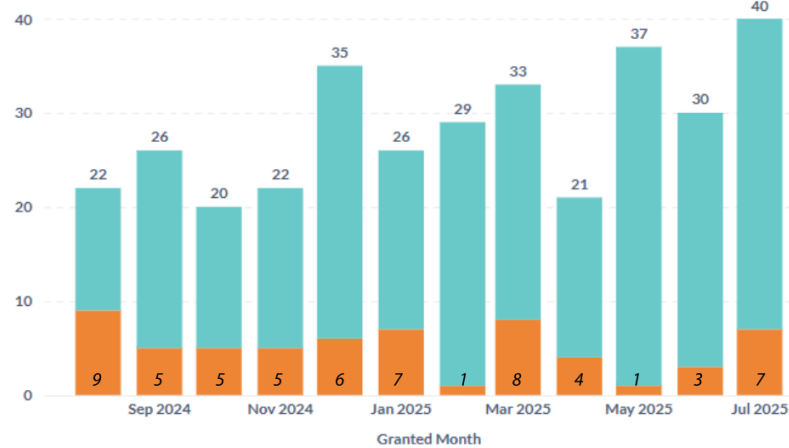
Henry Street playground – waka installed, landscaping plans being initiated.
Lions Park – audit to be done before playground opened.
Manapouri turbine information sign upgrade – sign in production.
Fiordland community noticeboard – unit ordered and awaiting delivery.

Upcoming priorities

Fiordland Airport - Great South reports cover progress.
Lakefront improvements being scoped.

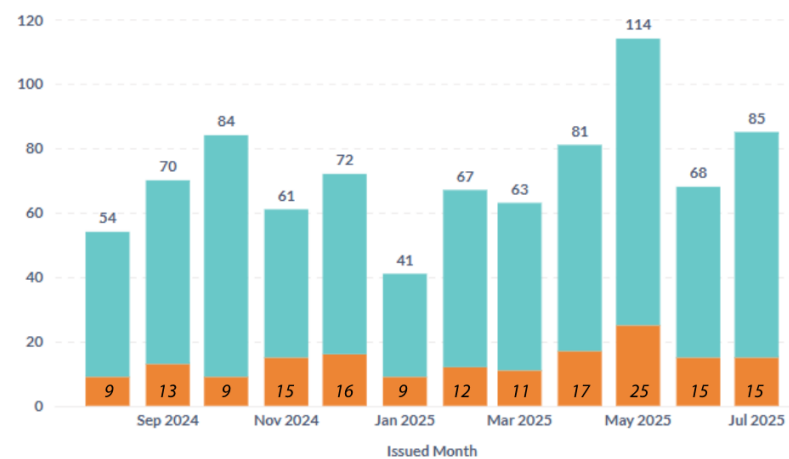
Resource consents granted

RM applications granted for community board
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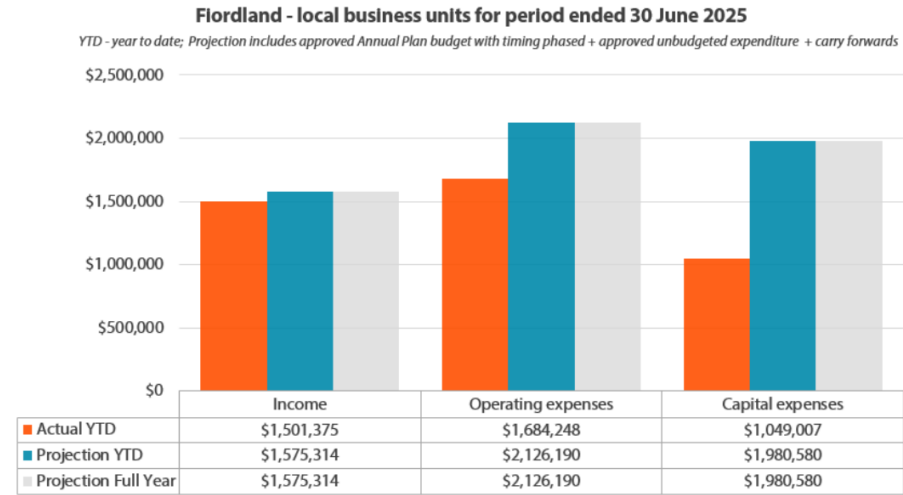


Building consents granted

Building Consents issued for community board
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Local Budget Information



Budget Notes

Income is \$74k (5%) under projection. This largely relates to interest on reserves of \$55k and community assistance grants of \$8k that will both be processed as part of year end. \$5k relates to the airport largely due to less ground handling fees than projected and \$5k relates to a grant for the Manapouri Turbine sign not received yet.

Operating expenses are \$442k (21%) under projection. \$270k of this relates to the Fiordland Recreation Improvements project that is to be used for the Lions Park playground and has been incurred as capital expenditure. \$72k of this relates to the exterior repaint of the Manapouri Hall that has incurred only minor costs, this project will be carried forward. There is an underspend in maintenance areas including general maintenance, mowing and gardening totaling \$84k across all business units in Manapouri and Te Anau. Maintenance is generally reactive and due to the new playgrounds on the way less general maintenance has been spent on the playgrounds. \$5k of this maintenance budget has been spent in capital expenses on a new water fountain. Festive decorations are \$8k over projection and will be funded from the underspend in maintenance. Interest is \$12k under projection due to lower loan drawn downs in the prior year than projected. Community Partnership grants are \$8k under projection.

Tree and hedge maintenance is \$23k over projection due to a number of large trees needing removed on the lakefront. This has been completed as part of the Te Anau Basin Development Project budget that sits in capital expenses.

\$8k of the under projection relates to the airport, this is across multiple budget lines which includes maintenance (\$21k), maintenance project to look after the exterior cladding of the building (\$20k) and marketing (\$20k). These under projections are offset by over projections also across multiple budget lines the largest of which are management fee (\$49k), travel (\$18k), consultants (\$7k) (consulting includes stage two of the airport review) and mowing (\$7k).

Capital expenses are \$932k under projection (47%). This largely relates to the airport runway resurfacing that is \$812k under projection. Lions Park playground is \$168k under projection and is currently underway however appears as \$100k over projection in capital expenses due to part of the project being budgeted as operating expenditure. \$100k under projection relates to the Te Anau master plan implementation of which \$45k has been used in operating expenditure. \$95k under projection relates to the Sandy Brown footpath project that is the investigation stage. The Manapouri Turbine sign is \$15k under projection and is underway. \$17k over projection relates to festive decorations.

\$8k of the under projection relates to the Te Anau alcohol/lake signage project that is now complete. \$4k under projection relates to the Te Anau Downs Boat Ramp replacement project that was completed under budget in November and \$8k under projection relates to the footpath project in Manapouri that is also completed and is in defects period. The Henry Street Playground redevelopment that is underway is \$12k under projection. \$5k over projection relates to a new water fountain at the skate park that was budgeted for in operating expenses.

NB: Please note these are based on draft end of June accounts and will change with year-end adjustments including final invoices and adjustments for purchase orders not required.

Projects update

A full copy of the project updates table is attached to this report.

Service requests

Across the district there were 856 requests for service lodged during the period May and June, of which 165 were related to three waters. 55 of the total requests belonged to this board area. A full summary of those requests is below.

Requests for service summary

REQUEST TYPE	COUNT
Council property enquiry	1
Gravel road faults	2
New sign requests (where none existed before)	1
Parks and reserves - playground repairs/maintenance	1
Parks and reserves - repairs and maintenance	1
Sealed road faults	1
Signs repairs not stop/give way)	1
Streetlights out	3
Streetscape - vegetation	3
Toilets - cleaning, repairs and maintenance	4
Transport general enquiries	10
Vegetation rural (overgrown or visibility issues)	1
Water and waste general	6
Water rural no water in tank	1
Wheelie bin - cancel/damaged/stolen	2
Wheelie bin - collection complaints	4
Wheelie bin - general enquiry	3
Wheelie bin - new/additional	10
TOTAL	55

Service contracts

Water and wastewater services operation and maintenance

The 23/01 operations and maintenance contract is running smoothly across the Fiordland Community Board region. Water and wastewater services across the area have continued to operate well with what would be considered a normal number of service requests being received by Council and Downer since the previous report.

Manapouri water treatment plant was recently commissioned and held an opening day with the mayor and stakeholders. The new treatment plant is running very well.

Fiordland township mowing contract

Winter work is progressing, leaf drop tidy ups are ongoing.

Waimea Alliance

Our drainage crew have completed several rock protection jobs at various bridges and erosion sites threatening the road or assets. They have also undertaken water channel cleaning at the pre reseal sites, and added in a few smaller diameter culvert replacements too.

SouthRoads civil team completed some handrailing on some of the Around the Mountains cycle trail bridges.

23 RFSs in June (and 23 RFSs in May), all completed on time. A year to date total of 302 RFSs (reminding that our year is 1 July – 30 June).

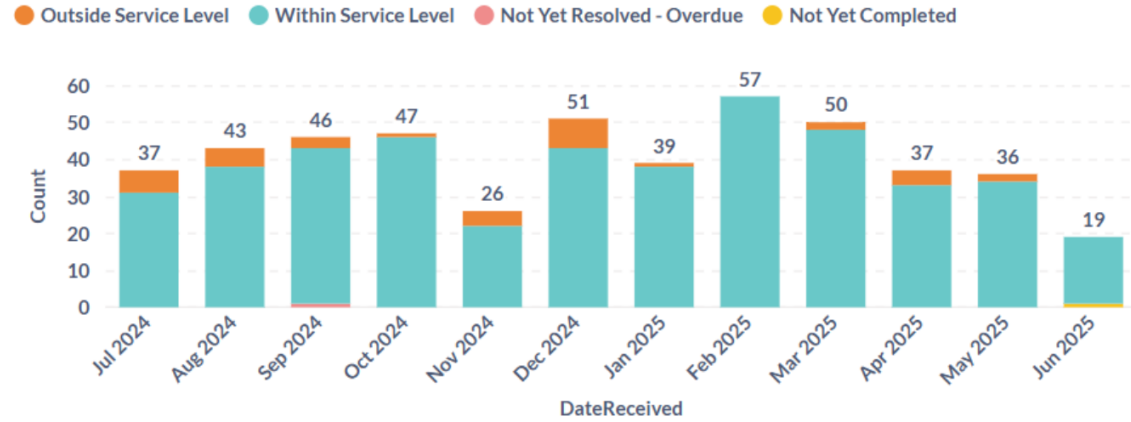
348km of grading in June and 448km in May, for a year to date of 4,892km.

Maintenance metalling across the network area is at 15,467m3 for the year.

Cyclic teams have continued their usual beats and included some street works in various townships before year end.

A new water sensor has been installed on the Riversdale Waikaia Road to help with early warnings for road surface flooding which is prevalent over that way.

Service requests - continued



JANUARY 2025	FEBRUARY 2025	MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025	MAY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2025	AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025
	Board meeting – 24 February	Board workshop – 24 March	Board meeting – 28 April	Board workshop – 26 May	Board meeting – 23 June	Board workshop – 28 July	Board meeting – 25 August	Community partnership applications close 30 September	Board meeting – 27 October (TBC)	Board workshop – 24 November	Board meeting – 15 December (TBC)
	Board workshop - 17 February							Board workshop – 22 September			
		District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 31 March		Community partnership applications close 31 May		1 July 2025 - Local Government Elections nomination period opens	1 August 2025 – Local Government Elections nomination period closes	9 September 2025 – voting Local Government elections opens District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 30 September	11 October 2025 – Local Government Elections election day		Scholarships and bursary applications close 20 December
								Community service award nominations close 30 September			

Project updates

ACTIVITY	NAME	CURRENT PHASE	CURRENT PROGRESS	BUDGET ACTUAL YTD
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Manapouri hall - exterior repaint	Delivery phase	Off track	\$100,000 \$27,979 P-11441
The site was cleared of asbestos contaminants on May 29. Following the clearance, the painting contractor was directed to resume work immediately. At this stage, painting will be limited to the weatherboards only. However, the contractor has requested to defer the work until after the winter season, aiming to complete the painting by October 2025. The community facilities team has agreed to this revised timeline.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Te Anau Lions Park playground - equipment renewal	Delivery phase	On track	\$400,000 \$231,921 P-10814
This project is 92 % complete. Just the soft pour, woodchip and planting to be undertaken.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Te Anau basin development project	Pre-delivery phase	Off track	\$100,000 \$44,537 P-10933
The scope for this project is currently being reviewed with the Fiordland Community Board after a period of community consultation. The project will be carried forward to the 2025/2026 financial year.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Fiordland active recreation improvements	Delivery phase	On track	\$270,124 \$270,124 P-11090
This project is 92 % complete. Just the soft pour, woodchip and planting to be undertaken.				
PUBLIC TOILETS	Te Anau Lions Park toilet - refurbishment	Pre-delivery phase	Monitor	\$454,868 \$22,169 P-10650
A supplier and associated contract for the provision of cashless payments is being worked through. Once confirmed it will take approximately three weeks to configure the system.				
TE ANAU AIRPORT	Runway surfacing	Delivery phase	On track	\$900,000 \$88,155 P-10664
A test pit investigation was carried out to find the existing ground conditions at the western end of the runway as that area under the paint mark is found to be soft. The investigation results have been sent to the consultant, we are now waiting for their recommendation.				



ACTIVITY	NAME	CURRENT PHASE	CURRENT PROGRESS	BUDGET ACTUAL YTD
WASTEWATER	Manapouri wastewater treatment plant	Pre-delivery phase	Monitor	\$1,338,225 \$362,135 P-10459
Final design has been completed, and this project has gone to tender in two packages. Package 1 for the pipeline and package 2 for the plant construction, they are currently being evaluated with some value engineering being considered from both tenderers. A business case will go to the finance and assurance meeting on 27 July for approvals to award the project.				
WATER SUPPLY	Mount York rural water - consent renewal preparation	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$51,750 \$0 P-10501
We are going to do this consent in house and work is underway. We will have a peer review by a consultant. We have budget in 2026/2027 for any works required.				
WATER SUPPLY	Te Anau rural - Takitimu - consent renewal	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$51,750 \$1,664 P-10515
We are going to do this consent in house, and work is underway. We will have a peer review by a consultant. We have budget in 2026/2027 for any works required.				
WATER SUPPLY	Sandy Brown Road stormwater upgrade	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$108,758 \$42,697 P-11060
The Sandy Brown design is currently awaiting consent. Due to the September 2023 flooding event, the focus has now shifted to the flooding towards the lake. Stage 1 (Aparima Drive and Pukatahi Drive) Stage 2 the retention Mega Pit from Caswell Road. Stage 1 and 2 work is currently under investigation and design. Works will commence in the 2025/2026 year. Sandy Brown stage 3 will now be a mid to long term proposition.				

Chairperson's report

Record no: R/25/7/35862
Author: Rachael Poole, Committee advisor
Approved by: Robyn Rout, Governance legal manager

☐ Decision ☐ Recommendation ☒ Information

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to provide an update to the Fiordland Community Board on activities that the chairperson has been involved in since the meeting in June 2025.

Meetings and events

26/06/2025	Te Anau Airport Manapouri Governance meeting
27/06/2025	Manapouri water treatment plant opening
27/06/2025	Te Anau Bird Park update meeting hosted by Great South
17/07/2025	Rotary Club Guest speaker
31/07/2025	Te Anau Airport Manapouri Governance meeting
12/08/2027	Dark Sky Project, public update

Correspondence sent on behalf of the Board as attached

05/07/2025	Email to NZTA request for lower speed limit Manapouri
07/07/2025	Letter of support for Norman Kirk Memorial
05/08/2025	Letter of support for Fiordland Dark Sky Project
09/08/2025	Letter of support for petition to lower speed limit
12/08/2025	Email to Department of Conservation re Te Anau Bird Park

Recommendation

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Chairperson's report".**

Attachments

- A Letter of support - lower speed limit Manapouri
- B Letter of support - GOL Norman Kirk
- C Letter of support - Fiordland Dark Skies
- D Letter of support - John Heaney
- E Email to DOC re Bird Park

From: FiordlandCB Chair <FiordlandCB.Chair@southlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Saturday, 5 July 2025 5:26 pm
To: Roy Johnston <Roy.Johnston@nzta.govt.nz>
Cc: Stella O'Connor <Stella.OConnor@southlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: Cathedral Drive Manapouri Speed Limit Reduction

Kia ora Roy

I am writing on behalf of the Fiordland Community Board who, in our June 2025 meeting, made a decision to support the Manapouri community's request for us to write to NZTA regarding consideration of a lower speed limit.

The community seeks to have the speed limit reduced from 70kmph to 50kmph on State Highway 95 heading in to Manapouri township. I am unsure of who to write to within NZTA, but your name came up from one of my SDC contacts, so I would appreciate you directing this to the correct person or department.

The request came to me from several Manapouri community members and I followed up by checking in on the Manapouri Community Facebook page to establish whether there was broad support for the speed limit to be lowered. I have attached screenshots of the conversations which demonstrate clear support for the reduction.

The main concern is safety. That end of Cathedral Drive is populated with houses on the left and a popular, well used, reserve on the right. Concern is regarding the safety of people, especially children and the elderly, crossing the road to the reserve when traffic is travelling at 70kmph, this stretch of road gets very busy in summer with tourists and buses traversing to and through Manapouri.

I have attached a few photos, provided by a community member to highlight the stretch of road they are particularly concerned about.

In summary, the Fiordland Community Board requests that NZTA consider reducing the speed limit on SH 95 entrance Manapouri township from 70kmph to 50kmph.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Diane Holmes
Chairperson
Fiordland Community Board
027 924 0557



7 July 2025

To whom it may concern,

Request to commemorate Norman Kirk

The Fiordland Community Board supports the idea to name a peak in Fiordland in honour of former Prime Minister Norman Kirk.

Our support is based on the understanding that the Alan Mark and John Moore will first talk with Ōraka Aparima Rūnaka and get their agreement, as it's important to respect their connection to the land.

We'd also like to share that the community board is currently working on an information sign for the Fraser's Beach lakefront. This sign will tell the story of the Save Manapōuri campaign and highlight the key roles that both Norman Kirk and the Guardians of the Lake played in that historic effort.

We are happy to support an initiative that honours Norman Kirk and look forward to seeing how this recognition might take shape in partnership with iwi, whether through the naming of a peak or another meaningful tribute.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Holmes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diane Holmes

Fiordland Community Board chair

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5 August 2025

To whom it may concern,

Fiordland Dark Skies Project

On behalf of the Fiordland Community Board, I am pleased to offer our full support for the Fiordland Dark Skies Project. Fiordland is one of the most pristine and ecologically significant regions in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Dark Skies Project aligns strongly with the aspirations outlined in our Fiordland Community Futures Plan, particularly in the areas of environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and community wellbeing. By protecting our night skies from light pollution, the project contributes directly to:

1. Environmental Stewardship: Preserving the natural rhythms of wildlife and ecosystems and enhancing our role as kaitiaki (guardians) of this unique environment.
2. Economic Vitality: Supporting sustainable tourism through astro-tourism and educational experiences that celebrate both science and mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).
3. Community Wellbeing: Fostering pride in our region's natural assets and creating opportunities for connection, learning, and cultural enrichment.

The Fiordland Community Board values initiatives that reflect our shared commitment to sustainability, innovation, and resilience. The Dark Skies Project is a shining example of how we can work together to protect what makes Fiordland extraordinary, while also creating new opportunities for our community. We look forward to supporting this initiative and getting updates the project progresses.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Holmes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diane Holmes

Fiordland Community Board chair

cc Enter the recipient names of those who will receive a copy of this letter.

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From: FiordlandCB Chair <FiordlandCB.Chair@southlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Saturday, August 9, 2025 8:59:35 AM
To: John Heaney <johnandgowan@gmail.com>
Subject: Fiordland Community Board Support to Lower Speed Limit on SH94

Hi John

On behalf of the Fiordland Community Board, I would like to express our support for your petition to lower the speed limit on State Highway 94 as it approaches Te Anau, particularly near the intersection with Sandy Brown Road.

This stretch of road has become a growing concern for our community. Residents have reported near misses and safety incidents at the Sandy Brown Road intersection, where visibility and reaction time are compromised by the current 80 km/h speed limit. The risks are especially pronounced for cyclists—many of whom are children—who use this route to access school, recreational areas, and local amenities.

Your initiative aligns closely with the Fiordland Community Futures Plan, which outlines our shared vision for a connected, safe, and healthy community. One of the plan's key outcomes is to ensure that Fiordland is "a community that is committed to wellbeing through being connected, functional, safe and healthy, with access to excellent services". Lowering the speed limit in this area directly supports that goal by enhancing road safety and encouraging active transport options like cycling.

We commend your proactive approach and community leadership. The Fiordland Community Board stands ready to assist in advocating for this change with the relevant authorities, and we encourage others in the community to lend their voices to this cause.

We are happy for you to use this email to accompany your petition to NZTA. Please keep us informed of your progress, and do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of further assistance.

Kind regards

Diane Holmes

Chairperson, Fiordland Community Board

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From: FiordlandCB Chair

Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 5:21:36 PM

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Subject: Concerns Regarding Bird Removal from Punanga Manu o Te Anau

Hi John

I am writing on behalf of the Fiordland Community Board to express our concern regarding the current removal of birds from Punanga Manu o Te Anau.

While we understand the Department of Conservation's responsibilities in managing wildlife and facilities, the pace and approach of the bird removal have caused considerable unease within our community. Many residents and board members feel that locally led solutions, such as volunteer involvement, community sponsorship, or partnerships, have not been adequately explored prior to this action being taken.

We acknowledge and support the broader strategic work underway with Great South and Oraka Aparima Rūnaka to determine the long-term future of the park. However, we are concerned that removing all birds before a comprehensive plan is developed may undermine the viability and appeal of future proposals. The presence of birds is central to the identity and purpose of the park, and their absence risks making the revitalisation project fundamentally more difficult to achieve.

Additionally, we are deeply concerned about the detrimental impact this may have on Te Anau's tourism offering. Punanga Manu o Te Anau is a valued attraction for both domestic and international visitors, and the removal of all birds, aside from the Takahe significantly diminishes its appeal. In a town where tourism is a cornerstone of the local economy, this change could have far-reaching consequences for visitor experience and community wellbeing.

We respectfully request that DOC consider pausing further removals and engage with the community to explore interim solutions that could maintain the park's integrity while long-term planning continues. We believe there is strong local interest and capacity to support the park in the short term, and we would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with DOC to find a path forward.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and to continuing a constructive dialogue.

Kind regards

Diane Holmes

Chairperson

Fiordland Community Board

Valedictory speeches

Record no: R/25/7/30988
Author: Michal Gray, Democracy advisor
Approved by: Robyn Rout, Governance legal manager

☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is for the:

- Fiordland Community Board members who are not standing for re-election to be welcomed to make a valedictory speech
- Community Board to thank those (non-returning) members for the service they gave to the Fiordland community.

Recommendation

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Valedictory speeches”.**
- b) thanks Kate Norris for the service she gave to the Fiordland community.**

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.