



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

**Date:** Tuesday, 12 August 2025  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Meeting room:** Riverton Senior Citizens Room  
**Venue:** Corner Bath Road and Princess Street, Riverton

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

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

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## Community board terms of reference

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



	<p><b>Additional roles of boards</b></p> <p><b>Community wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of local communities</li> <li>b) monitor the overall well-being of local communities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community leadership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to provide leadership to local communities on the strategic issues and opportunities that they face</li> <li>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</li> <li>c) promote a shared vision for the board's community and develop and promote ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes</li> <li>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</li> <li>e) develop and manage community board plans including keeping these up to date and relevant to community needs and aspirations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Engagement and relationships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to develop relationships and communicate with key community organisations, special interest groups, residents and businesses within the community.</li> </ul> <p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>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 <b>District Activities</b><sup>(i)</sup> if a board seeks a higher level of service, they need to recommend that to Council, and the higher level of service will need to be funded in an appropriate way (locally).</li> </ul> <p><b>Local activities</b></p> <p><b>For local activities</b><sup>(ii)</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) recommend to Council levels of service<sup>(iii)</sup> and budgets for local activities, having regard to Council budgets in the long term plan or annual plan process</li> <li>b) recommend to Council rates, user charges and fees to fund local activities</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) recommend to Council or a relevant committee the approval of project definitions or business cases and procurement plans for capital expenditure over \$300,000</li> <li>d) recommend to Council or a relevant committee unbudgeted capital expenditure</li> <li>e) monitor the services Council delivers its communities and assess the extent these services meet community needs or the expected level of service</li> <li>f) support the development of local management plans where required by statute or in support of the district plan, or other plans (reserves, harbours, or other community facilities).</li> </ul> <p>These plans should then be recommended to Council. There are times when local management plans<sup>(iv)</sup> should not be developed</p> <p><b>Environmental management and spatial planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) provide comment on resource consent applications referred to the community board for comment</li> <li>b) to make recommendations to Council about bylaws and about enforcing bylaws within the community, having regard to the need to maintain consistency across the District</li> <li>c) provide advice to Council and its committees on any matter of interest or concern to the community board in relation to the sale of alcohol, where statutory ability exists to seek such feedback</li> <li>d) provide input into regulatory activities not otherwise specified above, where process allows</li> <li>e) recommend to Council initiating an appeal to the environment court on decisions relating to resource consent applications that the board has made submissions on</li> <li>f) provide support to the development of community plans for a civil defence emergency and the recovery afterwards.</li> </ul>
<b>DELEGATIONS</b>	<p><b>In exercising the delegated powers, boards will operate within:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) policies, plans, standards or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council</li> <li>b) the needs of the local communities</li> <li>c) the approved budgets for the activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Boards shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers<sup>(v)</sup>.</b></p> <p><b>Community wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) develop local strategies to improve areas of wellbeing (where a need has been identified)</li> </ul>

	<p>b) to develop local community outcomes that reflect the desired goals for their community or place.</p> <p><b>Community board plans</b></p> <p>a) Regularly review and update the community board plan to keep the plan relevant.</p> <p><b>Decisions on locally funded assets and services</b></p> <p>a) accept donations of a local asset (e.g. a gas barbeque, park bench, etc) with a value of less than \$30,000</p> <p>b) approve project definitions or business cases for approved budgeted capital expenditure up to \$300,000.</p> <p>Unbudgeted expenditure</p> <p>a) approve unbudgeted operating expenditure for local activities of up to \$20,000</p> <p>b) approve up to a \$20,000 increase in the projected cost of a budgeted capital works project/item that is included in the annual plan or long term plan</p> <p>c) authority to delegate to the chief executive, when approving a project definition or business case, over-expenditure of up to \$10,000 for capital expenditure against the budget detailed in the annual plan or long term plan.</p> <p><b>Leases and licenses</b></p> <p>In relation to all leases and licences of land and buildings for local activities within their own area, and subject to any relevant legislation and/or policy requirement, on behalf of Council;</p> <p>a) accept the highest tenders for rentals more than \$10,000</p> <p>b) approve the preferential allocation<sup>(vi)</sup> of leases and licenses where the rental is \$10,000 or more per annum.</p> <p><b>Community assistance</b></p> <p>a) establish a system for prioritising allocations, based on criteria provided by Council</p> <p>b) grant funds from the Community Partnership Fund</p> <p>c) allocate bequests or grants generated locally, consistent with the terms of the bequest or grant fund.</p> <p><b>Northern Southland development fund</b></p> <p>a) the Northern board can make decisions regarding funding applications to the Northern Southland development fund.</p>
<b>LIMITS TO DELEGATIONS</b>	<p>Boards have no financial or decision-making delegations other than those specifically delegated by Council.</p> <p>Boards shall only expend funding on purposes for which that funding was originally raised and in accordance with the budgets approved by Council through its long term plan or annual plan.</p>

	<p>In accordance with the provisions of section 39(2) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2022 the board may not incur expenditure in excess of the approved budget.</p> <p><b>Matters that are not delegated</b></p> <p>Council has not delegated to boards the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) make a rate or bylaw</li> <li>b) acquire, hold or dispose of property</li> <li>c) direct, appoint, suspend or remove staff</li> <li>d) engage or enter into contracts and agreements and financial commitments</li> <li>e) institute an action for recovery of any amount</li> <li>f) issue and police building consents, notices, authorisations and requirements under acts, statutes, regulations, bylaws and the like;</li> <li>g) institute legal proceedings other than the delegation to recommend to Council the initiating of an appeal to the environment court on decisions in respect to resource consent applications on which the board has made submissions.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTACT WITH MEDIA</b>	<p>The board chairperson is the authorised spokesperson for the board in all matters where the board has authority or a particular interest.</p> <p>Board members, including the chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media or outside agencies on behalf of Council on matters outside of the board's delegations.</p> <p>The leadership team member will manage the formal communications between the board and its constituents and for the board in the exercise of its business. Correspondence with central government, other local government agencies or official agencies will only take place through Council staff and will be undertaken under the name of Council.</p>
<b>REPORTING</b>	<p>Boards are unincorporated statutory bodies which are elected to represent the communities they serve.</p> <p>Copies of board meeting minutes are retained by Council.</p>

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

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

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

**2 Leave of absence**

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

**3 Conflict of interest**

Community board members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

**4 Extraordinary/urgent items**

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the community board to consider any further items which do not appear on the agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the chairperson must advise:

- (i) the reason why the item was not on the agenda, and
- (ii) the reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
  - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
  - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

**5 Confirmation of minutes**

5.1 Meeting minutes of Oraka Aparima Community Board, 10 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](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz) or by phoning 0800 732 732.



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## Oraka Aparima Community Board

### OPEN MINUTES

(UNCONFIRMED)

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Minutes of a meeting of Oraka Aparima Community Board held in the Riverton Senior Citizens Room, Corner Bath Road and Princess Street, Riverton on 10 Jun 2025 at 6.30pm. (6.32pm – 8.23pm)

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#### PRESENT

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

#### APOLOGIES

#### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Community partnership leader</b>	Stella O'Connor
<b>Committee advisor</b>	Rachael Poole
<b>Councillor</b>	Christine Menzies
<b>Group manager strategy and partnerships</b>	Vibhuti Chopra
<b>Group manager customer and community wellbeing</b>	Sam Marshall



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**1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

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

**2 Leave of absence**

There were no requests for leave of absence.

**3 Conflict of interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4 Extraordinary/urgent items**

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

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

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

**5 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolution**

Moved Deputy chairperson Linscott, seconded Cr Byars

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

**6 Public participation**

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

## Reports

### 7.1 Contract renewal agreed levels of service

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

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

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

#### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Contract renewal agreed levels of service".**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **staff request that the Oraka Aparima Community Board provide the contact details of any contractors who may be interested in the upcoming contract renewal or carrying out general maintenance and improvement works for Council.**
- e) **Agrees to approve the areas and levels of service identified in the attachments to this report:**
  - **Contract renewal map – Oraka Aparima community board towns (Updated)**
  - **Oraka Aparima community board area analysis**
  - **Community Facilities Levels of Service for Contract Renewal 2025**
  - **Contract renewal timeline.**

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

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

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

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

### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

### 7.3 Community board reporting

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

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor informed the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

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

#### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

### 7.4 Chairperson's report

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

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

- Unbudgeted reserve funds
- Developer and financial contribution status report

#### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

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**7.5 Councillor update**

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

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

**Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Resolution**

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

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled "Extraordinary vacancy on the Oraka Aparima Community Board"**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002**
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter**
- d) notes an extraordinary vacancy has been created on the Oraka Aparima Community Board pursuant to Schedule 7 clause 5 of the Local Government Act 2002, through the resignation of Albert Buchanan on 5 June 2025**
- e) decides the vacancy is not to be filled.**

The meeting concluded at 8.23pm.

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

**DATE:**

**CHAIRPERSON:**

## Colac Bay surfer statue project - unbudgeted expenditure request

Record no: R/25/6/29807  
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 Ōraka Aparima Community Board to recommend to Council the approval of unbudgeted expenditure of \$105,000 to increase the budget for the Colac Bay Surfer Statue Project to \$140,000. Acknowledging that \$11,000 is to be funded from the Ōraka Aparima reserve and interest from the Riverton property sales reserve if required.

### Executive summary

- 2 The Colac Bay surfer statue project is located on Council land and was originally budgeted in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan for a \$35,000 refurbishment, funded from a loan. Following condition assessments and community consultation, the collective view emerged that the statue is beyond repair and must be replaced. The remaining budget for the project is approximately \$31,325.
- 3 The replacement project has evolved into a collaborative initiative between Council and the Colac Bay Progress League (CBPL), who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment through a significant fundraising campaign. The total project cost is now estimated at \$140,000 and is proposed to be delivered in two stages, funded as following sources:

Stage one: Statue design and fabrication - \$100,000

- \$31,000 – carried forward to 2025/2026 from the 2024/2025 Annual Plan
- \$11,000 – Ōraka Aparima Community Board rate reserve (unbudgeted expenditure request), plus interest from the Riverton Property Sales reserve if required.
- \$58,000 – raised by donation through community fundraising from the CBPL.

Stage two: installation and associated works - \$40,000

- \$40,000 – to be fully funded by donation from the CBPL.
- 4 If approved, the total contribution from the Ōraka Aparima Community Board area will be \$46,000 towards a \$140,000 project, resulting in the creation of a purpose built, new surfer statue that honours the original, while ensuring long term durability.
  - 5 As the replacement of the statue is capital expenditure, the community board does not have delegated authority to approve the unbudgeted expenditure and can only recommend or decline to Council to do this.
  - 6 The Ōraka Aparima Community Board reserve is expected to have a balance of \$7,391 as of 30 June 2025 before interest. As this project is occurring in 2025/2026, it is possible that this reserve may have the necessary funds to fully fund this project at 30 June 2026. Any shortfall is being recommended, to be funded from interest on the Riverton Property Sales reserve. Interest on reserves may be used for any purpose.

## Recommendation

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Colac Bay surfer statue project - unbudgeted expenditure request”.**
- b) **determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **notes that the Colac Bay Progress League have requested that Council continue with the delivery and management of the project and acknowledge that they remain a key partner in the process.**
- e) **agrees to the undertaking of design work before confirmation of the balance of funding by the Colac Bay Progress League.**
- f) **recommend to Council that it approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$69,000 excluding GST for the completion of stage one of the Colac Bay surfer statue. To be funded from a donation of the Colac Bay Progress League of \$58,000 and the remainder from the Oraka Aparima Community Board reserve and interest from the Riverton Property Sales reserve, if required.**
- g) **recommend to Council that it approves unbudgeted expenditure for stage two of the Colac Bay surfer statue, totalling \$40,000 excluding GST to be fully funded by the Colac Bay Progress League, subject to confirmation that full funding has been secured.**

## Background

- 7 The iconic surfer statue at the entrance to Colac Bay/Ōraka is located on Council land and has stood as a symbol of the township’s strong surfing identity since its installation in 1999. Created by the local community, the statue became a beloved and iconic landmark, attracting visitors and serving as a popular photo backdrop. However, failure to fibreglass the statue, and after 25 years of exposure to the elements and damage from public interaction, the statue has deteriorated significantly.
- 8 Maintenance efforts over the years have been supported by both Council and the CBPL. Recent assessments and community feedback confirmed the need for full replacement.
- 9 The CBPL, in partnership with the community board and Council staff, has led the concept to replace the statue with a replica that remains faithful to the original design. The Colac Bay community has expressed a strong desire to retain the iconic image of a surfer riding a wave, which they see as integral to Colac Bay’s identity.



- 10 In response to the current situation, the CBPL has committed to a significant fundraising effort. To date, they have raised a remarkable \$58,000 and are seeking to implement a staged approach to the project to enable procurement and design to begin while continuing to raise funds for installation. The proposed project is now valued at \$140,000, split into two stages:
- Stage one: design and fabrication \$100,000. Funded by the remaining \$31,325 community board loan, \$11,000 from the Oraka Aparima Community Board reserve and the interest from the Riverton Property Sales reserve if required, and \$58,000 donated from the CBPL.
  - Stage two: removal and installation \$40,000. To be fully funded by the CBPL through ongoing fundraising efforts.
- 11 The Council's project delivery team has confirmed that the project can be split into two stages, allowing procurement to begin for design only and providing the CBPL with accurate cost estimates to support further fundraising. The tender for stage one can include a delayed production start to avoid storage issues until the funding for stage two is secured.
- 12 The surfer statue project (P-11076) was originally budgeted in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan and has since been carried forward, with the current loan funded balance of \$31,325 now allocated to the 2025/2026 financial year. The reserve funding identified as being available for an unbudgeted expenditure request is interest on the Riverton Property Sales reserve, this can be used for any purpose, the Oraka Aparima Community Board reserve had a balance of \$10,765 as of 30 June 2024. This Oraka Aparima reserve will receive interest in the year ended 30 June 2025.
- 13 The CBPL has indicated a preference for Council to manage the project, with the CBPL acting as a key partner in the design and delivery process.

### **Issues**

- 14 Stage two approval will need to be subject to securing the necessary funding. The tender for stage one can include a delayed production start until the funding for stage two is secured.

### **Factors to consider**

#### **Legal and statutory requirements**

- 15 Resource consent variation is required and dependant on the new design. Note that state highways will be a notified party.
- 16 The building team have indicated a need for a structural engineer to verify the existing foundation and oversee construction monitoring for building consent exemption.
- 17 Replacement of the Colac Bay surfer statue will be capital expenditure; the community board does not have delegated authority to approve this unbudgeted expenditure and can only recommend or decline to Council to approve this.

### **Community views**

- 18 The views of the community board are deemed to represent the views of the wider community. The CBPL have received extremely positive engagement on the project during fundraising efforts.

### **Costs and funding**

- 19 The Colac Bay surfer statue project is located on Council land and was originally budgeted in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan for a \$35,000 refurbishment, funded from a loan. Following condition assessments and community consultation, the collective view emerged that the statue is beyond repair and must be replaced.

- 20 The proposed project is now valued at \$140,000, split into two stages
- Stage one: design and fabrication \$100,000. Funded by the remaining loan available of approx \$31,000, \$11,000 from the Ōraka Aparima reserve and if required, interest on the Riverton Property sales reserve, and \$58,000 from the CBPL.
  - Stage two: removal and installation \$40,000. To be fully funded by the CBPL through ongoing fundraising efforts.
- 21 The surfer statue project (P-11076) was originally budgeted in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan and has since been carried forward, with the current remaining approximate loan funding balance of \$31,000 now allocated to the 2025/2026 financial year.
- 22 The Ōraka Aparima Community Board reserve is expected to have a balance of \$7,391 as of 30 June 2025 before interest. As this project is occurring in 2025/2026, it is possible that this reserve may have the necessary funds to fully fund this project at 30 June 2026. Any shortfall is being recommended to fund from interest on the Riverton Property Sales reserve. Interest on reserves may be used for any purpose.
- 23 The Riverton Property Sales Reserve will have an approximate balance of \$155,475 at 30 June 2025 before interest. Staff are still currently finalising the 30 June 2025 Annual Report. The original monies in this reserve came from property sales when Wallace County existed with interest being added over a number of years. Interest is not subject to any restrictions for use and is being suggested in this case to support any shortfall that may exist at the end of next year when the funding of this project is finalised.
- 24 If approved, then the total cost to the Ōraka Aparima community board area will be \$46,000 of a total \$140,000 project.
- 25 The proposed new design is expected to have a 30 plus year estimated life expectancy with minimal maintenance costs during that period. A memorandum of understanding will be entered into with the CBPL to cover the ongoing maintenance costs and has been agreed to in principle verbally.

**Policy implications**

- 26 The current statue is located at 11 Colac Bay Road, Colac Bay and the property is owned by Council. An application to construct on Council property will need to be applied and approved.

## Analysis

### Options considered

27 There are three options available to the community board:

- recommend that Council approves the increased project budget for the Colac Bay surfer statue, manage the delivery of the project and approve the unbudgeted expenditure request of \$100,000 excluding GST for stage one. This stage is to be funded from the \$31,000 loan allocated in the 2025/2026 Annual Plan, \$58,000 donation raised by the Colac Bay Progress League through community fundraising, and \$11,000 from the Ōraka Aparima Community Board reserve and interest on the Riverton Property Sales reserve, if required. Stage two of the Colac Bay surfer statue, totalling \$40,000 excluding GST is to be fully funded by the Colac Bay Progress League, subject to confirmation that full funding has been secured.
- recommend that Council decline the increased project budget for the Colac Bay surfer statue.
- recommend that Council approve the increased project budget for the Colac Bay surfer statue, manage the delivery of the project and approve the unbudgeted expenditure request of \$100,000 excluding GST for stage one. This stage is to be funded from the \$31,000 loan allocated in the 2025/2026 Annual Plan and \$69,000 donation raised by the Colac Bay Progress League through community fundraising. Stage two of the Colac Bay surfer statue, totalling \$40,000 excluding GST to be fully funded by the Colac Bay Progress League, subject to confirmation that full funding has been secured.

### Analysis of options

**Option 1 – recommend that Council approve the increased project budget for the Colac Bay surfer statue, manage the delivery of the project and approve the unbudgeted expenditure request of \$100,000 excluding GST for stage one. This stage is to be funded from the \$31,000 loan allocated in the 2025/2026 Annual Plan, \$58,000 donation raised by the Colac Bay Progress League through community fundraising, and \$11,000 from the Ōraka Aparima Community Board reserve and interest on the Riverton Property Sales reserve, if required. Stage two of the Colac Bay surfer statue, totalling \$40,000 excluding GST to be fully funded by the Colac Bay Progress League, subject to confirmation that full funding has been secured.**

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ensures full project delivery with Council oversight, providing consistency, accountability, and project management expertise</li><li>• supports community aspirations and maintains momentum for a well supported local initiative</li><li>• enables procurement of design to begin immediately, helping CBPL secure further funding for stage two.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• increases community board's financial commitment</li><li>• reduces the available balance in the Ōraka Aparima reserve, limiting flexibility for other projects.</li></ul>

**Option 2 – recommend that Council decline the increased project budget for the Colac Bay surfer statue**

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no financial or operational impact on Council or the community board reserve.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>will lead to community dissatisfaction and loss of momentum for a well supported local initiative</li> <li>will leave a dilapidated surfer statue in situ</li> <li>could damage the relationship between Council and the Colac Bay community.</li> </ul>

**Option 3 – recommend that Council approve the increased project budget for the Colac Bay surfer statue, manage the delivery of the project and approve the unbudgeted expenditure request of \$100,000 excluding GST for stage one. This stage is to be funded from the \$31,000 loan allocated in the 2025/2026 Annual Plan and \$69,000 donation raised by the Colac Bay Progress League through community fundraising. Stage two of the Colac Bay surfer statue, totalling \$40,000 excluding GST to be fully funded by the Colac Bay Progress League, subject to confirmation that full funding has been secured.**

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>less financial or operational impact on Council or the community board reserve</li> <li>places full responsibility for project delivery and risk management on the CBPL.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>potential for inconsistent quality or non compliance with Council standards</li> <li>may result in delays or complications due to lack of project management expertise or capacity</li> <li>likely to halt or significantly delay the project due to insufficient funding and lack of support</li> <li>may lead to community dissatisfaction and loss of momentum for a well supported local initiative</li> <li>could damage the relationship between Council and the Colac Bay community.</li> </ul>

**Assessment of significance**

28 Not considered significant.

**Recommended option**

29 Option one - recommend that Council approve the increased project budget for the Colac Bay surfer statue, manage the delivery of the project and approve the unbudgeted expenditure request of \$100,000 excluding GST for stage one. This stage is to be funded from the \$31,000 loan allocated in the 2025/2026 Annual Plan, \$58,000 donation raised by the Colac Bay Progress League through community fundraising, and \$11,000 from the Ōraka Aparima Community Board reserve and interest on the Riverton Property Sales reserve, if required. Stage

two of the Colac Bay surfer statue, totalling \$40,000 excluding GST to be fully funded by the Colac Bay Progress League, subject to confirmation that full funding has been secured.

**Next steps**

- 30 If the board agrees to the recommended option, then a report will be written to go to Council for approval.
- 31 After Council approval, staff will proceed to progress the staged project by starting on stage one and scoping for stage two.

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.



## Project scope approval Taramea Bay playground stage two

**Record no:** R/25/7/33424  
**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 formal approval from the Oraka Aparima Community Board for the final scope of works for stage two of the Taramea Bay development, following a comprehensive community engagement process and workshop sessions with the board.

### Executive summary

- 2 Stage two of the Taramea Bay project (a youth oriented play zone), builds on the momentum of stage one, (the child and toddler playground) which were concepts recognised in the Taramea Bay Reserve Development Plan, aiming to enhance recreational, environmental, and social outcomes for the Riverton community and visitors.
- 3 A robust engagement process was undertaken between January and July 2025, including surveys, workshops, and onsite visits. The draft scope has been reviewed and refined with input from the board and community stakeholders.
- 4 Final approval will enable procurement to proceed.

### Recommendation

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Project scope approval Taramea Bay playground stage two".**
- 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 project scope for Taramea Bay playground stage two.**

## **Background**

- 5 Riverton Aparima is a popular destination for local and international visitors. The previous board was looking at how they could build on the town's popularity to encourage growth in the town. In particular the area known as Taramea Bay is a favourite area and offers a multitude of recreational opportunities and a draft Taramea Bay Reserve Development Plan was completed in 2022.
- 6 The Taramea Bay Reserve had historic facilities including the ageing playground, public toilet, whale slide mound and soundshell hardstand requiring renewal as they were either non compliant with modern standards or are not fit for purpose in their existing locations. In addition, the stormwater outfalls are potentially lower than the beach exit point and are being blocked in easterly storms. The Riverton south catchment is also changing with more infill and subdivision development.
- 7 The staged approach has seen a new toilet/shower/amenities block and toddler/child oriented zone and stormwater pumps replaced and drainage improved. There is also riparian planting budgeted and planned.
- 8 Stage two is to add to the play space, following the development plan recommended key move to enhance and cluster play spaces and toilet/change facilities.
- 9 Stage one improvements were well received, and the community was surveyed from 20 January – 28 February 2025 for feedback on potential improvements, play equipment, and general ideas. The resulting engagement supported a youth oriented zone.
- 10 Over the following months the survey feedback was reviewed and discussed at the board workshops with initial priorities identified. This included onsite visits and workshops with staff and board to refine priorities, locations, and budgets. Stakeholders including iwi and local parents were also given the concept for feedback. In June and July, a draft concept and procurement scope was presented to the board for final feedback. The board chair and Council also shared draft concepts on social media platforms and there was no negative feedback.
- 11 The project scope details for Taramea Bay stage two are attached and will be used for procurement documents if approved. This includes design and build of a permanent pump track, ninja track, signage for the Bays, the basketball area and road track playground markings.

## **Issues**

- 12 The final positions are the least likely to be affected by coastal exposure and drainage issues in this location. Other locations have been considered but didn't align with the vision of the plan to cluster the play space and amenities.
- 13 Although there were some submitters that wanted the slopes left untouched so they could be used biannually for the jazz festival, the board have decided to utilise half of the space for the pump track and ninja course. This still leaves ample space free for the festival. The draft concept pictures were shared publicly and received no negative feedback.

## **Factors to consider**

### **Legal and statutory requirements**

- 14 The District Wide Reserve Management Plan states to continue to develop and maintain Taramea Bay Recreation Reserve as an area of open space for casual recreation and children's play.
- 15 Any structures will meet the requirements of the Southland District Plan.
- 16 Iwi feedback was sought and incorporated into the scope.



**Community views**

- 17 Community engagement between January and February 2025, (a mix of onsite drop ins and Make It Stick survey) showed strong support for a youth oriented play zone, with a permanent pump track, activities for older children and improved basketball facilities emerging as top priorities.
- 18 The board identified priorities for a draft concept. Stakeholders including iwi and local parents were also given the concept for feedback.

**Costs and funding**

- 19 The \$270,000 budget for P-10799 Taramea Bay Reserve stage two is a mix of reserves and loan.

**Policy implications**

- 20 As part of the Southland District Council (SDC) responsibilities for Taramea Bay Reserve, it is required by the Reserves Act (1977) to manage the reserve's development and maintenance through a statutory process called a Reserve Management Plan.
- 21 The project aligns with the board community plan vision "A vibrant, sustainable, connected community focused on locals and welcoming to visitors.
- 22 The project has been identified in the Long Term Plan for funding.

**Analysis**

**Options considered**

- 23 The board need to consider whether to approve the project scope for Taramea Bay playground stage two redevelopment.

**Analysis of options**

**Option 1 – approve the project scope for Taramea Bay playground stage two**

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• approval allows procurement to proceed without delay, reducing risk of cost escalation</li><li>• continues the positive progress from stage one, maintaining community and stakeholder engagement</li><li>• enhances Riverton's appeal for residents and visitors, especially youth and delivers on community expectations.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• commits funding for the next stage.</li></ul>

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**Option 2 – do not approve the project scope for Taramea Bay playground stage two**

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• preserves funding for other priorities or allows for reallocation if needed</li><li>• allows time for further review or redesign.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• postpones improvements, potentially increasing future costs</li><li>• the existing stage one playground is designed for toddlers/child play, and does not meet the needs of older children and youth, leaving a gap in age appropriate play opportunities.</li></ul>

**Assessment of significance**

- 24 None identified.

**Recommended option**

- 25 Option one, to approve the project scope for Taramea Bay playground stage two.

**Next steps**

- 26 Proceed with procurement and implementation planning

**Attachments**

- A Taramea Bay Stage Two Final scope  
B Taramea Bay Reserve Development Plan report

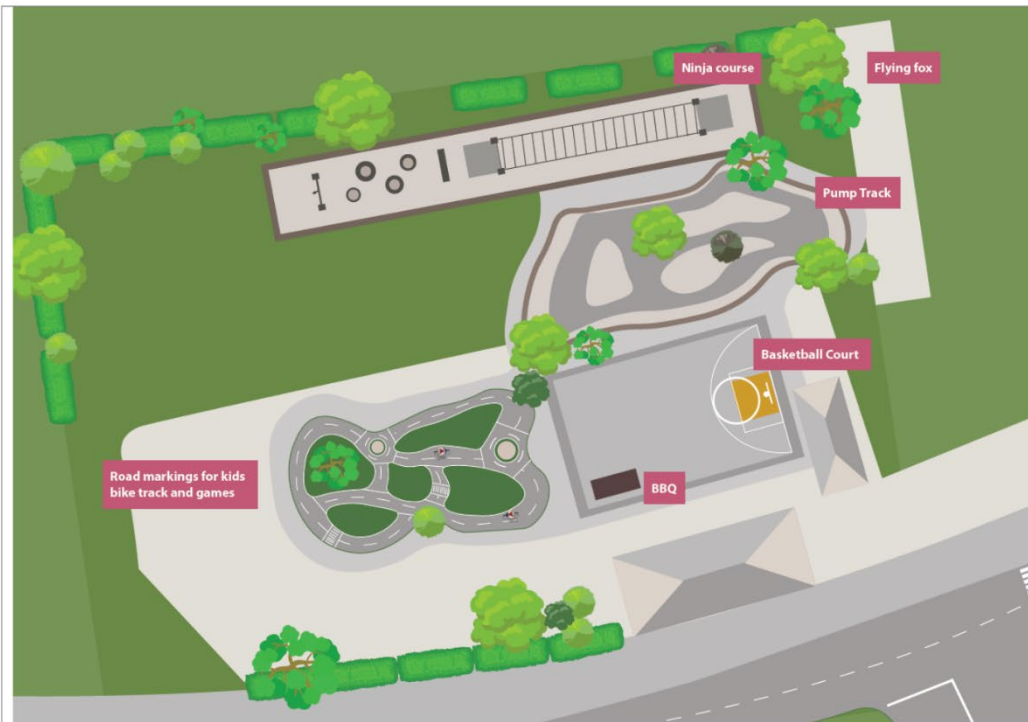
Combined project scope, G1.0 and G2.0  
Riverton Taramea Bay Playground - Redevelopment

<b>PHOTOS</b> 	<b>FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	2025/2026
	<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	P-10799
	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Community Facilities
	<b>COMMUNITY BOARD</b>	Oraka-Aparima
	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Michael Weusten
	<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	Don Byars
	<b>CPL</b>	Stella O'Connor

DESCRIPTION

Taramea Bay Road, Riverton



**SCOPE**

Stage 2 of the concept plan is:

- To build a permanent asphalt pump track that is intermediate level. Location confirmed by the community board to be behind of the basketball court on the first slope. The design will need to include the purchase and install of seating and native planting suitable for the area. The pump tracks budget is \$120,000 (including contingency).
- To build a Ninja style course for older children. Location confirmed by the community board to have it on the flat area behind the two hills. The sewer lined will need to be located beforehand. The Ninja course's budget is \$100,000 (including contingency).
- Signage for linking the areas and history/cultural information. Budget is \$2,000 Add another name not new signage
- Remainder of budget will go towards moving the basketball hoop, lines for the basketball area, road track playground markings (keep planters and replant where needed), remove and backfill the concrete chamber and shelter within the playground area.

**COMMUNICATION**

Communication will need to happen with the community board.

Communication will need to go out to the Riverton community well in advance of this work being undertaken.

**CONSENT**

Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Archaeology/ Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Resource	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

RISKS			
What are the project risks that have been identified to date		Parts of the reserve will be fenced off while this work happens.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What mitigation is in place</li> <li>➤ What is the status (high/ medium/ low)</li> </ul>		The area will be set up as a work site with the correct health and safety plans, signage and equipment in place. The community board will update the public on the community consultation results.	
COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER IMPACT (ANTICIPATED)			
The site will have restricted access while this work is being undertaken.			
OVERVIEW			
What is this project (ie, capital, consent, operating or procurement)		Capital	
Is this a one-off project or works programme		One off	
What are the strategic and activity links		1.1.4 Undefined Strategy – People have everything they need to live, work, play and visit	
Are there any links to the Corporate Performance Framework		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
How does this project fit in with the outcomes of the community board plans			
Is the project on Council owned land		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do we have approvals for land use		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is a procurement plan required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is a communication plan required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have all stakeholders been identified and a management plan in place eg committees, sub-committees, affiliated groups etc		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Has a draft risk register been prepared		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
What team members will make up the Project Control Group (PCG)		Community facilities asset owner and project delivery team project manager	
BUDGETS			
Approved budget		\$270,000	
What is the initial cost made up of:	Design	\$	(typically, 10% of project)
	Consents	\$	(typically, 2% of project)
	Consultation	\$	
	Project	\$240,000	
	Contingency	\$27,000	(typically, 10% of project)
	Total Budget	\$270,000	
How is the project being funded (loan or reserves)		Loan and Reserve	



# SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

## *TARAMEA BAY RESERVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN*

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1 | PROJECT BACKGROUND

*Riverton Aparima is a popular destination for local and international visitors. The Ōraka Aparima Community Board is looking at how they can build on the town’s popularity to encourage growth in the town. In particular the area known as Taramea Bay is a favourite area and offers a multitude of recreational opportunities. Preliminary community engagement has been undertaken and now this work needs to be formalised in this development plan*

*The Southland District Council (SDC) has recently undertaken an ideas consultation for a renewal of the Taramea Bay Reserve playground. It became apparent following this process that a wider more considered review for the staged development of Taramea Reserve is required. This development plan process therefore seeks to build on the previous playground engagement, understand the constraints and opportunities of the reserve’s different spaces and through community consultation come up with a development plan that can inform the future Taramea Bay Reserve Management Plan review.*

*The Taramea Bay Reserve has historic facilities including the ageing*

*playground, public toilet, whale slide mound and soundshell hardstand that now require renewal as they are either non-compliant with modern standards or are not fit for purpose in their existing locations. In addition, the stormwater outfalls are potentially lower than the beach exit point and are being blocked in easterly storms. The Riverton south catchment is also changing with more infill and subdivision development. This could place additional demands on the receiving environment and capacity of the outfalls.*

*With the proposed development of the Taramea Bay area the board wants an assessment of the current storm water system so that when the area is developed any improvements required to the stormwater can be completed at the same time.*

*As part of the SDC responsibilities for Taramea Bay Reserve, it is required by the Reserves Act (1977) to manage the reserve’s development and maintenance through a statutory process called a Reserve Management Plan. Within this Plan there is a section that covers what future development is allowed and not allowed. To guide this development many Councils are now using an outline*

*Development Plan to holistically plan how to upgrade or renew open spaces in a staged manner. Once the development plan has been adopted within the Reserve Management Plan statutory process (i.e. special consultative procedure which includes submissions and public hearings) then projects can be included within SDC Long Term Plan to fund the reserve’s future upgrade programme. The Long Term Plan is how SDC seeks to prioritise all its investments over a 10 year period and from it your annual rates are determined.*

2 | PROJECT PROGRAMME

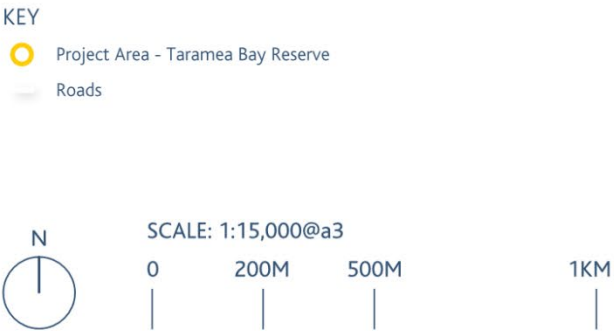




3 | SITE CONTEXT

Taramea Bay, is a stretch of beach and open space reserve between Howell’s Memorial Park at the Pourakino River mouth to Hamlet Road. The reserve is a cherished open space reserve that has previously hosted many local events and is especially popular for visitors in the summer months. It is also an important open space for nearby residents who enjoy the playground, walking and dog walking (on lead within the reserve & off lead on the adjacent beach) and as an access point for the nearby beach. Taramea Bay Reserve has an old public toilet and changing facilities that have reached the end of their design life. Taramea Bay Reserve also has an extensive playground and coastal trail.

Mitchell’s Bay, the next bay along from Taramea Bay, is a popular surf area. Water skiing, rowing, fishing, and capturing the occasional flounder are all popular activities in the bays, along the Rocks Highway coast.





4 | COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

Summary of previous engagement

The Southland District Council requested feedback on what improvements needed to be made to Taramea Bay and ideas for a playground upgrade centred around the whale sculpture in December 2020. 11 different people answered the survey. The main themes were;

Taramea Bay Reserve

- Redevelopment of this area offers an opportunity to prepare the vulnerable coastal communities for the effects of climate change including sea level rise, coastal inundation and increased stormwater flooding events.
- Provide a range of native plants adapted to coastal conditions, that can hold the sandy soil together and protect the beach from excessive erosion
- Provide better connection for walking and cycling from Taramea Bay to Howells Point *Taramea*.
- Provide better quality play and reserve area for different types of activities and ages. Ideas like a pump track and fitness equipment were mooted.
- Bring back the soundshell and shows to entertain the kids and adults.

Taramea Bay playground

- Redevelop the existing playground into a Southland’s destination playground for people of all ages and abilities. Include plenty of seating areas, shade and drinking fountains available.

- Provide more ‘unstructured’ play opportunities, such as big logs, large rocks etc. so children can come up with their own play ideas.
- Provide better choice of native plant species to reduce the mowing costs and provide more natural amenity
- Would like to see more adventurous challenging play equipment / facilities for the older children/preteen/teens.

Early Insights

A series of interviews were held in March 2022 with community representatives and the community board members which revealed the following early insights;

- There is great affinity for the slide and tunnels that previously existed next to the whale sculpture in Taramea Bay.
- The main outfall level could be lower than the beach level causing problems with stagnant water
- Parts of Taramea Bay Reserve flood in regular rain events
- The Coastguard require 24 hour vehicle access to their building
- There is no purposely designed indoor or outdoor performance space
- Cars are able to access most parts of the reserve and drive on the beach at all times.
- There is a popular walk along the beach visiting multiple bays along from Howells Memorial Park through to Taramea.
- The longboard surf break is especially popular for learners and intermediate surfers
- There are two commercial businesses

adjacent to Taramea Bay reserve - a fish and chip shop and a cafe.

- Council has recently upgraded parking, and the trail network with rope and bollards to demarcate sections of the reserve.
- One community member thought that having pop up outdoor play games introduced into the reserve especially during the summer months would be a good way to attract new people to the reserve and keep families coming back. Ideas such as sandcastle competition, tactile play, volleyball, puppet theatre were some ideas.

5 | DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Te Aranga Design Principles

For the Taramea Bay Development Plan, Te Aranga Māori Design Principles were used to guide the development of the Riverton Aparima Open spaces. The key objective of these principles is to enhance the protection, reinstatement, development and articulation of Mana Whenua cultural landscapes and to enable all of us to connect with and deepen our collective appreciation of 'sense of place'.

The following core Māori values have informed the development of the outcome oriented Te Aranga Māori Design Principles:

- Rangatiratanga
- Kaitiakitanga
- Manaakitanga
- Wairuatanga
- Kotahitanga
- Whanaungatanga
- Matauranga

Te Aranga Design Principles

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**Mana Rangatiratanga - Authority**  
The status of iwi and hapū as Tangata Whenua is recognised and respected.

*Te Rūnanga o Ōraka Aparima are engaged as early as possible by Southland District Council to ensure that the status of iwi and hapū as Mana Whenua is recognised and respected.*
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**Whakapapa - Names and Naming**  
Māori names are celebrated.

*The original names for landscape features and important sites for Te Rūnanga o Ōraka Aparima are manifest in the open space network within Riverton Aparima where appropriate.*
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**Taiao - The Natural Environment**  
The natural environment is protected, restored and / or enhanced.

*Dunes, stream edges and wetlands within Taramea Bay are restored using appropriate native species.*
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**Mauri Tū - Environmental Health**  
Environmental health is protected, maintained and / or enhanced.

*Riparian margins are naturalised with native stream planting and future development activity protects and enhances the existing stream network.*
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**Mahi Toi - Creative Expression**  
Iwi/hapū narratives are captured and expressed creatively and appropriately.

*Southland District Council develops a process for engaging Te Rūnanga o Ōraka Aparima approved artists, craftsmen and designers for work within the rohe.*
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**Tohu - The Wider Cultural Landscape**  
Tangata Whenua significant sites and cultural landmarks are acknowledged.

*Wayfinding signage / interpretive signage along the coastal path references traditional names of the streams which outlet in Taramea Bay.*
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**Ahi Kā - The Living Presence**  
Iwi/hapū have a living and enduring presence and are secure and valued within their rohe.

*Sites of significance, including natural features and former Kainga sites, accommodate regular events and educational opportunities by Te Rūnanga o Ōraka Aparima whanau.*

Urban Design Principles

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**Kaitiakitanga / Guardianship / Stewardship**  
Local residents and community groups are encouraged/supported to lead community wide initiatives including but not limited to community planting groups, citizen science programmes, cycle safety events etc.
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**Engagement**  
Work with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations for Taramea Bay are consistently understood and considered.
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**Diversity**  
Work towards developing a healthy, diverse and 'complete' community that allows all members to live, work, play and learn within the community as they choose.
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**Integration of uses**  
Ensure that uses are integrated together (rather than separated) to ensure that complemented uses are co-located and the town centre can become an appealing destination that encompasses the economic and social needs of residents and visitors.
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**Connectivity**  
Connect Riverton Aparima to the landscapes, embracing its distinctive features. A connected network of walkways, cycleways and streets will allow for easy movement into and through the towns and the surrounding landscape.
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**Legibility**  
Create a network of streets, parks and civic spaces that are understandable and contribute to the visual character and legibility of the townscape.
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**Accessibility**  
Create barrier-free environments that enhance social interaction. Riverton Aparima becomes accessible to as wide a user group as possible, including children, elderly and people with health conditions or impairments.
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**Resilience + adaptation**  
Riverton Aparima is responsive to and have strategies in place to adapt to unforeseen / unexpected events including issues relating to sea level rise, extreme weather events, changing market conditions, economic contraction and changes in demographic trends.
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**Celebration**  
Places and spaces are provided for community and cultural activation including activities such as community events, markets, and cultural and seasonal celebrations.
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**Treasured**  
The stories, unique elements and local identity are revealed, maintained and/or enhanced within the design and aesthetics of the townscape.
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**Safety**  
Riverton Aparima provides a safe network of paths, facilities and open spaces consistent with the Ministry of Justice's Seven Qualities of Safer Spaces: access; good surveillance and clear sightlines; clear and logical layout; a mix of activity; a sense of ownership; high quality environments; and where necessary, active security measures.
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**Revitalisation**  
Recognise the importance of Riverton Aparima heritage, conservation and landscapes, improving function and quality of life for local residents, whilst reinforcing the towns distinctive sense of place and community.
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**Feasibility + viability**  
The development plan provides value for money outlining a wide range of realistic development opportunities and regeneration projects with multiple pathways for implementation.
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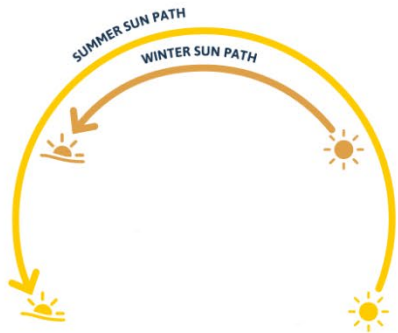
**A Living Document**  
The development plan is monitored, reviewed and updated as required to ensure they remain current and continues to provide community and decision makers with the information needed to make informed decisions about the Taramea Bay.



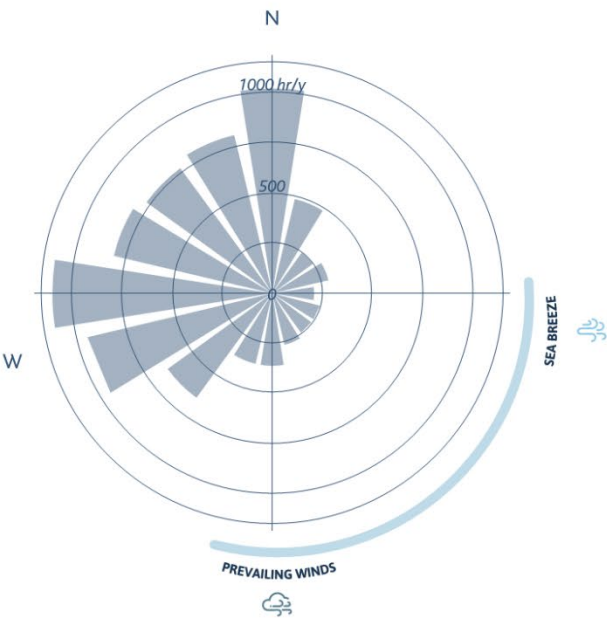
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6 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE  
AERIAL

Solar orientation



Predominant Wind Conditions



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7 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE  
OVERVIEW + EXISTING SITE  
FEATURES

KEY

LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

- Council Owned Properties
- Trees
- Existing Outfalls
- Waterways

CONNECTIVITY

- Main Roads
- Secondary Roads
- Foot track
- Car Park

ATTRACTION + DESTINATION

- Playground
- Coastguard
- Boat Ramp
- Howell's Memorial Park
- Public Toilets

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8 | COASTAL EROSION

Shoreline changes induced by erosion and accretion are natural processes that take place over a range of time scales. Coastal erosion processes are evident in Taramea Bay and are likely to be exacerbated by climate change. This development plan does not specifically address how to mitigate coastal erosion other than through the use of coastal revegetation. Dune restoration planting to mitigate coastal erosion would best be undertaken through the establishment of a dedicated community group, supported by engineers with specialist knowledge of coastal erosion processes and stormwater issues in the area and region.

A comprehensive approach to combating coastal erosion for Taramea Bay and the coastline through to Taramea (Howells Point) should be explored considering coastal processes on a regional scale. There are a range of mitigation measures which are divided into hard structural/engineering options and soft structural/engineering options. Hard engineering approaches include groynes, seawalls, offshore breakwaters and artificial headlands. Soft engineering approaches include beach nourishment, dune building/reconstruction and coastal revegetation.





9 | FLEXIBLE MASTERPLAN

*Six key moves have been created to form the basis of a flexible masterplan which is intended to guide development and preservation of Taramea Bay Reserve as an important open space for both the local residents and the many visitors. The flexibility relates to the timing of upgrades and new information that comes to hand during the investigation design phases.*

10 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE KEY MOVES

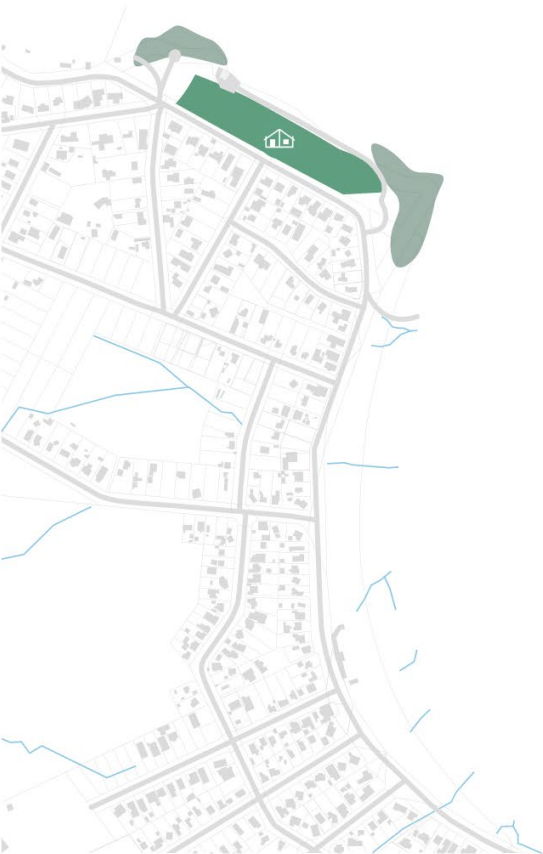
1 | Protect Coastal Environment



- Parkland amenity
- Enhance natural dune and wetland systems
- Introduced/increased riparian planting

- Identify, protect and enhance the existing dune system and provide increased resilience for climatic events.
- Plant riparian zones within the catchment to manage the effects of stormwater (Refer to the larger town development plan).
- Armour and plant the outfalls to reduce the effect erosion of stormwater (Planting may differ from dune system).
- Explore hard and soft engineering options for mitigating coastal erosion such as:
  - Hard - Groyne, Seawall, Offshore breakwater.
  - Soft - Beach nourishment, Dune building/reconstruction, Coastal revegetation.

2 | Protect and Enhance Iwi Sites of Significance



- Former Papakāinga site
- Sites of significance
- Remediate stream edges

- Acknowledge and maintain natural framing in the historic Papakāinga space.
- Recognise and protect significant landscape features in the reserve including the headlands and stream edges.
- Opportunity for SDC to work with Ōraka Aparima Rūnaka to reference original names for landscape features.

3 | Safe Walking and Cycling

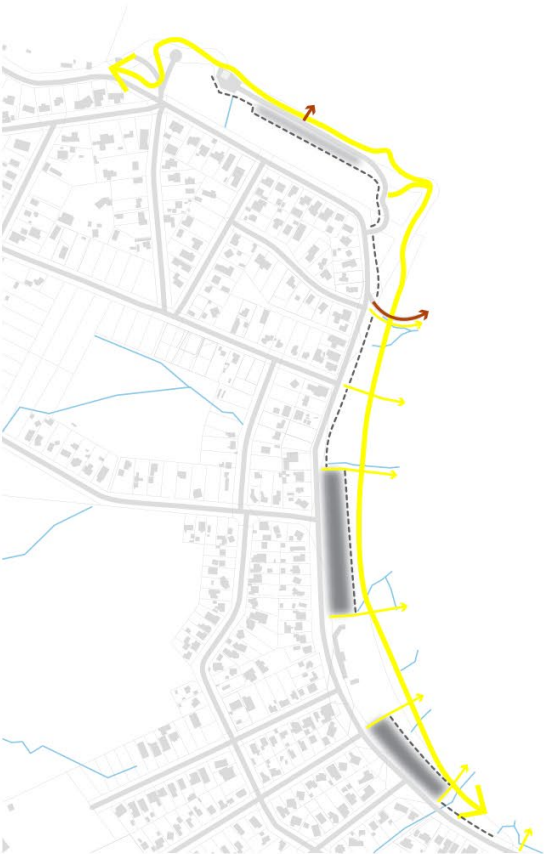


- Shared footpath
- On road cycleway
- Footpath bridges over outlets

- Connect to the broader walking and cycling network as part of the larger development plan.
- Create a walking track between the protected dunes and parkland areas, using the path as a means to delineate between the two.
- Introduce traffic calming devices to slow vehicles and enable safe on-street cycling.

10 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE KEY MOVES

4 | Consolidate parking & beach access



- Parking
- Vehicle beach access
- Pedestrian beach access

- Provide clearly demarcated car parking zones and entry points to the beach to support public access and whilst protecting the dune system.
- Repurpose the existing hard stand to create main car parks in central locations.
- Investigate wheelchair access options to the beach.

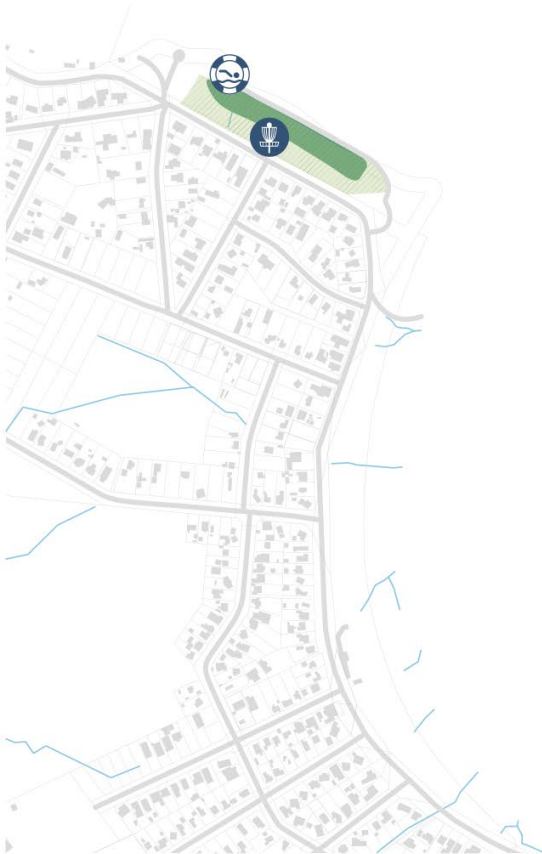
5 | Enhance & cluster play spaces & toilet/change facilities



- Playground and public toilet space

- Enhance & cluster play spaces for a variety of ages in a large destination playground.
- Create public toilets and discrete changing rooms with coin operated hot showers.
- Create nature play options towards the beach.
- Create a discrete slide and nature play, designed for older children, at the headland near the old slide site.

6 | Create sheltered picnic areas & gathering spaces



- Sheltered event space
- Former Papakāinga
- Coastguard
- Frisbee golf course

- Allocate space for an open area which allows for a range of community activities to occur, for example a community picnic and/or barbeque.
- Maintain and enhance Coastguard facilities.
- Relocate the frisbee golf course to start at Howell's Memorial Park and up to the headland, making use of the natural undulating terrain in the most sheltered part of Taramea Bay.
- Utilise the well sheltered space to bring the community together.



11 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE FLEXIBLE MASTERPLAN

The intention of the flexible masterplan for Taramea Bay is to provide a framework for future development that is staged over time and avoids unplanned ad hoc development that doesn't make best use of the site's outstanding natural characteristics.

The masterplan aims to concentrated future play activities and parking around existing infrastructure in order to provide best value for money for ratepayers.

Findings from the coastal erosion study may dictate where renewal of assets in future decades will need to be located. Future revisions of this development plan (2030-2050) will need to take into account changing climatic conditions and the impact of storm events when investing in large scale asset renewal.

KEY

LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

- Parkland amenity
- Enhanced natural dune systems
- Riparian planting
- Dune system planting
- Waterways

CONNECTIVITY

- Roads
- On-road cycleway
- Boardwalk
- Foot bridges
- Car park

ATTRACTION + DESTINATION

- Boat ramp
- Howell's Memorial Park
- Coastguard
- Sheltered event space
- Whale sculpture
- Destination playground
- Public toilet and changing rooms
- Frisbee golf course

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12 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE  
INDICATIVE PLAYSPACE  
MASTERPLAN

- 1
- Key infrastructure, including the proposed new toilet block, need to be designed with input from civil engineers to account for flood levels. Imported fill may be required to lift ground level of playspace.
- 2
- A comprehensive approach to combating coastal erosion for Taramea Bay should be explored, with potential mitigation measures including groynes, seawalls, offshore breakwaters, beach nourishment, dune building/reconstruction and coastal revegetation.
- 3
- Buildings should be located to provide movement and sitelines through to both sides of playspace.
- 4
- Grassed lawn areas raised with imported fill and sown with salt-tolerant grass species.

KEY

LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

- 
- Parkland amenity grass
- 
- Enhanced natural dune systems
- 
- Riparian planting
- 
- Dune system planting
- 
- Shelterbelt planting on small mounds
- 
- Waterways

CONNECTIVITY

- 
- Roads
- 
- On-road cycleway
- 
- Boardwalk
- 
- Foot bridges
- P
- Car park
- - -
- No parking

ATTRACTION + DESTINATION

- 
- Youth oriented zone
- 
- Toddler and child oriented zone
- 
- Pump track
- 
- Skate park
- 
- Half Court
- 
- Destination playground
- 
- Nature play towards beach
- 
- Public toilet and changing rooms

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13 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE | IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

*The following section is the start of an outline plan which explains how the key moves outlined in the document can be implemented on the ground. The Taramea Bay development plan was initiated in response to a desire by SDC to establish an appropriate framework for the development of the reserve to avoid ad hoc development.*

*The Taramea Bay Reserve could be used by SDC as an exemplar project within the region for park development and management through the use of the internationally recognised Green Flag certification framework. The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting a benchmark standard for*

*the management of recreational outdoor spaces internationally, with a number of New Zealand examples already recognised through the scheme.*

*The Green Flag Award assessment criteria for open spaces includes the following categories:*

- a welcoming place*
- health, safe and secure*
- well maintain and clean*
- environmental management*
- biodiversity, landscape and heritage*
- community involvement*
- marketing and communication*
- management*

*SDC should consider applying for this certification to help develop the ongoing management of this reserve using a strong community engagement focus, rather than the traditional business as usual approach. The key moves identified in the document and fleshed out further in the implementation plan cover the majority of the assessment criteria.*

*The development plan process has revealed the strong cultural links the Ōraka Aparima Rūnaka has to the reserve. Involving the Rūnaka early in any key decisions on the future of the reserve will ensure good cultural outcomes, especially in the ongoing management of the riparian areas and future planting.*

*Lastly, the implementation of this development plan needs to be resilient to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise including more violent and regular coastal storms and flooding events.*

*A holistic coastal processes study coordinated with Environment Southland is needed following the catchment modelling analysis before many of the initiatives can be implemented within the implementation plan.*



13 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE | IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

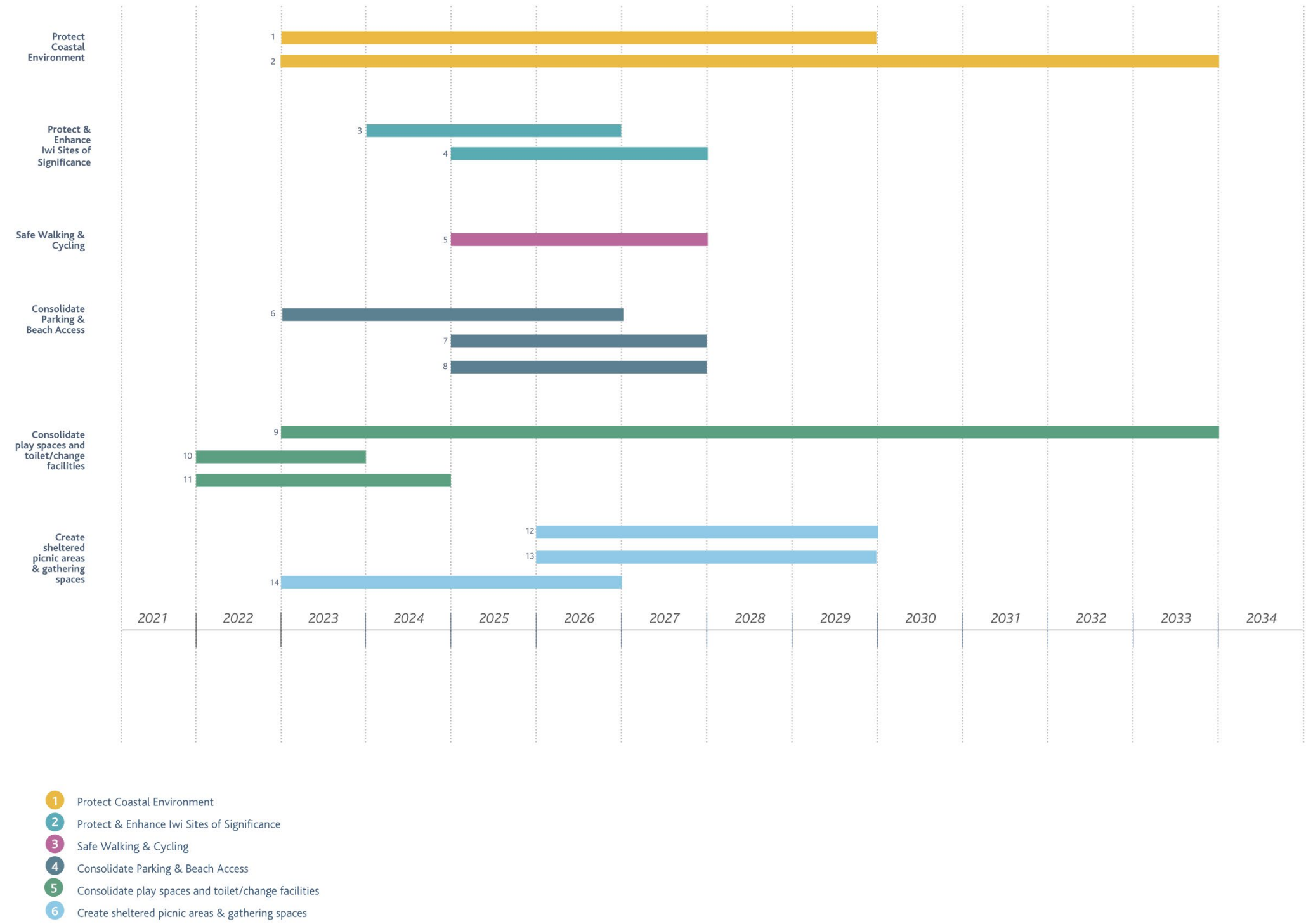
TARAMEA BAY RESERVE KEY MOVES

ID	Supports Key Move	Project or Initiative Description & Steps	Stages	Timeframe	Funding	Estimated cost	Lead Delivery	Key Partners & Stakeholders
1	1. Protect Coastal Environment	Identify, protect and enhance the existing dune system and provide increased resilience for climatic events. Explore hard and soft engineering options for mitigating coastal erosion such as: • Hard - Groyne, Seawall, Offshore breakwater • Soft - Beach nourishment, dune building/reconstruction, Coastal revegetation	1. Catchment Analysis 2. Coastal Processes analysis 3. Draft design & specifications 4. Consult and Engage 5. Implement improvements	2023-2029	SDC and ES	\$35,000 for the coastal processes study and recommendations on the preferred option for increasing resilience.	SDC - Transport and Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, SDC Stormwater, Environment Southland, Environmental Centre
2	1. Protect Coastal Environment	Plant riparian zones within the catchment to manage the effects of stormwater (Refer to the larger town development plan). Armour and plant the outfalls to reduce the effect erosion of stormwater (Planting may differ from dune system)	1. Utilise catchment design guide for stormwater and wetland species. 2. Identify if outfalls are changing (see item 1) 3. Upgrade outfall area and armour sides. 4. Encourage local groups to take ownership of riparian, dune and wetland planting 5. Planting days and maintenance.	2023-2033	SDC	Existing Parks budget	SDC Parks and Stormwater	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, Environment Southland, Environmental Centre
3	2. Protect and Enhance Iwi Sites of Significance	Acknowledge and maintain natural framing in the historic Papakāinga space. Recognise and protect significant landscape features in the reserve including the headlands and stream edges.	1. Work with Oraka Aparima Rūnaka to identify sites of significance in Taramea Bay using the Apiti Hono Tātai Hoʻono framework 2. Develop a wayfinding and signage strategy for the reserve in partnership with Oraka Aparima Rūnaka to recognise the original names used with the area for landscape features using wayfinding and interpretive signage.	2024-2026	SDC	Existing Parks budget	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, SDC Stormwater, Environment Southland, Environmental Centre, Aparima Pestbusters
4	2. Protect and Enhance Iwi Sites of Significance	Opportunity for SDC to work with Oraka Aparima Rūnaka to reference original names for landscape features.	See item 3	2025-2027	SDC	Existing Parks budget	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, SDC Parks, Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
5	3. Safe Walking and Cycling	Connect to the broader walking and cycling network as part of the larger development plan. Create a walking track between the protected dunes and parkland areas, using the path as a means to delineate between the two. Introduce traffic calming devices to slow vehicles and enable safe on-street cycling.	1. Survey the trail 2. Preliminary design 3. Estimate the cost to undertake track upgrades 4. Consult and engage 5. Construction	2024-2027	SDC and External Funding	\$25,000 for the concept design	SDC Parks	SDC Transport, Riverton Promotions Group, Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
6	4. Consolidate parking & beach access	Provide clearly demarcated car parking zones and entry points to the beach to support public access and whilst protecting the dune system. Repurpose the existing hard stand to create main car parks in central locations. Grassed lawn areas raised with imported fill and sown with salt-tolerant grass species.	1. Understand catchment and coastal process analysis. 2. Investigate options for permeable surfaces to drain stormwater through the soil 3. Design carparking plan 4. Construction	2024-2027	SDC	\$25,000 for parking plan & research of surface treatments	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, Waka Kotahi, Riverton Promotions Group, Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
7	4. Consolidate parking & beach access	Investigate wheelchair access options to the beach.	1. Investigate access options for coastal locations & maintenance requirements 2. Confirm path routes 3. Design route and materials 4. Construction	2023-2026	SDC	Existing Parks budgets	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, Riverton Promotions Group, Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
8	4. Consolidate parking & beach access	Provide infrastructure for events (i.e. parking and power for food trucks)	See item 6.	2024-2027	SDC	See item 6.	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, Riverton Promotions Group, Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
9	5. Consolidate play spaces and toilet/change facilities	Consolidate play space for a variety of ages in a large destination playground. Create nature play options towards the beach.	1. Confirm infrastructure requirements such as stormwater, power and wastewater 2. Preliminary design 3. Consult and engage (if required) 4. Construction (potentiallyl in a staged manner)	2023-2033	SDC	\$50,000 to \$100,000 for the design of a regionally significant designation playground	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, Riverton Promotions Group, Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
10	5. Consolidate play spaces and toilet/change facilities	Create public toilets and discrete changing rooms with coin operated hot showers.	1. Confirm infrastructure requirements such as stormwater, power and wastewater 2. Preliminary design 3. Construction	2022-2023	SDC	Existing Parks budgets	SDC Parks	Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
11	5. Consolidate play spaces and toilet/change facilities	Create a discrete slide and nature play, designed for older children, at the headland near the old slide site.	1. Confirm infrastructure requirements such as stormwater, power and wastewater 2. Preliminary design 3. Construction	2022-2024	SDC	Existing Parks budgets	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, Riverton Promotions Group, Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
12	6. Create sheltered picnic areas & gathering spaces	Allocate space for an open area which allows for a range of community activities to occur, for example a community picnic and /or barbeque.	1. Investigate low impact options for a natural amphitheatre space 2. Trial a low cost event to test whether the area has potential. 3. Consider wooden seating (similar to Mitchells Bay) and power & water event infrastructure if there is potential for more community events. 4. Construction	2026-2029	SDC and External Funding	Existing Parks budgets	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, Riverton Promotions Group, Te Hikoi Visitor Centre
13	6. Create sheltered picnic areas & gathering spaces	Maintain and enhance Coastguard facilities	To be advised	2026-2029	Coastguard	External funding sources	Riverton Aparima Coastguard	Riverton Aparima Coastguard
14	6. Create sheltered picnic areas & gathering spaces	Relocate the frisbee golf course to start at Howell's Memorial Park and up to the headland, making use of the natural undulating terrain in the most sheltered part of Taramea Bay.	1. Test & Trail Disc Course 2. Preliminary Design 3. Consult and Engage 4. Construction	2026-2029	External Funding	Initial allocation of \$5,000 to assess site, design & engage with neighbours	SDC Parks	Oraka Aparima Rūnaka, Disc Golf players



13 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE | IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TARAMEA BAY RESERVE KEY MOVES



14 | TARAMEA BAY RESERVE | NEXT STEPS

*Funding for the implementation plan will be considered in the 2023-2033 Southland District Council Long Term Plan which has its own consultation process beginning in the first quarter of 2023.*

*The development plan will be enabled and incorporated within a future reserve management plan review scheduled for the Taramea Bay Reserve in 2023.*

## Oraka Aparima Community Board submission on Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025

Record no: R/25/7/34042

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 Oraka Aparima 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 9 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. On 8 July 2025 staff attended a workshop and discussed with the board about making a submission as part of the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy review consultation process. A draft submission was prepared by the board at the workshop, 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 Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled “Oraka Aparima 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 OACB Dog Policy Submission July25**



## 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) Michael

Last name (required) Weusten

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation? ☒

Organisation name (required) Oraka Aparima Community Board

Postal address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required) michael.weusten@xtra.co.nz

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

Please provide a contact phone number (required) 0272309056



## 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

## 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> )

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## Roading bylaw, policy and policy procedures' review

**Record no:** R/25/7/35877

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

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### Purpose

1 The purpose of this report is to provide:

- information to the Oraka Aparima Community Board (the board) on the review of the Rooding Bylaw 2008 (Revision 3 2024), Rooding Policy 2008 (Revision 1 2015) and Rooding Policy Procedures 2008 (Revision 1 2015); and
- opportunity for the board to give feedback on the rooding documents which will assist staff to identify issues and propose options for Council before undertaking public consultation.

### Executive summary

- 2 The Rooding Bylaw 2008 Revision 3 2024, Rooding Policy 2008 Revision 1 2015 and Rooding Policy Procedures 2008 Revision 1 2015 (collectively referred to as the rooding 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 rooding 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 Oraka Aparima 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/>.

### **Roothing 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

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

- 20 The Ashton Flats Roading 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"><li>• update to policy to maintain alignment with the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.</li></ul>
Alignment with other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• review policy against regional and national roading strategies and objectives and update where required.</li></ul>
Drafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• drafting tidy ups and corrections.</li></ul>

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

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



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

**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.



## Community board reporting

**Record no:** R/25/7/35206  
**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 Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

### Attachments

- A Oraka Aparima community leadership report - 12 August 2025
- B Te Wai Korari Management Plan
- C Active Southland report - August 25
- D Oraka Aparima operational report - 12 August 2025
- E RFS breakdown - May and June 2025



## What's happening in your area

### Better-off funding projects update

PROJECT	FUNDING	CURRENT STATUS
Taramea Bay development plan – stage one, Riverton and Colac Bay	\$345,000	Stage one, the child/toddler playground at Taramea Bay is complete. Now the invoices are in, there is \$5000 left which can be used to purchase a seesaw for the playground. The Colac Bay steps have been modified to improve access to the beach.

### Howells Point and Taramea Bay vandalism

We are disappointed by the actions of individuals who continue to cause damage to the land surrounding Howells Point and Taramea Bay.

Each time this vandalism happens, the repair work is an extra cost to the ratepayers. If you see this activity, report it to the police, as sadly, this is an unnecessary cost to ratepayers.

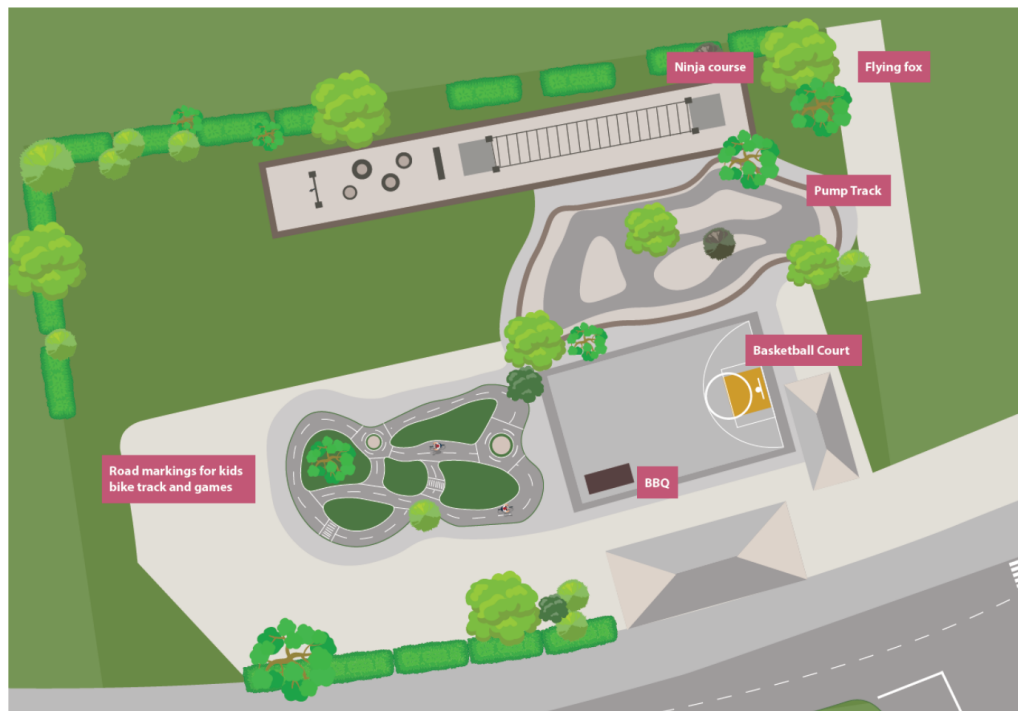


## Te Wai Korari Management Plan

The Te Wai Korari Management Plan sets out a clear path for restoring and improving the Te Wai Korari wetland, now cared for by the Aparima Pest Busters Charitable Trust. It focuses on four main goals: removing invasive weeds, controlling pest animals, planting native species, and creating spaces for people to enjoy. The plan explains how each goal will be achieved, highlights strong partnerships with local and regional groups, and encourages community involvement to ensure long-term success. The volunteer trust is doing incredible work to bring this vision to life.

## Taramea Bay stage two

The draft scope for Taramea Bay Stage Two has been developed, with design details captured to inform the final scope. Procurement documents are currently being prepared, and the final scope will be presented for board approval in August. The pump track and the ninja course will need to be tendered separately. The Ninja course tender will ask for two designs to which in the evaluation phase, the preferred suppliers' proposals will be shown to the community board for a decision prior to awarding the tender. The pump track tender will ask for one design based on what the community has asked for. In the evaluation phase, the preferred tenderers design for the pump track will go to the board for approval before awarding the tender. Both approvals from the Board are to ensure alignment with community expectations and project goals.



## Pāua shell project

The Pāua shell will be repaired during the warmer months, as the process requires reducing moisture levels to below 4%. Pre wrapping the structure would be cost prohibitive. Prior to scaffolding, the black coating will be sandblasted. Staff are continuing to investigate repair options to provide the community board with a range of choices.

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## Footpath around Riverton Bridge and Bay Road intersection

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The board is currently looking into safety improvements for the footpath around the Riverton Orepuki Highway, particularly at the Riverton Bridge and Bay Road intersection. This area is increasingly used by children walking to school, raising concerns about pedestrian safety. They are seeking confirmation on whether the current footpath meets safety standards. If widening the footpath isn't feasible, the board is requesting NZTA/SHS support for an alternative route. Additionally, they've asked for pricing on a dunnite path to connect the existing track from Osborne Street to Bay Road for safer access.

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## What's happening across the district

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### Community Service Award – Michael McLees

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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](http://www.chive.com).

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





### **Manapouri water supply future-proofed**

Water supply in Manapouri 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 Manapouri 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 Manapouri 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.



### **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.

"Each council and Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku will have the opportunity to feed into development of the investigation process document, which may assist in allaying some concerns," the LGC decision said.

"On balance, there is sufficient potential to improve local government in the Southland region to justify the commission deciding to undertake a reorganisation investigation."

### 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.



## Community funding

### Community Partnership Fund

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

### 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

The following Southland District Council funds will 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](mailto: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.

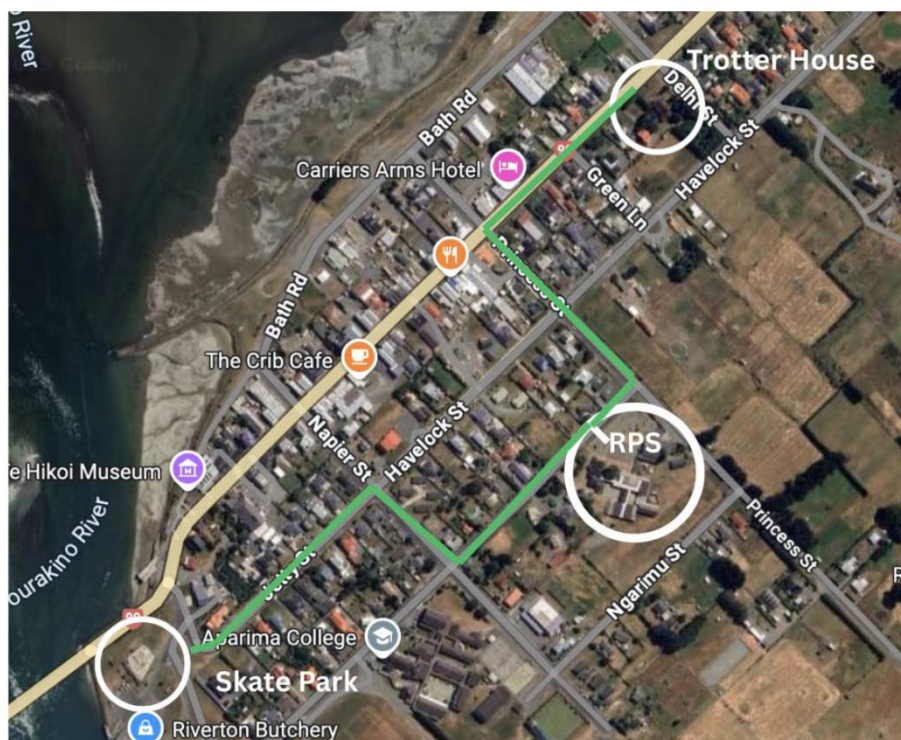
## Stakeholder updates

### Active Transport – school travel survey

Back in September last year, Laura Dowling the Active Transport Innovator, distributed the School Travel Survey, which received 66 responses from the Riverton Primary Community. The results showed a strong interest in active transport, with 9 whānau, parents, and caregivers indicating a willingness to support initiatives such as a Walking School Bus. Since then, Riverton Primary has made fantastic progress with their Park & Stride initiative. A student-designed mascot was chosen to represent their “Fuel-Free Flyers”. Mr Cleaver and I worked together to turn the design into a digital image the “Fuel-Free Bee”. To support the initiative, the school has been supplied with high-vis vests for the volunteers and wayfinding-style signs for drop-off zone locations. With the help of the schools Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) Mr Cleaver has mapped out the two drop-off zones (Skate Park - corner of Jetty and Leader Street, and Trotter House - corner of Delhi and Palmerston Street on State Highway 99).

The next steps are that in term three we’re planning a walk-through with School Community Constable Rosie and potentially Maureen from Road Safety Southland, installation of the signs at the two designated drop-off zones and creation of a short student-led video to promote the initiative and road safety. Please note, due to safety concerns around the path on State Highway 99 in Riverton, particularly the bridge crossing at Bay Road, we have decided to avoid that area entirely for stage one of the initiative. We’re hopeful this initiative will reduce any congestion around the school gate, build positive daily habits, improve road safety awareness, and encourage tamariki to enjoy more active, independent travel as part of their school day.





### Active Southland – update

An update from Active Southland is attached.



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## Highways South – update

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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](https://www.facebook.com/HighwaysSouthNZ)

- SH93 Old Coach Road from Slopedown School Road to Hurst Road
- SH94 Te Anau-Mosburn 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 Mosburn-Five Rivers Road at intersection with SH6 - Five Rivers
- SH97 Mosburn-Five Rivers Road east of Ellis Road
- SH99 Wallacetown-Lorneville highway from town centre east

SH94 Te Anau-Milford highway near Sinclair Road – 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 and 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](mailto: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.



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## 1 Introduction

In June 2025 Aparima Pest Busters Charitable Trust (the “Trust”) took over the ownership of Te Wai Korari Wetland. This document sets out the Trust’s plans for the management of the area.

The Trust would like to thank the following for their support with this project:

- Oraka Aparima Community Board
- Southland District Council
- Environment Southland
- Queen Elizabeth 2 Trust



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## 2 Background

### History

The Te Wai Korari wetland area is located on the eastern edge of Riverton township adjacent to the Jacobs River Estuary. In 1998 the area was purchased by the Riverton Estuary Care Society. In September 2024 the Trust became aware that the Riverton Estuary Care Society were in the process of winding up and as part of this process, distribute assets to a similarly minded organisation. The Trust offered to take over ownership and the legal process transferring ownership was completed in June 2025.

The Riverton Estuary Care Society carried out work in the earlier years of ownership including the establishment of tracks and bridges. However, after many years of inactivity, these have become overgrown and a range of pest weed species have become widespread.

The acquisition of Te Wai Korari by the Trust is consistent with the Trust Deed Section 2 which states:

*The purpose of the Trust is to undertake pest management in the Riverton area. The Trust is committed to work with this principle in mind to work to:*

*Maintain habitats of native and endemic flora and fauna in the Riverton area so that they that are protected from introduced pests.*

Te Wai Korari is one of the few remaining areas of wetland in the Riverton area. Located adjacent to the Jacobs River Estuary, a number of bird species can be found within the wetland and along the shore. Areas of tidal ponds within the wetland may be breeding habitats for whitebait.



*Tidal Lagoon. Photo: Graham Hasslemore*



### Relationships

The Trust has relationships with a number of organisations for Te Wai Korari including;

- the Southland District Council, as an adjoining land owner,
- Oraka Aparima Community Board,
- Environment Southland, principally for technical advice,
- Queen Elizabeth 2nd Trust,
- The Riverton community,
- Oraka-Aparima Runaka,
- Aparima-Riverton Trails Trust,
- Neighbouring property owners.

The Trust and the Southland District Council have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place that could be amended to cover the roles and responsibilities relating to the Council land adjoining Te Wai Korari. The Trust realises that the use of this area by the Council could change at any time.

### The Land

The land covers an area of 4.1833 hectares in 5 lots. Road reserves with an area of 1.9447 hectares sit between the lots, effectively making the area a total of 6.128 hectares.. The land is adjacent to an area 0.676 hectares of Southland District Council land. Access is from State Highway 99 across this Council land. The wetland area and adjacent Council land are shown in Figure 1.

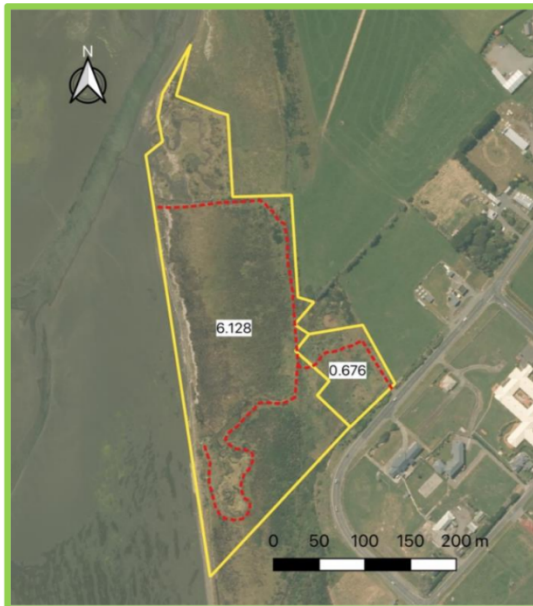


Figure 1 Te Wai Korari area and adjacent SDC land

In 1998 the Riverton Estuary Care Society placed the land under a Queen Elizabeth 2 Trust Covenant. A copy of the Covenant Deed is in Appendix 1 on page 20. The covenant exempts the area from territorial authority rates.

The Covenant does not cover the road reserve areas.

With work, the network of tracks could again provide recreational opportunities for activities such as walking and bird watching. The area could potentially be included in the route of a cycle trail planned by the Aparima-Riverton Trails Trust.

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The Covenant Deed does not specifically permit the construction of tracks, bridges, cycle trail or any structures (including signs). The Trust will work with the Queen Elizabeth 2 Trust to have these formally permitted.

### Objectives

This document sets out the Trusts objectives for Te Wai Korari and the means by which the Trust will achieve those objectives.

These are;

1. As far as practicable, to clear the area of invasive weeds and put in place long term maintenance.
2. To manage pest animals in the area.
3. To commence a program of revegetation with native plants appropriate to the area.
4. To develop recreational opportunities in the area. This may include working with the Aparima-Riverton Trails Trust to develop multi-purpose tracks.

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## Issues

### Access

A network of tracks, including bridges was created by the Estuary Care Society some years ago, giving access from the highway to the shore of the Jacobs River Estuary. However, due to lack of maintenance for a number of years, the tracks had become overgrown and impassable. Work has already been commenced by the Trust to clear these tracks as further work on managing pests cannot be started until access has been established. By the end of January 2025, 800m of track had been cleared. Clearing and maintaining these tracks is critical to enable other work to be carried out.

Access to Te Wai Korari is by approximately 150m of track across SDC land. No formal arrangement appears to be in place for this.

The Trust will seek to formalise this access with the SDC, through an amendment to the existing MOU.

### Invasive Plants

Invasive plants identified in the area include:

- Willow
- Broom
- Gorse
- Darwin's Barberry
- Bamboo
- Blackberry
- Comfrey
- Old Man's Beard

While most of these species have naturally established in the area, the bamboo appears to have been deliberately planted. The Bamboo and Darwin's Barberry are mainly confined to specific areas with the other species are spread throughout the area. There is a large area of Broom where the ground was disturbed some year ago during drain cleaning operations. Environment Southland have identified a significant area of Old Man's Beard.

Pest plants are responsible for the degradation of native habitat remnants. Areas can become over-run with exotic species. Invasive plants can:

- Out-compete and displace native plant species.
- Prevent native plant species from regenerating.
- Lead to a decline in native fauna.
- Lead to an overall loss of indigenous biodiversity.

### Pest Animals

Given the Trust's experience elsewhere in Riverton, It would be safe to assume that the area is populated with the same pest animals including:

- Possums
- Rats
- Stoats
- Hedgehogs
- Feral cats

Due to the proximity of the estuary, the ecology of the wetland and the close proximity of the Southland District Council water treatment plant, vertebrate toxins will not be used. Only trapping methods will be used.

Further information of pest animals and their management can be found in Section 5 of the Management Plan 2023 – 2028.

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### Revegetation

In areas where there is significant removal of invasive weeds, there will need to be a parallel program of revegetation with native plants appropriate to the area. Planting following the removal of invasive plants plantings will help to suppress regrowth. Species such as gorse and broom will have viable seeds ready to germinate when conditions are right. After planting, plants will need maintenance until they can compete with invasive species.

If planting is to be carried out in the Council area, agreement will need to be reached with the Council on the specific areas to be planted, the species permitted and maintenance. Consideration will be given to how the Council may use of the area in the future.

### Recreational Opportunities

The area has the potential for development of recreational opportunities including:

- Walking
- Bird watching
- Cycle trail

Developing opportunities for bird watching could include construction of a bird viewing hide and the installation of signs and information panels.

There is potential for the area to be included in a cycle trail as part of the work being undertaken by the Aparima Riverton Trails Trust. A possible route for a cycle trail is shown in Figure???. The potential construction of a future cycle trail should be considered when carrying out work such as plantings in the area of this route.

## 3 Health and Safety

To date, the Trust's work has not included the use of herbicides. The Trust's Health and Safety Plan will be amended to cover the use of herbicides by Trust volunteers.

## 4 Resources Required

### Labour

The major resource issue will be labour. The Trust will need to be able to carry out work in Te Wai Korari without reducing effort in already established work. The location of the area and nature of the work could be used to promote the opportunity for members of the community to become involved in something new.

### Funding

The work already undertaken by the Trust has been done at minimal cost. Funding of \$1150 has been made available by Environment Southland which should be sufficient to get work underway for the first year with management of invasive weeds. The traps already installed have been taken from the Trust's existing stock of traps. The cost of maintaining these can be covered by Trust funds.

As work is carried out during the first year, the Trust will get a better idea of the effort and funds required for future work. Funding will be sought from various sources on a case-by-case basis.

## 5 Achieving Objective 1 – As far as practicable, to clear the area of invasive weeds and put in place long term maintenance.

### Management of Invasive Plants

The management of invasive plants will take a number of years and be on-going. The spread and diversity of plants will require an approach that makes the best use of available resources. Priority will be given to dealing with weeds that spread the quickest and weeds that are easiest to access. For instance, while unsightly, the area of Bamboo will only spread as fast as it can sucker out. Darwins Barberry on the other hand can be spread by birds.

Species such as Gorse and Broom are found throughout the area. With these species, removal of existing plants may open up fertile ground for seeds already in the ground to germinate. Replanting with a native species may help to suppress any regrowth.

To help with the long-term management of invasive plants, the Trust will carry out drone flights to photograph/video the area. Long-term, this will provide a record of where work has been carried out and where further work is required. The best time to carry out these flights will be in the spring when these plants are flowering, making identification easier. A base-line flight will be carried out in the spring of 2025.

Old Man's Beard is listed under the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord as a prohibited plant. Environment Southland will work with the Trust to manage the elimination of this weed.

### Management Techniques

The area has 5 vegetation zones:

- Saltmarsh
- Flaxland
- Banks of ditches and weirs
- Terrace
- Scarp

These are described in detail in 7, page 16.

A number of techniques are available to manage invasive plants.

*While foliar spraying is potentially the most expedient management technique, the Trust has agreed that because of the proximity of the estuary and ecology of the wetland we are trying to protect, foliar spraying will only be used in the Terrace and Scarp areas.*

*Herbicides that have active ingredients including Picloram and Metsulfuron will only be used in the Terrace and Scarp areas as these chemicals can translocate through the plant into the soil.*

Technique	Method	Comments
Physical removal	Hand pull, or dig the plant out.	Effective for seedlings or small patches. Ineffective for species with tubers or rhizomes.
	The whole root system needs to be removed when pulling or digging.	Can be time consuming and expensive. Digging with machinery can damage soil structure, damage nearby vegetation including roots and cause erosion or sedimentation.
Felling	Plants are cut at the base using a hand saw or chainsaw.	This method has limited use as many plants can coppice (re grow from the stump) or even regrow from the cut sections.  Effective for plants that do not coppice.



Technique	Method	Comments
		Not effective for species that coppice or can re-sprout from cut sections.
Composting	Covering the weed up with an impermeable mat or cover to kill weeds in situ.	<p>Effective for Some ground covers, some aquatic species.</p> <p>Ineffective for species with tubers or rhizomes, trees, shrubs.</p> <p>Can be time consuming as the mat may need to be laid for several months or years to kill plants.</p> <p>Mats can damage soil microbes, soil structure and roots and environment.</p>
Weed matting	Using a tight fibre mat that lets through moisture but limits light and	<p>Effective for keeping young trees and shrubs clear of weeds, often used as part of a tree planting program.</p> <p>Mats tend to be less than 1m<sup>2</sup> and remain in place.</p> <p>The use of biodegradable mats such as jute or wool are preferable to products that contain plastics e.g. synthetic carpet squares.</p>
Cut and Paste	<p>Use a sharp saw with large teeth.</p> <p>Cut stem as low to the ground as possible, including all branches and suckers, apply herbicide to both of the cut ends (including the cambium / outer layer using cut and paste herbicide gel, paint brush or hand held spray bottle.</p> <p>Do not leave cut material in direct contact with the ground, hang up, stack vertically against nearby vegetation or other.</p>	<p>Effective for woody weeds.</p> <p>Uses less herbicide and is more targeted than foliar spraying.</p> <p>Ensure herbicide is applied as soon as the cut is made.</p> <p>Less effective for species that can re-sprout from cut stems e.g. willows, or species with a lot of sap, or stumps larger than 20cm.</p> <p>Cuts must be made as close to the ground as possible.</p> <p>Rule of thumb – leave trunk no taller than it is wide</p> <p>Can be time consuming over a large area.</p> <p>Gel should be applied to cut stem as soon as possible after the stem is cut. This can be best achieved by two people working in pairs, one cutting and the other pasting.</p>
Drill and fill	<p>Drill holes every 5-10 cm around the base of the stem.</p> <p>Use a sharp drill bit ~10mm.</p> <p>Holes must point downwards to create a well for the herbicide.</p> <p>Holes need to be deep enough to go all the way through the outer cambium (living) layer. Herbicide injected into the hole filling the well.</p>	<p>Effective for, large woody weeds/big trees, species that can re-sprout from cut stems e.g. willows.</p> <p>Trees die standing slowly so ground cover is maintained.</p> <p>Dead trees may pose a hazard if trees are with fall distance of paths, fences, roads or buildings.</p> <p>Uses less herbicide and is more targeted than foliar spraying.</p>

Technique	Method	Comments
	Ensure herbicide is applied as soon as the hole is made.	
Ring bark	<p>2 or more cuts are made around the base of the tree. The cuts don't have to be very deep but they must go through the cambium layer and fully encompass the tree.</p> <p>The bark and cambium layer between the cuts is then peeled away and herbicide is applied to the exposed area, or herbicide is applied directly into the cuts.</p>	<p>Effective for large woody weeds/big trees and species that can re-sprout from cut stems e.g. willows.</p> <p>Less effective for: Trees with multiple stems close to ground level.</p> <p>Trees die standing so may pose a hazard if trees are with fall distance of paths, fences, roads or buildings.</p> <p>Uses more herbicide than drill and fill, but uses less herbicide and is more targeted than foliar spraying.</p> <p>Can be tricky to get the cuts to encompass the whole diameter and peel away the bark.</p>
Foliar Spraying	<p>Plants foliage is sprayed with herbicide. Application methods include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Knapsacks.</li> <li>➤ Motorised gun and hose.</li> <li>➤ Boom spraying.</li> <li>➤ •Aerial spraying.</li> </ul> <p>The entire plant needs to be covered.</p> <p>Using a surfactant and marker dye increases effectiveness and efficiency.</p>	<p>Effective for ground covers vine and creepers seedlings small to medium shrubs.</p> <p>Less effective for large trees and shrubs. Spraying above head height increases the risk of spray drift and makes it harder to get complete coverage.</p> <p>Climbing vines should be released from native vegetation and pulled to ground level before spraying (keeping as much foliage as possible for chemical uptake).</p> <p>Uses more herbicide than other methods.</p> <p>Quicker and more cost effective than most other methods especially when applied to a large area.</p>

#### Considerations

The following should be considered when carrying out control of pest plants.

- Different plants may need different techniques or tools to be used for effective management.
- Weed control is most effective when the plant is actively growing – late spring, summer, early autumn
- Schedule work so weeds are controlled before they have flowered or seeded.
- Target the intact areas first (areas with less weeds) and take a 'ring fence approach'. Target small outlying patches first and work towards larger patches
- Target mature plant sites first as this will reduce the number of new seedlings, but clear small plants under mature trees first before dropping the mature plant onto the site.
- Recheck the site on a regular basis and control regrowth.
- Weed waste should not be removed from site to prevent possible spread to other areas.
- For weeds that sucker (e.g. willow), weed waste will be hung off the ground to prevent re-rooting.
- Understand the chemical that you are using e.g. desiccant, systemic, long term effects and how it will work on the plant you are killing and the surrounding plants or soil.
- Select the most appropriate control technique for the species, site, environment, long-term outcome. It is important that the correct chemical is used if "cut and paste" or "drill and fill" techniques are being used.
- Only apply herbicides in suitable weather conditions.

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#### *Management Priorities*

Removal of invasive plants will be a long-term project and require continual maintenance. To make the best use of resources, priority will be given to species as follows:

1. Darwin's Barberry
2. Gorse and broom
3. Bamboo
4. Other species

However, this does not preclude the removal of any invasive plants at any time where the opportunity presents.

Work on removing these plants will start with those that are easily accessed – those located along and adjacent to tracks and then working outwards away from the tracks.

Where they can be easily accessed, invasive plants along boundaries will also be removed. Plants such as Broom and Gorse can damage fences as they grow and make maintenance of fences difficult. Removal of these plants along boundaries will also help towards creating good relationships with neighbouring property owners.

While it is not realistic to record the removal of every plant, areas of work will be recorded, including species removed and methods used.

*Management of Specific Species*

The Trust will use the following management techniques for each the invasive plant species.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Technique to be used</i>
Willow	<p>Cut and paste or drill and fill</p> <p>Drill and fill with undiluted Glyphosate.</p> <p>Paste with Glyphosate based gel.</p>
Broom	<p>Pull smaller plants where possible, or; Cut and paste.</p> <p>Paste with Glyphosate based gel.</p>
Gorse	<p>Cut and paste.</p> <p>Paste with Glyphosate based gel.</p>
Darwin's Barberry	<p>Pull smaller plants where possible, or; Cut and paste.</p> <p>Paste with Glyphosate based gel.</p> <p>Make sure pulled or cut plants are stacked with cut ends upwards.</p>
Bamboo	<p><b><i>Cut and fill.</i></b></p> <p>Cut 4 stems per square metre immediately below a node and fill hollow stem with undiluted Glyphosate.</p> <p><b><i>Cut and paste.</i></b></p> <p>Cut all stems. Cut at the first node above ground level to give a flat surface.</p> <p>Paste with Glyphosate based gel.</p> <p>Because of the density of the bamboo, the cut and fill method would require the least effort. A trial of both methods to determine effectiveness of each will be carried out.</p>
Blackberry	<p>Larger plants.</p> <p>Cut and paste.</p> <p>Paste with Glyphosate based gel.</p>
Old Man's Beard	<p>Management will be carried out under the direction of Environment Southland.</p>

## 6 Achieving Objective 2 - To manage pest animals in the area

The Trust will establish a network of rat, stoat and possum traps throughout the area as access permits. (Due to the vegetation, traps will need to be placed on maintained tracks). The proposed initial distribution of traps is shown in Figure 2. As tracks are developed and more is learnt about the distribution of pests, the distribution of traps can be adapted to achieve the best results.

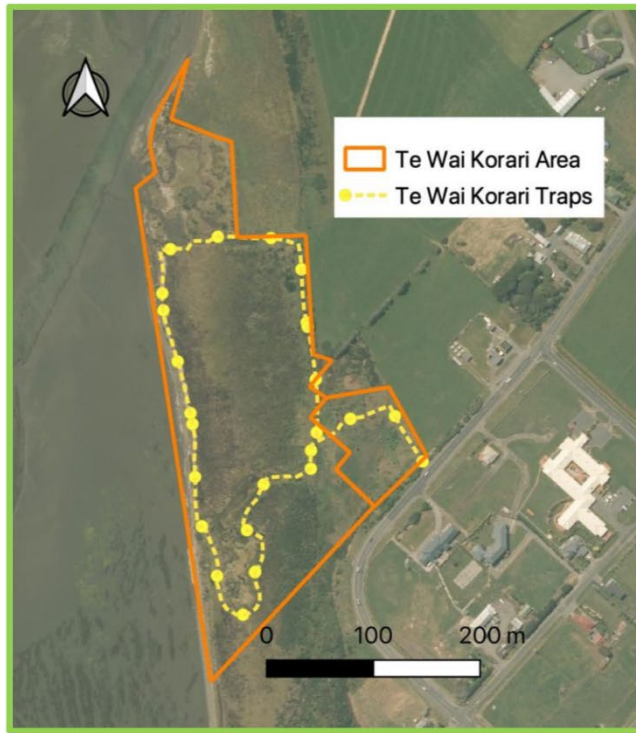


Figure 2 Te Wai Korari Traps



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## 7 Achieving Objective 3 – To commence a program of revegetation with native plants appropriate to the area.

The following has been provided by Jesse Bythell, QE 2 National Trust Regional Representative as a guide to revegetation.

### Introduction

Past efforts to establish enhancement plantings at Te Wai Karori have met with mixed success. Tough site conditions, competition from weeds and variability in available volunteer capacity have been contributing factors to some plants failing. Potentially some species used in the past were not suitable for the site, but without clear records it is not easy to determine the exact details. Some patterns can be discerned by observing some of the planted species which have survived.

### Site conditions

Prevailing conditions on the site are windy with some salt loading. Soil moisture and fertility vary across the site too, with the lowest lying areas experiencing salt incursion from tidal processes. Soils are 'Jacobs' type, characterised by estuarine sand on areas not exposed to the open sea. These soils are poorly drained, saline and frequently flooded. Jacobs soils have a deep rooting depth and high available water, but rooting is likely to be limited to shallow depth for most species because of the salinity. The soils are poorly drained due to the high groundwater table. Textures are silt loam in the topsoil which grades to sandy textures at depth.

The ecosystems present on site include saltmarsh and flaxland – two wetland types which are now nearly gone from the Riverton Estuary. In the past there would have been lowland podocarp-hardwood forest on the upper terraces and sand dunes with their associated specialist native plants on the seaward site. Today few local examples of coastal forest remain on the estuary, except the area of vegetation grading from forest to rushland at the western edge of Jacobs River Estuary near to where Longwood Road commences. Note however, this established forest is sheltered from the prevailing westerly winds on the estuary side and is capable of supporting a greater range of plants including some which are more sensitive species. A subset of these plants is recommended for Te Wai Karori – species which are tough enough to handle salt, wind and full sun.

### Planning and design

Practical considerations like enabling ongoing access and using fast-growing plants to reduce the maintenance burden are important when selecting what plants to use. For example, flax is very versatile, but it does create a hazard when leaves need to be cut back from tracks (i.e. sharp points and slippery leaves on the track). Consider how wide the tracks need to be (1.5 m recommended) and the growth form and mature size of plants being used near tracks.

Choosing where to start how to phase planting can be a challenge with a complex site like this. Focussing on areas near to tracks first, then working your way out can be helpful as the track network makes access for maintenance easier and seeing progress is encouraging.

The covenant deed stipulates only local native species can be used. It is recommended plants are sourced from reputable local nurseries which follow good eco-sourcing practices. Using plants from gardens is not advised as these are often cultivated forms and hybrids from species which do not occur naturally in Southland. It is recommended that scientific names alongside common names are used when ordering plants – some common names are used very informally and sometimes there is confusion when a non-local species has the same name.

Other sources for plants include replanting of plants sourced within the area. For instance, flax is easily divided and replanted. Seedlings could be raised by the Trust for planting in the area.

Exotic grasses such as hard fescue (*Festuca arundinaceum*), gorse (*Ulex europaeus*), blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) and broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) will compete with young plants for moisture and light. Spot spraying 6 weeks before planting is recommended followed up by regular release spraying. Using plant guards will significantly increase plant survival by making it easier to find plants, providing shelter from initial site

stress (wind, salt) and provides a spray guard. Care should be taken to avoid spraying on windy days – if grass is taller than the plant guards stomp it down before spraying to reduce non-target spraying impacts. Spraying too frequently when grass is short means it will rot away very quickly and provide an open space for gorse to germinate, spraying when vegetation is too tall risks non-target impacts. Spraying 2-3 times per year may be adequate for this site – some experimentation may be needed to get the balance right.

Due to the low frost risk on site best planting times are May – October when there is more soil moisture. Recommended planting sites discussed below tend to be 'high and dry' and planting in a windy, sunny site over the warmer months will put more stress on young plants.

### Planting recommendations

#### *Saltmarsh habitat*

Conditions within the saltmarsh (including lower tidal zones and oioi rushland areas) are very harsh and natural recruitment is the best option.

#### *Flaxland*

Generally speaking the flaxland area does not require much supplementary planting. Some open grassy areas may be left strategically unplanted so that in future benches or tracks can be threaded through these areas.

Gorse, broom and Darwin's barberry can be controlled in the flaxland (cutting and pasting is the least likely to cause non-target impact). Note, current extent of gorse and broom in this habitat is likely at its limit.

#### *Banks of ditches and weirs*

A series of ditches exist across the site and past weir construction has resulted in elevated. The slight increase in fertility and reduced soil moisture support woody species and disturbance tends to favour gorse and broom (e.g. when ditch spoiling is dumped). The lower end of ditches will experience saltwater incursion and the upper parts will be more influenced by freshwater.

Areas where gorse and broom currently establish are good clues to sites which will tolerate native shrubs, for example mikimiki (*Coprosma propinqua*) and saltmarsh ribbonwood (*Plagianthus divaricatus*). Flax may also be used (away from tracks) and ditch edges could also support ti kouka/cabbage trees (*Cordyline australis*) and purei (*Carex secta*).

#### *Terrace*

Below the gravel track and the ditch lies an area which is less influenced by saltwater and at times may be relatively dry. Historically this area was used for a landfill and there could be a range of hazards (e.g. broken glass, rusty metal) so care should be taken when working in this area. Clumps of rank hard fescue make walking about a challenge.

Species which can grow fast will provide the most immediate results. Consider using flax planted at low density to help break up the wind. Taller forest species will alter the view towards the estuary and the distant hills from the interpretation sign. Restricting the plantings to shorter species (e.g. toetoe, mikimiki, flax, manuka will grow less tall in the strong wind) with intermittent cabbage trees could achieve a more natural look without impeding views. Use purei (*Carex secta*) around the wet area where grey willows have been successfully poisoned.

Note, wild hops (*Humulus lupulus* var. *lupulus*) have become established on site near the gravel track. This smothering vine will put significant pressure on newly planted trees and control is recommend – see the Weedbusters website for effective techniques: <https://www.weedbusters.org.nz/what-are-weeds/weed-list/hop/>

- Cabbage trees (*Cordyline australis*)
- Mikimiki (*Coprosma propinqua*)
- Harakeke/flax (*Phormium tenax*)
- South Island toetoe (*Austroderia richardii*)

- Purei (*Carex secta*) - in wet areas
- Narrow-leaved mahoe (*Mahoe lanceolatus*)
- Red mapou (*Myrsine australis*)
- Shining karamu (*Coprosma lucida*) – not to be confused with weedy karamu (*Coprosma robusta*)
- Kapuka/broadleaf (*Griselinia littoralis*)
- Thin-barked totara (*Podocarpus laetus* syn. *P. hallii*)

#### Scarp

Below the road is a steep scarp which supports some native species as well as weedy plants such as Darwin's barberry and gorse. Recently some of the exotic plants on the road margin above have been cleared to increase views across the estuary from the nearby retirement village. Most of this scarp lies outside the covenant area, but the Trust is likely to work in this space too with permission from the Southland District Council. Note, some of the area is road parcel, some further southwards is public conservation land administered by DOC (gazetted in 1902 for public utility).

It is recommended any plantings in this area are positioned below the road height and care is taken to consider mature height, impact on views and road safety. South Island toetoe (*Austroderia richardii*) is hardy and attractive species which could be used along the top of the scarp below the road.

Suitable forest species which could be used lower on the scarp include:

- Cabbage trees (*Cordyline australis*)
- Mikimiki (*Coprosma propinqua*)
- Wineberry (*Aristotelia serrata*)
- Manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*)
- Koromiko (*Veronica salicifolia* syn. *Hebe salicifolia*)
- Narrow-leaved mahoe (*Mahoe lanceolatus*)
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Southern rata (*Metrosideros umbellata*) – prefers free draining sites, just plant a few to see how they cope.

The areas described in the preceding sections are shown in Figure 3.

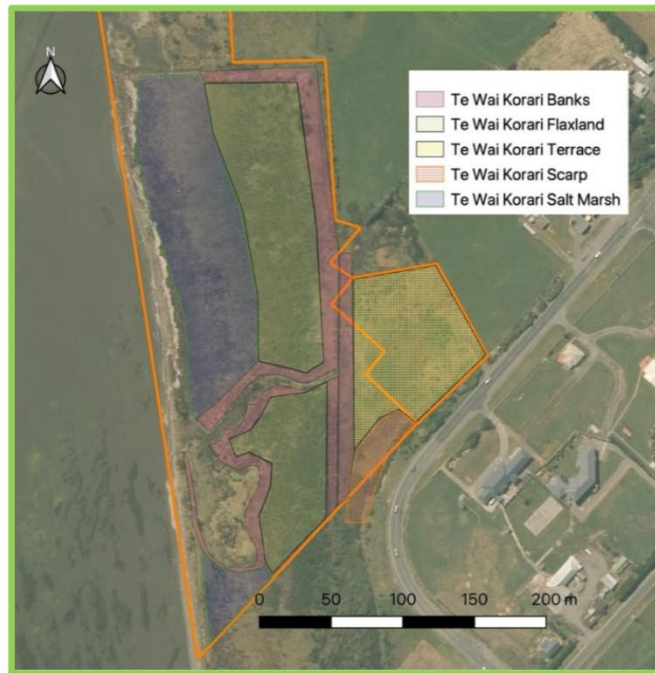


Figure 3 Te Wai Korari Vegetation Zones

## 8 Achieving Objective 4 - To develop recreational opportunities in the area.

Any future recreational opportunities will most likely be based around the network of tracks. While these are still basic tracks, they do allow for access from the highway to Jacobs River Estuary. Now that the tracks have been re-opened they are already being used by visitors. Use of the tracks will help in suppressing regrowth to keep the them open.

Long-term, depending on use, consideration may need to be given to pathing the more popular sections of tracks. Some of the tracks were gravelled when originally constructed by the Estuary Care Society. However this gravel has long ago been smothered by weeds. Initial work by the Trust has determined that it may be possible to strip to weeds off the gravel to reinstate these tracks.

The Aparima-Riverton Trails Trust may extend the existing tracks in the township to include the wetland as a destination. A possible route for a multi-purpose trail linking the wetland to the township is shown in Figure 4.

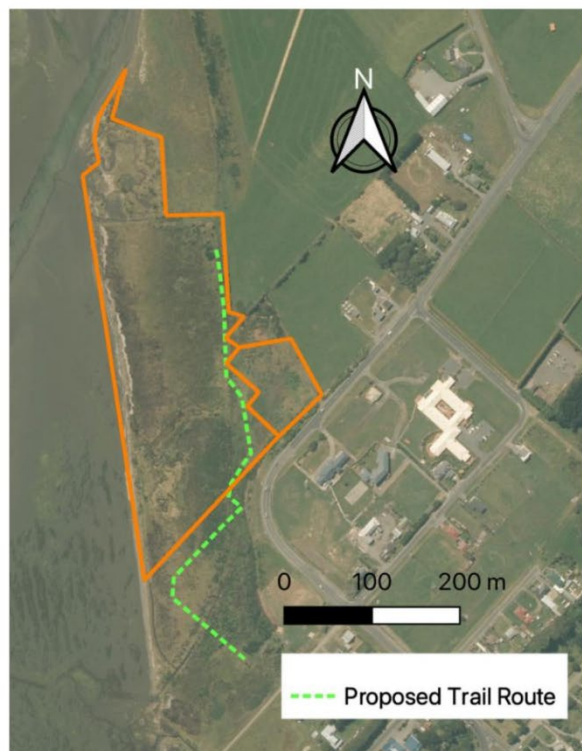


Figure 4 Proposed Trail Route



## 9 Appendices

### Appendix 1 Queen Elizabeth 2 Trust Covenant

No. 5/13/91

**OPEN SPACE COVENANT**

*(Pursuant to Section 22 of the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust Act 1977)*

**WHEREAS** RIVERTON ESTUARY CARE SOCIETY INCORPORATED

(hereinafter called "**the Covenantor**") is registered as proprietor of an estate as set out in the Schedule of Land hereto (hereinafter called "**the land**")

**AND WHEREAS** the **QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND NATIONAL TRUST** established by the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust Act 1977 (hereinafter called "**the Trust**") is authorised by that Act to obtain open space covenants over any private land

**AND WHEREAS** the Covenantor has agreed to enter into an open space covenant with the Trust for the purpose set forth in the First Schedule hereto

**NOW THEREFORE** in consideration of the covenants and conditions hereinafter contained **THESE PRESENTS WITNESS** that in pursuance of the said agreement and by virtue of Section 22 of the Act the Covenantor and the Trust with the intent and so as to bind the land into whosoever hands the same may come **MUTUALLY COVENANT** at all times to observe and perform the respective duties and obligations imposed by the restrictions, stipulations and agreements contained in the Schedules hereto to the end and intent that the same shall bind the land in perpetuity.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

The Purpose of the within written open space covenant is to achieve the following open space objectives of the Covenantor and the Trust:

- a) To protect and maintain the open space values of the land.
- b) To protect and enhance the natural character of the land with particular regard to the indigenous flora and fauna.
- c) To protect the landscape amenity of the wetland and its flora.
- d) To protect the Whitebait and its associated habitat.
- e) To prevent harvesting of the Whitebait.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

Interpretations, restrictions, stipulations and agreements

1. In the Deed unless the context otherwise requires:-
  - "**Act**" means the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust Act 1977.
  - "**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust.
  - "**Covenantor**" means the "**Owner**" who entered into this covenant with the Trust.
  - "**Trust Manager**" means the person appointed under Section 18(1)(a) of the Act.

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- "Owner" means the person or persons who from time to time are registered as the proprietor(s) of "the land".
- "the land" means the property or part thereof defined as subject to this covenant.
2. No act or thing shall be done or placed or permitted to be done or remain upon the land which in the opinion of the Board materially alters the actual appearance or condition of the land or is prejudicial to the land as an area of open space as defined in the Act. In particular, on and in respect of the land, except with the prior written consent of the Board, or as outlined in the Third Schedule and the approved management statement, the Owner shall not:
    - (a) Fell, remove, burn or take any native trees, shrubs or plants of any kind.
    - (b) Plant, sow or scatter any trees, shrubs or plants or the seed of any trees, shrubs or plants other than local native flora, or introduce any substance injurious to plant life except in the control of noxious plants.
    - (c) Mark, paint, deface, blast, move or remove any rock or stone or in any way disturb the ground.
    - (d) Construct, erect or allow to be erected, any new buildings or make exterior alterations to existing buildings.
    - (e) Erect, display or permit to be erected or displayed, any sign, notice, hoarding or advertising matter of any kind.
    - (f) Carry out any prospecting or exploration for, or mining or quarrying of any minerals, petroleum, or other substance or deposit.
    - (g) Dump, pile or otherwise store any rubbish or other materials, except in the course of maintenance or approved construction, provided however that after the completion of any such work all rubbish and materials not wanted for the time being are removed and the land left in a clean and tidy condition.
    - (h) Effect a subdivision as defined in the Resource Management Act 1991.
    - (i) Allow cattle, sheep, horses, or other livestock to enter, graze, feed or otherwise be present provided, however, that they may graze up to any approved fenceline on the perimeter of the land.
  3. In considering any request by the Owner for an approval in terms of Clause 2 hereof, the Board will not unreasonably withhold its consent if it is satisfied that the proposed work is in accordance with the aim and purpose of the covenant as contained in the First Schedule.
  4. Except with the prior written consent of the Board, no action shall be taken or thing done, either on the land or elsewhere, which will in any way cause deterioration in the natural flow, supply, quantity, or quality of any river, stream, lake, pond, marsh, or any other water resource affecting the land.
  5. The Owner shall notify the Trust of any advice received from any power authority, mining company, or other body or person of the intention to erect utility transmission lines or carry out any prospecting, exploration, mining or quarrying on the land and shall not signify any concurrence in relation to the proposed work without the written permission of the Board.
  6. (i) The Owner shall continue to comply with the provisions of the Agricultural Pests Destruction Act 1967 and the Biosecurity Act 1993 and all amendments thereto provided, however, that the Owner may request assistance from the Trust in carrying out the aforementioned responsibility.
  6. (ii) That in keeping with the aims and purposes of this covenant the Owner shall continue to comply with the Wild Animal Control Act 1977 and shall take reasonable measures for the control of wild animals as defined in the Act.

7. The Owner shall keep all fences and gates on the boundary of the land in good order and condition and will accept responsibility for all repairs. Except as provided for in Clause 8 herein rebuilding or replacement of all such fences and gates will be the responsibility of the Owner.
8. The Trust shall repair and replace to its former condition any fence, gate or other improvement on the land which may have been damaged in the course of the Trust exercising any of the rights conferred by the covenant.
9. Subject to any conditions mutually agreed between the Trust and the Owner, members of the public shall have freedom of entry and access to the land with the prior permission of the Owner.
10. The Owner may approve the use of firearms and traps by any person or persons for the eradication of noxious animals on the land.
11. The Trust, through its officers, agents or servants, may at all times enter upon the land for the purpose of viewing the state and condition thereof. In exercising this right, any officer, agent or servant of the Trust will notify the Owner in advance.
12. Any consent, approval, authorisation or notice to be given by the Trust shall be sufficient if given in writing signed by the Trust Manager and delivered or sent by ordinary post to the last known residential or official address of the Owner or to the solicitor acting on behalf of the Owner.
13. The Owner or the Trust may at any time during the term of this covenant, by mutual agreement, carry out any works or improvements, or take any action either jointly or individually, or vary the terms of this covenant to ensure the more appropriate preservation of the land as an open space in terms of the Act provided, however, such agreement is not contrary to the aim and purpose of this covenant.
14. The Trust may revoke this covenant if all the members of the Board are satisfied that by reason of any change in the character of the land or of any other circumstances which the Board may deem sufficiently material, this covenant ought to be deemed obsolete, or that the continued existence thereof would impede the reasonable use of the land without securing any practical benefit consistent with the purpose of the Act.
15. Nothing in these presents hereinbefore contained shall be deemed to render the Covenantor personally liable for any breach of these covenants and conditions committed after the Covenantor shall have ceased to be the Owner.
16. The Owner shall notify the Trust of any change of ownership or control of all or any part of the land, and shall supply the Trust with the name and address of the new owner.
17. If at any time prior to registration hereof by the District Land Registrar the Owner desires to sell or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the land such sale or disposition shall be made expressly subject to the restrictions, stipulations and agreements contained in the Second Schedule hereto.

**THIRD SCHEDULE**

1. To assist in achieving the aims and objectives of the covenant, a management statement will be prepared by the Owner and the Trust and reviewed from time to time, with a copy of that statement being held at the offices of the Trust.
2. The Owner may construct a weir on the land after prior consultation with the Trust as to siting and design and provide all necessary consents are obtained from the appropriate regulatory authorities.
3. The Covenantor and the Trust have mutually agreed that the land the subject of this covenant shall be known as Te Wai Korari Wetland.

**SCHEDULE OF LAND**

Land Registry:	Southland
Estate:	fee-simple
Area:	4.1833 hectares
Lot & D.P. No. (other legal description)	Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13, DP 14784 Block VI, Jacobs River Hundred
Certificate(s) of Title:	12A/68

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this memorandum has been executed  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1998.

RIVERTON ESTUARY CARE SOCIETY INCORPORATED

R. L. Guyton  
Chairman

W. Solomon  
Committee Member

THE COMMON SEAL of the QUEEN  
ELIZABETH THE SECOND NATIONAL  
TRUST was hereto affixed in the  
presence of:

Chairman	<u>Mr Bayfield</u>
Director	<u>G. J. Wells</u>
Trust Manager	<u>R. P. Jones</u>

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**OPEN SPACE COVENANT**

Pursuant to Section 22 of  
the Queen Elizabeth the  
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Correct for the  
purposes of the Land  
Transfer Act.

Riverton Estuary Care Society Incorporated  
Covenantor

  
Trust Manager  
being a person authorised  
by the Trust to certify on  
its behalf.

AND

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH THE  
SECOND NATIONAL TRUST



## 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

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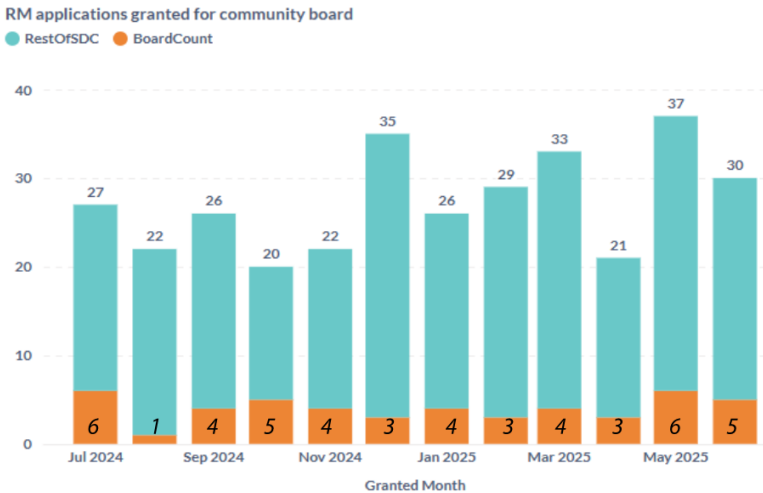
Tracker – ongoing

Pāua shell – surface repairs being investigated  
Surfer statue – Progress League fundraising steadily  
Thornbury Memorial WW2 plaques– graphics and content being collated

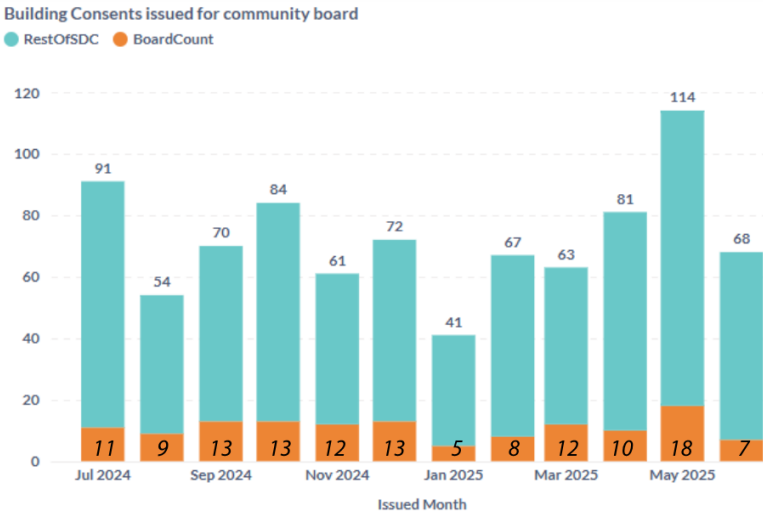
Upcoming priorities

Taramea Bay stage two – scope and tenders being drafted  
Pedestrian access to Riverton bridge from Colac Bay under investigation

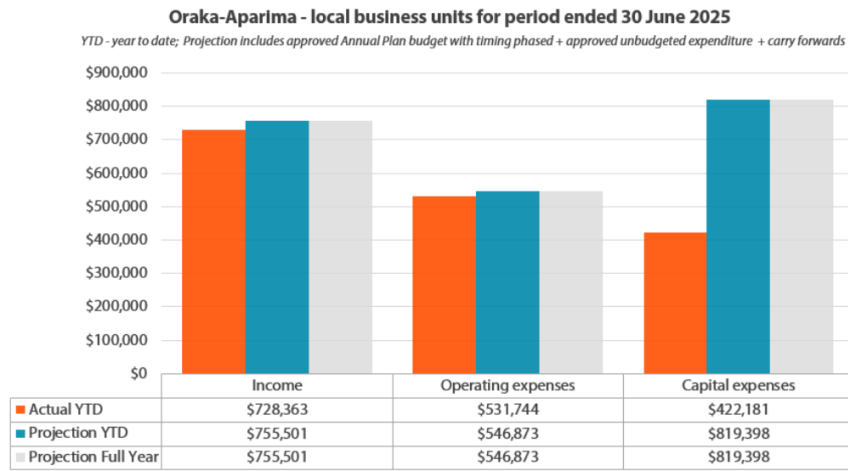
Resource consents granted by month



Building consents issued by month



Local budget information



Budget notes

**Income** is \$27k (4%) under projection. This largely relates to interest on reserves of \$5k and community assistance grants of \$7k that will both be processed as part of year end. \$5k relates to Better off Funding for the Taramea Bay playground that will be used for stage two and \$5k relates to the Better off Funding for the Colac Bay access steps. The remaining \$3k relates to the timing of NZTA/Waka Kotahi funding for footpaths due to less maintenance completed.

**Operating expenses** are \$15k (3%) under projection. This is largely due to the viewing platform refurbishment project that is under projection by \$10k as no costs have been incurred yet. This will be carried forward. Maintenance is under projection in the halls by \$7k as general maintenance is largely reactive. Interest is under projection by \$7k due to lower loan drawdowns last year than projected. \$5k of the under projection relates to community leadership miscellaneous grants that were not paid out during the year. Footpath maintenance is under projection by \$4k. Maintenance in the Parks and Reserves is \$18k over projection due to extra work by the community maintenance team at Riverton.

**Capital expenses** are \$397k (48%) under projection. This largely relates to the Riverton Taramea Bay playground that is \$276k under projection and a carry forward will be done for stage two of the project. Other projects also under projection include the Richard Street footpath project (\$55k), Colac Bay Hall lighting and heat pump project (\$17k), Colac Bay foreshore playground (\$14k), this is due to the costs being classified as operating expenditure. Colac Bay access steps (\$4k), estuary planting and riparian planting projects combined (\$25k), Manuka Street playground (\$5k), Thornbury playground equipment renewal (\$3k) as the swing was able to be repaired and doesn't need replacing.

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.

Local projects update

Activity	Name	Current Phase	Current Progress	Budget actual ytd
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Purchase and relocation of pāua shell	Delivery phase	On track	\$39,315
				\$38,221 P-11079
Installation completed. Surface repairs being investigated. Residual budget will be carried forward.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Colac Bay Manuka Street playground - equipment replacement	Business case phase	Off track	\$5,150
				\$0 P-10755
This project is on hold until we get direction from the board, the playground isn't on Southland District Council land. It will be carried forward to the new financial year.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton Taramea Bay playground - equipment replacement	Delivery phase	Monitor	\$566,429
				\$290,031 P-10799
Stage 1 of the project has been completed. Stage 2 scope has been presented to the community board and a report is to go to the next community board meeting to be signed off.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton - estuary planting	Delivery phase	Off track	\$20,000
				\$0 P-11213
Staff are talking to another contractor to progress this project. It will be pushed out to next year.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton - riparian planting	Delivery phase	Off track	\$5,000
				\$0 P-11214
This project has been pushed out to a future year and will now be combined with 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 projects that are the same.				
WASTEWATER	Riverton - new water treatment plant	Business case phase	Monitor	\$200,000
				\$63,403 P-11406
We are working on the concept design and currently getting a design peer review with the objective to go to tender with design, build and (operate for one year). The review is now with Council, and we are considering its findings. This could take time. Tender more likely later in 2025 with construction in 2026/2027.				
WATER STRUCTURES	Riverton harbour – refurbishment of viewing platform	Pre-delivery phase	Off track	\$10,000
				\$0 P-10692
This is currently out for procurement and will be carried forward to 2025/2026 period.				



Service contracts

Water and wastewater services operation and maintenance

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

Stormwater capital works at Walker Street were completed 18 July. This involved installation of two manholes and 20 meters of 1050mm concrete pipe. Minor works are required to complete.

Downer have scoped out stormwater capital upgrade works at Morton Street to replace approximately 100m of undersized failing infrastructure, works are expected to begin August 2025.

Mowing contract (Riverton, Colac Bay, Thornbury)

With the winter months we have seen a slowdown in the grass growth and the contractor has reduced the frequency of the mowing. The towns are looking tidy and there have been no RFSs received form the community.

Central Alliance roading contract

June 2026 was notable for long periods of light winds. At no time did winds reach gales (although close, twice) and little ‘stormy’ weather. There were two periods of frosts, 6 – 10 (when daytime temperatures didn’t rise above single figures) and 13 – 19 when highs ranged from 10 – 12oc. None of these frosts were particularly severe but did bring some icy road conditions. There was snow down to road levels on Saturday 28 June.

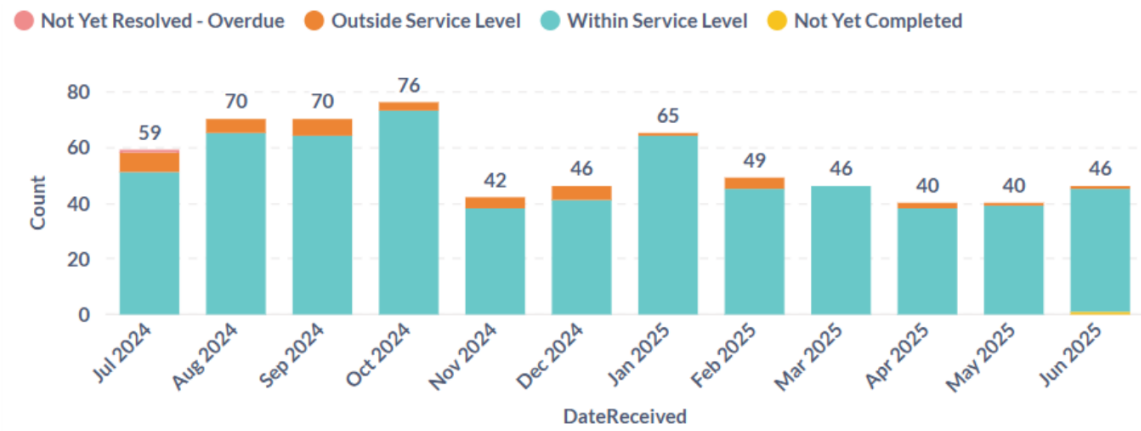
The month of June kept everyone busy. We had six bulk haulage trucks in completing the 2024/2025 gravel programme. We continued to get through the list of township street works before the end of the month, completing some gravel footpath top ups, lichen spraying, footpath edging and a footpath and kerb and channel repair.

The drainage team have been completing some of the sign night inspections, as time allows with the short daylight hours. We have also completed some minor drainage jobs. Clear Drain South is helping where and when required to unblock culverts. We and the subcontractors have been ice gritting when required.

The spray truck completed the final sealed road spray, and the swale drains that we cleaned out in Ohai and Nightcaps. We have been around and reviewed the water channel cleaning programme before we lock in any work with the programme for reseals, reducing the programme to 8540m, this reduction is due to full spraying being completed in prior months. The wooden culverts have been reviewed, and pipes have been purchased to replace the pipes that are in poor condition.

Service requests

Across the district there were 856 requests for service lodged during the period May and June 2025, of which 165 were related to three waters. 86 of the total requests belonged to this board area. A full summary of those requests follows overpage.



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



## Requests for service – breakdown by type

REQUEST TYPE	COUNT
<i>Bridge repairs</i>	1
<i>Community housing - general enquires</i>	1
<i>Community housing - repairs and maintenance</i>	12
<i>Council facilities - offices, depots, libraries rm</i>	1
<i>Council property enquiry</i>	2
<i>Culverts blocked - rural</i>	1
<i>Gravel road faults</i>	6
<i>Hazards</i>	5
<i>Litter matters rural (not state highway)</i>	1
<i>Parks and reserves - repairs and maintenance</i>	3
<i>Sealed road faults</i>	3
<i>Signs repairs (not stop/give way)</i>	3
<i>Streetlights out</i>	2
<i>Streetscape - vegetation</i>	2
<i>Toilets - cleaning, repairs and maintenance</i>	5
<i>Transfer/recycling station matters</i>	1
<i>Transport - contractor customer complaint</i>	1
<i>Transport general enquiries</i>	10
<i>Water and waste general</i>	7
<i>Water rural non urgent weeping water</i>	1
<i>Water structures - repairs/maintenance</i>	1
<i>Water urban asset damaged or undefined issue</i>	1
<i>Water urban non urgent weeping water</i>	1
<i>Wheelie bin - cancel/damaged/stolen</i>	10
<i>Wheelie bin - collection complaints</i>	1
<i>Wheelie bin - new/additional</i>	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>



## Chairperson's report

**Record No:** R/25/7/35857

**Author:** Rachael Poole, Committee advisor

**Approved by:** Vibhuti Chopra, Group manager strategy and partnerships

☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

### Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is for the board chair to provide an update to the Oraka Aparima Community Board (the board).

### Chairperson Weusten reports as follows:

2. This is the last formal report for the current OACB Board triennium, 2022-2025, and I thought it appropriate to recap on the significant projects that have been completed, that are well on the way to completion or that will be work in progress for the future board to review and progress.
3. Thanks also to an awesome board that has given so freely of their time and constructive thought, as we all jointly worked so cooperatively, to enhance our great community. Thank you to our deputy chair Neil Linscott, councillor Don Byars, Eve Welch, Emma Gould, Troy Holiday and Alby Buchannan.
4. With excellent support from all Southland District Council (SDC) staff in all our projects, we have seen:
  - the completion of Taramea Bay playground (stage one) including additional seating and fully accessible picnic tables from Pilot Reserve to Taramea Bay (an SDC Project).
  - the ongoing Palmerston Street beautification by the Riverton Beautification Group in maintaining planter boxes and adding an additional 6 boxes.
  - the iconic paua shell statue was relocated to a great new site by the main bridge. Remediation is stalled while council staff and contractors find the best solution and methodology to repair damage caused by water which caused some minor delamination. It will likely be delayed until the summer when painting conditions improve.
  - The completion of a new dunnite footpath from the Richard and Church Street intersection to the camping ground.
  - the Howells Point toilets repaired, refurbished and repainted by Riverton Lions Club. An awesome effort for our community.
  - reviewed the levels of service for the parks and reserve areas of the board. Proportionally, Riverton has a large area to maintain and we are focused on how we can contain or reduce costs through mowing fewer areas, less frequent mowing and higher cutting heights etc.
  - the Thornbury hall switchboard load-shedding upgrade (no more power failures, street fuse cut outs) and two new electric stoves. Unfortunately, we are still seeing very poor utilisation of this great facility.

- the Colac Bay Troopers hall had heat pumps added and new lighting, which now make this a great venue for all activities and is very well used by the community.
- new beach access steps were added at Colac Bay to give access over the rocky erosion barrier protection wall and this is a great improvement to beach accessibility.
- jointly with the Colac Bay Progress League, the Save our Surfer is progressing very well and stage one for the design and purchase should be signed off by Council by the end of our current term.
- pending, but signed off, is stage two of the Taramea Bay playground for a permanent asphalt pump track, a ninja/obstacle course for older children/adults, connecting trail signage, relocated basketball hoop and court and a children's bike track playground which includes games on the existing concrete area. It is expected that this will be completed this summer.
- the replacement of the Mores Reserve viewing platform and the completion of great new toilets and showers at Taramea Bay.

### **Future Projects and Challenges**

5. Housing and spatial planning - the district's spatial planning for the next 30-plus years is under way for Riverton/Colac Bay. Oraka Aparima Community Board is the second community in the process (to be confirmed). This was reviewed at our July workshop. Affordability and availability of housing for workers and families within our community is of real concern.
6. Other current items of concern to Riverton are the Bay Road intersection with SH99 (Aparima River Bridge) regarding the safety of the pedestrians crossing. The board believes this requires immediate redress and is investigating the option of removing the footpath in the immediate area closest to the bridge intersection.
7. We have also requested that Highways South and NZ Transport Agency - Waka Kotahi move the 50kmh sign to the township edge beyond Thames Street on SH99 (Tuatapere end) and the sign adjacent to Bupa Lifecare out to the Otautau Riverton turnoff.
8. In addition, we have requested an additional pedestrian crossing close to the SDC library, for access across to the ATM and medical centre. These requests are currently being reviewed by Waka Kotahi.
9. The Te Wai Korari Reserve (opposite Bupa-Longwood) has been transferred to the Aparima Pestbusters Society. They have completed significant track clearing and have placed a Menzshed picnic table just beyond the first bridge from the SH99 entrance. You can now walk the 1.2km loop track in 30 minutes.
10. Following stage two of Taramea Bay, perhaps FY 2026-2027, we are keen to see the initial development of Bath Road with long term BBQ's, picnic tables, form seating and toilets being introduced. Unless you are a local this is a vastly under-appreciated area of Riverton with outstanding views of the Aparima Estuary, the Takitimu mountains and stunning sunsets!!!
11. A local semi-retired artist, Roger Thompson presented ideas to the board on shrouding power poles with circular cut out tubes similar to Esk Street in Invercargill.

12. Cameras - the OACB has had multiple submissions for camera placement on the approach roads to Riverton and in placement to overview our main high value assets, Taramea Bay playground and toilets, paua shell etc. Other townships within Southland are going through this process, and any solutions identified by SDC will assist with future planning for Riverton township in this area.
13. Again, thank you, to our awesome community for your support and at time critiques, that we have, I trust, taken on board. Please at any time, do see me or a community board member with any ideas, feedback, concerns or clarifications.
14. FYI, I regularly update "Facebook - Riverton Haven by the Sea" and the monthly Western Star.

**Michael Weusten**

**Chair, Oraka Aparima Community Board**

### **Recommendation**

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

### **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.





## Councillor update

**Record no:** R/25/7/36101

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

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

☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

### Purpose of report

- 1 This report is to provide the board an overview of the matters that have been considered at Council and Finance and Assurance Committee meetings from 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 Byars 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"> <li>• Southland Oral History Project/Heritage South \$1,000</li> <li>• Shepherdess/Muster Vibrant Communities \$8,497</li> <li>• Winton Men's Friendship Choir \$1,500</li> <li>• Ladies Club of Winton \$1,500</li> <li>• South Coast Environment Centre \$3,000</li> <li>• Tuatapere District Promotions Inc./Central Western Archive \$1,500</li> <li>• Fiordland Trails Trust \$10,000</li> </ul>

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"> <li>• Central Southland College \$1,050</li> <li>• Riverton Rugby Club \$1,500</li> <li>• Mossburn School – Hockey \$1,050</li> <li>• Menzies College Netball Club \$1,500</li> <li>• Mossburn School – Netball \$1,050</li> <li>• Fiordland College \$1,050</li> <li>• Riverton Athletic Club \$800</li> <li>• Winton Football Club \$800</li> <li>• Takitimu Primary School \$800</li> <li>• Fiordland Swimming Club \$800</li> <li>• Northern Southland College \$1,250</li> <li>• Tokanui Netball Club \$450</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• to delay the update to the Pinus radiata default carbon tables</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that all high wilding species are excluded from the ETS system and current high wilding species are aged out of the program</li> <li>to prioritise research into transitional forestry and coppicing species.</li> </ul>
<b>11 June 2025 – Council Meeting</b>	
<b>Report</b>	<b>Overview</b>
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"> <li>Government legislative agenda</li> <li>Governance</li> <li>Rakiura Energy project</li> <li>Communications and engagement</li> <li>Information services</li> <li>Strategic planning</li> <li>Spatial planning</li> </ul> <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.
<b>25 June 2025 – Council Meeting</b>	
<b>Report</b>	<b>Overview</b>
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	Council set the rates for the year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026 with four instalment dates as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instalment One – 29 August 2025</li> <li>• Instalment Two - 28 November 2025</li> <li>• Instalment Three - 27 February 2026</li> <li>• Instalment Four - 29 May 2026</li> </ul>
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.
<b>25 June 2025 – Finance and Assurance Committee Meeting</b>	
<b>Report</b>	<b>Overview</b>
Finance and Assurance Committee work plan for the year ended 30 June 2025	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People and Culture update</li> <li>• Follow up on audit action points</li> <li>• Update on progress of the Environmental Services Business Plan</li> <li>• IANZ re-accreditation report</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Council approve that procurement work proceed to the tender stage for the new roading alliance maintenance contract</li> <li>• that the results of the tender evaluation process be reported back to Council for consideration of awarding a contract</li> <li>• that a roading workplan is created to give them a better understanding of the road maintenance contracts.</li> </ul>
Risk management - June 2025 quarterly update	The committee recommended to Council the adoption of the proposed priority strategic risk areas as follows, to become effective 1 August 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adverse event – the risk that Council is unable to appropriately respond to the consequences of a natural or human-induced</li> </ul>



	<p>event impacting the District leading to a loss of critical service continuity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Cyber security – the risk that Council’s systems do not have the resilience to protect information assets from cyber-attack and/or error</li> <li>• Decision making – the risk that suboptimal decision making by Council results in misalignment with community needs and/or expectations, or with statutory obligations</li> <li>• 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,</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Strategic relationships – the risk that Council fails to appropriately maintain its local, regional, and national relationships impacting its ability to achieve its objectives</li> </ul>
Annual Plan 2025/2026 recommended adoption	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.
Financial Report for the period ended 30 April 2025	Council received the financial report for the ten months to 31 March 2025. Both income and expenditure were slightly below budgeted 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 Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

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

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.



## Valedictory speeches

**Record no:** R/25/7/30982  
**Author:** Michal Gray, Democracy advisor  
**Approved by:** Robyn Rout, Governance legal manager

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### Executive summary

The purpose of this report is for the:

- Oraka Aparima 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 Oraka Aparima community.

### Recommendation

**That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:**

- a) receives the report titled "Valedictory speeches".
- b) thanks \_\_\_\_\_ for the service they/he/she gave to the Oraka Aparima community.

### Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.