



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

Date: 09 September 2025
Time: 6:30 pm
Meeting room: Riverton Senior Citizens Room
Venue: Corner Bath Road and Princess Street, Riverton

Oraka Aparima Community Board Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

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Community board delegations

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

Community leadership

- a) to provide leadership to local communities on the strategic issues and opportunities that they face
- b) identify key issues and opportunities that will affect the future of the board's community and work with Council staff and other local representatives to facilitate multi-agency collaborative opportunities
- c) promote a shared vision for the board's community and develop and promote ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes
- d) provide a local community perspective on Council's long term plan key performance indicators and levels of service as detailed in the long term plan, and on local expenditure, rating impacts and priorities
- e) develop and manage community board plans including keeping these up to date and relevant to community needs and aspirations.

Engagement and relationships

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

Advocacy

- a) as part of the long term plan or annual plan process, prepare a submission to Council on the proposed levels of service, income and expenditure within the community of interest
- b) as part of the long term plan or annual plan process, outline the relative priorities for the delivery of District services and levels of service within the board area (Council sets the levels of service for District Activities 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).
- c) Providing comment (through the chairperson) to assist the chief executive on making a decision on any objections received on temporary road closures or temporary prohibition of traffic.

Local activities

For local activities

- a) recommend to Council levels of service and budgets for local activities, having regard to Council budgets in the long term plan or annual plan process
- b) recommend to Council rates, user charges and fees to fund local activities
- c) recommend to Council or a relevant committee the approval of project definitions or business cases and procurement plans for capital expenditure over \$300,000
- d) recommend to Council or a relevant committee unbudgeted capital expenditure
- e) monitor the services Council delivers its communities and assess the extent these services meet community needs or the expected level of service

	<p>f) support the development of local management plans (for subsequent recommendation to Council) where required by statute or in support of the district plan, or other plans for reserves, harbours, or other community facilities, except where these powers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>g) for the Fiordland Community Board in relation to Te Anau Airport and for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community board in relation to Stewart Island Electricity Supply Authority (SIESA) these board's role is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recommend levels of service and annual budget to Council or relevant committee • monitor the performance and delivery of the service. <p>Environmental management and spatial planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide comment on resource consent applications referred to the community board for comment b) to make recommendations to Council about bylaws and about enforcing bylaws within the community, having regard to the need to maintain consistency across the District c) provide advice to Council and its committees on any matter of interest or concern to the community board in relation to the sale of alcohol, where statutory ability exists to seek such feedback d) provide input into regulatory activities not otherwise specified above, where process allows e) recommend to Council initiating an appeal to the environment court on decisions relating to resource consent applications that the board has made submissions on f) provide support to the development of community plans for a civil defence emergency and the recovery afterwards.
DELEGATIONS	<p>In exercising the delegations the boards will operate within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) policies, plans, standards or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council b) the needs of the local communities c) the approved budgets for the activity. <p>Boards shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers (Local Government Act 2002 section 53).</p> <p>Community wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) develop local strategies to improve areas of wellbeing (where a need has been identified)

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

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

- i) district community facilities (public toilets, library buildings, offices and amenity buildings)
- j) environmental services (building services, resource management, environmental health, animal services, emergency management)
- k) corporate support services

Local activities include:

- c) community leadership at a local board level (including local community grants)
- d) local community facilities (halls, community centres and other amenity buildings) within Council's activity management plans for community facilities
- e) water facilities (boat ramps, wharves, jetties and harbour facilities)
- f) locally **funded** open spaces (parks and reserves, playgrounds and streetscapes)
- g) parking limits, footpaths and streetlights
- h) Te Anau/Manapouri Airport (for the Fiordland Community Board)
- i) Stewart Island Electricity Supply Authority (SIESA) (for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board)

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.

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.

Approved budget for the financial year comprises the base budget approved by Council through the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan, along with any adjustments formally approved during the year for unbudgeted expenditure, forecasting changes and carry forwards by those with delegated authority.

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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, 12 August 2025

6 Public participation

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



Oraka Aparima Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

(UNCONFIRMED)

Minutes of a meeting of Oraka Aparima Community Board held in the Riverton Senior Citizens Room, Corner Bath Road and Princess Street, Riverton on Tuesday, 12 August 2025 at 6.30pm.
(6.38pm – 8.24pm)

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole
Mayor	Rob Scott
GM customer and community wellbeing	Sam Marshall

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Extraordinary/urgent items

There were no extraordinary/urgent items.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolution

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

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6 Public participation

James Jubb spoke to the board on behalf of the Aparima Trails Trust and shared their proposal (attached) for the Taramea Trail.

Sandy Gillett spoke about developing and Asher and Dasher track on Moores Reserves to recognise Dave and Dawn Asher. (attached)

Carole Elder gave an update on the fundraising for the Colac Bay Surfer Statue, currently they have a lotto number raffle happening and have a number of ideas for their next round of fundraising.

Reports

7.1 Colac Bay surfer statue project - unbudgeted expenditure request

Record No: R/25/6/29807

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor presented this report and asked the Ōraka Aparima Community Board to consider recommending 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.

Resolution

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

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.**

7.2 Project scope approval Taramea Bay playground stage two

Record No: R/25/7/33424

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor presented this report and was seeking 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

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. Final approval will enable procurement to proceed.

As part of the scoping the Board have asked for safety around the pedestrian crossing is investigated.

Resolution

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

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.**
- e) **recommends that increased safety and lighting of the pedestrian crossing, inclusion of a "Ninja Warrior" style course and BBQ placements are considered as part of this project.**

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

Record No: R/25/7/34042

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report, which was to ratify the submission that was lodged on behalf of the board. The board had previously discussed the information that they wanted to be included in the submission via email.

Resolution

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

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.**

7.4 Roothing bylaw, policy and policy procedures' review

Record No: R/25/7/35877

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and explained that this was an opportunity for the board to give feedback on the roading documents which will assist staff to identify issues and propose options for Council before undertaking public consultation.

The board will request that staff attend a workshop in September so they can have a better understanding of what is permitted for each of the bylaw and policies being reviewed prior to giving any feedback.

Resolution

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

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Roading 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) **request that staff attend a workshop in September prior to the board providing feedback for the review of the Roading Bylaw 2008 (Revision 3 2024), Roading Policy 2008 (Revision 1 2015) and Roading Policy Procedures 2008 (Revision 1 2015).**

7.5 Community board reporting

Record No: R/25/7/35206

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

- still waiting on a response from Waka Kotahi in reply to the letter that was sent in regards to the footpath by the bridge
- shared walking signage has been installed on the bridge by Waka Kotahi
- staff have given proofs for the World War II plaques at Thornbury to Annette Horrell

Resolution

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

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

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

7.6 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/25/7/35857

Chair Weusten spoke to this report and shared that as a Board there was a great amount of work completed over the last three years and thanked them for their hard work and commitment to their communities. Chair Weusten also thanked staff for their assistance and time over the triennium.

Chair Weusten invited Mayor Scott to say a few word. Mayor Scott commented that it is great to see the public attending the Bord meetings and he hopes that that will continue.

Mayor Scott thanked the Board for their commitment to the community board role and stated that Community boards are Council's biggest asset and the community to Council connection is invaluable and it has been great to see the board's passion for their area and their inclusiveness of their communities with their board area.

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) **requests clarification on the developer and financial contributions for developments and what is classified as a development through a workshop with staff in September 2025.**

7.7 Councillor update

Record No: R/25/7/36101

Councillor Byars spoke to this report and thanked Chair Weusten for his work as Chair of the Board. Councillor Byars also spoke about the pre election report showing projects that are happening in the Oraka Aparima Community that the board are not aware of (explained that the report pulls the projects from the Long Term Plan) and that the Inhouse water model was a well rounded process and a good result.

The Board gave thanks to Cr Byars for his role as Councillor.

Resolution

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

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

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

7.8 Valedictory speeches

Record No: R/25/7/30982

Chair Weusten invited Eve Welch to say a few words as she is not res-standing in the upcoming election.

Ms Welch said thank you and that a lot of good work has been completed over the last three years. Local government is a curious beast, Oraka Aparima is a great community to be a part of and thanked staff, special mention to Mark Day.

Resolution

Moved Eve Welch, seconded Cr Byars **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Valedictory speeches".**
- b) **thanks Eve Welch for the service she gave to the Oraka Aparima community.**

The meeting concluded at 8.24pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of a meeting of the Oraka Aparima Community Board held on 12 August 2025.

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON:

Attachments – Public Participation

10.8.25

Proposed Asher's (or D.Asher's) track

My name is Sandy Gillett and I am on the Projects committee for Riverton Lions.

Firstly, I'd like to thank the Riverton Community Board for allowing me to speak at your meeting tonight, so I can tell you about our proposal to create some new tracks at the bottom of Mores Reserve. All Council owned land as far as I know. Will check this.

2 years ago my son (now 13) suggested it would be a good idea to make Asher's (or D. Ashers) tracks at the bottom of Mores Reserve, as recognition for all the time and effort Dawn and especially Dave have spent in the area.

Leasing Ashers farm up Richard street we see many people walking and cycling up and down the road to and from Mores Reserve, along with many vehicles. It is a relatively narrow road with several "blind corners".

I see a neat opportunity to create 1 to 4 short tracks. From where the bush starts by the Pound, I'd like a Mountain bike and probably separate walking track either side of Richard street in the bush. The East side looks to be only about 100m up to Kings Track and the west side maybe 300m up to the toilets / car park.

There is already an "unofficial track" either side of Richard Street used by some locals, Pest Busters and Dawn. The bush is not too dense, no really big trees in the way, no major water ways and the terrain looks fun but not too steep for the tracks I envisage.

I have talked to Riverton Lions (Projects committee and Directors), Don (Riverton Pest Busters), Roger Baily (Local cycle trail advocate), Troy Holiday (local Mountain bike Enthusiast), Dawn Asher (Inspiration, local), Dave Howard (Southern Land Development, Bluff Mountain bike park), Llyne and Bill Grove (Aparima School Teacher and Dr respectively) and others. I have had 100% support for the tracks, however one person was concerned it may increase vehicles on an already busy road. Some just like the idea, others want to know when help is needed to "make it happen"

I have walked and enjoyed the Mores Reserve tracks myself and with friends and family. I have also enjoyed the Mountain bike trails at Sandy Point and the Mountain bike park at Bluff, where I was particularly impressed with the signage and variety of trails to suit different skill levels and challenge. I am not great on a bike or at navigation and found the signs very helpful so I could challenge myself without getting snookered.

I see this as a separate project to the proposed "high grade cycle and walking trails" planned near the Riverton township on gentler ground. Roger Baily was kind enough to discuss these briefly with me. Both have their own merit and an overlap of the "great outdoors interest and health benefits"

Any question's and suggestions are welcome,
Thank you all for listening, and I look forward to hearing your views.
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Unbudgeted expenditure request for repair of Pāua Shell, Riverton

Record no: R/25/8/38823

Author: Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader

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

☒ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☐ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for unbudgeted expenditure for the repair of the Pāua Shell in Riverton of up to \$15,000 excluding GST from the Riverton general reserve.

Executive summary

- 2 The Pāua Shell sculpture in Kohikohi Park, Riverton Aparima, has suffered damage due to water ingress, leading to paint bubbling and flaking.
- 3 Staff have investigated multiple repair options, each with varying costs, risks, and long term viability.
- 4 The Ōraka Aparima Community Board has provided feedback indicating a preference for an alternative finish, engaging a renowned local artist to deliver a realistic pāua style paint effect. This alternative finish is more cost effective for both the initial repair and any future maintenance or touch ups.
- 5 The Riverton general reserve has a balance of \$133,688 as at 30 June 2025 and is forecasted to have a balance of \$55,397 as of 30 June 2026. Funding this project will not require any additional rate increases.

Recommendation

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Unbudgeted expenditure request for repair of Paua Shell, Riverton”.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) approves unbudgeted expenditure for the repair of the Pāua Shell in Riverton of up to \$15,000 excluding GST from the Riverton general reserve.**
- e) approves the repair option to use a local artist to give a realistic pāua paint finish.**

Background

- 6 The iconic Pāua Shell has been a local landmark for many years and a project was approved in September 2022 to purchase, relocate and refurbish the shell. The existing veneer was stripped off the shell and defects to the shell were repaired with a resin sealer applied. Pāua effect automotive coating and protective top coats were applied and baked/cured in a specialist spray booth. The refurbished shell was installed into the new location at Kohikohi park in 2024.
- 7 Unfortunately, after installation, water has penetrated behind the paint layers, believed to be from micro cracking, due to the age of the structure and movement during shifting operations. This has caused bubbling and peeling of the paint, compromised the finish and raised concerns about the integrity of the substrate. Contractors removed the paint surface and applied a sealer coat to prevent further water ingress. Inspections indicate the sealer coat repair has subsequently bubbled with water trapped behind the sealer.
- 8 Council staff have been working with contractors to assess repair options and associated risks. The primary concern is ensuring any future solution considers ongoing potential moisture risks and looks to mitigate against this as much as possible. There were four repair options fully explored, and two other repair options partially explored.
- 9 The original top coat finish involved a specialist automotive style paint finish, chosen for its durability and glossy appearance. However, replicating this finish onsite is technically complex and expensive. As a result, alternative finishes were provided for consideration.
- 10 The board has given feedback on its preference for repair is the mural style repaint by an artist. Its layered and textured design will be better suited to hiding small imperfections and coping with future wear. The paint is considered more breathable which will minimise the risk of water ingress. The artist is confident of his paint choice and has offered ongoing support.

Issues

- 11 Repairing the Pāua Shell sculpture presents a challenge due to its age and ongoing issues with moisture getting into the structure. Each repair option investigated carries some level of risk, particularly because the internal condition of the shell substrate may not be stable. While contractors can guarantee the quality of their work, they cannot provide assurances about the shell's underlying structure.
- 12 Changing the finish might raise some concerns in the community, especially if it looks different from the original design. The cost to repair the shell with the artists option is considered less risk than proceeding with a car automotive option as this requires the substrate to be less than 4% moisture before sealer is applied along with replicating spray booth conditions on site. Any future maintenance of this method will be a similar cost due to the uniform and glossy paint finish.

Factors to consider

Legal and statutory requirements

- 13 None identified.

Community views

- 14 The local community has been asking when the Pāua Shell will be repaired and are eager for this to be resolved in a financially sustainable way.

Costs and funding

- 15 The project to relocate and refurbish the Riverton/Aparima Pāua Shell final costs came to \$68,906. A further \$5,416 has been spent on initial repairing, sealing and colour application.
- 16 The scope of works for the repair includes realistic Pāua artwork using premium paints and ultra violet glaze. Removing any loose material, sealing both front and back of the shell with pigmented sealer to mitigate moisture leaking through the artwork, then the artwork to be repainted at a cost of \$12,507.50. Staff are seeking up to \$15,000, which includes a 20% contingency for unforeseen items/costs.
- 17 The balance of the Riverton general reserve is forecast to be \$55,397 at 30 June 2026.

Policy implications

- 18 The board has delegation to approve unbudgeted operating expenditure of up to \$20,000 for local activities.

Analysis

Options considered

- 19 The board needs to consider whether to approve unbudgeted expenditure for the repair of the Pāua Shell in Riverton of up to \$15,000 excluding GST from the Riverton General Reserve.

Analysis of options

Option 1 – approves unbudgeted expenditure for the repair of the Pāua Shell in Riverton of up to \$15,000 excluding GST from the Riverton general reserve.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• enables timely repair as the contractor can start now• supports a cost effective and sustainable repair method using a local artist, with future maintenance expected to be simpler and cheaper• allows the repair to proceed which preserves the shell and also community expectations• repair option mitigates moisture risk with a more breathable finish similar to murals painted on buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• involves unbudgeted expenditure, reducing the general reserve balance• the new finish may differ from the original, potentially leading to some community dissatisfaction.

Option 2 – does not approve unbudgeted expenditure for the repair of the Pāua Shell in Riverton of up to \$15,000 excluding GST from the Riverton general reserve.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• preserves the general reserve funds for other future priorities or emergencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• leaves the sculpture in a damaged and deteriorating state, potentially leading to further degradation• may result in further negative community perception due to inaction, especially given the public interest in seeing the shell restored.

Assessment of significance

20 Not considered significant

Recommended option

21 The staff recommendation is option one.

Next steps

22 Once approved, staff will start the procurement process.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.