



Agenda

Fiordland Community Board

Tuesday, 28 April 2026, 1pm

Fiordland Community Events Centre, Supper Room, 20/22 Luxmore Drive,
Te Anau



Chairperson
Deputy chairperson
Members

Diane Holmes
Julie Burgess
Marilyn Hunter
Nick Robertson
Luke Thomas
Monique Van Rensburg
Sarah Greaney

Councillor

What is important to us?

Our strategic framework is a big picture of what Council is planning to achieve for our communities in the next three years.

Council vision

Together, with our people, for our future. It's our Southland!

Council mission

Working together for a better Southland.

Our focus is

Strategic priorities



Connected and resilient communities - we collaboratively engage with our partners and communities, along with investing in agile and sustainable practices, to support a vibrant and thriving Southland.



Ease of doing business - we transform the customer experience through partnership, technology and continuous improvement.



Providing equity - we enable all residents to be able to access the same services and tools as part of a fair society.



Robust infrastructure - we deliver innovative and sustainable community focused infrastructure and facilities for the future



Thinking strategically and innovatively - we look for solutions outside of the norm and are not afraid to do something that we have not done before, and we think long-term about the solutions we are providing, while having the flexibility and agility to change direction as necessary.

Our goals for the LTP 2024-2034 are

Outcomes



Social - communities that are connected and have an affordable and attractive lifestyle.



Cultural - communities with a sense of belonging for all.



Environmental - communities committed to the protection of our land and water.



Economic - communities with the infrastructure to grow.



Community board terms of reference

TYPE OF COMMITTEE	Community board (board)
RESPONSIBLE TO	Boards are responsible to Council Each board will also have relationships with Council committees (these committees are outlined in the delegations manual).
SUBCOMMITTEES	Some subcommittees will report to community boards – these are outlined in section 8.5 of the delegations manual.
MEMBERSHIP	Ōreti and Waihōpai 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	Governance Elected members are responsible for providing leadership, setting direction and for overseeing performance (at a high level). 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. Roles outlined in the Local Government Act 2002 <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.

Additional roles of boards

Community wellbeing

- 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
- 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:
 - 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.
- 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:
 - recommend levels of service and annual budget to Council or relevant committee
 - monitor the performance and delivery of the service.

Environmental management and spatial planning

- 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) b) to develop local community outcomes that reflect the desired goals for their community or place. <p>Community board plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Regularly review and update the community board plan to keep the plan relevant. <p>Decisions on locally funded assets and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accept donations of a local asset (e.g. a gas barbeque, park bench, etc) with a value of less than \$30,000 b) approve project definitions or business cases for approved budgeted capital expenditure up to \$300,000. <p>Unbudgeted expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approve unbudgeted operating expenditure for local activities of up to \$20,000 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 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>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accept the highest tenders for rentals more than \$10,000 b) approve the preferential allocation of leases and licenses where the rental is \$10,000 or more per annum. <p>Community spaces and roads</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) authority to decide upon requests from the community, regarding names of open local spaces and the placement of structures and commemorative plaques. b) authority to decide on the name of public roads, private roads and rights of way <p>Community assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) establish a system for prioritising allocations, based on criteria provided by Council b) grant funds from the Community Partnership Fund c) allocate bequests or grants generated locally, consistent with the terms of the bequest or grant fund. <p>Northern Southland development fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Northern board can make decisions regarding funding applications to the Northern Southland development fund.
LIMITS TO DELEGATIONS	<p>Boards have no financial or decision-making delegations other than those specifically delegated by Council.</p> <p>Boards shall only expend funding on purposes for which that funding was originally raised and in accordance with the budgets approved by Council through its long term plan or annual plan.</p> <p>In accordance with the provisions of section 39(2) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2022 the board may not incur expenditure in excess of the approved budget.</p> <p>Matters that are not delegated</p> <p>Council has not delegated to boards the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make a rate or bylaw b) acquire, hold or dispose of property c) direct, appoint, suspend or remove staff d) engage or enter into contracts and agreements and financial commitments e) institute an action for recovery of any amount f) issue and police building consents, notices, authorisations and requirements under acts, statutes, regulations, bylaws and the like; g) institute legal proceedings other than the delegation to recommend to Council the initiating of an appeal to the environment court on decisions in respect to resource consent applications on which the board has made submissions.
CONTACT WITH MEDIA	<p>The board chairperson is the authorised spokesperson for the board in all matters where the board has authority or a particular interest.</p> <p>Board members, including the chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media or outside agencies</p>

	<p>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 <p>Local activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) community leadership at a local board level (including local community grants) b) local community facilities (halls, community centres and other amenity buildings) within Council's activity management plans for community facilities c) water facilities (boat ramps, wharves, jetties and harbour facilities) d) locally funded open spaces (parks and reserves, playgrounds and streetscapes) e) parking limits, footpaths and streetlights f) Te Anau/Manapouri Airport (for the Fiordland Community Board) g) Stewart Island Electricity Supply Authority (SIESA) (for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board) <p>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</p>

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.

1 Opening

The chair will open the meeting.

2 Apologies

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

3 Leave of absence

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

4 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 board member and any private or other external interest they might have.

5 Additional agenda items

Any additions to the agenda must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

[Minutes](#) of the Fiordland Community Board Meeting held on 23 February 2026.

7 Public participation

Requests to speak should be made by midday of the day before the meeting. Further information is available on www.southlanddc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 732 732 .

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9 Closure

The chair will close the meeting.

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Minutes

Fiordland Community Board

23 February 2026, 1.02pm.

Fiordland Community Events Centre, Supper Room, 20/22 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau

PRESENT

Deputy chairperson	Julie Burgess
Members	Marilyn Hunter
	Nick Robertson
	Luke Thomas
	Monique Van Rensburg
Councillor	Sarah Greaney

APOLOGIES

Diane Holmes

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

1 Opening

The deputy chairperson opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

Recommendation

There were no apologies.

3 Leave of absence

Resolved

Moved Cr Sarah Greaney/Luke Thomas

That the request for leave of absence from Diane Holmes (17 February to 31 March) is approved.

Carried

4 Conflict of interest

Item 8.5 Community partnership fund applications – January 2026 funding round had the following conflict of interest declared and stated they would not vote on the respective applications for funding.

- Marilyn Hunter – Fiordland Women’s Club (member)
- Monique Van Rensburg – Coffee group (member)
- Sarah Greaney – Te Anau Ukulele Group (sponsor), Fiordland Women’s Club (host) and Te Anau Football Club (sponsor).

5 Additional Agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Luke Thomas/Nick Robertson

That the Fiordland Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

Alyssa Harrington from Kidney Health NZ spoke to the board on their application to the Community Partnership Fund for community testing in Te Anau.

Jackie Knowles from Te Anau Ukulele Festival spoke to the board on their application to the Community Partnership Fund for their bi-annual festival.

The meeting adjourned at 1.28pm and recommenced at 1.31pm.

Reports

8.1 Te Anau Airport Manapouri Update - January 2026

Record No: R/26/2/5430

Report presented by Councillor Sarah Greaney

A copy of the latest Te Anau Airport Manapouri newsletter, created by Great South, was attached as an update.

Resolved

Moved Cr Sarah Greaney/Marilyn Hunter

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.2 Councillor update

Record No: R/26/1/3001

Report presented by Councillor Sarah Greaney.

This report is to provide the community board an overview of the matters that have been considered at Council and Finance and Assurance Committee meetings from 13 November 2025 to 28 January 2026.

Cr Greaney gave the board an overview of Council's risk management profile, which risks are increasing, stabilising and decreasing.

Resolved

Moved Cr Sarah Greaney/Monique Van Rensburg

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

Item 8.5 was brought forward in the agenda.

8.5 Community partnership fund applications - January 2026 funding round

Record No: R/26/2/4392

Report presented by community liaison officer, Gordon Crombie

The purpose of this report is for the Fiordland Community Board to allocate funding for the January 2026 round of the Fiordland Community Partnership Fund.

Resolved

Moved Luke Thomas/Nick Robertson

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as administrative based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and is therefore not significant. The assessed level of significance indicates that the community is kept informed of the decisions made in this report, rather than engaged prior to this decision being made.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Receives applications from the following:
 1. Fiordland Community Garden Charitable Trust
 2. Big Bay Awarua Conservation Trust
 3. Te Anau Ukulele Festival Charitable Trust
 4. Fiordland Womens' Club
 5. Mararoa Dog Trial Club
 6. Kidney Health New Zealand
 7. Fiordland Land Search and Rescue
 8. Te Anau Clay Target Club
 9. Te Anau Football Club
 10. Fiordland College Board of Trustees
 11. Waitutu Incorporation
- e) Declines a grant of \$1,400 to Fiordland Community Garden Charitable Trust to assist with the cost of garden/sustainability workshops.
- f) Declines a grant of \$5,000 to Big Bay Awarua Conservation Trust to assist with the costs of ecosystem restoration at Te Hokiauau/Big Bay.

- g) Approves a grant of \$5,000 to Te Anau Ukulele Festival Charitable trust to assist with the costs of the 2026 festival.
- h) Approves a grant of \$1,000 to Fiordland Womens' Club to assist with the costs of their 50th anniversary celebrations.
- i) Approves a grant of \$4,000 to Mararoa Dog Trial Club to assist with costs of upgrading club facilities to cater for hosting the South Island Championships and other events.
- j) Approves a grant of \$3,000 to Kidney Health New Zealand to assist with costs of facilitating a two day kidney testing programme in Te Anau.
- k) Approves a grant of \$632.50 to Fiordland Land Search and Rescue to assist with the costs of an aviation radio necessary for safe drone operations.
- l) Declines a grant of \$5,000 to Te Anau Clay Target Club to assist with the costs of hosting the Sporting Nationals in 2027, and asks them to reapply during the May 2026 round.
- m) Approves a grant of \$1,500 to Te Anau Football Club to assist with the costs of football equipment.
- n) Approves a grant of \$1,500 to Fiordland College Board of Trustees – Fiordland College Netball 'A' team to assist with the costs of participating in the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament.
- o) Declines a grant of \$700 to Waitutu Incorporation to assist with the costs of the Dark Sky Experience.

Carried

8.3 Community board reporting

Record No: R/26/2/4371

Report presented by community partnership leader, Stella O'Connor

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. Activities spoken about included:

Te Anau Waterpark survey received 325 submissions, report to come to next meeting

Lakefront concept survey strong themes coming through of support for the wider path and ensuring that mitigation is included for the extreme lake levels.

Cr Greaney requested that Rotary and families who have installed memorial seating are approached and their feedback is respected prior to anything being decided around the seating.

Staff are looking at the feasibility of public toilet being located near Steamers Wharf, this would be a district funded project if it goes ahead.

Resolved

Moved Nick Robertson/Cr Sarah Greaney

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.4 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/26/1/1226

Report presented by deputy chair Burgess.

The purpose of this report is for the chair to update the board on activities they have been involved with since the previous meeting.

Board members are also able to provide an update on any recent events and issues of relevance and interest to the community board.

Deputy Chair Burgess shared that the Manapouri Hall has been painted and is looking great. Ms Burgess shared an update from the Manapouri Weedbusters. (included at the end of the minutes)

Resolved

Moved Luke Thomas/Monique Van Rensburg

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The meeting closed at 3.29pm.

Confirmed on

Lions Park, Te Anau - reconfirmation of name

Record no: R/26/3/108664
Author: Sara-Jane Fitzgerald, Property advisor
Approved by: Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing
Report type: Decision

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is for staff to present the Fiordland Community Board with Council's knowledge on the historic background information behind the naming of Lions Park, Te Anau and for the board to reconfirm this name.

Staff recommendations

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as being of some importance but not significant based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and therefore no engagement will be undertaken.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) receives the historic background information on the naming of Lions Park, Te Anau.
- e) confirms that the land at 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau known as Lions Park remains to be officially known and referred to as Lions Park.

Executive summary

- 2 The Lions Club of Te Anau Incorporated (Lions Club) have requested that Council and the Fiordland Community Board confirm the official name of the park known as Lions Park and further request that it be called Lions Park in perpetuity, as long as it remains a Council reserve.
- 3 The land at 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau locally referred to as Lions Park was resolved to be officially known as Lions Park by the Wallace County Council in 1965. Given the time since 1965 reaffirming that name is appropriate.

Context

- 4 Fiordland Community Board chair Diane Holmes attended a meeting of the Lions Club, as a guest speaker, in April 2025 to discuss Lions Park and the playground concept plans.
- 5 During this meeting members of the Lions Club discussed the club's history with the park dating back over fifty years, including the installation of the previous playground equipment.

- 6 The Lions Club advised Diane that there is a possibility of the club winding up due to dwindling membership numbers and as such, discussed options Council and the community board could look at as a way of acknowledging the club's history with the park.
- 7 The Lions Club requested they would like a letter from Council confirming that the official name of the park is Lions Park and that it will be called Lions Park in perpetuity as long as it remains a Council reserve.

Discussion

- 8 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau is legally known as Lots 26 – 31 Block I DP 280 and Section 136 Block I Manapouri, and was by New Zealand Gazette 1998 page 1653 classified as a recreation reserve and vested in the Southland District Council.
- 9 In August 1965, the commissioner of Crown Lands advised the Wallace County Council (WCC) that control of 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau, would be transferred to them shortly, and subsequent communications to the Lions Club advised them of this change in control.
- 10 The Lions Club wrote to WCC in September 1965 requesting “that the name ‘Lions Park’ be given every consideration when your officers decide the official title of the area now under construction by the Lions Club will be known by. The club also wishes to confirm its intention to fully develop this area as outlined to the County Town Committee at our recent meeting.”
- 11 During the WCC meeting of 1 October 1965 a report was put forward “Communication from the Club suggesting that the name ‘Lions Park’ be considered as an official title for the area now known as picnic area, is under consideration.”
- 12 By way of 1 October 1965 WCC meeting minutes “Communication from the club suggesting that the name ‘Lions Park’ be considered as an official title for the area now known as picnic area was received and it was resolved that the name ‘Lions Park’ be given to this area as suggested.”
- 13 The County Clerk wrote to the Lions Club on behalf of WCC on 1 December 1965 to advise “This is to confirm that Council has approved of the picnic area at Te Anau, which your Club is developing, being known as Lions Park. Council also considered and approved your proposals for the development of this area and desires me to congratulate your organisation on its enterprise and public spiritness in this regard.”
- 14 Council staff recognise this 1965 resolution of WCC and reconfirm that the name of the park at 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau is still officially recognised and known as Lions Park and request the endorsement of the Fiordland Community Board on this naming acknowledgement.
- 15 Either by community board resolution or by gazette notice, no name can be assured in perpetuity. Given this, a community board resolution is considered appropriate to deal with reconfirmation.
- 16 Although not required as part of reconfirming the park name, staff consulted with the New Zealand Geographic Board about formally recognising the name Lions Park. Their response was “the Board doesn’t have any authority for reserves vested in local authorities.”

Options

- 17 The following reasonably practicable options have been identified and assessed in this report:
Option 1 – reconfirms the name Lions Park for 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau by resolution
Option 2 – reconfirms the name Lions Park for 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau by gazette notice

Option 3 – do not reconfirm the name Lions Park for 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau

Recommended option:

- 18 Option 1 - staff recommend that the Fiordland Community Board reconfirms Lions Park as the officially recognised and known name of 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau by resolution.

Option 1 – reconfirms the name Lions Park for 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau by resolution

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in line with the historic 1965 recommendation of the Wallace County Council acknowledges the efforts and contributions of the Lions Club at the park over the past 50 plus years request by the Lions Club to formalise the name Lions Park is actioned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none identified.

Option 2 – reconfirms the name Lions Park for 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau by gazette notice

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in line with the historic 1965 recommendation of the Wallace County Council acknowledges the efforts and contributions of the Lions Club at the park over the past 50 plus years request by the Lions Club to formalise the name Lions Park is actioned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is a cost to Council

Option 3 – do not reconfirm the name Lions Park for 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in contrast to the 1965 recommendation of the Wallace County Council declining the request of the Lions Club to formally recognise the name Lions Park.

Legal considerations

- 19 No legal considerations have been identified. Council’s manual of delegations gives community boards the authority to decide upon requests from the community regards names of open local spaces.

Strategic alignment

Strategic direction

- 20 This recommendation aligns with the strategic priorities of having a connected and resilient community by collaboratively engaging with the community.

Policy and plan consistency

- 21 No inconsistencies with Council's policies or plans have been identified. Naming of reserves is not mentioned in Council's 2016 reserve management policy

Financial considerations

- 22 There are no financial considerations.

Significance assessment

- 23 Staff have assessed this decision as being of some importance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and engagement is not required.

Level	Likelihood of engagement
Some importance or administrative	Council is not likely to carry out any engagement.
Moderate importance	Council may choose whether it carries out engagement, which may be targeted to directly affected individuals or groups.
Significant	Council will engage with directly affected individuals and groups and wider community engagement is likely, unless there are reasons under policy not to.
Critical	Council will engage with directly affected individuals and groups and wider community engagement is highly likely, unless there are reasons under policy not to.

Community views

- 24 The view of the Fiordland Community Board will be taken as the view of the community.

Climate change considerations

- 25 There are no climate change considerations relevant to this matter or decision.

Risk and mitigations

- 26 There are no significant risks in relation to this matter or decision.

Next steps

- 27 Following staff receiving the recommendation of the Fiordland Community Board, the decision on the endorsement of the name "Lions Park" for 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau will be officially recorded by Council and noted for future reference.

Attachments

- A Lions Park 1965 minutes and correspondence [↓](#)
B Lions Park Reserve Management Plan 2003 [↓](#)

LIONS CLUB

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BOX 47, TE ANAU

12/15

PRESIDENT c.n.tauri.
 PHONE 32.
 SECRETARY d.d.arthur.
 PHONE 36.

Mr. J.A.R.Walker.
 Wallace County Council.
 Dear Sir,

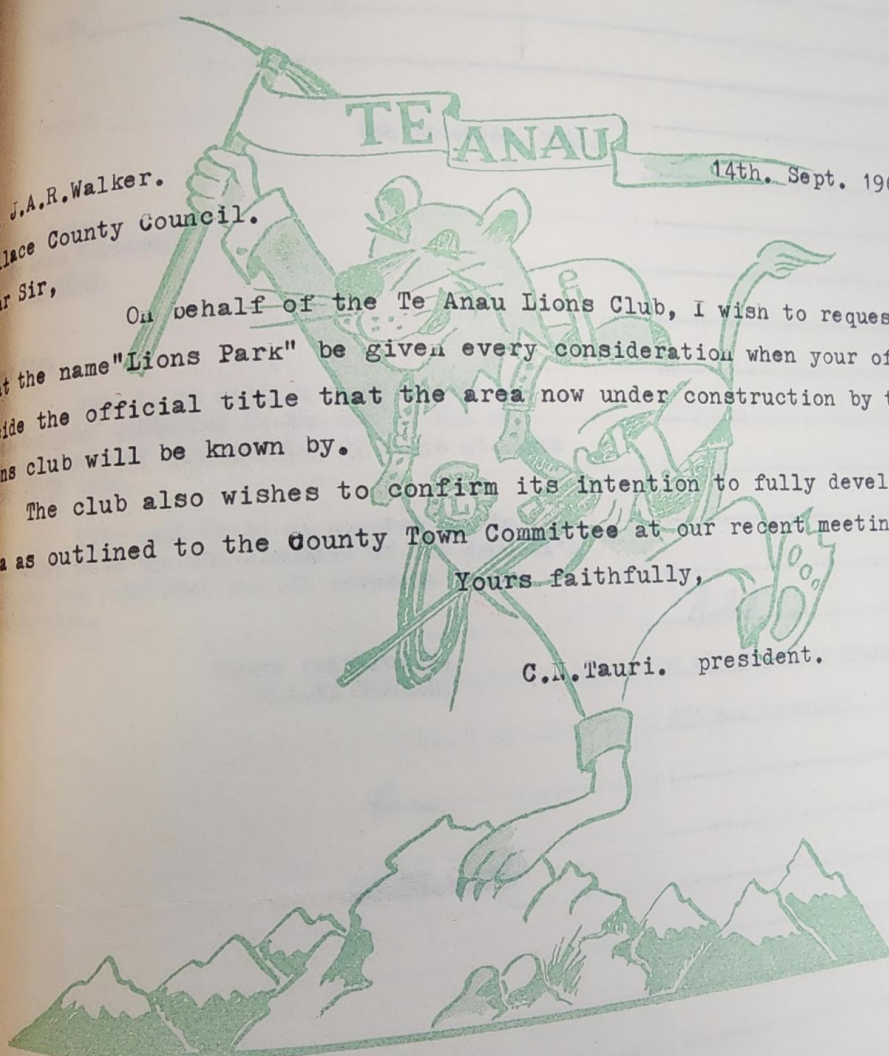
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On behalf of the Te Anau Lions Club, I wish to request
 that the name "Lions Park" be given every consideration when your officers
 decide the official title that the area now under construction by the
 lions club will be known by.

The club also wishes to confirm its intention to fully develop this
 area as outlined to the County Town Committee at our recent meeting.

Yours faithfully,

C.N.Tauri. president.



WALLACE COUNTY COUNCIL

File No. 12/3/45 12/15

ORDER PAPER: TE ANAU COUNTY TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING OF: 1st October, 1965.

SUBJECT MATTER: Picnic Area

NAME: Te Anau Lions Club

DETAIL: Communication from the Club suggesting that the name "Lions Park" be considered as an official title for the area now known as picnic area, is under consideration.

RESOLUTION: B A Leche MOVER: A K Andersen SECONDER.
Communication from the club suggesting the the name "Lions Park" be considered as an official title for the area now known as picnic area was received and it was resolved that the name "Lions Park" be given to this area as suggested.

ACTION: Letter

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1st December, 1965.

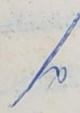
Mr D. Arthur,
Secretary,
Te Anau Lions Club,
TE ANAU.

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm that Council has approved of the picnic area at Te Anau, which your Club is developing, being known as Lions Park.

Council has also considered, and approved your proposals for the development of this area and desires me to congratulate your organisation on its enterprise and public spiritness in this regard.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.R. WALKER,


COUNTY CLERK.

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



File: 3517/0015

Lions Park

Te Anau 9

Description	
Location	Te Anau Terrace, Te Anau
Classification / Status	Recreation
Area (ha)	1.8100
Legal Description	Lots 26 to 31 Blk I DP 280 and Sec 136 Blk I Manapouri SD
Control	Te Anau Community Board
Previous Management Plan	This District Wide Reserve Management Plan replaces the 'Te Anau Reserves Management Plan 1999'
Hierarchy	Township
Adjacent Land	Lions Parks is bordered on two sides by road with residential properties to the north and to the south end local purpose reserve containing the toilets and sewerage pumping facilities.
Facilities	Children's playground, picnic facilities, seating, fire fighting facilities, ornamental plantings.
Acquisition	Lots 26-31 acquired in 1908. In 1966 the land was set apart as reserve for recreation purposes. Section 136 was originally part reserve. In 1966 the land was set apart for reserve for recreation reserve.

General Description

Located opposite the lakefront and containing a high quality playground, Lions Park is popular in Te Anau for gala days, New Year celebrations and for fire fighting competitions. Mature plantings border the reserve providing shelter and framing the reserve.

Specific Policies

- To continue to maintain Lions Park as an area of open space for casual recreation and children's playground.
- Camping is prohibited on Lions Park as per the Camping Bylaw (2000).

Future Development Potential

Consideration to be given to access, views and reserve use when developing any future planting.

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



Lions Park

Chairperson's Report

Record no: R/26/1/1227
Author: Rachael Poole, Committee advisor
Approved by: Robyn Rout, Governance legal manager
Report type: Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is for the chair to update the board on activities they have been involved with since the previous meeting.
- 2 Board members are also able to provide an update on any recent events and issues of relevance and interest to the community board.

Staff recommendations

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Chairperson update

Meetings and events attended

Those to note are as follows:

- 9/4/26 Chairs meeting in Winton, Deputy Chair Julie Burgess also attended
- 10/4/26 Meeting with Oliver Todd Senior Emergency Management Advisor, EMS
- Ollie advised the update of the Te Anau Emergency Management plan will take place in August
 - Once the plan is established the idea is to hold scenario based training to help with preparedness
 - I supplied him a list of key contacts, who were instrumental in helping in the Labour Weekend Weather event
 - Discussed Community Board Chair (or other FCB rep) role in an emergency to be one of co-ordination of communication
 - Event Centre now has its generator plug installed, Ollie and I will be at the Event Centre Trust next meeting to discuss other potential support from FCB to enable the Event Centre to be a central Hub in the event of any emergency.

Board Correspondence

Email to Mayor Rob Scott re floating sauna

Other Matters

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- Te Anau Cricket Club application for new bund. Although this is an operational decision Council would like Board's recommendation
 - Te Anau Football Club looking to establish a home for their club – staff asking for feedback from board
 - Airport update – Cr. Sarah Greany
 - Manapouri update – Julie Burgess

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Councillor update

Record no: R/26/3/108354
Author: Deborah-Ann Smith-Harding, Committee advisor
Approved by: Vibhuti Chopra, Group manager strategy and partnerships
Report type: Information

Purpose

- 1 This report is to provide the community board with an overview of the matters that have been considered at Council and Finance and Assurance Committee meetings from 28 January 2026 to 25 March 2026.

Staff recommendations

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Context

- 2 An overview of the reports that have gone to Council and the Finance and Assurance Committee is given in the table below.
- 3 This report also provides an opportunity for Councillor Greaney to highlight matters or to update the board on any other issues that have arisen around the Council table.
- 4 If you are interested, you can watch Council or Finance and Assurance Committee meetings via this link: [SDC youtube](#)

28 January 2026 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Wyndham camping ground - future management	Council approved the transfer of the remaining budget \$34,020.69 from the Baird-Hewat Square/Doctors Square project to Wyndham camping ground – construction.
Limehills community centre - unbudgeted expenditure	Council approved unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$40,000 to carry out maintenance at the Limehills community centre to be funded by a 10-year loan with repayments from the Limehills community centre rate.
Brydone recreation reserve grazing income	Council approved requesting the Minister of Conservation’s approval for the rental income from the Brydone recreation reserve to be spent on the running of the Brydone public hall.
Delegations update	Council approved and adopted the updated Delegations Manual, including the following amendments:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) changes to the community board terms of reference to remove reference to Council's subcommittees reporting to community boards ii) removing delegations to the Southland Regional Heritage Joint Committee ii) removing delegations under Smoke Free Environment Act 1990. <p>Council requested that staff review the delegation to the Community Boards from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for unbudgeted expenditure and report back to Council.</p>
Housing action plan update - January 2026	Council noted the information contained in the report and acknowledged the work undertaken to enable the action plan update.
TAB Venues Policy and Gambling Venues Policy review	Council agreed to conclude the review without requiring public consultation.
Winton CCTV camera project - unbudgeted expenditure	Council approved unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$27,000 (excluding GST) to be funded from the Winton Property Sales Reserve to cover costs of stage three of the Winton CCTV camera project (add two additional cameras on Great North Road at Night and Day (number 346), and Mitre 10 (number 91).
Draft Local Alcohol Policy 2026 - hearings information and submissions summary	Council received all submissions on the draft Local Alcohol Policy and thanked the submitters for their oral submissions at the meeting.
11 February 2026 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Submissions to Central Government on legislative reform	<p>Council noted the submission on the rates capping proposal and provided feedback on the draft submissions.</p> <p>Council approved, subject to completion of any amendments recommended by Council, submission of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Submission to Governance and Administration Committee - Emergency Management Bill ii) Submission to Environment Committee - Planning Bill iii) Submission to Finance and Expenditure Committee - Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill iv) Submission to Department of Internal Affairs - Local Government (Infrastructure funding) Amendment Bill (Development Levies System)

	v) Submission to Department of Internal Affairs - Simplifying Local Government proposal
Chorus New Zealand update to Council	Council noted and thanked Jo Seddon, the Community Relations Lead at Chorus New Zealand, for her presentation about Chorus, what it does and its plans for the network area.
Taumata Arowai update to Council	Council noted the information and thanked Water Service Authority – Taumata Arowai Engagement Specialist – Tim Cadogan for his presentation (Tim gave an overview of the Authority and answered Council’s questions).
Southland Regional Heritage Fund - interim funding round	Staff recommendations were moved by Council as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) agreed to implement an interim funding round for Southland Regional Heritage in March 2026 up to \$50,000 to be funded from Council’s Regional Heritage rate collected in the 2025/2026 financial year. e) agreed to the purpose and criteria of the funding round to be based on the Southland Regional Heritage Fund purpose and criteria with an amended focus on organisations and projects benefiting the Southland District Council area f) acknowledged and thanked Great South for supporting and administering this interim funding round g) that an interim advisory group be set up to discuss and recommend grant allocations from the fund to Council h) that the interim advisory group be made up of Councillor Duffy, Councillor Menzies, Southland District Council Roving Museum Officer, and a member of the Community Leadership team i) to undertake discussion with Iwi to request their input into the process j) agreed to fund from the regional heritage rate, the ongoing costs associated with the Roving Museum Officer role including a supplies budget, totalling \$53,750.
Te Anau Airport Manapouri newsletter	Council noted the information contained in the latest Te Anau Airport Manapouri newsletter, created by Great South.
25 February 2026 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Otautau tennis courts resurfacing project - unbudgeted expenditure request	Council determined that unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$30,000 plus GST, to be funded from the Wallace Takitimu general reserve, be approved so that the asphalt resurfacing option for the Otautau tennis courts can proceed.

<p>Wyndham camping ground - unbudgeted expenditure</p>	<p>Council endorsed the recommendation of the Waihōpai Toetoe Community Board to approve \$30,000 unbudgeted expenditure in 2025/2026 for the Wyndham Camping Ground – Construction of to be funded by the Waihōpai Toetoe Parks and Reserves Capital Fund Reserve and reduce the project in the annual plan for 2026/2027 from \$75,000 to \$45,000.</p> <p>Council agreed that the project continue regardless of approval from the Department of Internal Affairs for the transfer of Better Off funding of \$34,020.69, noting that this amount would be funded from the Waihōpai Toetoe Parks and Reserves Capital Fund reserve.</p>
<p>Financial Report for the period ended 31 December 2025</p>	<p>Staff presented Council with an overview of the financial results for the six months to 31 December 2025 by Council’s seven activity groups and corporate services, as well as the financial position and the statement of cashflows as of 31 December 2025.</p>
<p>Draft 2026/2027 Annual Plan financials and supporting information</p>	<p>Council received attachments containing the draft Annual Plan 2026/2027 financial statements, changes to fees and charges, project listing and analysis of proposed rates with an addition to reduce the toilets programme by \$1million and requested that staff prepare a report to Council outlining the revised programme for discussion.</p> <p>Council approved changes to the 2025/2026 budgets as requested by community boards and note that these have been incorporated into the opening balance position for the financial information for the Annual Plan 2026/2027.</p> <p>Council approved adjustments of \$22,065,205 to the 2025/2026 capital delivery programme for various projects, as recommended by the Finance and Assurance Committee, noting that these have either moved to 2026/2027, 2027/2028 or have been cancelled.</p> <p>Council agreed to use the District Operations Reserve to fund any shortfall on external debt interest resulting from differences in the timing of when Council charges interest and principal on new internal loans.</p> <p>Council agreed to maintain the funding of water and wastewater depreciation at the amounts included in year 3 of the LTP, resulting in water depreciation being funded at 80% and wastewater at 81% rather than the planned 75%, noting the move to fully funding depreciation on all three waters in 2027/2028.</p> <p>Council confirmed that the draft financial information for 2026/2027, including the projected operating deficit is financially prudent given Council’s financial position and previous policy decisions around the funding of depreciation.</p>

	<p>Council noted that there were no significant or material differences between the Annual Plan 2026/2027 and year three of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 and only minor changes to fees and charges for 2026/2027 and therefore agree not to undertake any formal consultation.</p> <p>Council agreed to inform the community about the Annual Plan 2026/2027 and changes to fees and charges.</p> <p>Council noted that the financial information presented may be subject to further changes prior to the final adoption of the Annual Plan 2026/2027 in June 2026, to reflect any subsequent Council decisions, updates arising from the April forecasting process, and changes in Council's rating information database.</p>
Transport Procurement Strategy	Council approved the Transport Procurement Strategy as endorsed by NZTA.
4 March 2026 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Local Alcohol Policy deliberations	<p>Council agreed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Trading hours – off-licences – set new hours, from 9am until 10pm on the same day (reduced from 7am until 11pm on the same day) ii) Trading hours – on-licences – other - removing the “no restrictions” wording iii) Sensitive places – including health centres, rehabilitation centres, Marae, and Fale Pasifika in the definition of sensitive places iv) Sensitive premises – no evidence of consultation required for new applications on existing premises for change of ownership v) Discretionary provisions – addition of consideration of glass vessels at special events vi) Timeframe for review – reducing the next review period to four years, with the following cycle returning to six years.
Draft Statements of Intent 2026/2027 for Great South and Space Operations NZ	Council endorsed the joint letter of response to the draft Statement of Intents as recommended to Council by the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee.
Appointment of members to the Ohai Railway Fund Committee	Council appointed Alanna Barrett, Shane Robertson, Kevin Dixon and Kevin Curtain as members of the Ohai Railway Fund Committee.

and Te Anau Water Supply Subcommittee	Council appointed Luke Thomas, Grant Bolger, Shane Buchanan, Craig Horrell, Jason Robson, Andrew Taberner and Luke Wright to the Te Anau Basin Water Supply Subcommittee.
Mayor's report	Mayor Scott spoke to his report. Robin McCall spoke about the Ōraka Aparima Community Board, and Pam Yorke spoke about the Waihōpai Toetoe Community Board.
Management report March 2026	Council received an update on recent staff activity across Council.
Spatial Plan update	Staff provided Council with an update on the Spatial Plan project and changes made because of the recent Resource Management Reform announced by Central Government.
Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for Consultation	<p>This report sought approval to proceed with a public consultation process. Council was given the draft Southland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2026-2032 for consultation, and resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council received the Medical Officer of Health feedback contained in the 2025 Southland Regional Waste Assessment (p118) in accordance with the stipulations of Waste Minimisation Act 2008 Clause 51(5)(b). • Council noted the Waste Advisory Group decision to revoke and substitute the Southland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2020-2026 in accordance with the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 Clauses 44 and 50(3)(a). • Council agreed to revoke and substitute the Southland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in accordance with the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 Clauses 44 and 50(3)(a). • Council adopted the Draft Southland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2026 – 2032 for consultation. • Council agreed to a Joint Hearing Panel comprised of the Waste Advisory Group representatives from each participating council, being two representatives from each WasteNet council. • Council noted that if the other WasteNet parties do not proceed options will need to be reassessed.
18 March 2026 – Council meeting	
Report	Overview
Adoption of Local Alcohol Policy 2026	<p>Council received the final Local Alcohol Policy 2026, and resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) public notification of the Local Alcohol Policy will take place on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March 2026

	<p>ii) adoption of the policy will take place 30 days post-public notification, on Monday 27 April 2026</p> <p>iii) the operative date of the policy will be the same as the adoption date, being Monday 27 April 2026.</p> <p>Council resolved that in adopting the Local Alcohol Policy 2026, the Combined Local Alcohol Policy 2015 is revoked.</p>
Update on Local Government Commission reorganisation investigation process	As this report was to provide an update on the Local Government Commission's process for the investigation of reorganisation of the local government structure in Southland, Council minuted its disappointment in being only allowed to have three elected members at the workshop being facilitated by Martin Jenkins on Monday 30 March 2026 with the Local Government Commission and the four councils.
Better off Fund - project update	Council was provided with an update of where the Better Off Funding projects are at currently.
Offer to gift Orepuki water tanks property (35 Oldham Street) to Council.	Council accepted the gift of land from the Orepuki Volunteer Fire Brigade being the property at 35 Oldham Street Orepuki containing the three firefighting water storage tanks and delegated to the chief executive the authority to execute any agreements or other documentation required to achieve the transfer of ownership of the property.
Local Governance Statement 2025-2028	<p>Council adopted its Local Governance Statement for the 2025-2028 triennium.</p> <p>Council delegated the chief executive to update the Local Governance Statement during the triennium as appropriate to ensure it is current and correct.</p> <p>Council requested that the chief executive investigate the status of the Southland Land Drainage Act 1935 and report back to Council.</p>
25 March 2026 – Finance and Assurance meeting	
Report	Overview
Finance and Assurance Committee workplan for the year ended 30 June 2026	Four new reports were added to the plan for the year, quarterly treasury report, community facilities contracts, 17a three waters and FMIS update.
Deloitte audit engagement letter, proposal letter, fee and planning report for the year ended 30 June 2026	The Committee received the engagement letter, proposal letter and planning report from Deloitte and agreed to the proposed 4.2% increase in audit fees, and delegated authority to the Mayor to sign the final audit proposal letter, incorporating any amendments agreed at this meeting and the authority to sign the engagement letter from Deloitte, covering the 30 June 2026, 30 June 2027 and 30 June 2028.

Annual Report 2025/2026 timetable	The Committee noted the key dates for the annual report 2025/2026 with the adoption of the report scheduled for 21 October 2026.
Accounting policies for the year ended 30 June 2026	Council adopted the accounting policies that will be used in the preparation of Council's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2026.
Request for Service Internal Audit Report	Deloitte completed an internal audit of Council's request for service systems and have identified five low to moderate findings. Staff will review the recommendations, assign actions, progress option and undertake work to complete.
Financial Report for the period ended 31 January 2026	The Committee received an overview of the financial results for the seven months to 31 January 2026 by Council's seven activity groups and corporate services, as well as the financial position and the statement of cashflows as at 31 January 2026.
Interim performance report - period two 1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026	The Committee noted the information contained in the Interim Performance Report for period two, from 1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.
Forecasted financial position for the year ending 30 June 2026	The Committee was informed of the expected year-end financial result compared to the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and to recommend to Council the resulting forecasted position. Council sought the endorsement of the Finance and Assurance Committee for retrospective unbudgeted expenditure requests with associated funding source and the deletion and deferral of several projects.
Quarterly treasury report as at 31 January 2026	The Committee was informed of Council's treasury position in accordance with the Investment and Liability Management Policy. Council sought approval for the updated interest rate risk strategy resulting in Council being within the thresholds by the 31 May 2026.
Capital delivery programme update	The Committee was provided with an update on the capital delivery programme that is included in the approved annual plan budget of \$70.54 million. The proposed forecast as at 28 February 2026 is \$73.42 million and incorporates (approved and proposed) budget changes made since the commencement of the 2025/2026 year. As at 28 February 2026 actual expenditure is \$20.87 million of \$56.68 million in committed works (in physical delivery or completed). The committed works currently represents 77.2% of the overall programme and relies heavily on the delivery of the transport (roading), three waters and B2B build programmes which are \$33.47 million of the remaining \$35.81 million (\$56.68m less \$20.87m) currently committed for delivery from now until year end.

Quarterly risk management - March 2026 quarter	<p>The Committee considered the March 2026 quarterly risk management report and noted those risks currently assessed as of significant issue for the March 2026 quarter.</p> <p>Three risks require an increased focus - adverse event, change, and financial sustainability and one risk has shifted from decreased to stable- social licence.</p>
Health and safety	<p>The committee received an update on health and safety activity and related events over the last quarter. Two health and safety representative meetings have been held for 2026.</p>
B2B Project Update	<p>The contractor (Amalgamated Builders Ltd) has provided a detailed construction programme, is now working onsite and the building consent has been issued.</p>

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Community board reporting

Record no: R/26/4/110045
Author: Stella O'Connor, Community partnership leader
Approved by: Sam Marshall, Group manager customer and community wellbeing
Report type: Information

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.

Staff recommendations

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Attachments

- A Fiordland community leadership report - 28 April 2026 [↓](#)
- B Fiordland operational report - 28 April 2026 [↓](#)
- C Fiordland Community Board projects update - 28 April 2026 [↓](#)



What's happening in your area

Tunatuna comes to Te Aika Reserve

The Tunatuna pop up pump track was installed at Te Aika reserve in Manapouri on 25 February and has already proven to be popular. From installation through to 31 March, the track recorded 4,444 counts (or circuits) of the 57m track, with the busiest day being the day after it opened, reaching a count of 1,017. Saturdays have been the most popular days so far, with peak use between 3 - 6pm, along with smaller spikes around 10am and 2pm. It's been great to see the community making the most of this temporary installation.



Upgrade of the Manapouri Wastewater Treatment Plan

Please be aware that work to install pipework for the Manapouri Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade will see part of SH95 between Manapouri and Te Anau (southbound) reduced to one lane from Wednesday 8 April. The work is expected to take around two months, with different sections of the highway affected at various times. Temporary traffic lights will be in place to keep everyone safe and traffic moving. We ask road users to allow a little extra time for their journeys and thank you for your patience and understanding while this important work is completed.

Town Map

A new Te Anau town map will soon be attached to the back of the outdoor noticeboard. The map highlights key locations, facilities, cycle and walking routes around town, making it easier for locals and visitors alike to find their way and discover what Te Anau has to offer. Be sure to check it out next time you're passing by.



Ivon Wilson Park dangerous tree removal

Tree removal work in Ivon Wilson Park was scheduled to begin on Tuesday 14 April and is expected to take one to two weeks to complete. Following recent inspections, a number of trees were identified as unsafe due to damage from strong winds after the storm event and posed a risk to park users. Removing these trees is a necessary step to ensure the ongoing safety of the public. Council acknowledges the time it has taken to work through storm damaged areas, as the event created a significant workload for our contractors. We appreciate the considerable effort involved and thank the community for their patience and understanding while this important safety work is carried out.

Lakefront improvement survey

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback on the Te Anau lakefront concepts during February and March, with 109 submissions received along with great kōrero at our community drop in sessions. Overall, there was strong support for improvements that enhance walking and cycling connections, widen paths, provide more seating, and improve access to the lake, including the floating jetty proposal. Again, the clear theme across the feedback was to freshen up the lakefront, keep it natural, low key, and in keeping with Fiordland's landscape, while carefully balancing safety, accessibility, and growing use by locals and visitors alike. This information will help inform the detailed design process.

Water Park Survey

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts on Water Park. We received 345 submissions, and it's clear this place is deeply valued by many in our community.

How people use Water Park

Most people visit Water Park for walking, with dog walking, quiet time, and biking also very popular. Many visitors do more than one thing on each visit, for example, walking and relaxing, or biking and doing jumps. Families highlighted how important the park is as a place for free, outdoor play, especially for children. *"Kids love to explore and use the outdoor mud kitchen... playing games like hide and seek, tag etc."*

There are also distinct user groups. Some young people use parts of the park for bike jumps and mountain biking, while others are concerned about safety and quiet. *"NNNO bikes."*

What the community thinks

Overall, Water Park is seen as a special place for kids, families, and anyone wanting time in nature. People love its natural, slightly wild feel. *"Personally I enjoy a quiet walk in a small forest, I do it for relaxation and joy."* *"...there is no other space in town that has the same calming sunlight filtered feeling"* At the same time, some people feel parts of the park are overgrown or hard to notice, especially around the pond. *"I don't use it as it is overgrown, unloved, dark and uninviting. The pond is an eyesore."*

What people want to protect and why

People were very clear about what makes Water Park special, things like the water, the trees, and the freedom to just be. The springfed water and pond are seen as precious, with strong cultural and environmental meaning. *"Protect the water because it's a spring, Wairoa, the purest form of water, the lifeblood of Papatūānuku."*

The bushy, dense canopy and slightly wild character are valued because they support many different experiences like children building and exploring, teenagers creating bike tracks, and others enjoying peace and quiet. *"The bike tracks created by teens for teens must stay."* *"Keep it simple, natural, and easily accessible. Keep it manicured in some places, and wild in others. Keep the open grassed spaces."*

What people would like to see

Many people would love more native planting, places to sit and relax, and better walking and cycling tracks. There was some support for car parking. Views on development are mixed. Some support small, practical additions like toilets and bins, while others feel strongly that the park should stay much as it is. There is clear opposition to large developments that could disturb the park's quiet nature, alongside strong support for better walking and cycling connections to town and the lake.

Future management

Most respondents want Water Park to remain a natural, *"wild"* sanctuary, not a manicured or overdeveloped park. Many feel the focus should be on basic care and maintenance, rather than major changes. Opinions on the Douglas fir trees are mixed. Some want to keep them, while others support change but carefully. Overall, people favour a slow, phased approach if any removal happens. While most feedback focused on protecting the park's current character, a small number of people shared bigger ideas for the future such as creating a small, self contained camping area to generate income for the community. One person provided a detailed concept for a new community/visitor focused venue, including a winding walkway and improvements to the HWY 94 / HWY 95 roundabout. Others felt the park could benefit from a new name, *"Waterpark is bland and unimaginative... most people didn't know it had a name or what its purpose is."*

The strongest message from the survey is clear. Water Park is loved for what it already is. The community supports gentle care, better connections, and small improvements, while protecting the park's wild character, natural play, and sense of calm.

Thank you again to everyone who took the time to share their voices.

Community Partnership Fund - criteria review

The Community Partnership Fund first started allocating grants just over five years ago in 2020, so it is timely to offer our community boards an opportunity to review their criteria. If you would like to do this, staff will come and workshop with you in the coming months in order to implement any changes for the next funding rounds in August/September. If you are happy with the criteria as it is, things will just continue to operate as usual.

Community Partnership Fund

The Fiordland Community Board made the following Community Partnership Fund grants for the January round:

• Te Anau Ukulele Festival Charitable Trust - 2026 festival	\$5,000
• Fiordland Womens Club - 50 th anniversary celebrations	\$1,000
• Mararoa Sheep Dog Trial Club - upgrade of club facilities	\$4,000
• Kidney Health New Zealand - two day kidney testing programme	\$3,000
• Fiordland SAR Committee - aviation radio	\$632.50
• Te Anau Football Club - football equipment	\$1,500
• Fiordland College Board of Trustees – Fiordland College Netball Team South Island Sec Schools Tournament	\$1,500

There is one funding round left for the financial year which closes 31 May 2026. Applications can be made online via the SmartyGrants link: <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants/>

Community Service Award Nominations

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

What's happening across the district

Oraka Aparima Community Board by-election

The final result for the Southland District Council by-election that closed at midday on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 is:

Ōraka Aparima Community Board (1 vacancy) votes received:

FREW, Don 443
 HEDDERSHAW, Mel INDEPENDENT 151
 SEAGER, Marina 150
 KIDDEY, Nick 76
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Don Frew is declared elected.

The voter return was 39.43%, being 826 votes.

Wyndham camping ground funds approved

The Wyndham Camping Ground has received a funding boost towards its reopening.

Southland District Council approved at its Council meeting on 28 January the transfer of the remaining Better Off Funded budget of \$34,020 from the Baird-Hewat Square/Doctors Square project to the Wyndham Camping Ground construction.

The Waihopai Toetoe Community Board has been working towards reopening the facility, which has been closed since February 2024 when the previous lease was surrendered. The site has recently undergone a significant clean-up with general repairs completed.

Board chair Pam Yorke said the project was an important one for Wyndham.

“Our community has expressed a strong desire to have the camping ground reopened and we view it as a vital asset for the future of Wyndham,” she said.

“We absolutely recognise its potential to attract visitors and stimulate local spending to support the town’s vitality, while also providing a necessary facility for people like seasonal workers.”

The board and council staff investigated the feasibility of installing user pays technology to enable the automated operation of the camping ground. The preferred Penny System will allow automated bookings, access and paid use of services at the camping ground. The funding will enable staff to progress the upgrades required while remaining consistent with the board’s objective to the project remaining cost neutral for ratepayers.

Community Service Award – Pamela Naylor

Garston stalwart Pam Naylor’s remarkable 57-year record of service to the northern Southland community has been acknowledged with an award from Southland District Council and the Northern Community Board on Saturday 28 May 2026.

There is scarcely a group, organisation or project that Mrs Naylor has not been involved in since she hit the ground running in Garston, newly married to Peter Naylor, in 1968.

Mayor Rob Scott said it was staggering how heavily involved in her community she had been over such a long time. “There’s barely a structure in the Athol/Garston area that hasn’t been touched in some way by the hand of Pam. Her legacy will be felt everywhere in the area for many decades to come.”

After starting Girl Guides and Brownies in the Athol/Garston area in 1969, Mrs Naylor was involved for 28 years. That same year she formed the first girls’ hockey team in the area, helped drive the development of the hockey ground on the Athol domain and was a Northern Southland hockey selector and coach for 15 years. She was also a member of the Garston Ice Skating Club for 20 years.

After being elected to the Garston Hall Committee in 1971 she served for 53 years.

She was elected on the Athol Domain Board in 1974, and continued that role until the formation of the Southland District Council Athol Community Development Area (CDA) Subcommittee in 1991. She remained on the CDA, serving 10 years as chair, until the CDAs were phased out in 2019, at which time she was elected as a member of the new Northern Community Board.

Also in 1974 she started work at Garston School as a clerical assistant and teacher aide, later becoming the librarian.

In 1980 she was appointed by the Girl Guide association as the Southland provincial outdoor instructor, holding this position for 29 years, as well as being the district and division commissioner during this time.

Mrs Naylor also looked after the school pool and was co-ordinator of the Garston Trail Bike Rids fundraiser for 40 years.

In 1993 she began a 32-year term as a trustee for the Athol Gallery Trust, and was a first responder for St John and the Garston Fire Brigade for 15 years.

She rolled up her sleeves and mowed the Garston cemetery, Presbyterian and Catholic church lawns for 25 years, as well as managing Garston postal services for 24 years.

Mrs Naylor was appointed as a justice of the peace in 2017.

She has been a driving force in countless community projects, including the Athol and Garston welcome signs, the Garston Peter Rabbit thinking seat, the Athol Anzac memorial seat, and Garston’s Russell Glendinning memorial seat.

Pam’s husband Peter received his own Community Service Award in 2022.



Community Service Award – New Zealand Rural Women Forestry Scheme

The pioneering spirit of the Rural Women New Zealand Forestry Scheme (Southland) Inc was celebrated on Saturday 28 May 2026.

Part of Rural Women Southland Interprovincial, the group's extensive contribution to the development of a productive forestry was formally recognised with the presentation of a Community Service Award from Southland District Council and the Northern Community Board.

Southland Mayor Rob Scott said he was honoured to recognise the “incredible dedication” of those involved.

“These ladies work tirelessly as volunteers getting things organised and done, without claiming recognition – all for the benefit of our Southland community,” he said.

“This honour bestowed extends far beyond the current members and is testament to the efforts of many since its inception 78 years ago.”

Approximately 90 hectares of bare land near Dipton was donated by George Hamilton and his brother, former Wallace MP Sir Adam Hamilton, in 1948 and a committee of 13 members was formed for an inaugural meeting on 4 February 1949.

Undeterred by perceived societal roles of the era, the group developed, harvested and replanted the forestry.

“Most of the menfolk at the time felt that women were unable to run a forestry but they persevered, even planting seeds and propagating fir trees,” the citation from Southland Interprovincial Rural Women NZ said.

Nowadays the forest is run by dedicated volunteers, employing Log Marketing to advise on tasks such as milling, spraying and pruning.

Income from the milling of trees is distributed to the 13 Southland branches and ultimately returned to the Southland community, helping with a vast range of local services, including swimming pools and lessons, coastguard, Hospice Southland, Ronald McDonald House Southland, St John, health shuttles and outings for children.

Part of the forest was identified within a QEII wetland in 1984, protecting the land in perpetuity.

Life member Ann Irvine, who served 22 years as secretary of forestry, took on a new role as wetland facilitator, organising trips for spraying, planting new trees and cutting tracks with her team of trusty volunteers.

A project to mechanically remove willows along the stream with the aim of lowering the flood risk to neighbours is currently under way and grants from Environment Southland applied for.

At the helm as president for the past seven years, Rhonda Symons has done a stellar job running the forestry operation – everything from liaising with neighbours about access for milling trees to organising hunters to control the wild pig population.

A life member since 1978, Heather Smith has held many positions in her local branch, serving as president and secretary of Interprovincial Rural Women and, for many years, treasurer of forestry. She can be relied on to produce facts and figures relating to the forest and wetlands.

The trio have been working on a new constitution for the forestry, which is nearing completion because of their dedicated efforts.



Community Service Award – Shirley McCully

Ask anyone who knows Shirley McCully and they'll tell you she puts her heart and soul into everything she does. And she has done plenty.

The busy Scotts Gap volunteer received a Community Service Award in Otautau on Thursday 2 April 2026 from Southland District Council and the Wallace Takitimu Community Board.

Presenting the award, Mayor Rob Scott said Mrs McCully was one of those “incredible” Southland heroes who worked behind the scenes to make their communities better places.

Mrs McCully, who is on the St John area committee in Otautau, has been the health shuttle co-ordinator for eight years. It is a busy role. The health shuttle takes people in western Southland to medical appointments across the region, and she often drives the shuttle, taking on extra trips if no other driver is available.

She is regarded as an excellent support person for new volunteer drivers and as the co-ordinator she contacts clients and drivers to work out the pick-up schedule on an almost daily basis.

For around six years she also spent many hours working for civil defence in the area.

Born in Ohai, Mrs McCully has lived in Scotts Gap since her marriage to husband Grattan in 1974. A busy farmer's wife, raising a family of three, she still managed to take her turn as the first female president of the local hall committee, be a parent helper on Otautau School camps and step up to help with other community activities.

She supported Girl Guides and Scouts, was a member of Lionesses and served on the Otautau Sports Complex committee. She has been part of Cancer Society Daffodil Day and served on numerous other committees.

When outdoor bowls was run in Otautau she was an active player and is past president of ladies' bowls. For a long time Mrs McCully organised the winter bowls competition. She has also been an official for Central-Western tennis and netball.

Mrs McCully thanked her husband Grattan and family for their support that enabled her to be so heavily involved in the community. "I've always believed that if your children are involved in something you need to be involved as well," she said.

Wallace Takitimu Community Board chair Tony Philpott thanked Mrs McCully on behalf the community, saying "these awards aren't given, they're earned."



Community funding

Sustainable funding workshop

Community Trust South is organising a Sustainable Funding Workshop. It will be on Wednesday 22 April, 9.30am-1.30pm, in either Winton, Lumsden or Gore, depending on registration demand.

The Sustainable Funding Workshop will be hosted by Exult and is packed with practical ideas to help your organisation work towards sustainable funding, developing a funding strategy and planning to achieve your strategy.

It will explore:

- the 7 key income streams for clubs and community organisations
- the difference between donations, sponsorship and grants
- why fundraising activities are still an important part of the mix
- how to increase your income by doing what you already do, but doing it better.

The workshop is free for organisations within the Community Trust South area.

Visit

https://communitytrustsofthoffice.smartygrants.com.au/regionalsustainablefundingworkshop?fbclid=IwZxh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAYnjpZBExcG9PUTRtbmRORlpkZndkTXNydGMGYXBwX2lkEDiyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAR6zuHdTf4xg44zc2sz0ml3nfd94c0gJs0VfQOISVRRmc9Ouj9XLUIEAnhC9g_aem_3c9FLrwhV2C4gJBohGAhTg to register.



Funding opportunities

Applications for the following grants closed on 31 March 2026:

- District Initiative Fund
- Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund
- Creative Communities Scheme

The following Southland District Council funds close on 20 December 2026:

- 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/>

Bursary and scholarship allocations 2025

Centennial Bursaries

Josh Cairns	\$2,000
Sophie Cundall	\$2,000

Valmai Robertson Arts Scholarship

Erika Leith	\$1,975
Jolie Hazley	\$100
Greer Hazley	\$100
Cameron Fox	\$100
Pepper-May Henwood	\$75
Emily Neems	\$75
Hazel Green	\$75

Eric Hawkes Memorial Outward Bound Scholarship

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Council department updates

Governance

Work streams progressing in the governance team include:

- Completing the Ōraka Aparima Community Board by-election. Don Frew was declared elected to the board on 4 March 2026
- Compiling elected member interest returns. The register of interests will be completed soon (this is legally required)
- Council appointing members to the Stewart Island Visitor Levy Allocations Subcommittee, the Te Anau Basin Water Supply Subcommittee and the Ohai Railway Fund Committee
- Council giving feedback on the Great South and Space Operations New Zealand Ltd statement of intents.

Policy and planning update

Climate Change

Regional activities

The Regional Climate Change Working Group held its first governance workshop on 12 March 2026. Key matters covered included:

- [Local Government Sector Climate Scenarios](#) – a tool which can aid local government’s long term planning
- Updates on key regional projects including Regional Climate Impacts Assessment and Community Climate Perceptions Survey results
- Progress against actions in the [Regional Framework for Action on Climate for Murihiku Southland](#)
- Government reforms and regional spatial planning
- Process to develop the first Regional Climate Action Plan for Murihiku Southland in parallel with councils’ long term plans for 2027-37.

Updated climate projections for Southland, prepared by Earth Sciences NZ (formerly NIWA) for Environment Southland, will be presented to the ES Strategy & Policy Committee on 15 April and will be made publicly available.

Climate adaptation

We are continuing work to assess risks from climate change to SDC’s assets and operations, with completion planned in mid 2026. The findings will help identify key issues for consideration in the next long term plan.

Emissions reduction

Staff are scoping options for organisational emissions reduction activities. The [Regional Climate Change Strategy for Murihiku Southland](#), adopted by SDC and the other Southland councils in 2024, includes an aspiration for Southland local government agencies to become net zero organisations by 2050.

Internal alignment

Following receipt of the updated climate projections for Murihiku Southland, we will integrate these into climate change information and resources for staff. Our internal staff climate change working group has recommenced meetings and is planning sustainability-focussed activities.



Fiordland Community Board

Tracker - ongoing

Henry Street playground – Tepee and seesaw still to come. Planting will be undertaken in Autumn

Lions Park – tower painted and playground inspection complete.

Fiordland community noticeboard – installed and map in production the back.

Upcoming priorities

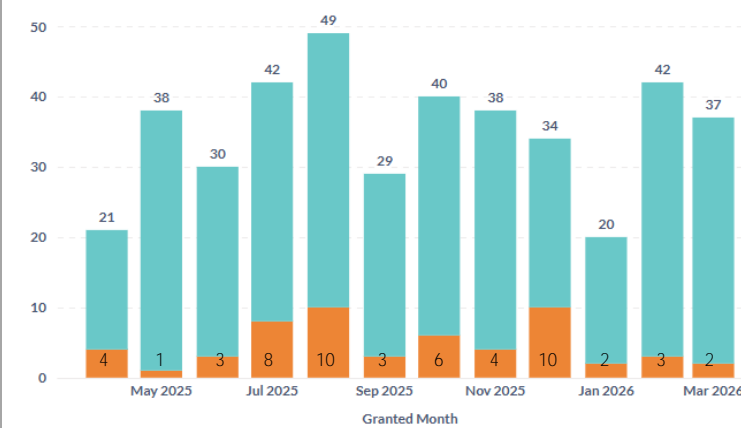
Fiordland Airport - Great South reports cover progress.

Lakefront concept improvements consultation evaluated and looking to progress to detailed design.

Resource consents granted

RM applications granted for community board

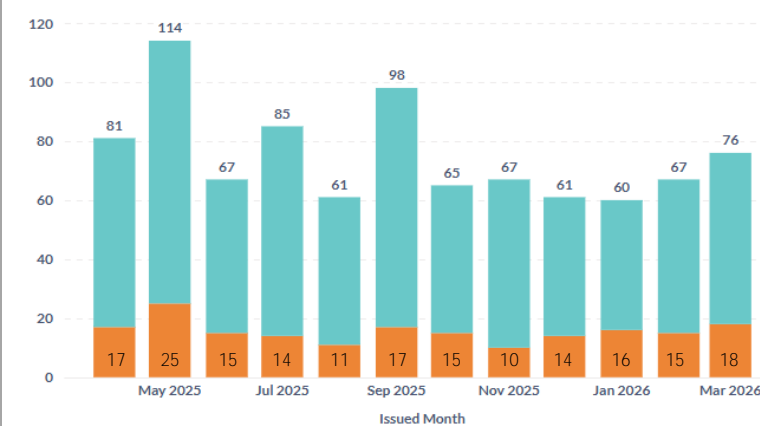
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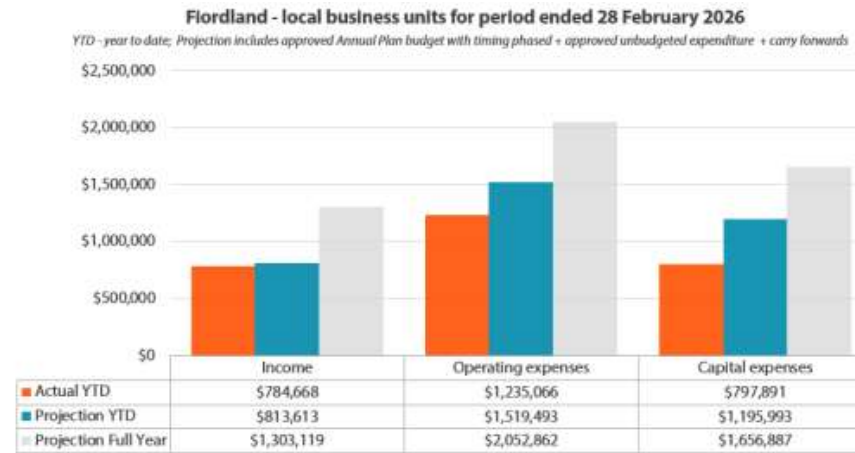
Building consents granted

Building Consents issued for community board

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Local Budget Information



Budget Notes

Income is \$29k (4%) under projection. \$13k relates to the airport largely due to less ground handling fees received than projected. Development contributions for the Lions Park playground are under projection by \$19k as they are yet to be processed and the Manapouri turbine sign grant is also under projection (\$5k) as it is not received yet. NZTA/Waka Kotahi grants for footpaths are under projection by \$6k and will be received as work progresses. Rental income is over projection by \$15k due to a rent increase.

Operating expenses are \$284k (19%) under projection. The airport is overall \$207k under projection largely relating to the timing of the budget for the stage two review that is phased to later in the year (\$148k). There are under projections in marketing (\$14k), management fees (\$13k) offset by savings in both insurance (\$11k) and interest (\$27k). Travel expenses are over projection by \$13k.

Areas outside of the airport are \$77k under projection. General maintenance codes are \$63k under projection across the community board area as general maintenance has a reactive component. Other items under projection include tree and hedge (\$9k) and footpaths (\$11k) with work ongoing in these areas. Insurance (\$4k) due to actual costs being less than budgeted. Rates (\$11k) as they were budgeted for before the Luxmore subdivision was sold and will not be incurred. Interest on loans (\$7k) due to a lower loan drawdown in the prior year. There are two maintenance projects underway at the Manapouri Hall, the repaint is currently \$10k over projection and an unbudgeted expenditure report will come to the board regarding this. The second project is the LED lights that are about to go to tender (\$12k under projection). These under projection items are then somewhat offset by community leadership grants showing as \$21k over projection due to the budget being spread evenly over the three funding rounds and the timing of the budget for the Fiordland pool grant (\$8k over projection). Storm damage costs have not been included as we are still working through this matter with our insurers. We will keep the board updated as more information comes to hand.

Capital expenses are \$398k under projection (33%). \$215k relates to the runway sealing project that is in progress. \$162k is the Te Anau Basin development project that has incurred minimal costs and has incurred an additional \$15k funded by the Milford Opportunities Project that are not reflected in the community board budget. \$377,837 of the Te Anau Basin development project is proposed to be moved forward into the 2026/2027 financial year as part of forecasting and will go to Council for approval in April.

Of the under projection \$13k is the Lions Park playground that is now in defects stage and \$5k relates to the sealing of the Manapouri footpath on Waiiau Street that has been completed with final invoices not yet received. Six picnic tables have been installed that were budgeted as an operating expense resulting in an over projection of \$6k and the Manapouri swimming pontoon is under projection by \$7k as it has incurred professional fees in relation to land use consents and part of the budget is phased until March.

Projects update

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

Service requests

Across the district there were 1024 requests for service lodged during the period January and February 2026, of which 213 were related to three waters. 91 of the total requests belonged to this board area. A full summary of those requests is below.

Requests for service summary

Request Type	Count
Abandoned vehicles	1
Community facilities general	1
Council facilities - offices, depots, libraries repairs and maintenance	1
Council property enquiry	1
Emergency services assistance	1
Footpaths	1
Gravel road faults	5
Hazards	3
Litter matters urban (townships)	2
Parks and reserves - repairs and maintenance	7
Sealed road faults	1
Street lights out	4
Streetscape - vegetation	13
Toilets - cleaning, repairs and maintenance	5
Transfer/recycling station matters	1
Transport general enquiries	8
Vegetation rural (overgrown or visibility issues)	2
Water and waste general	8
Wheelie bin - cancel/damaged/stolen	5
Wheelie bin - collection complaints	8
Wheelie bin - new/additional	12
Total	91

Service contracts

Water and wastewater services operation and maintenance
The 23/01 Operations and Maintenance Contract continues to operate across the Fiordland Community Board area.

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.

During February and March, Council began work in Manapouri for the treatment plant upgrade starting with the construction of a new wastewater main from the View Street pump station to the Kepler wastewater fields. At the same time, a water main is also being installed from Home Street to the Te Anau Airport.

The project consists of two components, with Fulton Hogan responsible for constructing the pipeline and Apex Water delivering the wastewater treatment plant. The project is being done to take the wastewater from Manapouri township to the Kepler wastewater fields for treatment.

Fiordland township mowing contract
The mowing/gardening contractor has continuously delivered above the level of service expected and the pride they take in their work is very easy to see when driving through the township.

They continuously go above and beyond and take on extra works showing their passion for the community, we will continue to work in partnership with the contractor to ensure no hold ups and a continuation of this high level.

Toilet/facilities cleaning
We are working towards lifting the standard of cleanliness throughout all toilet facilities and have implemented new plans and extra audits in line with the contractors management team.

Full deep cleans and water blasting is in progress to lift the standard, and better maintenance on a daily basis should be seen from this point forward.

Waimea Alliance continued...

January was a shorter month due to the Christmas and New Year Break. The break had minimal callouts which was great and the crews come back refreshed and were straight into their work.

The premix crew continued with their 2026/2027 pre-reseal repairs and are well over halfway through their programme. The stabilization crew has 100 % completed their 2026/2027 pre reseal programme. The water channel cleaning has not yet started as the drainage crew have been continuing the culvert install program. They started the first two weeks back completing the Borland Road culvert replacement and a couple of other small jobs while over that way and then moved over to Wilander Downs Road for the central contract.

Roadside spraying started and will continue into February. Both graders had a slower start with both operators taking the extra week after the break to have a real freshen up. The cyclic truck had an extra university student in with him for the month as an extra set of eyes and to help with the bigger jobs.

The crew completed two reasonably bigger tasks in the ATMCT by pouring a pad for the new "Fix it Sand" and then moved a section of the trail up at Parawa Road.

Service requests - continued

Month	Outside Service Level	Within Service Level	Not Yet Completed	Total
Apr 2025	2	35	0	37
May 2025	2	34	0	36
Jun 2025	0	19	0	19
Jul 2025	0	27	0	27
Aug 2025	2	29	0	31
Sep 2025	0	40	0	40
Oct 2025	2	58	0	60
Nov 2025	2	45	0	47
Dec 2025	2	51	0	53
Jan 2026	10	77	0	87
Feb 2026	0	42	0	42
Mar 2026	0	47	2	49

JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026	MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026	MAY 2026	JUNE 2026	JULY 2026	AUGUST 2026	SEPTEMBER 2026	OCTOBER 2026	NOVEMBER 2026	DECEMBER 2026
	Board meeting – 23 February	Board workshop – 23 March	Board meeting – 28 April	Board workshop – 25 May	Board meeting – 22 June	Board workshop – 27 July	Board meeting – 24 August	Board workshop – 28 September	Board meeting – 27 October	Board workshop – 23 November	Board meeting – 14 December
	Board workshop and tour - 16 February							Community partnership applications close 30 September			
		District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 31 March		Community partnership applications close 31 May				District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 30 September			Scholarships and bursary applications close 20 December
								Community service award nominations close 30 September			

Fiordland Community Board - project updates

ACTIVITY	NAME	CURRENT PHASE	CURRENT PROGRESS	BUDGET ACTUAL YTD
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Manapouri hall - Exterior repaint	Delivery phase	On track	\$72,021 \$81,873 P-11441
Project has been completed.				
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Manapouri hall - lighting	Tender phase	On Track	\$12,240 \$0 P-10569
This project is out for tender.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Te Anau basin development project	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$132,626 \$1,748 P-10933
Community consultation complete. Council is ready to go to a detailed design on proposed scope. Procurement plan ready to go.				
PUBLIC TOILETS	Te Anau Lions Park toilet - Refurbishment	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$431,607 \$170,911 P-10650
Shower upgrades are practically completed along with the new cashless payment system. This will not open to the public until the CCC is obtained. Note: some tiling work is still pending but expected to be finished this month, should not impact CCC process.				
STORM WATER	Te Anau stormwater lakefront discharge improvements	Delivery phase	Off track	\$77,550 \$1,370 P-10443
This is a multi year project. Te Anau stormwater consent renewal will start 2032/33. There are works in 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2030/2031, (2032/2033 Consent) and 2033/2034.				
TE ANAU AIRPORT	Runway surfacing	Delivery phase	Off track	\$818,845 \$603,563 P-10664
Second coat marking is finished and the crack sealing has been partially done. Still a few locations to be done with pavecoat.				
WASTEWATER	Manapouri wastewater treatment plant	Pre-delivery phase	Monitor	\$4,114,897 \$693,702 P-10459

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ACTIVITY	NAME	CURRENT PHASE	CURRENT PROGRESS	BUDGET ACTUAL YTD
Package 1 for the pipeline has been awarded and Package 2 for the plant construction has also been awarded. Package 1 will start in February, and Package 2 will start in April.				
WATER STRUCTURES	Manapouri swimming pontoon	Business case phase	Off track	\$30,000 \$7,684 P-11475
Resource consent received.				
WATER SUPPLY	Te Anau water plant- Contact tank upgrade.	Delivery phase	On track	\$205,000 \$0 P-10471
This project starts 2025/26 with further budget 2026/27.				
WATER SUPPLY	Mount York rural water - Consent renewal preparation	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$26,750 \$2,049 P-10501
We have done this consent in house and submitted it to Environment Southland in December 2025. We have budget in 2026/2027 for any works required.				
WATER SUPPLY	Te Anau rural water Takitimu scheme - Switchboard and pumps and new bore	Delivery phase	Off track	\$53,297 \$4,766 P-10514
This work was approved for 2024/2025. The Switchboard component has been completed but needs to be installed. The drilling of the new bore has now been carried over due to weather and time taken to get an alteration to the water consent. Regrettably it is now likely the drilling will occur in the 2026/27 summer subject to access being dry.				
WATER SUPPLY	Te Anau rural - Takitimu - consent renewal	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$25,086 \$2,049 P-10515
The consent was done in house and submitted to Environment Southland in December 2025.				
WATER SUPPLY	Sandy Brown Road stormwater upgrade	Pre-delivery phase	Monitor	\$616,792 \$615 P-11060
The design is currently awaiting consent. Due to the September 2023 flooding event, the focus has now shifted to the flooding towards the lake. Stage 1 (Aparima Drive and Pukatahi Drive) Stage 2 the retention Mega Pit from Caswell Road. Stage 1 and 2 work is currently under investigation and design. We are looking at options for a potential retention pond area that will require a land purchase. The 2025/26 year funds will be for the land purchase which is now likely 2026/27. Sandy Brown, the third stage will now be a mid to long term proposition.				

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ACTIVITY	NAME	CURRENT PHASE	CURRENT PROGRESS	BUDGET ACTUAL YTD
WATER SUPPLY	Te Anau rural water scheme audit inspections	Delivery phase	On track	\$492,628 \$179,710 P-11223A P-11233B

This 2025/2026 work is for the investigation scheme audit for the ramparts rural scheme. We have had approval from the committee for three sites initially and the work will start April/ May 2026.

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Financial review for period ended 28 February 2026

Record no: R/26/4/109452
Author: Nicole Taylor, Finance development co-ordinator
Approved by: Anne Robson, Group manager finance and assurance
Report type: Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to review the Fiordland Community Board financial information for the period ended 28 February 2026 (contained within attachment A).

Staff recommendations

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Executive summary

- 2 Attachment A details the board's financial information for the period ending 28 February 2026. The information is prepared on the same basis as the local budget graph included in the two-monthly community board operational report and the detailed financial report for the previous year (30 June 2025) with some additional information. The report:
 - compares actual income, operating expenditure and capital expenditure for 2025/2026 year to date against the current projection
 - shows the original full year budget from the 2025/2026 Annual Plan alongside the updated projection budget, reflecting any Council approved changes made since the plan was adopted
 - outlines the projects scheduled for the year and their status
 - shows projected reserve balances to 30 June 2026 and identifies any financial contributions collected within the board area that are available to be used for qualifying projects.
- 3 This year staff are trialling a simplified report format that focuses on the key information most relevant to the board. Items that were included in previous years but are not part of this review are:
 - financial breakdown by activity and business unit type
 - detailed business unit and account code financial information
 - details of loans.
- 4 If board members have any feedback on the new report format, or if they would like to continue to receive the information noted in paragraph 3, please let staff know and this can be provided separately.

Attachments

- A Financial review for period ended 28 February 2026 - Fiordland [↓](#)



Fiordland Community Board

Financial review for the period ended 28 February 2026

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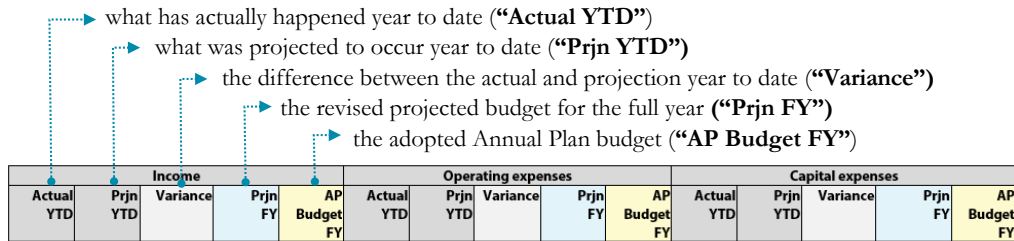
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This report reviews the community board’s financial information for the period ending 28 February 2026. The information is prepared in the same way as the local budget graph shown in the two-monthly community board operational report, as well as the detailed financial report to 30 June 2025 that was presented at the end of the last financial year.

The report outlines the board’s income, operating and capital spending, and the projected balance of reserves. It also gives an update on the status of board funded projects and lists any financial contributions collected within the board area that are available for qualifying projects.

The financial statements in this report show:



Projection (“Prjn”) figures include the 2025/2026 Annual Plan budget (“AP Budget FY”) adjusted for:

- expenditure carried forward from the prior year (2024/2025) approved by Council in August 2025
- changes to 2025/2026 budgets approved in December 2025 by community boards as part of the 2026/2027 Annual Plan budget reports and Council as part of the capital programme delivery review
- other unbudgeted expenditure or changes approved by the board or Council during the financial year to the date of the report.

In addition, Council staff are currently preparing an updated forecast of the organisation’s end of year financial results. This forecast will be submitted to Council for approval in April and once approved, will be reflected in the financial information report for the remainder of the year.

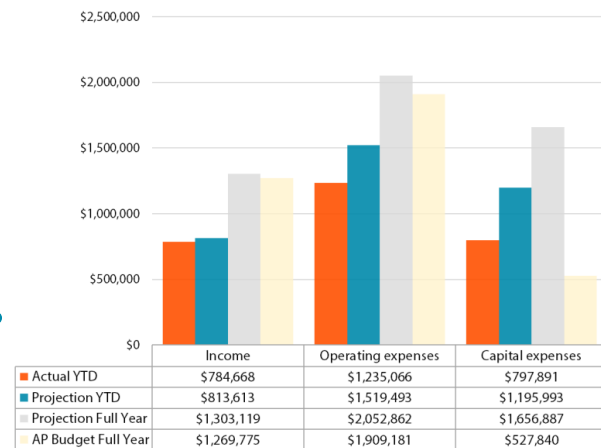
“AP Budget FY” data shows the adopted Annual Plan budget for 2025/2026 excluding the projection adjustments noted above.

1. Financial overview by activity

The table and graph provides an overview of the financials for the board by activity – showing income, operating expenses and capital expenses. “Total CB” shows the overall financial results for all board activities along with “Actual v Projection (%)” variance. The key reasons for these variances are also detailed.

Fiordland - sub activity detail for year ended 28 February 2026															
Sub activity	Income					Operating expenses					Capital expenses				
	Act YTD	Prjn YTD	Variance	Prjn FY	AP Budget FY	Act YTD	Prjn YTD	Variance	Prjn FY	AP Budget FY	Act YTD	Prjn YTD	Variance	Prjn FY	AP Budget FY
Parks/Reserves	\$392,506	\$402,124	(\$9,618)	\$639,474	\$606,130	\$445,038	\$514,890	(\$69,852)	\$767,064	\$869,064	\$182,292	\$352,348	(\$170,056)	\$702,811	\$497,840
Footpaths	\$15,988	\$22,023	(\$6,034)	\$33,034	\$33,034	\$16,801	\$28,296	(\$11,495)	\$42,444	\$42,444	\$4,352	\$9,800	(\$5,448)	\$105,231	-
Halls	\$27,999	\$28,261	(\$263)	\$42,392	\$42,392	\$108,047	\$116,837	(\$8,790)	\$128,913	\$56,892	-	-	-	-	-
Other Property	-	-	-	\$29,502	\$29,502	-	\$11,102	(\$11,102)	\$11,102	\$11,102	-	-	-	-	-
Boat Ramps	\$25,949	\$25,944	\$5	\$38,916	\$38,916	\$47,940	\$52,274	(\$4,334)	\$77,103	\$77,103	\$7,684	\$15,000	(\$7,316)	\$30,000	\$30,000
Airport	\$262,057	\$275,123	(\$13,066)	\$417,616	\$417,616	\$517,147	\$724,502	(\$207,355)	\$907,645	\$753,985	\$603,563	\$818,845	(\$215,282)	\$818,845	-
Com Assist	\$60,169	\$60,138	\$31	\$102,185	\$102,185	\$100,093	\$71,593	\$28,501	\$118,591	\$98,591	-	-	-	-	-
Total CB	\$784,668	\$813,613	(\$28,944)	\$1,303,119	\$1,269,775	\$1,235,066	\$1,519,493	(\$284,427)	\$2,052,862	\$1,909,181	\$797,891	\$1,195,993	(\$398,102)	\$1,656,887	\$527,840
Variance (%)			(4%)					(19%)					(33%)		

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YTD - year to date; Projection includes approved Annual Plan budget with timing phased + approved unbudgeted expenditure + carry forwards

Summary of financial results – year to date (YTD) actual versus projection

Income was \$29k (4%) under projection. \$13k relates to lower airport ground handling fees. Financial contributions for the Lions Park playground are under \$19k under projection as they are yet to be processed. The Manapouri Turbine sign grant is also \$5k under projection as it is yet to be received. NZTA/Waka Kotahi footpath grants are \$6k under projection as this income is only recognised when work is done. Park rental income is \$15k higher due to rent increases.

Operating expenses are \$284k (19%) under projection. \$207k of this relates to the airport, largely due to the stage two review, being phased to later in the year (\$148k) along with lower expenditure on marketing, management fees, insurance and interest (\$65k), partially offset by higher travel expenses (\$13k. Costs across all other areas (excluding community assistance) are also below projection (\$77k). This includes general maintenance (\$63k), trees/hedges (\$9k), and footpaths (\$11k) reflecting lower reactive activity to date. Insurance costs were \$4k under projection due to lower actual costs, rates were \$11k lower following the sale of Luxmore subdivision land and loan interest was \$7k under due to fewer loan drawdowns in the prior year. Maintenance projects at Manapouri Hall also have variances – the repainting project is \$10k over projection (an unbudgeted expenditure report will be presented to the board), while the LED lighting project is \$12k under projection pending tender. These are partially offset by budget timing variances, with community leadership grants \$21k over projection and the Fiordland Pool grant \$8k over projection. Storm damage costs have not yet been included as discussions with insurers are ongoing, with the board to be updated once more is known.

Capital expenses were \$398k (33%) under projection. The main variances relate to the runway sealing project (\$215k), which is currently in progress, and the Te Anau Basin development project (\$162k), where costs have been minimal to date, except for an additional \$15k of unbudgeted expenses that have been funded by the Milford Opportunities Project. \$378k of this project is proposed to be moved to 2026/2027 following Council approving forecasting changes in April. Other variances include Lions Park Playground (\$13k under), now in defects stage, and Manapouri Waiau Street footpath sealing (\$5k under), with final costs pending. Six picnic tables installed in Manapouri were budgeted as an operating expense, resulting in a \$6k over projection for capital. The Manapouri swimming pontoon is \$7k under projection, reflecting professional fees for consents incurred to date with the remaining budget phased to March.

2. Projects

The table details the locally funded projects planned to be undertaken by the board in 2025/2026. It does not include any district funded projects in the board area. It consists of projects from the 2025/2026 Annual Plan, prior year projects carried forward and any additional projects or changes to projects approved by the board during the year. The table details the project status for the period ending 28 February 2026 and actual costs incurred compared to projection as well as the original annual plan budget. It also shows any forecasting changes which will be considered by Council in April 2026.

Activity	Business Unit	Type	Project code and name (CAMMS+ Fulcrum)	Status	Actual YTD	AP 25/26 FY	Carry forwards	December changes	Forecast changes (TBC April)	Projection FY
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Manapouri	Capex	P-11476: Manapouri turbine sign	6. Works Complete	14,080	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Manapouri	Capex	P-10769A/P-11500: Manapouri - Recreational Reserve Playground Equipment renewal	8. Pushed to Future Year	-	42,840	-	(42,840)	-	-
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Te Anau	Capex	P-10814A/P-10814: Te Anau - Lions Park Playground Redevelopment	6. Works Complete	164,269	-	177,348	-	-	177,348
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Te Anau	Capex	P-10933A/P-10933: Te Anau masterplan implementation	2. Scoping/ Consultations	(1,748)	455,000	55,463	-	(377,837)	132,626
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Manapouri	Opex	FPARK011A/P-11456: Manapouri Frasers Beach - Reserve management plan renewal	9. Cancelled	-	102,000	-	(102,000)	-	-
Footpaths	Street Works - Manapouri	Capex	FFOOT115A: Manapouri - Sealing of footpath opposite the church and shop on Waiau Street	6. Works Complete	4,352	-	9,800	-	-	9,800
Footpaths	Street Works - Te Anau	Capex	FFOOT116A: Te Anau - Construction of pedestrian facilities on Sandy Brown Road	3. Design/Consenting	-	-	95,431	-	-	95,431
Boat Ramps	Boat Ramps - Manapouri	Capex	P-11475A/P-11475: Manapouri swimming pontoon	3. Design/Consenting	7,684	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
Halls	Hall - Manapouri	Opex	FHALL042A/P-11441: Manapouri Hall - Exterior Repaint	5. In Physical Delivery	81,873	-	72,021	-	-	72,021
Halls	Hall - Manapouri	Opex	P-10569A/P-10569: Manapouri Hall - LED lighting	4. Procurement Underway	-	12,240	-	-	-	12,240
Airport	Te Anau Airport - Manapouri	Capex	P-10664A/P-10664: Te Anau Airport Manapouri - Runway surface rehabilitation	5. In Physical Delivery	603,563	-	818,845	-	-	818,845
Total					874,073	642,080	1,243,908	(144,840)	(377,837)	1,363,311

3. Reserves

The table below shows the board reserve balances as at 30 June, including the actual balance for 2025, budgeted Annual Plan balance for 2026, and the updated projection to 30 June 2026 reflecting any budget changes made up to 28 February 2026. The projection does not include the impact on reserves of any forecasting changes yet to be approved by Council in April 2026.

Reserve	Actual 30 June 2025	Annual Plan Budget 30 June 2026	Projection 30 June 2026
Fiordland CB general	194,584	198,178	188,178
Fiordland elderly persons	492,503	492,503	492,503
Fiordland CB total	687,087	690,681	680,681
Manapouri Frasers Beach	42,360	13,209	13,209
Manapouri General Reserve	80,867	64,067	78,803
Manapouri Swimming Pool	4,944	4,997	4,997
Manapouri total	128,171	82,273	97,009
Te Anau Car Park Reserve	28,088	28,650	28,650
Te Anau General	608,277	614,161	446,040
Te Anau Luxmore Subdivision	3,079,066	2,926,946	2,773,286
Te Anau total	3,715,431	3,569,757	3,247,976
Te Anau Manapouri Airport	208,379	213,311	213,311
Te Anau Manapouri total	208,379	213,311	213,311
Total reserves	4,739,068	4,556,022	4,238,977

4. Financial contributions

Council currently collects reserve financial contributions for the **acquisition, improvement and development of reserves** under it's the Southland District Plan (FIN-O2, FIN-P2, FIN-R1). Under the plan, Council may collect these contributions for the purposes of:

- offsetting the effects of development on reserve infrastructure
- securing environmental compensation for adverse effects associated with development that cannot be avoided, remedied or otherwise mitigated, so that a positive environmental outcome is achieved
- adding to the quality and diversity of open spaces and recreation areas available to communities within the District.

The table below shows the current breakdown of reserve contributions held by Council as at 28 February 2026, associated with the board area. These can be used to fund park/reserve capital projects that meet requirements as described.

Reserve Financial Contributions under RMA/District Plan		
<i>What can these be used for - Capital expenditure only (not maintenance) to <u>acquire, improve and develop</u> reserves in any part of the district to mitigate/offset/compensate for the effects of development or to add to the quality and diversity of open spaces and recreation areas available to communities within the District.</i>		
<i>Where can these be used - Across the district but Council has historically placed a priority on allocating towards capital expenditure in the general location of the consent activity (township, rural, community board, ward)</i>		
Area	Total available	Expiring June 2026
Manapouri	5,684	-
Te Anau	290,742	-
Total	296,426*	-
Board requested allocation (August 2025) to be confirmed at year end subject to final project costs:		
<i>Te Anau Lions Park Playground project (P-10814A)</i>	<i>(164,829)</i>	
Estimated remaining balance @ 30 June 2026	131,597	

This information is provided to enable the board to give feedback to Council and staff on how the funds might be allocated in the current and future years. Given the restrictions on their use, staff review these funds during project planning and again before the end of each financial year. Contributions have a ten-year expiry period. Therefore, any contributions due to expire by 30 June 2026 that have not been allocated by community boards or staff will be redirected to qualifying expenditure elsewhere in the district. These contributions have a ten-year expiry date and the table shows that there are no funds due to expire in the next financial year.