



Agenda

Ōraka Aparima Community Board

Wednesday, 15 April 2026, 6.30pm Thornbury Hall, 14 Broderick Street,
Thornbury



Chairperson
Deputy chairperson
Members

Robin McCall

Neil Linscott

Carole Elder

Emma Gould

Troy Holiday

Councillor

Michael Weusten

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.



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



Cultural - communities with a sense of belonging for all.



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 Ōraka Aparima Community Board Meeting held on 11 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

Ōraka Aparima Community Board

11 February 2026, 6.34pm

Riverton Senior Citizens Rooms, Corner Bath Road and Princess Street,
Riverton

PRESENT

Chairperson	Robin McCall
Deputy chairperson	Neil Linscott
Members	Carole Elder Emma Gould Troy Holiday
Councillor	Michael Weusten

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

1 Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

4 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Additional Agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Neil Linscott/Carole Elder

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

Carried

7 Public participation

Don Goodhue spoke to the board on the Trust desire to have road reserves designation changed within the Te Wai Korari Reserve area. (document attached to the minutes).

During the above discussion, Emma Gould arrived at 6.35pm.

Reports

8.1 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/26/1/1230

Report presented by Committee advisor, Rachael Poole

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.

Discussion held on the mowing of berms within the township, with the contractor now only mowing what is stated within the contract, some people have started to complain or raise RFS with Council. Consensus of the meeting was that no additional mowing added to the contract unless it is a safety issue.

Chair McCall spoke about the response from NZTA to the request to lower the speed limit from 70km/hr to 50km/hr on the Colac Bay side of Riverton and the board have given their support to continue to ask NZTA to look at reducing the speed limit as originally requested.

Chair McCall asked Councillor Weusten and Neil Linscott to share with the board the discussion that was held by the Taramea (Howells Point) Management Committee around the proposal from Te Rūnanga o Ngāitahu to change the designation and purpose of section 31 at Taramea (Howells Point) for the purpose of building a marae.

Chair McCall asked the board for their feedback on the proposal and all are in support of the proposal but would like to make sure that public road access is maintained, public toilets are installed/updated and the seaward side of Taramea Bay remains open to the public and is not for exclusive use by tangata whenua.

Carole Elder gave an update of the Colac Bay Surfer Statue, staff have gone back to three tender submitters and requested more detailed plans. Those who were unsuccessful have had letters sent. \$30k left to fundraise, plaques are publicly available for purchase, big quiz is being organised alongside the tea towels and hoodies for sale.

The board are in support of Te Wai Korari Trust's request to change the designation of the road reserves within the reserve and staff will send the Trust the contact details for the property team to start the discussion between then and Council.

Resolved

Moved Chair Robin McCall/Neil Linscott

That the Ōraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report
- b) request staff to prepare a report for the April 2026 meeting to increase the funds for the gardening group to \$1,000 per annum.

Carried

8.2 Councillor update

Record No: R/26/1/2989

Report presented by Councillor Michael Weusten.

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 Weuston spoke about the number of submissions that Council have been reviewing and making submission on recently, Southland Heritage triennial agreement has not been

renewed, Council have approved the allocation of \$50k in grants in the interim, that has been collected through rates.

Update on the Te Anau Airport Manapouri, there has been a 50% increase in landings this year compared to the last year.

Resolved

Moved Cr Michael Weusten/Troy Holiday

That the Ōraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.3 Community board reporting

Record No: R/26/1/3147

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.

Ms O'Connor introduced Stephanie McDonald, a new project planner who will be working with the board.

Navigation Safety Bylaw, the board will make individual submissions rather than a board submission and will include feedback on the recreation area between the Coastguard building and Taramea Bay.

The board spoke about the parking area behind Hammer Hardware and the issues with people parking on the grass and making a mess and would like to explore options for tidying up this area, possibly gravelling at the next workshop.

Resolved

Moved Troy Holiday/Neil Linscott

That the Ōraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Confirmed on

Riverton Harbour Subcommittee terms of reference review

Record no: R/26/3/106173

Author: Michal Gray, Democracy advisor

Approved by: Vibhuti Chopra, Group manager strategy and partnerships

Report type: Information

Purpose

- 1 To allow the Ōraka Aparima Community Board to provide feedback on the draft terms of reference of the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee (subcommittee).

Staff recommendations

That the Ōraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) provides any feedback on the draft terms of reference of the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee.

Feedback

- 2 Feedback is being sought on the draft terms of reference that are attached to this report.

Context

- 3 The existing terms of reference of the subcommittee include various responsibilities under the Southland Regional Council Riverton Harbour Board Bylaws 1970 and 1972 (old bylaws) that have been replaced by the Southland Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaws 2009, revised 2015 (current bylaws).
- 4 The old bylaws gave Council functions, powers and duties in respect of the Riverton Harbour, including the power to appoint a harbourmaster and enforce the bylaws. Council delegated these functions, powers and duties to the subcommittee in the terms of reference.
- 5 The current bylaws have removed the role of Council in respect of the Riverton Harbour. Under the current bylaws Environment Southland appoints a harbourmaster and enforcement officers, and Environment Southland are responsible for its enforcement.
- 6 The existing terms of reference include some delegations that are not consistent with the current bylaws, because they are powers that Council does not hold under the current bylaws.
- 7 Staff have reviewed the existing terms of reference and made changes to ensure it aligns with the current bylaws. Staff also propose changes to improve the readability and clarity and to ensure that the terms of reference reflects current practice.

Next steps

- 8 Council will be asked to adopt the new terms of reference for the subcommittee.

Attachments

A Draft Terms of Reference Riverton Harbour Subcommittee [↓](#)

Terms of reference of the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee

TYPE OF COMMITTEE	Subcommittee
SUBORDINATE TO	Council
LEGISLATIVE BASIS	Subcommittees delegated powers by Council as per schedule 7, clause 32, LGA 2002.
MEMBERSHIP	<p>The Riverton Harbour Subcommittee will comprise as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one councillor from the Waiau Aparima ward • four members nominated by Ōraka Aparima community board (community board to nominate a representative from the community board, two representatives from berth owners and one representative from either Riverton Rowing club or Riverton Coastguard) • one member nominated by Aparima Ōraka Rūnaka • one representative from Southland Regional Council (with no voting rights).
QUORUM	Four
FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	Quarterly
SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES	<p>The Riverton Harbour Subcommittee is delegated the following responsibilities by Council:</p> <p>(a) the management and control of all Riverton harbour assets vested in Council being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use and maintenance of the boat ramp adjacent Kohikohi Park • the use and maintenance of the “unloading wharf” and crane at Lees Point operated by Council so that no vessel anchors, moors, secures or is placed at the unloading wharf unless actively loading or unloading fuel, provisions, fishing equipment or fish • the management and control of the landward portion of the Long Wharf leading to the privately owned berths numbered L22, L23, L24, L25, L26, L27, L28, L29 and L30 • the provision and maintenance of the ‘lead lights’ markers the white light at Howells Point and red flashing light at Pearl Rock and any other navigational aids required to assist those vessels leaving and entering the Riverton harbour <p>(b) in accordance with the delegations listed below, the administration, management and control of all Riverton harbour endowment lands now vested in Council in consultation with and subject to approval by Council</p>
DELEGATIONS	<p>Power to act</p> <p>The Riverton Harbour Subcommittee is responsible for the following:</p> <p>1 The exercise of the following powers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to determine whether any person shall be authorised as necessary to carry out work on any vessel or fishing equipment or any other work or lease any equipment used in fishing or any other gear on Council harbour endowment land • to determine whether any vessel may be left on Council harbour endowment land

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to determine that any particular area on Council harbour endowment land be a parking area for restricted periods • to ensure as necessary that no person stops, stands or parks any vessel, vehicle, trailer, boat trailer or any other equipment in any area of Council harbour endowment land unless authorised by the committee • to take such steps as are necessary to arrange for the removal of any vessel, gear, equipment, vehicle, trailer, or boat trailer left on Council harbour endowment land without the approval of the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee provided that if the goods are not removed or remain unclaimed by the owner the matter shall be referred to Council for further action in consultation with the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee • to ensure as necessary that no person drives any vehicle over Council harbour endowment land at a speed greater than 20 kilometres per hour • to arrange for and provide such signs as deemed necessary from time to time to assist in the best use of the wharves and Council harbour endowment lands and for any other reason. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Ensuring that the income from assets and income derived from harbour activities and endowment lands is applied to the maintenance and development of Riverton Harbour, to the maintenance and improvement of endowment lands vested in Council and for such other purposes to benefit the Riverton community 3. Preparing an annual budget in every financial year in consultation and with the assistance of Council 4. Assisting Council to prepare an Asset Management Plan 5. To ensure as necessary that vessels only anchor, moor at a berth or wharf/mooring site for which that vessel has been licensed unless the licensee of that berth, wharf has given approval for same. <p>Recommendations, submissions and requests</p> <p>The Riverton Harbour Subcommittee have the power to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) make recommendations to Council on recommendations/submissions to the Southland Regional Council in the creation or review of any relevant policy, procedure or bylaw that relate to the Riverton Harbour. (b) make recommendations to the Council or a relevant committee on all matters of policy not delegated to the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee (c) recommend to Council the granting of any leases or licenses for any Riverton Harbour endowment lands (d) recommend to Council the user charges and fees to fund the harbour activities (e) make submissions to the Southland Regional Council in respect of all resource consent applications received by the Southland Regional Council that deal with matters involving the Riverton Harbour. (f) make a request to the Southland Regional Council for a temporary variation, speed uplift, or exemption from the application of the Southland Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2009 (or any replacement bylaw) for a specified area, activity, or event.
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	<p>Power to appoint harbour warden</p>
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	<p>The Riverton Harbour subcommittee has the power to appoint a harbour warden to be the first point of contact for harbour related matters. The terms of any appointment must be within the roles and delegations of the subcommittee.</p>
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Financial review for period ended 28 February 2026

Record no: R/26/3/108169

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 Ōraka Aparima Community Board financial information for the period ended 28 February 2026 (contained within attachment A).

Staff recommendations

That the Ōraka Aparima 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 - Ōraka Aparima [↓](#)



Ōraka Aparima Community Board

Financial review for the period ended 28 February 2026

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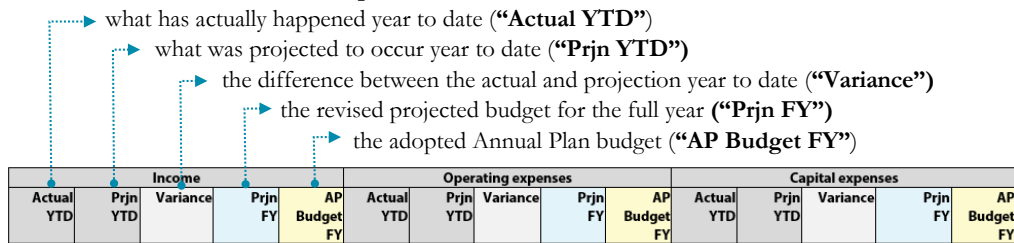
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This report reviews the community board’s financial information for the period ending 28 February 2026. The information is prepared in the same way as the local budget graph shown in the two-monthly community board operational report, as well as the 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.

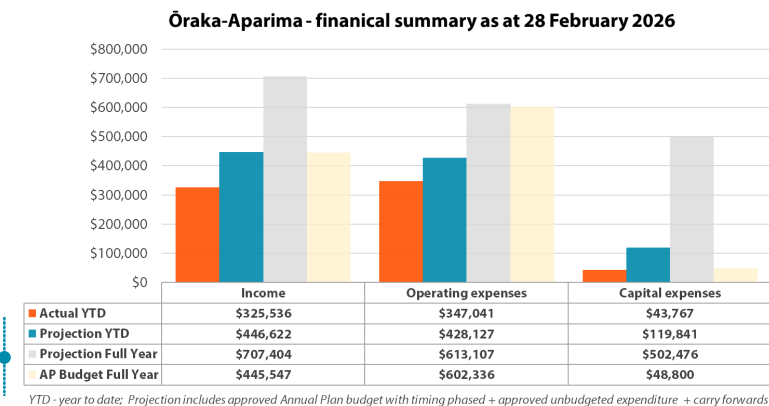
In addition, Council staff are currently preparing an updated forecast of the organisation’s end of year financial results. This forecast will be submitted to Council for approval in April and once approved, will be reflected in the financial information report for the remainder of the year.

“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.

Ōraka Aparima - 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	\$247,730	\$361,263	(\$113,533)	\$571,573	\$309,716	\$263,555	\$315,042	(\$51,487)	\$449,025	\$441,796	\$33,366	\$118,000	(\$84,634)	\$456,935	\$5,100
Footpaths	\$11,508	\$18,716	(\$7,208)	\$28,075	\$28,075	\$9,428	\$23,177	(\$13,749)	\$33,441	\$33,441	\$10,400	\$1,841	\$8,559	\$45,541	\$43,700
Halls	\$23,267	\$23,811	(\$544)	\$35,878	\$35,878	\$23,739	\$40,975	(\$17,236)	\$50,360	\$50,360					
Community Assistance	\$43,031	\$42,832	\$199	\$71,878	\$71,878	\$50,319	\$48,933	\$1,386	\$80,281	\$76,738					
Total CB	\$325,536	\$446,622	(\$121,086)	\$707,404	\$445,547	\$347,041	\$428,127	(\$81,086)	\$613,107	\$602,336	\$43,767	\$119,841	(\$76,074)	\$502,476	\$48,800
% variance			(27%)					(19%)					(63%)		



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

Income was \$121k (27%) under projection, primarily due to the timing of when financial contributions set aside for the Taramea Bay playground project (\$144k) will be applied. These contributions will be processed once the project is complete. This is offset by \$38k of financial contributions showing as income in relation to the completed Paua Shell project. Please note this is an error, as these contributions were processed in the prior year and will be corrected by staff for future reports. NZTA/Waka Kotahi footpath grant income was \$7k under projection, and Better Off Funding for the Taramea Bay playground was \$2k under projection, with both to be received as work advances.

Operating expenses were \$81k (19%) under projection. \$12k relates to the Colac Bay Hall project that is proposed to be shifted to the 2026/2027 year as part of forecasting, subject to Council approval in April. \$10k relates to the refurbishment of the Riverton Harbour viewing platform that is awaiting an engineer’s report and has not incurred any costs yet. General maintenance costs were \$23k under projection, as this work is largely reactive and only undertaken as needed. Tree and hedge maintenance costs were \$10k under projection, and footpath expenditure was \$13k under projection, with no costs incurred to date. Interest on loans were \$9k under projection due to lower drawdowns in the prior year. Insurance is \$3k under projection due to lower actual costs. Community Leadership grants were \$3k under projection, offset by donations being \$4k over projection due to the museum’s second quarter donation being paid at the start of the quarter rather than at the end. Storm damage costs have not been included in the figures as discussions with insurers are ongoing, with the board to be updated once more is known.

Capital expenses were \$76k (63%) under projection, primarily due to the timing of the surfer statue project which is in procurement and has not incurred any costs yet (\$45k). As part of forecasting, it is proposed that a portion of this budget be carried forward to 2026/2027, subject to Council approval in April. The Taramea Bay playground project was also \$40k under projection due to budget timing, although the project is underway. This was partially offset by Napier Street (Riverton) footpath works, which were \$9k over projection.

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	Unbudgeted expenditure	December changes	Forecast changes (TBC April)	Projection FY
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Riverton	Capex	P-11213A/P-11213 Riverton - Estuary planting	2. Scoping/ Consultations		-	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Riverton	Capex	P-11214A/P-11214 Riverton - Riparian planting	2. Scoping/ Consultations		5,100	5,000	-	5,212	-	15,312
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Riverton	Capex	P-10799 Riverton Taramea Bay Playground - Redevelopment	4. Procurement Underway	33,366	-	281,298	-	-	-	281,298
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Riverton	Opex	P-10692A/P-10692 Riverton Harbour - Refurbishment of viewing platform	2. Scoping/ Consultations	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Riverton	Opex	FPARK047A Paua Shell Repair	6. Works Complete	15,000	-	1,094	15,000	-	-	16,094
Parks & Reserves	Parks & Reserves - Colac Bay	Opex	P-11076 Colac Bay Surfer Statue Refurbishment	4. Procurement Underway	-	31,325	-	109,000	-	(90,000)	50,325
Footpaths	Street Works - Riverton	Capex	FFOOT004A/ Riverton - New footpaths	6. Works Complete	351	-	1,841	-	-	-	1,841
Footpaths	Street Works - Riverton	Capex	FFOOT001J Riverton - Footpath renewal programme 2024/2025 to 2026/2027	2. Scoping/ Consultations	-	23,543	-	-	-	-	23,543
Footpaths	Street Works - Colac Bay	Capex	FFOOT001A Colac Bay - Footpath renewal programme 2024/2025 to 2026/2027	2. Scoping/ Consultations	-	20,157	-	-	-	-	20,157
Halls	Hall - Colac Bay	Opex	FHALL046A/P-11486 Colac Bay Hall - Pile fasteners, ramps and paths	1. Off Track/ On Hold	-	12,240	-	-	-	(12,240)	-
Total					48,717	92,365	319,233	124,000	5,212	(102,240)	438,570

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
Oraka Aparima CB	7,571	7,711	-
Oraka Aparima total	7,571	7,711	-
Colac Bay community centre	16,520	4,336	4,336
Colac Bay general	3,249	3,250	3,250
Colac Bay total	19,769	7,586	7,586
Riverton Doc Profits Lib Sale	75,283	76,789	76,789
Riverton General	133,688	129,125	33,344
Riverton Property Sales	158,631	160,819	157,530
Riverton War Memorial	17,717	18,070	18,070
Taramea Bay/Rocks Development	-	6	-
Taramea Howells Point	43,839	44,552	44,552
Riverton total	429,158	429,367	330,285
Thornbury general	724	724	724
Thornbury community centre	14,344	14,450	14,450
Thornbury total	15,067	15,173	15,173
Waiau Aparima Ward*	230,118	234,722	234,722
Other reserve total	230,118	234,722	234,722
Total reserves	701,682	694,558	587,765

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		
What can these be used for - Capital expenditure only (not maintenance) to <i>acquire, improve and develop</i> 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.		
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)		
Area	Total available	Expiring June 2026
Colac Bay	462	-
Riverton: - current contributions	124,191	-
- reversal of duplicate contributions used for Paua Shell project 11/25 (still to be processed)	38,221	-
Rural	3,459	-
Total (including reversal yet to be processed)	166,333	-

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.

Councillor update

Record no: R/26/3/108356
 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 Ōraka Aparima 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 Weusten 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: 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Quarterly treasury report as at 31 January 2026	<p>The Committee was informed of Council’s treasury position in accordance with the Investment and Liability Management Policy.</p> <p>Council sought approval for the updated interest rate risk strategy resulting in Council being within the thresholds by the 31 May 2026.</p>
Capital delivery programme update	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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/26/4/109256

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 Ōraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report
- b) receives the report titled “Community board reporting”.

Attachments

- A Oraka Aparima community leadership report - 15 April 2026 [↓](#)
- B Oraka Aparima operational report - 15 April 2026 [↓](#)
- C RFS breakdown - February and March [↓](#)



What's happening in your area

Next phase of Taramea Bay development to start

Work will soon be under way for the installation of a new pump track and ninja warrior course in the reserve area.

The pump track will start first with site works scheduled shortly. This will take place in a grass section of the reserve to the west of the existing playground with completion expected in late May.

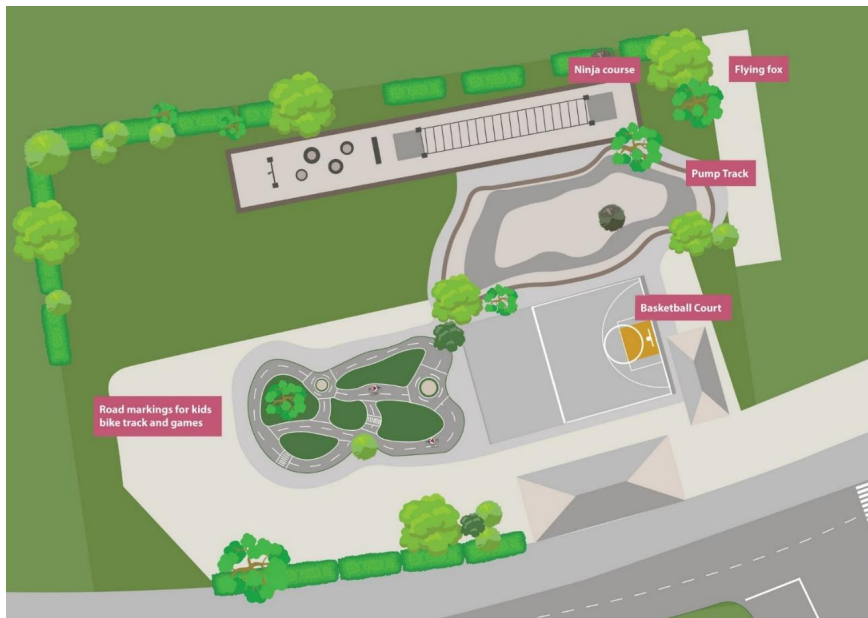
At 75m in length, it will be approximately 16m longer than the temporary pump track in place for testing purposes and will aim to utilise the existing hills present in the area.

Construction will not impede use of the existing playground or toilet facilities.

To ensure there are no conflicts on site, creation of the ninja warrior course will be staggered to start after the pump track.

With the aim of completion in June, the course will be situated to the north of the pump track to utilise the remaining space before the walking track.

We are excited to see these active play spaces established for locals and visitors to the community to enjoy.



Replacement flags

The Community Board has approved a new set of replacement street flags after the previous ones were damaged during the recent storm. The flags will be installed and proudly flying in time for Anzac commemorations, helping ensure our streets are presented with dignity and respect as we come together to honour Anzac Day.



Possum monitoring in Mores Reserve

Environment Southland has completed a possum monitoring programme in Mores Reserve, Riverton, on Southland District Council land, with approval from the landowner. Using non-toxic waxtags, six monitoring lines were installed and later collected to gather possum density information. The results will be shared with the Aparima Pest Busters Community Group to support their ongoing pest control work, helping build a clearer picture of possum activity in the area and inform future efforts.

Colac Bay Celebration Day

Planning is well underway for a special “Moment in Time” event at Colac Bay, set to begin respectfully at 1pm on 25 April, Anzac Day 2026.

The gathering will recognise and honour two of the Bay’s own heroes, John Daniel Hinton (Jack), who was awarded the Victoria Cross by King George VI in 1941, and George Tasman Dawson (Tassy), a lesser-known but remarkable figure. In 1913, Tassy most likely saved the lives of 10 fellow bushmen through his own courageous actions. He is one of only 22 recipients out of 2,191 across the Commonwealth to have received the Stead Gold Medal and Certificate since its inception in 1890.

It is a rare and proud distinction for a small village to have produced two decorated heroes. One recognised for military service and the other for civil bravery.

Celebrations will be centered at the heart of the community, the Rifles (formerly Drill) Hall, which this year marks its 125th anniversary, providing even more reason to bring the community together.

Following the official proceedings, the Southland and Otago Axemen’s Association will present a woodchopping display, a fitting tribute to the district’s once bush-clad landscape. Vintage car and horse-

drawn cart rides will also be available, offering visitors the chance to view points of interest around the Bay.

Mr Whippy, afternoon tea and a sausage sizzle will round off the afternoon as locals and visitors alike reminisce and celebrate Colac Bay's rich history.

Organisers are currently researching memorabilia to display on the day. Anyone with items of interest to share is encouraged to contact Faye at 021 129 5455 or Deen on 027 334 4462.

Alongside this commemorative event, another significant project continues to gain momentum: the "Save the Surfer" campaign. Led by a dedicated sub-committee, the initiative has successfully secured well over the \$100,000 required to begin the procurement process with the Southland District Council for the design, creation and installation of a replacement for the ageing Surf Statue.

The Surfer Statue has become a powerful symbol of Colac Bay, a tribute to both the local and global surfing community. Originally an ambitious project by members of the former Progress League some 25 years ago, its replacement is another significant undertaking. This progress has only been possible thanks to generous local support and strong collaboration with Council, both strategically and financially.

With approximately \$30,000 still to raise, organisers are hopeful further funders will come forward to help bring this important community project to completion.



Colac Bay Progress & Districts League Inc.

COLAC BAY CELEBRATION DAY

Saturday 25th April 1pm

Welcome - Speeches | Cake Cutting | Blessings
Naming of Parks honouring JD Hinton VC. & GT Dawson
Then a glimpse of Colac Bays history & time of reminiscing

MEN AMONGST MEN








Wagon Rides
Vintage Cars
Woodchopping Display
Mr Whippy
Sausage Sizzle

You are invited to help us
Commemorate the Rifles Hall
turning 125years recognising
Colac Bay's Heroes & celebrating
Colac Bay history

Ōraka 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
 INFORMAL 4
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Don Frew is declared elected.

The voter return was 39.43%, being 826 votes.

Community Partnership Fund

Applications for the Ōraka Aparima Community Partnership Fund close on 31 August 2026. Applications can be made on the Southland District Council website via the SmartyGrants link:

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

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 Service Award Nominations

Nomination forms for the 2026 round of Community Service awards are open. Nomination forms are available online at the SDC website or from area offices.

What's happening across the district

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://communitytrustsouthoffice.smartygrants.com.au/regionalsustainablefundingworkshop?fbclid=IwZXXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAYnjpZBExcG9PUTRtbmRORlpkZndkTXNydGMGYXBwX2lkEDIyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR6zuHdTf4xg44zc2sz0ml3nfd94c0gjs0VfQOISVRRmc9OuJi9XLUIEAnhC9g_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

Jorjia Marshall

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.



Ōraka Aparima Community Board

Tracker – ongoing

Surfer statue – Progress League and council evaluating stage two request for proposal (RFP).

Riparian planting projects – engaging with stakeholders and then wider community.

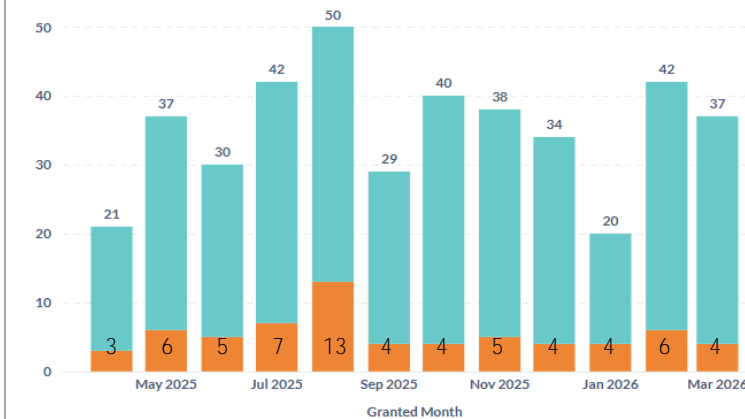
Upcoming priorities

Taramea Bay stage two – pump track site works scheduled and the ninja warrior course will be staggered to start after the pump track.

Resource consents granted by month

RM applications granted for community board

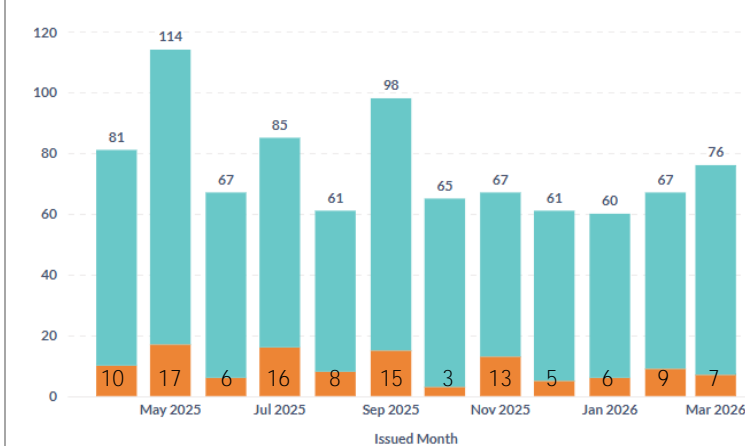
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Building consents issued by month

Building Consents issued for community board

RestOfSDC BoardCount



Local budget information

Ōraka-Aparima - local business units for period ended 28 February 2026

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



Budget notes

Income is \$121k (27%) under projection. This largely relates to development contributions of \$144k that are budgeted to be used for the Taramea Bay Playground that will be processed after the project has been completed. This is slightly offset by development contributions of \$38k that have been used for the Pāua Shell project. Footpath NZTA/Waka Kotahi grant income is \$7k under projection and will be received as the work progresses. Better off Funding for the Taramea Bay Playground is \$2k under projection and will be received as work progresses.

Operating expenses are \$81k (19%) under projection. \$12k relates to the Colac Bay Hall project that is proposed to be shifted to the 2026/2027 year as part of forecasting and will go to Council for approval in April. \$10k relates to the refurbishment of the Riverton Harbour viewing platform that is awaiting an engineer's report and has not incurred any costs yet. General maintenance codes are overall \$23k under projection as general maintenance has a reactive component. Tree and hedge is \$10k under projection and footpaths are \$13k under projection as no costs have been received in these areas yet. Donations are \$4k over projection due to timing as the museum quarter two donation was paid at the start of the quarter but was budgeted at the end of the quarter. Interest on loans is \$9k under projection due to lower drawdowns than budgeted in the prior year. Insurance is \$3k under projection due to actual costs being less than projected. 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. Community leadership grants are under projection by \$3k.

Capital expenses are \$76k (63%) under projection due to the timing of the budget for the surfer statue project that is in procurement and has not incurred any costs yet (\$45k). Part of this budget is proposed to be moved forward into 2026/2027 as part of forecasting and will go to Council for approval in April.

Also due to the timing of the budget the Taramea Bay playground is under projection by \$40k, this project is in progress. Funds spent on Napier Street Riverton footpaths are \$9k over projection.

Local projects update

Activity	Name	Current Phase	Current Progress	Budget actual ytd
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Colac Bay surfer statue refurbishment	Pre-delivery phase	On track	\$50,325 \$0 P-11076
In procurement - Stage two request for proposal process to shortlisted suppliers closing mid March. Evaluation panel recommendation expected by early April.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton Taramea Bay playground - equipment replacement	Delivery phase	On track	\$281,298 \$33,366 P-10799
Planned start to pump track is after Easter. Comms are being prepared to inform members of the public. Contractor has informally requested pricing updates with oil prices rising post pricing being accepted. Ninja warrior course construction is scheduled to begin around the same time with contractors being asked to communicate about their schedules to ensure the Ninja warrior course doesn't end up in the way of the pump track.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton - estuary planting	Delivery phase	Off track	\$20,000 \$0 P-11213
Currently engaging with stakeholders and then the wider community.				
PARKS AND RESERVES	Riverton - riparian planting	Delivery phase	Off track	\$15,312 \$0 P-11214
Currently engaging with stakeholders and then the wider community.				
WASTEWATER	Riverton - new water treatment plant	Business case phase	On track	\$175,000 \$89,408 P-11406
We are working on the concept design and currently getting a design peer review with the objective to go to tender with design, build and (operate for one year). The review has now been completed by Council. More likely to go to tender in mid to late 2026 with construction to start 2026/2027.				
WATER STRUCTURES	Riverton harbour – Refurbishment of viewing platform	Pre-delivery phase	Monitor	\$10,000 \$0 P-10692
We are still waiting on the engineer's report.				

Service contracts

Water and wastewater services operation and maintenance

The 23/01 Operations and Maintenance Contract continues to operate across the Oraka 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, Council representatives, together with Downer representatives carried out site investigations and audits of all contract facilities in the area. These inspections were undertaken to assess maintenance standards and to cross-reference recorded asset data with on-site conditions.

A small number of minor issues were identified during the inspections and will be promptly addressed by Downer.

Council has initiated a project to enable wastewater to be diverted from pump stations to either the Townside ponds on Havelock Street or the Riverton Rocks ponds on Rocks Highway. This will provide greater operational flexibility, allowing flows to be directed to either site based on demand and pond levels.

Two pump stations have already been completed as part of these works, with the remaining sites currently in progress.

Mowing contract (Riverton, Colac Bay, Thornbury)

The mowing level of service continues to demonstrate measurable improvement. A recent site drive-around was undertaken with the contractor's manager, providing an opportunity to review and reinforce the required service levels as specified within the contract. We are also looking at getting some of the rough edges mowed, the likes of the water front edge along Rocks Highway. The discussions were constructive and positively received.

Progress has also been made in relation to edge and boundary spraying, with current performance increasingly aligning with the expected standards of service.

Contractor Managers are continuing to work collaboratively with contract partners to ensure all areas consistently achieve the prescribed levels of service, in preparation for the commencement of the new contract on 1 July 2026.

Central Alliance roading contract

The second round of sealed road mowing has been completed by the contractor, and they are now onto the third round.

The stabilising crew continued with programmed pre-reseal repairs for the 2026/2027 reseal season across the Central network. February progress was affected at times by limited summer weather windows, but crews continued to complete sites as conditions allowed. The premix crew completed pre-reseal repairs and general tidy-up work across the Central area before moving to the remaining 2026/27 sites within the Waimea contract. Once those sites are finished, the crew will return to Central to continue programmed works.

RFS volumes remain steady. All requests are being assessed, prioritised, and programmed as appropriate.

The unsealed road spray round has been completed.

Grader activities for the month include: Grader 3 - Roundhill / Orepuki area.

Central Alliance roading contract continued...

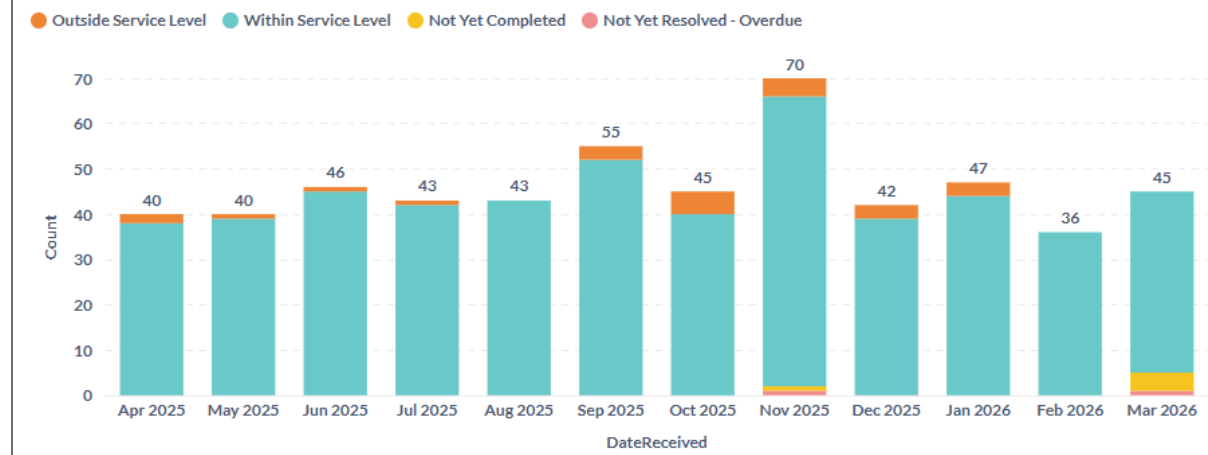
The cyclic crew are continuing to repair or replace damaged or missing signs across the network as they are reported or found during cyclic maintenance.

Small, blocked or damaged culverts continue to be identified through RFS, inspections, and cyclic operations. These are being scheduled for cleaning or renewal as required.

Cyclic maintenance staff helped with the culvert replacements periodically between completing the routine cyclic rounds. Cyclic will then move into level one roads with a pilot.

Service requests

Across the district there were 1024 requests for service lodged during the period February and March 2026, of which 213 were related to three waters. 81 of the total requests belonged to this board area. A full summary of those requests follows overpage.



JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026	MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026	MAY 2026	JUNE 2026	JULY 2026	AUGUST 2026	SEPTEMBER 2026	OCTOBER 2026	NOVEMBER 2026	DECEMBER 2026
	4 February - board workshop	11 March - board workshop	15 April - board meeting	13 May - board workshop	10 June - board meeting	8 July - board workshop	12 August - board meeting	9 September - board workshop	14 October - board meeting	11 November - board workshop	16 December - board meeting
	11 February - board meeting	District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 31 March			17 June - board workshop		Community partnership fund applications close 31 August	Community service award nominations close on 30 September			Scholarships and bursary applications close 20 December
								District Initiative fund, Creative Communities Fund, Sport New Zealand Rural Travel fund applications close 30 September			

Requests for service – breakdown by type

Request Type	Count
Cemeteries/Memorials - repairs and maintenance	2
Community Facilities - Halls - repairs/maintenance	1
Community Housing - current tenant enquires	1
Community Housing - repairs and maintenance	3
Emergency Services Assistance	1
Footpaths	3
Gravel Road Faults	2
Hazards	1
New Sealed Road Issues (Resealing Season)	1
New Sign Requests (where none existed before)	1
Paper Roads	2
Parks & Reserves - playground repairs/maintenance	1
Parks & Reserves - repairs and maintenance	4
Sealed Road Faults	2
Signs Repairs (Not Stop/Give Way)	4
Street Lights Out	2
Streetscape - vegetation	3
Toilets - cleaning, repairs and maintenance	2
Transport General Enquiries	6
Vegetation Rural (overgrown or visibility issues)	6
Water and Waste General	9
Water Urban - non urgent weeping water	1
Water Urban - toby leaking or unable to be used (non urgent)	1
Wheelie Bin - cancel/damaged/stolen	7
Wheelie Bin - collection complaints	6
Wheelie Bin - new/additional	9
Total	81

Chairperson's report

Record no: R/26/4/110839
Author: Rachael Poole, Committee advisor
Approved by: Robyn Wise, 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.

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 Ōraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Chairperson update

Introduction

Engagements and matters for consideration as below.

Engagements

24/2/2026	Drop-in session at Riverton Library
4/3/2026	Gardening Group (Riverton Street Planter Boxes) funding request Meeting with Council staff to progress request for funding increase and resolve purchasing processes. Agreed that if funding is approved it would come from gardening budget with purchases monitored by Council staff.
4/3/2026	Spatial Planning Meeting with Council staff re spatial planning project and up-coming workshop.
4/3/2026	Council Presentation Presentation to Council on behalf of Ōraka Aparima Community Board.
9/3/2026	Stella (staff) and new board member – Don Frew Informal catch-up and update on board activities and induction.
16/3/2026	Pump Track

	On-site meeting with council staff, contractor and available community board members to discuss site characteristics and available fill etc. with contractor.
19/3/2026	Representation Review Public Meeting Attendance at the Local Government Commission public meeting.
24/3/2026	Colac Bay Progress League Meeting and mini-tour at Colac Bay with members of the progress league, Council staff and Michael Weusten to consider signage installation, rock wall repairs and road repairs.
7/4/2026	Drop-in Session at Riverton Library
9/4/2026	Joint community board chairs meeting This is the second joint chairs/deputy chairs meeting held at Winton and hosted by mayor Rob and Cameron McIntosh (CEO). Topics discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- contract renewals (gardening, mowing, cleaning etc.)- wind farms – discussion on resource consent and fast track consenting processes- Local Government Commission (representation review) update from Mayor Rob- update from each community board on what’s happening in their area- Emergency Management Southland update from Mayor Rob on lessons learnt from recent storm event, concerns with existing structure of Emergency Management Southland and the potential to improve co-ordination and delivery in local areas.

Action Items

- Parking limits, focal point and museum area of Palmerston Street. Investigate what is required to consider/initiate.
- 70kph speed limit township side of Riverton - Colac Bay highway. Request sent by Mayor Rob to NZTA asking for a reduction in speed limit to 50kph and approval to complete the consultation phase to enable this to happen ASAP.
- Removal of blackberry & agapanthus at Mores Reserve. Removal of plants in autumn/winter. RFS in place for this.
- Pedestrian improvements – south end of bridge. On site meeting 15/4/2026 to consider.
- Pilots Reserve bbq solar charging completed. Initiate request for rainwater collection tank so that water is available for cleaning and hygiene on site.

New street flags have been purchased and are up.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.