

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood

Community Board Plan 2023-25



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From the Chair



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This plan provides an overview of the board's role and the geographical area we cover. It also contains our vision for the local community and identifies some priority projects that we would like to achieve over the next three years.

This is a new community board, made up of the Coastal and Burwood Wards with the addition of the Linwood Ward, which together cover most of the east side of Christchurch. So, this plan is our first Community Board Plan, the first of many iterations, and a 'living document', by no means exhaustive nor comprehensive. It is, like the work of becoming a community, always going to be a work in progress.

This iteration of our plan was produced through collaborative workshops between board members and Council staff, from feedback and engagement with our local communities, and submissions on the draft plan.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the process of making this plan together, especially to those who took the time to make a submission.

From basic infrastructure to the health of our environment, socio-economic inequality, and the safety of our citizens, the East faces some big challenges. There are still many things left incomplete and undone since the earthquakes. The board is very conscious of all this and will continue to advocate strongly for our community to ensure they are heard in Council planning, budgeting, and engagement processes.

What we ask of you, the reader and citizen of the East, is that you hold us to this plan and that you tell us if we fall short and perhaps, if we are fortunate, you also tell us if we have done well. For our part, we will do our very best to honour the role you have elected us to.

Paul McMahon, Chairperson

About community boards and our plans

Community boards were created by the local government reforms in 1989.

Approximately 110 community boards now operate in both urban and rural areas within local authorities throughout New Zealand. They carry out functions and exercise powers delegated to them by their councils.

There are six community boards within the Christchurch City Council area.

Local body elections for community board members and councillors are held every three years.

The community board's main role is to:

- Represent and advocate for the interests of its community.
- Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the council, or any matter of interest to the board.
- Maintain an overview of council services in the community.
- Prepare an annual submission to the council for expenditure within the community.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.

Community board plans

Community board Plans are developed every three years and outline the board's key priorities for their elected term. They also indicate how the board will work in partnership with the local community to achieve the council's community outcomes.

A key part of the development of the plan is engagement with the local community and key stakeholders to ensure that the board's priorities reflect the needs and desires of local residents, community groups and businesses in our board area.

Te Haumako Te Whitingia

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy

In 2022, the Council reflected on the 2007 Strengthening Communities Strategy, which made it clear that people value diversity, collaboration, being connected and building capability for the future.

We cannot address the many complex social issues that face our city on our own but can help to develop and nurture networks and bring resources and people together so that collectively we can achieve more.

We know that communities want us to focus more on impact and outcomes, with more emphasis on collaboration and partnership. They want transparency and accountability with measurable goals and actions so we know what’s working and what isn’t.

We believe this refreshed strategy delivers on this.

The strategy has been organised around four pillars that set out the Council’s commitment to working alongside the community over the next ten years.

Strategy Pillars

Te Tāngata People	Whenua Place	Te Mahi Participation	Te Takatū Preparedness
Actively promote a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.	Support and help build connections between communities to foster a sense of local identity, shared experience and stewardship.	Residents and groups in the wider community are socially and actively engaged and able to initiate and influence decisions affecting their lives.	People feel safe in their communities and neighbourhoods and work together to understand, adapt and thrive in the context of change and disruption.

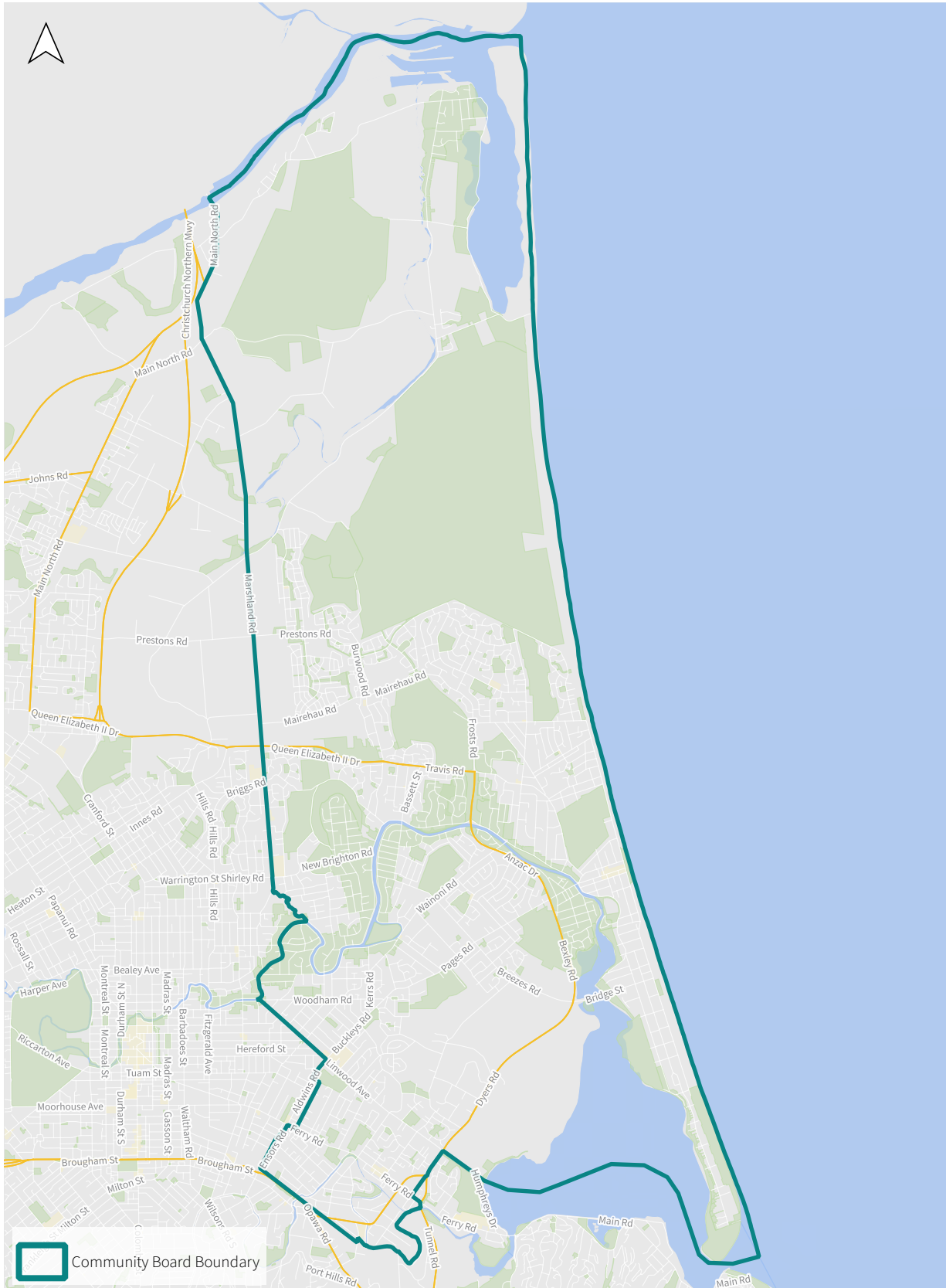
The Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board is committed to working alongside our local communities to achieve the goals of the strategy. The four pillars above guide us in our decision-making and advocacy on behalf of our residents.

You can view a copy of the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy on the Council’s website [here](#).

(ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/strengthening-communities-together-strategy)



Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board area



Key statistics



This section provides an overview of key statistics for the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board area. Please note all figures are sourced from the 2018 Census of Population and Dwellings.



Population:
72,000

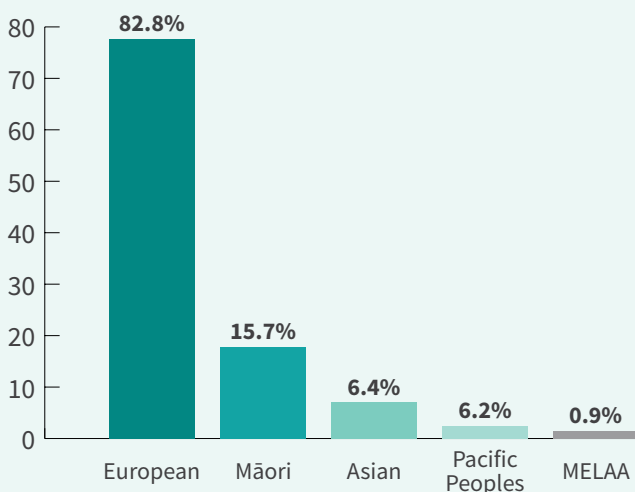


Median age:
37.6 years



Median personal income:
\$30,500

Ethnicity



Occupied private dwellings:
27,300



Unoccupied private dwellings:
2,000



Household access to internet:
84%



Rented dwellings:
34%



Born overseas:
18%

Key facilities and amenities

- 5 Council libraries: Parklands, New Brighton, Aranui, Shirley, Linwood
- 2 Council service centres: Shirley, Linwood
- 239 Council parks (3,400 hectares)
- 21 Council-owned social housing complexes with 507 units.
- 25 schools: 18 primary, 1 intermediate, 3 secondary, 2 composite (year 1-13), 1 special
- 1 public hospital: Burwood
- 1 Marae: Ngā Hau e Whā
- Approximately 4,700 businesses employing 17,700 people (2021)
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Spencer Park, Bottle Lake Forest, Adrenalin Forest, Travis Wetland, Cowles Stadium, Rawhiti Domain, Multiple golf clubs, Eastern coastal beaches, Taiora QEII, Te Pou Toetoe and Christchurch School of Gymnastics
- Main shopping centres and precincts: Shirley/The Palms, Aranui, Parklands, New Brighton Mall, Linwood/Eastgate, Woolston, The Tannery

Our vision



A citizenry that is fully engaged in local democratic decision-making and planning for the common good of the whole community



Vision statements

As your elected representatives, the board will work in partnership with our diverse local communities to achieve the following:

- The views, interests, needs and aspirations of residents are effectively represented and advocated for.
- The board has an open and transparent decision-making process which residents can participate and engage in.
- Working with the Council to improve early and meaningful engagement with our diverse communities, including rangatahi Māori, Pacific, Asian, Indian and marginalised youth.
- The undertaking of initiatives to protect, maintain, and enhance the local environment, plan and prepare for natural hazards and climate change.



Our priorities

Earthquake Legacy and Transport Projects: Southshore Estuary Edge, QEII Masterplan, Christchurch Regeneration Acceleration Facility and Pages Road Bridge

Why this matters:

The community board have received strong feedback from the community that they feel disenfranchised and left behind following the earthquakes. The top priority projects include Pages Road Bridge, Southshore Estuary Edge and the QEII Masterplan.

We have also heard that the community feel vulnerable and at risk in a disaster and that the current roading infrastructure will not provide a safe evacuation route. Both New Brighton Road and Pages Road Bridge provide important routes for the community in both and emergency as well as for day-to-day access and both need to be repaired.

In conjunction with this, the Christchurch Regeneration Acceleration Facility (CRAF) funding provided funds for projects that increase safety and the board would like to see these projects completed in a timely manner.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for funding to remain in the Long Term Plan to see the Southshore Estuary Edge project completed and for the preservation and enhancement of the Ihutai (Estuary) as an environmental taonga.
- Collaborate with staff, the community and mana whenua on progressing the Southshore Estuary Edge project through the resource consent process and in the ongoing preservation and enhancement of the Ihutai.
- Advocate for progress on the QEII Masterplan including bringing forward funding where possible to see some projects completed in the next financial year.
- Advocate for the Pages Road Bridge project to be completed as soon as possible and that funding remain in the Long Term Plan to achieve this.
- Advocate for the best solution for the future of New Brighton Road.



- Advocate for planning for Natural Hazards, climate change adaptation and Tsunami Evacuation with prioritisation of delivery of key infrastructure.
- Advocate for progress on the CRAF and CERF funded projects in the board area, e.g. Linwood, Woolston, Bromley, and New Brighton.
- Advocate for delivery of Ōtākaro Avon Major Cycleway Route as a key priority and with no delays.

We will measure our success by:

- Ensure that the matter is included in community board submissions to appropriate consultations.
- Receive regular briefings and updates on progress of these key projects.
- Ensuring \$100k for planning of Ōtākaro Avon Cycleway is back on the Council budget.
- See works begin on the ground.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Participation ✓ Preparedness ✓

Improve Access to Burwood Community Facilities

Why this matters:

The wider community has identified a need for new community-led facilities in the Burwood Ward and expressed this view strongly to the previous community board. Many people who were red-zoned have moved into new developments and the community board agrees there is a gap in the area for the community to be able to access facilities to come together and connect after losing access to facilities following the earthquakes.

What the board will do:

There are two opportunities to improve access to community-led facilities in the Burwood Ward:

- The community board will support All Saints in progressing their community facility to completion as this project is in an advanced state.
- The community board will support Marshlands Hall Trust in progressing their community facility in the Prestons area.

We will measure our success by:

- Seeing the All Saints Community Facility completed.
- Support the Marshlands Hall Trust to progress towards commencing a community facility in the Prestons area.

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Support the Bromley Traffic Project

Why this matters:

The community have strongly advocated to the community board that they do not feel safe on the roads in the Bromley area and that they have tragically experienced loss of life, making this a significant priority.

Light industry has increased in the Bromley area, leading to an increase in heavy transport and buses using the residential streets as through ways; further impacting on the amenity of the area and wellbeing of local residents.

Traffic speed creates irritation and hazards for local residents. Bromley was badly affected by the earthquakes, the land is fragile, which creates greater impacts from heavy and speeding traffic on surrounding residences.

Parks and roads maintenance levels of service were lowered during the recovery phase and this has exacerbated the impact of damage in Bromley.

What the board will do:

- Continue to advocate for improvements in the Bromley area, including speed reduction, enhanced monitoring and quality control, street planting and visual appeal.
- Advocate for an increase in maintenance to pre-quake levels.
- Encourage citizen participation in decision making and practical projects.
- Advocate for improved public transport service in Bromley.
- In preparation for the LTP, seek to learn lessons from Bromley to apply to other areas (e.g. North Linwood).
- Advocate for and support measures to reduce heavy vehicle traffic on residential streets.

We will measure our success by:

- The Local Area Traffic Management Plan is reviewed and outstanding items incorporated into an implementation plan that deals with current issues.
- Traffic speed in Bromley reduced.
- Resident surveys indicate that local wellbeing and happiness have improved.
- Increased collaboration with Waka Kotahi/NZTA, ECan and other agencies.

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New Brighton Mall

Why this matters:

The board has received feedback from the community that the mall has been left in state of decline for many decades and especially since earthquakes. The community provided feedback they'd like to see completion of the Master Plan, by re-establishing New Brighton mall as the centre of the community and an activity centre for the eastern suburbs. A revitalised, vibrant centre will attract people to 'live, work and play' in New Brighton.

What the board will do:

- Support progression of the New Brighton Master Plan
- Support funding to be brought forward from the LTP to make improvements to the New Brighton Public Realm to align with other planned works in 2023 and beyond.
- Support the progression of the Oram Avenue extension, including investigation of all options.
- Advocate for incentives for landowners to care for their derelict premises and sites, and find solutions to get them repaired and leased; support extension of the City Vacant Differential rate to the New Brighton mall by July 2024, or earlier if possible.
- Support delivery of Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Trust (CEAT) project and activation of the Mall through funding for local events.

- Advocate for improved amenities to improve safety, accessibility and public perception of the mall.
- Collaborate with the community, in the development and implementation of a localised Food Resilience Action Plan.

We will measure our success by:

- Ensure that these matters are included in community board submissions to appropriate consultations.
- Receive regular briefings and updates on progress of these key projects with clear timelines and deliverables.
- Collaborate with key stakeholders, local businesses, community, CEAT Community Leadership Group, and council to deliver upgrade of the mall.
- Ensuring funding is on budget in the LTP to prioritise delivery of all stages of New Brighton Master Plan.
- See works begin on the ground.

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Infrastructure / Roading Levels of Service Improved to see issues with roads, footpaths, stormwater and flooding addressed in the board area

Why this matters:

The board regularly receives feedback from the community that the quality of the basic infrastructure in the board area appears significantly worse than other areas of the city. Recent events have also highlighted the urgent need for communities to prepare for, and respond to, natural hazard and climate change-driven events, incidences and severity of which forecast to increase. We also know that climate change is not only an environmental issue, it is a social issue because some communities may have less capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from climate-related hazards and effects.

What the board will do:

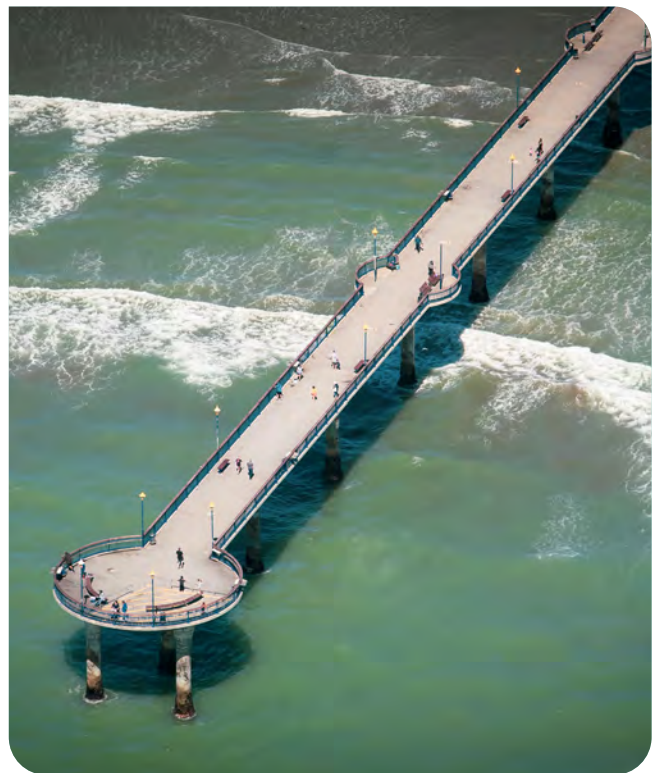
- Advocate during the Long Term Plan process for improvements to the levels of service in the board area.
- Prioritise repairs to key infrastructure, wastewater and stormwater systems and drainage, flood mitigation works, pump stations and stormwater pipes to improve resilience.
- Encourage community submissions to the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes.
- Encourage and educate the community on the use of the Snap, Send, Solve app for repairs and maintenance.
- Support better strategic planning coordination of work programmes across transport, three waters and parks to ensure efficient delivery and to minimise disruption to community.
- Advocate for an equity lens to ensure adequate funding to build resilience within all of our communities.
- Advocate for Council funding and subsidies for green infrastructure including permeable pavements, rain gardens, gray water reuse, rainwater capture, etc. to help mitigate impacts on households and whānau.
- Advocate for completion of CRAF, CERF and Aranui Streets for People projects.
- Advocate for the resolution and relief of flooding issues in areas where there are particular challenges, e.g. Avondale, New Brighton, and Woolston.

We will measure our success by:

- Ensure that the matter is included in community board submissions to appropriate consultations.
- Monitor regular Hybris reporting in the monthly Community Board Area Report.
- Increased number of tickets generated and issues resolved through use of the app.
- Improved resident's satisfaction through the annual survey within the board area.

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Enhancing Environmental Wellbeing

Why this matters:

For people to be healthy, our environment must be healthy. This requires a Ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea) an integrated approach to guardianship and understanding of the inter-connectedness of our natural environment. The community have long suffered from poor air quality in the East of the city, dating back over a century. With the stench from the recently damaged Waste Water Treatment Plant impacting on lives of many people coupled with the longstanding odours emanating from the Organics Processing Plant, the community board have heard strong views from communities on these issues. More recently issues have arisen on the industrial-residential fringe in Woolston with noise, vibrations and impacts to the community's visual amenity, affecting the day to day lives of people.

The combined community board covers some of the most ecologically significant habitats and environments, including the Avon-Heathcote estuary which has received international recognition for its importance as a safe haven for scores of migratory bird.

The Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai (the Estuary) has been designated a site of ecological significance.

The Ōtākaro Avon River and Ihutai Avon Heathcote Estuary are of vital importance to mana whenua, and regeneration provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a legacy that benefits future generations and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

What the board will do:

- The board will strongly advocate for the Organics Processing Plant to be relocated as per the decision made in principle by the Council.
- The board will continue to advocate for the repairs to the Waste Water Treatment Plant to ensure the plant is resilient and does not continue to produce odours that impact on the community.
- The board will continue to work with ECan to improve monitoring of odours, noise, air and water quality in the East.
- The board will continue to advocate for a timely resolution to the issues impacting the community from the industrial-residential fringe and for any needed planning changes needed to land use rules.
- Improving health of our waterways, is a top priority focused on restoration and improving habitats for indigenous plants, animals and mahinga kai/mahika kai.
- Support protection of the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai (the Estuary) as a top priority.
- Supporting the Opawaho/Heathcote River by advocating for the implementation of the Lower Heathcote Ōpāwaho River Guidance Plan.
- Raising awareness and supporting enhancement of the Pūharakekenui (Styx) River catchment and its environs including its ecology, drainage, landscape, culture, heritage and recreation values.
- Support delivery of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan acknowledging the significant opportunity it plays by enhancing positive community wellbeing, building connection and improving resilience.



We will measure our success by:

- Funds being retained on budget for the Organics Processing Plant to be relocated.
- Receiving regular updates and information on the progress being made at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Funds being allocated specifically towards projects detailed in the Lower Heathcote Ōpāwaho River Guidance Plan, including through an Activity Management Plan within the LTP.
- A plan change approved by Council to better regulate/control industrial activities in close proximity to residential areas.
- Receiving regular monitoring updates from ECan on reported odours etc. in the East.
- See a decrease in complaints from residents about odour and midge activity.
- Support funding for a dedicated Estuary/wetland Ranger in recognition of the special ecological values of these areas.
- Support funding for initiatives to improve health of waterways and biodiversity by reducing contaminants and pollution and reducing sediment in river/wetland environments; increasing riparian planting; prioritisation of delivery of stormwater and flood management basins.
- Work with community to identify and develop positive social and recreational spaces for the community across the board area.
- The Estuary is better protected from disturbance from dogs, with better signage and compliance with bylaws.

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New Brighton Safety Initiatives

Why this matters:

Coastal Brighton is seeing an increase in homeless, vulnerable and at-risk tangata within those communities. Businesses have expressed concerns for their safety when opening and closing, and there have been incidents of verbal and physical assaults. People are increasingly concerned for the safety of their whānau and are reporting more break-ins, thefts and anti-social behaviour.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for incentives for landowners to care for their derelict premises and find solutions to get them repaired and leased.
- Support local events aimed at bringing the community together through funding streams.
- Build relationships with other Government agencies who can offer support services for at-risk tangata in emergency and alternative housing.
- Support engagement with youth sector in the development of activities and recreational spaces for our tamariki in the mall, and key activity areas across the ward including Parklands.
- Meet regularly with key agencies to discuss appropriate and timely response to safety issues.
- Support the re-establishment of the community-led group which supports regeneration of the mall, builds social capital and advocates for businesses and residents in the Greater New Brighton area.
- Investigate and fund safety initiatives in the New Brighton CBD through environmental design; investigate funding for security patrols; urban design initiatives; provide information, resources and support to local businesses and residents to improve safety.

We will measure our success by:

- A community-led group advocating for the mall, such as a Business, or joint Business and Resident’s Association is established and meeting regularly.
- Wrap-around social services are provided for emergency and alternative housing in the area.
- Decrease in the amount of derelict buildings in commercial centres of Brighton suburbs.
- New ideas for local events and activations are funded.

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Aranui / Wainoni Safety Initiatives

Why this matters:

The community are reporting an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area, especially amongst rangatahi and tamariki. Improving community connection through both formal and informal bumping spaces and events. Activating key community assets which have been underutilised for years with diverse activities catering for a wide range of community will see improved wellbeing and a great sense of community.

What the board will do:

- Support the activation and community management of the Aranui-Wainoni Community Centre.
- Explore and investigate opportunities for wider use and activation of Wainoni Park by local community organisations and groups.
- Support the Streets for People project in Aranui.
- Partner with key local organisations who work with tamariki and rangatahi to provide opportunities for pro-social activities and events.
- Promote and encourage greater use of the Snap, Send, Solve app.

We will measure our success by:

- Increased hours of usage at the Aranui-Wainoni Community Centre with a more diverse range of users booking the facility.
- Directly sponsor and support collaborative projects that aim to activate and increase usage of Wainoni Park.
- Increased number of tickets generated and issues resolved through use of the app.

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Woolston Village Safety Initiatives

Why this matters:

Post-earthquakes, Woolston Village has seen investment and revitalisation but recently there has been a spike in anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drug-related incidents, and a decline in a sense of safety among business-owners and their customers due to loitering, intimidation, and harassment.

What the board will do:

- Support initiatives to activate public spaces with a view to discouraging the anti-social behaviour and street begging.
- Build relationships with other Government agencies who can offer support services for at-risk tangata in emergency and social housing.
- Meet regularly with key agencies to discuss appropriate and timely response to safety issues.
- Build relationships with local residents and business.
- Support local residents and businesses to collaborate for the common good of Woolston Village and the wider suburb.

We will measure our success by:

- Regular collaboration meetings of community and businesses are established with support from the board.
- Community board have granted funding towards activation projects for the Woolston Village shops and Library.
- New ideas for local events and activations are funded.
- The temporary alcohol ban is evaluated and altered accordingly.
- There is an improvement in the perception of safety within Woolston Village.

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Community board funding

In Christchurch, community board funding is allocated to each board based on population and equity. The NZ Deprivation Index is the tool used to measure the equity portion of the allocation. The Council uses the formula of 60% population and 40% equity when determining the allocations to each board.

The community board has four funding schemes available for allocation each year:

Strengthening Communities Fund

An annual contestable funding round – opens in March/April each year. Provides funding for the period of 1 September to 30 August each year.

The purpose of this fund is to support community-focused organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in the Christchurch city area.

Successful organisations will be those which demonstrate they are sustainable, strategic, community-focused groups which have a significant presence within their community of benefit. Successful projects will also clearly demonstrate their contribution to the council's funding outcomes and priorities. Organisations must be able to demonstrate their ability to contribute towards their project(s) and not rely on council funding as their sole source of funding.

Discretionary Response Fund

Open for applications all year – 1 July to 30 June.

The purpose of this fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.

Community board projects (events and awards) are also funded from this fund.

Youth Development Fund

The purpose of the Youth Development Fund is to celebrate and support young people living in the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community board area by providing financial assistance for their development. The community board also seeks to acknowledge young people's effort, achievement and potential excellence in the community.

The community board will consider applications for the following activities:

- **Personal Development and Growth** - For example leadership training, career development, Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure, extra-curricular educational opportunities.
- **Representation at Events** - Applicants can apply for assistance if you have been selected to represent your school, team or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.

Koru Fund

The Koru Fund would be a funding avenue from which community can access up to \$500 to help fund a project or initiative, removing the barrier of a more official and lengthy application process. The process involves a simple one page application form which included a few details on what the idea was about. This then gets processed and e-mailed to two selected members of the community board for approval. A two day turn-around from submitting the application to getting approval would enable community to get started straight away on making their idea happen and allows Council staff to be more flexible and responsive to issues that arise in the ward area.

If you want to know more about the board's community funding, please contact either of the staff below:

- Emily Toase - Community Development Advisor
03 941 5216
- Rory Crawford - Community Development Advisor
03 941 7069
- Jacqui Miller - Community Recreation Advisor
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Glossary of terms used

Avon Otakaro River Corridor Regeneration Plan

Regenerating the 602-hectare Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor is a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a legacy that benefits future generations. Stretching from the city to the sea, the 11km regeneration area contains streets, lawns and gardens that used to make up people's properties.

Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust (CEAT)

The Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust (the Trust) is responsible for the allocation of the money raised by the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal to support earthquake recovery initiatives.

Christchurch Regeneration Acceleration Facility (CRAF)

The Christchurch Regeneration Acceleration Facility (CRAF), which is Crown funded, is an investment in roading and transport improvements will act as a catalyst towards the development of a high-quality, safe and reliable transport network that will improve connectivity and the customer experience across Christchurch City. It will improve safety outcomes and encourage more people to walk, bike or catch public transport.

Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

In 2021, the Government announced the establishment of a new 'Climate Emergency Response Fund' (CERF). The fund was set up with an initial \$4.5 billion 'down payment' for Aotearoa New Zealand's climate spending, proportional to the proceeds of the Emissions Trading Scheme

Ihutai

The Avon Heathcote Estuary/Ihutai is a large shallow estuary located on the eastern fringes of Christchurch City. It is separated from the Pacific Ocean by a 4.5 long sand spit that forms the triangular shape of the estuary. The estuary contains fresh water from both the Avon River/Ōtakaro and Heathcote River/Ōpāwaho, and salt water from the ocean.

Lower Heathcote Ōpāwaho River Guidance Plan

This guidance plan is the result of extensive collaborative partnership and consultation between the Linwood Central Heathcote Community Board, Christchurch City Council staff, the community and organisations with an interest in the lower Ōpāwaho Heathcote River. The plan is a living and enduring framework to support and enhance the long-term sustainability of ecology and biodiversity in the area, reversing the damage or restoring the ecosystem after decades of degradation from a wide range of sources.



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The Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board generally meets on the first Monday of each month at 4.30pm at the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board Room on the corner of Union and Beresford Streets. These meetings are open to the public and live-streamed on our YouTube channel [here](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI96HGy4yTuHdxoX3617V0g).

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If you would like to speak at a board meeting please contact the Community Board Adviser on **03 941 6547**.

