

Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood

Community Board Plan 2023–25



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From the Chair



On behalf of the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board, I am proud to present our 2023-2025 Community Board Plan.

A community board plan is an important document that sets out our vision for the local community and guides the board in prioritising its work over the next three years. We see this plan as a 'living document', which may change

over time as projects are achieved or as circumstances may mean a change in direction for our priorities.

The priorities identified in this plan, reflect the issues that residents, community groups and Christchurch City Staff have brought to our attention. The board also undertook a series of workshops and provided engagement opportunities to ensure your voices were heard and we captured the issues important to you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback. Please be assured that we have listened to your suggestions, and although they may not be on our priority list, we will still be advocating for these issues to be considered in the council's planning processes.

Our vision for this community is to be one that thrives environmentally, socially, and economically, while acknowledging the range of risks and challenges we face today from climate change to the financial hardship that follows the COVID-19 global pandemic. Therefore, balancing priorities is fundamental and respecting where your money is spent. As a result, we've consciously selected projects that can be achieved with very little or no additional financial impact, while still honouring our board's vision.

We look forward to working in partnership with our local community to achieve the vision we have for this area.

Bridget Williams, 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.

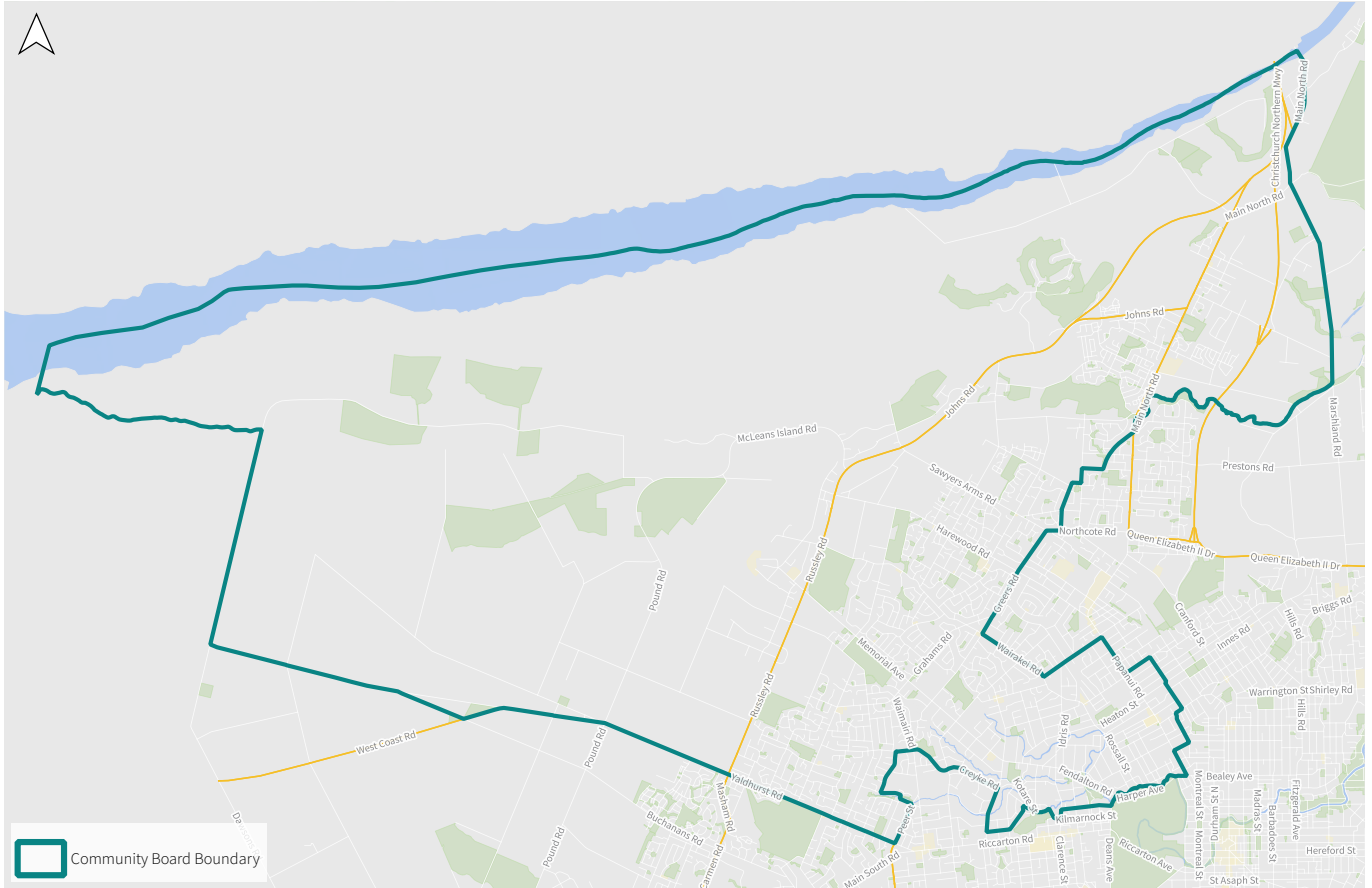
The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board is committed to working alongside our local communities to achieve the goals of the strategy. The four pillars above guide us in our decision-making and advocacy on behalf of our residents.

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)



Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board area



Key statistics



This section provides an overview of key statistics for the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board area. Please note all figures are sourced from the 2018 Census of Population and Dwellings.



Population:
71,700

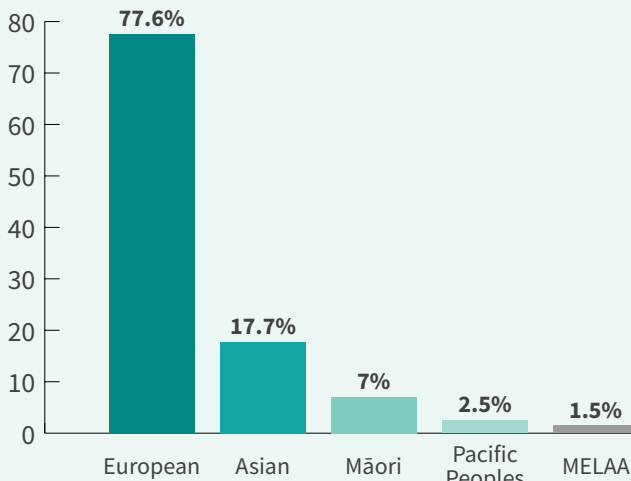


Median age:
40.3 years



Median personal income:
\$34,400

Ethnicity



Occupied private dwellings:

26,400



Unoccupied private dwellings:

1,900



Household access to internet:

90%



Rented dwellings:

29%



Born overseas:

28%

Key Facilities and Amenities

- 2 Council libraries: Fendalton, Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library
- 1 Council service centre: Fendalton
- 165 Council parks (670 hectares)
- 10 Council-owned social housing complexes with 187 units
- 31 schools: 19 primary, 3 intermediate, 5 secondary, 3 composite (Year 1-13), 1 special
- 2 private hospitals: St George's, Nurse Maude
- 1 charity hospital: Canterbury Charity Hospital
- Approximately 9,200 businesses employing 35,000 people (2021)
- Christchurch Airport
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Jellie Park Rec and Sport Centre, McLeans Island, Christchurch Football Academy, The Groynes, Lake Roto Kohatu, Nunweek Park, Sheldon Park.
- Main shopping centres and precincts: Avonhead Mall, Bishopdale Mall, Fendalton Mall, Ilam/Clyde, Merivale Mall, Spitfire Square (airport), Wairakei/Greers, Northwood Supa Centre/Belfast
- Major tourist attractions: Orana Wildlife Park, Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, Antarctic Centre

Our vision



The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood area has a strong local identity that is vibrant, inclusive and highly valued by all.



Vision statements

- The views, interests, needs and aspirations of residents are effectively represented.
- The community board has an open and transparent decision-making process that residents can understand and engage in.
- Initiatives to protect the local environment will be developed and supported, including the protection of our local waterways, particularly Styx River, Ilam Stream, Waimairi Stream, Wairarapa Stream and Ōtukaikino Stream.
- The board area has a safe and sustainable transport network which links with the wider Canterbury network.
- Residents have inclusive access to parks and greenspaces for recreational activities.
- A range of social and recreational activities are provided, which strengthen community wellbeing and result in residents feeling safe and connected in their communities.

In addition to our priority projects identified in this plan, the board will continue to advocate strongly through submissions to the Council's Annual Plan and Long Term Plan for the following:

- Maintaining rates at an affordable level
- Chlorine-free water supply
- Priority focus on road, footpath and park maintenance
- Installation of right-turning arrows at key intersections across the board area - particularly Grahams Rd/Memorial Ave and Grahams Rd/Wairakei Rd



Our priorities

Investigate Brenchley Avenue flooding mitigation options

Why this matters:

The Brenchley Avenue area in Strowan has been repeatedly flooding during rainfall events. In more recent events, the flooding was significant enough to require road closure until the water has subsided. Inundation is affecting mainly the Brenchley Avenue road corridor between Watford Ave and College Ave as well as adjacent properties along this stretch of road.

Residents have reported that houses on the southern side of the road were close to floor level flooding. One of those properties experienced subfloor flooding and wet carpets. One or more garages were also affected.

What the board will do:

- Investigate options for the funding of a scoping assessment to identify options and cost estimates for flood mitigation including the associated physical works.
- Depending on the outcome of the scoping assessment, the board will request funding be allocated in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan to undertake the capital works required.

We will measure our success by:

- Funding for scoping assessment allocated.
- Scoping assessment undertaken and options for mitigation identified.
- Funding allocated in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan to undertake mitigation works.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Preparedness ✓

Improve maintenance and water quality in the Wairarapa Stream

Why this matters:

The Wairarapa Stream is a tributary of the Ōtākaro-Avon River and is an urban spring-fed plains stream. Like many urban waterways, the stream suffers from ecological degradation and is not currently a good habitat for native species or a place that people can enjoy.

What the board will do:

- Request Council staff to improve the maintenance of the stream including:
 - manual removal of aquatic weed that grows from the bed of the stream
 - cutting the grass on the banks of the stream
 - removal of rubbish, debris and undesirable/noxious plants (as required)
- Work alongside community organisations and residents who are interested in improving the stream environment e.g. Conservation Volunteers NZ.

We will measure our success by:

- Increase in the frequency of Council maintenance of the stream
- Improvement in water quality, stream health and habitat for tuna/eel and freshwater invertebrates
- Sediment removal project will be undertaken as outlined in the Council's LTP for 2024.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓

Undertake tree planting in Talltree Avenue, Avonhead

Why this matters:

This proposed project is a result of the board being approached by residents of Talltree Avenue requesting that the board look to replace a number of street trees that have been removed from the berms over the years. These removals have mainly been due to the installation of various underground services. The presence of these services has made it impossible to replant trees back on the berms.

A draft design has been created which involves creating a number of 'build outs' onto the road for tree replacements.

Informal engagement has been undertaken with residents of the street, the majority of which are keen to see the project progressed.

What the board will do:

- Request staff to formalise the draft design and provide costings
- Undertake formal consultation with residents, particularly affected properties
- Investigate funding options to undertake the project (depending on results of the consultation)

We will measure our success by:

- Depending on resident feedback, tree planting project completed.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓

Identify and implement traffic safety improvements in the Russley area

(particularly Bentley Street, Fovant Street, Fenhall Street and Pinehurst Crescent areas)

Why this matters:

Through the board's Avonhead/Russley safety survey carried out in 2021, residents raised concerns regarding traffic safety in this area.

Issues included speed of traffic and poor visibility due to the layout of the road and high density parking on streets.

Residents have raised particular concerns about the safety of school children having to cross roads in this area.

What the board will do:

- Request staff to investigate options to mitigate traffic safety issues in this area including:
 - lowering of speed limits
 - traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps/ road narrowing)
 - installation of mirrors to improve visibility for both drivers and pedestrians

We will measure our success by:

- Initiatives to improve traffic safety and parking issues are implemented.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓ Preparedness ✓



Undertake traffic safety improvements around Westburn School on Waimairi Road

Why this matters:

The board has been approached by Westburn School requesting Council to investigate improvements in safety for children travelling to and from Westburn School, where the only entrance / exit is on the very busy arterial Waimairi Rd.

Council traffic engineers have begun looking at options to improve safety in this area.

What the board will do:

- Request staff to investigate options to mitigate traffic safety issues in this area including:
 - lowering of speed limits
 - options to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety at the Waimairi/Grahams roundabout
 - improving pedestrian crossing points at Raxworthy Street and Waimairi Road

We will measure our success by:

- Initiatives to improve safety, particularly for school children, are implemented.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

Identify and implement solutions for Merivale parking and traffic issues

Why this matters:

There are five schools, a shopping mall, commercial district, hospital and a dense residential zone within this area and the board is receiving a lot of complaints from residents about the transport network not keeping up with the increased demand.

The board has requested staff to identify options for improving traffic safety and parking in the area bordered by Papanui Road, Normans Road, Rossall Street, Carlton Mill Road and Papanui Road.

What the board will do:

- Continue to work with the Council's traffic engineers and local residents to identify solutions to traffic safety and parking issues.

We will measure our success by:

- Initiatives to improve traffic safety and parking issues are implemented.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

Undertake improvements to the driveway and carpark at Sheldon Park, Belfast and upgrade of playing fields

Why this matters:

Sheldon Park is a 10 hectare Sports Park that is home to a skate park, playground, tennis courts, rugby (five sports fields and changing rooms), bowls, netball courts, a fitness trail, basketball half court and home to the Belfast Community Network which is located on site.

The park attracts a high volume of traffic and the driveway and carpark area require significant maintenance.

The rugby club has also requested an upgrade to the playing fields.

What the board will do:

- Advocate to Council for the hard surface renewals at Sheldon Park to be brought forward (currently in the Long Term Plan for 2025/26/27) and undertaken as soon as possible
- Request that the Council's Parks Unit prioritise the renewal of the turf on the playing fields at Sheldon Park within their existing renewals/maintenance budgets

We will measure our success by:

- Carpark and driveway resealed
- Playing fields upgraded

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

Investigate and implement traffic safety improvements at the Radcliff Road/Main North Road intersection (particularly railway crossing safety for pedestrians and cyclists)

Why this matters:

Residents have reported that the right hand turn into Main North Road at the intersection does not meet the needs of the traffic using the intersection nor does it provide appropriate visibility for cars waiting in line to access the intersection.

The area at the intersection of Radcliffe Road and Main North Road is currently being redeveloped for retirement housing. On the opposite side of the road is the Northwood Shopping Centre, which will service the new development. This will further increase both the vehicles using the space and pedestrians at the intersection.

What the board will do:

- Request Council staff to undertake an assessment of the safety and use of the Radcliff Road/Main North Road intersection, particularly the railway crossing for pedestrians and cyclists
- Request staff to undertake work to improve traffic safety and safer access for pedestrians using the intersection
- Advocate for funding to be allocated in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan to undertake any safety improvements required

We will measure our success by:

- Safety assessment undertaken
- Funding secured in the 2024–34 Long Term Plan for safety improvements.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

Investigate the extension of kerb and channelling from 347–379 Gardiners Road, Harewood

Why this matters:

The existing kerb and channelling on the western side of Gardiners Road finishes at number 347. There is then no kerb up to the end of the road by City Firewood.

During rain events, this section becomes extremely water-logged as there is no 'run-off' point.

Channelling will direct the moisture run-off and ultimately protect the surface of the road and maintain its longevity and protect surrounding properties.

What the board will do:

- Request Council staff to investigate the extension of the kerb and channelling to protect the road and residential properties relative to the long term effects at a cost of not undertaking the work.
- Depending on the outcome of the investigation the board will advocate for funding to be allocated in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan to undertake the capital works required.

We will measure our success by:

- Funding secured in the 2024–34 Long Term Plan to undertake the work.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

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 three funding schemes available for allocation each year and for the 2022-23 funding year, had a total funding pool of **\$441,905**.

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.

If you would like to know more about the board's community funding, please contact any of the staff below:

- Natalie Dally - Community Development Adviser
03 941 5326
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The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board generally meets on the second Monday of each month at 4.30pm at the Fendalton Service Centre on Clyde Road. These meetings are open to the public and live-streamed on our YouTube channel [here](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0djJ5RxVNyyf8xYyglkXvg). ([youtube.com/channel/UC0djJ5RxVNyyf8xYyglkXvg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0djJ5RxVNyyf8xYyglkXvg))

Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the council's website at [ccc.govt.nz](https://www.ccc.govt.nz)

If you would like to speak at a board meeting please contact the Community Board Adviser on **03 941 6728**.

