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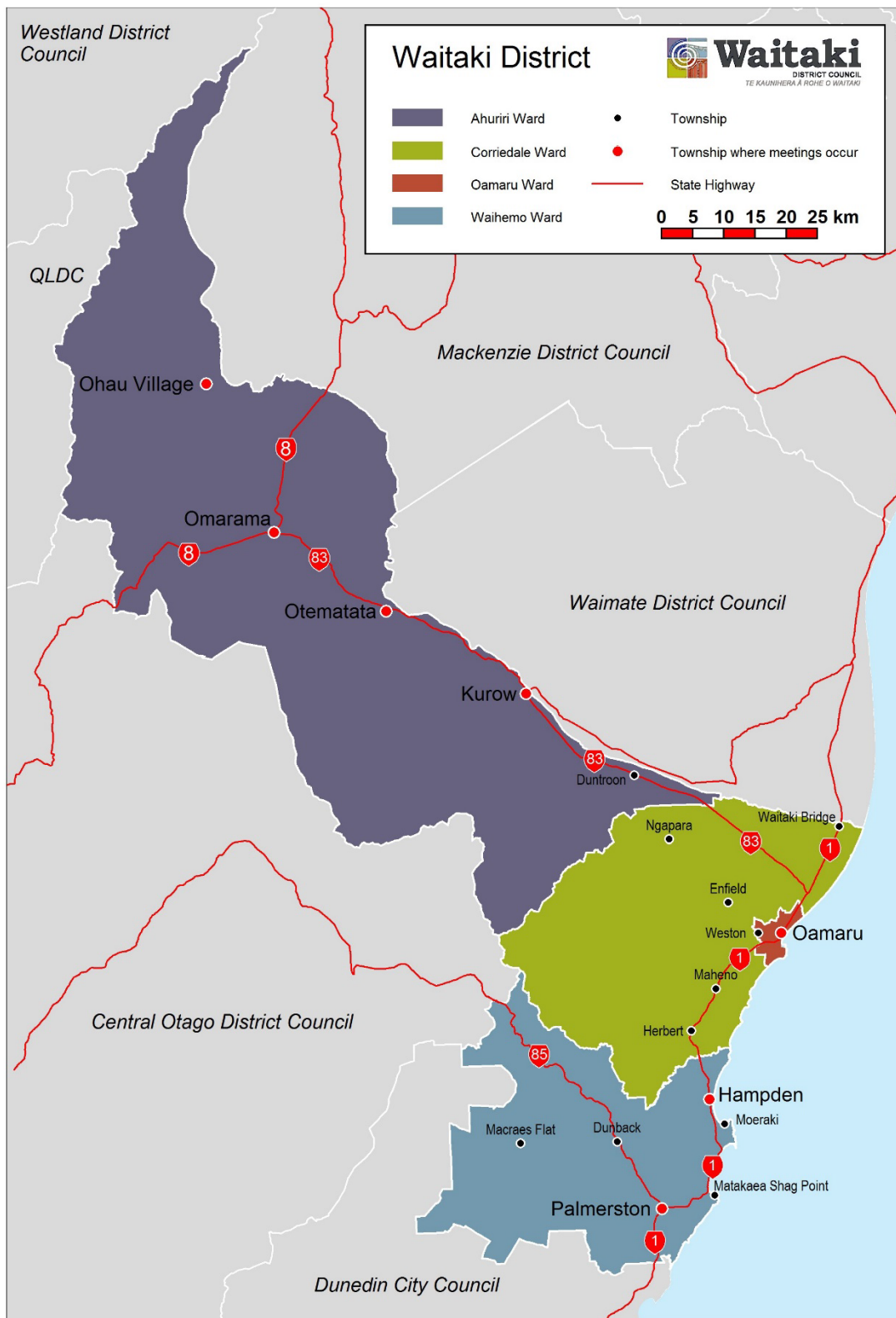
**Date:** Monday, 8 May 2023  
**Time:** 2.00pm  
**Location:** Kurow Memorial Hall, Kurow

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### Ahuriri Community Board Meeting

### 8 May 2023

**Alex Parmley**  
Chief Executive



STRATEGIC  
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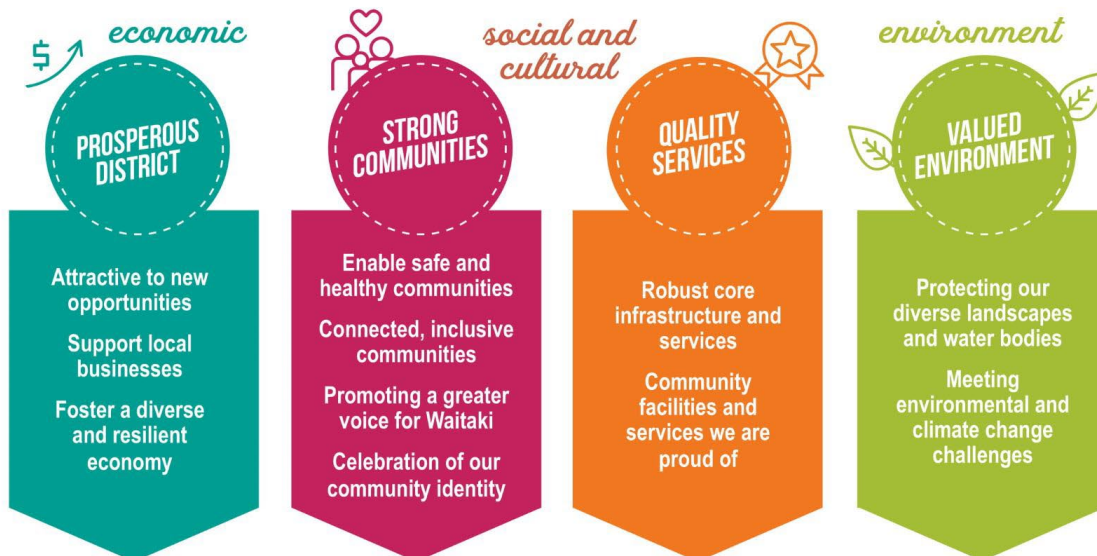
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**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**



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- 1 APOLOGIES**
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Registered Speaker 1: Mr Owen King (speed reduction for Duntroon)

**4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2023**

**Author:** Ainslee Hooper, Governance and Policy Advisor

**Authoriser:** Lisa Baillie, People and Transformation Group Manager

**Attachments:** 1. **Public Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 13 March 2023**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 13 March 2023, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**  
**OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE LAKES CENTRE, OTEMATATA, NORTH OTAGO**  
**ON MONDAY, 13 MARCH 2023 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Calum Reid (Chair), Mr Steve Dalley, Mr Mike King, Mr Alan Pont, Mrs Karen Turner, and Cr Brent Cowles

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Gary Kircher  
Cr John McCone (rostered Councillor)  
Alex Parmley (Chief Executive)  
Roger Cook (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager)  
Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)  
Mr Lindsay Hyde (Recreation Manager) – for agenda item 5.1

### **MEETING OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 2.00pm and welcomed everyone present, in particular new Board members Mr Mike King, Mr Alan Pont, and Mrs Karen Turner.

### **1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Steve Dalley declared an interest in Agenda Item 5.1 and said he would not participate in the discussion or vote on that item.

### **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Ross Menzies, a former Ahuriri Community Board member, said he wished to take the opportunity to give his valedictory speech. He spoke about budget matters and Ward services as they relate to community boards, and shared his views on community board meeting expenses and travel claims for board members. He said he had experienced some difficulties with the latter, but they had been resolved. Mr Menzies also commended the Chair for the new Board's initial decision in this triennium to continue to use the former Board's Standing Orders which was the community boards' version that Local Government New Zealand had developed. He hoped that the Board would continue to use the community board version, rather than the Council one, because it was more specifically directed at the role and work of community boards.

The Chair thanked Mr Menzies for his comments and commended him on his efforts for the community during his time as a Board member and for working with Council to overcome the difficulties he had experienced. He acknowledged that Mr Dalley and (at that time) Mr Cowles had been the only two Ahuriri Community Board members for a time during the previous triennium, and, as Chair, he had not been made aware by them of any difficulties they had experienced. Therefore, he said he would take Mr Menzies' comments under advisement and report back at some stage.

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

### 4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2022

#### RESOLVED ACB 2023/002

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles

Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 12 December 2022, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2023

#### RESOLVED ACB 2023/003

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley

Seconded: Cr Brent Cowles

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public Minutes of the Extraordinary Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 15 February 2023, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Chair called Agenda Item 5.1 and acknowledged Mr Dalley's declaration of interest for this item.

## 5 DECISION REPORTS

### 5.1 OTEMATATA DOMAIN FENCING

The report, as circulated, sought the Board's consideration of a request for Ahuriri Community Board discretionary funding received from the Otematata Residents' Association Incorporated to replace a section of the Otematata Domain fencing adjacent to East Road.

The Chair took the report as read and thanked officers for finding an alternative funding option for this project. He invited questions from other Board members.

Recreation Manager Lindsay Hyde advised the meeting that, following receipt of the letter from the Otematata Residents' Association Incorporated (ORAI), officers had reinspected the fence and found it to be in worse condition than previously stated in the officer report. Therefore, officers were now suggesting that the fence be replaced. He noted that there was a requirement, under Council's procurement policy, for three quotes to be sourced. One had been received already, and two more would be obtained.



**RESOLVED ACB 2023/005**

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles  
Seconded: Mrs Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. Declines the funding request to the Board from Otematata Residents' Association Incorporated for discretionary funding to replace a section of the Otematata Domain fencing adjacent to East Road; and
2. Instead, recommends that Council:
  - (a) Approves funding to replace a section of the Otematata Domain fencing adjacent to East Road, up to the value of \$40,000 subject to supply of two further quotations for the work to meet the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy; and
  - (b) Agrees that the total cost of the project is to be funded by an equal 50% split between Council's Recreation Furniture and Fences budget and the Ahuriri Reserves Improvement budget.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 ELECTION OF AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

The report, as circulated, informed the Board of the process to follow to decide whether to elect a Deputy Chairperson of the Ahuriri Community Board in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, and if the Board so decides, then how to make that appointment at this meeting in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Chair referred Board Members to the recommendations in the officer's report on page 25 of the agenda paper. He asked for a mover and seconder for recommendation 1.

Mrs Karen Turner moved that the Board did want to appoint a Deputy Chairperson, and Mr Alan Pont seconded the motion.

The motion was put to the meeting and declared carried by the Chair.

The Chair then asked for a mover and seconder to recommendation 2 in the report.

Mrs Karen Turner moved the motion that the Board wished to use System B to elect the Deputy Chairperson at this meeting. Mr Alan Pont seconded that motion.

The motion was put to the meeting and declared carried by the Chair.

The Chair then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Ahuriri Community Board for the 2022-2025 triennium, using System B.

Mrs Karen Turner moved that Mr Steve Dalley be nominated for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Ahuriri Community Board, and Mr Alan Pont seconded the motion.

The Chair called for any further nominations. There were none.

The Chair then declared Mr Steve Dalley elected unopposed to the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Ahuriri Community Board for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium.

The Chair and Board Members, the Mayor, Chief Executive, Group Manager Roger Cook, and Governance Advisor all congratulated Mr Dalley on his selection as Deputy Chair of the Board.

The Governance Advisor explained that the Remuneration Authority, which was responsible for setting the remuneration for all elected members, did not provide for additional remuneration for the position of Deputy Chairs of community boards, and therefore Mr Dalley would not receive any

increase or uplift of his current member remuneration. This was understood by Mr Dalley and other Board members.

The full record of the motions moved, seconded, and carried in relation to the appointment of Mr Dalley as Deputy Chairperson of the Ahuriri Community Board is provided below.

**RESOLVED ACB 2023/006**

Moved: Mrs Karen Turner

Seconded: Mr Alan Pont

That, pursuant to Part 2 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. Decided that it did wish to elect a Deputy Chairperson for the 2022-2025 triennium;
2. Selected System B, as specified in the Act under reference, to elect the Deputy Chairperson of the Ahuriri Community Board for the 2022-2025 triennium;
3. Formally records that, after following an election process using System B as agreed in 2 above, Mr Steve Dalley was elected unopposed to the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Ahuriri Community Board for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium at this meeting..

**CARRIED**

**6 MEMORANDUM REPORTS**

**6.1 AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The report, as circulated, provided an update to the Ahuriri Community Board on financial matters and activities within the Ahuriri ward since the last Board meeting.

Mayor Gary Kircher briefed the Board on amenity rates, and how they could be used for new footpaths, street lighting, storm water, and kerb and channel. Mayor explained the amenity rates. Pay for things like new footpaths, street lighting, storm water, kerb and channel.

Regarding halls, generally these are managed by a hall committee, and they pay for rates, insurance, maintenance along the way. Such expenditure is offset by whatever user charges they make for hiring the halls. If the community board has any concerns, they can be raised with Council. Hall Committees recommend to Council what the rates for the hall will be. That revenue then helps to maintain the school pool, tennis courts and the like because the halls are available to the community.

Regarding Otematata Community Hall, the Mayor advised that Council had bought the building; the purchase had been loan-funded. It was clarified that the hall is a commercial one, but the meeting room is owned by Council. There is an agreement between ORAI and Council to operate the hall.

Regarding Ward services and recreation spaces, this is an area where there are good opportunities for the Community Board to do more. Regarding reserves, with regard to Kurow Island, Council paid separately from this to the Island Committee.

Regarding water and sewerage matters, Mayor Kircher advised that, in the past, community boards had been involved in making decisions and Council had not been. He believed Council needed to be more involved in such decisions, and the delegations could be adjusted to achieve that.

Regarding the Board's community grants funding, there were some commitments in those for both Community Boards. Ahuriri paid a grant to the Kurow Museum, and Waihemo paid a grant to East

Otago High School. The Chair added that a separate payment was also made to the Waitaki Society for the work it did, although that was not paid from the Board's discretionary funding.

Regarding discretionary funding, the Mayor advised that that accumulated up each year. He had discussed with Board Chairs about the possibility of Council combining those and then making sure there is transparency around the fund to see what else the community boards could do via applications. There could be two different processes. The key issue was for boards to be as responsive as possible to community groups. Council's community grants were only open to not-for-profit organisations. However, there may be individuals in the community board communities who could undertake some work to benefit the communities. Council also had a Creative Community Scheme which individuals could apply for. There were different funds for different things, and further discussion would help find the best way to identify a niche where community boards could help fund initiatives within their communities, but in a more transparent way through a specific process. The Governance Advisor added that she had been working with the Accounting Manager to develop a specific process to community boards' discretionary funding and that would be discussed at a combined community boards' workshop in April and the Board's feedback would be sought there. If there was a need to change delegations for Boards, then that would be decided by Council and then a new process could be formally adopted by the community boards and would be promoted on Council's and the community boards' website pages.

**RESOLVED ACB 2023/007**

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles  
Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the report detailing movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE AHURIRI WARD FOR NOVEMBER 2022 TO JANUARY 2023**

The report, as circulated, provided the Community Board members with a list of building consents issued in the Ahuriri Ward during November 2022 to January 2023.

Asked if the percentage of consents was waning, Group Manager Roger Cook advised that it was still strong but building consents had dropped across all councils in Otago after Christmas. The Ahuriri Ward was no different to any other wards within those areas. He explained that tradespeople had been anticipating supply issues because of the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle in the North Island and the irregular running of ferries between the two islands in the aftermath.

When asked, the Board confirmed that the report was still useful, and they would like to continue to receive it as it was a good indication of the economic climate and where the Ward was growing.

**RESOLVED ACB 2023/008**

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles  
Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT MARCH 2023

The report, as circulated, shared the Chairperson's report with Board Members and the public. There were no questions or discussion on the report.

#### RESOLVED ACB 2023/009

Moved: Mr Calum Reid  
Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

### 6.4 COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS' AND WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

The report, as circulated, conveyed reports from the Ahuriri Community Board Members and the Ahuriri Ward Councillor for the information of the wider Ahuriri community.

There was brief discussion on the Ward bus tours that had been undertaken as part of the Elected Member Induction programme. It was noted that there were similar challenges in small rural areas, and it could be beneficial for the community boards to get together to discuss matters collaboratively and to look around at other places to see what other councils / community boards were doing to address any concerns.

There was a request from the Chair for an update at some stage from Council on developments in Lake Ohau following the fire in relation to water services etc.

At the request of Group Manager Roger Cook, Cr Cowles provided the meeting with an update on the recent coastguard meeting and training activities on the lakes.

Mr Dalley added to his Member report by advising that the playground is being installed in Otematata, with a safety fence, and that it should be open within the next 3-4 weeks. This was being funded by the Community Led Development Programme (CLDP).

#### RESOLVED ACB 2023/010

Moved: Mr Mike King  
Seconded: Mr Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

### 6.5 COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT - LINKS TO COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS

The report, as circulated, provided links to final agenda papers for recent Council Meetings along with a summary of discussions at them that is produced by the Chief Executive, along with any other relevant information from Council, for the information of Community Board members and their Ward communities.

The Chair invited **Mayor Gary Kircher** to address the meeting. The Mayor briefed the meeting on discussions at sector meetings about the **North Island disasters**, and how lessons learned from that needed to be discussed at the regional and local level in the South Island. He also mentioned **AF8** (which referred to the possibility of an Alpine Fault magnitude 8 earthquake), and discussions that were being progressed on preparations for that. A meeting was being held

with the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) and that would discuss such things as generators; his Mayor's report discussed other options and the Chief Executive had contributed others. There would be a need to work with community halls, to determine which of them may need to be set up as strategic bases in a local disaster and what they would need (eg solar panels, bedding, food supplies, emergency kits etc).

The Mayor also briefed the meeting on discussions related to the **A20 cycle trail** that he had had with central government representatives in Wellington. There was an important role for Council to play in lobbying central government for more funding. There was brief discussion on State Highway 83, access from Grants Road, and the issues with Quailburn Road including that someone had come off their bike the previous day.

**Chief Executive Alex Parmley** briefed the meeting on **central government reforms** and highlighted the submission that Council had agreed at the last meeting on the Resource Management Act (RMA) reform that highlighted concerns about how communities would have a voice. The reform had suggested that a move to a regional approach would simplify things, but it was shaping up to be a more complicated and more costly approach. Regarding Three Waters, Council had submitted on how communities would be heard. An important recent development had been the proposal that any work Council Controlled Organisations (CCO) do around water, would mean that that piece of their work would be absorbed into the new water entities. That would cause a problem for Council's own CCO, Whitestone Contracting Limited, which did a lot for communities within the district through payment of a dividend that goes towards rates and community projects. Discussions with the new Minister the previous week had been promising, as the Minister spoke about the need for some changes to be made and that he was listening to the views that communities were losing their voice.

Regarding the **District Plan review**, Mr Parmley advised that the results of the consultation had been released, and Council was now working through that. There was a need to balance what Council was being told it had to do and the impact of that on landowners. Environmental lobby groups were wanting councils to implement every word of the Act which could end up with matters going to the Environment Court.

Regarding Council's **Transformation Programme**, Council was looking to radically change how it operated as an organisation because of central government's many reforms. The aim was to become more efficiency, more focused on delivery that increased the value for money for ratepayers, and how to improve customer service. Staff were very much engaged in the programme. Workshops were being held with Council's elected members, and the programme was now in its second phase. It was hoped that by the end of June, some changes would be visible regarding working more efficiently and effectively.

At the request of the Chair, Mr Parmley briefed the Board on developments at the Oamaru Hospital. Historically, it had been underfunded, but the Board and Chief Executive Keith Marshall had been working very hard to get a new funding agreement, and there was now agreement for that. The hospital had been running a deficit each year, and there had been no pay parity which had meant that management had struggled to attract staff. The new funding agreement would not sort all the issues, but it was an important step forward to put them on a better funding platform. This was good news for local health services. There was brief discussion about the option of local residents being able to travel to Timaru rather than Dunedin because it was a shorter distance than Dunedin for specialist services that were not available in Oamaru. The Mayor acknowledged that that was happening more often because Timaru had shorter waitlists. The need here was for tele-medicine services to work better, so that Waitaki's residents could go online and get someone qualified to talk to and avoid the major impost of having to travel. The Chair said he would be willing to write a letter of support for any submission Council wanted to make if that would help in any way. This was acknowledged.

**Group Manager Roger Cook** briefed the meeting on his portfolio, which includes planning, building compliance and consents, regulatory enforcements teams – alcohol, dogs, food, noise, fly-tipping; and waste management. Regarding the last, he mentioned there would be a public engagement on the Waste Minimisation Management Plan, which would involve a waste

assessment for Waitaki and the development of a waste profile for the district. The WMMP would be how Waitaki deal with those matters. The Plan would go to Council for adoption, and it would be shared with community boards as well.

Mr Cook continued with his portfolio explanation, and noted that under **Climate Change**, Council had recently appointed a Climate Change Advisor, and she was now working on a climate change assessment for the district. Waitaki had both coastal and mountain environments, which meant two types of typography that could be impacted by climate change. Early indications are that there would be less rainfall overall but that, when it did rain, there would a 'super, great volume'. The science involved, the legacy of what will be left for future generations, and how mitigations will be put in place were all interesting components to be investigated.

Mr Cook also advised that he had **Civil Defence** as part of his portfolio and was the lead manager for the Ahuriri Community Board. The Chair informed the Board that that meant they could channel any questions they had through the Governance Advisor to Mr Cook and they would work together to expedite information from other Council departments about what initiatives might be able to be achieved and what sources of funding would best be used.

**RESOLVED ACB 2023/011**

Moved: Mr Mike King  
Seconded: Mrs Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

**CARRIED**

**7 MEETING CLOSE**

The Chair thanked everyone for participating in the meeting, and then declared the meeting closed at 3.33pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting to be held on Monday 8 May 2023..

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CHAIRPERSON

## **5 MEMORANDUM REPORTS**

### **5.1 ASSETS UPDATE**

**Author:** Joshua Rendell, Assets Operations Manager

**Authoriser:** Paul Hope, Acting Assets Group Manager

**Attachments:** 1. **COPY Assets Group Update to the Council Activity Update on 21 March 2023**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

#### **PURPOSE**

To update the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Ahuriri Ward since the last Board meeting.

#### **AHURIRI WARD ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS**

There are a number of projects in the Ahuriri Ward that are currently active or soon to commence.

Whitestone Contracting Limited have been working on the water supply network in Kurow. This work included the replacement of water valves and fittings to enable future upgrades of the water mains.

The water services team soon award a contract for the Ōmārama water treatment plant upgrade which will provide compliant drinking water to the Ōmārama township.

A contract has been awarded for repairs and resilience to the Alps2Ocean trail, with funding provided by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to the value of \$500,000 for the works. The work on the Alps2Ocean will be undertaken in the coming months and is targeted at some of the areas that are damaged regularly when storm events occur.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITY UPDATE  
AGENDA**

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**21 MARCH 2023**

**1.1 ASSETS GROUP UPDATE - MARCH 2023**

**Author: Joshua Rendell, Assets Operations Manager**

**Authoriser: Paul Hope, Acting Assets Group Manager**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide insight into recent work undertaken by the Assets group departments.



**COUNCIL ACTIVITY UPDATE  
AGENDA**

21 MARCH 2023

**PROPERTY**

**Activity Management and Strategic Programme**

Property Strategy

An initial workshop was held with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the Chief Executive on 7 December 2022, with a further workshop with all of Council held on 21 February to review work so far and confirm the direction of Strategy development.

Officers intend to hold a further workshop to confirm the classification of key properties prior to adoption of the Strategy and implementation plan before the end of the financial year.

Ōamaru Airport

The airport strategy and connecting business plan continues to develop, with further investigations and due diligence currently taking place. A workshop will be held with all of Council in April to provide feedback to staff on the current draft. Adoption of the Strategy and Business Plan are expected before the end of the financial year.

Activity Management Plan

Development of an Activity Management Plan (AMP) for Property will be incorporated into the implementation plan for the Property Strategy, with work beginning in the coming financial year.

**Operations**

**Projects and Capital Delivery**

Ōamaru Opera House Dome Restoration

This project commenced early 2021 with the strengthening of the dome supporting structure, removal of debris and an old walking platform from the ceiling space directly above the dome. Conservators commenced restoration of the internal surface of the dome back to its original condition in December 2022 and completed this project in early March 2023.

Holmes Wharf

The deck replacement contract was completed in January 2023 on schedule and on budget. The new heritage bollards and a gate have been installed near the start of the wharf. The new seating and bait station have been installed at the end of the wharf. Minor maintenance work has been completed to the sheds. Final structural bolting of beam/pile connections are currently underway along the entire edge of the wharf. Planning work is progressing for new underground services, streetlighting and improved amenity.

Ōamaru Breakwater

The annual aerial breakwater survey undertaken in November 2022 calculated that 624 tonnes of rock have been reclaimed by the sea over the past 12 months. As part of annual maintenance programmes, replenishment of rock and concrete repairs is scheduled to take place before the end of the financial year. Larger rock will be used where it can be, as it tends to remain in place for a longer period.

Ōamaru Blue Penguin Colony Car Park Upgrade

Resource consent has been issued by Council's Planning team to carry out proposed landscaping which is a controlled activity under the Heritage Business zone. The preferred design and project budget were distributed to Harbour Area Sub-Committee members in December 2022 seeking feedback. A decision was made to report to Council's 14 March 2023 Meeting, with officers recommending Council approve additional funds required to complete the project.

Community Housing and Healthy Homes

At the time of writing this report, there were three (3) vacant Community Housing units across the district, one in Palmerston and two in Ōamaru.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITY UPDATE  
AGENDA**

**21 MARCH 2023**

Our contractors continue to make good progress with undertaking works to meet compliance requirements to healthy homes standards. The five standards aim to improve the health and warmth of rental properties by creating minimum standards for heating, insulation, ventilation, draught stopping, moisture ingress, and drainage. New tenancies are now required to comply within 120 days (previously 90) of the tenancy agreement and all rental homes must comply by 2025 (extended from 2024).

All community housing sites are 100% compliant for insulation, heating, draught stopping, and drainage. Ground moisture barriers are installed where accessibility allows in at least 94% of units.

Kitchen and bathroom extractor fan ventilation compliance is as follows:

| Site       | Compliance % | Site    | Compliance % |
|------------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| Usk        | 100%         | Swale   | At least 25% |
| Dacre      | At least 50% | College | At least 59% |
| Reed       | At least 54% | Exe     | 100%         |
| Palmerston | At least 27% | Hampden | 100%         |

Community Housing refurbishment upgrades

The refurbishment of Units 2 and 4 in Palmerston is complete and tenants have been found for these units. The fire remediation of Unit 16 is pending redress to the lounge underfloor as the smoke smell is still permeating through the lounge and kitchen areas. We are awaiting a response from the insurance company with regards to this work being covered by insurance.

Minor refurbishments are still being undertaken on other units where existing tenancies have ended so these units can be tenanted.

1 Thames Street

Procurement for a compliant fire alarm system is complete, with initial installation work now underway. Once this has been completed, staff will undertake a basic refit of the premises.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITY UPDATE  
AGENDA**

**21 MARCH 2023**

**RECREATION**

**Asset Management and Strategic Programme**

Storm Damage

Fencing work has started along the walkway beside the Ōmārama Top Ten Holiday Park. Once this is completed, there may be additional works required on the walkway. Various trees in the Ōmārama Stream reserve have required tree work to be undertaken for safety reasons.

CON888 – A2O July 2022 Repairs

The tender process for this work is underway. We have two (2) tenders out with one part focusing on the repairs and the other around resilience work. The Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is contributing \$500K to this work.

A2O

The MBIE Business Case application to bring the remaining sections of the Trail off-road has been assessed by MBIE's investment panel. They have requested a further in-person meeting with them on 1 March to answer further questions. Mayor Gary Kircher (WDC), David Adamson (MDC) and Robyn Hyde (A2O) will attend this meeting.

The state of the A2O Trail from Duntroon to Ōamaru is especially poor. There has been a high level of comment from the public regarding this, including one landowner who is particularly unhappy. As mentioned above, tenders are out to complete the repairs and resilience works. Additional maintenance is also required on this section.

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is reviewing easement agreements with regards to commercial use and the requirement of a recreation permit to conduct commercial activities on Crown land. We understand this will include all activities conducted on LINZ land, eg guiding, providing lunch to clients, picnics, coffee carts, filming etc. There is no set fee structure, but charges will be worked out by LINZ based on the value of the commercial operation taking place. The Grantee (Council) of the permit will be responsible for all operators following the rules. Nothing further has been received from LINZ. Our Trail Manager will be drafting a letter to the New Zealand Cycle Trails (NZCT) board to consider for submission.

NZCT has completed its ride through and trail audit in January. No report has been received yet. Our Trail Manager is still working on the health and safety information they require in collaboration with Mackenzie District Council.

The collection of on-trail asset data has been completed using GIS Cloud. This data is in the process of being checked and handed over to the GIS team. The data will be combined with data collected by Mackenzie District Council to have a full record of the Trail assets.

A2O celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the original ribbon cutting ceremony at Lake Ōhau on 17 February. A small event was held at Lake Ōhau lodge to celebrate this milestone. Members of the original Trail Committee and project teams along with the current Joint Committee attended. This milestone is also being highlighted through our current marketing.

**Operations**

Parks and Reserves

Recent high winds damaged a number of trees around Ōamaru, requiring clearing of fallen branches and remedial work to a number of trees. Continued high sunshine hours and a lack of rain has meant that many of our Parks and Reserves are becoming quite dry. However, residual soil moisture is ensuring that grass is alive and performing well for the time of year.

Weston Park hosted the Highlanders / Crusaders pre-season fund raiser match, with a good crowd attending and the field looking in great shape for the game.

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Other sports fields are getting well used, with many bookings and the transition between summer and winter sports codes underway.

Walkways are getting well used, with over 1000 walkway brochures handed out to tourists visiting Whitestone City over the months of December and January.

Park Promotions

The team celebrated Parks Week which was held from 4 -12 March 2023. An online competition was held which encouraged people to engage with Snap Send Solve.

The timing of Parks week coincided with Friendly Bay Family Fun Day. That was a well-attended event that was enjoyed by many.

Moeraki Rabbits

The Otago Regional Council is intending to apply the Modified McLean Scale to some additional properties in the Moeraki Village and is proposing to trial some 'pindone pens' as a trial. This scale is used by councils to determine rabbit levels. Council Officers will continue to plan the implementation of a poison programme this winter along with the other active (and committed) landowners.

Palmerston Mountain Biking

Craig Alter, along with other local volunteers, have continued developing additional Mountain Bike Tracks in Brough Street Forest while working diligently to improve the existing tracks. Posters are to be placed on the noticeboard within the town centre to increase the awareness of the tracks.

Palmerston Playground

The fence installation around the playground has been completed.

Camping Grounds

The busy holiday season went well at the campgrounds with minimal incidents. The extension of the water supply from Otematata to three campgrounds performed well and was well received by campers.

We are investigating undertaking extensions on existing chip seal areas.

The online booking form through Council's website has proved successful and we are keen to promote it further for the next season. A QR code payment system is also being developed internally for casual users of boat ramps.

Aquatic Centre

Our "Give a Gift" of swimming lessons raised enough funds to provide Term lessons for 38 children. We are now reaching out to some Community Groups for nominations. These lessons will be available from Term 2.

Our new volleyball nets have been a great success over the summer, and it was great to see children interacting in teams and families playing together.

We had an increase in patronage over the Christmas holidays and promoted on Facebook what we had on each day which contributed to people using the facility. Our "Back to School Pool Party" was a huge success and the feedback we received was fantastic. There was even a family from Dunedin who had come up to spend a couple of days in Ōamaru who were very impressed with all we had to offer.

Term one has kicked in with several schools coming in for lessons. We are also travelling out to Duntroon school pool and taking school groups out there.

Flipper ball has started again this term. We have school age children playing on both Monday and Thursday evenings. We have had interest in adult Flippa ball and will be looking at establishing this as an activity mid-term on a Tuesday evening.

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We have had squad swimmers competing at summer swim meets over the last couple of weekends with good results and many Personal Bests (PBs).

**Projects and Capital Delivery**

Water Play

The detailed design plans require an additional critique to improve accessibility which puts further delay on the final tender documents being prepared. It will be requested of our external funders to extend the timeframes on the financial allocations to the new financial year to facilitate these changes. We are not able to implement all the accessible suggestions.

Dunroon Toilets and Road Improvements

This project is 99% complete. The kerb side drain cover, beautification, and closeout report are still to be done.

Awamoa Toilets

Resource consent waiver has been granted. Site plans and Geotech are currently being worked on.

Otematata Community led development.

The playground improvement work is schedule to start in early March. The landscape work is currently out to tender and work onsite is scheduled to commence from July.

Breakwater Access

A workshop on options was held with the Harbour Area Sub-Committee. The Building Act and NZ Standards for Tracks and Structures indicate some form of barrier would be necessary. This would be costly and somewhat impractical. The current experience at the Ōamaru Blue Penguin Colony is very similar to that offered by access to the Breakwater.

Bushy Beach Track

Officers have been working to complete Resource Consent requirements but will be unable to complete this by the end of March 2023 as required by our funding agreement with MBIE. MBIE has advised it is unable to offer an extension. Remaining issues to be resolved are possible impact on penguins at Bushy Beach Reserve from increased visitation, onsite archaeological investigation, and negotiation of a purchase price for the required land. Without the MBIE contribution, the scope will revert to acquisition of the necessary land, fencing, marking of a track and some seats. Construction of improved parking at Bushy Beach and provision of a toilet will need to be deferred.

Waitaki Events Centre

Forgie Hollows and Associates has been awarded the role of Engineer's Representative to oversee construction. Apollo Projects, Calder Stewart, and Cook Brothers have been shortlisted as potential contractors for the Design/ Build of the Events Centre. The principal requirements for design and the probable project budget are being finalised prior to going back to these companies for their proposals. The Lotteries application was unsuccessful, and funds were oversubscribed. A further application to Lotteries and an application to the Otago Community Trust are planned. Additionally, we are approaching Government Ministers and have received a reply from the Hon Grant Robertson asking us to speak to Sport New Zealand about available funding sources.

Ōamaru Public Gardens Ponds

Officers are in discussion with two contractors to determine what we might be able to achieve with the project budget.

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**ROADING**

**Asset Management and Strategic Programme**

The Asset Management team has commenced preparing documentation for the 2024-27 National Land Transport Plan (NLTP). Updating the Business Case, Activity Management Plan and Asset Management Plan are the first steps to reflect the changed forward programme indicated by the Minister and environmental changes in the last two (2) years. While this work seems well in advance, the staged delivery and approvals over the next 18 months are demanding and will absorb significant resource. This process also concurrently informs the next LTP programmes and budgets.

The strategic importance of co-investment funding is a risk that the Roothing team has identified, with single point dependency noted as a high risk. To manage that risk, the Network Infrastructure Engineer has been assigned to work with the Roothing Assets Engineer preparing the 2024-27 NLTP. This will ensure multiple staff members are able to undertake activities associated with an NLTP submission and will ensure continuity in approach for future NLTPs. The first Regional Transport Committee (RTC) meeting has been held which was attended by Councillor Jim Thomson and Roothing Manager Mike Harrison. The RTC Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meetings are held throughout the development of the Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) and the NLTP.

The team has completed the Interim Speed Management Plan required by central government and a consultation process is underway accordingly. The Interim Plan will cover the first stage of the Safe Speeds around Schools programme which will fulfil and exceed our obligation to set 30kmh speed limits at 50% of our schools.

**Operations**

A number of recent recruitments have been successful, with the roles of Projects Engineer, Technical Officer, Road Safety Coordinator, and Asset Management Systems Officer being filled. A number of these roles were filled by existing staff, with those staff stepping into roles with higher responsibilities. We are currently recruiting for Operations Lead Engineer and Contract Engineer roles.

Corriedale area has received some mowing of road shoulders mixed with chemical treatment as a trial to provide a case study in alternative maintenance practices. This will be assessed for effectiveness and cost to determine whether this method is adopted more widely.

Whitestone Contracting as the maintenance contractor continues to recruit staff, and new plant items are arriving. Lead times for staff and equipment continue to challenge work programmes. The cyclic maintenance crews, street sweeping, bin emptying, and footpath cleaning are being fully delivered. Overall, the maintenance contract is performing well and achieving desired outcomes. Inspections of the network are progressing with a complete network (all faults) inspection expected in April, with comprehensive annual planning to be undertaken in May.

Contract response times are being achieved for identified work. Customer Response Management (CRM) has been one of the first strategic focus areas within Contract 870 (Network Maintenance Contract). After a fast start in October 2022, there has been a 90% close out rate for CRMs with many compliments being received from the community. Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) delivery has been a focus in all roading activities with changing processes, certification, risk management, and a shortage of TTM certified staff. This construction season, the "Overlapping Duties" of site safety has been considered at road construction sites, with a change in approach seeing staff taking a more active approach in the management of contractors and subcontractors through the appointment of TTM contractors being separate to construction contractors. There has been a substantial reduction in near misses, one incident recorded, and projects being closed out faster than planned (excluding unforeseen ground conditions).

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Road Safety

A new Road Safety Coordinator was recently appointed who comes with a wealth of experience in a number of relevant fields, including with New Zealand Police and school education.

Waitaki has been working with our partner districts to the north (Timaru, Waimate, Mackenzie and Ashburton District Councils) to provide consistent and regular road safety education through different mediums. A RYDA road safety workshop was held in Ōamaru during February 2023. Three of the high schools attended a very successful day. A cycle day was held for children in Tokaro Park and Road Safety also had a stand at the North Otago A&P show recently.

**Projects and Capital Delivery**

Road network activity has been high over the last 10 weeks, with most of the improvement works concentrated on Road to Zero Intersection improvements in the Weston and Alma areas. The team is pleased with the number of contractors who are actively working on our projects programme delivering quality works across the district.

Contract status update:

- Weston Ngapara Road Seal Widening – M3 Contracting – complete
- Weston Township footpaths contract – WCL – complete
- Weston Shared Path – WCL – complete
- Weston and Ōamaru intersection – Road to Zero, WCL – complete
- Resealing Contract 2022 – 2023 programme works – Fulton Hogan – complete
- Eden Street rehab - Downer NZ Ltd - complete
- Line Marking Contract – Downer - ongoing
- Seven Mile Road intersections - M3 Contracting, complete
- Seven Mile Road Seal Widening - M3 Contracting, complete
- Intersection Bundle – Georgetown Ngapara, Island Cliff, Settlement Road intersections – M3 Contracting, complete
- Eden and Orwell Streets Rehab - Whitestone Contracting Ltd, both complete
- Essex Street and Gardiners Road intersections – Whitestone Contracting Ltd, under construction
- Whiterocks, Fortification and Springhill Road intersections – Whitestone Contracting Ltd under construction
- Pavement Rehabilitations – South Roads - Nore Street (complete) and Ribble Street (under construction).
- Palmerston school feeder footpaths - awarded to South Roads - start date TBA
- Maheno Iron Bridge deck gap filling - complete
- Redcastle/Shortland Road intersection - under construction.

The Kakanui Bridge replacement design now has funding approval from Waka Kotahi and project managers have been appointed to work through the first two stages of this project. Communications and Stakeholder planning are included in the project management start up documents which are in development presently.

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**WATER SERVICES**

**Compliance, Asset Management, Policy**

Water Supply Testing

There is an ongoing issue with water samples not arriving at the water testing laboratory (Eurofins) in Christchurch within the legislated timeframe. This is primarily due to delays in the courier service. In many of these instances, there is insufficient time to retake a sample resulting in a non-compliance. Officers are investigating other methods of getting the samples to the laboratory.

There has been a significant increase in monitoring due to the new standards that came into effect at the end of last year and it is stretching staff resources.

Drinking Water Compliance Assessment 2021/2022

The Water Services Team has received the drinking water compliance assessment report for the 2021/22 year, produced by Waugh. This report used to be completed by the Southern District Health Board prior to the establishment of Taumata Arowai and analyses the data collected by WDC to determine compliance against Sections 4 and 5 of the Drinking Water Standards (a performance measure included in Council's Annual Report). The assessment was considerably more thorough than previous assessments with only minor non-compliances identified.

Maheno Water Supply

Officers are working closely with the Maheno Water Committee to progress the transfer of ownership and management of the Maheno Water Supply to Council. As this project was not included in the Long-Term Plan, it has been included in the Draft 2023-24 Annual Plan and notified to the Department of Internal Affairs (part of the 3 Waters Reform process) as an intended decision. Council will need to manage the existing intake and pump shed for a short period of time while the connection to the HamNak pipeline is constructed following adoption of the Annual Plan.

Submissions to Water Services Bills

Submissions were developed and submitted to the latest Waters Bills, the Water Services Legislation Bill, and the Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection Bill.

The purpose of the Water Services Legislation Bill, which is an omnibus, is to establish and empower water services entities by setting out their functions, powers, obligations, and oversight arrangements.

The purpose of the Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection Bill is to provide for the regulation of the price and quality of water infrastructure services, and consumer protection for water infrastructure services.

3 Waters Reform

Officers are continuing to work with the National Transition Unit (NTU) on progressing the transition to the entity.

Officers are currently working on a number of Requests For Information (RFI), including:

- Further information requested on the 30-year Capex RFI and Opex RFI
- Non-financial Asset Management Plan information, including Annual Report KPIs
- Legal Transfer RFI
- People and Workforce – An RFI to complete, coordination and participation in activities
- AMOS (Asset Management, Operations, Stormwater) Technical Reference Group participation
- Customer Reference Group participation



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**Operations**

Requests for Water

There has been an increasing number of requests for tanker loads of water for stock purposes from rural consumers over the summer period.

When a tank is empty due to a supply fault (a water leak or high consumption affecting consumers at the end of the network), Council does arrange and pay for tanker loads of water to be delivered, and that volume is expected to last a number of days if consumption is in line with the rated allocation. However, a number of consumers are running out sooner as their allocation is insufficient for the number of stock on the property. These consumers will be advised that they need to pay for the extra loads of water themselves and consider an increase in water allocation.

Ōamaru Water Fluoridation

Officers are responding to a number of requests for information from Central Government in response to the funding application submitted. This funding is for the installation of the physical equipment required for dosing of fluoride into the Ōamaru Water Supply, as directed by Director-General of Health.

There are no Council funds allocated for the introduction of fluoride to any Waitaki water supplies.

Designations

Work has continued to update Council's database and schedule of designations to be updated in conjunction with the District Plan review.

There are currently 25 new designations being sought and quite a few variations to existing ones.

**Projects and Capital Delivery**

Priority Projects

The top five current projects are listed below:

Kurow Water Renewals

Whitestone Contracting Limited has started work in Kurow on the water supply network. This work includes replacing/upgrading of the water valves and fittings to allow for future upgrades of the water mains and is expected to be completed within 4-5 weeks.

Ōamaru Watermain Renewals

Renewal on Nore Street in Ōamaru was completed in December 2022. This work was carried out concurrently with the WDC Roading rehabilitation.

Breakneck Watermain Renewal

Specialised Services Group will be renewing approximately 1km of small diameter watermain along Breakneck Road in Herbert. This work will allow for larger capacity to service restricted water supplies in the Waianakarua area. This work is expected to be completed by the end of April 2023.

South Hill Additional Reservoir

A preferred contractor has been identified through a 'registration of interest' procedure. This will soon become a formal contract and work will begin to build the reservoir.

Backflow Installation Contract

A stock of backflow devices has been purchased in anticipation of an installation contract. These devices are required to be installed at all premises that present a risk of contamination to the water supply network.

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Risks

Officers are experiencing significant increases in costs across the board (resource and materials). This is likely to put pressure on project budgets.

There is likely to be supply chain issues with purchasing materials going forward. This is due to the needs of the North Island communities affected by Cyclone Gabrielle following significant damage to 3 Waters infrastructure. Officers will follow this situation closely and consider alternatives where possible.

Delivery and Resourcing

The projects portfolio has one vacancy (Project Engineer) position. This is following a resignation in late 2022. Two rounds of recruitment have been unsuccessful, and it is not clear at this stage how the developing North Island situation will affect recruitment.

**5.2 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE AHURIRI WARD FOR FEBRUARY 2023 TO MARCH 2023**

**Author:** Josh Dooley, Building Services Team Leader

**Authoriser:** Roger Cook, Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

**PURPOSE**

To provide the Community Board members with a list of building consents issued in the Ahuriri Ward during February 2023 to March 2023.

**FEBRUARY 2023**

| <b>Project Address</b> | <b>Project Description</b>   | <b>Cost (\$)</b> |
|------------------------|--|------------------|
| Otematata-Kurow Road   | Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling.                   | 550,000.00       |
| Ōhau Drive, Ōhau       | Construction of a 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom dwelling with wood burner. | 300,000.00       |

| <b>Area Sub-totals</b> | <b>Cost \$</b> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Otematata              | 550,000.00     |
| Ōhau                   | 300,000.00     |

**MARCH 2023**

| <b>Project Address</b>        | <b>Project Description</b>   | <b>Cost (\$)</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Temple Lane, Ōhau             | Installation of a Pyroclassic wood burner  | 4,000.00         |
| Livingstone-Duntroon Road     | Alterations to existing bathroom and installation of access ramps  | 75,000.00        |
| Bushy Creek Road, Maerewhenua | New 1 bedroom, 1-bathroom modular dwelling with Butler Multi fire and new septic system with effluent fields.      | 130,000.00       |
| Ōhau Drive, Ōhau              | New 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom dwelling   | 240,000.00       |
| Diggers Gully Road, Kurow     | Extension, alterations and strengthening to existing rest home   | 1,500,000.00     |
| Kowhai Place, Otematata       | Construction of a 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom dwelling with Pellet Fire and attached garage.                             | 600,000.00       |
| Taylor's Road, Kokoamo        | Construction of a 6 bay MITEK Pole Shed.   | 51,000.00        |
| Broken Hut Road, Ōmārama      | Construction of a 6.0m deep lean-to Implement Shed addition attached to existing shed.                             | 90,000.00        |
| Coronet Place, Otematata      | Installation of a free-standing wood burner and flue kit.  | 5,000.00         |
| Bledisloe Street, Kurow       | Addition of a shower room and toilet room in existing dwelling and installation of new gas califont and heat pump. | 18,000.00        |
| Kowhai Place, Otematata       | Construction of a 3-bay shed for garaging  | 65,000.00        |

| <b>Area Sub-totals</b> | <b>Cost \$</b> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Duntroon               | 75,000.00      |
| Kokoamo                | 51,000.00      |
| Kurow                  | 1,518,000.00   |
| Maerewhenua            | 130,000.00     |
| Ōhau                   | 244,000.00     |
| Ōmārama                | 90,000.00      |
| Otematata              | 670,000.00     |

### 5.3 AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Author:** Ian Wells, Accounting Manager

**Authoriser:** Paul Hope, Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the report detailing movements and the balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Ahuriri Community Board on financial matters and activities within the Ahuriri ward since the last Board meeting.

#### BACKGROUND

##### Separate Rate Accounts

These represent unspent balances of targeted rates levied for specific purposes, such as water and sewer systems, township amenities (including stormwater systems if applicable), community halls and Ward Services (including operations of the Community Board, parks and reserves, etc).

Appendix (a) details the most current information relating to separate rate accounts within the Ahuriri ward. Due to ongoing issues arising from the extremely delayed finalisation of the 2021-22 Annual Report, information relating to activities other than the Halls, which have been updated at 31 December 2022, remains as last reported, at 30 June 2022. The next meeting will receive more current details, and we do apologise for the delay in presenting more current information.

A number of balances are shown as overdrawn. These will be funded in the current year through the creation of internal loans which will return those reserves to a more normal position.

##### Community Funding

The annual budget for the Community Board includes amounts intended to enable it to provide a degree of additional financial support within its local community.

- **Discretionary Fund**

The Ahuriri Community Board has an annual budget of \$5,000 which, together with unspent funds of \$5,989 from the 2021/22 financial year, provides \$10,989 to fund small community projects. As this budget is funded directly from rates, any balance remaining unspent at year end may be carried forward until spent.

- **Community Grants**

The Community Board has an annual budget of \$10,000 for "Community Grants", including \$5,000 "tagged" for the Waitaki Valley Community Society. As with the Discretionary Fund, unspent balances are carried forward until spent, and \$36,478 has been added from 2021/22, providing \$46,478 for the 2022/23 financial year.

#### CONCLUSION

Any questions relating to the information provided in these reports should be directed to Council's Financial Services unit via the Board's Chair.

Appendix (a) Separate Rate Account balances – 30 June 2022 / 31 December 2022

|                         | Rate Account         |                      | Depreciation Reserve |                      | Internal Loans       |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                         | Balance<br>01-Jul-21 | Balance<br>30-Jun-22 | Balance<br>01-Jul-21 | Balance<br>30-Jun-22 | Balance<br>01-Jul-21 | Balance<br>30-Jun-22 |
| <b>Ward Services</b>    |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Ahuriri Ward Services   | 429,477              | 321,411              | 397,347              | <b>405,421</b>       | (26,595)             | <b>0</b>             |
| <b>Township Amenity</b> |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Duntroon                | 16,654               | <b>16,654</b>        | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| Kurow                   | 101,149              | <b>100,763</b>       | 4,783                | <b>5,228</b>         | -                    | -                    |
| Lake Ohau               | 34,966               | <b>34,597</b>        | 3,790                | <b>4,104</b>         | -                    | -                    |
| Omarama                 | 116,072              | <b>115,891</b>       | 13,618               | <b>15,085</b>        | -                    | -                    |
| Otematata               | 149,836              | <b>149,210</b>       | 345,021              | <b>364,095</b>       | (50,490)             | <b>(44,210)</b>      |
| <b>Hall</b>             | <b>01-Jul-22</b>     | <b>31-Dec-22</b>     |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Duntroon                | 26,129               | <b>25,828</b>        |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Kurow                   | 31,276               | <b>18,980</b>        | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| Omarama                 | 17,558               | <b>13,688</b>        | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| Otekaieke               | 9,262                | <b>9,415</b>         | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| Otematata               | 22,389               | <b>15,444</b>        | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| <b>Water</b>            |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Duntroon                | (62,781)             | <b>(84,033)</b>      | 52,312               | <b>61,793</b>        | (56,767)             | <b>(53,537)</b>      |
| Kurow                   | (245,769)            | <b>(254,739)</b>     | (86,371)             | <b>(69,590)</b>      | (26,859)             | <b>(28,047)</b>      |
| Lake Ohau               | 20,941               | <b>(9,534)</b>       | 166,401              | <b>166,210</b>       | (77,906)             | <b>(103,447)</b>     |
| Omarama                 | 357,574              | <b>274,144</b>       | 112,269              | <b>152,792</b>       | (23,832)             | <b>(50,031)</b>      |
| Bushy Creek             | (3,900)              | <b>(2,222)</b>       | 36,590               | <b>40,183</b>        | -                    | -                    |
| Otematata               | (119,342)            | <b>(143,937)</b>     | (400,917)            | <b>(398,381)</b>     | (281,508)            | <b>(485,091)</b>     |
| <b>Sewerage</b>         |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Duntroon                | (11,883)             | <b>(19,435)</b>      | 3                    | <b>3</b>             | -                    | -                    |
| Kurow                   | 15,480               | <b>1,273</b>         | 435,496              | <b>444,704</b>       | -                    | -                    |
| Lake Ohau               | 26,179               | <b>20,701</b>        | 217,426              | <b>232,215</b>       | -                    | -                    |
| Omarama                 | (20,004)             | <b>(36,046)</b>      | 388,883              | <b>409,101</b>       | (831,365)            | <b>(799,411)</b>     |
| Otematata               | (18,446)             | <b>(90,188)</b>      | 816,827              | <b>823,566</b>       | -                    | -                    |

Note that following a recent review by the National Transition Unit of the Department of Internal Affairs of Council's records in preparation for the transfer of ownership of 3 Waters assets to the new entity, it was discovered that a relatively new internal loan related to the Omarama sewer scheme had not been included in the separate rate account, so the balance of internal loans for Omarama sewer has changed from the previous report.

**Appendix (b) – Funds available for distribution at 30 April 2023**

|                           | <b>Balance<br/>01-Jul-22</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Rates</b> | <b>Operating<br/>Expenditure</b>            | <b>Available<br/>30-Apr-23</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Community Grants</b>   |                              |                         |   |                                |
| Kurow Museum (specific)   | -                            | 5,000.00                | (5,000.00)                                  | -                              |
|                           |                              |                         | (5,000.00) Waitaki Valley Community Society |                                |
| Other                     | 36,478.00                    | 5,000.00                | -   | <b>41,478.00</b>               |
| <b>Discretionary Fund</b> |                              |                         |   |                                |
|                           | 5,989.00                     | 5,000.00                | (3,000.00)                                  | <b>7,989.00</b>                |
|                           |                              |                         | (3,000.00) Waitaki Valley Community Society |                                |
| <b>Total available</b>    | <u>42,467.00</u>             | <u>15,000.00</u>        | <u>(8,000.00)</u>                           | <u>49,467.00</u>               |

**5.4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT MAY 2023**

**Author:** Calum Reid, Ahuriri Community Board Chairperson

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to share the Chairperson's report with Board Members and the public.

**Meetings attended**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 13 March | Attended Ahuriri Community Board Meeting, Otematata   |
| 16 March | Attended Convene Training in Oamaru   |
| 27 March | Participated in the Elected Member Induction bus tour of Corriedale Ward  |
| 13 April | Attended the DDDA Meeting (they are looking for help from the Board)  |
| 18 April | Attended the Waitaki Valley Society Monthly Meeting   |
| 20 April | Participated in the Combined Community Boards Workshop (via Zoom) – to discuss Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Discretionary Funding Process, and Community Board Annual Plan submissions |
| 21 April | Participated in the Drop-in session for the Draft Annual Plan in Kurow  |
| 25 April | Participated in the ANZAC Day Service.  |

Calum Reid  
Chair, Ahuriri Community Board



**5.5 COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS' AND WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Authors: Ahuriri Community Board Members and Ward Councillor**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to convey reports from the Ahuriri Community Board Members and the Ahuriri Ward Councillor for the information of the wider Ahuriri community.

**Board Member Steve Dalley**

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| 13 March | Otematata Residents' Association Incorporated (ORAI) / Community Led Development Programme (CLDP) Tender meeting (park redevelopment) |
| 18 March | ORAI / CLDP Monthly meeting   |
| 22 March | ORAI / CLDP Tender meeting  |
| 1 April  | ORAI Monthly meeting  |
| 6 April  | ORAI Playground handover to WDC after its installation from CLDP group.   |

**Board Member Mike King**

I attended the:

- Omarama Ratepayers' Association monthly meeting
- Combined Community Board Workshop on 20 April

I have been promoting Council's "Snap Send Solve" app to community representatives for issues related to roading, trees and water leaks.

**Board Member Alan Pont**

No written report supplied.

**Board Member Karen Turner**

6 March - I attended the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting at Otematata.

9 March - I attended the Duntroon District Development Association (DDDA) meeting.

16 March - I attended the Convene training at the Council in Oamaru.

21 March - As a committee member of the Waitaki Valley Community Society (WVCS), I attended their monthly meeting. I am involved as a volunteer with the local Kurow Wetland and the track up Kurow Hill.

25 March - Fellow ACB member Alan Pont and I got together to view the back road service lane behind the shops in Kurow. The overgrown grass and weeds are a fire hazard and an eyesore. The potholes in this service lane also cause problems with flooding and parking after a rain event. We also talked to a local business owner who uses the service lane, and he gave us some history on it. He would like to see the potholes sorted and a clean-up done. We will look at putting this issue in for the local annual submissions that are currently being held.

31 March - I started putting together more information for the Board's submission to Council's Annual Plan requesting a path between Bledisloe Street and the first bridge (SH82).

13 April - I attended the monthly DDDA meeting in Duntroon. One issue that was raised for Council to look at is the tidying up of the north side of the Main Street to have better demarcation for parking with white lines. This topic could be put through as part of the Board's submission to Council's Annual Plan.

**Waitaki District Councillor Brent Cowles (Ahuriri Ward)**

No written report supplied.

## 5.6 COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT - LINKS TO COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide links to final agenda papers for recent Council Meetings along with a summary of discussions at them that is produced by the Chief Executive, along with any other relevant information from Council, for the information of Community Board members and their Ward communities.

**Links to Council Meeting and Council Activity Update Final Agenda Papers published on Council's website since the previous Community Board Meeting, and an extract of the Chief Executive's Summary of the Council Meetings are provided below.**

## Agenda of Council – Tuesday 28 February 2023

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/02/20230228-council-meeting-28-february-2023-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

### **Update from today's Council Meeting from Waitaki District Council Chief Executive, Alex Parmley:**

*Today was a fuller than usual agenda as Council considered many procedural matters that are required to be considered in the early part of the new triennium including revised Standing Orders, setting out the procedures by which the Council, committees, boards, and councillors will operate; together with the Code of Conduct setting out standards and procedures for dealing with any complaints.*

*The Council also received the Mayor's report which had a focus on the impact of the **weather events** on communities in the **North Island**. It is great that as a Council and community we are able to help in a number of ways including adopting the Far North District and working to support them recover from the significant impact the events have had on residents, communities, and businesses. The report also highlighted some potential early lessons for us in Waitaki in being prepared for future civil emergency events. We have plans in place to deal with such events and work with our colleagues across Otago on this. However, it is important that we review our plans in light of the events on the North Island to determine what lessons we can learn and ensure our district and communities are as prepared as possible for potential future events.*

*The Council also agreed the two **Triennial Agreements** covering councils in Otago and Canterbury. Each Council is required to have a Triennial Agreement in place setting out how it will work with the other councils in the region. Practically this means the councils come together to work on common opportunities and challenges through the Otago Mayoral Forum and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum as well as associated working groups. These are not decision-making bodies, with decisions still resting with each Council. Areas the Councils of Otago are working on together including responding to the 3 Waters Reform, joint planning of waste minimisation and infrastructure as well as shared economic development challenges and opportunities. In*

Canterbury the Councils are working together on Fresh Water Management, Flooding, Climate Change and Housing. Through working together we can ensure that we utilise our resources efficiently and where appropriate, adopt a shared and consistent approach.

Finally, the Council heard from **Waitaki District Health Services** (Ōamaru Hospital) who presented their accounts and updated the Council on progress. WDC is unusual being the only Council owning its own health services and hospital. The whole health service in New Zealand is under pressure and our own health services for historical reasons, has more than its fair share of challenges which have been added to by Covid. The team at the Hospital have been doing and continue to do an amazing job supported by a capable and dedicated board and they deserve our support and congratulations for their dedication and service to our communities and the progress they have made.

## Agenda of Council – Tuesday 14 March 2023

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/03/20230314-council-meeting-14-march-2023-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

### **Update from today's Council Meeting from Waitaki District Council Chief Executive, Alex Parmley:**

Today Council signed off the draft **Annual Plan** for consultation with the community. Due to the deferral of rate rises in previous years, our Long Term Plan envisaged a rate rise in the coming year of more than 9 percent. Since the LTP was agreed a couple of years ago, we have seen significant inflation in our costs, which meant the potential rate rise was potentially much higher than in the plan. Work has been undertaken across the Council and with the Governance Team to look at how we reduce this, recognising what we deliver is important for our communities, but also, we need to ensure it is affordable and we are not adding significantly to the cost increases our residents are also facing. Council agreed to consult on an Annual Plan that includes a projected rate rise of 8.06 percent.

Council also agreed a \$150,000 increase to the budget to improve the **Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony car park**. This project is in a sensitive environment that is well used by visitors and locals and has been on the plans for improvement for a number of years.

Council also welcomed a number of external partners to whom we provide funding support. **Sport Waitaki** provide events and activities to support and encourage increased participation in sports. Council's support enables Sport Waitaki to provide a range of activities including events aimed at young people and their families to help them get involved in sports and physical activity; initiatives to build the capacity in the community to support sporting activities and groups; healthy lifestyles programmes including Green (exercise) prescriptions referrals from GPs; supporting Waitaki Sports Awards; and small grants. Despite the modest sums involved, Sport Waitaki's importance to and reach into our communities is considerable and they are a key partner in helping us support the mental and physical health of our residents and ensuring a cohesive, connected community. Council also welcomed the **Waitaki Community Recreation Centre** who also form an important part of the sporting provision in the district. For a relatively modest budget the Centre provides and supports a large number of sporting activities across a range of sports.

Dealing with our waste is an increasingly challenging and expensive business and **Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust** do an incredible job in supporting our residents to recycle. They also very community focussed and support many people with learning opportunities and opportunities to connect with others and participate in activities that benefit the wider community. Council continues to support the trust with an annual grant that represents great value in terms of the recycling rate achieved and the wider return on that investment for our community.

## Council Activity Update (CAU) – Tuesday 21 March 2023

Note: CAU events are livestreamed but not minuted)

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/03/20230321-council-activity-update-21-march-2023-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

## Agenda of Council – Tuesday 28 March 2023

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/03/20230328-council-meeting-28-march-2023-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

### **Update from today's Council Meeting Waitaki District Council Chief Executive, Alex Parmley:**

*Today Council signed off the Annual Plan community consultation. As reported after the last meeting, Council is proposing an average rate increase of 8.06 per cent. The consultation which will start on Friday 31 March and focus on a number of issues including whether the Council should increase its contribution to the Events Centre from \$10m to \$15m in light of increased constructions costs; putting additional funds in to increasing the resilience of our communities to emergency events; taking responsibility for operating Maheno Water which is currently run by the local community; dealing with coastal landfills and coastal erosion.*

*Council also agreed to launch a separate consultation on proposals to establish a new Economic Development Agency and disestablish Tourism Waitaki Ltd. This was one of the recommendations coming out of the Economic Development Strategy agreed by Council last September. As part of this consultation, Council will also ask if people are happy for Council to investigate partnership opportunities for the running and development of the offer of the Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony. This is an important environmental and visitor asset that holds potential to contribute more to the visitor economy and therefore Council is considering whether there are partners that share its values around the important conservation, scientific and education work of the Penguin Colony that can bring skills and potentially investment to grow the attraction for the benefit of visitors, businesses, and the community.*

*The Council's submission to the Future For Local Government Review was also ratified today. The review is being undertaken by a panel led by former Waimakariri CE, Jim Palmer and is due to report to the Minister in a few months. Council took the opportunity in its submission to highlight the work it is already doing in the wellbeing space, partnering with community groups and other organisations, particularly through Stronger Waitaki. Council also set out the need to strengthen the connection between local government and health as well as the health reforms; the need for a constitutional status for local government to protect it and recognise its important role; support for subsidiarity or moving decision making to as close to communities as possible; together with the need to strengthen the relationship between local and central government to achieve better outcomes for local communities and the country overall.*

*Finally, Council received the half yearly reports of our Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs): Whitestone Contracting, Tourism Waitaki and Waitaki District Health Services. All of our CCOs are important to WDC in meeting our aims for improving the wellbeing of our communities and they are all operating in a challenging environment for a variety of reasons. Within this context, Whitestone Contracting has managed to increase its profitability slightly, whilst starting up new contracts and continuing to support community causes and is optimistic this will increase into the future. Tourism Waitaki continues to actively promote the district nationally and internationally and visitor numbers have continued to recover from the Covid downturn, including seeing the return of international visitors to the district albeit still not quite at the pre-pandemic levels. Waitaki District Health Services presented their most positive report they have been able to present for some years, reflecting the massive amount of work undertaken by the team and the board to stabilise the finances and secure*

*a new contract. Despite this, there remain challenges to be tackled including the national shortage of nursing staff which impacts the ability to recruit locally.*

NOTE: The Council Meeting originally scheduled for 12 April 2023 was cancelled.

### **Agenda of Council – Wednesday 26 April 2023**

<https://www.waitaki.govt.nz/files/assets/public/files/agendas-and-minutes/2023/04/20230426-council-meeting-26-april-2023-final-agenda-papers-public.pdf>

#### ***Update from today's Council Meeting from Waitaki District Council Chief Executive, Alex Parmley:***

*One of the changes from the Governance Review of last year, was to move Council meetings from being every six weeks to every two weeks. This has meant that Council agendas and meetings tend to be shorter and more focussed than in previous years and, without so many committees, we are getting through business and decision making in a more timely way. Today's council meeting followed the pattern with a few number of important items.*

*Today Council agreed a revised Treasury Management Strategy. In its day-to-day business Council deals with large sums of money and the strategy aims to ensure that we use money efficiently, getting a good return for the funds we hold and ensuring we do not pay more than we need for the funds that are borrowed. In addition, the council signed off the revised Council Procurement Policy. Council spends considerable sums each year on goods and services ranging from multimillion roading and water contracts through to smaller items such as office equipment. The policy ensures we manage how we buy goods and services in a consistent way, that we have processes that get the best value for rate payer money and our processes are fair to suppliers wanting to sell to the Council.*

*Council also agreed its Strategic Framework for the current triennium. This sets out the outcomes and strategic priorities the Council is seeking to achieve over this term. It will be used to guide decision making as well as providing a focus for us all in what we deliver. The outcomes focus on Strong Communities, Valued Environment, Prosperous District and Quality Services. The agreed strategic priorities for the triennium are:*

- Strengthen community development role of Council*
- Develop our people and attract skills, for the benefit of our communities*
- Facilitate strategic relationships*
- Establish Economic Development Agency (currently under consultation)*
- Finish District Plan*
- Deliver Transformation Programme.*

*Council also welcomed the Chair of Omarama Airfield, Mr Clive Geddes. Omarama Airfield is a Council Controlled Organisation in which the Council has 50% ownership. The airfield is an important community and economic asset and operates independently of the Council. Mr Geddes presented the half-year report to December 2022 together with the draft Statement of Intent for the next financial year, setting out the ambitions and direction for the airfield company.*

## **At today's Ahuriri Community Board meeting:**

At the invitation of the Board Chair at the meeting, the Mayor for Waitaki, Chief Executive, rostered Councillor, Cr John McCone, and lead manager for the Ahuriri Community Board, Group Manager Roger Cook, will provide any further verbal updates on business or activities within Council that may be of relevance or interest to the Community Board and its communities.

**6 MEETING CLOSE**