

**Notice of Meeting:**

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Strath Taieri Community Board will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday 7 August 2025  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch

Sandy Graham  
Chief Executive Officer

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**Strath Taieri Community Board**  
**PUBLIC AGENDA**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

**Chairperson**  
**Deputy Chairperson**

Barry Williams  
Anna Wilson

**Members**

Cr Bill Acklin  
Terina Geddes  
Robin Thomas

David Frew  
Tony Markham

**Senior Officer**

**Governance Support Officer**

Wendy Collard

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**1 PUBLIC FORUM**

At the close of the agenda no requests for public forum had been received.

**2 APOLOGIES**

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

**3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

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

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## DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Members are reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.
2. Elected members are reminded to update their register of interests as soon as practicable, including amending the register at this meeting if necessary.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Notes/Amends** if necessary the Elected Members' Interest Register attached as Attachment A; and
- b) **Confirms/Amends** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

### Attachments

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Strath Taieri Community Board Register of Interest - as at 23 July 2025				
Name	Responsibility	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
Barry Williams	Member	Middlemarch Museum	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Life Member	Middlemarch Rugby Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Vintage Machinery Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Season Ticket Holder	Middlemarch Swimming Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Singles Dance Committee	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Middlemarch Medical Committee	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	STARTT (Strath Taieri Agricultural & Rural Tourism Trust)	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Trustee	Big Hutt	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Middlemarch Sports Pavilion & Courts	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
David (Jock) Frew		Middlemarch Rugby Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Strath Taieri Lions	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Residential Land Ownership Middlemarch	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Strath Taieri Dog Trial Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Trustee	Strath Taieri Connect Charitable Trust	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	President	Middlemarch Sports Pavilion & Courts	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
Terina Geddes	Director	H & T Geddes Farming Ltd	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Chairperson	Middlemarch Community Library	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Middlemarch Swimming Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Committee Member	Destination Middlemarch	Potential grants recipient	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.

Name	Responsibility	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
Thomas (Tony) Markham		Supplementary water take from the Taieri River	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Owner	Life Style Bock	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
Robin Thomas		Contract consultant QEII Trust	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Landowner, Residential, Middlemarch	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Landowner, Residential, Dunedin	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Foundation Group Strath Taieri Heritage Park	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Trustee	Strath Taieri Connect Charitable Trust	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Strath Taieri Lions Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Strath Taieri Historical Society	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
Anna Wilson	Owner	Property , Middlemarch	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Director	Strathavon Ltd	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Treasurer	Strath Taieri School PTA	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Treasurer Member	Strath Taieri Food Fairies	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Strath Taieri Junior Hockey Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Joint Treasurer	Strath Taieri Rugby Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Middlemarch Golf Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Strathavon Ltd is a member	Mid Taieri Wai Catchment Group	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Treasurer	Tokomaro Kapa Haka Group	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Season Ticket Holder	Middlemarch Swimming Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Committee Member	Destination Middlemarch	Potential grants recipient	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Board Representative	Keep Dunedin Beautiful Committee	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.

Name	Responsibility	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
Cr Bill Acklin	Shareholder/Director	Dunedin Brokers Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	APRA - AMCOS	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Entertainer	Various functions	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Strath Taieri Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Casual Employee	Insulmax	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Craigieburn Reserve Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Toitū Otago Settlers Museum Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.



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## **Strath Taieri Community Board**

### **MINUTES**

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**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Strath Taieri Community Board held in the Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch on Thursday 26 June 2025, commencing at 2.00 pm**

#### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Barry Williams	
<b>Members</b>	David Frew	Tony Markham
	Robin Thomas	

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mike Cartwright (Quality Improvement Specialist)

**Governance Support Officer** Wendy Collard

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## **1 PUBLIC FORUM**

### **1.1 Destination Middlemarch**

The Chairperson advised that due to unforeseen circumstances the representative of Destination Middlemarch were not able to attend and an update would be circulated to the Board.

### **1.2 Shelia Ramsay**

Ms Ramsay spoke to the Board regarding the importance of community resilience during an emergency and requested the Board advocate for the installation of 2 water tanks for the community use during an event.

Ms Ramsay responded to questions.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Moved (David Frew/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

**Accepts** the apologies from Anna Wilson, Terina Geddes and Cr Bill Acklin.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/040)**

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

**Confirms** the agenda without addition or alteration

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/041)**

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Barry Williams advised that he was a member of the Strath Taieri Medical Services Committee.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register attached as Attachment A; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/042)**

### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 22 MAY 2025**

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 22 May 2025 as a correct record.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/043)**

**PART A REPORTS**

**6 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE**

There was discussion on the public meeting that the Otago Regional Council (ORC) held at the beginning of June 2025 and the actions that the Board would like to undertake. It was agreed that the Board would send a letter of thanks and seeking clarification of the next steps on the project.

It was also agreed that the Board would hold a workshop for the community prior to their next meeting.

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Agrees** to write a letter to the ORC seeking clarification of the next steps and to thank them for their work to date.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/044)**

**7 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT**

A report from Civic provided an update on activities relevant to the Board area including:

- Project Fund

There was discussion on the payment of the invoice for maintenance at the effluent dump site.

Moved (Tony Markham/Barry Williams):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** funding of \$259.78 from the Board's project fund towards the costs of the maintenance at the Effluent Dump Site at the A&P Grounds.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/045)**

Following discussion, it was agreed to defer the funding of \$1697.34 approved, at the Board's last meeting, towards a community noticeboard to be paid out of the Board's project fund in the next financial year 2025-2026.

Moved (Tony Markham/Barry Williams):

That the Board:

Defers the payment of the funding of \$1697.34 approved for a community noticeboard (approved at the Board's meeting held on 22 May 2025) to be paid out from the Board's project fund for the 2025-26 financial year.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/046)**

Moved (Robin Thomas/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/047)**

**8 PROJECT FUND**

Mr Barry Williams withdrew from this item. Mr Robin Thomas assumed the Chair.

The Board gave consideration to the funding application from the Strath Taieri Medical Services Committee Inc.

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** of \$2000.00 to the Strath Taieri Medical Services Committee Inc towards the cost of insulation.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/048)**

The Chairperson resumed the Chair.

The Board gave consideration to the funding application from the Strath Taieri Agriculture and Rural Tourist Trust on behalf of the Mid Taieri Wai Catchment Group.

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** of \$2000.00 to the Strath Taieri Agriculture and Rural Tourist Trust on behalf of the Mid Taieri Wai Catchment Group towards the cost of plantings.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/049)**

The Board gave consideration to the funding application from the Kate Wilson.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** funding of \$323.00 to Kate Wilson towards the cost of hi-vis vests, rubbish bags, etc.
- b) **Recommends** that these be kept at a centre point to allow use of these by other community groups.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/050)**

**9 BOARD UPDATES AND REPORT BACKS**

**Climate Change**

Tony Markham advised that he had no update

**Water management (including flooding)**

This item was covered under the ORC update

**Infrastructure, roads and spraying**

Barry Williams advised that he had requested some potholes in the township be repaired.

**Community information and publicity**

Robin Thomas provided an update on the activity on the Board's Facebook page.

Moved (David Frew/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Board updates and report backs

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/051)**

**10 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson provided a verbal update on matters of interest including:

- Destination Middlemarch – Mr Williams advised that Mrs MacKenzie had sent an apology and would be providing a written update which would be circulated to the Board once it has been received.
- Meeting Etiquette - there was discussion on etiquette at the Board meetings which included cell phones.

Moved (Barry Williams/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Chairperson's report

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/052)**

**11 COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Councillor Bill Acklin was an apology for the meeting.

**12 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR**

There were no items for consideration.

The meeting concluded at 3.59 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON

## **PART A REPORTS**

### **OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE**

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Representatives from the Otago Regional Council may be in attendance to provide an update.

## COMMUNITY PLAN

Department: Civic

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan is attached for discussion at each meeting for the purpose of reviewing and updating as required by the Board.

The Board's Community Plan assists to contribute to the Council's Annual plan with focus on:

- 1 **new and current priorities** (in order of importance with justification and estimated costs for each) for inclusion in the DCC Annual Plan
- 2 **items the Board would like for delivery to the community** (for items that would not require support or funding from the DCC, over and above the Community Board funding)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Decides** to update the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan.

### Attachments

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

This Community Plan summarises the needs and priorities of the communities within the Strath Taieri Community Board area for the Dunedin City Council's (DCC) 10 year plan 2024-34. Its primary objective is to signal to the DCC those priorities for our community, with the ultimate goal that they are programmed into the DCC's 10 year plan and funded by the DCC. These priorities are shown in section 3 of this plan.

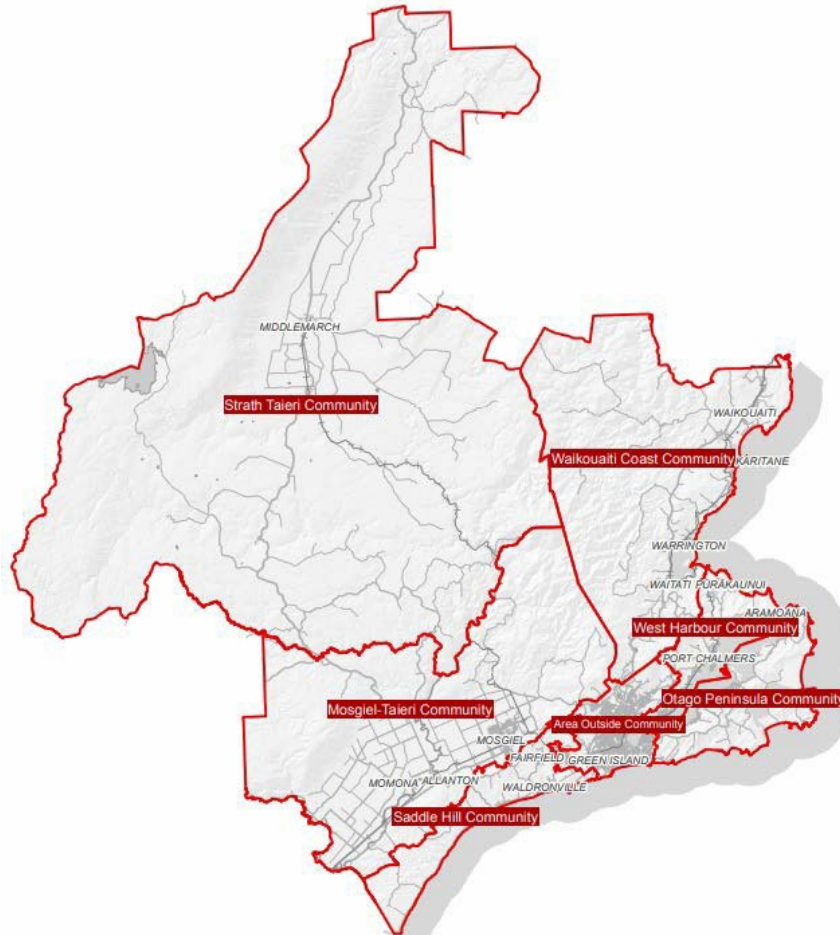
This Plan also includes activities that we, the Community Board plan to undertake. Our most important role is to be an advocate for our community, but we also proactively support our community in other ways, and these are set out in section 4 of this plan.

This Plan is subject to change and revision as needs arise and priorities alter.

## 2 KEY INFORMATION

### 2.1 BACKGROUND

The City of Dunedin has six Community Boards within its boundary, as shown in the map below.



Each Community Board has six elected members, and one councillor representative. The Community Board members are elected every three years as part of the local body elections. Community Boards must comply with the same rules and regulations as council, such as the Local Government Act.

The primary role of a Community Board is one of advocacy for its community. Each Community Board makes representations to the DCC on the priorities those boards have identified for their community area, that they would like to see included and funded in the council's annual plans and 10 year plans.

Any matters of an operational nature, e.g., the reporting of potholes, tree issues etc., are reported to council via the DCC's 477 4000 phone number, and do not form part of the Community Board's priorities.

Each Community Board holds public meetings every two months, and these meetings are advertised on the DCC website and in the Otago Daily Times. The meeting schedule for the 2023\0 calendar year is provided in Section 6 of this plan. The agendas and minutes from those meetings are also available on the DCC website at <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-meetings/agendas-and-minutes>

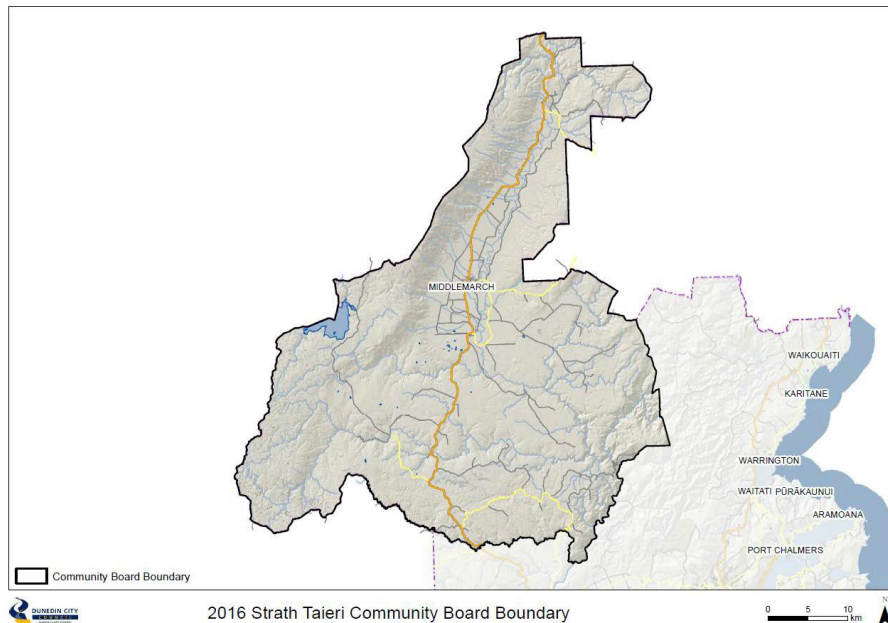
At the start of each meeting, there is a public forum session, which gives anyone from the community the opportunity to present to the board members their views on any topic. Anyone wishing to speak at public forum must make a request to speak at least two working days before the day of the meeting. They can do this via the Chair of the Community Board or contact a Governance Support Officer at the DCC at [governance.support@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:governance.support@dcc.govt.nz).

## 2.2 BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTACT DETAILS

Board members for the 2022-2025 triennium are as follows:

Name	Cell phone	Email
Barry Williams (Chairperson)	027 237 8075	barry.williams@powerfarming.co.nz
Anna Wilson (Deputy Chairperson)	027 469 4230	Anna.wilson@outlook.com
David (Jock) Frew	021 122 8745	Jock876@gmail.com
Terina Geddes	027 200 5688	Hayden.terina@xtra.co.nz
Tony Markham	027 464 3133	tandpmarkham@xtra.co.nz
Robin Thomas	021 477455	robin.thomas@xtra.co.nz
Bill Acklin (Councillor representative)	021 923 270	Bill.Acklin@dcc.govt.nz

### 2.3 MAP OF STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD AREA



### 2.4 OUR COMMUNITY

The “rural hub” of Dunedin City Councils six Community Board areas, Strath Taieri, is located an hour's drive inland from Dunedin on scenic State Highway 87.

Straddling the wide climatic clines of the dry inland basins of Central Otago to the wetter coastal eastern foothills, the district covers some 211,500 hectares stretching 65km from north to south and 55km from east to west. Being in an expansive remote rural setting, it features a widely dispersed low per capita population density of just 0.32 people/square kilometre. This aspect alone creates social and infrastructure challenges unlike any of our other Community Board areas.

Several distinct areas exist within the region from the broad fertile developed flats and terraces adjacent to Middlemarch, the physically dominant slopes of the [Rock and Pillar range](#), to the tussock clad northern portion of the Lammerlaw and Lammermoor ranges. These all provide an interesting and vibrant contrast with the broad rolling farmed ridges of Hindon and Clarks Junction and the stunning mid reaches of the Taieri River.

In pre-European times the area was important to local Maori as both a mahinga kai resource with moa and kanakana (lamprey) being sought as well as serving as a useful access corridor to the hinterland.

In later years gold mining (Hyde/Pukerangi) became important. Clarks Junction served those early gold miners as an important junction on their access route to other inland goldfields via the historic Old Dunstan Trail.

The spectacular landscapes offer visitors wilderness, tussock country, splendid vistas, striking rock tors as well as enjoyment of a busy farming district.

Those agricultural opportunities that attracted our first settlers remain today as the backbone to our economy with fresh opportunities developing in tourism stimulated by the Otago Central Rail Trail and the recently created Central Otago Touring Route on SH87.

The stunning scenery, rural tranquility, many recreational opportunities, the laid back lifestyle and the friendly local residents are key components to the local lifestyle.

### 3 PRIORITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

#### 3.1 New Priorities

We have identified the following new priorities for our community that we would like to see included in the Council’s 10 year plan 2024 -34. As noted earlier, this plan is subject to change, and so this list of priorities will be included on the agenda of each of our Community Board meetings

Details	Est. Cost if known	When in 9 year plan 2025-34	Justification	Priority
Multipurpose Community Centre – that could include medical services, gym, sports courts, museum artefacts, information centre				
Electronic speed limit warning signs at both entrances to township to notify of school zone.				
Encourage visitors and trains to Middlemarch.				
Upgrade Playground, including pump track.				
Building community resilience.				

### 3.2 Current Priorities

The following priorities for our community have been included in the Council's current 10 year plan (2018- 28), and are priorities that are to be carried forward into the new 2021-31 10 year plan.

Details	Est. Cost if known	When in 2025-34 9year plan	Justification	Priority
<b>Security and Integrity from flooding</b> Address ongoing issues between the Middlemarch township and the Taieri River which causes restrictions to the outflows of flood waters from the township. Urgently requiring attention.			Community needs a security in knowing the Middlemarch township would not be flooded.	1
<b>Train to Middlemarch</b> Continue to advocate for the train all the way to Middlemarch				2
<b>Speed Management</b> Electronic speed limit warning signs at both entrances to township to notify of school zone.				3
<b>Town Centre Development Plan</b> Playground, entranceways, park and grounds along with cohesive planning of contracts (ie: mowing, refuse collection)				4

**4 COMMUNITY BOARD PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**

The following table identifies those activities that we as a Community Board would like to deliver to our community. They will be undertaken and funded by the Community Board.

ACTIVITY DETAIL	WHEN (IDEAL)
<p><b>Strategic Planning</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review current use of community hall, and consider long term priorities with possible significant hall upgrade (or potential replacement) (15/20 year time frame);</li> <li>Maintain engagement with community led group investigating Heritage Park concept – potential future use of Railway Station (Visitor/Information Centre?); development of Hub concept with linking Rail/Farming/Historic/Environmental themes etc and how these could support future community opportunities. <i>(Will require staff assistance)</i></li> <li>Establishing a strong relationship with Dunedin Railways.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Over term of current Board</i></p>
<p><b>Railway Issues</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wingatui to Middlemarch</b> – Advocate for the public retention of the complete railway line and infrastructure – including support for ongoing rail service/linkage between Dunedin and Middlemarch;</li> <li><b>Middlemarch/Sutton/Pukerangi Stations</b> - Advocate strongly for formalised <b>local control</b> of all infrastructure including buildings;</li> <li>Investigate implementing a formal “heritage precinct” (Heritage NZ) around Railway Station and all associated buildings and structures. <i>(Will require staff assistance)</i></li> </ol>	
<p>Promote Community Resilience</p>	
<p>Rural Waste Day</p>	
<p>Concept plans for cohesive Township development including entranceway development</p>	
<p>Establish a Strath Taieri Tree Management Plan – cemetery, railway corridor, wilding pines and township trees</p>	
<p>Cohesive council contracts – to prevent duplication and look for opportunities within our community</p>	

## 5 PLANS

The Community Board has a number of plans supporting its activities. Our key planning documents are discussed below:

### 5.1 EMERGENCY PLAN – COMMUNITY BOARD RESPONSE PLAN

#### Introduction

The Dunedin City Council has a statutory role, as does the Otago Regional Council, under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act to contribute to Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) within the district. As part of this whole-of-city function, the [Name] Community Board has responsibility for the interface between the community and Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management.

*Our communities have a reasonable level of risk of flooding, fire, tsunami resulting in community isolation so pre-planning and management of a specific event will be managed by the Saddle Hill Community Board on behalf of Civil Defence. This role is supported by authorisations and delegations in the Dunedin City Council Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan.*

#### Status

The Community Board on conjunction with Emergency Management Otago, have developed a Community Guide to Emergencies for Hyde, Middlemarch and Sutton.

### 5.2 Roadwork Schedule

Information on current notified road closures and the roadworks schedule (a weekly list of programmed works) for Council's maintained roads is available on the DCC website via these links <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/news-and-events/public-notices/roadworks-schedule> and <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/news-and-events/public-notices/notified-road-closures>.

### 5.3 Other plans

### 5.4 Have Your Say on the Community Plan

*The Board is very keen to receive your comments on an on-going basis, and you may speak to your comments at any Board meeting. Members of the community are invited to provide feedback;*

- *Verbally... by contacting a board member directly, anytime*
- *Written... addressed to the board, postal or email addresses below*
- *In person... to the board at public events such as Community Cuppa and Conversation*

*Please clearly state the issue or suggestion you would like the Community Board to consider, or the specific action you would like to be taken.*

Please send written communication to:

The Chairperson  
Strath Taieri Community Board  
c/- Dunedin City Council  
PO Box 5045  
Dunedin 9054

Email: [barry.williams@powerfarming.co.nz](mailto:barry.williams@powerfarming.co.nz)

**Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan**

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## **7 COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

The table below provides details of our Community Board meetings through to December 2025.

Thursday, 26 June 2025 – Strath Taieri Community Hall, at 2.00 pm

Thursday, 7 August 2025 – Strath Taieri Community Hall, at 2.00 pm

Thursday, 11 September 2025, Strath Taieri Community Hall, at 2.00 pm

Thursday, 6 November  
(Inaugural meeting for 2025-2028 triennium)



- 7 Whilst it may seem easier to text or phone a staff member directly, they may be on leave, or not available. Also contacting them directly does not create a record of the issue and as a result, it may take longer to get addressed as the staff co-ordinating the work are unaware of it.

**Correspondence**

- 8 A letter from Discover Middlemarch has been received (Attachment A).
- 9 A letter to Otago Regional Council (Attachment B).
- 10 A letter from Dunedin City Council in response to the Board’s submission has been received (Attachment C).
- 11 A Project Completion form has been received from the Strath Taieri Medical Services (Attachment D),

**What DCC is Currently Consulting On**

- 12 For the most up to date information on what DCC is consulting on, please visit <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/currently-consulting-on>

**Roadworks Schedule**

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**Dunedin City Council Updates**

- 14 Board or members of the public wishing to advise Council of any operational issues or concerns, e.g., potholes, vegetation, burst pipes are reminded to contact the Dunedin City Council Customer Services Agency on 03 477 4000 or email [dcc@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:dcc@dcc.govt.nz). For any non-urgent matter please contact council via the online “Fix it form” <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/do-it-online/report/fix-it-form>
- 15 If issues and concerns are not dealt with in a timely manner, Board Members should contact the Governance Support Officer, or the Senior Staff Member appointed to the Board.

**Signatories**

Author:	Wendy Collard - Governance Support Officer
Authoriser:	Mike Cartwright - Quality Improvement Specialist

**Attachments**

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Barry Williams

Chairperson

Strath Taieri Community Board

For the meeting of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Firstly, I would like to apologise for not being available today, unfortunately another matter has had to take priority.

The Discover Middlemarch website has taken far longer and a lot more work than any of us envisaged. Go live date is imminent, as we are now in the final editing stage. The group is undertaking training next week so we will be able to take over management of the website from the web developer, I am advised that once that happens, we should be able to go live within one to two weeks, depending on the availability of our small group to complete the work, alongside some of the challenges some of us are facing at the moment.

I am very happy to report that the website looks amazing, it is very comprehensive and has content that will appeal to both visitors and the local community. We have local businesses on board, and we hope that once we go live, others will see the benefits and will also join us.

Included on the website is a tribute to Anne Elliot, who created the original Middlemarch website, and Dennis Bowers who maintained the site after Anne's passing. We have also preserved all the content from the original website and have shared that content with the museum so it is archived in 2 places.

The Discover Middlemarch plans to hold an event when we are ready to go live, our funders, supporters, business and community groups, and any other interested members of the community will be invited to attend. We anticipate that this will be no later than the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

Thank you for your support

Linda MacKenzie, on behalf of the Discover Middlemarch Group



**STRATH TAIERI  
COMMUNITY BOARD**

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14 July 2025

Jean-Luc Payan  
Manager, Natural Hazards  
Otago Regional Council  
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Kia ora

On behalf of the Strath Taieri Community Board, we wish to express our thanks for all the flood hazard assessment work for the Strath Taieri area (including proposed flood protection measures) that has been completed and to all the staff who arranged and attended the outstanding public meeting held on 3 June 2025.

The Board was also appreciated the attendance by Councillors Lloyd McCall and Kate Wilson.

At its meeting held on 26 June 2025, the Board agreed that it would like to engage further with the community and prior to this happening would like to request clarification of the next steps.

Please pass on our sincere thanks and appreciation to the all the appropriate staff members.

Kind regards

Barry Williams  
**Chairperson**  
**Strath Taieri Community Board**



18 July 2025

Barry Williams  
Chairperson  
Strath Taieri Community Board  
PO Box 5045  
Dunedin 9054

**Re: submission on the DCC's 9 year plan 2025-34**

Dear Community Board Members,

Thank you for your submission on the Council's 9 year plan, and for your presentation at the hearings meeting on 6 May 2025. Council considered community feedback received at its deliberations meeting on Monday 26 to Thursday 29 May 2025; a complete record of the decisions made can be found in the meeting minutes on the Council's website. The 9 year plan 2025-34 was officially adopted by Council on 30 June 2025.

Please find a response to your submission below.

- **Infrastructure and road safety**  
Dunedin City Council transport staff have spoken with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency about signage, and this has been included in NZTA's planning. However, at this stage, Council is unclear on the timing of this.
- **Vegetation maintenance**  
The Board's support for vegetation maintenance is noted; the 2025/26 budget provided in the 9 year plan includes an increase to the transport maintenance budget for vegetation management.
- **Grants review**  
While the Grants review is ongoing, the amount of money provided in grants is the same as the 2024/25 year. The purpose of the review is to better understand the way grants are allocated and to ensure that all processes are transparent, fair and align with Council's strategic goals.
- **Rail infrastructure**  
The Board's support for reinstatement of Dunedin Railways Limited is noted; following community engagement, Council confirmed its decision to restore funding to Dunedin Railways Ltd. and has directed Dunedin City Holdings Ltd to provide funding to assist with this.



- **Playgrounds**  
The Community Board's request for an update to Middlemarch playground is noted; a half basketball court and playground upgrade are planned for 2026/27 of the 9 year plan.
- **Sustainability goals**  
The 9 year plan budget provides for additional Public Place Recycling bins and additional rural recycling facilities. Locations for the additional bins are yet to be determined.
- **Swimming pools**  
It is understood that Middlemarch community pool may soon require major investment. It is important to note that Council does not own the Middlemarch pool, however, it does provide an annual grant of \$15,000.
- **Urban centre upgrades**  
Funding for the Centres Upgrade Programme has been included in the 9 year plan, and staff will take a report to Council on 30 July 2025 to confirm locations for the initial years of the programme. Funding specifically for Middlemarch has not been provided for in the 9 year plan. The Community Board request will be noted in the report.
- **Heritage Action Plan**  
Council's 9 year plan provides extra funding to support the Ōtepoti Dunedin Heritage Action Plan (HAP). The HAP outlined the need to identify and assess new heritage places (buildings, structures, sites, and precincts). However, staff are awaiting direction from Central Government about RMA reform changes to heritage protection provisions, this includes potential heritage buildings or heritage precincts.
- **Development Contributions and Growth**  
Following community engagement, Council decided to cap the increases to development contribution charges on growth projects and to introduce the additional charges over three years. For Middlemarch, this means that development contributions charges have reduced from the amount consulted on of \$47,900 to \$27,170 per Equivalent Household Unit. The increase in the Development Contribution charge for Middlemarch will also be phased in over a three year period, with the charge being \$16,397 in 2025/26, and increasing to \$27,170 by 2027/28.
- **Three Waters**  
Council acknowledges the feedback related to non-compliant stormwater connections. This work is a requirement of a consent condition which is intended to reduce the likelihood of wet weather wastewater overflows, and therefore reduce the likelihood of groundwater contamination and the associated health risks.



Thank you again for your submission on the 9 year plan 2025-34. Your feedback was appreciated.

Kā mihi nui,

Janet Fraser  
**CORPORATE PLANNER**



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## **BOARD UPDATES AND REPORT BACKS**

Department: Civic

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1 Board Members will provide verbal updates and report backs on portfolios and activities including:
  - Township beautification – Anna Wilson
  - Community Resilience – Anna Wilson
  - Otago Central Rail Trust – Terina Geddes
  - Climate Change – Tony Markham
  - Water management (including flooding) – Tony Markham and David Frew
  - Infrastructure, roads and spraying – Barry Williams
  - Community information and publicity – Robin Thomas

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Board updates and report backs

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## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Department: Civic

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Chairperson will provide a verbal update on matters of interest including:

- Destination Middlemarch website launch.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Chairperson's report

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## **COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Department: Civic

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1 Councillor Bill Acklin will provide an update on items of interest.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Council Activities Update

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## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR**

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Any items for consideration by the Chair.