

Notice of Meeting:

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

Date: Wednesday 17 September 2025
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Blueskin Bay Library, Harvey Street, Waitati

Sandy Graham
Chief Executive Officer

Waikouaiti Coast Community Board
PUBLIC AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Alasdair Morrison	
Deputy Chairperson	Andy Barratt	
Members	Sonya Billyard	Mark Brown
	Chris McBride	Cr Jim O'Malley
	Geraldine Tait	
Senior Officer	Mike Cartwright, Acting Manager, City Growth and Advisory Services	
Governance Support Officer	Rebecca Murray	

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Note: Reports and recommendations contained in this agenda are not to be considered as Council policy until adopted.

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1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Blueskin Youth Community and Amenities Associations

Paul Clements will be in attendance to provide an update on the funding received by the Blueskin Youth Community and Amenities Associations.

1.2 Miller Road access in adverse weather events

Mr Ray Foot will be in attendance to speak about Miller Road access in adverse weather events.

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.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

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Waikouaiti Coast Community Board Register of Interest - September 2025				
Name	Responsibility (ie: Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
Alasdair Morrison (Chairperson)	Member	Blueskin A & P 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.
	Secretary	Waitati Hall Society Inc	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee and Secretary	The Rainbow Preschool Trust (South Dunedin)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Waikouaiti 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.
	Member	South Dunedin Baptist Church	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Dwelling at Waitati	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Andy Barratt (Deputy Chairperson)	Owner	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Co-chair	River-Estuary Care Waikouaiti-Karitane	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Market Garden Business, 303 Apes Road	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Moana Gow Pool Trust	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	OneCoast	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Sonya Billyard	Owner	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	East Coast Plumbing Ltd	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Commercial Property Dunedin	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Commercial Property Waikouaiti	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Employee	POWA	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Community Garden	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Community Response Group	No conflict identified.	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Secretary	East Otago Blokes Shed	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.
Mark Brown	Member	Blueskin A & P 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.
	Director and Shareholder	Blueskin Nurseries Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director and Shareholder	St Brigids Estate Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Founding member	Orokonui Ecosanctuary	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Waitati Hall Society Inc	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	W M Brown and Sons	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Chris McBride	Owner/Director	Packit Packaging Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner/Director	Trust S Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Shareholding Director	Site Weld NZ (2023) Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Tenant	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

Chris McBride Cont.	Owner/Director	Enex Group Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner/Director	Rest Area Solutions Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	New Zealand Defence Force	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Geraldine Tait	Owner	Property at Reservoir Road, Warrington	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	East Otago Catchment Group	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Blueskin Bay Watch	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Cr Jim O'Malley	Owner	Biocentrix Ltd	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Residential Property Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Ayrmed Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Northern AFC	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Director	Ocho Newco Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Connecting Dunedin (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Hospital Local Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Otago Regional Transport Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Okia Reserve Management Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Tertiary Precinct Planning Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Waikouaiti Coast Community Board (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 13 AUGUST 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board meeting held on 13 August 2025 as a correct record.

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Waikouaiti Coast Community Board**MINUTES**

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board held in the East Otago Events Centre, Main Road, Waikouaiti on Wednesday 13 August 2025, commencing at 5.30 pm

PRESENT

Chairperson	Alasdair Morrison	
Deputy Chairperson	Andy Barratt	
Members	Sonya Billyard	Mark Brown
	Chris McBride	Cr Jim O'Malley
	Geraldine Tait	

IN ATTENDANCE Mike Cartwright (Acting Manager City Growth and Advisory Services)

Governance Support Officer Rebecca Murray

1 PUBLIC FORUM**1.1 Warrington School**

Lucy Wing, Board of Trustees representative, spoke to the Warrington School funding application and responded to questions.

1.2 Foreshore at Karitāne Wharf

Shelley Gorman, Karitāne residents representative, and Adam Keane, Rūnaka representative addressed the Board regarding the foreshore at Karitāne wharf.

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Cr Jim O'Malley):

That the Board:

Extends Public Forum.

Motion carried

They responded to questions.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Cr Jim O'Malley):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/047)

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.

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Cr Jim O'Malley):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/048)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 4 JUNE 2025

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Cr Jim O'Malley):

That the Board:

Confirms the minutes of the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board meeting held on 04 June 2025 as a correct record.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/049)

PART A REPORTS**6 BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND UPDATE AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

A report provided a copy of a project completion form and a funding application for the Board's consideration and an update on the amount in the Board's discretionary fund.

Warrington School requested \$3,000.00 towards refurbishing the pool.

Moved (Geraldine Tait/Andy Barratt):

That the Board:

- c) **Approves** the funding request from Warrington School for \$3,000.00 towards refurbishing the pool.
- d) **Notes** in the unlikely event of the project not proceeding, the \$3,000.00 to be returned.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/050)

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Cr Jim O'Malley):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the discretionary fund update.
- b) **Notes** the Funding Assistance Project Completion Form from Waitati Music Festival.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/051)

7 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

A report from Civic provided an update on activities relevant to the Board.

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Andy Barratt):

That the Board:

Notes the Governance Support Officer's Report.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/052)

8 COMMUNITY PLAN

Consideration was given to the Board's Community Plan.

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Andy Barratt):

That the Board:

Considered updating the Board's Community Plan for the 2025-26 year.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/053)

9 BOARD REPRESENTATION AND ROLES

Board members provided an update on activities.

Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM)

Alasdair Morrison advised the new DCC Community Board liaison was yet to be appointed.

Community Engagement

Andy Barratt the Board Newsletter had been finalised and was currently being printed.

Cycleways

Mark Brown advised formation of the 1.5 metre wide Waitati-Mopanui-Ecosanactuary section of the cycleway had been completed. The group may seek support from the Board regarding next steps.

Keep Dunedin Beautiful

Geraldine Tait advised a Keep Dunedin Beautiful meeting would be held 14 August with the awards to be held on 29 August. Geraldine advised the group were working on the change in scope of support from DCC.

Liaison with Funding Applicants

Mark Brown had tried to followed up with the Blueskin Youth group regarding the funding received for the handrail. Alasdair to take the lead with this.

Matanaka Drive Replanting Project

Mark Brown suggested this be removed from Board updates. However, Alasdair requested it remain to enable follow up with maintenance. Andy advised it wasn't only the plantings that would be an issue but the wilding pines and whose land it was.

OneCoast Recycling

Geraldine Tait advised staff changes were being undertaken.

Truby King Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Alasdair Morrison provided an update on the Gingko planting ceremony in honour of the Hiroshima memorial day. Andy Barratt advised work had begun on the implementation plan. The Board considered having a family open day in the summer.

Waikouaiti Main Street Beautification Project

Sonya Billyard advised following the hui a working subcommittee had been formed for the project. The subcommittee were working on a concept plan in conjunction with NZTA and Rūnaka.

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Andy Barratt):

That the Board:

Notes the Board updates.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/054)

10 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson provided a verbal update on items to the Board, which included:

Correspondence from Surf Lifesaving NZ
Emergency Management update
Karitāne Wharf Area Enhancement
North Coast bus service
ORC – Levels of controlling Hawksbury Lagoon
Retiring Board members acknowledgement next meeting
Truby King Reserve tree planting project
Warrington Half Basketball Court
Warrington CDEM meeting
Warrington emergency beach access

Moved (Alasdair Morrison/Chris McBride):

That the Board:

Notes the Chairperson's update.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/055)

11 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Jim O'Malley provided an update on items of interest, which included:

Pre-Election period
Post-Election inductions

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Alasdair Morrison):

That the Board:

Notes the Council Activities Update.

Motion carried (WCCB/2025/056)

12 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items for consideration.

The meeting concluded at 7.04 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON

PART A REPORTS

GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 This report is to inform the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board of activities relevant to the Board area including:
 - Discretionary Fund
 - Waikouaiti Coast Community Board Newsletter
 - What Dunedin City Council is Currently Consulting On
 - Roadworks Schedule
 - Dunedin City Council Updates
- 2 As this is an administrative report, there are no options or summary of considerations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.
- b) **Retrospectively** approves the expenditure of \$111.28 to Mark Brown for the provision of a BBQ following the Gingko Planting at the Truby King Reserve.
- c) **Retrospectively** approves the expenditure of \$41.70 to Geraldine Tait for the provision of a BBQ following the Gingko Planting at the Truby King Reserve.

Discretionary Fund

- 3 The Board needs to retrospectively approve the costs of providing a BBQ at the recently held Gingko Planting Ceremony at the Truby King Reserve on 9 August 2025.
- 4 The Board has been allocated \$10,000.00 for the 2025/26 year.

- 5 The balance remaining in the Project Fund for allocation for the current financial year is \$6,847.02. Spending for the 2025/26 financial year was as follows:

Meeting Date	Amount	Recipient/Purpose
13 August 2025	\$3,000.00	Warrington School – towards refurbishing the pool.*
17 September 2025	\$152.98	Costs for providing a BBQ at the Gingko Planting Ceremony \$111.28 to Mark Brown and \$41.70 to Geraldine Tait.**
Total	\$3,152.98	

*Still to be paid

**Pending approval from the Board

Newsletter

- 6 The end of the triennium Waikouaiti Coast Community Board newsletter is attached for the Board's information. (Attachment A)

What Dunedin City Council is Currently Consulting On

- 7 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

- 8 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>.

Dunedin City Council Updates

- 9 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. 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>
- 10 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:	Rebecca Murray - Governance Support Officer
Authoriser:	Mike Cartwright - Acting Manager, City Growth and Advisory Services

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**SEPTEMBER
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WAIKOUAITI COAST COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

Item 6

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On the Buses

The provision of a regular, affordable and reliable bus service to the north coast is a perpetual item on the Board's agenda.

Every year, we make a submission to the Otago Regional Council, raising community concerns and suggested improvements. In between times, we consult regularly with council staff as particular issues come to light.

These efforts have been rewarded, if not to the extent we would like. We now have a limited weekend service and Warrington has at last been included in the schedule.

At present, the prospects for further improvements are not good. Government policy requires local councils to increase revenue from public transport services (which will involve increases to bus fares) and the recently released Future Development Strategy for the city warns that only limited changes to services that run to outlying areas might be possible.

The Board is fully aware of the issues – the number of buses per day, problems with scheduling, safety, running late, etc. and we will continue to advocate for a better service.



Truby King Reserve - Ginkgo Planting

Some of the hardy souls who braved a raw winter's day to plant a ginkgo tree at the Truby King Reserve in Seacliff. The day – 9th August – was chosen as this is Nagasaki Day, the date on which the second atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese people. The tree – one of three now put in the ground at the Reserve – is a direct descendant of a ginkgo tree at the Tsuruhane Shrine in Hiroshima, just 1810 metres from the spot where the first bomb detonated on 6th August 1945 and a miraculous survivor of the deadly blast.

The trees, supplied by Green Legacy Hiroshima, will provide a living reminder of Dunedin's sister city relationship with Otaru, Japan and symbolise a commitment to international peace and hope for a world free of nuclear weapons. The event was organised by the Community Board.

Elections 2025

BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SAY

If you are not already enrolled, go to – <https://vote.nz/local-elections/about/local-elections-2025/> and click on the button "Enrol or Update Online". The election period runs from September 9th to October 11th. You can enrol up until Friday, October 10th.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBER CONTACT DETAILS:

Alasdair Morrison (*Chair*) - info@calmarine.co.nz
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Sonya Billyard - billyardsonya@gmail.com
Mark Brown - blueskin@xtra.co.nz
Geraldine Tait - gersftait@gmail.com
Chris McBride - chris.mcbride1988@gmail.com



Waikouaiti Coast Community Board

Your Community Board - Why do we have one and what does it do?

If you hadn't noticed already, this year is local election year. (And, yes, they do seem to come around awfully quickly). Needless to say, the election of the Mayor and the City Councillors will be uppermost in people's minds when the booklet arrives telling us who are putting their names forward this time around. That is understandable enough, given that these are the people who will be making the important decisions about how much we will have to pay for our rates and what that money will be spent on.

But it is not only the shape of the Dunedin City Council that is at stake. Towards the back of the booklet, you will find the profiles of the people looking to represent you on the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board.

On the (increasingly few) occasions when public election meetings have been held in the district, there is usually someone who asks the question: "What does the Board actually do?"

Before offering an answer, here is a bit of historical background.

Why do we have a Community Board? Waikouaiti Coast Community Board is one of six such boards (the others are Mosgiel-Taieri, Otago Peninsula, Saddle Hill, Strath Taieri and West Harbour). They were established in 1989 as part of a sweeping reform of local government throughout the country. Older residents will remember that before then their lives were governed by the Silverpeaks County Council. At the time, there was a great deal of concern that the amalgamation of smaller bodies into an enlarged Dunedin City Council would mean the loss of a local "voice" and less control over essential services in the district.

As a result, the new system allowed for two things – we had the opportunity to elect a local person as our DCC ward councillor and, in addition, the Community Board was set up to ensure that we had people on the ground to push for our community needs. (The ward councillor was also a Board member.) That was how things stood until 2016, when all wards were abolished. For us, this meant that we could no longer rely on there being anyone from our way to represent us on the Council.

What this means is that, since then, the Community Board is the only body guaranteed to speak up on local issues. So, how do things stand today? Your Board has six elected members who are all resident in the Board area. It is supported by a City Councillor (although that person is not guaranteed to be a local).

Now for the important bit: what does the Board actually do?

This is what it says in our Community Plan: "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 the board has identified for their community area that they would like to see included and funded in the Council's Annual Plans and 10-Year Plans." You will learn more about these plans elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Board fulfils this role in a number of ways. First, it holds a series of public meetings throughout the year. These are advertised on the DCC website and in the Otago Daily Times. (Agendas and Minutes are available on the DCC website at <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-meetings/agendas-and-minutes>) Every Board meeting begins with a public forum which is open to any person or group wishing to present their views. You need to book in at least two days before the day of the meeting via the Board Chair or the Board's governance support officer at governance.support@dcc.govt.nz. Just as important – perhaps even more important – is the work that Board members do "behind the scenes", attending to all sorts of issues, large and small, relating to the Board's responsibilities as part of the DCC operation. The key thing here is to LET US KNOW if there is something that you would like help or advice on. (Contact details for all Board members are easy to find.)

Our Community Plan also provides advice regarding what it calls "operational matters" (reporting potholes, overgrowing vegetation and the like). For these matters, it is recommended that you report these directly to the DCC, using its 477-4000 phone line. We have more to say about this service below. The main thing to bear in mind about your Community Board is that it has very few real powers. (Some boards in other parts of the country have far greater powers, including the ability to help set rates.) The only thing our Board has total control over is the distribution of funds from our annual Discretionary Fund. The fund is currently set at \$10,000, an amount that has not changed for a couple of decades. The Board is currently arguing for a significant increase in this fund, which would, among other things, allow us to get small works done swiftly and efficiently in the district.

Getting work done locally

Of the day-to-day issues that the Board has to deal with the most common are the perennial complaints about the time it takes to get jobs done. Very often these are not major works – potholes that need filling, trees to be trimmed, drains unblocked – but they can be subject to lengthy delays as requests for action make their way through the relevant DCC departments. Long-term residents like to recall the days of the Silverpeaks County Council, when such matters were resolved promptly by a single phone call. In this year's submission to the LTP, the Board has proposed the creation of an annual allocation of \$10,000 on a trial basis to allow us to deal with these small cases of routine maintenance. The idea would be to have two or three local people with relevant skills, equipment and experience available at an hourly rate to get this work done promptly. We will continue to push for what seems to us the most practical way to make progress.

What's In The Water?

The biggest issues, by far, concern what we now like to refer to as "3 Waters". Two of these – drinking water supply and wastewater management feature prominently in the LTP.

With regard to drinking water, the upgrade to the Waikouaiti Water Treatment Plant, which supplies Waikouaiti and Karitane was promised by the end of 2023 but has been subject to endless delays. We keep asking for advice on when the work – designed to resolve local concerns over the taste and odour of the water supply – will be completed. We understand that we might be waiting until the end of 2026 (!) before all the work is done.

In the meantime, the LTP tells us that future plans involve a much broader investigation into the development of new or alternative groundwater supplies to the Waikouaiti, Outram and Dunedin City areas. All this is quite vague right now but it could involve some major changes as time goes on, including the possibility of no longer using the Waikouaiti River as a source of drinking water.

For those whose water supply comes from the Mount Grand reservoir (Waitati, Warrington, Seacliff and some parts of Merton/Karitane), there is the more immediate concern that new housing developments – in Warrington, in particular – are putting the system under more pressure than it can handle. We have asked the Council to investigate.

On the wastewater (sewerage) front, some very big changes are in the offing. Although upgrades have been made to the plants at Seacliff and Warrington, there is much more that needs to be done. The Warrington and Waikouaiti plants are close to the end of their useful lives and their resource consents have expired or are close to expiring. Given that both plants are located close to coastal waters and at very near to sea level, it is likely that they will have to be moved. The LTP talks of constructing a totally new "centralised" plant to service Waikouaiti, Seacliff and Warrington communities. We don't yet know where this plant might be located. As for Waitati, which currently has no reticulated sewage facility, we understand that a new centralised plant would have the capacity to include the settlement. As yet, this is all some way into the future and it will involve much local engagement as concrete plans are released.

A Coastal Strategy

Over the last eighteen months we have been alerting the DCC and ORC to the fragility of our coastal environment and the risks to key infrastructure. Blueskin Bay, Warrington Spit, Karitane Harbour and foreshore, Waikouaiti River Estuary, the foreshore along Matanaka Drive, Waikouaiti, Hawksbury Lagoon – all these places have issues that need to be properly assessed.

The DCC's Long Term Plan talks of creating a Climate Resilience Framework to help us confront these problems. The Board supports this initiative. However, we have pointed out that, to date, there is no prospect of work being done out our way in the near future. With eyes focussed on Kettle Park, St Kilda and St Clair – and a shortage of coastal specialists to conduct the necessary projects – it seems likely that we will have some time to wait for action.

Retiring Board Member

As the term of the current Board comes to an end, we wish to acknowledge the work of Mark Brown and Chris McBride, who are stepping down as Board members. We thank them for their service and wish them well for the future.

Creating Resilient Communities

These days it is hard to avoid what seems to be an endless stream of stories about natural disasters both at home and around the world. Up north, people are still to recover fully after Cyclone Gabrielle. More recently, the devastating floods around Motueka remind us that nowhere is quite as safe as it used to be.

As we all know, the north coast has had its fair share of flooding events over the years and the Board has been actively engaging with our local councils to ensure that we are as best prepared as we can be when the waters rise.

Community-led Resilience

Here we have much more encouraging news! After many months of consultation, the DCC has released a report – Community-Led Resilience: Defining Roles for Community Boards and Community Resilience Groups in Dunedin.

The Board welcomes this report, as it clarifies issues that have been a source of confusion for many years. First – and this is the main point – community resilience is not the same as disaster response: that remains the responsibility of the Civil Defence network. What we are talking about here is the way that local communities can help themselves and others to manage practically when the power is out, roads are closed or for whatever reason we have to do without the services we rely on normally.

Our region already has a proud record in this respect. Waitaiti and Waikouaiti have provided help for many a stranded motorist when SH1 has been closed by floodwaters or heavy snowfalls. Some Community Resilience Groups have already been set up. Over the coming year, the Board will work to ensure that our region is fully served in this respect. Most importantly, we will be requesting support from a newly created fund so that we have the necessary equipment and supplies available in times of need.

The Board's Discretionary Fund

Like each of the DCC's community boards, our Board is granted an annual discretionary fund of \$10,000. The fund is used to provide support for a wide range of groups and activities in the district. Over the past year the Board has helped Waikouaiti Riding for the Disabled, Waiputai Trust (Warrington), Waitati Music Festival and Blueskin Youth Community Association. The Board also funds some of its own projects. In the past these have included the provision of a bus shelter for school children on Ramrock Road and the restoration of the interpretational sign at the Puketeraki Lookout on Coast Road. Just recently, the Board funded the installation of safety humps on Roneval Street and Sulisker Street at the Karitane beach to deter speeding motorists.

Planning For The Future

Apart from dealing with day-to-day matters as they crop up, the Board also has to engage with our two local councils – the Dunedin City Council and the Otago Regional Council – as they undertake their regular planning processes. Although most of us will pay most attention to the annual meetings which result in the setting of annual budgets – and the effects this will have on our rates bills! – more important in many ways are the updates to the DCC's 10-Year Plan. (This time round it was a 9-Year Plan, but we won't go into the reasons for that here.)

Why is this so important? Well, what this plan does is to identify those things that the Council wants to get done over the longer term – things like water works, roading, new buildings or activities. The crucial thing from the Board's point of view is to ensure that anything that we want to happen in our area is included in this, the Long-Term Plan (LTP, for short). We are always mindful of the adage: "If it's not in the LTP, there is no chance of it getting done".

So, given that the LTP was up for consideration this year, what did the Board have to say in its submission? Here are some highlights.

Plans, Strategies and Consultation

As a Community Board we are regularly asked to respond to a constant stream of documents on a wide variety of issues, ranging from the noise of cockerels waking up the neighbours rather too early in the morning to the long-term future of the greater Dunedin City. Where these issues are of particular concern to our communities, the Board puts in a considered opinion. Here are some of the things we have been working on of late.

1. Speed Limit Review

This has been in the news in the recent past and it is fair to say that few proposals have stirred up so much public interest. Needless to say, opinions have differed widely. On the one hand, there are those who believe that no change is needed to the current speed limits. On the other hand, proposals to reduce the speed limits to 30 kph in any areas (including the settlements in the Board's area) are needed to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists as well as motorists.

In its submission (which can be read here), the Board took a middle course. We have been advocating for a sensible reduction of the speed limits in parts of our area for some time and accept the evidence that this does have a small but significant influence on driver behaviour. That said, we all know that no matter what speed it says on the signs, speeding vehicles will continue to be a problem and we need to be vigilant, reporting incidents and vehicle details to the police.

The Board has also taken special note of the comments in public submissions about specific safety concerns in our neighbourhoods. We have been aware of these for many years and advocated for remedial action in some cases (although with limited success). Once the review panel has issued its final report, the Board will be pushing hard for a thorough investigation of the dangers and appropriate remedial action.

2. Destination Management Plan 2023

The DCC has recently adopted a new plan, which is designed to ensure that the city functions as a "well-managed, sustainable visitor destination". The Board has read the plan with interest, as we have argued many times that our north coast visitor attractions have been consistently undersold in the promotional material produced by the city council. We are heartened by the stated intention to ensure a "better distribution of visitors around the wider region" and are seeking to be part of the leadership team to ensure that our region is properly catered for. Much of the work called for in the Plan has been done by Board members.

We understand better than anyone the benefits a well-managed visitor strategy can bring to our communities as well as the potential drawbacks.

3. Future Development Strategy

This is a major undertaking which will have an impact on the regular long-term plans of both the Dunedin City Council and the Otago Regional Council. The purpose of the FDS (which was required by the government) is to consider the region's capacity for growth over the next thirty years, considering the prospects of population growth and what this will mean in terms of housing and business capacity, what infrastructure will be needed and what constraints will have to be considered. The Board will be particularly interested in what the Strategy has to say under the heading "Supporting the resilience of outlying townships and settlements" (that's us!). In preparation for this work, the two councils held workshops in April and May. Board members and a few members of the public attended those held in Waikouaiti and Waitati, although the short notice meant that they were not well advertised. A draft is now being prepared and will be available for public submissions from late January to late February next year, before the two local councils consider their long-term plans. The Board will be watching these developments with a keen eye.

COMMUNITY PLAN

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 The Community Board Plan is tabled for discussion at each meeting for the purpose of review and update as required by the Board. The Board's plan is available on the DCC website, link below: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/916607/WCCB-community-plan-2025-2034.pdf
- 2 The Board's Community Plan assists to contribute to the Council's 9-year plan with focus on:
- 3 **new and current priorities** (in order of importance with justification and estimated costs for each) for inclusion in the DCC 9-year Plan.
- 4 **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) **Considers** updating the Board's Community Plan for the 2025-26 year.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

BOARD REPRESENTATION AND ROLES

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 Board members may provide an update on activities including:

Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) – Alasdair Morrison & Sonya Billyard

Community Engagement - Sonya Billyard & Andy Barratt

Cycleways - Geraldine Tait

Freedom Camping - Alasdair Morrison

Keep Dunedin Beautiful - Geraldine Tait

Liaison with Funding Applicants - Alasdair Morrison

Matanaka Drive Replanting Project - Mark Brown

Moana Gow Swimming Pool Committee - Andy Barratt

OneCoast Recycling - Geraldine Tait

Truby King Recreation Reserve Management Committee - Andy Barratt

Waikouaiti Main Street Beautification Project – Sonya Billyard

- 2 As this is an administration report the Summary of Consideration is not required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Board updates.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chairperson will provide a verbal update on items of interest at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Chairperson's update.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 Councillor Jim O'Malley will provide an update on items of interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

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

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIRING MEMBERS

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 In acknowledgement of retiring members Mark Brown and Chris McBride.
- 2 As this is an administrative report, there are no options or summary of considerations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Records** its sincere thanks to Mark Brown for the loyal and conscientious service given to the Dunedin community as a member of the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board for the 15-year period 2010 to 2025.
- b) **Extends** its sincere appreciation for the services rendered and every good wish for the future.
- c) **Records** its sincere thanks to Chris McBride for the loyal and conscientious service given to the Dunedin community as a member of the Waikouaiti Coast Community Board for the 3-year period 2022 to 2025.
- d) **Extends** its sincere appreciation for the services rendered and every good wish for the future.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.