

Notice of Meeting:

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

Date: Wednesday 21 October 2026
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Venue: Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch

Richard Briggs
Chief Executive Officer

Strath Taieri Community Board
PUBLIC AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Terina Geddes	
Deputy Chairperson	Ken Bain	
Members	Donna Hall	Quentin MacLeod
	Bruce Thomas	Robin Thomas
	Cr Brent Weatherall	
Senior Officer	Dr Anna Johnson, City Development Manager	
Governance Support Officer	Lynne Adamson	

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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.

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

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Strath Taieri Community Board Register of Interest - as at 16 October 2026				
Name	Responsibility	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
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	Discover 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.
Ken Bain	Owner	Residential Property	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	Farm Business	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	Hindon Hall 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.
	Committee Member	Hindon Water Scheme	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.
Donna Hall	Trustee/Beneficiary	A C D 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.
	Director/Shareholder	Strath Taieri Hotel Limited	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/Shareholder	The Change Catalyst Limited	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.
	Employee	PKF Dunedin Limited	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.
	Contractor	Givenwell Limited	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.
	Contractor	Mulford Holdings Limited	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	Southern Country Music Awards	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.
	Employee	Anzide Properties Limited	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.
	Employee	Dunedin Crane Hire Limited	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.

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	Employee	The Woodshed 2014 Limited	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.
	Employee	Dunedin Concrete Crushing	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.
	Employee	Milburn Properties Limited	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.
	Employee	Hall Brothers Transport 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.
	Family	Family Member is Councillor Doug Hall	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.
Quentin (Soddy) MacLeod	Employee	Oceana Gold	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	Hyde Hall 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.
	President	Hyde Rifle 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	Skills & Arms Pistol 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.
Bruce Thomas	Owner	Residential property	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	Consultant	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.
	Owner	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.
	Owner	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.

Name	Responsibility	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
Cr Brent Weatherall	Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Owner	Business George Street, Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Brent Weatherall Jeweller Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Weatherall Trustee Company	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Residential Rental Properties	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Public Art Society (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Keep Dunedin Beautiful (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.
	Lead	Infrastructure Portfolio (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Public Art Gallery Acquisitions Committee (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 5 AUGUST 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 05 August 2026 as a correct record.

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Strath Taieri Community Board

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Strath Taieri Community Board held in the Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch tba on Wednesday 05 August 2026, commencing at 1.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Terina Geddes
Members	Donna Hall via zoom audio Quentin MacLeod visual link Bruce Thomas via zoom audio Robin Thomas visual link Cr Brent Weatherall
IN ATTENDANCE	Anna Johnson (Group Manager City Development).
Governance Support Officer	Lynne Adamson

1 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

2 APOLOGIES

There was an apology from Ken Bain.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

Accepts the apology for absence from Ken Bain.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/036)

A) 3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda with the following addition

That Item 7a – Board Updates be taken after Item 7 – Governance Support Update.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/037)

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 (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/038)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 3 JUNE 2026

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 03 June 2026 as a correct record.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/039)

REPORTS

6 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Otago Regional Council Representatives Simon Whitton (Principal Advisor – Rivers), Garry Lahood (Senior River Engineer) and Greg Carson (Team Leader for The River

Management Team) spoke to the Middelmarsh River Management Update and responded to questions.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Otago Regional Council update.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/040)

PART A REPORTS

7A BOARD UPDATES

The Board provided updates on the following items:

Satellite Coverage:

Robin Thomas expressed frustration regarding ongoing satellite coverage issues, which resulted in a loss of cellphone service at times.

Speed Limit, Hyde:

Quentin MacLeod advised that discussions regarding support for a potential speed limit reduction in Hyde would be progressed at the start of the rail trail season, when engagement with a larger audience was expected.

Hyde Hall:

Quentin MacLeod advised that a meeting relating to Hyde Hall was scheduled for 6 August 2026.

Pest Control Meeting:

Quentin MacLeod reported that he had attended a pest control meeting with Ken Bain. A further meeting was scheduled to be held in Middelmarsh.

Road Conditions:

Terina Geddes asked whether any issues had been identified with road conditions during the recent icy and snowy weather. Concerns were raised regarding the road to Macraes Mine, particularly in relation to vehicle incidents and rescue callouts. It was noted that significant traffic travels to the mine from as early as 4.00 am, with traffic volumes expected to increase further as the shearing season begins.

Rail Trail:

Donna Hall advised that the new rail trail season was about to commence. Preparations were underway, including updates to the website, in anticipation of a busy season.

Middelmarsh Signage:

Bruce Thomas provided an update on his proposal for new signage in Middelmarsh. It was

noted that Waka Kotahi would need to be contacted to obtain information regarding signage requirements, including size and placement.

Train Service:

It was noted that Ken Bain would like to see the Taieri Gorge train return to Middlemarch. Robin Thomas advised that the decision rests with Dunedin Railways and noted that a lease application for the Middlemarch railway station was currently being considered.

Mr Thomas suggested inviting Rebekah Jenkins, Dunedin Railways to attend the next meeting to discuss Dunedin Railways' aspirations for the rail corridor and facilities, which included anticipated timeframes.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/041)

7 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Project Fund

The project fund currently stood at \$10,000 as it was the beginning of the new financial year.

Adoption of the new Funding Application Form

The new funding application and report back forms had been updated to the Council website.

Current Consultation**Roadworks Schedule****Dunedin City Council Updates****Future Meeting Dates**

The future meeting dates for 2026 were confirmed as being held at 2.00 pm on 21 October 2026 and 2 December 2026.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/042)

8 COMMUNITY PLAN

The Community Board Plan was discussed, and members requested that the installation of entrance signage for Middlemarch and the beautification of Middlemarch be included in the plan.

9 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson provided an update on various meetings she had attended which included:

Strath Taieri Hall Committee:

Ms Geddes advised that the committee had arranged for both the main hall and super room floors to be re-varnished.

Strath Taieri Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual General meeting

Ms Geddes thanked members on behalf of the Community Board for their continued commitment to the community, particularly their response during emergency situations and their ongoing promotion of fire safety.

Strath Taieri Community Resilience Group

The Chair commented that emergency preparedness and funding had been discussed. The group confirmed they had access to Emergency Management funding for essential equipment such as generators, blankets, water containers and other emergency supplies. However, this did not cover ongoing maintenance costs such as servicing equipment or replacing fuel used during an emergency response.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board would provide funding up to \$250.00 per annum from the discretionary fund for maintenance of equipment and reimbursement of fuel costs for equipment used during an emergency response.

Mayor and Council Leadership Team

Ms Geddes attended a semi-formal meeting with Mayor Sophie; Deputy Mayor Cherry Lucas; Sandy Graham (Chief Executive), several Councillors, senior Council staff and fellow Community Board Chairs in July.

The meetings had been established following Annual Plan feedback requesting improved opportunities for Board Chairs to engage with Council. Ms Geddes advised that she appreciated the opportunity to represent the Strath Taieri Community Board and acknowledge the support Council provided to the community.

The meeting had occurred between the two recent weather events. During this period, Ms Geddes was in contact with Council staff and Emergency Management. Sand had been organised and delivered early on the Sunday afternoon, which allowed residents who felt at risk to prepare their properties. She was again in contact with staff on Monday morning once daylight allowed an assessment of conditions.

Ms Geddes commented that she felt Council staff were proactive, responsive and that the Strath Taieri community had been well supported throughout this period.

Ms Geddes also provided an update on other matters of interest which included:

A & P Showgrounds Playground

Ms Geddes met with Will Gibson, Chair of the Strat Taieri A & P Society regarding the proposed new playground. They had provided DCC Parks and Recreation staff with the boundary of the land they would like considered and requested concept plans to show what could be achieved within the existing footprint, along with a further option should additional land become available.

The A & P Society had indicated it would be willing to contribute towards associated improvements if required which included potential upgrades such as a new fence around the car park.

Discover Middlemarch

The Chair had received correspondence from Discover Middlemarch who asked whether the Community Board would like to participate in their community information page. Ms Geddes suggested that the current Council profiles be provided and a link to the Community Board funding information.

Fix-It Form and Maintenance Issues

Ms Geddes advised that the Fix-It form appeared to be working well and had been a useful tool for reporting maintenance issues. She further commented that following the recent flooding events she had reported several blocked culverts and washouts and was pleased to report that the issues had been addressed.

Middlemarch Amenities Upgrade

The Chair spoke of a discussion undertake on pre-engagement for a proposed Middlemarch Amenities Upgrade.

Ms Geddes advised that she welcomed the potential investment but had concerns with the community engagement process as not all residents had received notification letters. She would have liked to see a wider engagement approach.

Public Forum

The Chair followed up on concerns raised at the 3 June 2026 Public Forum as follows:

Ms Geddes wrote to Waka Kotahi regarding the Sutton Bridge stones stored on private property and sought clarification around ownership and responsibility. This matter was more complex than expected but she will continue to pursue clarification.

Concerns had been raised related to trees believed to be located on the public berm. Following the June Community Board meeting Council staff and Ms Geddes had inspected several sites including those referred to during the public forum.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Quentin MacLeod):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/043)

Moved (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

- b) **Approves** establishment of provision of up to \$250.00 funding per annum to assist with essential costs that were not covered by Emergency Management funding.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/044)

10 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Brent Weatherall will provide an update on items of interest which included:

South Dunedin Futures Programme

Cr Weatherall provided an update on the South Dunedin Futures programme and the three adaptation programmes discussed.

Lower Speed Limit – Brighton Road

Cr Weatherall provided an update on the resolution of the Hearings Committee to lower the speed limit on Brighton Road from Brighton to Taieri Mouth.

Simplifying Local Government

Cr Weatherall provided an update on discussions held with Queenstown Lakes District Council on proposed amalgamations.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Councillor Update.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/045)

11 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items identified for consideration by the Chair.

The meeting concluded at 2.01 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON

PART A REPORTS

CITYWIDE CLIMATE RESILIENCE - CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Brandy Saxton, Senior Advisor with the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Team will be in attendance to provide an update to the Board on climate adaption planning in the Board area.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Otago Regional Council have provided the attached Middlemarch River Management update (Attachment A).

They are unable to attend the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

Notes the Middlemarch River Management update.

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Middlemarch River Management Update

14 October 2026

Prepared for Strath Taieri Community Board Meeting on 21 October 2026

This report has been prepared to update the Strath Taieri Community Board on Otago Regional Council's River Management activities in the Middlemarch area. It covers both programmed and reactive work undertaken to date in the 2026-27 financial year (FY).

1. Catchment Investigations

The topographical survey to help inform designs for localised flood hazard mitigation works on the lower reaches of March Creek, i.e. downstream of the railway line, is still being scoped.

2. River Management Inspections

The following inspections of waterways in the Middlemarch area have been undertaken to date in the 2026-27 FY:

- 13 July 2026
- 15 September 2026
- 25 August 2026
- 1 October 2026

3. River Management Works Programme

ORC Engineering is currently working on a planned programme of river management work for the 2026-27 FY, summarised in Table 1. Although this work is programmed for the current FY, it could be affected by unexpected weather events and resourcing. In addition to the programmed work, we also undertake reactive work when required – though none has been necessary so far this FY.

Note that several potential river management activities are on hold, pending the investigations being undertaken (Section 1 above). These potential activities are summarised in Table 2.

Table 1: Programmed work for Financial Year 2026-27 (continues overleaf)

Watercourse	Location	Work Description	Status
March Creek	Bypass channel downstream of the railway line.	Gravel has been deposited in the channel during high-flow events, reducing its capacity. As an interim measure, pending the catchment investigations, the gravel will be removed to widen the channel to 2.0m and to increase the depth by up to 0.5m, thereby improving its capacity to convey high flows.	The work will take place over the next two weeks or so. It will take one day to complete.

March Creek	From 200m above SH87 to Cemetery Road	Mowing bank vegetation to open the channel and the removal of any blockages. Twice this FY.	Due to take place in December 2026 and late March 2027.
March Creek	From 200m above SH87 to Mold Street	Spraying of juvenile willows and other pest plants.	This will take place from December 2026.
Taieri River and Lug Creek	Tiroiti to Moonlight (43km); Lug Creek (400m)	Juvenile willow and vegetation spraying.	Programmed for between January and March 2027.
Taieri River	Moonlight Bridge to Pukerangi (16km)	Juvenile willow and vegetation spraying.	Following spraying last FY, some additional work may be needed if some juvenile willow and broom remain. It will be tagged onto the Tiroiti to Moonlight spraying (above).
Taieri River	Mareburn Deviation Road, about 2.2km upstream of Hyde-Macraes Road bridge	Gravel redistribution and riverbank protection along a 50m-long section of the watercourse to address erosion on the True Left (TL) side.	The works are still being scoped due to there not being enough material on site to protect the TL bank. There is a build-up of gravel and boulders on a beach 400m downstream, so we are looking at using some of that material. The removal of that substrate will require a separate scope, which is currently being developed. Once the scopes and procurement are complete, the work will then take place as soon as possible before March 2027 (depending on flows).
Taieri River	400m east of the sharp bend in Mason Road	Repairs to the floodbank on the True Right side.	Delivery date currently unknown, as the intention is to use material excavated from the March Creek Bypass Channel when that is re-shaped (not enough material will be removed during the forthcoming interim work).
Taieri River	Tisdall's Bend at Mason Road, about 1.0km upstream of Moonlight bridge.	Gravel redistribution and riverbank protection on two beaches along a 300m-long section of the watercourse to address erosion.	The work is currently in the procurement process. The work can only take place once flows are 4 cumecs or less. This tends to happen around January but may be as late as March.
Sutton Stream	Upstream of SH 87 Bridge (1.0km in length)	Removal of problematic branches and trees from the True Right bank.	The work is currently in the procurement process. Once that is complete, the work will take place as soon as access is available.
Sutton Stream	Downstream of SH 87 Bridge (2.0km in length)	Removal of woody blockages (approximately 20 fallen branches)	The work is currently in the procurement process. Once that is complete, the work will take place as soon as access is available.

Deep Stream	Welshes Road to Rocklands (approximately 5.0km)	Spraying of broom on the True Right bank.	Programmed for any time from December 2026 onwards.
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Table 2: Potential work that is currently on hold, pending the catchment-wide investigations

Watercourse	Location	Work Description	Status
March Creek	Bypass channel downstream of the railway line.	Channel widening and bank re-shaping to accommodate increased flows. (NB: see also the interim works outlined in Table 1.)	This work is under further investigation before a final scope of work is confirmed
March Creek	Cemetery section, from upstream of Cemetery Road to Mold Street paper road.	Bank re-profiling and channel cross-section widening to increase capacity.	
March Creek	Downstream from end of Mold St paper road to confluence with Taieri River.	Channel definition through the grassy, swamp-like oxbow section downstream of the cemetery to improve efficiency and conveyance.	
March Creek	End of Mold St / Cemetery Road.	Investigate alternative options available for routing excess floodwater in Mold Street.	

4. Further Information

If you would like to report a potential river management issue in your area, please contact the ORC on 0800 800 033, or the Engineering team can be contacted more directly on engineering@orc.govt.nz.

The above email address is monitored, and our response time tracked as part of our level of service requirements in the current Long-Term Plan.

BOARD UPDATES

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board will provide updates on activities of interest including:

- Social Media – Robin Thomas
- Hyde – Quentin MacLeod
- Petition for Speed Limit Changes in Hyde and Middlemarch – Quentin MacLeod
- Signage – Bruce Thomas
- Hindon Road Issues

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

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

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 This report is to inform the Strath Taieri Community Board of activities relevant to the Board area including:
 - Project Fund
 - Representation Review
 - Middlemarch Amenities Upgrade
 - DCC Homeless Outreach Service
 - DCC Unmarked Graves Research Project
 - Currently consulting on
 - Roadworks Schedule
 - Future Meeting
- 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.

Project Fund

- 3 There is \$9,750 remaining in the Project Fund. The following funds have been allocated in the 2026-27 financial year.

Meeting Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
5 August 2026	Strath Taieri Community Resilience Group	Emergency Management Funding for essential supplies – annual amount	\$250.00
Total			\$250.00
Total Remaining in the fund			\$9,750.00

Representation Review

- 4 All local authorities are required by law to review their representation arrangements at least once every six years, and the next review is due ahead of the 2028 elections. Dunedin City Council has issued a public call for expressions of interest in membership of an independent panel to lead this review.
- 5 The review will consider possible changes to the shape of local government in Dunedin, including:
 - the total number of councillors;
 - whether councillors are elected at large, by wards or a combination of both and, if through wards, the ward names, boundaries and number of councillors elected from each ward;
 - whether community boards should be retained, created, changed or disestablished.
- 6 The Review will undertake a substantial programme of work, including population analysis, communities-of-interest work, mapping, options development and testing, engagement, development of statutory resolutions and notices, submissions, hearings, and potentially appeals or objections to the Local Government Commission.

Middlemarch Amenities Upgrade

- 7 Staff have advised that the timeframe for the Middlemarch Amenities Upgrade remains indicative and is subject to future Council decision making. The proposed timeframe is as follows:
 - Late January/February 2027: DCC will seek initial ideas from the community to help inform the project.
 - March 2027: DCC will share a concept design and request feedback from the community.
 - Late April 2027: If required, DCC will update the concept design and share the revised version with the community.
 - May/June 2027: DCC staff will seek Council approval to proceed with the project in the 2027/28 financial year.

Please note that this timeframe is subject to the following:

- Council will be reviewing funding for the programme as part of the 10 year plan deliberations.
- Council is yet to confirm the location for the physical work to be undertaken in the 2027/28 financial year. Staff only have approval to undertake the engagement and design work for Middlemarch.

DCC Homeless Outreach Service

- 8 A flyer was circulated to the Community Boards advising of the work of the DCC Homeless Outreach Advisors. See attachment A.

DCC Unmarked Graves Research Project

- 9 Dunedin City Council received a grant from the Department of Internal Affairs to research the unmarked graves of people who died in institutional care in the Dunedin area. Community

Boards are asked to share this information through social media. Further information is available at www.dunedin.govt.nz/unmarked-graves-project.

What DCC is Currently Consulting On

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

Have your Say online

- 11 The DCC website provides members of the public the ability to “Have your Say” to submit views, objections to applications or general feedback, online at <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/do-it-online/have-your-say>

Roadworks Schedule

- 12 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>.

Reporting operational issues or concerns

- 13 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>
- 14 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.

Meetings for the remainder of 2026

The Strath Taieri Community Board meeting for December 2026 will be held on:
Wednesday 2 December 2026 – 2.00 pm – Strath Taieri Community Centre

Signatories

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Concerned about someone who is sleeping rough?

DCC Homeless Outreach Advisors are working with social service and health providers, police and businesses to help homeless whānau in our community.

Sleeping outside is not illegal but we can try to help people who want support.

Email homeless@dcc.govt.nz or call (03) 477-4000

If you witness behaviour that is aggressive, threatening, or anti-social, call the Police on 105 for non-urgent matters. Dial 111 for urgent concerns and emergencies.



COMMUNITY PLAN

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 The Community Board Plan was adopted by the Board at its June meeting and has since been published on the Dunedin City Council website. The Plan is available on the following link:

https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/148278/Strath-Taieri-Community-Plan-2026.pdf
- 2 The Community Plan is a living document and can be updated at any Board meeting as required.
- 3 The Community Plan assists the Board in contributing to the Council's 10 year plan and Annual Plan with a focus on:
 - a) **Identifying** new and existing priorities, listed in order of importance, for consideration in the Dunedin City Council's 10 year plan. Priorities should include supporting justification and, where possible, indicative cost estimates.
 - b) **Identifying** projects, initiatives, and services that the Board would like to see delivered to the community, particularly those that would not require additional Dunedin City Council funding or support beyond the Community Board's existing funding allocation.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chairperson has provided the attached update on matters of interest since the last meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

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

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Chairperson's Report – Strath Taieri Community Board
21 October 2026 Meeting**State Highway 87**

It has been a relatively quiet few weeks on the Community Board front, although the unnecessary closures of State Highway 87 remain a concern.

I have been in contact with NZTA seeking clarification on who authorises these closures and what criteria are being used. On the last three occasions I have travelled the road, either shortly before or while it was closed, I have been able to drive through in a two-wheel-drive vehicle without difficulty. I have asked NZTA for further explanation around the decision-making process and the reasons for these closures.

DCC FYI Publication

You will have seen my draft for the DCC FYI publication, which has now been submitted. Thank you to everyone who got back to me so quickly with feedback and contributions. It was appreciated.

Ōtepoti Wheels – Council Consultation

I have submitted feedback to Council on the draft Ōtepoti Wheels strategy, which will help shape the future of wheeled recreation in Dunedin.

On reviewing the draft, I was concerned that the priorities, goals and investment hierarchy did not adequately recognise the wider Dunedin area, including the trails and riding opportunities on our doorstep. My feedback encouraged Council to look beyond the city, consider how existing trails are managed and maintained, and explore opportunities to work collaboratively with neighbouring councils.

There is potential to make much more of the trail network surrounding Dunedin and strengthen the connections between these areas and the city. By recognising and investing in these opportunities, Council could help grow wheeled recreation, improve access to existing facilities and create stronger links between Dunedin and the surrounding rural communities.

Playground and Hall Update

Work on the playground project continues to progress, and we look forward to seeing this move closer to reality. The hall floor is also looking great, which is pleasing to see.

Strath Taieri Resilience Group

The Resilience Group has met recently to discuss emergency preparedness and establish a communication tree for the valley. The communication process will

essentially start with me, and I will be relying on Ken and Soddy to keep me informed of any emergencies at either end of the valley.

CDEM has identified flooding and fire as the major risks for our area. Following further discussion, the scale of fire event being considered is not something we anticipate occurring locally, although it could have implications for evacuations around Hyde.

As a group, we have also identified the need for a backup contact within the village who can step in if I am unavailable during an emergency. Bruce, you seem like a likely candidate for this role, so we will need to have a conversation about whether you would be willing to help.

Building a reliable communication network and ensuring we have people available to coordinate locally will be important in strengthening our community's resilience and preparedness.

Railway Station and Stationmaster's House – Heritage Recognition

Many of you will have seen the Historical Society's efforts to have the railway station and stationmaster's house recognised for their heritage significance. The Society has approached the Community Board for support with its application to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

DCC has confirmed its support in principle and offered to undertake a heritage assessment to support its letter of support. They recommend obtaining written approval from Dunedin Railways Limited, as the owner of the station, before proceeding. Heritage New Zealand recognition would acknowledge the building's significance, while adding it to the DCC District Plan could provide additional planning protection, although this process may be several years away.

We are still seeking clarification on whether heritage recognition could affect the existing lease arrangements, particularly responsibilities for maintenance and the timely upkeep of the buildings.

DCC Service Centre

Following a change of ownership, concerns have arisen about DCC's involvement in and the continuation of the local service centre. I have written to Councillor Weatherall seeking guidance and, hopefully, his advocacy for the service to remain.

Ultimately, the decision will come down to operational costs and the viability of the service, which will be considered through the 10-year plan budget. As a community, we need to consider how we balance wanting to keep local services with the cost of providing them. If we want these services to remain accessible without increasing rates, we also need to consider how well they are being used and whether there are more modern ways of providing access to services locally.

Looking Ahead

Next week I have a Chairperson's meeting with the new Chief Executive, which I am looking forward to. If anyone has questions, concerns or feedback they would like raised, please let me know beforehand so I can take these to him on your behalf.

I would also like to revisit the use of our discretionary fund. To date, we have not received any applications for funding. With budgets being scrutinised and trimmed in the current economic climate, if we are struggling to allocate this funding, it is worth considering whether it could be put to better use elsewhere rather than remain unspent.

Our new playground will be an amazing asset for the community, and I encourage you all to look at what other communities have in their towns and consider whether there are projects or facilities we could support through our fund. It would also be worth reaching out to other groups throughout the Strath Taieri to see if they have projects that meet the funding criteria and could benefit from this support.

Finally, a reminder to make use of DCC's online *Fix It* service when reporting local issues. It is easy to use, and reporting through the proper channels ensures the issue is recorded and can be followed up. Rather than just discussing problems among ourselves, please log them online, keep your reference number and follow up if you have not received a timely response. The more issues that are formally reported, the better the visibility we have of what needs attention in our community.

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councillor Brent Weatherall will provide an update on items of interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Councillor Update.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

Any items for consideration by the Chair.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.