Notice of Meeting:

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

Date:	**Wednesday 2 December 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, Principal Advisor Strategy, Systems and Reform	
Governance Support Officer	Lynne Adamson	

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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 Middlemarch Heritage Railway Charitable Trust

Grant Craig will speak to the request for a letter of support for the Middlemarch Heritage Railway Charitable Trust to be discussed later in the meeting.

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 Executive Leadership Team's 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 21 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.
	Chairperson	**M-Tips Pest Control**	**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	Trusee/Benficiary	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.

Name	Responsibility	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
	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.
	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	**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.**
	Committee Member	**M-Tips Pest Control**	**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.
	Member	Strath Taieri Lions Club	No conflict identifited	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
	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.
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 - 21 OCTOBER 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 21 October 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 on Wednesday 21 October 2026, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Terina Geddes	
Deputy Chairperson	Ken Bain	
Members	Donna Hall	Quentin MacLeod
	Bruce Thomas	Robin Thomas
	Cr Brent Weatherall	
IN ATTENDANCE	Anna Johnson (Group Manager City Development); Jonathan Rowe (Manager – Climate Adaptation & Resilience) and Brandy Saxton (Senior Advisor – Climate Adaptation and Resilience)	
Governance Support Officer	Lynne Adamson	

1 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/046)

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.

Terina Geddes, Ken Bain and Quentin MacLeod provided updates to their Interest Register.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

a) **Amends** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and

b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/047)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 5 AUGUST 2026

Moved (Terina Geddes/Ken Bain):

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.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/048)

PART A REPORTS

6 CITYWIDE CLIMATE RESILIENCE - CLIMATE ADAPTATION

The Manager – Climate Adaptation and Resilience (Jonathan Rowe) and Climate Senior Advisor – Climate Adaptation and Resilience (Brandy Saxton) presented an update on the Council's Climate Adaptation and Resilience Programme relevant to the Board's area and responded to questions.

7 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Board discussed the Middlemarch River Management update provided by the Otago Regional Council.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Donna Hall):

That the Board:

Notes the Middlemarch River Management update.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/049)

8 BOARD UPDATES

The Board provided updates on activities of interest which included:

Social Media
Robin Thomas provided an update on the Facebook page.

Hyde
Quentin MacLeod provided an update on Hyde, he commented that the Hall had been painted and was looking good. He would like signage for the entrance of Hyde. He also spoke of a pothole which needed addressing.

Petition for Speed Limit Changes in Hyde and Middlemarch
Quentin MacLeod advised that the petition was still ongoing.

Middlemarch Signage
Bruce Thomas provided an update on the proposed Middlemarch entrance signage.

Hindon Road Issues
Ken Bain spoke to the roading issues in Hindon which included trees causing shading, lack of grit on the road and blocked culverts on the Lambhill-Silverpeaks side.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Ken Bain):

That the Board:

a) **Notes** the Board updates.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/050)

9 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Project Fund

Representation Review

DCC Homeless Outreach Service

DCC Unmarked Graves Research Project – Robin Thomas advised that he would update the Board's facebook page with this information.

Moved (Cr Brent Weatherall/Member Donna Hall):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/051)

10 COMMUNITY PLAN

The Board discussed the Community Board Plan.

11 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson (Terina Geddes) spoke to her update on matters of interest which included:

Ms Geddes spoke of concerns regarding recent closures of State Highway 87 and noted that discussions had been held with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi seeking clarification on the authority and criteria used for road closure decisions.

An update was provided on the Board's contribution to the DCC *FYI* publication, with the Chairperson thanking members for their feedback and contributions.

The Chairperson advised that feedback had been submitted to the Council on the draft Ōtepoti Wheels Strategy. The submission highlighted the importance of recognising trails and riding opportunities in the wider Dunedin area and encouraged greater collaboration with neighbouring councils to support and enhance regional trail networks and connections.

Ms Geddes provided an update on the community playground project, with good progress continuing to be made. The Chairperson also noted that work on the hall floor had been completed and the refurbished floor was looking very good.

Ms Geddes reported on a recent meeting of the Strath Taieri Resilience Group, where emergency preparedness, local risks, and the development of a communication network for the valley were discussed. Flooding and fire had been identified as key risks for the area, and the importance of establishing local contacts and communication pathways during emergency events was noted.

The Chairperson advised that the Strath Taieri Historical Society had sought the Board's support for efforts to obtain heritage recognition for the Middlemarch Railway Station and Stationmaster's House. Discussions were continuing regarding the process, potential heritage protections, and any implications for existing lease and maintenance arrangements.

She provided an update on the future of the DCC Service Centre in Middlemarch following concerns raised about the continuation of the service. The Chairperson advised that correspondence had been sent to Cr Weatherall seeking guidance and advocacy, and noted that any decision would be considered through future Council budget processes.

Looking ahead, the Chairperson advised that a meeting with the new Chief Executive was scheduled and invited members to raise any matters they wished to be discussed. The Chairperson also encouraged members to consider potential uses for the Board's discretionary

fund, noting that no funding applications had been received to date. Finally, members of the community were encouraged to use the Council's *Fix It* reporting system to ensure local issues were formally logged and followed up.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/052)

12 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Brent Weatherall will provide an update on items of interest. He advised that Council had confirmed Middlemarch as the next community to receive investment through the Community Amenity Upgrade Programme. Council staff were currently working through NZ Transport Agency requirements, with community consultation on proposed improvements expected to commence in early 2027.

Cr Weatherall noted that public consultation on the Draft Local Alcohol Policy had concluded, with hearings scheduled for November 2026. He advised that the policy sought to balance alcohol availability with community wellbeing and the reduction of alcohol-related harm.

Cr Weatherall provided an update on Council leadership changes, with Cr Weatherall acknowledging the contribution of former Chief Executive Sandy Graham and welcoming Richard Briggs to the role.

Cr Weatherall also referred to the Residents' Opinion Survey 2025/26, noting overall satisfaction with Council and highlighting key community priorities, including roading and transport, financial management, rates affordability, and infrastructure maintenance. He observed that these issues were particularly relevant to rural communities such as Strath Taieri.

In relation to concerns raised by the Board regarding the future of Council's quarterly Customer Services visits to Middlemarch, Cr Weatherall advised that no final decision had been made and that the matter remained under consideration as part of a review of operational expenditure. He noted that the Board's concerns had been communicated through the appropriate channels.

Cr Weatherall concluded by acknowledging the important role of the Strath Taieri Community Board and reaffirmed his commitment to supporting practical and affordable initiatives that benefit the community.

Moved (Cr Brent Weatherall/Quentin MacLeod):

That the Board:

a) **Notes** the Councillor Update.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/053)

13 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items notified.

The meeting concluded at 3.43 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON

PART A REPORTS

BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND UPDATE AND FUNDING APPLICATION

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 This report provides an update on the balance of the Board's discretionary fund.

2 As this is an administrative report only, the Summary of Considerations is not required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

a) **Notes** the discretionary fund update.

b) **Considers** the funding application from the Strath Taieri Rugby Football Club.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

3 The Board has been allocated $10,000.00 for the 2026/27 financial year.

4 The balance remaining in the fund for allocation for the current financial year is $9,750.00

5 The full allocation of the Board's Discretionary Project Fund for the 2026/27 financial year is detailed below:

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

Funding Assistance Project Completion

6 There have been no funding assistance project completion forms received.

Funding Application

Strath Taieri Rugby Football Club Inc

7 The Strath Taieri Rugby Football Club has applied for $1,850 funding towards the Strath Taieri Rugby Club 125th Jubilee to be held on 23-25 April 2027.

Signatories

Author:	Lynne Adamson - Governance Support Officer

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Strath Taieri Community Board

FUNDING APPLICATION

ORGANISATION APPLYING FOR FUNDING

Name: The Strath Taieri Rugby Football Club Inc

This should match the name on the organisation bank account.

Address: [redacted] Middlemarch Postcode: 9056

Contact person: Jodi Taylor Position: Jubilee Committee

Email: [redacted] Phone: [redacted]

Has your organisation applied for funding from the Board in the last 5 years? ☐ yes ■ no

If granted, what was the funding used for? _____

PROJECT OR EVENT FOR WHICH FUNDING IS REQUESTED

Name: Strath Taieri Rugby Club 125th Jubilee

Description:

A weekend celebration at Middlemarch Showgrounds marking 125 years of the club. Hundreds of current and former players, families and supporters are expected. Friday: community BBQ and captains Q&A. Saturday: junior and senior rugby, photographs and evening celebrations. Sunday: local ANZAC service and farewell brunch. Funding is sought for 14 portable toilets, one accessible toilet and required servicing.

Expected project completion / event date: 23-25 April 2027

How will the project / event benefit the Strath-Taieri community?

The Jubilee will bring generations together, reconnect former residents and welcome families and visitors to Strath Taieri. The club provides valuable social connection and a sense of belonging in our rural district. The weekend will celebrate local sporting history, involve junior players and the wider community, and encourage spending with local businesses. We are seeking funding for additional toilets which will supplement existing facilities and support hygiene, comfort and accessibility.

The project / event is: ■ one-off ☐ annual ☐ biennial ☐ ongoing ☐ other (*please specify*)

Total cost of project / event: $ 79,000 Amount already raised: $ 0

Amount requested from the Strath Taieri Community Board: **$** 1850.00

Please specify amount requested/granted from other source(s), including Dunedin City Council sources:

At this stage nil. We will be applying to Gaming trusts and have sponsorship conversations underway

How will the rest of the project cost be covered?

Jubilee organisers will cover event costs through registrations, fundraising, sponsorship and club contributions. The event budget (attached) is based on 275 attendees. Our fixed costs total approximately $50,000 with the rest being variable based on the number of attendees.

CHECKLIST – please complete

I would like to attend a Board meeting to speak to this application ☒ yes ☐ no

I understand that if funding is granted, my organisation is expected to report to the Board at the end of the project and within 12 months of the meeting at which the grant was awarded. ☒ yes

I attach the following documents with the application form:

- ☒ Evidence of organisation's bank details (showing bank logo, account name and number)
- ☒ Itemised project budget
- ☒ Quotes for goods or services (where relevant)
- ☒ Most recent financial statement.

FUNDING CRITIERIA AND GUIDELINES

1. Funding is available, subject to the Board's approval, for applications that can demonstrate a benefit to the wider Strath-Taieri community.
2. Applicants must contribute at least 30% of the total project cost.
3. An organisation may not receive more than one grant from the Board within a financial year.
4. Applications must identify other organisations from which funding has been sought for this project and whether it was granted.
5. Funding will not be granted retrospectively and cannot be used for payment of wages.
6. Applicants are encouraged to attend a Strath-Taieri Community Board meeting to speak to their application and answer any questions the Board may have.
7. Any funds approved will be paid directly into the organisation's bank account.
8. The project must be completed within 12 months of the grant being awarded. If not completed, an extension must be requested from the Board prior to the end of the 12-month-period or the funding must be returned.
9. At the end of the project, the organisation must submit a project completion report, detailing expenditure and outcomes.

To discuss your application prior to submission, please contact the Board Chair, Terina Geddes via email on hayden.terina@xtra.co.nz

To submit your application, please email the completed application form and accompanying documents (see checklist above) to the Governance Support Officer at gsoteam@dcc.govt.nz or post it to Governance Support Team, Dunedin City Council, PO Box 5045, DUNEDIN 9058

Applications should be received **at least two weeks before** the Board meeting at which they will be considered.

The Board's 2026 meeting dates are: 3 June 2026; 5 August 2026; 21 October 2026 and 2 December 2026

Privacy: Your application, including your name, may be published in agenda papers and meeting minutes available on the DCC website. We require contact details (phone and email) to process your application; however, if these relate to an individual rather than an organisation, they will be removed from publicly available agenda papers.

STRATH TAIERI RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB JUBILEE – BUDGET

Event Assumptions		**Budget Summary**	**Amount**	**Planning Checklist**	**Status**
Expected attendees	275	**Budget Revenue**	$81,725.00	Registrations / ticketing set	Confirmed
Event duration (days)	3	**Budget Expenses**	$78,881.25	Council / liquor approvals	In Progress
Budget status	Draft	**Budget Surplus / (Deficit)**	$2,843.75	Toilets / servicing confirmed	Confirmed
		Actual Revenue	$0.00	First aid & security confirmed	In Progress
		Actual Expenses	$0.00	Catering / bar confirmed	Confirmed

Category	Budget Revenue	Budget Expense	Actual Net	
Registrations	$45,125.00	$0.00		$0.00
Sponsorship	$25,000.00	$0.00		$0.00
Grants	$5,000.00	$0.00		$0.00
Bar	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Food	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Merchandise	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Fundraising	$5,000.00	$0.00		$0.00
Camping	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Other	$1,600.00	$0.00		$0.00
Programme	$0.00	$4,000.00		$0.00
Venue & Site	$0.00	$28,850.00		$0.00
Safety & Compliance	$0.00	$500.00		$0.00
Transport	$0.00	$6,900.00		$0.00
Catering & Bar	$0.00	$28,625.00		$0.00
Accommodation	$0.00	$500.00		$0.00
Merchandise & Memorabilia	$0.00	$5,250.00		$0.00
Marketing & Admin	$0.00	$500.00		$0.00
Volunteers	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Contingency	$0.00	$3,756.25		$0.00

Accepted Quote

KENNARDS HIRE

Make your job EASY!

HIRE QUOTATION

Quote: 50800
Revision No: 3

Kennards Hire Dunedin
5 Midland St
Dunedin Otago 9054

Donna Hall

Date of Quote: 09/10/2026
Valid Until: 09/11/2026
Quoted By: Dunedin Branch
Email: dunedin@kennardshire.co.nz
Phone: (03) 742 2000

Customer: Donna Hall
Phone: 021993124
Email: Donna@hallbros.co.nz
Address: Strath Taieri Rugby Club
Middlemarch NZ 9067

HIRE PERIOD & BOOKING DETAILS

From: 22-Apr-2027 2:08 pm **To:** 26-Apr-2027 2:08 pm **Delivery Date:** 22-Apr-2027

HIRE DETAILS

Code	Description	Qty	Duration	Day (each)	Week (each)	
365012	TOILET FRESHWATER SKID - Single Person portable toilet. - A minimum of one pump out (sewage removal) per toilet required for every hire.	14.00	4 days	$40.00	$40.00	560.00
300129	FENCE PANEL (2.4 X 1.8 MESH)	63.00	4 days	$6.00	$6.00	
300142	FENCE RUBBER BALAST BLOCK	63.00	4 days	$0.00	$0.00	
300138	FENCE POST JOINER CLIP	63.00	4 days	$0.00	$0.00	
365016	TOILET - ACCESSIBLE	1.00	1 day	$89.96	$89.96	89.96
380031	CHAIRS - STACKING	250.00	1 day	$2.50	$2.50	
380040	TABLES	10.00	1 day	$10.00	$10.00	
9004430	LIGHT TOWER - LED BATTERY PORTABLE	1.00	1 day	$141.00	$141.00	
9003265	BATTERY	2.00	1 day	$0.00	$0.00	
1026254	CHARGER	1.00	1 day	$0.00	$0.00	
9003556	HEATER - INFRARED DIESEL UPRIGHT	1.00	1 day	$134.00	$134.00	

All pricing is Inc GST

SALES ITEMS / SERVICE CHARGES

Code	Description	Qty	Unit Price (each)	
365030	TOILET SERVICE - A minimum of one pump out (sewage removal) per toilet required for every hire. - Pricing is based per pump out, per toilet. This can be done on a schedule ie: weekly, fortnightly. Please advise at time of booking any schedule requirements.	15.00	$80.00	1200.00

All pricing is Inc GST

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Quote: 50800
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TRANSPORT CHARGES			
Description	**Qty**	**Unit Price (each)**	
Delivery Charge	1.00	$400.00	
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Strath Taieri Rugby Football Club Jubilee
Middlemarch Showgrounds
Middlemarch

Name: Donna Hall
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Hire and Consumables Charges

Group Code	Product Description	Product #	Hire Status	Start Date	Finish Date	Units	Unit Rate	D W M	Net Price
701C	TOILET PORTABLE FLUSHABLE	701C	Quote	*23/04/2027 08:15*	*27/04/2027 08:15*	14	$115.00	1W	$1,610.00
701N	TOILET ACCESSIBLE	701N	Quote	*23/04/2027 08:15*	*27/04/2027 08:15*	1	$290.00	1W	$290.00
							Sub Total		$1,900.00

Other Charges

Group Code	Product Description	Units	Unit Rate	Net Price
S_15004	DELIVERY	2	$300.00	$600.00
S_15004	PICK UP	2	$300.00	$600.00
			Sub Total	$1,200.00

Notes

QUOTE FOR 14 FLUSH UNITS AND 1 ACCESSIBLE
QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE MID EVENT SERVICING
QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE WEEKEND WORK - SERVICING, INSTALL OR REMOVAL
QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE PUBLIC HOLIDAY WORK

This Quote

Rental	$1,900.00
Damage Waiver	$190.00
Sales	$0.00
Services	$1,200.00
Discount	$0.00
Rental, Sales & Services Total	**$3,290.00**
GST	$493.50
Hire Total (incl GST)	**$3,783.50**
Bond	$1,091.50
Quote Total	**$4,875.00**

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Payments

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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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Otago Regional Council

Middlemarch River Management Update

24 November 2026

Prepared for Strath Taieri Community Board Meeting on 02 December 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 scoping of 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 now complete and we are currently going through the procurement process.

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
- 25 August 2026
- 15 September 2026
- 1 October 2026
- 13 November 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 down-stream 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 was carried out in the week beginning 9th November. Grass seed was also sown on the bare soil to reduce the likelihood of sediment entrainment during elevated flows.

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 the week beginning 14 December 2026 **and again** in 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, 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 (5.0km)	Spraying of broom on the True Right bank.	Programmed for any time from December 2026 onwards.

Table 2: Potential work that is currently on hold, pending the catchment-wide investigations

Watercourse	Location	Work Description	Status
March Creek	Bypass channel down-stream 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.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2027

The 2027 Meeting Schedule for 2027 will be considered for approval at the Council meeting on 4 December 2026.

Strath Taieri Community Board meetings will now be held on Thursdays to accommodate the Council and Committee meeting schedules.

The Board's first meeting of 2027 will be held on **Thursday 11 February 2027,** when the 2027 Meeting Schedule will be presented to the Board for adoption.

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 on activities relevant to the Board's area including:

a) Middlemarch Heritage Railway Charitable Trust

b) Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan Review

c) Keeping of Animals Bylaw – proposal for cats to be microchipped and de-sexed

d) Online Dunedin walking track directory

e) What Dunedin City Council is Currently Consulting On

f) Roadworks Schedule

g) Dunedin City Council Updates

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

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

b) **Provides** a letter of support to the Middlemarch Heritage Railway Charitable Trust

Middlemarch Heritage Railway Charitable Trust

2 The Middlemarch Heritage Railway Charitable Trust have submitted a request for a letter of support from the Board for them to develop their museum base and to operate on the line to Sutton. (Attachment A).

Coastal Dune Reserves Management Plan Review

3 Review of the draft management plan for Dunedin's coastal dune reserves, which will guide the future management, protection, and use of these areas. Public feedback is invited as part of the review process.

4 Further information is available on the Council website: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/community-facilities/parks-and-reserves/management-plan-reviews/coastal-dune-reserves-management-plan-review

Keeping of Animals Bylaw – proposal for cats to be microchipped and de-sexed

5 The DCC Hearing Committee's recommendations for the Review of the Keeping of Animals Bylaw were adopted by Council on 29 October 2026.

6 Council approved a revised draft of the Bylaw and is now undertaking further consultation about a proposal to require owners to have cats over four months old microchipped and de-sexed, with some exceptions. A second option is to promote responsible cat ownership.

7 Details of the proposal are available at: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/do-it-online/have-your-say/current-consultations/cat-requirements

8 Consultation will close at **5pm, Friday 11 December 2026**. Submissions can be made via this form: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/do-it-online/have-your-say/cat-restrictions-feedback

Online Dunedin walking track directory

9 A directory of Dunedin walking tracks is now live on the Dunedin City Council website: https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/community-facilities/walking-tracks/track-directory. It contains key information for walkers about each track.

What Dunedin City Council is Currently Consulting On

10 The Board may wish to note the following Dunedin City Council consultation opportunities currently open for public feedback. Details of these and other active consultations are available on the Council website: www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/currently-consulting-on.

Roadworks Schedule

11 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:

a) www.dunedin.govt.nz/news-and-events/public-notices/roadworks-schedule; and

b) www.dunedin.govt.nz/news-and-events/public-notices/notified-road-closures.

Dunedin City Council Updates

12 Board members and members of the public are encouraged to report operational issues or service requests, such as potholes, overgrown vegetation, damaged infrastructure, or water leaks, to the Dunedin City Council Customer Services Centre on 03 477 4000 or via email at dcc@dcc.govt.nz.

13 Non-urgent service requests can also be lodged online using Council's Fix It form: www.dunedin.govt.nz/do-it-online/report/fix-it-form.

14 Where Board members consider that a reported issue has not been addressed within an appropriate timeframe, they are encouraged to raise the matter with the Governance Support Officer or the Senior Staff Member appointed to the Board for follow-up.

Signatories

Author:	Lynne Adamson - Governance Support Officer
Authoriser:	Dr Anna Johnson - Principal Advisor Strategy, Systems and Reform

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Middlemarch Heritage Railway Charitable Trust
PO Box 7
Middlemarch

Strath Taieri Community Board
Middlemarch

30th October 2026

Dear board

We have noticed attention of raising the heritage status of the Middlemarch Railway Station Precincts as of lately. We are appreciative of the Strath Taieri Historical Society for this.

We wish to update some facts, our previous group Project Steam is being dissolved for several reasons and our new group **Middlemarch Heritage Railway Charitable Trust** has been formed to reflect more clearly our objectives and location.

The Middlemarch Heritage Railway Trust (MHRT) is very keen to support the Strath Taieri Historical Trust aims to ensure historical status for the Precinct.
We wish to ask the Strath Taieri Community Board for support towards MHRT to develop our museum base and to operate on the Line to Sutton. This will help encourage Dunedin Railways to recognise that Middlemarch community supports our action to develop a working museum.

To understand what is happening, before we can progress further. There is a list of action points that MHRT will have to carry out before our group is able to operate from the Middlemarch Railway Station Precinct.

1/ Carry out replacement timber support under the bridge 34CA (approx 50 metres from Garthmyl Road Crossing) We have the timber on hand and planning this operation in November under supervision from Dunedin Railways.

2/ Repair broken rails in the Middlemarch yard to enable efficient rolling stock movements and access to the turntable.

3/ Rehabilitate the Railway line to Sutton with suitable replacement sleepers - this is the important prerequisite to operating any passenger trains. Currently the line is only fit for work trains.

4/ Rebuild the crossing loop at Sutton to enable MHRT Trains to operate with one locomotive by repositioning from one end of the train to the other.

5/ Carry out repairs to two Yellow Heritage carriages and Motor trolleys to approved standards for passenger operations. We envisage starting possibly with Motor Trolleys to bring awareness to Middlemarch.

6/. Co-operate with Dunedin Railways to develop a Rail Operating plan and work towards obtaining our Rail Operators Licence.We are currently in advanced negotiations with them on a MOU to secure access to this section of line and required rolling stock.

What we have achieved recently on ‘a sniff of an oily rag’

a/ Overhaul our digger, that was abandoned at Mt Allan from the major flood. We thank the kindness of Dunedin Railways for transporting the digger to Middlemarch. The Machine has be repaired with replacement parts. Also recently the Digger has been used to improve access to the bridge mentioned in 1/.

b/ Recover rails from Balance Agri-Nutrient property at Owhiro. We appreciate the donation of these rare rail size that matches the Otago Central Railway track. The rails will be used to rebuild the Sutton Loop.

c/. The Volunteers have started on the turnout repairs in the Middlemarch yard.

d/. Performing regular maintenance on Ds201 to keep the motor in good order.

The Middlemarch Heritage Railway Trust has managed to achieve few targets on a small budget but before any rail operations can happen, we have to find or raise $20,000 towards sleepers to repair the line to Sutton. Once we have the sleepers, we can carry out repairs on the track. Another $10,000 will be needed to rebuild the Sutton Loop.

We wish to ask the Strath Taieri Community Board for a letter of support. This will help us in our efforts to move forward with funding and other projects.

Yours Regards
Clark mccarthy
Chairman
[redacted]

On behalf
Middlemarch Heritage Railway Trust Committee

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
- Middlemarch Signage – Bruce Thomas
- Hindon Road Issues – Ken Bain
- Roadside vegetation uses – Quentin MacLeod and Ken Bain.
  Mr Bain contacted the Dunedin City Council roading team to express concern on state of the roadside broom and wilding pines in the Board area. Staff contacted the contractor (Whitestone) who have advised that weather permitting, they plan to have the whole area completed before Christmas. (Picture -Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

a) **Notes** the Board updates.

Signatories

Author:	Lynne Adamson - Governance Support Officer

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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.

Signatories

Author:	Lynne Adamson - Governance Support Officer

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 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 – November 2026

It has been a reasonably busy period, with a number of meetings and discussions covering matters important to our community.

Meeting with the Chief Executive

I met with Dunedin City Council Chief Executive Richard Briggs and raised the importance of Council continuing to support our community through the ongoing grants provided to the local pool, library and museum.

These facilities are important community assets and provide services, connection and a sense of identity for our district. Their continued operation relies heavily on the support they receive, and maintaining this assistance is important to ensuring our rural community continues to have access to these facilities.

As a rural community, we need to ensure that Middlemarch and the wider Strath Taieri are not overlooked when decisions are made about Council funding and service provision. I will continue to advocate for the needs of our district and the importance of maintaining these local services.

Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board

Following my meeting with the Chief Executive, I attended a Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board meeting. It was an interesting opportunity to see that, despite the differences in our communities, we share a number of similar challenges and concerns.

I encouraged the Board to support our submissions where appropriate and to look for opportunities to work more closely together on issues that affect both districts. Parking and traffic management during peak periods are good examples. While these may appear to be Mosgiel-specific issues, the flow of traffic through the wider district ultimately affects our community too. There is value in maintaining a good working relationship and supporting one another on matters where our interests align.

Playground Update

Unfortunately, the playground project has been delayed again due to the contractor being unavailable. The revised timeframe is now February/March 2027. While this is disappointing, we will continue to follow up to ensure the project progresses as soon as possible.

George King Memorial Road

Concerns have been raised about the condition of George King Memorial Road, particularly with the heavy trucks carting gravel through the area. During the recent hot spell, the weight of the trucks has contributed to the road collapsing in places.

It is pleasing to report that the roading team responded quickly and arranged for the affected sections to be repaired. However, there are still concerns around weed spraying and the general upkeep of the road.

It is also interesting to note that Otago Regional Council is undertaking visual inspections via flyovers of farmland in the area, but not the road itself. This raises some questions around the scope of these inspections and whether road-related impacts are being adequately considered.

Meeting with Dunedin Railways

Just this week, I met with Rebekah Jenkins from Dunedin Railways for a discussion around the future of the railway in Middlemarch, including the current condition of the railway station and the location of the carriages.

The key points from the discussion were:

- Bringing the passenger train back to Middlemarch remains uneconomical at this stage.

- The carriages will need to remain where they are currently located, as there is no alternative location available for them.

- While Dunedin Railways is aware of the Historical Society's petition, it has not yet received formal notification of the petition.

- There is funding allocated in the current financial year's capital expenditure budget for railway-related work. However, this will not be sufficient to cover the cost of the repairs required to bring the station up to an acceptable standard.

It was suggested that the community investigate whether a group could be established to take ownership of the station restoration project and help progress this work. This is something worth exploring, although we also need to understand what support and funding may be available from Council and Dunedin Railways.

Looking Ahead – A Call to Action

As we head into the summer period, I would encourage everyone on the Board to take the opportunity to become more engaged with our community and think about where we want to see the Strath Taieri district heading over the longer term.

We have a submission due in March, and this provides a good opportunity to revisit our strategic goals and priorities. We need to consider whether the priorities we have previously identified still reflect what our community wants and needs. It is important that we are not simply submitting the same priorities year after year, but taking the time to engage with residents and understand what matters most to them.

I also want to acknowledge my disappointment with the Otago Regional Council's approach to the overflow and bypass mitigation work. Given the history of flooding in our district and the impact these events have had on landowners and the wider community, we need to see meaningful and effective mitigation rather than measures that simply shift the problem elsewhere. I hope we will have an opportunity to discuss this further with ORC representatives, should they attend our meeting.

Finally, I would like us all to use the summer period constructively. I would encourage each Board member to get out into the community, have conversations with residents, listen to their concerns and, just as importantly, hear their ideas for the future.

We have an opportunity to shape the direction of our district, but to do that well we need to be clear about what our community values, what it wants to protect and where it wants to go. Let's come back in the new year with some fresh thinking and a clear sense of the priorities we want to champion on behalf of Strath Taieri.

Terina Geddes
Chairperson
Strath Taieri Community Board

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Department: Civic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 Cr 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.