

**Notice of Meeting:**

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

**Date:** Thursday 24 September 2020  
**Time:** 5.00 pm  
**Venue:** Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch

Sandy Graham  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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

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**MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Barry Williams	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Mark O'Neill	
<b>Members</b>	Blair Dale	David Frew
	Cr Mike Lord	Leeann McLew
	Robin Thomas	

**Senior Officer** Tom Dyer, Group Manager 3 Waters

**Governance Support Officer** Jenny Lapham

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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**

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

**2 APOLOGIES**

An apology has been received from Robin Thomas.

That the Board:

**Accepts** the apology from Robin Thomas.

**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**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

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

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Strath Taieri Community Board Register of Interest - 21 September 2017					
Name	Date of Entry	Responsibility (ie: Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
Barry Williams	01/02/2017	Member	Middlemarch Museum	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Life Member	Middlemarch Rugby Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Member	Vintage Machinery Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Season Ticket Holder	Middlemarch Swimming Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Member	Singles Dance Committee	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Member	Middlemarch Medical Committee	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Member	STARTT (Strath Taieri Agricultural & Rural Tourism Trust)	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Member	Middlemarch Sports Pavilion & Courts	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
Joan Wilson	13/02/2017	Treasurer	Middlemarch Bowling 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.
		Secretary/Treasurer	Strath Taieri Medical Services 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.
		Covener (Life Member)	Middlemarch Branch Rural Women New Zealand	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Member	STARTT (Strath Taieri Agricultural & Rural Tourism Trust)	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Member	Otago Youth Adventure 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.
		Secretary/Treasurer	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.
		Treasurer	Strath Taieri Community Centre	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Secretary/Treasurer	Central Otago Bowling Umpires Assn	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
David (Jock) Frew	02/02/2017		Middlemarch Rugby Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
			Strath Taieri Lions	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
			Residential Land Ownership Middlemarch	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
			Strath Taieri Dog Trial Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		President	Middlemarch Sports Pavilion & Courts	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.

Norma Emerson	01/02/2017	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.
		Secretary	Strath Taieri Lions	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
		Member	Middlemarch Community Garden	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	A & P Show 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.
Jacinta Stevenson	28/02/2017	Secretary/Treasurer	Lee Stream Playgroup	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.
Christine Garey		Owner	Residential Land Ownership - 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.
		Trustee	Garey Family Trust - Property Ownership - 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.
		Submitter	2GP	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.
		Partner	Chest Tree Forge	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	Edinburgh Sister City Society (Council Appointment)	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	Fortune Theatre Board (Council Appointment)	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.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 6 AUGUST 2020**


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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

**Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 06 August 2020 as a correct record.

#### **Attachments**

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## **Strath Taieri Community Board**

### **MINUTES**

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**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Strath Taieri Community Board held in the Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch on Thursday 6 August 2020, commencing at 2.00 pm**

#### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Barry Williams
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Mark O'Neill
<b>Members</b>	Leeann McLew
	David Frew
	Robin Thomas

**IN ATTENDANCE** Tom Dyer (Group Manager 3 Waters)

**Governance Support Officer** Jennifer Lapham

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#### **1 PUBLIC FORUM**

##### **1.1 Public Forum – Otago Neighbourhood Support**

Allan Lynch, Middlemarch Police, spoke to the Board regarding the funding application from Otago Neighbourhood Support. He advised that they were seeking funding to install signage, to deter poachers and trespassers on rural properties and forestry around the district.

##### **1.2 Public Forum - Strath Taieri Historical Society**

The Chairperson, Barry Williams, withdrew from this item.

Irene Ramsay spoke on the funding application from the Strath Taieri Historical Society. She advised that the building is getting flooded due to poor drainage and old guttering. They are seeking funding to replace the guttering and build new drainage on the east side of the building.

**1.3 Public Forum - March Creek**

Norma Emerson spoke to the Board regarding March Creek. She advised that her restaurant had been flooded during a heavy rain event. Mrs Emerson advised that the Otago Regional Council had started clearing March Creek however Fish and Game requested them to stop until after spawning season. She is concerned that one stretch of the creek had not been cleaned and in a heavy rain would flood again.

**1.4 Public Forum - Strath Taieri Heritage Park**

Jacque Lucas-Prattley and Richard Emerson spoke to the funding application from the Strath Taieri Heritage Park to get the project infrastructure underway. They advised that the heritage park would be a destination stop on the inland coastal route showcasing Otago Farming heritage.

**2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Blair Dale and Cr Mike Lord.

Moved (David Frew/Mark O'Neill):

That the Board:

**Accepts** the apologies from Blair Dale and Cr Mike Lord.

**Motion Carried**

**3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved (David Frew/Mark O'Neill):

That the Board:

**Confirms** the agenda without addition or alteration

**Motion carried**

**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.

Robin Thomas advised that he was a foundation member of the Strath Taieri Heritage Park and he would withdraw from the discussion on the funding application from the Society.

Barry Williams advised that he would withdraw from discussion on the funding application from the Strath Taieri Historical Society.

Moved (David Frew/Leeann McLew):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/028)**

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 18 JUNE 2020**

Moved (Robin Thomas/Mark O'Neill):

That the Board:

**Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 18 June 2020 as a correct record.

**Motion carried**

## **PART A REPORTS**

## **6 PROJECT FUND APPLICATIONS AND REPORT BACK**

Consideration was given to the funding applications and the report back from Project Steam. It was agreed to take the items separately.

Discussion took place on the application from Otago Neighbourhood Support.

Moved (Barry Williams/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the funding of \$1,000.00 for Otago Neighbourhood Support towards the installation of signage.

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/029)**

Discussion took place on the funding application from the Strath Taieri Heritage Park, regarding the purpose of the funding. Members commented that they did not want any funding to be used for the purpose of travel, coffees, phone calls etc.

Robin Thomas withdrew from the discussion on this item.

Moved (Mark O'Neill/David Frew):

That the Board:

- b) Approves** funding of \$2,000.00 for Strath Taieri Heritage Park towards the setting up of the Trust or the development of a website.

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/030)**

Consideration was given to the funding application from the Strath Taieri Historical Society for founding towards the replacement of roof guttering.

The Chairperson, Barry Williams withdrew from discussion on this item.

Moved (Robin Thomas/David Frew):

That the Board:

- c) Approves** funding of \$5,000.00 for Strath Taieri Historical Society towards the replacement of roof guttering.

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/031)**

Moved (Ms Leeann McLew/Member David Frew):

That the Board:

- d) Notes** the report back from Project Steam.

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/032)**

## **7 COMMUNITY PLAN**

Discussion took place on the draft community plan with a number of amendments being made.

Moved (Mark O'Neill/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) Approves** the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan.

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/033)**

## **8 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICERS REPORT**

In a report the Governance Support Officer provided an update on matters of interest including:

- Project Fund
- Speed Limit Bylaw

- Camping Control Bylaw

Moved (Robin Thomas/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officers Report.

**Motion carried**

## **9 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson provided an update on matters of interest including:

- March Creek Cleaning – it was noted that to avoid future flooding of the Township it was important that March Creek be cleaned on a regular basis.

Moved (Barry Williams/Leeann McLew):

That the Board:

- a) **Writes** to the Otago Regional Council asking the reason for stopping the cleaning of March Creek, when the work would be started and completed, the fish life in the creek, and a map of the extent of the cleaning.

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/034)**

- General Maintenance – the trees in Cardigan Street are starting to touch the power lines and should be trimmed, the ditch near Sutton on State Highway 87 needs to be cleaned because it tends to flood the road.
- Sheep Wash Creek – Requested that the board be advised when the work was signed off.
- Dunedin Rail – Concern was raised regarding the recent story in the Otago Daily Times that the assets were to be sold, despite assurances to the community that the Taieri Gorge Train was being mothballed and any change would be discussed with the Community.

Moved (Barry Williams/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

- a) **Requests** that the Council consult with the Community Board prior to any decision being made in regards to the future of Dunedin Rail.

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/035)**

- Middlemarch Website – Concern was raised regarding the website which states that the Community Board is responsible for the site. The current administrator of the site was working with other members of the community to upgrade the site.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Leeann McLew):

That the Board:

- a) **Requests** that the Administrator removes the reference to the Community Board, on the website.

**Motion carried (STCB/2020/036)**

**10 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

There were no items notified.

The meeting concluded at 3.37 pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## PART A REPORTS

### GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICERS 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
- Parks and Recreation Update
- EV Charger – Middlemarch
- Dunedin Rail Assets
- Correspondence

#### CORRESPONDENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officers Report.

#### Project Fund

2 There is a balance of \$6,360 left in the Project Fund for the current financial year, after the following grants were approved at the 6 August 2020 meeting.

Meeting Date	Amount	Recipient
6 August 2020	\$1,000.00	Otago Neighbourhood Support
	\$2,000.00	Strath Taieri Heritage Park
	\$5,000.00	Strath Taieri Historical Society
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	

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**Parks and Recreation Update****Freedom Camping**

- 3 Submissions on the proposed amendment to the Camping Control Bylaw have been received. A hearings committee will meet on 1 October and will report back to Council later in the year..
- 4 The Department of Conservation (DOC) and the DCC are in the recruitment process for Community Rangers who will work from November 2020 – April 2021 providing freedom campers with Bylaw information. Three Rangers will be employed and patrol camping hotspots daily over the summer months.

**Beaches and Reserves Bylaw**

- 5 Permits have been designed for people who require vehicle access to beaches. These will be issued this summer. Community Rangers will patrol a number of DCC and DOC managed beaches from November 2020 – April 2021. There will be some flexibility in which beaches are patrolled and how often; this will be adjusted as necessary.

**Play Spaces Review**

- 6 Consultation with the community and stakeholder engagement has been completed. This information will be used to develop the strategic plan, which is hoped will be considered by Council by the end of the year.

**Tracks and Trails Review**

- 7 The Audit has now been completed and the information will be used to develop the strategic plan.

**Sports Field Review**

- 8 Interviews with sports codes and facility operators have been completed. An analysis of booking data has been completed and an audit is scheduled for over the summer period. Analysis of national and international sports trends have been completed. Interviews and workshops with community and target groups is near completion. Community feedback survey is currently underway, closing on 30 September.

**EV Charger Middlemarch**

- 9 The Dunedin City Council and Strath Taieri Community Board recently supported a Central Otago District Council (CODC) application for EECA co-funding to establish ChargeNet-owned EV fast chargers in Middlemarch and Omakau, along the soon-to-be-launched Central Otago Touring Route. As part of the application, the DCC worked with the STCB and Powernet to identify a preferred site (on road reserve adjacent to Browns Rd, close to the intersection of SH87), based on the proximity of suitable electricity supply, good access to SH87, and availability of nearby amenities such as toilets.

- 10 In August, it was announced that the CODC application had been successful. Shortly after the announcement, the DCC received communication from ChargeNet indicating that it wished to have the Middlemarch fast charger operational by November, in order to be ready for the formal launch of the Central Otago Touring Route. If this deadline is to be met, a DCC License to Occupy for ChargeNet use of the site needs to be approved at the Council meeting scheduled for 29 September.
- 11 ChargeNet's proposed site plan suggests a site that is slightly closer to the SH87 than the original site identified in the application, to maximise clearance from the A&P Showground egress. ChargeNet offered up two site layout options – either parallel or angle parking. Staff liaised with the delegated STCB member to ascertain whether the slight amendment to location was supported, and to canvas preference on the layout options. The delegate indicated support for the location amendment and a preference for angle parking, but indicated either would be acceptable as an improvement on the status quo. DCC Transport have indicated a strong preference for parallel parking for safety reasons, and so this is the option that will be presented to Council on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 12 Feedback has also been sought from the owners of the adjacent site (the Strath Taieri A&P Society) about the proposed site, who are taking the time to liaise with potentially interested user groups. An update on their position will be provided at the Council meeting. Should the STCB have any other feedback they wish for Council to consider, it can also be presented at the Council meeting.

#### **Dunedin Rail Assets**

- 13 In response to the resolution passed by the Board at the last meeting regarding the newspaper article about the selling of Dunedin Rail assets, the Acting Chief Executive advised that "the Significance and Engagement policy requires a special consultative procedure should there be any suggested change to a DCHL-owned company. The Board would be consulted, along with the community as part of that process.

#### **Correspondence**

- 14 Otago Neighbourhood Support – letter of thanks for the funding
- 15 Otago Regional Council – letter in response to the Boards questions regarding the cleaning of March Creek.

#### **ACTIONS/UPDATES**

Board members (or members of the public) wishing to advise Council of any operational issues or concerns, e.g. potholes, burst pipes, overgrown vegetation etc are reminded to ring the DCC Customer Services Agency on 03 477-4000, or email on [dcc@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:dcc@dcc.govt.nz). For non-urgent matters contact council via the online "Fix it form" <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/do-it-online/report/fix-it-form>

**If issues and concerns are not dealt with in a timely manner, Board members should contact either the Governance Support Officer or the Senior Staff Member appointed to the Board.**

## Signatories

Author:	Jenny Lapham - Governance Support Officer
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## Attachments

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### SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

#### *Fit with purpose of Local Government*

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities.

#### *Fit with strategic framework*

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arts and Culture Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Spatial Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks and Recreation Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

There is no contribution to the Strategic Framework.

#### *Māori Impact Statement*

There are no known impacts for tangata whenua.

#### *Sustainability*

There are no implications for sustainability.

#### *LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy*

There are no implications.

#### *Financial considerations*

There are no implications.

#### *Significance*

This decision is considered low significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

#### *Engagement – external*

There has been no external engagement.

#### *Engagement - internal*

Internal engagement has occurred with appropriate staff members.

**SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS**

***Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.***

There are no risks.

***Conflict of Interest***

There is no known conflict of interest.

***Community Boards***

There are no implications for Community Boards except to provide information on activities in or relevant to the Board area.



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8 September 2020

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Members of the Strath Taieri Community Board

I am writing on behalf The Otago Neighbourhood Support Charitable Trust to express our grateful thanks for the Strath Taieri Community Boards generous grant of \$1000.00. This will enable us to purchase signs to be erected in the Strath Taieri area.

The street signs and anti-poaching signs are proven to reduce crime rates along with the great publicity that the grant and signs received in recent media.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jacqui Hyde'.

Jacqui Hyde  
District Representative

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17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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**Governance Support Officer**

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**Cc:** Garry LaHood  
**Senior River Engineer (garry.lahood@orc.govt.nz)**

**Subject:** March Creek, Middlemarch

Dear Jennifer,

I refer to letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020, received by email date of same.

I would like to note the letter refers to '... two separate heavy rain events that occurred in 2018'. By way of clarification, the events known to ORC, Engineering most recently concerning activity with March Creek, are the December 2019 and February 2020 heavy rain events, which effected extensively parts of Otago including Middlemarch.

In response to the questions set out in the letter, of same order, please find the following in relation to March Creek:

**1. The reason that the clearing was not completed in March this year?**

Engineering commenced work on March Creek initially as an emergency response to prevent flooding due to constrictions and debris blockages, in February 2020.

The Covid19 event restricted all Engineering activities as at 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to Essential Services only.

When the Covid19 levels permitted activities to resume the seasonal timing of being able to work in March Creek had been restricted due to fish spawning activities, which prevent artificial activities occurring in waterways until after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

To complete the work, notification to F&G will be required which may include a meeting on site to discuss the scale of work.

**2. When the work is proposed to be completed?**

The work pending the notification to F&G is scheduled for November 2020 through to December 2020. Refer to Maps 1 and 2 to this letter

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**3. Can you share a map showing the extent of the work?**

Refer to Maps 1 and 2

**4. Other**

Please note that ORC had not been asked to attend the meeting referenced 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and would be more than happy to attend, given adequate notice.

The channel constrictions of Middlemarch Creek are only one of the contributing factors to flooding in Middlemarch. There are several contributors which give cause to event overland flows that also involve DCC, NZTA and railway assets. The ORC is committed to working through overall strategy to improve and reduce flooding with other stakeholders.

I trust the above is satisfactory, and as stated our River Engineering staff will be liaising to have the works completed.

Regards,



Michelle Mifflin  
**Manager Engineering**

**Appendix A:**

**Map 1: Water channel maintenance planned**



**Map 2: Vegetation Maintenance planned**



## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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The Chairperson will provide an update matters of interest including:

- Taieri Gorge Railway
- March Creek

## **COMMUNITY PLAN**

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For discussion and updating as required. There have been no updates since the last meeting.

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

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Cr Mike Lord will provide an update on matters of interest.

## **NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON**