

LINWOOD-CENTRAL-HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN



2017-19



Message from the Chair

Sally Buck, Chair

Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board

On behalf of the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board I am proud to present our 2017/19 Community Board Plan.

This plan is the result of the Board hearing the views of residents in our community. We had workshops, focus groups and an online survey that helped us to collect information useful for putting this plan together. While the plan does not go into a lot of detail, we have tried to ensure that priorities expressed by our communities are included in the outcomes and priorities.

Prosperous economy

Board Outcome:

- Master plans, regeneration plans and planning tools that enhance local economic development.

Board Priorities

1. Implementation of the master plans particularly in Woolston.
2. Enhancement of Council's systems to ensure policies that are friendly for small business development and entrepreneurship particularly in small village centres.
3. Encourage economic development in the central city towards creating a vibrant, productive, connected, and prosperous community.
4. Promotion of Christchurch as a tourist destination for active lifestyles in a stunning natural setting.

We will measure our success by ...

- Ferry Road Master plan is implemented.
- All key projects in master plans are implemented taking into account the needs and aspirations of small businesses in the area.



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Healthy environment

Board Outcome:

- A green city that enhances health and well-being including local parks, clean rivers, an enhanced estuary and community gardens.

Board Priorities

1. Council-community partnerships are undertaken to improve community spaces and services.
2. To take opportunities to extend our within city natural landscapes and the ability of people to experience them, for example the Linwood Lower Fields forest.
3. To support initiatives to clean up and protect our waterways in forms that are increasingly more natural to their environment.
4. To ensure that our Christchurch drinking water is protected from present or future loss of quality.
5. Support initiatives that result in cleaner air quality particularly in Bromley, Woolston, Phillipstown and the Central City.

We will measure our success by ...

- A Council-community partnership model is developed to enhance community facilities.
- Significant tree planting takes place on road frontage in the Inner City East between Barbadoes St and Linwood Ave.
- Percentage increase in the number of Council-Community initiatives established and supported e.g. Community gardens, neighbourhood play facilities, estuary enhancement and stream care group.
- All water reticulation projects brought to the Community Board are approved only if water quality is maintained or enhanced.
- Steps are taken to understand issues affecting air quality in at least two of the identified locations, and then to improve air quality.



What is a Community Board?

Community Boards were created by the local government reforms in 1989. Over 100 community boards now operate in both urban and rural areas within local authorities throughout New Zealand. They carry out functions and exercise those powers delegated to them by their councils. Local body elections for Community Board members and Councillors are held every three years.

The Community Board's main role is to:

- Represent and act as advocate for the interests of its community.
- Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Council, or any matter of interest to the Board.
- Maintain an overview of services provided by the Council within the community.
- Prepare an annual submission to the Council for expenditure within the community.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.

Community Boards also get involved in a number of matters including:

- Trees, parks, reserves, streets and other Council land;
- Bus stops and shelters;
- Road changes such as parking and crossings;
- Naming of roads and streets;
- Awards that recognise individuals and groups in the community;
- Funding for ward and local projects;
- Input into local community facilities, including rebuilds;
- Some oversight of local capital works projects; and
- Commenting on the Council's strategic plans and bylaws, for example LongTerm Plan and District Plan Review.

The Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board generally meets twice a month:

- 3pm on the first Monday of the month; and
- 10am on the third Wednesday of the month.

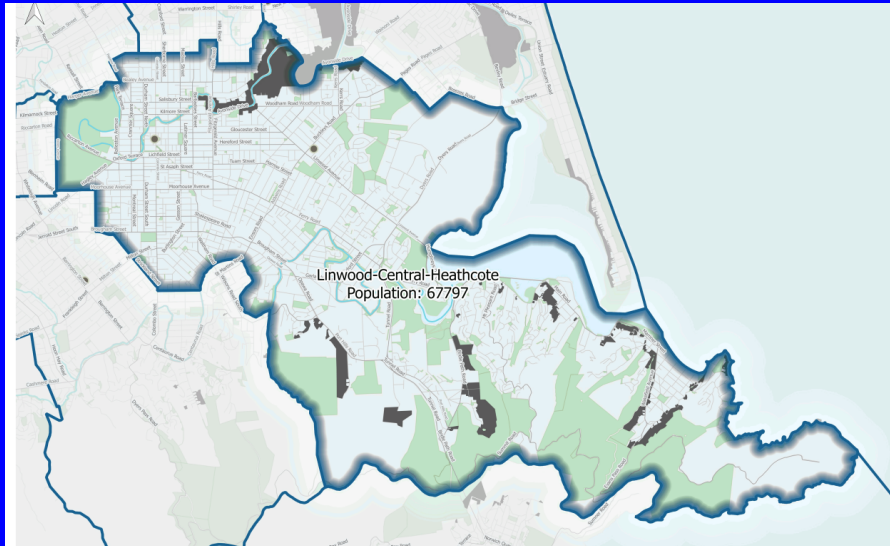
Community Board meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz.

Board members also attend meetings, seminars, workshops and briefings, and participate in hearings and engagement and consultation processes that provide us with greater understanding of local issues.

If you would like speaking rights at a Board meeting please contact the Community Board Adviser on 941-6601.

Area Overview

The Linwood-Central-Heathcote community board area includes Central Christchurch, approximately a quarter of St Albans, Opawa, Waltham, Sydenham, Hillsborough, Murray Aynsley, approximately one third of Addington, Phillipstown, Woolston, Bromley, Linwood, approximately one third of Wainoni, Ferrymead, Heathcote, Mt Pleasant, Redcliffs, Sumner and Taylors Mistake.



Key Facts

- 69,848 people live in the community board area.
- There are 3 Council libraries: Linwood, Central Manchester and Central Peterborough.
- 2 marae: Rehua Marae on Springfield Road and Nga Hau e Wha on the border with Coastal-Burwood Road.
- 2 Council service centres: Civic Offices in Central Christchurch and Linwood.
- 7 major shopping centres: Central City shopping precinct, South City Mall, The Colombo, Eastgate Shopping Centre, The Tannery, Ferrymead shops, Sumner shops. 34 schools: 21 primary, 7 secondary, 3 composite year 1-13, 2 special, 1 teen parent
- 2 public hospitals: Christchurch and Christchurch Women's Hospitals.
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Hagley Park and Oval, Botanic Gardens, Victoria Square, Cathedral Square, Margaret Mahy Family Playground, Washington Way Skate Park, Godley Head, The Gondola, Cowles Stadium, Waltham Summer Pool, Southern Beaches.

Liveable city

Board Outcomes

- A variety of accessible transport options that have good connections between them.
- All citizens have access to affordable, adequate housing.
- All citizens have access to sports and recreation facilities and programmes for an active healthy life.

Board Priorities

1. Linwood/Woolston Pool, toilet block and sports pavilion for Linwood Park.
2. Advocate for an accessible city that takes into account:
 - Road networks that function effectively;
 - Public transport that offers increasingly attractive commuter options and carbon-free modes of transport including e-bikes become commonplace;
 - Road maintenance and resurfacing priorities are allocated fairly across the city; and
 - All new Council funded facilities meet national accessibility guidelines to ensure access to all sectors of the community.
3. Advocate for the end of homelessness including promoting the establishment of a drop in centre for the homeless.
4. Improve school safety measures for schools with high traffic volumes.
5. Promote new Dog Parks in the community board area.
6. Promote playground revitalisation where identified as needed by the community.
7. Promote Wi-Fi installation in Council owned Community facilities.
8. Support the ongoing development of the Christchurch Coastal Pathway.

We will measure our success by ...

- Planning completed and construction started on the Linwood-Woolston Community Pool.
- Parking available on old Nursery site for sporting events.
- Drop-in centre for the homeless is supported through funding, advice and advocacy.
- Ely Street resurfacing and parking completed, and sealing of path in South Hagley Park.
- Grange Street roading is improved with input from the community.
- Two new dog parks are established in the Board area, one in central city, one in the suburbs.
- School safety measures are improved at St Anne's, Te Waka Unua and Linwood Ave Schools.
- Scarborough playground revitalised and Woolston Park playground built.
- New Wi-Fi facilities established in two Council owned community facilities.

Community Outcomes and Priorities

Strong communities

Outcomes

- Well-connected communities with a range of diverse community-based activities and initiatives.
- People feel safe wherever they are in the ward.

Board priorities

1. Community-led revitalisation plan for the Inner City East/Linwood Village area.
2. Advocate for the poor, promote affordable housing and access to services for all.
3. Support community initiatives, activities and cultural events that promote health and wellbeing, and community connectedness particularly for young and disadvantaged and those living in Waltham, Woolston and Linwood.
4. Advocate for and support improvement of Central City residential areas to bring about a vibrant centre that people are drawn to live in.
5. Support the Bays area natural disaster resilience planning initiative and other initiatives that result in safe communities.
6. Encourage participation in planning and engagement processes from communities that don't regularly participate.
7. Ensure that local youth are supported to achieve their aspirations, and those articulated in the Youth Action Plan.

We will measure our success by ...

- An Inner City East Revitalisation Plan and associated action plan is developed within timeframes agreed to by the community and other parties involved.
- Initiatives to support the elderly, isolated citizens are supported through the Strengthening Communities Fund.
- The availability of affordable housing is improved in Council influenced developments e.g. East Frame developments.
- Increase in Board initiatives that make the Central City a place people are drawn to live in.
- Two new communities are supported with advice and funding to develop natural disaster resilience plans.
- Increase in positive feedback on engagement processes.
- Increase in local community events and programmes.



Key Demographics (2013 Census)

	Central	Linwood	Heathcote	Christchurch City
Population	23,363	23,328	23,157	341,472
Median age	33.2 years	35.8 years	42.1 years	38.6 years
Formal qualification held	82%	68%	85%	80%
Unemployment rate	6.8%	7.7%	4.2%	5.1%
Median personal income	\$29,900	\$25,000	\$34,000	\$29,800
Private occupied dwellings	9,609	9,234	9,402	130,430
Unoccupied dwellings	2,556	987	2,034	17,780
Home ownership	32%	55%	64%	65%
Household internet access	72%	68%	81%	79%
No motor vehicle access	16%	13%	8.1%	7.9%

What our community has told us

Some of the strengths of the community board area include:

- Sense of community, my neighbours and people who support others.
- The environment, particularly our parks, trees and water ways.
- Our cultural identity and heritage.
- Being able to participate in democratic processes.
- Proximity to the central city, shopping centre, parks, river, hills and the beach.
- Having facilities that support recreational and other activities that bring people together.

Areas the community would like to see improved include:

- More facilities, events and programmes that are youth-focussed.
- Investment in areas that need attention such as the low-income areas, including the inner city east.
- Streets and roads that are well-maintained.
- Cleaner waterways.
- Different opportunities to participate in democratic processes.
- More joined up cycleway routes that link to the major cycleways.



Christchurch City Council Community Outcomes

Strong communities

- Strong sense of community
- Active participation in civic life
- Safe and healthy communities
- Celebration of our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport

Liveable city

- Vibrant central city
- Thriving suburban and rural centres
- A well connected and accessible city
- Sufficient supply of, and access to, a range of housing

Healthy environment

- Healthy waterways
- High quality drinking water
- Unique landscapes and indigenous biodiversity are valued
- Sustainable use of resources

Prosperous economy

- Great place for people, business and investment
- An inclusive, equitable economy with broad-based prosperity for all
- A productive, adaptive and resilient economic base
- Modern and robust city infrastructure and facilities network

Strategic Priorities

Our focus for improvement over the next two years

Enabling active citizenships and connected communities

Maximising opportunities to develop a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable 21st Century city

Climate change leadership

Informed and proactive approaches to natural hazard risks

Increasing active, public and shared transport opportunities and use

Safe and sustainable water supply and improved waterways