

BANKS PENINSULA COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN 2017-2019



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Christchurch
City Council



Message from the Chair



Christine Wilson, Chair
Banks Peninsula Community Board

On behalf of the Banks Peninsula Community Board I am proud to present our Community Board Plan for 2017-19. This Plan, developed by talking with our communities over the past year, is our vision for Banks Peninsula's future.

This Community Board Plan will guide:

- Ø our decisions on local activities, projects and facilities
- Ø our input into development of the Council's service levels, budget, policies and strategies
- Ø our advocacy on behalf of our communities
- Ø how we work with others who play a key role in our area

Thank you to Christchurch City Council staff for helping pull all of this information together for the Banks Peninsula Community Board.

Vision and way of working

Our Board will continue to work with our community, organisations, the Papatipu Rūnanga who have manawhenua over areas of Banks Peninsula, the Council and Government to obtain the best outcomes for our communities. Our focus is on enhancing social, environmental and economic well-being so that Banks Peninsula continues to be a vibrant and invigorating place to live, work and visit.

The Banks Peninsula Community Board generally meets every second Monday.

Meetings are rotated between Lyttelton, Little River and Akaroa. These 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.

If you would like speaking rights at a Board meeting please contact the Community Board Adviser on 941-5682.

Banks Peninsula Community Board



Board members: Felix Dawson, Tori Peden, Jed O'Donoghue, Pam Richardson (Deputy Chair), Christine Wilson (Chair), John McLister, Andrew Turner (Deputy Mayor), Janis Haley

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:

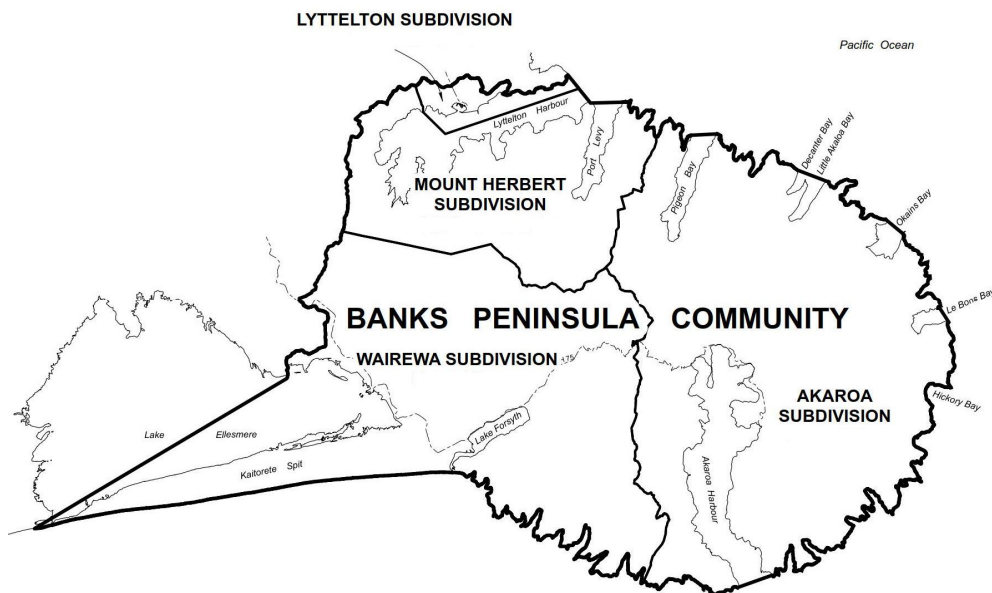
- Ø Represent and act as advocate for the interests of its community.
- Ø Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Council, or any matter of interest to the Board.
- Ø Maintain an overview of services provided by the Council within the community.
- Ø Prepare an annual submission to the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

Banks Peninsula Overview

Our Board represents the Banks Peninsula Ward. Banks Peninsula has four subdivisions, the Lyttelton and Mt Herbert subdivisions, covering the Lyttelton Harbour basin from the summit at Evans Pass around to and including Port Levy, and the Akaroa and Wairewa subdivisions, covering Little River, Akaroa Harbour and the eastern and southern bays.

For more information on our Board, including contact details and meeting agendas and minutes, go to:

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/community-boards/banks-peninsula>



Key facts

- Ø 8,760 residents, with approximately 1,500 businesses employing 2,600 people.
- Ø Papatipu Rūnanga have manawhenua over areas of Banks Peninsula and act as kaitiaki. For more details go to: <http://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/mahaanui-iwi-management-plan>



Christchurch City Council Strategic Framework

Whiria ngā whenua o ngā papa. Honoa ki te maurua tāukiuki .

Bind together the strands of each mat. And join together with the seams of respect and reciprocity.

Overarching Principle:

Partnership – Our people are our taonga – to be treasured and encouraged. By working together we can create a city that uses their skill and talent, where we can all participate, and be valued.

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
- Valuing the voices of children and young people

Liveable city

- Vibrant and thriving central city, and suburban and rural centres
- A well connected and accessible city
- Sufficient supply of, and access to, a range of housing
- 21st century garden city we are proud to live in

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

Healthy environment

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

Christchurch City Council 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

What our communities have told us

The following five priority area themes have been identified by our Community Board in response to issues raised by our communities. These themes have guided our choice of outcomes that we want to achieve in the next couple of years.

Themes from our communities

Outcomes we want to achieve

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND CONNECTEDNESS

Our communities are prepared for the impacts and consequences of natural hazards and can respond.

Local communities are well-connected and supported by easily accessible community facilities.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Core infrastructure is provided, well-maintained and future-proofed.

SENSE OF PLACE AND HERITAGE

The cultural, natural and built heritage of Banks Peninsula is acknowledged, valued and enhanced.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Visitors to Banks Peninsula enhance the local economy and sustain and natural, social and heritage environments.

Banks Peninsula is a viable place to live and work.

ENVIRONMENT

The Banks Peninsula environment is well-managed, sustained and enhanced.

Banks Peninsula Community Board Outcomes

Our communities are prepared for the impacts and consequences of natural hazards and can respond and recover quickly.

Why we want this

- Ø Banks Peninsula communities can easily become isolated from Christchurch and each other.

What the Board will do

1. Support communities to develop local Community Resilience/Response Plans.
2. Support and encourage communities to work with the Council and other agencies to plan how to respond to natural hazards.
3. Understand emergency service arrangements on Banks Peninsula.

We will measure our success by

1. People feel that they know what to do and where to go for information and support following an emergency.
2. Local communities are involved in response, mitigation and future planning around natural hazards.
3. The Board is briefed by emergency services.

Natural hazards include: coastal, flood, land instability, waterway management, rock fall, fire, earthquake, weather events.

Community Resilience and Connectedness

Banks Peninsula Community Board Outcomes

Local communities are well-connected and supported by easily accessible community facilities

Why we want this

- Ø Well-connected people help build strong and supportive communities, which promote resilience.
- Ø Facilities such as Service Centres, Libraries and Recreation and Community Centres provide networking opportunities.
- Ø Banks Peninsula settlements need to be well served by a range of facilities within reasonable proximity as many are remote and easily isolated from Christchurch and each other.
- Ø Improved technology infrastructure (e.g. fibre) also enables well-connected local communities.

What the Board will do

1. Support and promote local events.
2. Provide funding and/or support to community-led initiatives.
3. Advocate for Council facilities and services to be provided appropriate to local needs.
4. Advocate for improved technology infrastructure.

We will measure our success by

1. Community events and gatherings are held and/or supported.
2. Community funding is allocated to identified priorities.
3. Council facilities and services meet local need.
4. Infrastructure is in place to facilitate use of technology.

Community Resilience and Connectedness

Banks Peninsula Community Board Outcomes

Core infrastructure is provided, well maintained and future –proofed

Why we want this

- Ø We need culturally and environmentally appropriate infrastructure for well functioning communities and good quality of life.
- Ø We need frequent maintenance due to geography and high number of weather events.
- Ø Communities have expressed concern that maintenance standards are not always met.
- Ø Local contractors can have quicker response times and more familiarity with local areas.

What the Board will do

1. Advocate that appropriate service levels are set.
2. Advocate for service level reporting and monitoring to come to the Community Board.
3. Identify priorities for new or upgraded infrastructure in conjunction with staff.
4. Advocate for a change in Council procurement processes to facilitate use of local contractors.

We will measure our success by

1. Appropriate infrastructure service levels are set.
2. Service level reports are provided to the Community Board 6-monthly
3. Priority infrastructure projects are included in the Council's budget (Annual/Long Term Plan).
4. Local contracts are awarded.

Infrastructure includes: roads, footpaths, tracks, wharves, jetties, community facilities, recreation centres, pools, sports fields, public transport, playgrounds, wastewater, storm water, drinking water, cemeteries, signage.

Infrastructure

Banks Peninsula Community Board Outcomes

The cultural, natural and built heritage of Banks Peninsula is acknowledged, valued and enhanced

Why we want this

- Ø The unique character of each of our communities creates a sense of place that forms part of our identity.
- Ø Of particular importance are our invigorating landscapes, tangata whenua's taonga, local stories, buildings and memorials.
- Ø It is important to look after this heritage so we can pass on our shared identity to future generations.

What the Board will do

1. Support staff and our communities to work together to identify cultural, natural and built heritage values/sites/places of significance.
2. Consider alternative uses for heritage buildings in conjunction with staff.
3. Develop relationships with key stakeholders involved in cultural and natural heritage, including local iwi.
4. Advocate for the continuation of the Lyttelton Design Review Panel following an 18 month trial period and share the lessons with other local panels/committees.
5. Provide funding and/or support for local cultural and natural heritage projects and groups.

We will measure our success by

1. Hosting an annual workshop for community members, staff and the Board to discuss and identify locally significant heritage and cultural values, sites and places of significance.
2. Currently empty heritage buildings are utilised.
3. Community Board representatives regularly attend meetings of cultural and natural heritage organisations on Banks Peninsula.
4. Lyttelton Design Review Panel continues to be involved in local planning decisions.
5. Community funding is allocated to identified heritage priorities.

Sense of Place and Heritage

Banks Peninsula Community Board Outcomes

Visitors to Banks Peninsula enhance the local economy and sustain our natural, social and heritage environments

Why we want this

- Ø Communities have expressed a desire that the impact of increasing visitor numbers on local communities and the natural environment is better managed.
- Ø For visitors, seafarers, communities and businesses to have a good experience, access to key infrastructure and services is needed.

What the Board will do

1. Work with communities and local organisations to identify outcomes of a Banks Peninsula Visitor Plan.
2. Advocate for development of a Banks Peninsula Visitor Plan under the Christchurch Visitor Strategy.
3. Work with Akaroa District Promotions, Lyttelton Harbour Information Centre and the Lyttelton Harbour Business Association to identify ways to benefit from and be resilient to any changes to the cruise ship industry in Akaroa and Lyttelton.
4. Develop relationships with organisations providing services to visitors.
5. Advocate for specific inclusion of Banks Peninsula in Christchurch NZ's work and thinking/planning.

We will measure our success by

1. Visitor Plan outcomes identified.
2. Banks Peninsula Visitor Plan developed
3. Cruise Ship passengers and locals have a good experience.
4. Community Board representatives regularly attend meetings of Visitor Service organisations on Banks Peninsula.
5. Banks Peninsula is explicitly included in Christchurch NZ's promotional activities and strategic planning.

Economic Development and Tourism

Banks Peninsula Community Board Outcomes

Banks Peninsula is a viable place to live and work

Why we want this

- Ø People want to continue to live and work here so they can be part of our communities and experience our unique environment.
- Ø Communities and businesses need access to key infrastructure and services to be able to live and work on Banks Peninsula.

What the Board will do

1. Support initiatives identified by staff and Development Christchurch Limited to catalyse private investment in Lyttelton.
2. Provide funding and/or support to local Social Enterprise initiatives.
3. Support local Business Associations.
4. Advocate for provision of appropriate and affordable housing.

We will measure our success by

1. More private investment into Lyttelton Town Centre Commercial Development.
2. Community funding is allocated to identified priorities.
3. Community Board representatives regularly attend meetings of local Business Associations.
4. Banks Peninsula is included in the Council and Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust's long term planning for social housing.

Economic Development and Tourism

Banks Peninsula Community Board Outcomes

The Banks Peninsula environment is well-managed, sustained and enhanced

Why we want this

- Ø With its stunning landscapes, sites of ecological significance, extensive coastlines, native bush and birds, Banks Peninsula is a unique high-value area that locals and visitors enjoy and recreate in.
- Ø This unique environment creates a sense of place that forms part of our identity.

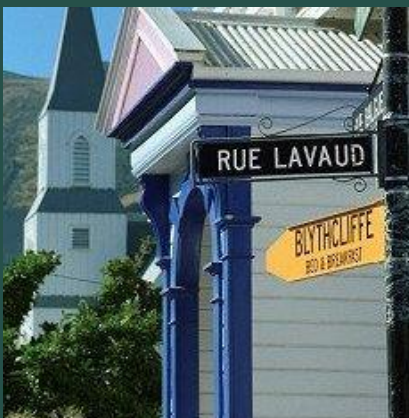
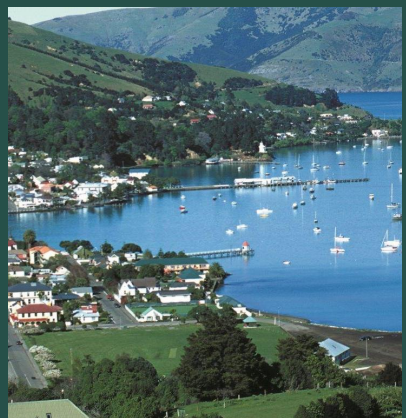
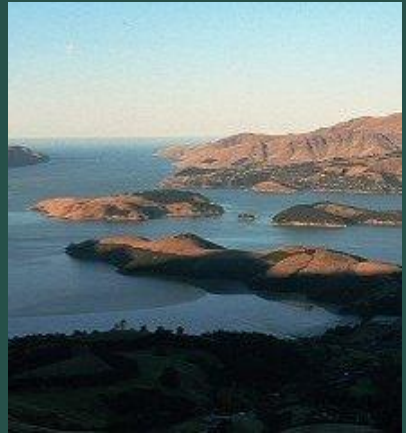
What the Board will do

1. Support Reserve Management Committees to undertake work and make decisions on projects in conjunction with staff.
2. Advocate that appropriate environmental service levels are set.
3. Advocate for service level reporting and monitoring to come to the Community Board.
4. Provide funding and/or support to projects that enhance the natural environment.
5. Develop a strategy for working with Papatipu Rūnanga, who as kaitiaki are committed to protecting the health of the land, water, mahinga kai and biodiversity.
6. Continue to build relationships with environmental organisations and participate in environmental planning forums.

We will measure our success by

1. Reserve Management Committees' priority projects are included in the Council's budget (Annual/Long Term Plan).
2. Appropriate environmental service levels are set.
3. Service level reports are provided to the Community Board 6-monthly.
4. Funding is allocated to identified environmental priorities.
5. Strategy for working with Papatipu Rūnanga developed.
6. Community Board representatives regularly attend meetings of environmental organisations on Banks Peninsula.

Environment



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