

Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood

# Community Board Plan 2020–22

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# From the Chair

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On behalf of the Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board,  
I am proud to present our 2020–2022 Community Board Plan.

This plan provides an overview of the board's role and the geographical area we cover. It also contains our vision for the local community and identifies some priority projects that we would like to achieve over the next three years.

We see this plan as a 'living document', which may change over time as projects are achieved or as circumstances may mean a change in direction for our priorities.

The priorities listed in this plan have been chosen following a series of workshops with board members and Christchurch City Council staff. We also undertook engagement with our local residents to ensure your voices are heard in terms of the issues that are important to you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback. Please be assured that we have listened to your suggestions, and although they may not be on our priority list, we will still be advocating for these things to be considered in the council's planning processes.

The board is fully cognisant of the magnitude and complexities around the economic and social implications that lie ahead for our city arising from the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board is very conscious of the impact of rate rises on our residents. As a result of this, we are very mindful of where your money is spent. A large number of our residents have sent us a clear message that we need to be spending on getting our key infrastructure working well before spending on 'nice to haves'. Keeping this in mind, we are confident that the priorities we have identified in this plan can be achieved with very little or no additional financial impact.

We look forward to working in partnership with our local community to achieve the vision we have for this area.

**David Cartwright, Chair**

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## About local community boards and our plans

Community boards were created by the local government reforms in 1989.

Approximately 110 community boards now operate in both urban and rural areas within local authorities throughout New Zealand. They carry out functions and exercise powers delegated to them by their councils.

There are seven community boards within the Christchurch City Council area.

Local body elections for community board members and councillors are held every three years.

### The community board's main role is to:

- Represent and 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 council services in 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 board plans

Community board plans are developed every three years and outline the board's key priorities for their elected term. They also indicate how the board will work in partnership with the local community to achieve the council's community outcomes.

A key part of the development of the plan is engagement with the local community and key stakeholders to ensure that the board's priorities reflect the needs and desires of local residents, community groups and businesses in our board area.



# Developing Resilience in the 21st Century

Strategic Framework



Whiria ngā whenu 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

## Ōtautahi–Christchurch is a city of opportunity for all

Open to new ideas, new people and new ways of doing things – a city where anything is possible

### Principles

Being open,  
transparent and  
democratically  
accountable

Promoting  
equity, valuing  
diversity and  
fostering inclusion

Taking an inter-generational approach  
to sustainable development,  
prioritising the social, economic  
and cultural wellbeing of  
people and communities  
and the quality of the  
environment, now  
and into the  
future

Building on the  
relationship with  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu  
and the Te Hononga–Council  
Papatipu Rūnanga partnership,  
reflecting mutual understanding  
and respect

Actively collaborating and  
co-operating with other  
local, regional  
and national  
organisations

Ensuring  
the diversity  
and interests of  
our communities  
across the city and the  
district are reflected in  
decision-making

### Community Outcomes

#### Resilient communities

Strong sense of community  
Active participation in civic life  
Safe and healthy communities  
Celebration of our identity  
through arts, culture, heritage,  
sport and recreation  
Valuing the voices of all cultures  
and ages (including children)

#### Liveable city

Vibrant and thriving city centre  
Sustainable suburban and  
rural centres  
A well connected and accessible  
city promoting active and  
public transport  
Sufficient supply of, and  
access to, a range of housing  
21st century garden city  
we are proud to live in

#### Healthy environment

Healthy water bodies  
High quality drinking water  
Unique landscapes and  
indigenous biodiversity are  
valued and stewardship  
exercised  
Sustainable use of resources  
and minimising waste

#### 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 community  
facilities

### Strategic Priorities

Enabling active  
and connected  
communities  
to own their future

Meeting the challenge  
of climate change  
through every means  
available

Ensuring a high quality  
drinking water supply  
that is safe and  
sustainable

Accelerating the  
momentum  
the city needs

Ensuring rates are  
affordable and  
sustainable

### Ensuring we get core business done while delivering on our Strategic Priorities and achieving our Community Outcomes

Engagement with  
the community and  
partners

Strategies, Plans and  
Partnerships

Long Term Plan  
and Annual Plan

Our service delivery  
approach

Monitoring and  
reporting on our  
progress

# Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Board area

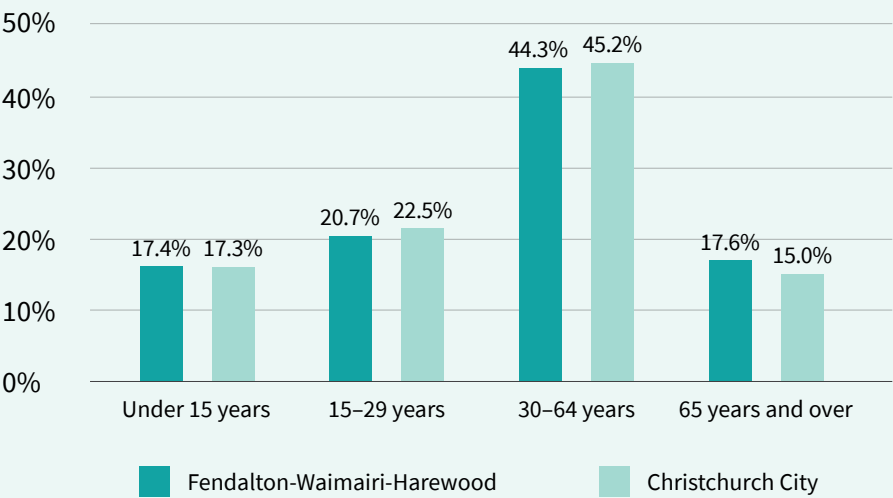
The geographic boundaries for the Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board cover a large portion of the north-west of Christchurch and includes the suburbs of: Yaldhurst (north), Russley, Avonhead, Burnside, Ilam (north), Fendalton, Bryndwr, Merivale, St Albans (west), Strowan, Bishopdale, Harewood, Casebrook (north), Northwood, Belfast (west), Coutts Island, McLeans Island.

## Demographic summary (2018 census data)

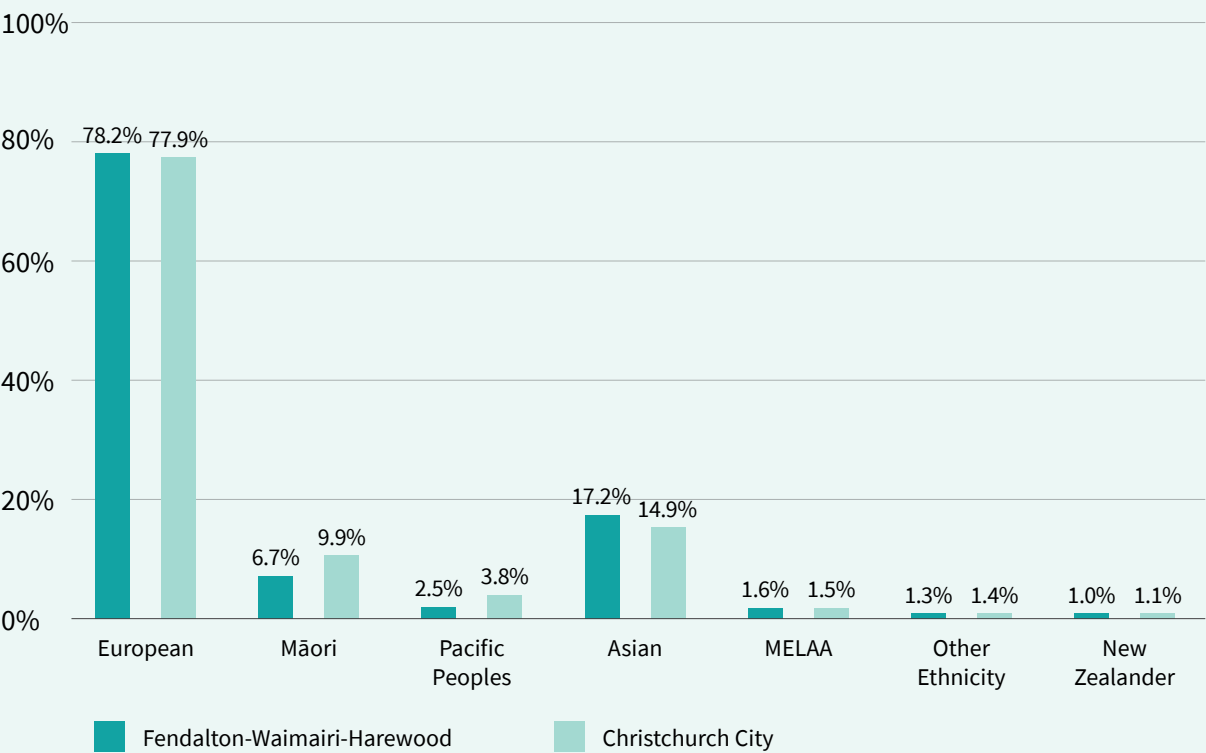
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The population within the geographic boundary is:  
**66,891**

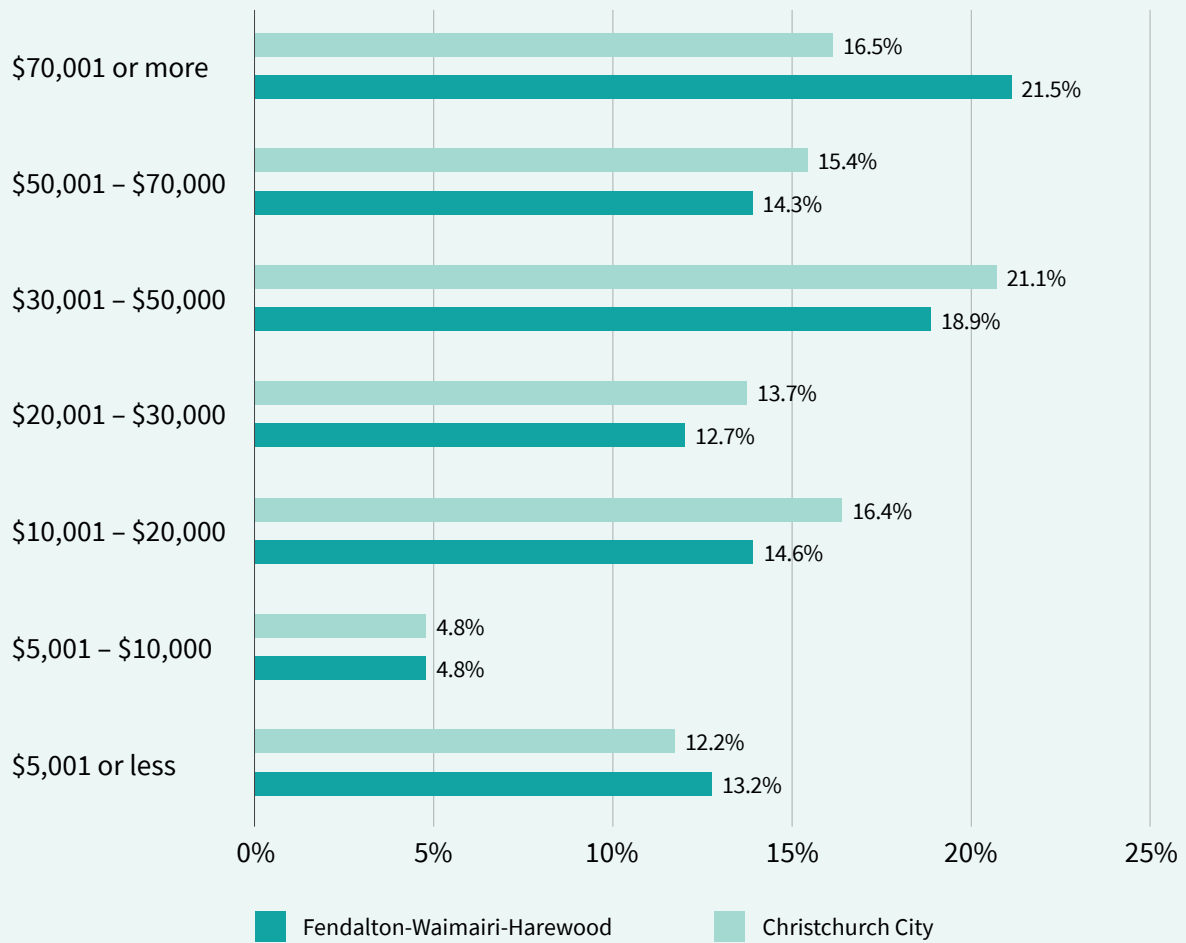
### Age



### Ethnicity



## Personal Income



## Facilities and amenities

- 2 council libraries: Fendalton, Bishopdale
- 1 council service centre: Fendalton
- 123 council parks: 97 local/community parks, 16 sports parks, 4 regional parks, 6 garden and heritage parks
- 2 council-owned cemeteries
- 10 council-owned social housing complexes with 206 units
- 7 shopping centres: Avonhead Mall, Bishopdale Mall, Fendalton Mall, Fendalton Village (Ilam/Clyde), Merivale Mall, Spitfire Square (airport), Wairakei/Greers
- 29 schools: 19 primary, 3 intermediate, 3 secondary, 3 composite Year 1–13, 1 special
- 1 private hospital: St George's
- 1 charity hospital: Canterbury Charity Hospital

- Approximately 9,300 businesses employing 39,700 people (2018)
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Jellie Park Rec and Sport Centre, McLeans Island, Christchurch Football Academy, The Groynes, Lake Roto Kohatu, Nunweek Park
- Christchurch Airport

## Dwellings

- Unoccupied private dwellings - 1,860
- Occupied dwellings - 24,873
- Empty dwellings - 948
- Dwellings under construction - 249

# Our vision



The Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board area has a strong local identity that is vibrant, inclusive and highly valued by all.



## Vision statements

- The views, interests, needs and aspirations of residents are effectively represented.
- The community board has an open and transparent decision-making process which residents can understand and engage in.
- Initiatives to protect the local environment will be developed and supported, including the protection of our local waterways, particularly Styx River, Ilam Stream, Waimairi Stream and the Wairarapa Stream.
- The board area has a safe and sustainable transport network which links with the wider Canterbury network.
- Residents have inclusive access to parks and greenspaces for recreational activities.
- A range of social and recreational activities are provided, which strengthen community wellbeing and result in residents feeling safe and connected in their communities.

In addition to our priority projects identified in this plan, the board will continue to advocate strongly through submissions to the council's annual plan and long term plan for the following:

- The installation of traffic signals at the Breens/Harewood/Gardiners Road intersection as quickly as possible
- Chlorine-free water supply
- Increased budgets for road, footpath and park maintenance
- Development of safe cycling routes and cycling incentive programmes
- Continued work on the revitalisation of Bishopdale Mall





# Our priorities

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## Reinstating the Ilam Stream and fixing the water flow issues

### Why this matters:

The Ilam Stream flows from Russley Road along the edge of Avonhead Park then on through Crosbie Park from where it winds through the lower part of Avonhead suburb to join up the Avon River at the Ilam Gardens.

The flow of the Ilam Stream has suffered from a drop in the water table caused by drainage of wetlands combined with the development of impermeable surfaces such as roads and houses. If the Ilam Stream is to live up to the aspirations of the Ōtākaro-Avon River Stormwater Management Plan then ways need to be found to achieve much more stability and regularity in its flow.

### What the board will do:

- Work with the Network Of The Ilam Stream (NOTIS) group to advocate for measures to be implemented to address the stream flow issues.
- Encourage council staff and Environment Canterbury (ECan) staff to engage with NOTIS and consider proposals presented in the discussion paper prepared by NOTIS.

### We will measure our success by:

- Council and ECan staff working together with NOTIS find solutions
- Funding is included in the council's long term plan to implement measures to improve water flow

### Community Outcomes:

Liveable City ✓ Healthy Environment ✓

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## Continue to advocate on behalf of residents regarding parking issues, particularly around the business areas in Russley and Roydvale

### Why this matters:

The board regularly receives complaints from residents about on-street parking issues.

These parking issues are understood to be a direct result of the increase in business developments in the area.

### What the board will do:

- Continue to work with council traffic engineers to find solutions which improve on-street parking for local residents.
- Request an increase in the presence of the council's Parking Enforcement Team in these areas.
- The board will work with local businesses in these areas to encourage and assist their staff to find alternative parking options which do not affect local residents as much.

### We will measure our success by:

- Improved access to on-street parking for local residents
- Increased visits from the Parking Enforcement Team
- Local businesses have an appreciation of the parking issues for residents

### Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

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## Request the installation of Big Belly bins at high usage parks in the board area

e.g. Abberley Park, Bishopdale Park and Avonhead Park and investigate recycling options for parks.

### Why this matters:

Over-flowing rubbish from bins in our parks is a constant issue. The solar-powered Big Belly bins have a built-in compactor that crushes the rubbish, giving them a capacity six times greater than a standard waste bin. These bins are currently being trialled at the New Brighton whale pool and are proving very successful.

### What the board will do:

- Advocate for the Big Belly bins to be placed in various parks across the board area. Priority parks will be those with high user numbers and where users have expressed concerns to the board regarding rubbish issues.
- Ask council staff to investigate the feasibility of having rubbish recycling bins in local parks.

### We will measure our success by:

- Bins installed
- Less reports of over-flowing rubbish in the parks
- Recycling options investigated

### Community Outcomes:

Liveable City ✓ Healthy Environment ✓

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## Development of community safety initiatives across the board area, particularly in the Avonhead/Russley and Bishopdale areas

### Why this matters:

It is important to us that people feel safe in their communities. Anecdotal feedback from residents indicates that people feel there has been an increase in house and vehicle burglaries over the past year.

### What the board will do:

- Work with Canterbury Neighbourhood Support to promote local neighbourhood support groups and increase the number of these groups.
- Work with the Christchurch North Community Patrol to increase the number of patrols in the Avonhead/Russley area and encourage local residents to become Community Patrol volunteers.
- Work with the police to educate the community on what people can do to keep themselves and their property safe and informed about how to report thefts.

### We will measure our success by:

- Residents feeling safer in their community
- Increase in the number of local neighbourhood support groups
- A more visible presence of community patrols and an increase in volunteers
- A decrease in the number of burglaries

### Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

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## Upgrade of the toilets, changing room facilities and sports storage at Nunweek Park

### Why this matters:

Nunweek Park is a highly utilised facility for both junior and senior players across three different sporting codes (cricket, rugby and touch rugby).

The toilets and sports storage facility at Nunweek Park was constructed in the late 1980s. As the building would benefit from strengthening work, the board is keen to investigate whether the building is still fit for purpose and the feasibility of building new changing room facilities.

### What the board will do:

- Engage with park users, particularly the sports clubs based at Nunweek Park, to understand their requirements and any opportunities for collaboration or partnership in the possible upgrading of the facility.
- A feasibility study on an upgrade.
- Based on the outcomes of the engagement and feasibility study, the board will advocate for funding to be allocated for the project in the council's long term plan.

### We will measure our success by:

- Users of the park will have the opportunity to have their say on any future development
- A feasibility study is done
- If deemed feasible, funding will be secured for the upgrade.

### Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

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## Construction of a shared footpath on Gardiners Road from Wilkinsons Road to Sawyers Arms Road

### Why this matters:

This area of the city is experiencing growth through the development of housing subdivisions. There is no footpath or safe cycling space from Wilkinsons Road to Sawyers Arms Road. A shared path would greatly improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, particularly children who bike to school.

### What the board will do:

- Advocate, through a submission to the council's long term plan, for funding to be secured to construct a shared footpath.

### We will measure our success by:

- Funding will be secured in the long term plan
- A shared footpath will be constructed

### Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓  
Healthy Environment ✓

## Replacement or upgrade of the public toilets at Bishopdale Mall

### Why this matters:

The local community have been requesting an upgrade to these toilets for many years. The current toilets are unpleasant and people say they feel unsafe when using them.

### What the board will do:

The board's preference would be for new stand-alone toilets to be built on the land where the old Plunket rooms were recently demolished. The board will advocate for this through a submission to the council's long term plan, for funding for this project.

The second option would be the upgrade of the current toilet facilities. The board would work with council staff, the Bishopdale Centre Association and other interested parties including Enliven Bishopdale and the Bishopdale Menzshed to look at ways of achieving this upgrade with minimum costs.

### We will measure our success by:

- New or improved toilet facilities will be available in the Bishopdale Mall

### Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓  
Healthy Environment ✓

## Upgrade of playing fields at Tulett Park and investigation into the possible usage of land next to the park

### Why this matters:

Tulett Park is home to the Nomads Football Club which has over 1,000 members. The club has raised concerns regarding the condition of the playing fields, particularly drainage issues, which result in parts of the park becoming boggy and unusable. Due to the high usage of the park, the possibility of using council land next to the park needs to be considered.

### What the board will do:

- Work with council staff and users of the park to look at possible solutions for the drainage issues in the park.
- Ask staff to investigate the opportunity to extend the playing area of the park by developing the council-owned land (off Walter Case Drive) into additional sports fields.

### We will measure our success by:

- Improved drainage and condition of playing fields on Tulett Park
- Increased access to playing fields through the utilisation of adjacent land

### Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

## Demolition of the old caretaker's house at Burnside Park (340 Avonhead Road)

### Why this matters:

Local residents have expressed concern to the board regarding the council-owned house on Burnside Park. The house is in a derelict condition and has been empty for some time. The grounds surrounding the building are overgrown and full of rubbish. There are also concerns that the building is next to a children's playground and the current state of the property is attracting undesirable behaviour in the park.

### What the board will do:

The board will work with staff from the council's Parks Unit to progress the demolition of this building and the reinstatement of the site back to park land.

### We will measure our success by:

- House demolished and site tidied up

### Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓  
Healthy Environment ✓



# Community board funding

In Christchurch, community board funding is allocated to each board based on population and equity. The NZ Deprivation Index is the tool used to measure the equity portion of the allocation. The council uses the formula of 60% population and 40% equity when determining the allocations to each board.

The Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board has three funding schemes available for allocation each year and a total funding pool of **\$431,445**.

## Strengthening Communities Fund

An annual contestable funding round – opens in March/April each year. Provides funding for the period of 1 September to 30 August each year.

The purpose of this fund is to support community-focused organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in the Christchurch city area.

Successful organisations will be those which demonstrate they are sustainable, strategic, community-focused groups which have a significant presence within their community of benefit. Successful projects will also clearly demonstrate their contribution to the council's funding outcomes and priorities. Organisations must be able to demonstrate their ability to contribute towards their project(s) and not rely on council funding as their sole source of funding.

## Discretionary Response Fund

Open for applications all year – 1 July to 30 June.

The purpose of this fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.

Community board projects (events and awards) are also funded from this fund.

## Youth Development Fund

The purpose of the Youth Development Fund is to celebrate and support young people living in the Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board area by providing financial assistance for their development. The community board also seeks to acknowledge young people's effort, achievement and potential excellence in the community.

The community board will consider applications for the following activities:

- **Personal Development and Growth** - For example leadership training, career development, Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure, extra-curricular educational opportunities.
- **Representation at Events** - Applicants can apply for assistance if you have been selected to represent your school, team or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.

If you want to know more about the board's community funding, please contact either of the staff below:

- Community Development Advisor - 03 941 5326
- Community Recreation Advisor - 03 941 6729





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The Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board generally meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 4.30pm at the Fendalton Service Centre on Clyde Road. These meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the council's website at [ccc.govt.nz](http://ccc.govt.nz).

If you would like to speak at a board meeting please contact the Community Board Advisor on 03 941 6728.







