

Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton

Community Board Plan 2020–22

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From the Chair



On behalf of the Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board, I am proud to present our 2020–22 Community Board Plan.

Community board plans guide the board in prioritising its work in the community over the next few years. This plan has been shaped by conversations with our community and the priorities listed in the plan

reflect the issues that residents, community groups and Christchurch City Council staff have brought to our attention.

While the community board will continue to deal with any issue that comes to our attention, the board's plan prioritises the key outcomes that we wish to achieve over the next few years. I would like to thank everyone who gave feedback to help inform this plan.

It remains our focus to enhance the social, environmental and economic well-being of citizens in the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton wards. We are particularly mindful of the impacts of the increased development, intensification and population changes in the southwest areas of Christchurch and will continue to proactively address and respond to issues as they arise. Transport safety is always on our mind, so through this plan we will focus on children's safe journeys to and from our schools.

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. As such, the board acknowledges the difficult task ahead for our council in taking the city forward in these challenging times. As a Board, we were delighted to see how well the community responded throughout the lockdown period. We too need to need to be responsive to community needs as the world is changing around us.

A well connected community, who have confidence in the way decisions are made, is the very essence of community governance. With that in mind, your community board members are available as your first point of contact for any issues you feel require council attention.

We look forward to working for you and with you. Our endeavour as always, is for safe and prosperous local communities in which to live, work, play and enjoy.

Mike Mora, Chair

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 operating across 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

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

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

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

Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area

The geographic boundaries of the Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board wards cover approximately 100km² and includes the suburbs of Aidanfield, Halswell, Hoon Hay South, Kennedys Bush, Middleton, Westmorland, Wigram, Broomfield, Hornby, Islington, Hei Hei, Sockburn, Templeton, Yaldhurst, Ilam, Riccarton, and Upper Riccarton.

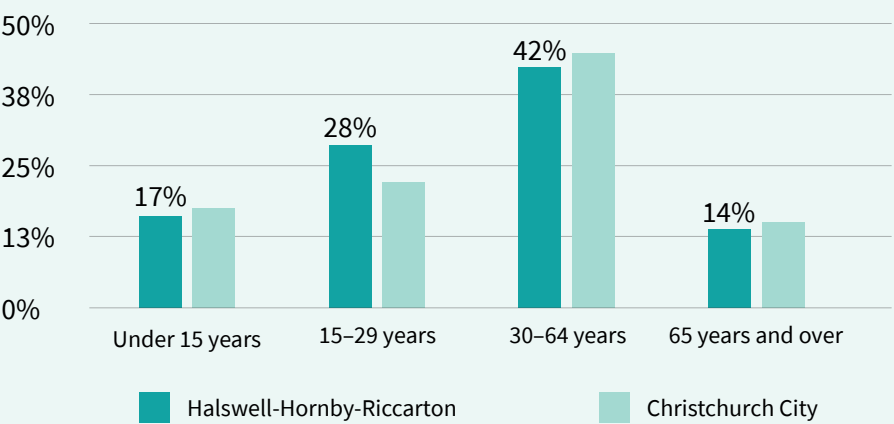
Demographic summary

(2018 census data)

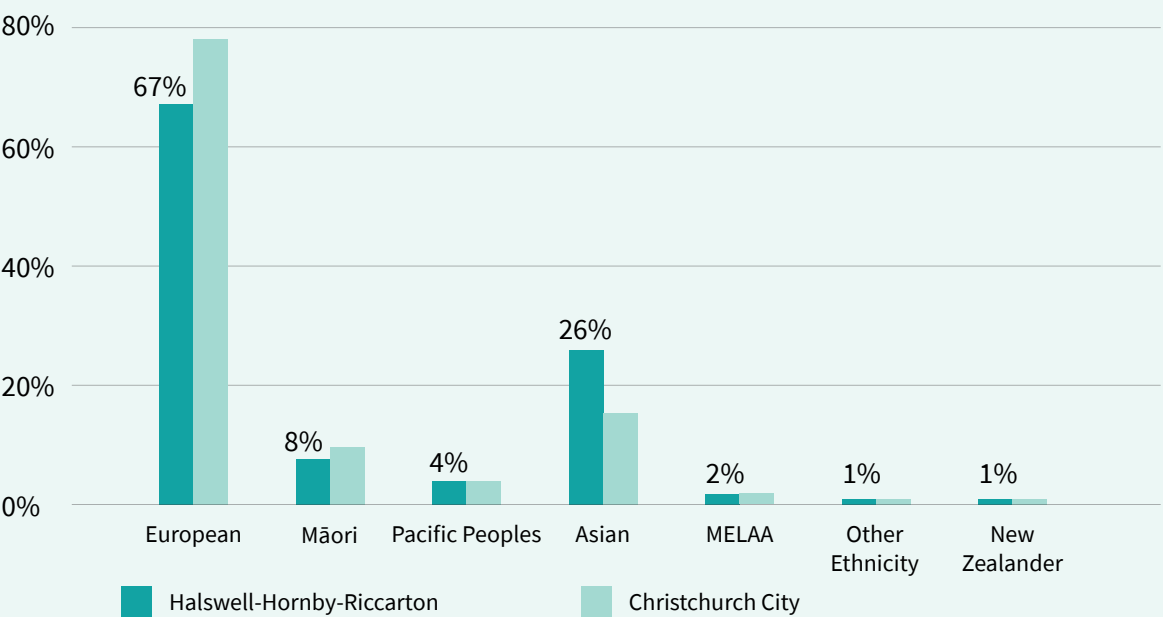
Population

The population within the geographic boundary is:
77,559

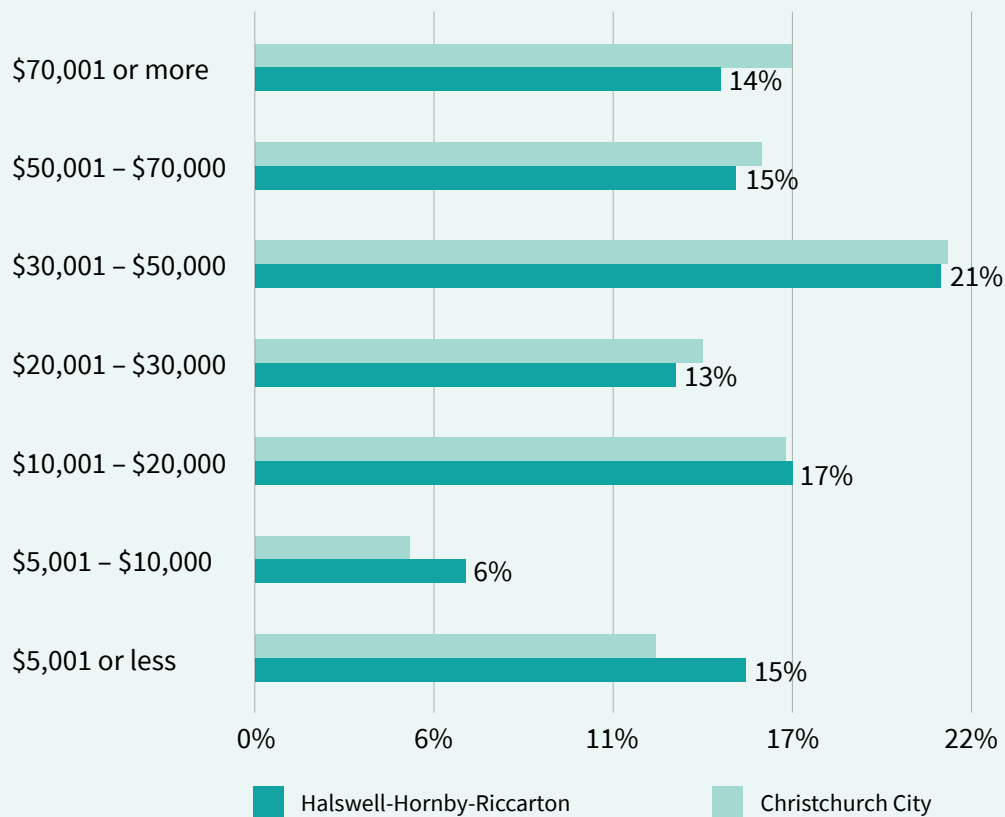
Age



Ethnicity



Personal Income



Facilities and Amenities

- 3 council libraries: Upper Riccarton, Halswell (Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre), Hornby
- Major sport and recreation facilities: Wharenui Recreation Centre and Pool, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre and Summer Pool, Templeton Summer Pool, Denton Park, Halswell Quarry, Riccarton Racecourse, Ruapuna Motorsport Park, Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub.
- 3 council service centres: Halswell, Hornby, Riccarton.
- 266 council parks: 2 regional parks, 230 local/community parks, 6 garden and heritage parks, 26 sports parks, 2 cemeteries.
- Major shopping centres: Westfield Riccarton, Hornby Hub, Bush Inn Centre and Church Corner, Tower Junction, Hornby Mega Centre, 'The Landing' in Wigram.
- 25 Schools: 13 primary, 1 intermediate, 5 secondary, 4 composite Year 1–13, 2 special.
- University of Canterbury, Southern Institute of Technology.
- Approximately 8,100 businesses employing 56,600 people – 24.8% of the city's work force work in the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton wards.

Dwellings

- Unoccupied private dwellings - 1,764
- Occupied dwellings - 26,226
- Dwellings under construction - 342
- Non-private dwellings - 144

Our vision



That the Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board provide opportunities for local communities and businesses to participate in decision-making to shape their community.



Vision statements

- That Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area is acknowledged as an area of high urban growth and intensification.
- It is important that the effects of this growth are managed with an holistic approach and by ensuring that existing and emerging communities are supported to be liveable, sustainable and accessible places in which to live.
- The ability for residents in the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton areas to be able to move around the ward safely and conveniently is essential.
- The board will continue to support active and public transport initiatives that impact our areas so that local communities have options in how they travel. A part of this approach is to investigate the possibility of providing 'park and ride' facilities to help reduce the number of cars on our local roads.
- The board will focus on children's safe journeys to and from schools and will initiate travel safety audits for schools in the wards as well as actively support measures of reducing speed limits in new subdivisions.
- We will also focus on those areas in the wards where traffic safety related issues need specific attention. Examples being heavy vehicle movements, traffic congestion and speed calming measures.
- The community board is mindful of, and will consider ways to support the council's commitment to being carbon neutral by 2045.
- People of all ages and abilities are able to access and enjoy our recreational areas, particularly play spaces.
- Communities in the Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area have the tools and resources to develop and foster positive community connections.
- The multicultural diversity is celebrated and supported, acknowledging the board's area as being the heart of multiculturalism in the city.
- Opportunities to participate in decision-making by local communities and businesses are increased through the active development of strong connections and relationships with the Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board. The board aim to foster community engagement and representation through encouraging groups such as Residents and/or Business Associations to actively engage with the board and council for the betterment of our communities.
- That the board continue to advocate for the completion of existing projects that the council has committed to in its annual and long term plans.
- In order to build and strengthen social cohesion, the board will continue to support community building and community connectedness initiatives through its Strengthening Communities funding.
- While the initiatives that are supported will have benefits for all our communities, the board will give priority to those projects that support those in the wards who are particularly vulnerable.



Our priorities

Local road network improvements in Halswell

Why this matters:

Residents in the Halswell ward have indicated a number of road network trouble spots with the community board and have requested that the board influences where it can, to find solutions to these issues.

Examples include, but are not limited to, Lodestar Avenue, Dunbars Road and Aidanfield Drive. Additionally, residents in Westmorland have asked for better connections to their surrounding areas by means other than by car.

It is essential that everyone is able to travel around their communities safely.

Pedestrians, cyclists and road users should feel safe using the road networks and have confidence that infrastructure is in place to ensure they are able to do so. Improving connections will provide the community with the ability to access work, study and play areas, as well as connecting them with others to create vibrant communities.

What the board will do:

- Request options be presented to improve the existing network for those areas identified by residents.
- Advocate for solutions, where they are found to be achievable, to be included in the council's work plan and through annual plan and long term plan processes.
- Initiate a safety audit around travel to and from school for Aidanfield Drive.

We will measure our success by:

- Identification of successful options to relieve known trouble spots.
- Budgets secured to implement improvements to the network.
- Network improvements included in the council's long term plan.
- Implementation of network improvement initiatives.

Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

Development and improvement of recreational spaces in Halswell to ensure accessibility and engagement for all users

Why this matters:

Halswell is a growing area that requires investment in the provision of positive recreation opportunities that enhance well-being, a sense of belonging, and which build social connectedness.

Recreational spaces should be accessible and engaging for all users; this includes appropriate play equipment, a variety of choice around activities and an engaging environment for users to enjoy as they undertake recreational activities.

Recreational spaces provide opportunities to socialise, connect, and stay active. Areas for development include, but are not limited to, accessible play spaces in Halswell Domain, examples being play equipment, sensory gardens, nature play and an adjustable basketball hoop, and the development of a fenced dog park in Halswell for example at the Carrs Road Reserve.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for the creation of a fenced dog park in the Halswell area.
- Advocate for the installation of accessible play equipment in Halswell Domain.

We will measure our success by:

- Option reports provided to the community board identifying sites for a fenced dog park.
- Budgets secured to implement improvements to the existing play equipment on Halswell Domain.
- Improvements to recreational spaces identified and included in the council's long term plan.
- Implementation of recreational space improvement initiatives.

Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities:

Resilient Communities ✓

Enhance community connectedness and perceptions of safety in Halswell

Why this matters:

Perceptions of community safety, whether they are real or perceived, impact on the way people feel and interact in their community.

Community safety is not just about injury prevention and crime prevention; it is about increasing well-being and building strong, cohesive, vibrant, participatory communities.

Community-led safety initiatives contribute to social connectedness, cultivate residents' sense of pride and local ownership, increase knowledge of local neighbours and increase the quality of life for those living in the community.

What the board will do:

- Identify ways to encourage and activate local neighbourhood champions and activators.
- Support community events that encourage neighbours to get to know each other and look to resource neighbourhood safety initiatives, while supporting local volunteers.
- Support the development of community-led initiatives that encourage and enable social connectivity and increase feelings of safety and wellbeing.
- Advocate for additional funding for safety initiatives.

We will measure our success by:

- An increase in the number of community events run by the community that build local connectedness.
- An increase in the number of people attending local community events.
- An increase in the number and size of Neighbourhood Support Groups and Community Patrol coverage in the Board's area.
- There is greater access to information about what is happening in local communities. Older adults have access to services and activities that improve their quality of life.
- A marked increase in the perception of safety in the Board's area is evidenced in the Quality of Life and Life in Christchurch surveys.
- An increase in the percentage of people who report a sense of pride in their community is evidenced in the Quality of Life and Life in Christchurch surveys.

Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities

Resilient Communities ✓ Resilient Communities ✓

Hornby Centre – Project delivery and increased budget

Why this matters:

The Hornby community have been anticipating the Hornby Centre (a new library and leisure centre complex) for a number of years. The Board recognise the importance of this project for the local community and is therefore prioritising the delivery of the Hornby Centre project as soon as is possible, no later than December 2022.

Given challenges faced by Council as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board recognises the importance of the project being delivered on budget. The Board is seeking a revision of the existing budget in order for escalation costs to be included, thus inflation proofing the facility as the original budget was set many years ago.

As the Hornby Centre is progressed, it is vital that safe and reliable linkages exist to enable safe passage to and from this important new venue, particularly for those using active transport modes. In addition, it will be important to ensure the wider Kyle Park infrastructure, environment and transport linkages are fully investigated, consulted, and/or developed, along with the surrounding areas (Denton Park, The Hub, Chalmers Street and Waterloo Road).

What the board will do:

- Advocate with Council, through the LTP process, for escalation costs to be applied to the existing Hornby Centre budget.
- Advocate for the completion of the project no later than December 2022.
- Support initiatives that seek to improve existing linkages.
- Advocate for the development of improved connection points.
- Ensure that budgets and concepts for an approved scheme are secured.
- Commit to a full community engagement and consultation process as part of this initiative.

We will measure our success by:

- An increased budget with escalation costs applied.
- A preferred option with community input is achieved.
- The community board has advocated for budget provision to be included in the council's long term plan

Community Outcomes:

Resilient communities ✓ Liveable city ✓
Prosperous economy ✓

Local Road Network Improvements in Hornby

Why this matters:

The ability for residents and businesses in the Hornby area to be able to move around the ward safely is essential.

The ongoing inefficiencies of the present Shands/Amyes/Springs/Awatea link need urgent attention. Localised spot flooding on this corridor can create traffic congestion that impacts on the functionality of the local and wider roading network.

In addition, the completion of the Halswell Junction Road extension remains a priority, along with optimizing the Waterloo Road corridor and its various concerns (including the Gilberthorpes/Parker/Waterloo intersection as well as the area in the vicinity of schools) ensuring that Waterloo Road is fit for purpose when the Hornby Library, Customer Services and Recreation and Sport Centre opens in 2022.

The Hornby Ward is a key crosspoint for several state highways so the importance of remedying network and infrastructure deficiencies is critical for the whole city.

What the board will do:

- Revisit the Christchurch Rolleston & Environs Transport Study (CRETS).
- Request an integrated traffic plan for Hornby and South Hornby.
- Request options to consider aimed at improving the existing road networks in those areas identified by the board and residents.
- Advocate for solutions, where they are found to be achievable, to be included in the council's work plan and through annual plan and long term plan processes.

We will measure our success by:

- Identification of successful options to relieve known trouble spots.
- Budgets secured to implement improvements to the network.
- Network improvements included in the council's long term plan.
- Implementation of these agreed network improvements.

Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓

Revitalisation of Sockburn assets

Why this matters:

Ten years on from the Canterbury earthquakes, the continual presence of the fenced-off areas of Sockburn does nothing to accelerate the forward momentum of the city, nor is it conducive to a sense of wellbeing for local residents and businesses.

Regeneration and revitalisation of the Sockburn area and council assets damaged following the 2010 earthquakes is important for the whole city as the area is a gateway into the city from the south.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for the funding needed for the demolition of the former Sockburn Service Centre and outbuildings, and consider options for the potential future use(s) of the whole site.
- Advocate for completion of the rehabilitation of Sockburn Park and its restoration for use by the local community, including an exploration of outdoor exercise and trail equipment to pilot in this part of Hornby (with a view to installing similar equipment in other parks if successful).

We will measure our success by:

- Demolition is completed of the former Sockburn Service Centre and surrounding buildings.
- Provision of options for the future use of the former Sockburn Service Centre site and Sockburn Park.
- Development of plans for the revitalisation of Sockburn Park.
- Budgets secured in the council's long term plan to realise these ambitions.

Community Outcomes:

Resilient Communities ✓ Liveable City ✓



Develop connections between the Al Noor Mosque, Hagley Park and surrounding communities to support community recovery

Why this matters:

Riccarton has a rich heritage, being the founding borough of Christchurch. It now is the most multicultural of all Christchurch wards with two major shopping centres and the University of Canterbury.

Communities within the area are coming under increasing pressure from traffic and intensification that is impacting their suburban nature and having an effect on residents. The Board actively supports residents experiencing these increasing pressures and will advocate strongly to Council to preserve existing communities.

The Al Noor Mosque and Buddhist Temple are situated in this community as well, as the Rewi Alley School. The Board wants to build stronger relationships with our multi-ethnic communities by developing connections between the Al Noor Mosque, Hagley Park and surrounding communities to support community recovery.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for the installation of safe crossing points in the annual plan and long term plan processes.
- Advocate for a regeneration and revitalisation programme for the Deans Avenue area that will assist in achieving a sense of healing.
- Allocate its funding to community initiatives that support connections within the affected communities.

We will measure our success by:

- Funding is identified for the installation of a safe crossing point.
- Identification and priority included in an urban regeneration plan for a Deans Avenue redevelopment programme.
- Successful delivery of community initiatives that support community recovery.
- Residents and community members using the local area report a greater sense of safety and community connection through surveys.

Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities:

Resilient Communities ✓ – Strong sense of community

Resilient Communities ✓ – Safe and healthy Communities

Liveable City ✓ – A well connected and accessible city promoting active and public transport

Future use of Upper Riccarton War Memorial Library site

Why this matters:

The Upper Riccarton War Memorial Library building is unsafe with the area around it becoming an eyesore.

The remediation of the building is beyond the resources of the library's Trust Board, as such, council assistance is essential to make the area safe as well as preserving the historical significance of the site.

What the board will do:

- Request options to consider the future of the building and/or site.
- Advocate for a decision on the future use of the building and/or site that will recognize and honour the memorial values of the site and the Upper Riccarton War Memorial Library Trust.

We will measure our success by:

- An options report is provided where the future use of the site is identified which recognizes and honours the memorial values of the property.
- A council decision is made on the future form of the site.

Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities:

Resilient Communities ✓ – Safe and healthy Communities

Resilient Communities ✓ – Celebration of our identity through arts, culture, heritage, sport and recreation

Complete the Bradshaw Terrace Street renewal

Why this matters:

Investing in the repair of this street that has had its scheduled renewal deferred since 2010 is critical to guard against further deterioration of the road asset.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for the inclusion of the completion of the Bradshaw Terrace street renewal programme in the council's planning processes.

We will measure our success by:

- Bradshaw Terrace street renewal is reinstated in the long term plan for completion in the near future.

Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities:

Resilient Communities ✓ – Safe and healthy Communities

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 community board has three funding schemes available for allocation each year and a total funding pool of **\$570,393**.

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 Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton 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.

Off the Ground Fund

The community board established its Off the Ground Fund to provide small funding allocations (up to \$400) to enable individuals and groups to progress small local projects. Project examples include the initiation of a community art group in Hei Hei and the graffiti coating of a community painted mural in Riccarton.

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

- Community development advisor - 03 941 6502
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The Waipuna/Hornsby-Halswell-Riccarton Community Board generally meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 4pm at the Rārākau Riccarton Centre. 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.

If you would like to speak at a board meeting, please contact the community board advisor on 03 941 6501.





