

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood
**Community Board
Plan 2026-28**



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From the Chair

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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.

The Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board covers most of the east side of Christchurch. This plan is our second Community Board Plan and follows on from the first. It is a 'living document' and is by no means exhaustive nor comprehensive. It is, much like the work of becoming a community, always going to be a work in progress. We have struck a balance of quick wins and longer term goals. Once the quick wins are completed, we will escalate the next priority.

This iteration of our plan was produced through collaborative workshops between board members and Council staff, from feedback and engagement with our local communities, and submissions on the draft plan.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the process of making this plan together, especially to those who took the time to make a submission.

From basic infrastructure to the health of our environment, socio-economic inequality, and the safety of our citizens, the East faces some big challenges. There are still many things left incomplete and undone since the earthquakes. The board is very conscious of all this and will continue to advocate strongly for our community to ensure they are heard in Council planning, budgeting, and engagement processes.

What we ask of you, the reader and citizen of the East, is that you hold us to this plan and that you tell us if we fall short and perhaps, if we are fortunate, you also tell us if we have done well. For our part, we will do our very best to honour the role you have elected us to.



Paul McMahon, Chairperson

About community boards and our plans

Community boards carry out functions and exercise powers delegated to them by their councils.

There are six 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.

Te Haumako Te Whitingia

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy

In 2022, the Council reflected on the 2007 Strengthening Communities Strategy, which made it clear that people value diversity, collaboration, being connected and building capability for the future.

We cannot address the many complex social issues that face our city on our own but can help to develop and nurture networks and bring resources and people together so that collectively we can achieve more.

We know that communities want us to focus more on impact and outcomes, with more emphasis on collaboration and partnership. They want transparency and accountability with measurable goals and actions so we know what's working and what isn't.

We believe this refreshed strategy delivers on this.

The strategy has been organised around four pillars that set out the Council's commitment to working alongside the community over the next ten years.

Strategy Pillars



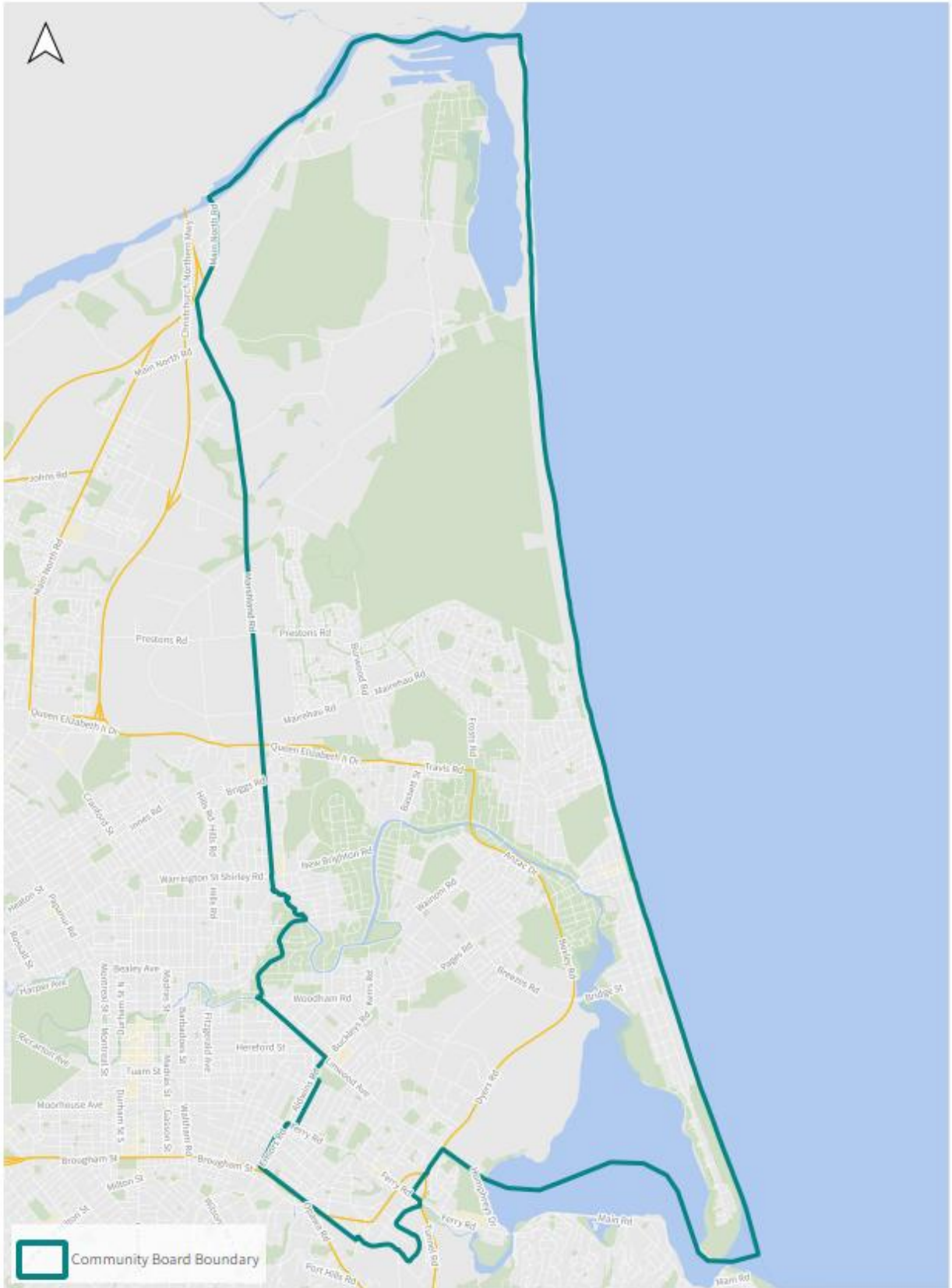
The Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board is committed to working alongside our local communities to achieve the goals of the strategy. The four pillars above guide us in our decision-making and advocacy on behalf of our residents.

You can view a copy of the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy on the Council's website [here](#).

(ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/strengthening-communities-together-strategy)



Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board area



Key statistics



This section provides an overview of key statistics for the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board area. Please note all figures are sourced from the 2023 Census of Population and Dwellings.



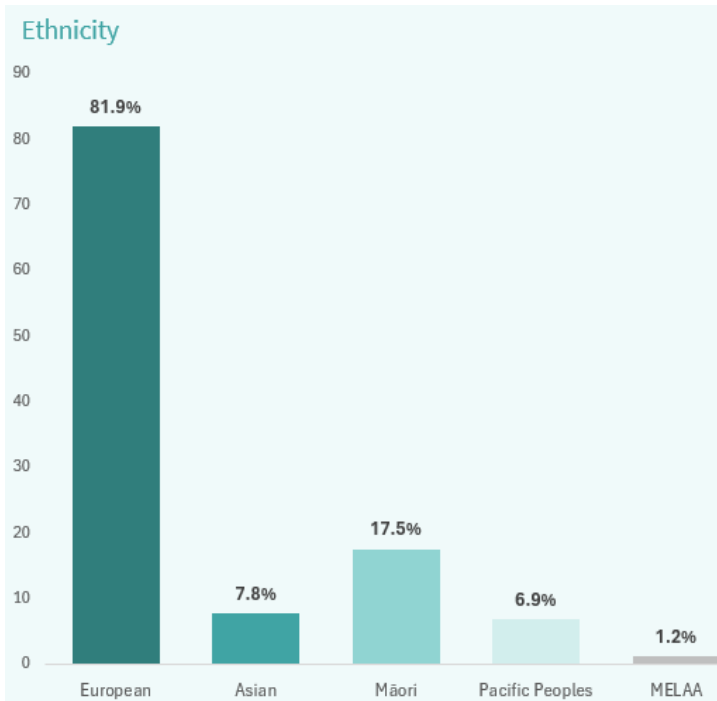
Population:
74,679



Median age:
38.6 years



Median personal income:
\$39,000



Occupied private dwellings:

29,067



Unoccupied private dwellings:

1,815



Household access to internet:

88.9%



Rented dwellings:

30.8%



Born overseas:

18.9%

Key Facilities and Amenities

- 5 Council libraries: Parklands, New Brighton, Aranui, Shirley, Linwood
- 2 Council service centres: Shirley, Linwood
- 239 Council parks (3,400 hectares)
- 25 schools: 18 primary, 1 intermediate, 3 secondary, 2 composite (year 1-13), 1 special
- 1 public hospital: Burwood
- 1 Marae: Ngā Hau e Whā
- Approximately 5,145 businesses employing 18,201 people (Feb 2024)
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Spencer Park, Bottle Lake Forest, Adrenalin Forest, Travis Wetland, Cowles Stadium, Rawhiti Domain, Multiple golf clubs, Eastern coastal beaches, Taiora QEII, Te Pou Toetoe and Christchurch School of Gymnastics
- Main shopping centres and precincts: Shirley/The Palms, Aranui, Parklands, New Brighton Mall, Linwood/Eastgate, Woolston, The Tannery.

Our vision

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Waitai woven together through positive connection, participation and belonging.

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Vision statements

As your elected representatives, the board will work in partnership with our diverse local communities to achieve the following:

- Support community groups with cost of living challenges by opposing increases to user charges, opposing strategic asset sales, supporting living wage extension to all contractors and grant fund recipients, and supporting an increase in Strengthening Communities Funding through the Long Term Plan.
- Ensure the views, interests, needs and aspirations of residents are effectively represented and advocated for.
- The board has an open and transparent decision making process which residents can participate and engage in.
- Working with the Council to improve early and meaningful engagement with our diverse communities, including rangatahi Māori, Pacific, Asian, Indian and marginalised youth.
- The undertaking of initiatives to protect, maintain, and enhance the local environment, plan and prepare for natural hazards and climate change.
- In addition to our priority projects identified in this plan, the board will continue work with our community and Council staff to address issues as they arise throughout the Board term.



Our priorities

Support a new Marshland Community Centre

Why this matters

The wider community has identified a need for new community-led facility in the Burwood Ward and expressed this view strongly to the previous two community boards. Following the earthquakes, the Marshland area has seen significant growth and a facility will provide a space for the community to come together.

What the board will do:

- Review the outcome of the feasibility study and work with the community and staff on the next steps.
- Support meaningful community engagement to help shape the preferred location, scope and future operation of the facility.
- Advocate through the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes for funding to be brought forward so the project can progress sooner.

We will measure our success by:

- A preferred option for the facility has been identified through the feasibility and engagement process.
- Funding for the project is brought forward or confirmed in the Long Term Plan.
- Detailed design work for the facility has been completed.

Reutilisation of the Smith Street Service Centre

Why this matters

The community has provided feedback that the future use of the former Smith Street Service Centre should be reconsidered so the site can better meet local needs. Given the close proximity to Te Pou Toetoe, the site presents an opportunity to explore how it could contribute more effectively to community connection, wellbeing and local activity.

The board wants to work with the community to understand the most appropriate future use of the site before any decisions are made.

What the board will do:

- Support a feasibility study to identify and assess future options for the site.
- Support meaningful engagement with community to discuss options for the future use of the site.
- Advocate during the annual and long term plan for funding to support the community's aspirations once known.

We will measure our success by:

- A feasibility study for the site has been completed.
- Community engagement on future options for the site has been undertaken.

Reutilisation of the Bromley Composting Site for Community

Why this matters

The community has long suffered the effects of the organics processing plant and the community board recognise this. With the existing plant planned to close fully in early 2028, there is an important opportunity to begin thinking ahead about how the land could be reused in a way that responds to community needs and supports local recovery. Early engagement will be important so that nearby residents and stakeholders can help shape future options for the site, rather than decisions being made without the community's voice.

What the board will do:

- Continue to advocate for clear and regular communication with the community during construction of the new facility and the decommissioning of the existing plant.
- Support early engagement with the community on potential future uses of the land.

We will measure our success by:

- The community is kept informed throughout the transition, including construction and decommissioning milestones.
- Community engagement on future use of the site has been undertaken.
- A set of future re-use options for the land has been identified and reported back to the community.



Our priorities

Burwood / Mairehau Intersection Improvements

Why this matters

Improvements to the Burwood Road / Mairehau Road intersection have been under consideration for a number of years. The intersection currently provides a poor level of service for people who walk and cycle, and there is strong community support for safety improvements that improve access and reduce risk for vulnerable road users.

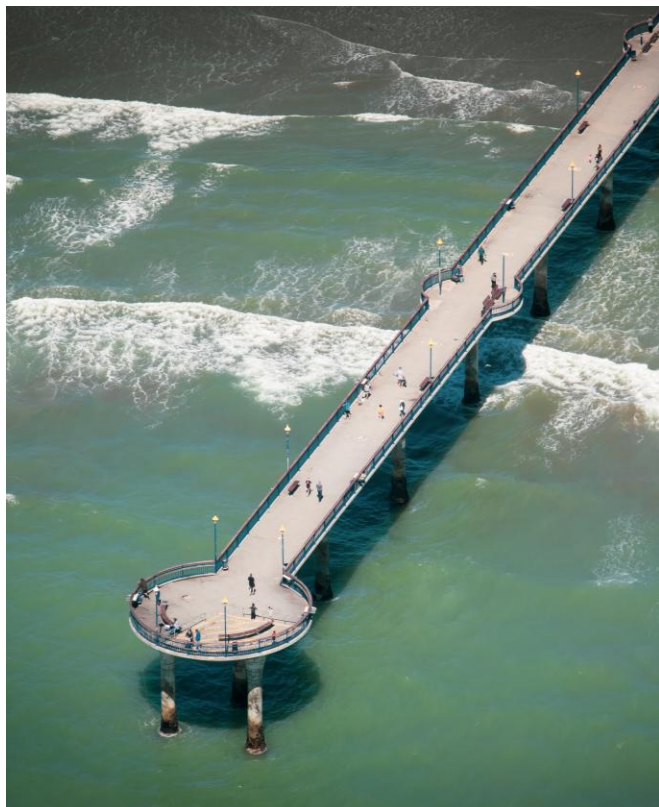
The Board has previously requested that this intersection be signalised rather than delivered as a roundabout, reflecting its view that a signalised solution would provide a better safety and access outcome in this location.

What the board will do:

- Advocate through the Annual and Long Term Plan processes for funding for the signalised intersection.

We will measure our success by:

- Funding for the signalised intersection is secured.
- The installation of a signalised intersection in this location.



Support Resilience Planning

Why this matters

The Waitai area is likely to be one of the most affected parts of the city in the event of major emergencies, including tsunami, flooding, coastal hazards and earthquakes. It is also a community that is likely to be severely impacted should one of these events occur in the area.

Supporting resilience planning is important not only for emergency response, but also for helping communities stay connected, informed and better prepared for future challenges.

What the board will do:

- Continue to support the community to develop an integrated response plan for tsunami threats to the city.
- Continue to support the community in the development of local community response plans across the board area.
- Advocate for and support community through the Plan Change – Coastal Hazards Plan Change process.
- Support initiatives that strengthen community connection, communication and local readiness in the event of emergencies.

We will measure our success by:

- Preparing a Board submission on Plan Change 12.
- The number of completed community resilience plans in the area has increased.
- Progress has been made on the citywide tsunami response planning work affecting Waitai.

Our priorities

Rawhiti School Minor Safety Improvements

Why this matters

Local schools and families have raised ongoing concerns about the safety of children travelling to Rawhiti Primary School, Avonside Girls' High School, Shirley Boys' High School and the local playschool. Community feedback highlights repeated near misses, congestion at peak times, and a lack of safe crossing points for children walking, cycling and scootering to and from school. Improvements are needed on local roads including Leaver Terrace, Grantley Street North, Bowhill Road, Rookwood Avenue and Keyes Road to improve safety, connectivity and accessibility for tamariki and whānau.

What the board will do:

- Advocate through the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes for funding to improve safety on the surrounding roads.
- Continue to represent the concerns of schools, parents and local residents about safety, congestion and accessibility in this area.
- Support consideration of improvements such as safer crossing points and other changes that make it easier for children to walk, cycle and scooter to school.

We will measure our success by:

- Funding is secured for safety improvements in this area.
- A programme and timeframe for delivery of the improvements is confirmed.
- Progress is made on safety improvements on the key surrounding roads and crossings.

North Beach Car Park and Freedom Camping Issues

Why this matters

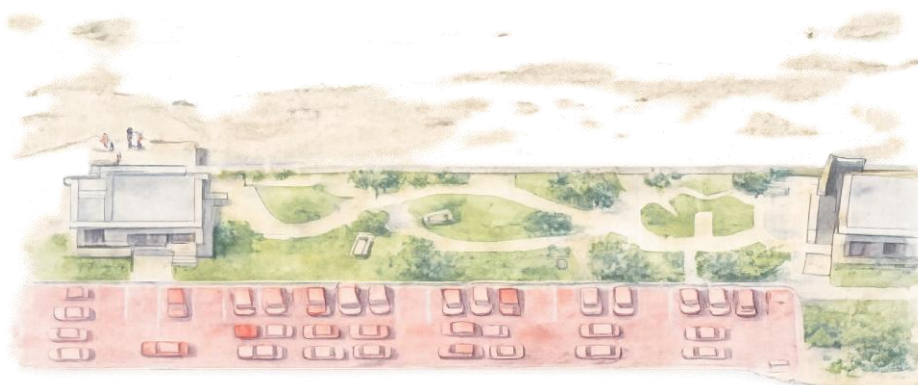
The community has regularly raised concerns about North Beach Car Park, including access to the beach, access to nearby community facilities, safety, congestion and the impact of freedom camping on local use of the area. This is a well-used coastal location for families, surfers, walkers and other visitors, and the community has been clear that the car park needs to better serve local residents and users. The Board has also heard strong concerns about the wider amenity impacts associated with freedom camping in this location, including pressure on parking, public facilities and the surrounding environment.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for funding to upgrade North Beach Car Park to improve layout, safety, accessibility and connections to the beach, nearby facilities and the new pathway.
- Advocate for improved public amenities and higher levels of service in the area, including monitoring, cleaning, maintenance and enforcement where appropriate.
- Advocate for practical non-regulatory measures that better manage freedom camping and reduce its negative impacts on the local community.
- Advocate for investigation of alternative locations where freedom camping could be more appropriately supported.
- Advocate to local MPs and Ministers for legislative change to better enable councils to manage freedom camping in residential areas and community facility car parks.

We will measure our success by:

- Funding for North Beach Car Park improvements is secured or programmed.
- A preferred upgrade option for the car park and surrounding area has been identified.
- Practical measures to improve management of freedom camping impacts in the area have been implemented or formally progressed.



Our priorities

Wainoni Park Lighting Upgrades

Why this matters

Wainoni Park is an important community and recreation space, and the 2005 Wainoni Park Masterplan is currently being refreshed with the Board to guide future improvements.

Through consultation, the Board has heard strong support for improved lighting at the park, particularly from local sports users and families who say the current lighting is inadequate for evening use and affects both visibility and confidence in using the park safely.

What the board will do:

- Engage with the community on the refresh of the Wainoni Park Masterplan and future amenity priorities for the park.
- Support a lighting assessment, including CPTED input, to help determine the most appropriate lighting and safety improvements for Wainoni Park.
- Consider options for both general park lighting and sports field lighting, alongside other amenity and safety improvements identified through the assessment process.

We will measure our success by:

- The Wainoni Park Masterplan refresh has been completed.
- A lighting assessment, including CPTED advice, has been undertaken for the park.
- A preferred package of lighting and related safety improvements has been identified.
- Funding is secured or programmed for agreed lighting and safety improvements at Wainoni Park.

New Brighton Mall

Why this matters

New Brighton Mall is the commercial and community heart of the coastal area and plays an important role as a gathering place for residents and visitors. The community has been clear that continued progress is important to support regeneration, improve public spaces, strengthen pedestrian and public transport connections, and encourage economic activity. This will help build on existing momentum and strengthen New Brighton as a vibrant, welcoming and accessible coastal centre.

What the board will do:

- Support completion of outstanding Master Plan elements, including the Oram Avenue extension, streetscape upgrades to Beresford Street and Hawke Street, a bus interchange, upgraded public toilet facilities, and improved pedestrian connections.
- Work with Council, the business association, property owners and the community to progress funding and delivery.
- Work with property owners to encourage action on derelict and barrier sites, including advocating for coordinated improvements to the Hawke Street car park area.
- Advocate for improved amenities and activation in the mall area to enhance safety, accessibility and public perception.

We will measure our success by:

- Progress is made on key public realm improvements, including streetscape works, pedestrian connections, public amenities or transport infrastructure.
- Council has engaged with property owners on priority derelict or barrier sites, including the Hawke Street car park area.
- Improved amenities or activation projects have been delivered to enhance safety, accessibility and the experience of the mall.



Community board funding

In Christchurch, Community Board funding is allocated to each Community Board based on population and equity. The NZ Deprivation Index is the tool used to measure the equity portion of the allocation. The Council resolved to use the formula of 60% population and 40% equity when determining the allocations to each Board.

The Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board has three key funds available for allocation each year:

Strengthening Communities Fund

An annual contestable round - opens in May 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 who demonstrate they are sustainable, strategic, community-focused groups who have a significant presence within their community of benefit. Successful projects will also clearly demonstrate their contribution to the Council funding outcomes and priorities.

Discretionary Response Fund

Open for applications all year - 1 July to 30 June (or when the fund is fully spent).

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 Coastal-Burwood-Linwood 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 they have been selected to represent their school, team, club or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.

Koru Fund

The Koru Fund would be a funding avenue from which community can access up to \$500 to help fund a project or initiative, removing the barrier of a more official and lengthy application process. The process involves a simple one page application form which included a few details on what the idea was about. This then gets processed and e-mailed to three elected members of the community board for approval. A two day turn-around from submitting the application to getting approval would enable community to get started straight away on making their idea happen and allows Council staff to be more flexible and responsive to issues that arise in the ward area.

If you would like to know more about the board's community funding, please contact any of the staff below:

- Rory Crawford - Community Development Advisor (Primarily Burwood/Linwood) rory.crawford@ccc.govt.nz
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- Jacqui Miller - Community Recreation Advisor jacqui.miller@ccc.govt.nz

Capital Programme Watch List

The Community Board acknowledges that there are many projects that are important to our communities. In the Board Planning process we are limited in the number of “priorities” that we can promote – this is to ensure they have the best chance of being achieved.

This next section includes a list of priority projects that we have previously advocated for and will continue to support in the Annual and Long Term Planning processes. A full list of capital projects in our board area can be found here (<https://ccc.orbviz.com/bubbles/draft-annual-plan-2026>).

- **Southshore Estuary Edge Project**
- **Pages Road Bridge**
- **Bromley Roads Project**
- **QEII Park Development**
- **Bexley Park Development**
- **Linwood Park Concept Plan**
- **Wyon and Hulbert Streets Renewal**
- **Hay Street Renewal - Linwood North to McGregors**

Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Community Board acknowledges that the issues related to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, primarily the stench, has had a significant impact on the local community. The Community Board also highlights that whilst the plant is located in the Waitai area, it is important infrastructure of metropolitan significance and should receive resourcing to support this.

By making this one of the nine priorities during the last term, the Community Board provided significant resource to support the community and has advocated strongly for mitigations to be put in place. A dedicated resource has now been appointed to manage the community response to this issue and so the Board are not including this as one of the priorities this term. Regardless of this, the Board will continue to advocate just as strongly on behalf of the community on this issue until the new Waste Water Treatment Plant is operational.

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The Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board generally meets on the second Monday of each month at 4pm at the Board Room on the Corner of Union and Beresford Streets, New Brighton. These meetings are open to the public and live-streamed on our YouTube channel [here](https://www.youtube.com/@waitaicoastal-burwood-linw3626). (<https://www.youtube.com/@waitaicoastal-burwood-linw3626>)

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 6547.

