Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton

Community Board Plan 2026–28



Upper Riccarton Memorial Park

Christchurch City Council

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From the Chair



On behalf of the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board Community Board, I am proud to present our 2026-2028 Community Board Plan.

Community board plans are intended to guide the board's work in and on behalf of the community over the next few years.

Development of this plan included community consultation on a draft plan with changes to the plan made in response to feedback received. I would like to thank everyone who gave feedback to inform this plan.

The matters listed as priorities in the plan reflect the things that residents, community groups and Christchurch City Council staff identified as key projects requiring recognition and progress over the next three years.

In addition to focussing on the projects identified in this plan, the Board will continue to support and advocate for the many ongoing and upcoming projects that respond to local needs and issues and is committed to encouraging and supporting local communities to attain their own visions for their communities, where appropriate.

It remains the Board's focus to enhance the social, environmental and economic well-being of citizens in the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area. The Board is conscious 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.

The Board is equally conscious of the impact that rates rises have on residents and favours prudent spending that prioritises key infrastructure over 'nice to haves'.

The Board is confident that by working alongside our hardworking and engaged local communities our mutual visions for thriving, connected and inclusive communities can be achieved.



Marie Pollisco, 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

Te Tāngata **People**	Whenua **Place**	Te Mahi **Participation**	Te Takatū **Preparedness**
Actively promote a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.	Support and help build connections between communities to foster a sense of local identity, shared experience and stewardship.	Residents and groups in the wider community are socially and actively engaged and able to initiate and influence decisions affecting their lives.	People feel safe in their communities and neighbourhoods and work together to understand, adapt and thrive in the context of change and disruption.

The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton 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)

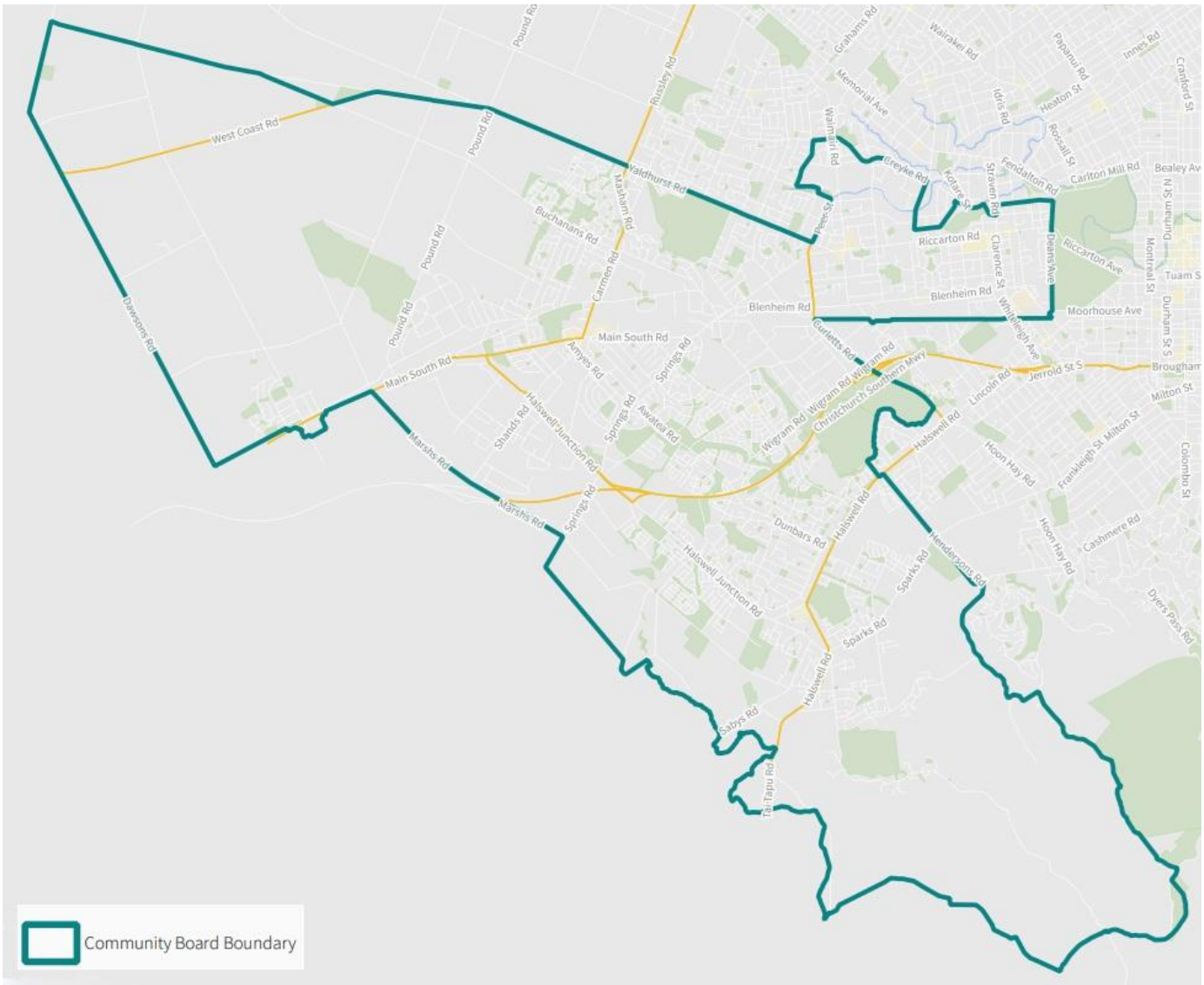


Hello Hornby Community Day



Toy Library Open Day - Halswell

Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area





Matatiki Nature Play Area - Hornby



Riccarton Street Party

Key statistics

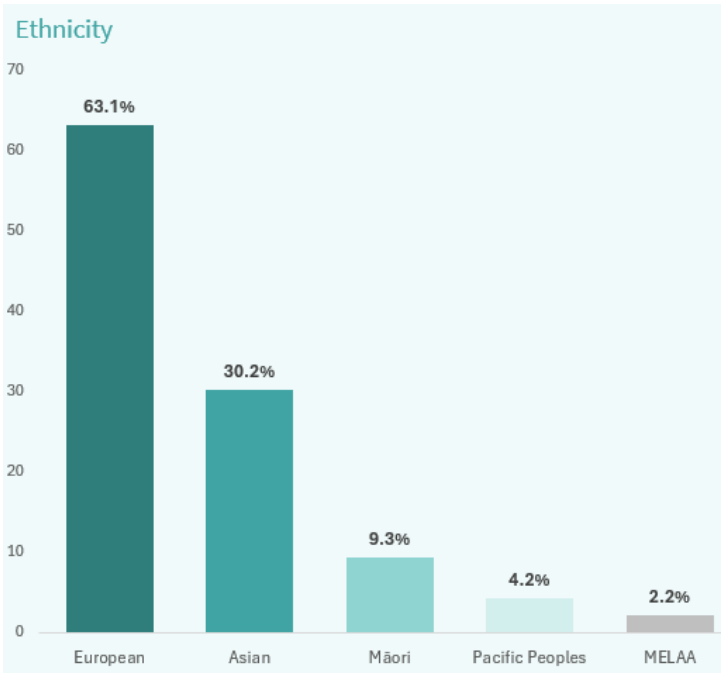


This section provides an overview of key statistics for the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area. Please note all figures are sourced from the 2023 Census of Population and Dwellings.

Population:
80,661

Median age:
34.6 years

Median personal income:
$39,000



Occupied private dwellings:
27,186

Unoccupied private dwellings:
1,677



Household access to internet:
91.8%



Rented dwellings:
35.9%



Born overseas:
35.6%

Key Facilities and Amenities

- 3 Council libraries: Te Hāpua Halswell Centre, Upper Riccarton Library and Matatiki Hornby Centre Library
- 3 Council service centres: Matatiki Hornby Centre, Rārākau: Riccarton Centre and Te Hāpua Halswell Centre
- 353 Council Reserves (853 hectares)
- 28 schools: 20 primary, 1 intermediate, 4 secondary, 2 composite (Year 1-13), 1 special
- 8 Industrial Parks: Waterloo Business, Innovation, Yaldhurst, Wigram, Glassworks, Hornby, Mandeville, Sockburn
- 4 cemeteries – 1 Council (Yaldhurst), 3 church owned (Halswell, Templeton, Upper Riccarton)
- Approximately 9,333 businesses employing 60,471 people (2024)
- Canterbury University
- 2 Corrections Residential Facilities – Christchurch Men's and Christchurch Women's Prisons
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Canterbury Agricultural Park, Denton Park, Halswell Domain, Halswell Quarry Park, Ngā Puna Wai Sports Park, Riccarton House and Bush, Riccarton Racecourse, Ruapuna Motorsport Park
- Retail Precincts: Bush Inn Shopping Centre, Dressmart Shopping Centre, The Hub Shopping Centre, The Landing Shopping Centre, Tower Junction Shopping Centre, Westfield Riccarton, retail precincts in Church Corner, Halswell and along Riccarton, Main South, Carmen and Blenheim Roads
- Major tourist attractions: Airforce Museum, Halswell Quarry Park, Kate Sheppard House, Riccarton House and Bush
- Heritage sites: three Ngā Tūranga Tūpuna, 26 significant heritage sites, eight war memorial sites

Our vision

> The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board is committed to creating a thriving, connected and inclusive community, where sustainability and the well-being of residents are a priority.

Vision statements

The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board values:

- A strong local identity that embraces multiculturalism, fostering a vibrant and inclusive environment.
- A community where the views, interests, needs and aspirations of all residents are at the heart of the board's decision-making.
- A decision-making process that is open and transparent, enabling residents to understand and engage in the process.
- A safe, accessible and sustainable transport network providing efficient mobility within and beyond our area.
- Prioritising the safety and well-being of all community members, with a strong sense of community connections.
- Developing a connected board area that provides high-quality and thriving public spaces and inclusive access to parks, green spaces and community facilities.
- The physical, social, and emotional well-being of all residents by fostering a range of activities that bring people together.
- Equitable access to safe chlorine free drinking water in the southwest of the city.
- Working collaboratively with stakeholders and local organisations to create an inclusive and safe community.
- That communities within the Board Area have their own visions for their communities and is committed to encouraging and supporting the attainment of these visions where appropriate.

Our Community Board area is experiencing high residential growth. Riccarton and Hornby through government directed intensification and Halswell through planned subdivision. The Board previously committed to supporting residents in the board area who have concerns about the implications of Plan Change 14 *(Housing and Business Choice)* on the livability of their neighbourhoods. Now that this has come into effect, the board remains committed to supporting residents with these changes.

The board will continue to advocate for clear and accessible information and community centred future planning, so residents feel informed and supported as our area develops. Together we will help ensure that increased density is matched with infrastructure, services and a sense of place that make Halswell, Hornby, Riccarton a great community to live, work and connect in.

In addition to focusing on the projects identified in this plan, the Board will continue to respond to local needs and issues as they arise including advocating strongly through submissions to the Council's Annual Plan and Long Term Plan on-budgets for road, footpath and park maintenance.

Priorities

The projects outlined below have been identified as requiring community board support to progress. Other important work will continue to be delivered through existing programmes. While not detailed in this plan, the board will continue to advocate for these.

Cashmere Road Renewal between Sutherlands Road and the Halswell Quarry

Why this matters

The section of Cashmere Road between Sutherlands Road and the Halswell Quarry carries high traffic volumes, supports a variety of road users and experiences notable wear. Renewal is required to improve safety, accessibility and transport flow while supporting the area's recreational and environmental values.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for the renewal of Cashmere Road between Sutherlands Road and the Halswell Quarry, including footpath provision.
- Request staff investigation into design options, safety benefits and timing.
- Advocate for funding for this project through the Long-Term Plan.

We will measure our success by:

- Securing funding for the Cashmere Road renewal through the Long-Term Plan.
- Receiving staff advice on upgrade options and feasibility.
- Advocate for funding for this project through the Long-Term Plan.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:
People ✓ Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

Dunbars Road Renewal

Why this matters

Dunbars Road requires renewal to improve safety, accessibility and resilience. Its current condition presents ongoing maintenance challenges and does not adequately support existing or future use. Upgrading the road will enhance safety for all road users and ensure the corridor can meet the needs of a growing community.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for prioritisation of the Dunbars Road renewal project in the Long Term Plan, including ensuring the necessary development contributions can be collected.
- Request updates from staff on the project's scope, timing and funding requirements.
- Ensure the renewal incorporates community feedback and supports safe, accessible movement for all road users.

We will measure our success by:

- Securing funding for the Dunbars Road renewal through the LTP, including confirmation of its inclusion and timing.
- Development contributions being allocated or forecast to support the upgrade.

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Advocate for signal lights at the Halswell Junction Road / Nicholls Road Intersection

Why this matters

The Halswell Junction Road / Nicholls Road intersection experiences high vehicle volumes, rapid residential growth and turning movements that create significant safety risks. Installing traffic signals will improve safety, reduce congestion, and support more predictable and reliable travel for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for installation of traffic signals at the Halswell Junction Road / Nicholls Road intersection.
- Request staff investigate and report back to the board design options, safety benefits and timing.
- Advocate for funding for this project through the LTP.
- Advocate for inclusion of this project in the LTP so that necessary development dontributions can be collected.

We will measure our success by:

- Securing funding for traffic signal installation through the LTP.
- Receiving staff advice on upgrade options and feasibility.
- Development contributions being allocated or forecast to support the project.

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Family Fun Day - Halswell

Support the Hornby MenzShed to Secure a Permanent Home

Why this matters

The Hornby MenzShed provides valuable social, practical and wellbeing benefits for local residents, offering a space where people can connect, share skills, and contribute to community projects. However, the group does not currently have a stable, permanent location to operate from, limiting its capacity to grow and support the community. Securing a long term home, potentially at Wycola Park would strengthen the group's ability to deliver its programmes and enhance community connection in Hornby.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for the Hornby MenzShed to be supported in securing a permanent, fit for purpose location, including exploring the suitability of Wycola Park.
- Request staff investigate site options, feasibility, and any associated facility requirements.
- Support funding opportunities, partnerships and Council processes that enable the establishment of a long term home for the MenzShed.

We will measure our success by:

- Identification of a viable site for the Hornby MenzShed, including assessment of Wycola Park.
- Confirmation that the MenzShed has an agreed pathway toward establishing a stable operational base.

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Fit for purpose Community Facilties and Parks

Why this matters

Hornby is a growing, diverse and community minded area, so it is important that the places where people gather, play and connect receive ongoing investment to keep pace with the residents needs. Continuing to enhance our parks, neighbourhood spaces and community-led facilities will support wellbeing, strengthen local identify and ensure Hornby remains a vibrant, welcoming place for all ages. Upgrading key spaces such as Denton Park, Kyle Park, Wycola Park and Templeton Domain, alongside supporting essential community hubs like the Hornby Community Care Centre and 126 on the Corner, will help create a stronger network of places where people can meet, participate and belong.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for ongoing improvements and activation of parks and community amenities across Hornby- with a focus on Denton Park, Kyle Park, Wycola Park, Branston Park and Templeton Domain, including enhancements to toilet facilities, amenities and tree canopy cover.
- Support organisations to operate and activate community facilities.
- Encourage and support opportunities for community partnership to increase the activation of community spaces in Hornby.

We will measure our success by:

- Local parks and community facilities are well maintained and updated and LTP funding for ongoing maintenance and upgrade is secured.
- Increase in facilities available to organisations for community use.
- Increased activation, use, and community participation in community spaces.

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Hornby – Transport Improvements

Why this matters

Hornby is experiencing significant residential and commercial growth, resulting in increased traffic volumes, pressure of key intersections, gaps in pedestrian infrastructure, and safety challenges around schools. A coordinated programme of transport upgrades is needed to improve safety, accessibility and network efficiency, ensuring the transport network meets the needs of current and future residents.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for the continued progress of the Amyes Road Renewal.
- Advocate for additional budget in the Long Term Plan for the Awatea/Springs/Amyes intersection upgrade.
- Advocate for construction of missing footpaths at key locations, including Springs Road, Awatea Road and Steadman Road.
- Advocate for a pedestrian link between the Hornby Mega Centre and Hornby Hub on Main South Road.
- Advocate for Safer School Crossings at Hornby schools, including St Bernadettes School, Hornby High School and Gilberthorpe School.

We will measure our success by:

- Securing LTP funding for Hornby transport priority projects.
- Delivery or clear progress on design and construction for key projects.

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Matatiki Centre- Hornby



Westlake Reserve Service Day

Central Riccarton Revitalisation

Why this matters

Riccarton is a busy urban centre that serves as a key commercial and social hub for the wider community. However, parts of the Riccarton CBD would benefit from revitalisation to improve safety, walkability, vibrancy, and the overall experience for residents, visitors and businesses. Investing in streetscape enhancements, accessibility, and urban amenity will strengthen Riccarton's identity and support local economic activity.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for improvements that enhance safety, accessibility, and vibrancy within the Riccarton CBD.
- Support initiatives that strengthen the commercial environment and public spaces.
- Work with staff, local businesses, and community groups to identify opportunities for urban renewal and activation.
- Advocate for funding through the LTP or other Council programmes to deliver revitalisation projects.

We will measure our success by:

- Progress on streetscape and amenity improvements within the Riccarton CBD.
- Increased activation, vibrancy, and community use of public spaces.
- Securing funding within the LTP for revitalisation-related projects.

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Smarter Transport: Traffic Optimisation

Why this matters

Riccarton is one of the busiest transport corridors in the western city area, with high traffic volumes, public transport movement, and significant pedestrian activity. Optimising traffic flow and improving network efficiency will help reduce congestion, improve safety, and support predictable travel for all road users. Smarter transport solutions contribute to a more resilient and accessible community.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for traffic flow optimisation projects across the Riccarton Ward, including improved signal coordination, intersection upgrades, and safe pedestrian connections.
- Request staff advice on where technology based improvements can achieve efficiency and safety gains.
- Support initiatives that improve reliability for public transport, active travel and general vehicle movement.
- Advocate for LTP funding for identified optimisation initiatives.

We will measure our success by:

- Delivery of traffic optimisation improvements within high priority areas.
- Improved traffic flow, travel reliability, and safety outcomes.
- Funding secured for optimisation projects through the LTP.

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Increase Greenspace and Tree Canopy Cover

Why this matters

Access to quality greenspace and a healthy urban tree canopy contributes significantly to community wellbeing, biodiversity, and environmental resilience. Riccarton has areas where greenspace and canopy cover can be improved to support a more pleasant and healthy urban environment. Increasing tree cover and enhancing existing parks will also help improve community wellbeing.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for targeted greening initiatives within the Riccarton Ward, including increased tree planting and biodiversity improvements.
- Support the expansion and revitalisation of public greenspaces to improve community access and environmental outcomes.
- Partner with community groups, schools and organisations to promote tree planting and local greening projects.
- Advocate for LTP funding to support expanded canopy cover and greenspace programmes.

We will measure our success by:

- An increase in tree canopy across the Riccarton Ward.
- Additional greenspace improvements delivered through Council led or community led projects.
- Funding secured for greening initiatives through the LTP.

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Harrington Park Connect - Riccarton

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 Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton 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.



Toolshed open day - Riccarton

Youth Development Fund

The purpose of the Youth Development Fund is to celebrate and support young people living in the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton 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.

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

- Marie Byrne - Community Development Adviser - **03 941 6502**
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Community Christmas Day - Hornby

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The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board generally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4.30pm at Rārākau Riccarton Centre at 199 Clarence Street.

These meetings are open to the public and live-streamed on our YouTube channel **here**.

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 Adviser on 03 941 5108.



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