Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula

Community Board Plan 2026–28

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From the Chair

On behalf of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board, I am pleased to present our 2026-2028 Community Board Plan.

This plan belongs to our community. It is grounded in the conversations we have had with you and reflects the feedback you shared during our engagement process.

It outlines who we are, the area we serve, and the role we play, while setting a clear vision and identifying the priorities that will guide our work over the next three years.

This Community Board Plan will guide our:

- Decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities.
- Input into Council policies and strategies.
- Submissions to annual and long-term plans.
- Advocacy on behalf of our communities.

We see this plan as a living document, one that will continue to evolve as projects progress, new challenges emerge, and opportunities arise. This flexibility ensures we remain responsive and focused on achieving the outcomes that matter most to our communities.

We are committed to working in partnership with community groups, papatipu rūnanga and local organisations to deliver on our shared vision. Working together will be the key to creating lasting benefits for our people and our places.

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed their time, ideas, and feedback. Your voice is truly reflected throughout this plan, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

Ngā mihi

Lyn Leslie, 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.

Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Working in Partnership with Mana Whenua

Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi strengthens decision-making, supports cultural and environmental wellbeing, and ensures that local mana whenua perspectives, values and aspirations are embedded in the future of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. Meaningful partnership helps protect taonga, supports kaitiakitanga, and reflects the special relationship Council holds with mana whenua.

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 is not.

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

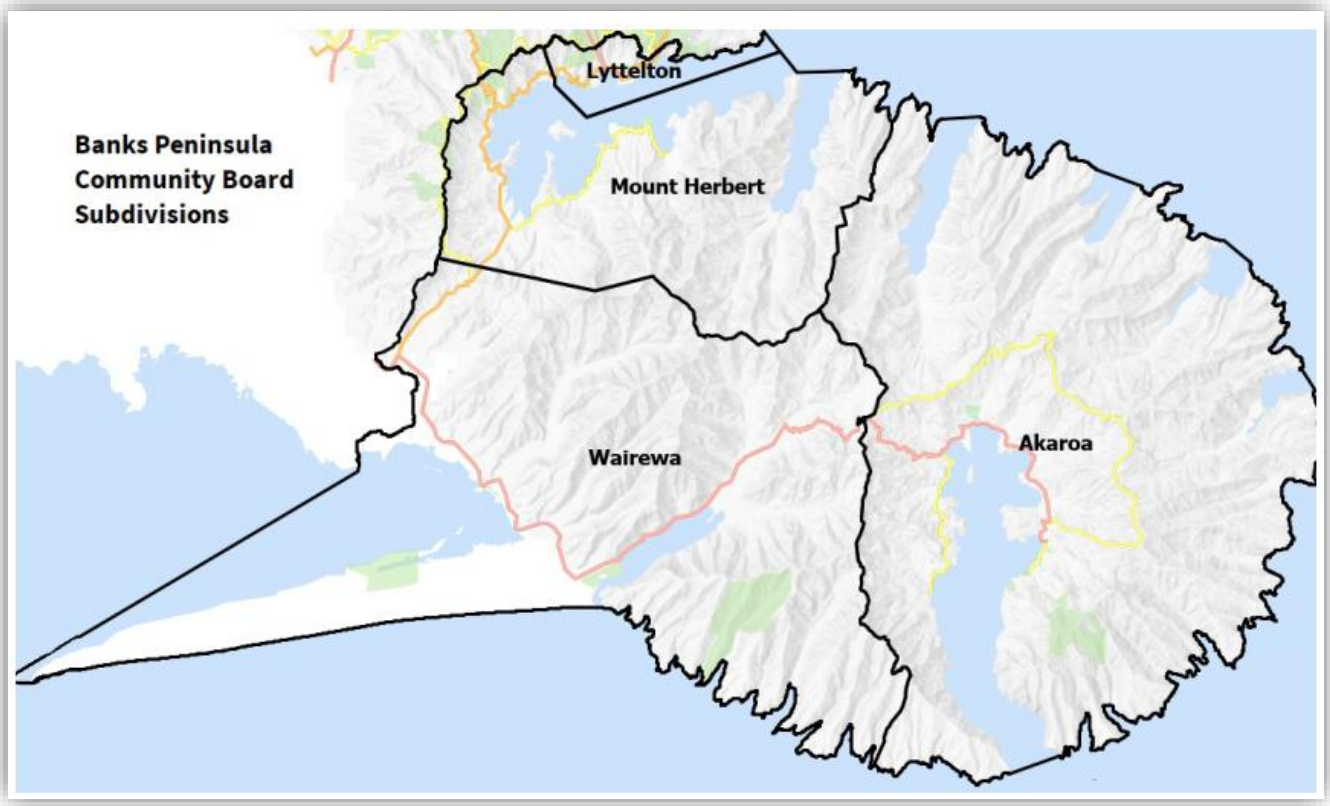
Te Tāngata People	Whenua Place	Te Mahi Participation	Te Takatū Preparedness
Actively promote a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.	Support and help build connections between communities to foster a sense of local identity, shared experience 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.

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula 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.

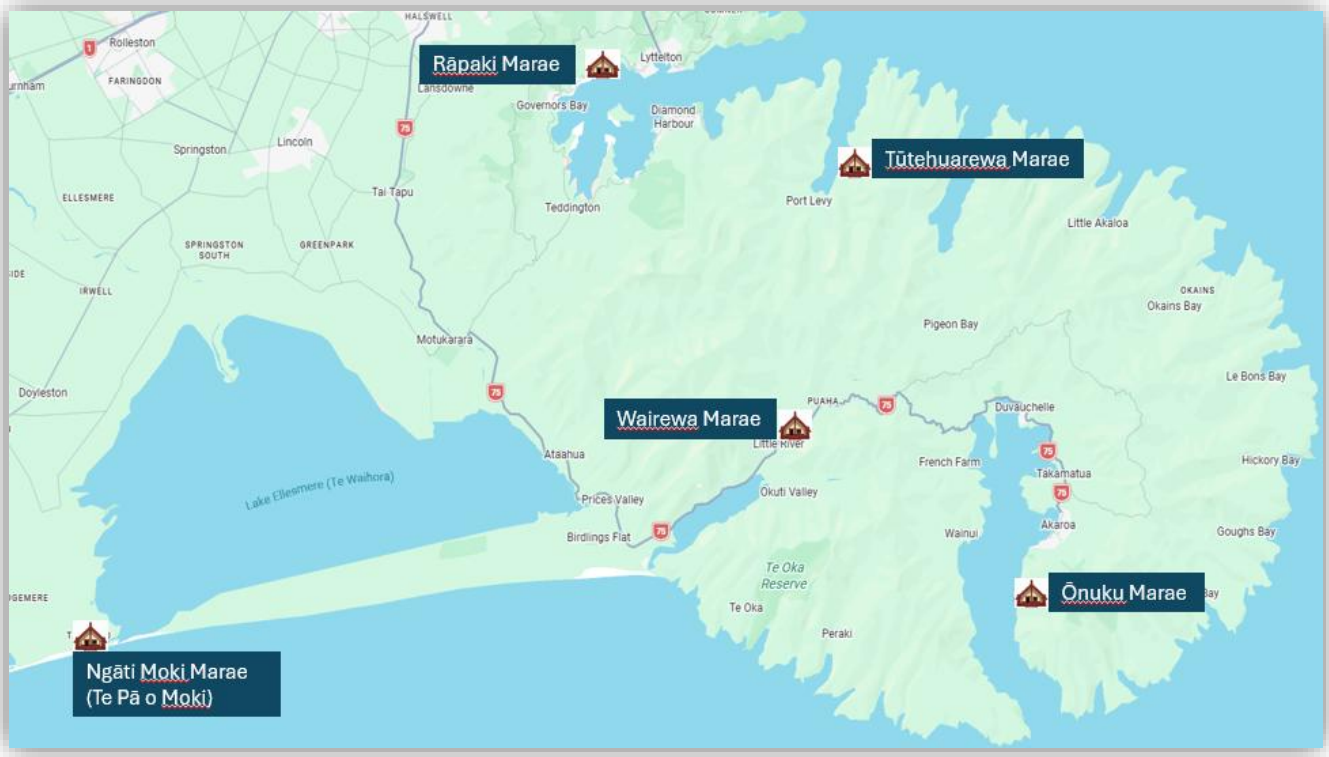
You can view a copy of the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy on the Council's website **here.**

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

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board area



Papatipu Rūnanga Marae



Key statistics

This section provides an overview of key statistics for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board area. Please note all figures are sourced from the 2023 Census of Population and Dwellings.

Papatipu Rūnanga: **6**

- Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki)
- Wairewa Rūnanga (Little River)
- Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
- Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata (Port Levy)
- Ōnuku Rūnanga (Akaroa)
- Te Taumutu Rūnanga

Population: **9,195**

Median age: **50.9** years

Median personal income: **$41,000**

Occupied private dwellings: **4,077**

Unoccupied private dwellings: **2,193**

Household access to internet: **91.1%**

Rented dwellings: **17.5%**

Identify as Māori: **9.6%**

Born overseas: **26.8%**

Approximately **1,539** businesses employing **3,556** people (Feb 2024)

Key Facilities and Amenities

- Four council libraries: Diamond Harbour, Little River, Akaroa, Lyttelton.
- Three council service centres: Little River, Akaroa, Lyttelton.
- 145 council parks: 116 local/community parks, eight garden and heritage parks, six sports parks, 15 regional parks.
- 14 cemeteries, including 1 green burial cemetery.
- One Council Museum: Akaroa.
- Three community museums : Okains Bay, Lyttelton and Thornycroft Torpedo Boat Museum.
- Seven schools: six primary, one Area School (Akaroa, years 1–13) (no secondary school in Lyttelton Harbour area.
- Lyttelton Port of Christchurch.
- Six volunteer fire brigades (many acting as 'first responders' for a range of incidents).
- 25 Settlements/Marae with Resilience Plans/Community Emergency Response Hubs.
- 19 wharves and jetties & 14 slipways
- Major sport and recreation amenities include but are not limited to: Norman Kirk Memorial Pool, Charteris Bay Golf Club, Charteris Bay Yacht Club, Lyttelton Recreation Centre, Ōtamahua Quail Island, Orton Bradley Park, Living Springs Camp & Conference Centre, YMCA Wainui Park Camp, Naval Point and Akaroa Boat Ramps, Little River Rail Trail, Akaroa Golf Club, and mountain biking and walking tracks including overnight tramps like Te Ara Pātaka/Summit Walkway and the Banks Track.
- Six shopping areas: Akaroa, Church Bay, Diamond Harbour, Duvauchelle, Little River and Lyttelton.
- Six papatipu rūnanga have takiwā within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū, four have marae within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula – Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (Rāpaki), Koukourārata (Port Levy), Wairewa (Little River), and Ōnuku (Akaroa). The other two rūnanga are Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and Te Taumutu Rūnanga.

Our vision

> Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is a vibrant place where environmental health and cultural, social, and economic wellbeing enable people and communities to thrive.

Vision statements

1. We will advocate for the best outcomes for the community's wellbeing, always holding the views, interests, needs and aspirations of the people we serve front of mind.
2. We will ensure an open and transparent decision-making process that empowers and encourages our stakeholders to participate in decisions that impact on them.
3. We will uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi by engaging positively and intentionally with whānau, rūnanga and Iwi, ensuring our decisions reflect the special relationship Council has with mana whenua.

Our values:
Guardianship
Respect
Collaboration
Service
Care

Our priorities

A - Flood Resilience and Stormwater Management

Why this matters

Effective stormwater management is essential to protect water quality and ecosystems, safeguard livelihoods, and reduce flooding risks. Continued planning for settlements affected by flooding ensures resilient communities and infrastructure in the face of increasing severe weather events.

What the Board will do:

1. Work with Council staff to prioritise high-risk areas for improved drainage systems and/or flood mitigation.
2. Support engagement with mana whenua to ensure stormwater, wastewater and flood mitigation projects protect the cultural and ecological health of our land, waterways and harbours.
3. Support local flood planning work (e.g. Little River Wairewa Flooding Round Table Group) in collaboration with communities and key stakeholders.
4. Support and advocate for funding to implement flood planning work specific to rural communities and to reduce environmental impacts.
5. Advocate for lifeline routes including State Highway 75 to have efficient culverts, flood protection measures, more proactive maintenance and improved levels of service.
6. Regular updates (at least six monthly) requested from Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.
7. Support the development of an implementation plan for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Stormwater Management Plan.
8. Advocate for the reduction of sediments and microorganisms in the harbours and waterways.

We will measure our success by:

1. Priority areas being identified.
2. Flood and stormwater management supporting improved environmental and cultural outcomes.
3. There being a shared understanding about the causes of flooding and good communication about management practice.
4. Funding for local flood planning work being allocated through the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process.
5. Lifeline routes and State Highway 75 being more resilient to major weather events.
   - 5.1 Levels of service being reviewed and increased, e.g. culvert clearing.
6. Regular updates being received from Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.
7. A comprehensive stormwater implementation plan being developed and reported to the Board.
8. Our advocacy ensuring that sediment and microorganism impacts are consistently considered in governance and investment decisions.

Our priorities

B - Strengthening Infrastructure to be More Resilient to Natural Hazards

Why this matters

Preparing for natural hazards is critical to protect community safety, maintain access and essential services, and manage the growing impacts of severe weather and climate change. It supports economic activity, reduces risk to reputation as a visitor destination, and ensures people can live their lives well despite increasing hazard risks.

What the Board will do:

1. Request annual updates on the condition and resilience to natural hazards of strategic infrastructure.
2. Receive a briefing on closed landfills in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.
3. Advocate for funding to maintain and upgrade key infrastructure vulnerable to natural hazards.
4. Advocate for coastal hazards planning for Akaroa and the Bays.
5. Advocate for funding to improve fire resilience in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.
6. Advocate for the installation of an early fire detection network across Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.
7. Support and advocate for mana whenua engagement in discussions about natural hazard management, recognising cultural relationships with land, water and coastal environments.
8. Support community-led efforts to mitigate and reduce natural hazard impacts (e.g. planting for erosion control, firebreaks), ensuring resilience and long-term sustainability.
9. Advocate for more proactive maintenance of roadside trees along key lifeline routes to reduce the risk to road users, of blockages and of power outages caused by fallen trees.
10. Support community led initiatives that strengthen resilience, such as communal rainwater harvesting systems and community energy solutions.

We will measure our success by:

1. Updates being received annually from Council and relevant agencies.
2. The Board being informed and understanding priorities and risks around landfill management.
3. Funding being allocated for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula infrastructure vulnerable to natural hazards.
4. Akaroa and the Bays being confirmed on the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning schedule.
5. Advocacy efforts resulting in actions that improve fire resilience.
6. An early fire detection network being planned and funded.
7. Mana whenua perspectives on resilience, risk and environmental stewardship being included in natural hazard planning.
8. Community-led mitigation and resilience initiatives being supported.
9. Roads and power on key lifeline routes remaining operable during and after storms.
10. Community resilience being strengthened through the development or enhancement of shared water, energy, or infrastructure initiatives.

Our priorities

C - Resilient Communities (People)

Why this matters

Our communities are vulnerable to becoming geographically isolated. We want to support them to be self-reliant and prepared for emergencies.

What the Board will do:

1. Advocate for the development of a Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula 'Resilience' webpage connected to the Community Board's webpage with clear, localised information on hazards and preparedness.
2. Share local climate and natural hazards risk information via the Resilience webpage.
3. Support communities developing Emergency Response and Resilience Plans and setting up Community Hubs
4. Partner with mana whenua to strengthen marae as key community hubs and places of refuge by supporting infrastructure needs, emergency planning, and ongoing relationships that enhance community resilience.
5. Advocate for reliable infrastructure and backup communications (satellite phones, satellite internet connection, radios, etc.) to keep Christchurch City Council Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) connected with isolated settlements during outages.

We will measure our success by:

1. The publishing of a Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula 'Resilience' webpage, with regularly updated, localised hazard and preparedness information.
2. Communities having clear, accessible information about climate-related hazards (e.g., flooding, coastal erosion, wildfire risk) specific to their area.
3. Community-led emergency response groups and hubs being active and prepared.
4. Marae having the relationships, infrastructure, and support needed to operate effectively as community hubs and places of refuge during emergencies.
5. The Council CDEM being able to maintain uninterrupted communication with isolated settlements during emergencies, and settlements being able to communicate with each other to provide local support where possible.

Our priorities

D - Caring for our Natural Environment – Biodiversity, Restoration and Ecological Health

Why this matters

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula's unique ecosystems, harbours, forests, and coastlines underpin community wellbeing, cultural identity, recreation, and a thriving local economy. Protecting and restoring these environments strengthens resilience, safeguards biodiversity, and ensures that natural spaces can continue to be enjoyed by current and future generations.

What the Board will do:

1. Advocate for environmental protection, restoration, biodiversity and sustainability to be prioritised in Council planning and funding.
2. Support mana whenua and community groups involved in restoration and ecological care through promotion of their work, advocacy and funding.
3. Consider the impacts on the environment of all decisions made.
4. Advocate for Te Roto o Wairewa Lake Forsyth permanent lake level management infrastructure.

We will measure our success by:

1. Environmental protection, restoration, and biodiversity and sustainability priorities being reflected in Council planning, advocacy, and Long Term Plan decisions.
2. Mana whenua and community led restoration, planting, and predator control efforts being supported and strengthened.
3. Board decisions supporting reduction of negative environmental impacts and increased adoption of environmentally sustainable options and raised awareness, where possible.
4. Permanent lake level management infrastructure for Te Roto o Wairewa Lake Forsyth being installed within the next five years.

Our priorities

E - Fit for Purpose Community Facilities and Public Toilets

Why this matters

Council owned community facilities and public toilets support wellbeing, accessibility and connection, while also providing essential infrastructure for emergency response. Renewing and maintaining these assets protects the environment, strengthens resilience, and ensures welcoming, safe and functional spaces for residents and visitors across Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

What the Board will do:

1. Engage in six monthly staff workshops on facility asset management programme to understand and influence priorities for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula facilities.
2. Advocate for upgrades and completion of identified priorities.
3. Advocate for Long Term Plan funding for earthquake strengthening of Port Levy Hall.
4. Advocate for energy-efficient upgrades, cycle parking and solar panels to reduce costs and carbon footprint.
5. Advocate for equitable, inclusive, and accessible spaces that address identified access issues and deliver benefits aligned with the unique needs of rural communities.
6. Request staff engage with mana whenua to identify appropriate locations and design considerations for new or upgraded community facilities and public toilets, ensuring cultural and environmental values are upheld.
7. Engage in annual public toilet renewal programme workshop with staff.
8. Advocate for inclusion in the Council's Long Term Plan for upgrades to Ātaahua Domain, Camp Bay, Te Oka, Rāpaki and Naval Point public toilets.
9. Advocate for new/additional public toilets where required.
10. Advocate for mitigation of environmental risk caused by public toilets.

We will measure our success by:

1. The Board having a clear understanding about and being able to contribute to prioritisation of facility maintenance and development.
2. Essential repairs and upgrades being completed.
3. Port Levy Hall earthquake strengthening being scheduled in the Long-term Plan to meet the 2037 compliance deadline.
4. Energy-efficient upgrades, cycle parking and solar installations being completed on suitable facilities.
5. Facilities progressively addressing access barriers to meet accessibility standards and become welcoming to youth, older adults, disabled people, multi-cultural and diverse communities.
6. Community facilities, including public toilets, being designed and located in ways that reflect mana whenua values, integrate cultural narratives, and uphold environmental sustainability and kaitiakitanga principles.
7. The Board being informed of the public toilet maintenance and upgrade schedule and having the opportunity to provide input.
8. The inclusion of upgrades for Ātaahua Domain, Camp Bay, Te Oka, Rāpaki and Naval Point public toilets in the Council's Long Term Plan.
9. The need for new/additional public toilets being identified and highlighted to staff.
10. Environmental risks being identified, considered and mitigated where required.

Our priorities

F - Strengthen and Support Local Area Plans

Why this matters

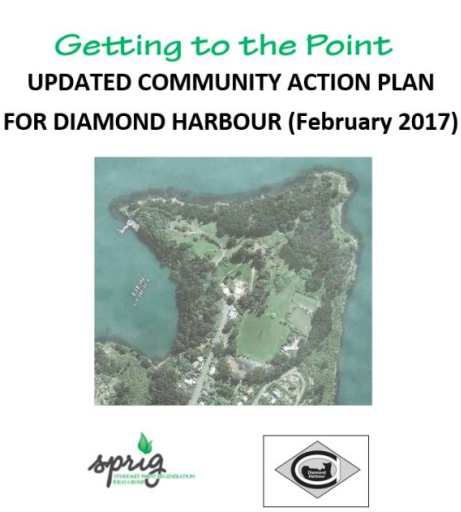
Local Area Plans provide a clear, locally driven roadmap for future development and investment. They help align community aspirations with council priorities, guide decision-making, and ensure resources are directed where they will have the greatest impact. Strong Local Area Plans create resilience, preserve local identity, and support sustainable growth for generations to come.

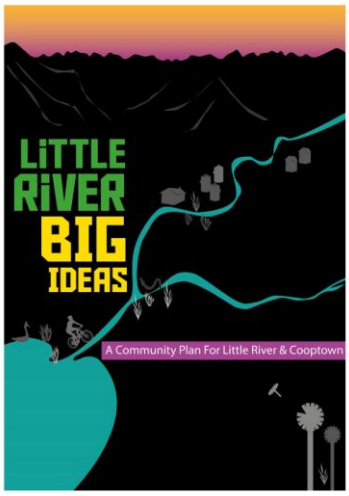
What the Board will do:

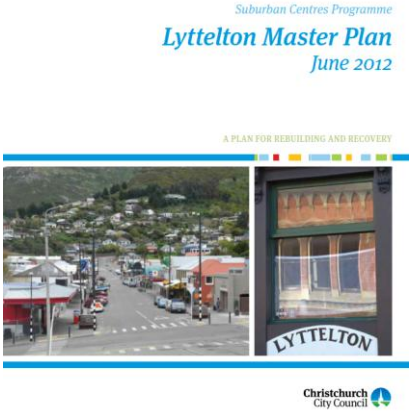
1. Promote Local Area Plans on our Community Board webpage.
2. Support and advocate for the continued implementation of Little River Big Ideas, Getting to the Point (Diamond Harbour) and Lyttelton Masterplan.
3. Support the development and implementation of Local Area Plans in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula communities as local groups identify the need and capacity.
4. Encourage those developing Local Area Plans to include mana whenua values, local stories and cultural identity.

We will measure our success by:

1. Creating a dedicated, easy-to-navigate section on the Community Board website providing information on all Local Area Plans.
2. Local Area Plan priorities being supported in the Board's Annual and Long Term Plan submissions, as appropriate.
3. Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula communities with interest and capacity being supported to develop and progress their own Local Area Plans.
4. Local Area Plans demonstrating clear integration of cultural values and local histories.







Our priorities

G - Supporting our Young People to Thrive

Why this matters

Young people (age 12 to 24) are an integral part of our community and our future. Addressing gaps in youth development and engagement ensures they are connected, thriving, and more able to create future opportunities on the peninsula.

What the Board will do:

1. Hold a Board workshop on current projects and initiatives for young people in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula
2. Consider the needs of young people when reviewing or receiving reports/presentations
3. Support well evidenced youth programmes.
4. Support local communities and mana whenua to develop and champion initiatives that enhance youth wellbeing, aspirations, participation, and independence across Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

We will measure our success by:

1. Understanding the current provision for young people in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.
2. The needs of young people being considered as part of our decision making and submissions.
3. Well evidenced youth programmes being supported, including with funding.
4. Initiatives that improve wellbeing, strengthen aspirations and youth independence being supported.

H - Older People Living Locally and Sustainably

Why this matters

Older people should have the right to age in place. Supporting this ensures inclusion, dignity, and connection, enabling older adults to remain active members of their communities while reducing isolation and improving wellbeing.

What the Board will do:

1. Hold an Information Session run by community organisations about needs of older people in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.
2. Consider the needs of older people when reviewing or receiving reports/presentations.
3. Advocate for age-friendly infrastructure and services.
4. Support community initiatives that enhance social connection, belonging and wellbeing, including mana whenua-led initiatives.

We will measure our success by:

1. Understanding the specific needs of older people living in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.
2. The needs of older people being considered as part of our decision making and submissions.
3. The increased availability of age-friendly infrastructure
4. Initiatives that enhance social connection, belonging and well-being being advocated for and supported by the Board.

Our priorities

I - Thriving Destinations Through Sustainable and Regenerative Tourism

Why this matters

Tourism is a key part of our local economy and identity, but it must be managed responsibly. Sustainable and regenerative tourism ensures we protect the environment, respect communities, and actively restore and enhance the destination so visitors and residents can enjoy it for generations to come.

What the Board will do:

1. Advocate for the monitoring of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Destination Management Plan (DMP) Implementation and regular reporting.
2. Participate in and support discussion of sustainable and/or regenerative tourism initiatives.
3. Advocate for infrastructure investment to support tourism and manage visitor flow including toilets, waste facilities, road signage, EV and E-bike charging stations, freedom camping areas and walking/cycling trails.
4. Advocate for strong mana whenua involvement in regenerative tourism planning to ensure initiatives uphold kaitiakitanga and reflect mana whenua values.
5. Continue to support community Information Centres, recognising the valuable role they play.

We will measure our success by:

1. Regular progress reports being received from ChristchurchNZ and shared with the community.
2. Regenerative and sustainable tourism initiatives that have community and business support being supported by the Board.
3. The Board advocating in the Council's Long Term Plan for funding to improve tourism infrastructure.

   3.1 Safety signage being installed on high-risk rural roads.

   3.2 A marked pedestrian pathway along Beach Road in Akaroa being completed.
4. Tourism initiatives contributing positively to environmental, cultural, and community wellbeing through active mana whenua involvement.
5. Our community Information Centres remaining accessible, supported, and effective in guiding visitors and promoting sustainable tourism.

Community Board funding

In Christchurch, Community Board funding is allocated to each Community Board based on population and equity. The New Zealand 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.

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula 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 31 August each year.

The purpose of this fund is to support community-focused organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in Christchurch and Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

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 until 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 established from this fund.

Youth Development Fund

The purpose of the Youth Development Fund is to celebrate and support young people living in Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula 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:

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Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board generally holds one formal decision meeting and one Information Session each month, usually on the first and third Monday at 10.00am. Meetings rotate between Lyttelton, Akaroa and Little River Boardrooms. Formal Board meetings are open to the public and live-streamed on our YouTube channel **here**. (Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board - YouTube)

Upcoming meeting details can be found on the Community Board Webpage.

Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the council's website Agendas and Minutes : Christchurch City Council.

If you would like to speak at a board meeting please email Banks.Peninsula@ccc.govt.nz

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