

Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton

# Community Board Plan 2023–25

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# From the Chair



**On behalf of the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board, I am proud to present our 2023-2025 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 three 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 Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area. We are particularly mindful of the impacts of the increased development, intensification and population changes in the southwest areas of Christchurch. We will continue to proactively address and respond to issues as they arise.

The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board is very conscious of the impact of rate rises on our residents. As a result of this, we are very mindful of where your money is spent. A large number of our residents sent us a clear message that we need to be spending on getting our key infrastructure working well before spending on 'nice to haves'. Keeping this in mind, we are confident that the priorities we have identified in this plan can be achieved with very little financial impact.

We look forward to working alongside our local community to achieve our vision for this area.



**Helen Broughton, Chairperson**

## About 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 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	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.

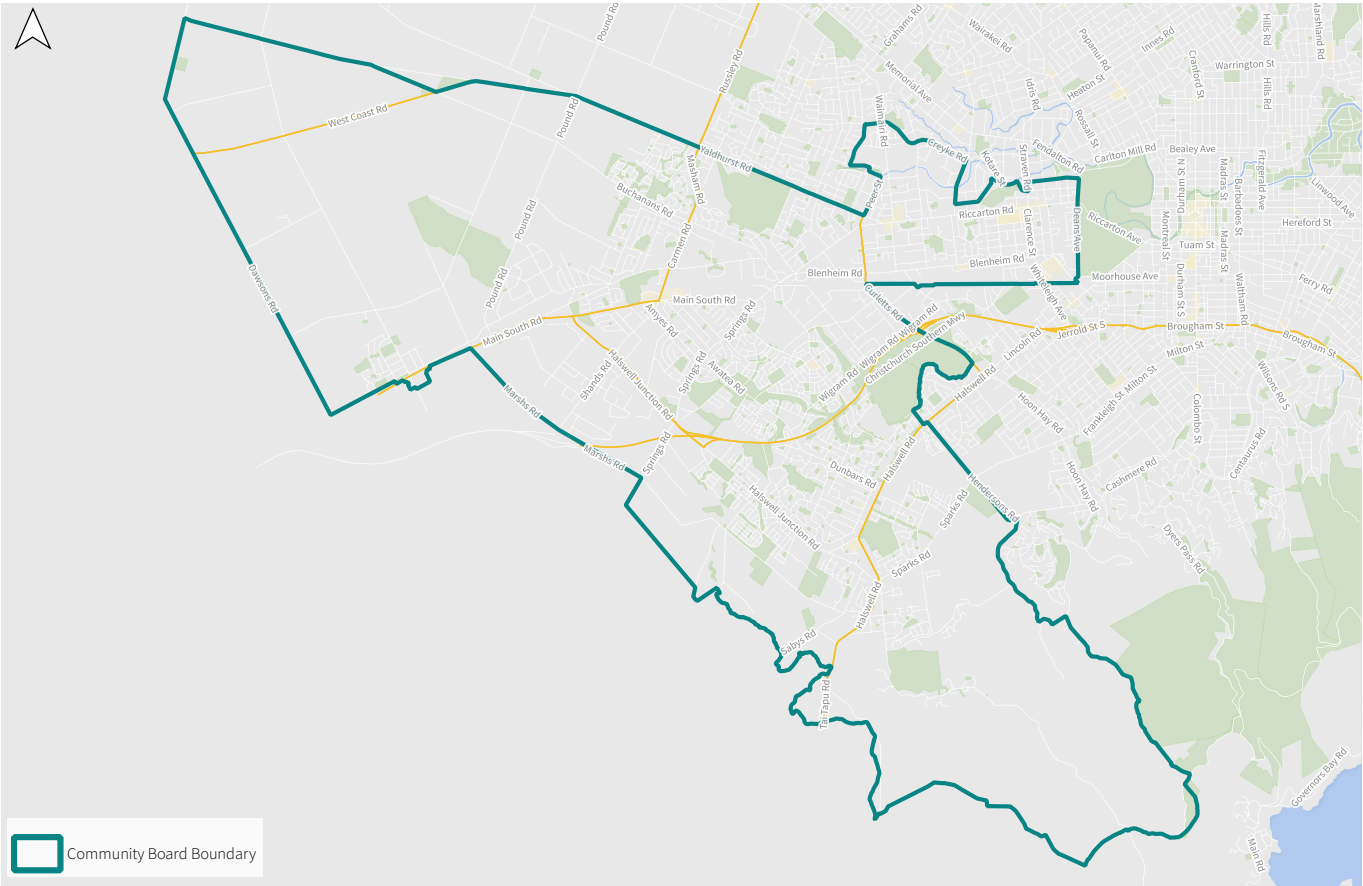
You can view a copy of the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy on the Council's website [here](#).

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# Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area



# 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 2018 Census of Population and Dwellings.



Population:  
**71,950**

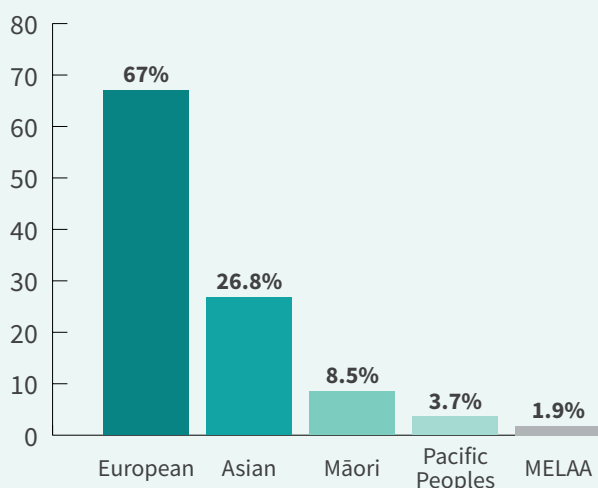


Median age:  
**34.1** years



Median personal income:  
**\$34,700**

## Ethnicity



Occupied private dwellings:

**63%**



Rented dwellings:  
**37%**



Born overseas:  
**34.5%**

## Key facilities and amenities

- 3 Council libraries: Te Hāpua Halswell Centre, Upper Riccarton Library and Hornby Library
- 3 Council service centres: Hornby, Rāraukau: Riccarton Centre and Te Hāpua Halswell Centre
- 353 Council Reserves (853 hectares)
- 10 Council-owned social housing complexes with 215 units
- 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 9,200 businesses employing 35,000 people (2021)
- Transport: 2 Passenger Transport Hubs: Riccarton Bus Lounges and Christchurch Railway Station Major Cycleway routes: Little River Link, Nor'West Arc, Quarryman's Trail, South Express, Uni-Cycle
- 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 Tūrangā 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 promotes healthier lifestyles utilising high-quality public spaces and inclusive access to parks and green spaces for all.
- Supporting the physical, social, and emotional well-being of all residents by fostering a range of activities that bring people together.
- Working collaboratively with stakeholders and local organisations to create an inclusive and safe community.

In addition to our priority projects identified in this plan, the board will continue to advocate strongly through submissions to the Council's Annual Plan and Long Term Plan for increased budgets for road, footpath and park maintenance.

The board is also committed to supporting residents in the board area with concerns that Plan Change 14 Housing and Business Choice implications will have on liveability in their neighbourhoods.



Halswell Quarry

# Our priorities

While the priorities are identified for a specific ward, the actions may be able to be implemented across the wider community board area as opportunity arises.

## Halswell – Advocate for a fenced dog park for the Halswell Ward

### Why this matters

There are no fenced areas in the south-west of the city where dog owners can exercise their dogs off-leash in a dedicated space that allows dogs to socialise and play in a safe and controlled environment. This is particularly important for residents who may not have access to large open spaces or have large enough yards for their dogs to play in.

### What the board will do

- Advocate for a fenced dog park for the Halswell Ward through the 2024-34 LTP process (noting it was removed from the 2021-31 LTP).
- Request staff investigate and report back to the board appropriate sites for a fenced dog exercise area.
- Request that funding in the current LTP for a fenced dog park in the Halswell Ward be moved forward.

### We will measure our success by:

- Findings of an investigation and report on potential sites for a fenced dog park being provided to the board.
- Funding for a fenced dog park being available in the LTP 2024-34.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Participation ✓ Preparedness ✓



Westlake Reserve

## Halswell – Advocate for safe, accessible pedestrian connections to significant community destinations in the Halswell Ward

### Why this matters

Halswell is a rapidly developing part of the city, as various sub-divisions have taken shape, a number of footpaths that abruptly end have been installed by developers. While there is a long-term plan to join these footpaths into the wider network, there are a number of sites where connections are required sooner rather than later for safe and accessible pedestrian connections, along with safe crossing facilities (particularly around schools), to significant community destinations in the Halswell Ward.

### What the board will do

- Identify locations where safe and accessible pedestrian connections are required.
- Advocate for safe and accessible pedestrian connections to be installed.
- Advocate for funding to complete safe and accessible pedestrian connections, along with safe crossing facilities (particularly around schools), to significant community destinations in the Halswell Ward.

### We will measure our success by:

- Funding for safe and accessible pedestrian connections, along with safe crossing facilities (particularly around schools), to significant community destinations in the Halswell Ward secured in the LTP 2024-34.
- Installation of footpaths.

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## Halswell – Support initiatives that provide safe recreation spaces and opportunities for youth in Halswell to come together

### Why this matters

Halswell is a rapidly growing area where a range of new subdivisions have been built in the past few years and where more subdivisions are being built. Halswell has a number of Primary Schools, but does not have a High School. There are no plans by the Ministry of Education to build a High School in Halswell. Young people are required to travel out of the ward to attend school, sometimes from Year 7 onwards; it is important for the community board to support initiatives in Halswell that provide safe recreation spaces and opportunities for youth to come together.

### What the board will do

- Encourage, catalyse and support initiatives in Halswell that provide safe recreation spaces and opportunities for youth to come together.
- Collaborate with local organisations to support for youth activities in the area.
- Advocate for youth spaces and recreational spaces that can be enjoyed by young people.
- Advocate for things to do and places to go that provide positive engagement opportunities for youth.

### We will measure our success by:

- The number of initiatives and activities for young people, supported, encouraged or catalysed by the board that promote positive values and healthy behaviours.
- The revitalisation will support the goals of the Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Resilience Strategy and the Ōtautahi-Christchurch Urban Forest Plan.

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Knights Stream Skate Park

## Hornby – Advocate for the development and implementation of a Hornby Masterplan

### Why this matters

Hornby is a well-established and well-loved community where, over time, a range of developments have occurred independently of each other. With the development of the Matatiki Centre and the implementation of major cycle routes to connect the community, it is timely to develop a masterplan to ensure the community is well connected and that any future developments are well thought out.

### What the board will do

- Request that a master planning process is initiated for Hornby, commencing with the area around the Hornby Hub business environs.
- Work with planners and developers to implement elements of the masterplan.
- Work with agencies and community partners to develop hubs of connectedness in Hornby starting with a pedestrian link between the Hornby Mega Centre and Hornby Hub on Main South Road.

### We will measure our success by:

- The development of a masterplan.
- Community involvement in the master planning process.
- Planners and developers using the masterplan as a guiding document.

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Hornby Hub

## Hornby – Advocate for the revitalisation of greenspaces in the Hornby Ward including the increase of the tree canopy in the ward

### Why this matters

Urban trees are a key tool to help us meet the challenge of our climate and ecological emergency. They are central to enhancing our wellbeing and the pleasantness of our urban environment as well as providing a network of habitat for other wildlife.

Hornby is a ward with a low percentage of tree canopy (less than 5% in many areas) compared to other areas of the city. This is not equitable. With the city's urban forest not spread across all communities evenly, the benefits are not able to be shared by everyone to the same extent.

### What the board will do

- Advocate that Hornby be an area that is prioritised through the Urban Forest Plan.
- Advocate for funding to plant more trees and enhance biodiversity in Hornby.
- Work alongside community partners to encourage community initiatives to plant trees and revitalise greenspaces.
- Encourage developers to plan developments around trees.
- Advocate for the creation of a Hornby bush area(s).

### We will measure our success by:

- Increased tree canopy.
- Number of trees planted.
- Greenspaces revitalised.

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Kyle Park



## Hornby – Support the transition of the Hornby Community Care Centre to full ownership for the Hornby Community Care Trust

### Why this matters

With the existing Library in Hornby soon to move to a new space in the Matatiki Centre, there is an opportunity to collaborate with and support a well-established community trust in Hornby to create a community space for local residents to enjoy and utilise for years to come.

Working alongside the Hornby Community Care Trust to successfully transition into a larger space, will build their capacity and capability to collaborate and partner with the Council and other community stakeholders to address some of the many complex social issues that face our city. This will then lead to an increase in community connectedness and social capital in the Hornby area.

### What the board will do

- Support the Hornby Community Care Trust's request to Council for the gifting of ownership of the library in Goulding Avenue to the Trust that will enable them to autonomously operate the facility.
- Advocate to the Council that the library building is gifted in a good, well maintained state.
- Support the Trust to engage the community in the transition process, including sharing information and updates on the progress of the transition to ensure that the new space is responsive to the needs of the community.
- Support the Trust with any strategic planning and needs assessment resourcing that can identify challenges and opportunities associated with the transition, as well as an assessment of the potential impact on the community.

### We will measure our success by:

- Funding is secured that provides a successful transition.
- Ownership of the building is vested in the Trust.
- Additional community collaborations are developed that support the Trust to successfully manage and operate the facility.

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Hello Hornby



## Riccarton – Advocate for liveable neighbourhoods in the Riccarton Ward

### Why this matters

The Riccarton Ward is made up of a range of different neighbourhoods many of which are juxtaposed. There are neighbourhoods of the well-established and historic as well as the newly intensified; there is a contrast of top end real estate and affordable rental accommodation – as well as everything in between.

As such, Riccarton faces a variety of challenges regarding housing in the area. Anecdotal evidence and census data shows that a large number of houses are of low quality. Current intensification level bring the challenge of more people using the existing social infrastructure, additional parking on streets and changes to the character of the area.

Riccarton faces increasing heights and densities through proposed plan changes which will increase the above pressures. The board will advocate to preserve existing communities and promote quality living standards in more intensified areas. Riccarton should be a community that is liveable and vibrant for all.

### What the board will do

- Advocate for, and assist Riccarton residents to participate effectively in the proposed district plan intensification processes as well as long term and annual plan engagement opportunities.
- Support initiatives that improve living standards in rental accommodation, particularly for student and migrant populations.
- Seek to investigate parking management options that can address parking congestion on the streets.

### We will measure our success by:

- Number of initiatives underway that improve living standards in rental accommodation and neighbourhoods, particularly for student and migrant populations.
- Riccarton residents feel supported by the board in their advocacy for amendments to the proposed District Plan changes.
- Parking congestion around the area is addressed.

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## Riccarton – Support initiatives that provide for social cohesion, community connectedness and safety in the Riccarton Ward

### Why this matters

Riccarton is a multi-cultural community with both a well-established and a transient population. The board will look to initiate, collaborate and partner with other agencies in providing initiatives that provide for social cohesion, community connectedness and safety in the Riccarton Ward.

### What the board will do

- Support community-led initiatives that promote social cohesion, community connectedness, and safety.
- Foster partnerships and collaborations between community-based organisations, government agencies, and businesses.
- Encourage civic engagement by promoting opportunities for community members to participate in local decision-making.
- Advocate for maximising the use of Council facilities such as the Upper Riccarton Library, Rārākau: Riccarton Centre and Waimairi Road Community Centre as well as community provided facilities.

### We will measure our success by:

- Number of programmes supported.
- Increase in Riccarton residents who report a sense of safety and connectedness.
- Number of participation opportunities in annual plan, board forums and submissions to Council consultation.

#### Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

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Riccarton Connect Event



## Riccarton – Support initiatives that provide things to do, places to go for youth in the Riccarton Ward

### Why this matters

Providing safe recreation spaces and activities for young people is essential for promoting physical and mental health, fostering social connections, providing positive outlets for energy and creativity, reducing anti-social behaviour, and investing in the future of the community.

### What the board will do

- Collaborate with local organisations that work with young people to investigate options for positive youth spaces and places in the Riccarton area - including the creation of safe recreation spaces for youth to come together.
- Support initiatives that provide for positive youth activities.
- Support the development of existing public spaces that will provide outlets for young people to be safe in with a sense of belonging.

### We will measure our success by:

- The number of youth initiatives supported.
- The creation of youth spaces that provide things to do and places to go.

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Riccarton Basketball

# 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. In the 2022-23 funding year, there was a total funding pool of \$653,308. It is anticipated that there will be a funding pool of \$637,356 for the 2023-24 year.

## Strengthening Communities Fund

An annual contestable funding round – opens in March/April each year, providing 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 Off the Ground Fund is a funding avenue from which community can access up to \$400 to help fund getting a project or initiative 'off the ground', removing the barrier of a more official and lengthy application process. The process involves a simple one page application form which include details on what the idea is about.

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

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Culture Galore

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The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4.30pm in the Horoeke Room, Rārākau: Riccarton Centre, 199 Clarence Street, Riccarton.

These meetings are open to the public and livestreamed. Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the Council's website at [ccc.govt.nz](http://ccc.govt.nz)

If you would like speaking rights at a Board meeting please contact us on **03 941 5108**.



