

FENDALTON-WAIMAIRI-HAREWOOD COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN 2017-2019



Millbrook Reserve, Fendalton

Message from the Chair



David Cartwright, Chair
Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board

On behalf of the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board I am proud to present our 2017/19 Community Board Plan.

Community Board Plans are an important document that guides the Board in prioritising its work in the community over the next few years. Naturally the Community Board will continue to deal with any issue that comes to their attention, but the Board Plan helps the Board to prioritise key outcomes they wish to achieve.

The priorities listed in this Plan, reflect the issues that residents, community groups and Council staff have brought to our attention.

The Community Board Plan will also guide:

- local board decisions on local activities, projects and facilities
- our input into development of policies and strategies
- how we work with other agencies that play a key role in our area, including community groups, central government agencies and other Council units

I would like to thank everyone who gave feedback to inform this plan. As your local representatives, it is vital that we engage with our local residents, community groups and businesses to ensure we are advocating for the things that are important to you.

Your Community Board members are available as your first point of contact for any issues you feel require Council attention.

The Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board generally meets every second Monday at 4pm at the Fendalton Service Centre on Clyde Road, Fendalton. These meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz.

If you would like speaking rights at a Board meeting please contact the Community Board Adviser on 941-6728.

What is a Community Board?

Community Boards were created by the local government reforms in 1989. Over 100 community boards now operate in both urban and rural areas within local authorities throughout New Zealand. They carry out functions and exercise those powers delegated to them by their councils. Local body elections for Community Board members and Councillors are held every three years.

The Community Board's main role is to:

- Represent and act as 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 services provided by the Council within 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.

Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board



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Area Overview

The Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood area includes the suburbs of Merivale, Strowan, Fendalton, Bryndwr, Burnside, Bishopdale, Harewood, Northwood, Avonhead, Russley, Yaldhurst, McLeans Island and parts of Casebrook and Belfast.



Key Facts

- Most recent population estimate (at 30 June 2016): 70,500.
- 2 Council libraries: Fendalton and Bishopdale.
- Major Sport and Recreation amenities: Jellie Park Recreation and Sport Centre, McLeans Island, Christchurch Football Academy, The Groynes, Nunweek Park.
- 1 Council service centre: Fendalton.
- 125 Council Parks: 97 Local/Community Parks, 16 Sports Parks, 4 Regional Parks, 6 Garden & Heritage Parks, 2 Cemeteries.
- Major shopping centres: Merivale Mall, Fendalton Mall, Fendalton Village, Avonhead Mall, Bishopdale Mall, Spitfire Square (airport).
- 29 Schools: 19 primary, 3 intermediate, 3 secondary, 3 composite Year 1-13, 1 special.
- 1 Private Hospital (St George's), 1 Charity Hospital (Canterbury Charity Hospital).
- Approximately 7,850 businesses employing 30,600 people.

There are approximately 181 community organisations providing community support and sport and recreation in the area.

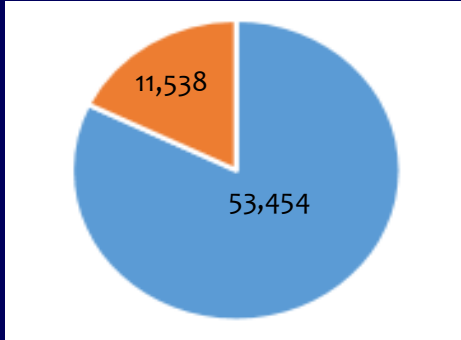
There is one Council supported community organisation network that meets on a bi-monthly basis.

As at July 2017 there are 60 community projects operating that are funded through the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board.

Community Board sponsored projects include: Community Garden Pride Awards; Culture Galore Event; Neighbourhood Week; Celebrate Bishopdale Event; Community Service Awards.

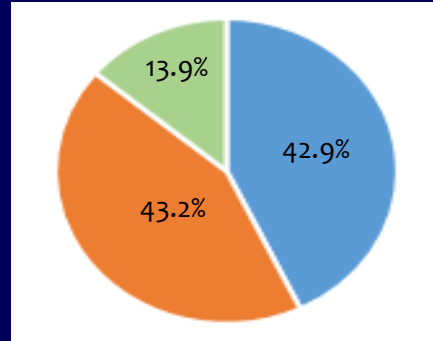
Key Demographics (2013 Census)

Usual Resident Population
64,992



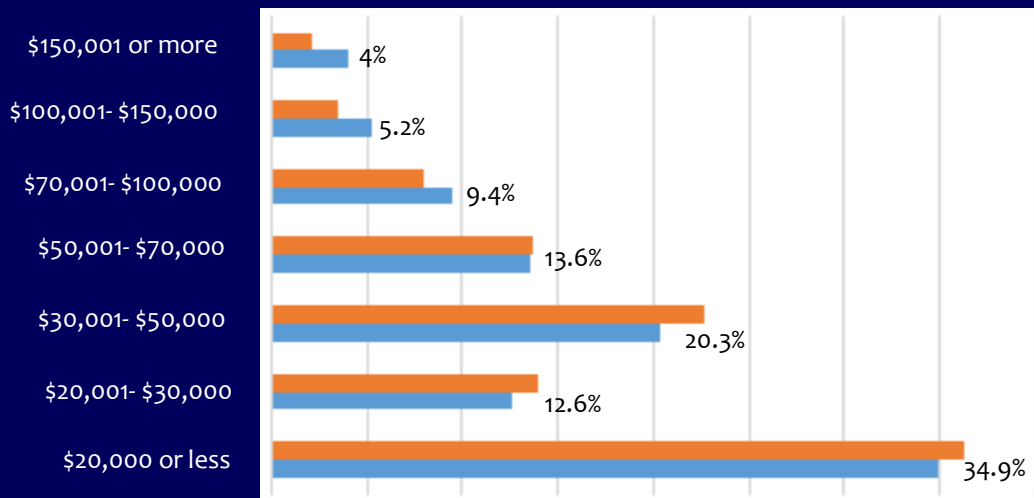
- Usual Resident Population 15+ Years
- Usual Resident Population 0-14 Years

Family Type



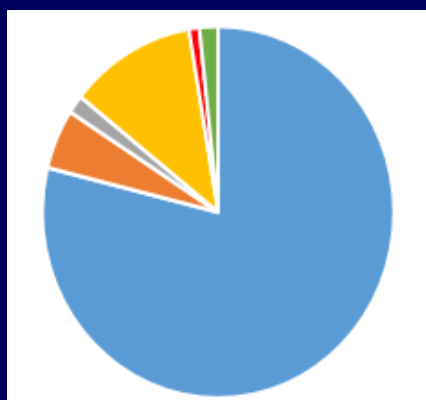
- Couple with child(ren)
- Couple without children
- One parent with child(ren)

Personal Income
(15+ Years)



- Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood
- Christchurch City

Ethnicity



- European - 83.2%
- Maori - 5.5%
- Pacific Peoples - 7.7%
- Asian - 12.3%
- MELAA - 1%
- Other Ethnicity - 1.8%

What our community has told us

We have been very pleased with the feedback we have received from our local community. We acknowledge that not everyone will agree with all of the priorities, however there was strong support for what the Community Board are wanting to achieve. Examples of comments we received are listed below.

- It is wonderful to have a sense of community around where we live and work. Working in an environment that caters to young people, who all need support at different times, would be great.
- Better traffic conditions are beneficial to all of us.
- Caring for our environment and the quality of our water is important for everyone's health and well-being.
- Increase support to community development organisations that work with people who are socio-economically disadvantaged, and/or socially isolated and/or have significant challenges re mental and physical health.
- The Harewood/Breens/Gardiners intersection is a huge concern to me. The sheer volume of traffic which has increased in recent years and number of near misses for the students in my school is a concern currently.
- Great to see prioritisation of our most vulnerable neighbourhood - and the priority on resourcing the people already doing effective work in our communities.
- It would be great to see our waterways healthy again, not just dry ditches through our communities. I often wish someone would do something when I'm walking past them.
- Repair the roads and footpaths. Stop cutting down trees. Every time it rains a lot of sports fields are closed and therefore games cancelled. Get the fields to a standard so they do not sustain excessive damage if played on while wet.
- Community connectedness should be a priority in any community.
- Cycling facilities are critically important. The number of school children being driven to school is a blight on our community. Many could and should be able to cycle - with good safe infrastructure.
- Community connectedness ought to be also promoted by reducing traffic flows on high volume streets (there is much research to this effect) and also by promoting community input and listening to that.
- Promote heritage in the area. It will, in turn, improve a sense of community.



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Community Outcomes

Strong communities

- Strong sense of community
- Active participation in civic life
- Safe and healthy communities
- Celebration of our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport
- Valuing the voices of children and young people

Liveable city

- Vibrant and thriving central city, suburban and rural centres
- A well connected and accessible city
- Sufficient supply of, and access to, a range of housing
- 21st century garden city we are proud to live in

Healthy environment

- Healthy waterways
- High quality drinking water
- Unique landscapes and indigenous biodiversity are valued
- Sustainable use of resources

Prosperous economy

- Great place for people, business and investment
- An inclusive, equitable economy with broad-based prosperity for all
- A productive, adaptive and resilient economic base
- Modern and robust city infrastructure and community facilities

Strategic Priorities

Our focus for improvement over the next two years

Enabling active citizenships and connected communities

Maximising opportunities to develop a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable 21st Century city

Climate change leadership

Informed and proactive approaches to natural hazard risks

Increasing active, public and shared transport opportunities and use

Safe and sustainable water supply and improved waterways

Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board

Community Outcomes and Priorities

Rationale: These outcomes and priorities have been developed in consultation with our local community. We have engaged with residents and local community organisations through a variety of ways including public display stands, community meetings, community survey and one to one interactions. We have also taken into account the deputations we have received at Community Board meetings from our residents regarding issues they would like the Board to address.

Strong communities

Board Outcomes:

- A range of social and recreational initiatives which build and develop community wellbeing and connectedness are provided.
- Cultural inclusion and diversity is supported and celebrated.
- Young people are supported and their achievements celebrated.
- Older adults are supported and valued.
- Residents feel safe in their neighbourhood.

Board Priorities (for the next two years)

1. Strengthen community connectedness by supporting and promoting activities and programmes provided by local community organisations.
2. Support a range of services that support at-risk young people and their families, particularly in the Bryndwr community.
3. Investigate the options for expansion of the Avonhead Cemetery.
4. Utilisation of the Mona Vale Gatehouse for the purpose of an Artist in Residence programme.

We will measure our success by:

1. At least 50 community projects or initiatives will receive Community Board funding and project advice where required. At least 40% of Community Board funding will be targeted at projects that support and develop young people in the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood area.
2. Work in partnership with Bryndwr community organisations to provide a wrap-around service for vulnerable young people in their community.
3. Advice will have been received by Council staff regarding the feasibility of the expansion of the Avonhead Cemetery. If deemed to be feasible, the Board will advocate for this to be included in the Council's Long Term Plan.
4. An Artist in Residence programme will be in place by January 2018.

Liveable city

Board Outcomes:

- A safe and sustainable transport network.
- Residents have access to parks and greenspaces for recreational activities.
- Residents have access to a range of affordable and accessible community facilities.
- The protection and restoration of the area's heritage is supported.
- Cycling is promoted as a great form of transport.

Board Priorities (for the next two years)

1. Work alongside Council traffic engineers to develop solutions to assist with the reduction in traffic congestion.
2. Installation of traffic lights at the Harewood/Breens Road intersection.
3. Look to create more dog parks or the addition of fenced-off 'dog friendly' areas in local parks.
4. Continue to advocate for improved bus routes throughout the Community Board area, in particular Bishopdale.
5. Undertake initiatives to promote cycling, including the continuation of the Jellie Park Cycling Incentive Scheme and investigate options for incentive schemes for other Council facilities e.g. libraries and Service Centres.

We will measure our success by:

1. All traffic congestion issues brought to the Board's attention are investigated and responded to in a timely manner. There will be a decrease in the number of complaints received regarding traffic in the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood area.
2. Traffic lights at the Harewood/Breens Road intersection are included in the Council's Long Term Plan and the Board will continue to advocate for this project to be considered a priority.
3. At least two parks in the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood area have 'dog friendly' spaces established.
4. Ensure that Environment Canterbury recognise the Community Board as a key stakeholder in terms of their transport network planning in the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood area.
5. Re-establish and promote the Jellie Park cycling incentive scheme and work with Council staff to explore options to expand the initiative to other Council facilities.

Healthy environment

Board Outcomes:

- The Community Board area reflects a commitment to the protection of the local environment.
- Issues that devalue our natural environment, e.g. graffiti, litter, noise, poor air and water quality are addressed in a timely manner.
- Local communities feel that their concerns regarding land use and air quality are listened to and valued.

Board Priorities (for the next two years)

1. Improve water quality in the Community Board area and ensure water quality monitoring is being undertaken.
2. Waimairi Stream water-bore and Jeffreys Reserve pump station replacement.
3. Installation of exercise equipment in local parks.
4. Work in partnership with the local community to undertake projects and initiatives to support the quality and enhancement of local waterways, including clean-up of Otukaikino Stream (Clearwater).

We will measure our success by:

1. The Board will work in partnership with Environment Canterbury to improve water quality and ensure regular monitoring is being undertaken and reported back on.
2. The Waimairi Stream water-bore and Jeffreys Reserve pump station will be replaced.
3. The Board will work with the Council's Recreation Planners to identify a suitable park location and install exercise equipment.
4. In partnership with Environment Canterbury, at least two community 'stream clean-up' events will be held in the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood area.



Prosperous economy

Board Outcomes:

- A strong and connected local business community.
- Initiatives that promote innovation are supported.
- Social Enterprises are encouraged and supported.

Board Priorities (for the next two years)

1. Work in partnership with Council, Development Christchurch Ltd and local businesses to undertake regeneration activities at Bishopdale Mall.
2. Host 'community conversations' with local small business operators to hear their issues/ concerns.
3. Work with Council staff to ensure social enterprises are included in the Council's procurement procedures.
4. Work in partnership with local Business Associations to investigate a possible 'Buy Local' campaign.

We will measure our success by:

1. At least three projects will be developed to assist with the regeneration of Bishopdale Mall. These may include:
 - new public toilets included in the Council's Long Term Plan
 - development of the old library and community centre site
 - scoping exercise for a 'Master Plan' for Bishopdale Mall
2. Three 'community conversations' will be held with the local business community.
3. Social enterprises are included in the Council's procurement procedures.
4. Meetings will be held with local business associations to explore the 'Buy Local' campaign concept.



