

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula

Community Board Plan 2023–25

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From the Chair



Kia ora

I am proud to present our 2022-2025 Community Board Plan on behalf of the Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Community Board.

This plan is your plan. It's based on the conversations we've had with you, our communities, and has been shaped by your feedback

through the consultation period. The result is a plan that provides an overview of the board's role as well as the geographical area we cover. It also contains our vision for the local community and identifies our shared priorities for action over the next three years.

It is important that we view this plan as a 'living document', which can evolve over time as projects are completed or as circumstances require a change in direction to ensure we continue to achieve our shared priorities.

We look forward to working in partnership with papatipu rūnanga, and local environmental and community groups to achieve the vision we share for this area.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback. I hope you can see your priorities, projects and places in this plan.

Ngā mihi

Reuben Davidson, 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

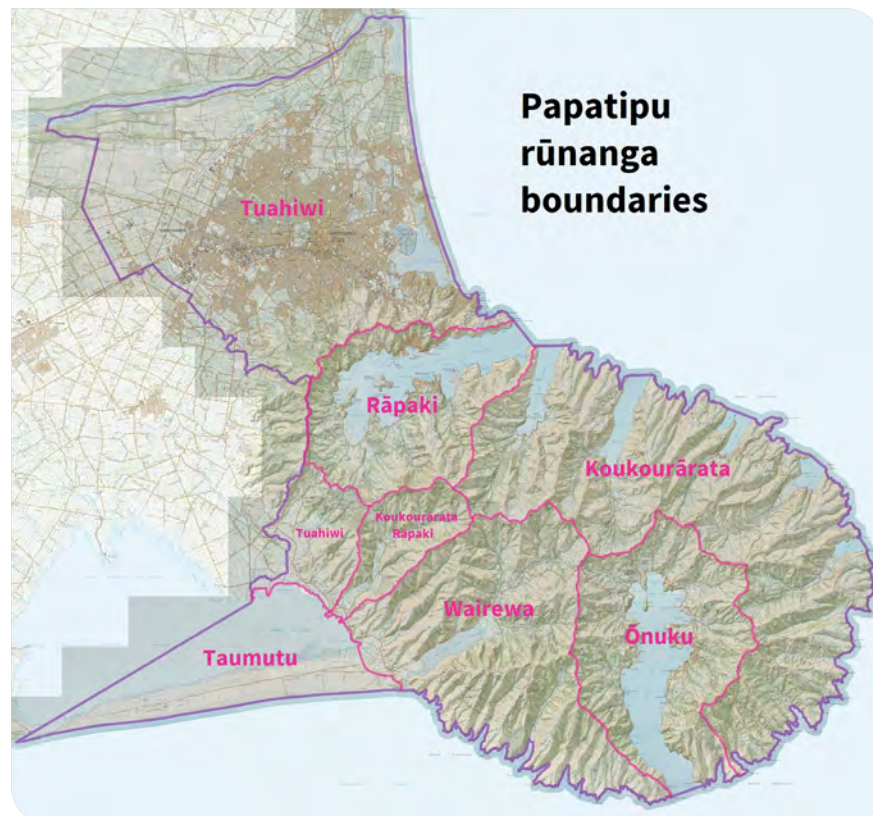
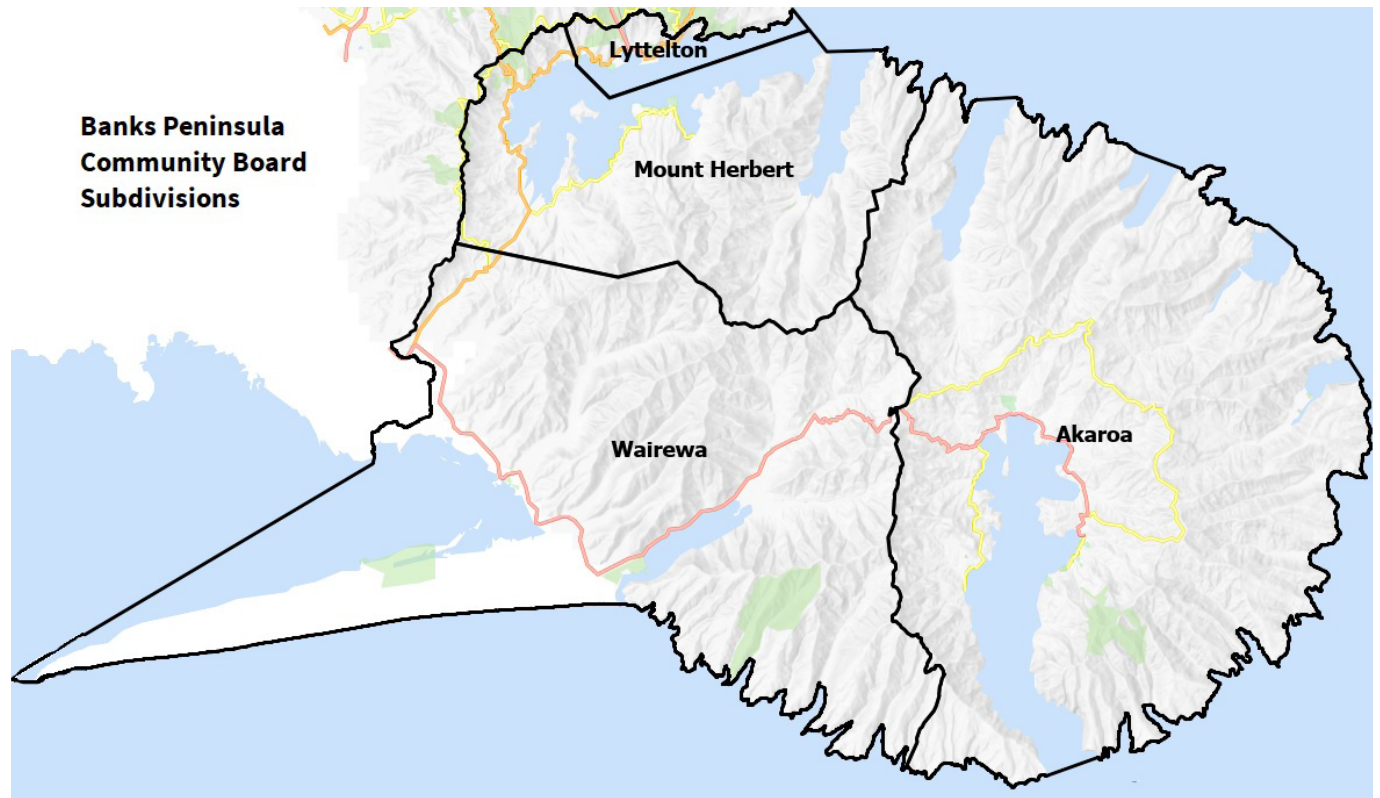
Te Tāngata People	Whenua Place	Te Mahi Participation	Te Takatū Preparedness
Actively promote a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.	Support and help build connections between communities to foster a sense of local identity, shared experience 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](https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/strengthening-communities-together-strategy).
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Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board area



Key statistics



This section provides an overview of key statistics for the Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board area. Please note all figures are sourced from the 2018 Census of Population and Dwellings unless otherwise stated.



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



Population:
8,850



Median age:
48.5 years



Median personal income:
\$36,000



Occupied private dwellings:
3,897



Unoccupied private dwellings:
2,127



Household access to internet:
88%



Rented dwellings:
20%



Identify as Māori:
8%



Born overseas:
27%



Approximately **1,398** businesses employing **2,875** people (Feb 2021)

Key facilities and amenities

- 4 council libraries: Diamond Harbour, Little River, Akaroa, Lyttelton
- 3 council service centres: Little River, Akaroa, Lyttelton
- 145 council parks: 116 local/community parks, 8 garden and heritage parks, 6 sports parks, 15 regional parks
- 14 cemeteries, including 1 green burial cemetery
- 1 Council Museum: Akaroa
- 3 community museums: Okains Bay, Lyttelton and Thornycroft Torpedo Boat Museum
- 6 council-owned social housing complexes with 26 units
- 7 schools: 6 primary, 1 Area School (Akaroa, years 1–13) (no secondary school in Lyttelton Harbour area)
- 5 volunteer fire brigades (many acting as ‘first responders’ for a range of incidents): Akaroa, Little River, Governors Bay, Diamond Harbour and Lyttelton
- Lyttelton Port of Christchurch
- Major sport and recreation amenities: 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 the Te Ara Pātaka/Summit Walkway and the Banks Track
- 6 shopping areas: Akaroa, Church Bay, Diamond Harbour, Duvauchelle, Little River and Lyttelton
- 6 papatipu rūnanga within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū takiwā, 4 of whom have Marae here – 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



Listen to and work with community, mana whenua, partners and other organisations to protect and enhance the environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing of Banks Peninsula.

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi.



Vision statements

- We are committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi by engaging well with papatipu rūnanga and holding Te Ao Māori values at the core of our decision-making.
- The views, interests, needs and aspirations of residents are effectively represented.
- We have an open and transparent decision-making process that residents can understand and engage in.
- Our focus is to enhance environmental, cultural, social and economic wellbeing.

Advocacy to external agencies

In addition to the priority areas below where we would hope to have some **direct** influence the Banks Peninsula Community Board will also advocate to other agencies for:

- Improved technical connectivity (fibre, cellular network, power) to keep our many isolated communities connected and safe.
- Support active transport modes (more electric buses, bikes on public transport, light rail, ferry and car share/ community transport schemes,) on Banks Peninsula.
- Installation of more electric car chargers across Banks Peninsula.
- More detailed, frequent, widespread and transparent testing of the waters in the bays.
- Advocate to all appropriate organisations (Ecan, LPC etc.) to ensure that Port, Cruise etc. activities minimise the environmental impact on Whakaraupō and Akaroa Harbours, with particular emphasis on protection of dolphins and other endangered species.
- Encourage private landowners to follow the Council's example of only planting natives on Banks Peninsula.
- **Advocate to FENZ for:**
 - Banks Peninsula's rural communities that are of high fire risk to have fire ponds accessible to them.
 - the development of a management plan for fire protection, including vegetation fire planning, for at risk areas.
- **Advocate to ECan for:**
 - swimmable beaches and rivers on Banks Peninsula.
 - Public transport services to connect Governors Bay to Christchurch and to Lyttelton
 - Alternative ways of providing public transport services on Banks Peninsula to be investigated (for example the MyWay on demand service operating in Timaru instead of a regular bus service).
- **Advocate to LPC to:**
 - remove all derelict infrastructure that it has been paid out for in order to reduce biosecurity risk and support the health of Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour.

Our priorities

Proactive planning for climate change

Why this matters:

To enable our communities to be as prepared for, able to respond to and recover from the many hazards which are increasing in frequency and intensity.

What the board will do:

- Encourage and support community-led resilience planning, including the identification of hazards and risks.
- Encourage the use of ecological initiatives to mitigate natural hazards where appropriate.
- Identify the many opportunities for native planting and ecological restoration, partnering with others to achieve. Initiatives should focus on planting native trees rather than exotics such as pines.
- Provide letters of support and advocacy for private landowners wanting to fence off and protect land for new and regenerating native forest.
- Actively engage in the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Plan process to support those communities most affected by sea level rise. Advocate that climate change adaptation and resilience planning includes climate mitigation measures, so that adaptation activities do not contribute to climate change.
- We will bring together key stakeholders (reserve committees, residents, council Parks Unit, ecologist, rūnanga, etc.) in areas where fire risk is a concern to hear their voices and help inform us on which areas need action and advocacy to FENZ.
- Advocate for local procurement for council contracts delivered on Banks Peninsula.
- Advocate for the installation of solar panels on suitable Council owned buildings (Libraries etc.)

We will measure our success by:

- Resilience plans are completed for at least four settlements across Banks Peninsula with others underway.
- Local groups and organisations involved in ecological initiatives are supported through grants and other mechanisms as appropriate.
- Landowners are supported in their efforts to fence off land for natural regeneration of forest with assistance as requested.
- Adaptation plans will be developed, with community involvement, for the most at-risk communities in the Whakaraupo/Port Levy area to help prepare for the effects of coastal hazards on our communities, infrastructure and environment. These adaptation plans will not include anything that contributes negatively to climate change.
- FENZ and CCC work together to identify fire risk and develop mitigation strategies for at least three areas of concern on Banks Peninsula.
- New procurement opportunities have included the opportunity for local contractors to bid.
- Solar panels are installed on suitable Council owned properties.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

Tourism opportunities are balanced with social, cultural, economic and environmental values

Why this matters:

Tourism has a considerable impact on Banks Peninsula, both positive (business, jobs) and negative (lack of affordable housing, community experience, and environmental impact).

What the board will do:

- Support ChristchurchNZ in the development of the Banks Peninsula Destination Management Plan by providing advice and guidance and ensuring appropriate community engagement.
- Ensure the Destination Management Plan aligns with the interests and values of the community board and its constituency, including but not limited to:
 - protecting and enhancing biodiversity
 - regenerative tourism that gives back more than it takes from host communities, the environment and the ecosystem;
 - promotion of the unique natural features and cultural heritage of Banks Peninsula
 - the infrastructure requirements needed to support both tourism and local residents e.g. number of toilets, signage, parking areas, roads suitable to use, staff accommodation issues and marine structures.

We will measure our success by:

- The Banks Peninsula Destination Management Plan is completed and includes an implementation plan with an agreed process for monitoring/reporting in place.
- The Banks Peninsula Destination Management Plan aligns with the interests and values of the community board and its constituency.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Participation ✓

Cruise ship in Akaroa Harbour



Protect and enhance biodiversity on Banks Peninsula

Why this matters:

We have a unique environment. By supporting and regenerating our flora and fauna through ecological initiatives and sustainable practices, we have the opportunity to provide benefits to the wider region, climate change mitigation and contribute to emission targets.

What the board will do:

- Support Biodiversity organisations operating on Banks Peninsula with funding, letters of support and advocacy.
- Support the continuation of the Council’s Biodiversity Fund to remain at least at its current level or preferably be increased, and support any Targeted Rate for Biodiversity which may be proposed by the Regional Council.
- Advocate that where appropriate new or upgraded public toilets on Banks Peninsula are environmentally friendly, with new technologies explored.
- Advocate to the CCC to complete the assessment of Sites of Ecological Significance (SES) in the Banks Peninsula area.
- Request that Wairewa Reserve 3185 is reclassified as a scientific or scenic reserve to protect all its important natural values.
- Actively support predator and pest control on Banks Peninsula.

We will measure our success by:

- Biodiversity initiatives are supported.
- The Christchurch City Council Biodiversity Fund is retained at least at the current \$400,000 per annum
- Environmentally friendly, context appropriate public toilets are installed wherever possible.
- Progress is made with undertaking an assessment of all Sites of Ecological Significance on Banks Peninsula.
- The process to reclassify Wairewa Reserve 3185 is underway.
- Pest control initiatives are supported.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓



Improve infrastructure to support community resilience

Why this matters:

The increased frequency and damage caused by storm events is affecting community resilience.

What the board will do:

- Work with staff to review levels of service for rural roads and marine structures in light of increased frequency and intensity of storms.
- Advocate for additional funding in the annual and long term plans to enable improvements to publicly owned drainage and stormwater infrastructure, including considering the use of natural means for dealing with stormwater and drainage.
- Monitor the progression of the creation of rating districts with Environment Canterbury to support local land drainage works.

We will measure our success by:

- We understand the current levels of service for rural roads and marine structures.
- We have an opportunity to contribute to the review of levels of service for rural roads and marine structures through the long term planning process.
- Capital and operational funding is increased for drainage/stormwater infrastructure on Banks Peninsula.
- Progress is made towards establishing rating districts in those communities that have expressed an interest in this approach (e.g. Little Akaloa and Le Bons Bay).

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Preparedness ✓



Diamond Harbour Wharf

Good social and physical connections for our communities

Why this matters:

Community connection supports wellbeing and reduces isolation.

What the board will do:

- Work with local communities to manage and/or develop community facilities that support community connection.
- Support community organisations that deliver social services, build community capacity and/or undertake initiatives to connect their communities with funding, letters of support and advocacy.
- Advocate for connected walkways to enable children to safely walk to school.
- Support for improved walking tracks and pedestrian linkages.
- Advocate for improved cycling access and facilities around Banks Peninsula.
- Support car share/community transport schemes on Banks Peninsula.



Port Levy Community Hall

We will measure our success by:

- Communities have access to local community facilities and are supported to manage them.
- All eligible community organisations and events designed to connect our communities and reduce isolation are supported with funding or other assistance as requested.
- Planning is undertaken to provide safe routes for children to walk to school (including but not limited to connections between West Lyttelton and Lyttelton Primary School, within Governors Bay, Diamond Harbour and connections between Cooptown and Little River Primary School).
- The board, staff, hapu and community work together to improve walking connections within Rāpaki, the Head to Head Walkway and other walking tracks.
- Little River community is supported in its efforts to establish a community transport scheme.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓

Assist the community to tackle the issues caused by anti-social road users

Why this matters:

Our communities endure considerable noise disturbance and road safety issues.

What the board will do:

- Engage with community and investigate options for mitigation, including supporting the idea of a community-led noise camera trial.
- Encourage the Council, community and police to work together to tackle this issue.
- Advocate to Council that some of the safety budget is allocated to tackling the anti-social road users issue.

We will measure our success by:

- Receive deputation/public forum on this topic and ask staff to investigate
- Staff actively work on this issue and report back to the board
- An appropriate budget for this work is allocated which allows a collaborative response to the issue.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Preparedness ✓



Work with all relevant parties to support Healthy Harbours and Bays

Why this matters:

Our harbours and bays provide important cultural, recreational and social opportunities for mana whenua, residents and visitors.

What the board will do:

- Advocate for a stormwater management plan for Banks Peninsula that is informed by local experience as well as data.
- Advocate at long term plan hearings for funding to address flooding of a rural origin (i.e. from the hills around settlements) which will not receive automatic funding through the LTP as part of a stormwater management plan.
- Support the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour programme of work to restore the ecological and cultural health of Whakaraupō-Lyttelton Harbour as mahinga kai.

We will measure our success by:

- A Banks Peninsula Stormwater Management Plan is completed and funding allocated to implement it.
- Engage with three waters regulators to ensure we are preventing stormwater runoff entering our harbours.
- High levels of investment in stormwater management.
- Councillors are aware of rural flooding issues on Banks Peninsula and funding is allocated to help address this.
- Funding provided to support biodiversity and biosecurity restoration work, including community led restoration programmes
- Installation of trial sites completed and monitoring progressed for reducing erosion on roadside embankments where there is not a risk of uncontrolled flows entering the road corridor.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓



Quail Island

All elements of Te Nukutai o Tapoa - Naval Point are progressed (off-shore, on-shore and the recreation ground)

Why this matters:

This is a popular marine and recreation area for Lyttelton, Christchurch and Canterbury residents.

What the board will do:

- Support quality and meaningful engagement with staff, rūnanga, stakeholders and community.
- Advocate for continued implementation of the development plan.
- Advocate for funding required to implement the plan in full.

We will measure our success by:

- Ngāti Wheke and staff are aligned with design and outcomes of Te Nukutai o Tapoa Plan.
- Stakeholders feel fully enabled with supporting detailed design planning.
- Opportunities to support recreational and event use of the site are maximised.
- Barriers to the effective and efficient use of the site are minimised (e.g. support relocation of haul out, removal of old marina, maximising public/organised event space sharing, minimising misuse by vehicles).
- Implementation of Te Nukutai o Tapoa-Naval Point Development Plan is fully funded through the annual and long term plans.
- The long term plan includes funding to implement all elements of Te Nukutai o Tapoa-Naval Point Development Plan.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Participation ✓



Te Nukutai o Tapoa

Support community-based solutions for currently unused significant Council-owned sites

Why this matters:

Sites of significant value to the community, either strategically or because of heritage value need to have a future use determined.

What the board will do:

- **BP Meats Site** (Akaroa)
 - Request staff investigate uses for this land.
 - Advocate for community solutions, including accommodation for workers and young families.
- **Donald Street Stables** (Lyttelton)
 - Continue to seek an appropriate future use for this vacant heritage building.
- **Former Godley House site** (Diamond Harbour)
 - Continue to work with the community and council staff to find a way to enable the community vision for the former Godley House site.
- **Hunters Road** (Diamond Harbour)
 - Work with Council staff and the community to identify future uses, development, disposal/retention and management strategies for the Hunters Road site.
 - Request an assessment of the site for its potential to grow indigenous trees for long-term carbon-sequestration, either by natural regeneration or strategic (ecologically beneficial) planting, as part of the Council's drive to become a carbon-neutral city.

We will measure our success by:

- A proposal is developed for the future use and development of the BP Meats site which broadly achieves the objectives of the community.
- A future use is found for Donald Street Stables.
- The community is consulted about the proposal Council has received to develop the former Godley House site. If the community is happy with the proposal we (community board) will approve a lease to the applicant.
- A spatial plan and outline development plan is developed for the Hunters Road site which will be incorporated into the district plan. These plans will incorporate:
 - community views and preferences about the future use of the site.
 - any site constraints (e.g. geotechnical).
 - any features/natural values that may require protection (e.g. landscape, biodiversity).
 - technical advice (e.g. infrastructure networks, including transport, stormwater facilities).
 - An assessment of the site's suitability as an area for natural regeneration or revegetation.

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓



Former Godley House site

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 and for the 2022-23 funding year, had a total funding pool of \$153,171.

Strengthening Communities Fund

An annual contestable funding round – opens in March/April 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 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 Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula 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.

You can find more about community funding, [here](https://ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/community-funding).
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The Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board generally meets on the second Monday of each month at 10 am to 4.30pm at Lyttelton, Little River or Akaroa. These meetings are open to the public and live-streamed on our YouTube channel [here](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC66K8mOIfQT3I4rOLwGbeug). ([youtube.com/channel/UC66K8mOIfQT3I4rOLwGbeug](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC66K8mOIfQT3I4rOLwGbeug))

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If you would like to speak at a board meeting please contact the Community Board Adviser on **03 941 6601**.

