

PRIORITY ACTIONS FROM THE STRATEGIC PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

- Increase the engagement and contribution of volunteers
- Activation of community facilities and council assets
- Increasing Community partnerships
- Embed active citizenship in Council projects wherever possible
- More citizens are actively involved in Council and Community Board decision making
- Targeted funding which builds connected communities
- Increase in number of candidates and voters in local body elections

THE 2 KEY INDICATORS WE ARE TRACKING

Sense of community

- 52% of Christchurch residents feel a sense of community in their neighbourhood.
- 71% think it is important to have a sense of community in their local neighbourhood.

Volunteering

- 16% of Christchurch residents took part in voluntary or unpaid work within the past 12 months (SNZ General Social Survey 2016)
- Levels of unpaid work and volunteering in the city have remained the same since 2001.

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/20182028-vision/strategic-priorities/enabling-active-citizenship-and-connected-communities/>

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- ✓ Council teams rolled out a range of activities to support better **Community Board engagement** and participation in the Annual Plan, including Board visits by the Chief Executive and Engagement Manager
- ✓ **Volunteering:** Urban Parks teams have supported 36 community volunteer events in 18 reserves since June 2018. Regional Parks teams have supported 55 community volunteer events in 33 reserves since June 2018. Total volunteers at Dec 2018: 699, Total volunteer hours: 1441
- ✓ Volunteers at Tūranga are taking 1-hour guided walks around the library every weekday. 164 individuals and 28 community groups have completed more than 8000 volunteer hours either tag-spotting or tag-removing in the last 6 months and community groups have completed 894 hours doing one off clean-ups.
- ✓ The **Parks Unit** have long-term projects underway which enable active citizenship and connected communities, focussing on working with schools and responding to their interest in taking on a guardianship role within parks, and working collaboratively across agencies for education.
- ✓ Parks have launched a school-based plant growing project, where one school germinates and grows seedlings to pass onto 10 other schools for repotting and growing, for planting in urban parks and waterways
- ✓ The My Council programme has rolled out, giving our citizens choice in how they interact with us and access to simplified and consistent processes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- ✓ Council considered the report of the Funding Review Working Group on 13 December, taking decisions on the Capital Endowment Fund management process, a future Funding Framework and funding related to 9 early learning centres.

ANY DECISIONS, OPPORTUNITIES OR RISKS TO FLAG

- **OPPORTUNITY:** Using the Community Partnership Initiative fund, Parks is making sure we are providing a spread of opportunities across the city – from Papanui Bush to Diamond Harbour, for people to participate in caring for their local parks and waterways and have a say in how they develop.
- **DECISIONS:** The Partnership Approach to Governance project is in the final stages and planning for a Council report in June.

KEY MILESTONES IN 2019

- The work of the Funding Review Working Group is continuing with a trial of the draft Funding Framework due to commence in 2019 and discussions taking place, in partnership with Ministry of Education, with 8 early learning centres. Consideration of the apportionment of the Strengthening Communities Fund to Community Boards concluded in February.
- A Community Facilities Network Plan is in draft and facility feasibility/business cases are being developed. The draft Plan and draft business cases have been used to inform officer comment on the Annual Plan submissions.

