

**Waipuna**  
**Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board**  
**MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

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**Date:** Tuesday 28 June 2022  
**Time:** 5.02pm  
**Venue:** Rārākau: Riccarton Centre,  
199 Clarence Street, Christchurch

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### Two significant projects at the Riccarton Park Racecourse

SYNTHETIC RACETRACK (POLYTRACK, mix of sand, rubber, polyester fibre and wax).

- Synthetic Tracks have long been used in UK and Australis and was one of the 17 recommended planks in the Messara Report.
- May 2020 Minister for Racing announced funding for three synthetic racetracks in NZ including Riccarton Park.
- Work commenced January 2021, completed August 2021. The new track opened for training and trials soon after.
- First racemeeting Thursday 5 May this year, now run fortnightly to September. Fifth meeting this coming Thursday.
- Benefits – now 31 racemeetings at Riccarton Park. Up from 20 in 2020/21.
- Increased sporting and business opportunities for stakeholders and the 700 people who derive some income from the operation of the Canterbury Jockey Club.

### GRAND NATIONAL STAND (PUBLIC GRANDSTAND)

- Built 1922 as a purpose-built facility for the viewing of the sport of horse racing.
- Its use changed with the evolution of internal TV Monitors, Trackside TV, PubTABs, internet and Cellphones which has resulted in the building only being partially useful on major racedays.
- Suffered damage in the Christchurch earthquakes to the extent that's its use for the public was withdrawn due to the limited use and a low percentage of new building standards.
- Costings to repair and strengthen to high percentage of NBS are at a level that would financially cripple the Canterbury Jockey Club.
- Effectively protecting a building that was fit for purpose 50 to 100 years ago would result in the CJC not being able to undertake its purpose now and into the future. It would also put at risk the future livelihood of all those who derive income from its operation.
- The CJC has made the decision that demolition is in the bets interest of the Club, its stakeholders, and its purpose for being.
- The redevelopment of the site will be purpose built for the next 50 years and ensure that the CJC can continues the role it plays in the sporting, social and economic fabric of Christchurch, Canterbury, and NZ.

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