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Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date:	**Monday 8 June 2026**
Time:	**4 pm**
Venue:	**Boardroom, Corner Beresford and Union Streets, New Brighton**

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Southshore Residents Association: Key Messages

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1. Keep the Estuary Edge Project Moving

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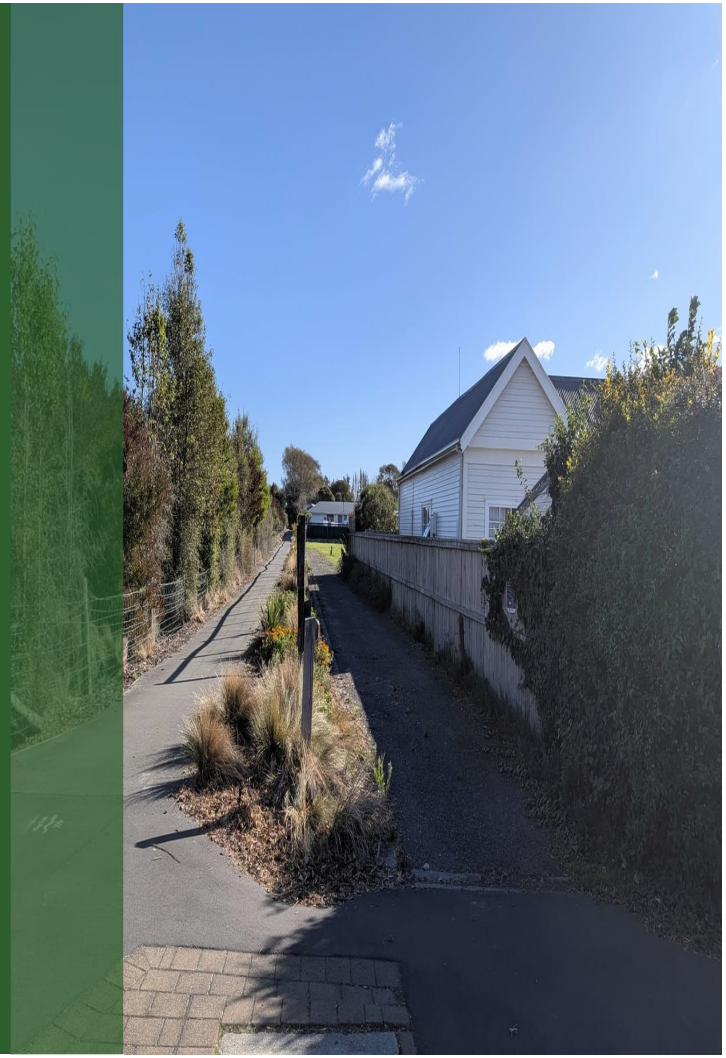
A Fenced Dog Park for Linwood

Deputation to the Linwood-Burwood-Coast Community Board

Ethan | May 2026



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THE CONTEXT

More dogs, tighter rules, fewer options

45,000	1 : 9	+5,000
registered dogs across Christchurch	dog-to-person ratio in the district	more dogs than when rules last set

Key changes — Dog Control Bylaw 2025 (effective 3 Nov 2025):

- Dogs must be leashed on all paths in parks and reserves
- New prohibited areas: Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, estuary, Te Kuru Wetlands
- Max 4 dogs walked together, only 2 off-leash at a time
- If your dog can't reliably respond to recall — it must be leashed

THE GAP

No fenced dog park in the inner east

CCC Open Data: 6 dedicated dog parks + 3 off-leash areas

- Styx Mill — Northwood (3.0 ha)
- The Groynes — Northwood (15.2 ha)
- Bexley Park — New Brighton (4.3 ha)
- Victoria Park — Cashmere (3.6 ha)
- Rawhiti Domain — Brighton (0.6 ha)
- Horseshoe Lake — Burwood (0.6 ha)

What about Radley Park?

Radley Park is classified by CCC as a "recommended off-leash space" — the same category as Bottle Lake Forest. It's unfenced, with no secure containment for:

- Puppies still learning recall
- Rescue or rehomed dogs
- Reactive dogs needing containment
- Older dogs with unpredictable mobility
- Owners building off-leash confidence

6 dedicated dog parks for 45,000 dogs — and none in the inner east. Source: CCC Spatial Open Data Portal.

RADLEY PARK

Great facility — but unfenced

Entrance — no perimeter fencing

Dog exercise area with agility gear

Open space — dogs can run off in any direction

Radley Park is a valued dog exercise area with agility equipment — but with no fencing, it only works for dogs with reliable recall. It's not a safe option for all dogs.

THE SITE

Linwood Esplanade Reserve

Off Tilford Street, alongside the Linwood Canal

Wide, flat grassed area — currently underutilised

Bordered by residential fences — reduces fencing costs

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EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Already halfway there

Wire fencing along the canal

Utilities terminal on-site

Residential fences on boundaries

- Flat, open terrain ready for use
- Partial fencing already in place (canal boundary)
- Residential fences on two sides reduce costs
- Sealed pathway provides pedestrian/cycle access
- Utilities terminal on-site — power and water connection ready

THE PROBLEM TODAY

Unmanaged dog use is already happening

What's happening now:

- Dog walkers already free-run dogs from the path into the open area
- No dog waste bins anywhere on site
- Bagged waste tied to drain fence or thrown in planting
- Dog waste washing into the Linwood Canal — E. coli risk to waterways
- Nearby nature play space affected by dog waste (Linwood Corner Church Trust)

How a dog park fixes this:

- Dedicated waste bins and bag dispensers
- Contained area keeps dogs away from the drain and canal
- Reduces unmanaged E. coli contamination of waterways
- Aligns with CCC's waterway quality monitoring priorities
- Formalises existing use — don't ban it, manage it

"Although I don't currently use that area as a dog area, should it be nominated and set up as a dog park, I would certainly use it. A large number of dog walkers walk the pathway."
— Alan Warburton, local resident

THE CASE

Why a fenced dog park here makes sense

Fills a geographic gap

First fenced dog park serving the inner east — Linwood, Woolston, Phillipstown, Waltham.

Protects waterway quality

Manages dog waste that currently enters the Linwood Canal uncontrolled — aligns with CCC's E. coli monitoring priorities.

Safe for all dogs and owners

Enclosed space for puppies, rescue dogs, reactive dogs, and owners building off-leash confidence.

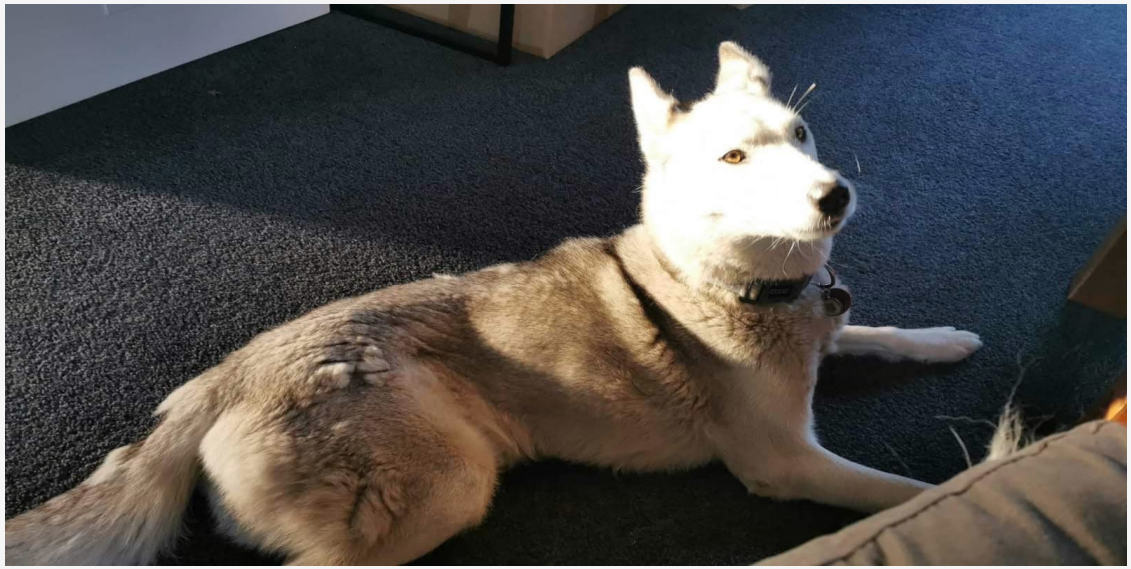
Cost-effective conversion

Existing partial fencing, residential boundaries, flat terrain, and on-site utilities terminal mean lower build costs.

Dog parks increase foot traffic, build community connections, and activate underutilised public land.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO ME

Meet Thalia



Thalia is my husky. Huskies are notorious escape artists with high prey drive — no matter how well trained, they can't be trusted off-leash in an unfenced area. Leash aggression is also common in the breed. The nearest fenced dog park is a car ride away — I'd happily walk or bike to a local one. A fenced park at Linwood Esplanade would let Thalia socialise, run, and exercise freely for the first time.

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THE ASK

Recommend that we investigate the feasibility of a fenced dog park at Linwood Esplanade Reserve

What that means:

- A site assessment and feasibility report
- Cost estimate for fencing, double-gate entry, waste bins, and water
- A recommendation to Council for inclusion in a future work programme

Deputation Summary

A Fenced Dog Park at Linwood Esplanade Reserve

Ethan - Linwood-Burwood-Coast Community Board, May 2026

The Ask

I am requesting that the Board recommend CCC investigates the feasibility of converting part of the Linwood Esplanade Reserve into a fenced, enclosed dog park - the first dedicated safe off-leash space for dogs in the inner east.

Context

Christchurch has approximately 45,000 registered dogs - roughly one for every nine people - with 5,000 more than when the rules were last set. The Dog Control Bylaw 2025 (effective 3 November 2025) has tightened controls: dogs must be leashed on all paths in parks and reserves, new prohibited areas have been added, and there is a limit of four dogs walked together with only two off-leash at a time. If a dog can't reliably respond to recall, it must be leashed.

These are reasonable rules - but they mean dog owners now have fewer places to safely exercise dogs off-leash. The demand for dedicated, fenced dog parks has increased.

The Gap

According to CCC's own Spatial Open Data Portal, there are only 6 dedicated dog parks and 3 recommended off-leash areas (unfenced) across the entire city. None of the 6 dedicated parks are in the inner east. The communities of Linwood, Woolston, Phillipstown, and Waltham have no dedicated dog park within reasonable walking or cycling distance.

Radley Park in Woolston is classified by CCC as a "recommended off-leash space" - the same category as Bottle Lake Forest. It has agility equipment but no perimeter fencing, making it unsuitable for dogs that cannot be trusted off-leash in an open area: puppies, rescue dogs, reactive dogs, and breeds like huskies with high prey drive.

The Site

The Linwood Esplanade Reserve runs along the Linwood Canal (City Outfall Drain), accessed off Tilford Street. It is a large, flat, open grassed area that is currently underutilised - many local residents do not even know it is CCC-owned reserve land. The site has:

- Partial wire fencing already in place along the canal boundary
- Residential fences on two sides, reducing perimeter fencing costs
- An on-site utilities terminal for power and water connection
- Sealed pathway providing pedestrian and cycle access
- Flat, open terrain ready for use with minimal earthworks

Current Problems at the Site

Dog walkers already free-run their dogs from the path into the open area. However, there are no dog waste bins on site. Bagged waste is tied to the drain fence or thrown into planting. Unbagged waste washes into the Linwood Canal, creating an E. coli contamination risk for the waterway.

The Linwood Corner Church Trust girls' group, which manages a nature play space along the drain, has reported the impact of dog waste on their site and is preparing a letter of support for a formalised dog park. A fenced dog park with dedicated waste bins would manage existing use rather than leaving it uncontrolled.

Data sources: CCC Spatial Open Data Portal (Dog Exercise Areas), CCC Dog Control Bylaw 2025, CCC Waterway Monitoring Programme.

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Who Are We?

- Community-led
- Resilience-building through:
  1. Pest Control
  2. Habitat Restoration
  3. Community Engagement
- Rotary Ōtautahi Passport ambassador
  - Charitable Trust
  - Volunteering and fundraising
  - Links to Rotary International
  - Chosen target areas of child and maternal health, mental health, environment

Kāinga Preservation Group

Rotary Ōtautahi Passport

Predator Free Kāinga

Kāinga Trappers
Predator Free Kāinga
Ngā Kaitāhere

Kāinga Creek Restoration Project

KRA
Kāinga Residents Association

What Are We Doing?

Kāinga Preservation Group

Rotary
Ōtautahi Passport

- Pest Control
  - Backyard Trapping
  - Public Land Trapline for Ecan
  - Removal of pest plants on Kāinga Creek
  - Collaboration with Ecan, Predator Free Spencerville
  - Negotiating private landowner and leaseholder support

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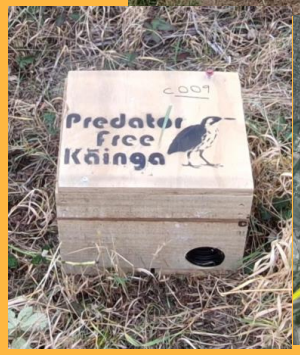

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What Are We Doing?

Kāinga Preservation Group

Rotary
Ōtautahi Passport

- Habitat Restoration
  - Rubbish and pest plant removal
  - Native Plantings
  - Community-led reserve management
  - Improving spring-fed water quality
  - SLLT and Ecan collaborations

Kāinga Creek Restoration Project

Styx Living Laboratory Trust
PŪHARAKEKENUI

Environment Canterbury Regional Council
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha

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What Are We Doing?

Kāinga Preservation Group

Rotary
Ōtautahi Passport

- Community Engagement
  - Working Bee Events
  - Refreshed Residents Association
  - Save The Hall Initiative
    - Trap Library
    - Project Office
    - Meeting Space
    - Future destination and focal point

KRA
Kāinga Residents Association

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Future Focus

Kāinga Preservation Group

Rotary
Ōtautahi Passport

- Save The Hall Initiative
  - Coffee cart rest stop on cycle trail
  - Information boards at points of interest
    - Army magazine site
    - Stewarts Gully
    - Pikes Track Railway Siding
    - Waimakariri Flood Protection
  - Monthly farmers market
  - Kāinga Creek Walkway – Bridgend to Brooklands

Kāinga Preservation Group
Jennifer Kay Helms, Project Lead
Sam Poulsen, Chair, Kāinga Residents Association
Deborah Budden, Secretary, Rotary Ōtautahi Passport

Background:

Kāinga Preservation Group was established in March 2026 as a vehicle for supporting the Predator Free Kāinga initiative and other community projects that would build community esteem and resilience. Predator Free Kāinga was established in August 2025 to bring together residents keen to manage the infestation of possums in the area, especially due to our proximity to Chaneys Forest. PF Kāinga was awarded a Predator Free NZ backyard trapping grant in March 2026 - the only group in Canterbury, and only one of three in the South Island for that funding round.

Kāinga Preservation Group is now an umbrella project management framework for:

- Predator Free Kāinga – the funding and management arm of our pest control initiatives
- Kāinga Trappers - the workforce for PF Kāinga
- Kāinga Creek Restoration Project – establishing a community-led reserve management plan
- Kāinga Residents Association – with specific focus on preserving Kāinga Hall

Current Situation:

Since establishing Kāinga Preservation Group we have:

Established working relationships with:

- Rotary Ōtautahi Passport – as our brand ambassador and headline promoter for annual Epic Day of Service working bee (this year on 16 May 2026)
- Ecan – for pest control and restoration of the retired leasehold land at the entrance of Kāinga (near the railway line)
- Trees For Canterbury – donated natives (350 planted on 16 May; more coming Aug 2026)
- Styx Living Laboratory Trust – for restoration of Kāinga Creek, part of the Styx/Pūharakekenui catchment, spring-fed from the railway line at the entrance to Kāinga and joins the Styx near the outlet to Brooklands Lagoon; access to their trap library for loan traps, bait; loan tools
- Predator Free Spencerville – shared management of traplines in Brooklands Lagoon on behalf of CCC and Ecan; sharing knowledge and resources.
- Predator Free NZ Trust and Predator Free Waitaha – knowledge-sharing and resources; access to funding and donations.
- Snap Fitness Kaiapoi – confirmed as headline promoter for working bee on 8 August
- Rymans Richard Hadlee Retirement Village – Menzshed volunteers build trapboxes for PF Kāinga; confirmed headline promoter for a community working bee in September/October
- Kāinga Residents Association – revitalised with new officers appointed on 25 May 2026.

In addition to ad hoc meetings, calls and correspondence, we have held/attended:

- 3 x community meetings at Kāinga Hall
- 2 x meetings with CCC at Kāinga Hall
- 1 x meeting with Ecan at Kāinga Depot
- 1 x site visit with Ecan
- 3 x site visits with SLLT
- 1 x meeting with PF Spencerville at Spencerville Community Hub
- 1 x health and safety webinar
- 3 x predator control seminars/meetings
- 2 x community working bees including 1 x community event on 16 May
- 1 x KRA meeting