

12. Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Area Report - September 2023

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1. Purpose of Report Te Pūtake Pūrongo

This report provides the Board with an overview on initiatives and issues current within the Community Board area.

2. Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board:

1. Receive the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Area Report for September 2023.

3. Community Support, Governance and Partnership Activity

3.1 Community Governance Projects

3.1.1 Bryndwr Community Garden's Fruitful Delivery

After gaining the appropriate permissions, the Bryndwr Community Garden was looking for a couple of fruit trees to plant in their garden at Morley Reserve to provide a treat for children, volunteers, and community alike.

They wanted trees around 5ft tall so they could be able to survive the rigors of planting in their communal space better. The trees the group were looking at were approximately \$160 each. As luck would have it, a week or two later after a few phone calls with the group and staff from the Council's Parks Unit, our Community Development Advisor, Natalie Dally, was able to pick up and deliver a nectarine, pear, and apricot tree to the gardens. The volunteers are over the moon as the trees are even better quality than the ones they were looking at and they were free! We are still working on getting a lemon tree for them so if anyone knows of one going, contact Natalie as she knows a good home for it.



Photo: Deen "the keen" gardener, one of the volunteers from the garden and husband of Sarah the current Chairperson of the group. On call to take delivery of trees day or night!

3.1.2 Working with Support for Development and their Women's Cultural Events

The Support for Development group have conversational English connection classes at the Fendalton Service Centre and other activities at the Fendalton Community Centre.

They are looking at running a couple of women's cultural events this year, the "Teej Celebration" and "Vailo Depawali". Our Community Development Advisor, Natalie Dally, has been helping them to navigate Council funding schemes and pull together an application which will go to the Metropolitan Discretionary Response Fund.



Women with a cultural heritage from mainly south Asian countries; Nepal, Bhutan, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan and others share food and cultural activities at the events. They provide an opportunity to integrate cultures and harmonise a multicultural New Zealand society.

For many participants, these festivals have traditionally been the only time in the calendar year where women have been allowed full freedom of expression. Women band together and celebrate by singing, dancing, performing humorous dance, and eating a variety of ethnic foods. The events inspire, encourage, and empower Asian women to explore and promote their unique cultural values and share with other cultures and wider communities of women in Christchurch.

The events are often catalysts for deeper connections between women from different cultural backgrounds as they introduce and exchange their respective cultures. They often have speakers sharing stories of indigenous women and modern women with successful leadership and academic careers in NZ and their life experiences.

Isolation is a very real problem for many and the connections these events provide can be life changing. The events will be open to all women of Christchurch to attend. The Teej celebration is expected to be held in September and the Valio will be a little later in the year.

3.1.3 The Friends of Crosbie Park

Amidst the melodious calls of bellbirds, the enthusiastic members of the Friends of Crosbie Park community recently came together for their highly anticipated second annual planting event in the first two days of August. Over these two days, they planted an impressive 160 native plants, enhancing an existing border along the Ilam Stream and adding to the park's allure for not only the local community but also the native wildlife. Council Park Ranger, Annaliese Caukwell-Mills, introduced an innovative touch - a large biodegradable planting mat - to promote sustainable growth.



A significant milestone was reached on Tuesday, 15 August, as the Friends of Crosbie Park were honoured at the Keep Christchurch Beautiful Awards. Partners received certificates of appreciation along with native plants, symbolising their unwavering commitment to preserving Christchurch's natural beauty.

Bound together by a shared vision of a greener world, the Friends of Crosbie Park embody community-driven environmental stewardship. Their story highlights unity, innovation, and unwavering dedication to preserving natural splendour.

3.1.4 Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Liaison Meeting

The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Liaison Meeting took place on Wednesday, 9 August, at the New Generation Church. It was attended by a diverse group of community representatives, including CCC Staff, Councillor James Gough, and representatives from various churches, community centres, preschools, and other organisations.

The group heard from Eduardo Mendonça, New Generation Church, who shared his journey from Brazil to New Zealand and discussed the church's merger and community-focused initiatives.

Council staff ran a dynamic "What Matters Most" session, sparking enthusiastic participation. Many had already embarked on this journey, infusing the room with a positive buzz. Overall, the discussion revolved around the significance of early engagement, the purpose of "What Matters Most," the role of the Long-Term Plan, and the community's involvement in influencing resource allocation and decision-making.



The timeline for the plan's adoption and the different tools for engagement, including the website version and quick poll, were also key points of focus. Advocacy efforts and the responsibility of the Council in matters beyond their immediate jurisdiction were addressed, along with the expectation that community input will shape the future pre-engagement phase.

Local Community Governance staff gave a brief update on the upcoming Mental Health Hui, scheduled for 25 September, and several community representatives shared upcoming events and initiatives.

3.2 Community Funding Summary

3.2.1 A status report on the Board's 2023-24 Discretionary Response Fund and Youth Development Fund as at 20 August 2023 is attached (refer to Attachment A).

3.2.2 2023/24 Strengthening Communities Fund

At its 7 August 2023 meeting the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board made 64 grants to groups from its 2023/24 Strengthening Communities Fund.

The groups were notified of the outcome of their applications via email a few days after the meeting.

Some of the feedback received from the recipients who were granted funding include:

- "Thank you again for your continued support, it is much appreciated."

- "Can you please pass my gratitude (and our organisation's gratitude) to the Community Board members."
- "The grant will be put to good use in the maintenance of an important community facility."
- "We are very grateful for this funding, and for your confidence in our efforts to support and strengthen all ages within our local community."
- "Funding support is essential to us being able to deliver excellent support programmes out into the community. Please pass our thanks to the Councillors, Community Board members and Council staff involved in approving this funding."

3.3 Participation in and Contribution to Decision Making

3.3.1 Report back on other Activities contributing to Community Board Plan

- The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood 2023-25 Community Board Plan was adopted by the Board at their meeting in May 2023. Progress on the plan will be reported back to the Board on a quarterly basis.

3.3.2 Council Engagement and Consultation

- A number of consultations have taken place since the previous Board meeting. Projects impacting on the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood area included:
 - Glandovey Road and Idris Road safety improvements (closed 5 September 2023)
 - Pūharakekenui Styx Stormwater Management Plan (closed 4 September 2023)
 - Draft Naming Policy (closed 27 August 2023)
 - Outdoor Dining Policy review (closed 28 August 2023)

4. Advice Provided to the Community Board Ngā Kupu Tohutohu ka hoatu ki te Poari Hapori

- 4.1 Customer Service Request Report - Hybris monthly report for July 2023 attached, providing an overview of the number of Customer Service Requests that have been received, including the types of requests being received and a breakdown of how they are being reported (refer to Attachment B).
- 4.2 SWN - Te Ara ORakipaoa Nor'west Arc Cycleway (*circulated 3 August 2023*)
- 4.3 SWN - Webb Street - water supply renewals (*circulated 7 August 2023*)
- 4.4 SWN - Northern Line Cycleway - section two construction (*circulated 10 August 2023*)
- 4.5 MEMO - Nor'West Arc Cycleway - Section 3A - contract award (*circulated 22 August 2023*)
- 4.6 SWN - Ilam Road - Nor'West Arc Cycleway (*circulated 23 August 2023*)

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

No.	Title	Reference	Page
A	Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Funding Update - September 2023	23/1294549	
B	Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Hybris Ticket Report - July 2023	23/1343160	

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