



AGENDA

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Date Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Time 6:30 pm

Location Geraldine Library/Service Centre

File Reference 1838857

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Geraldine Community Board will be held in the Geraldine Library/Service Centre, on Wednesday 6 May 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Geraldine Community Board Members

Andy McKay (Chairperson), Shane Minnear (Deputy Chairperson), Jan Finlayson, Rosemary Woods, Sarah Foley-Smith, Rachel Wilson and Clr Philip Harper

Quorum – no less than 4 members

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Community Board members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table

Nigel Trainor
Chief Executive

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6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 25 March 2026

Author: Meghan Taylor, Acting Democracy Services Lead

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 25 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 25 March 2026**



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Ref: 1838857

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the Peel Forest Hall, 1209 Peel Forest Road, Peel Forest 7992
on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 6:30 pm**

Present: Andy McKay (Chairperson), Shane Minnear (Deputy Chairperson), Jan Finlayson, Rosemary Woods, Sarah Foley-Smith, Rachel Wilson, Cllr Philip Harper

In Attendance: **Councillor:** Chris Thomas

Officers: Andrew Dixon (General Manager Assets and Infrastructure), Darryn Grigsby (Emergency Management Lead), Meghan Taylor (Acting Democracy Services Lead)

Public: Macgregor Simpson, Constable David Bray, Bruce Allan, Steve Deans, Greg Wilkinson

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2026/275

Moved: Shane Minnear

Seconded: Rachel Wilson

That the apology of Mayor Nigel Bowen be received and accepted.

Carried

2 Public Forum

Constable David Bray – Canterbury Police Vacancies

Constable Bray advised the Geraldine Community Board that vacancies have opened up throughout canterbury, including an additional second constable in Geraldine.

Bruce Allan – Project Peel

Bruce provided the Geraldine Community Board with an overview of the history of the project and their current 5 year strategic direction. It was highlighted that the sole aim of Project peel is to reverse the ecological decline of the reserve and surrounding areas. Achieved through weed and pest control, measurements and monitoring, education and outreach and fundraising to undertake the necessary large pest control mitigation. The group are working towards deer fencing the entire reserve and are interested in working with Council and the Community Board in any way. Questions were raised regarding hunting and restrictions, migration of animals, advocacy, Aoraki Conservation Board, and Zelandia type fencing.

Steve Deans – Footpath between camping ground and Blandswood turnoff

Steve Deans spoke to the Community Board regarding a footpath from the Blandswood Road turn off to the Peel Forest Camping Ground. It was highlighted that the road was narrow and there were concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and tourists walking on the road due to the shoulder being overgrown this summer. A 50km speed limit was also noted as the larger vehicles speed and a truck wouldn't be able to stop for a pedestrian. It was also noted that the Blandswood to Kahikatea Track walk to the camping ground was not signposted well enough.

Macgregor Simpson – Various Issues

Macgregor read aloud the following letter which covers off five issues including; Rangitata and Orari river erosion, reinstallation of river catchment boards, surrounding Peel Forest roads, noxious weeds and trees, increased Council representation for the Geraldine ward. Snap Send Solve was raised for some of the issues such as potholes and broken trees. The Emergency Management Lead noted that Environment Canterbury were currently undertaking work on the stop bank between the rivers.

Geraldine Community Board 25/3/2026
Peel Forest Hall 6:30 pm

Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me permission to speak. I will endeavour to be brief on four issues.

1. Erosion by the Rangitata and Orari Rivers in recent years. In my lifetime approximately 600 acres in modern term 244 hectares have been lost between Arundel and Waihari Hills station. This land was glacial flour, could carry 8 stock units per acre (sheep) and crop potatoes 25 tons per acre. The country cannot afford to lose such productive land. Bring back River Catchment Boards with members being residents within 6 miles or 10 kilometres of the water body. Serious consequences: Arundel bridge approaches being threatened and the Rangitata South Irrigation Ponds at Arundel if the river takes out one full of water with 1 million cumecs if full it could be disaster downstream, if at night.
2. Roads. Peel Forest Road heavy traffic needs widening. Then Rangitata Gorge Road also needs to be safe for all occasions. Keen Road Orari Bridge. Potholes and ruts. Speed ability 20 kph. Dangerous. Travelled on

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roads 48 countries, worst I have ever seen
Needs to be reconstructed with at least a
three metre solid base.

3. Noxious weeds and trees on Council
schedule. Nothing much being done about
them. Ferry Road. Arundel. Crack willows
on roadside. Need removing as soon as
possible. Firewood!! I have probably
saved two fatal accidents by removing
hidden ^{large} branches on road at late evening.
Also witnessed a person hit by branch
which could have been fatal.

Plantations (Council owned) Noxious
weeds, broom, gorse and blackberry
among others. Spread onto private land
& Council representation. Geraldine Ward
half size of Timaru District Council.
Irrespective of population regulations Geraldine
needs again two Councillors, ideally one
living in Geraldine town (urban) and one
in a rural area. Occasionally an urban
issue will effect the rural area, or rural
issue effect the townies. A single Councillor
could be placed in a dilemma.

However we live in a great environment
and I wish the Timaru District Council and
Geraldine Community Board members all the
best for a productive and great future for
the area. Thanks ^{again} for listening to me.

Attachments

- 1 Tabled Letter - Macgregor Simpson

Greg Wilkinson – Blandswood Residents Association Update

The Chairperson of the Blandswood Residents Association provided an update to the Community Board. The group has been operating since 1979 and represent the interest of approximately 50 out of the 70 property owners. The association are starting the process to become an incorporated society this year. Several properties sold over summer, great to see people are interested in joining the community. It was noted that through the District Plan process, that Blandswood now has a specific zone. The group were working on the combined Blandswood and Peel Forest emergency response plan to building resilience and preparedness to stand alone if required. It was noted that

the core group working on the plan should have something to present to the community in a few months. It was highlighted that there is a strong desire to have the Peel Forest Hall as the evacuation centre with a permanent generator.

The generator at the water treatment plant was raised by Don, it was noted as a Council facility it needed to be up to capacity in an event.

The closure of the Café was noted, there is now a community café with BYO Coffee once a month, as a place to gather and connect.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received.

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

The following matters of a minor nature were identified:

- Update on the Bike Racks in Geraldine's Strategic Projects Funding
- Letter regarding Cox Street playground concerns
- Update on the Geraldine Community Board Strategic Project – Yesteryear Sculpture
- Mowing of Todd Park
- Stones around trees on the Main Street
- Disabled Carpark outside The Health Hub

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 18 February 2026

The following corrections were identified: It was noted that the minutes should reflect 4 roses, not six for Wayne O'Donnells public forum item and Jan Finlayson requested that her board members report reflect that the shows attended, were shows supported by the Geraldine Arts Council.

Resolution 2026/276

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Rosemary Woods

That following the amendment of the minor changes highlighted, the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 18 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

7 Schedules of Functions Attended

7.1 Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson

Resolution 2026/277

Moved: Sarah Foley-Smith

Seconded: Shane Minnear

That the Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson be received and noted.

Carried

8 Reports

8.1 Actions Register Update

The General Manager Assets and Infrastructure spoke to the report to provide the Geraldine Community Board with an update on the status of the action requests raised by Community Board Members at previous meetings.

Cox Street Carpark and Geraldine Transport Strategy

It was requested that a report be presented to the next meeting for an endorsement on the Cox Street Carpark usage.

Interactive Promotion – Woodbury Shared Path

The Community Board were advised that the Communications Team Leader will present to the next meeting.

Update on Missing 4 Roses

It was noted that there was supposed to be 10 Red Roses, the General Manager Assets and Infrastructure advised that these were planted last winter. It was highlighted that they were not there and further investigation was required due to the significance of the people who lost their lives.

Resolution 2026/278

Moved: Rachel Wilson

Seconded: Sarah Foley-Smith

That the Geraldine Community Board receives and notes the updates to the Actions Register.

Carried

8.2 Emergency Management Unit: Building Resilient Communities

The Emergency Management Lead spoke to the report to introduce the Emergency Management Unit, explain our function and limitations to Community Boards and discuss how we can continue to build resilient communities.

It was noted that volunteer numbers for Geraldine were around 10 – 20, more volunteers are always welcomed. Community Plans were discussed and it was highlighted that it was important

that it was the Community's plan, led by the communities as it what the community and volunteers will implement in case of an emergency where the community is cut off.

Resolution 2026/279

Moved: Rosemary Woods

Seconded: Rachel Wilson

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note the Emergency Management Unit: Building Resilient Communities Report.

Carried

8.3 Bespoke Recycling Programmes in place in the Geraldine District

The General Manager Assets and Infrastructure spoke to the report to provide the Geraldine Community Board with an overview of all known bespoke/niche recycling programmes already in place in the Geraldine District.

It was also noted that the recycling of aluminium cans, reading and prescription glasses and coins were not included in the report, but are also present within the community.

Discussion included contamination of recycling repositories, risk of lithium batteries and unsupervised drop offs. It was also noted that the transfer centre are a collection point for paint, LPG gas and tyres of any size are.

Further discussion included the Community Board members exploring the possibility of organisations in the community becoming a repository centre for these niche items and seeking interest from the Mens Shed Trust Geraldine on building the drop off bins.

Education on what is already in the community was discussed. The General Manager Assets and Infrastructure advised there is funding available through the waste levy for education.

Resolution 2026/280

Moved: Rosemary Woods

Seconded: Shane Minnear

That the Geraldine Community Board receives and notes the Bespoke Recycling Programmes in place in the Geraldine District report.

Carried

8.4 Internal Accessibility Within Geraldine Cemetery

The General Manager Assets and Infrastructure spoke to the report to provide the Geraldine Community Board with information relating to the request for an internal sealed road within the Geraldine Cemetery.

The General Manager Assets and Infrastructure noted the correction to the Loan funded table in the financial and funding implications section of the report. The table as been corrected as follows.

Loan Funded	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Loan Amount	\$123,833.18	\$	\$

Annual Interest Rate	3.5%	%	%
Annual Interest	\$4,334	\$4,334	\$4,334
Ongoing Expenditure	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,105

Discussion included the challenges of the wet ground, history of the establishment of the Cemetery with no provision for a road when designed, increasing access for electric mobility scooter and wheelchair users.

It was clarified that while a submission had been made to the Long Term Plan 2024-34, the project had not been approved. Council resolved that further investigation was required before a decision could be made. It was highlighted that there is no funding and that the best course of action is for the Community Board to advocate for the project within the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan Submission process.

An independent quote from a local contractor has been sought. Rosie Woods tabled the quote for discussion. It was highlighted that this quote focuses on having the internal cross walkable, and in future look to have a drivable option from one side to the other on the outer boundary. It was outlined that the quote was for a 2.5 metre wide walkable pathway with a smaller Ap20 chip and crusher dust over the top with a slight camber to avoid water pooling. 50mm of excavation would be required for this option.

Further discussion included the bogginess of the internal cross, the requirement of further consultation and data on how many members of the public are in support of this, and the funding of the ongoing maintenance of the pathway. It was noted that the increase in maintenance costs would be passed through to the users of the cemetery in internment fees and the price to purchase plots as fees and charges would increase for maintenance and depreciation of the new asset.

The Community Board requested further comment from Officers on the tabled alternative proposal to be returned to the Community Board prior to alternative funding options to be discussed.

Resolution 2026/281

Moved: Rosemary Woods

Seconded: Andy McKay

That the Geraldine Community Board:

1. Receives and notes the report regarding the proposal for internal formed access within the Geraldine Cemetery.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Tabled Alternative Proposal (Quote) for the Geraldine Cemetery Pathway



QUOTE

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Date 23 Mar 2026
Expiry 22 Apr 2026
Quote Number QU-0201
Reference New pathways
GST Number 134792884

EZ Fencing & Contracting Ltd
 Eli Palmer
 0276157098
 eli@ezfencing.nz

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount NZD
Cartage and supply clay based ap20 to storage sight with truck and trailer.	1.00	7,475.00	7,475.00
Cartage in small truck from storge sight and spread loads 5T per load	1.00	2,125.00	2,125.00
The Following machines are to be used to complete the job, Digger, Plate Compactor, posi track.	1.00	7,650.00	7,650.00
Remove top layer of old grass/ soil	1.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Time for marking out pathways so its ready for the contractor to spray inside the lines.	1.00	350.00	350.00
		Subtotal	18,950.00
		TOTAL GST 15%	2,842.50
		TOTAL NZD	21,792.50

Terms

This has all been based on fuel being no more than \$3 per L.

If the Quote expires and the job is accepted after that time it will need to be revised and resent.

Thank you for your business !

8.5 Geraldine Community Board Targeted Rate 2026/27

The Acting Democracy Services Lead spoke to the report to seek a preferred targeted rate from the Community Board for recommendation to council to be included in the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Information Publication.

The vulnerability of the Strategic Funding was highlighted. It was noted that the Strategic Funding received by the community board was in response to the Timaru City Town funding, was loan funded and was removed in the last annual plan.

The General Manager Assets and Infrastructure raised the rates capping legislation and the impact and restrictions this will impose on Council capital and operational expenditure capabilities and future targeted rate increases.

Further discussion included the amount the Community Board has in the fund that hasn't been spent, cost of living, rising fuel costs and the current impact of global conflicts and fundraising for specific projects if required.

Resolution 2026/282

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Andy McKay

That the Geraldine Community Board:

1. Receive and note the Geraldine Community Board Targeted Rate 2026/27 report; and
2. Agree to maintain \$10 as the Geraldine Community Boards preferred targeted rate to be recommended for inclusion in the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

In Favour: Clrs Andy McKay, Shane Minnear, Jan Finlayson, Rosemary Woods, Sarah Foley-Smith and Rachel Wilson

Against: Clr Philip Harper

Carried 6/1

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received.

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

Update on the Bike Racks in Geraldine's Strategic Projects Funding

Members of the public have requested an update from the Geraldine Community Board. The Geraldine Community Board request officers provide an update on the Geraldine Strategic Projects.

Letter regarding Cox Street playground concerns

The Chairperson read aloud the following letter that had been received from a member of the public.

The General Manager Assets and Infrastructure spoke to the ongoing renewal programme for playgrounds, significant cost of resurfacing and legislation requirements. The Community Board

requested further information on where the Cox Street Playground sits within the renewal programme, and that Officers respond to the letter.

Attachments

1 Tabled Letter Received - Cox Street Playground Concerns

Dear Andy and the Geraldine Community Board,

I am writing to raise concerns about the current condition of the Cox Street playground in Geraldine (located beside the pool) and to advocate for its resurfacing as a matter of concern.

The existing surface material has become increasingly uneven, creating a potential hazard particularly for young children who are still developing balance and coordination.

In addition to this, the current black surface absorbs and retains heat during the warmer months. On hot summer days, it becomes extremely hot underfoot, making it uncomfortable and, at times, unsafe for children to play on. This limits the usability of the playground during peak times when families are most likely to visit.

I feel strongly about this issue not only as a parent, but also through my involvement in the local community. I am a mum of two young children who frequent the park, the Chair of the Geraldine Toy Library, and the owner of a soft play hire business in South Canterbury that caters specifically to children aged 0–5 years. Through these roles, I regularly engage with families and understand firsthand how important safe, accessible, and inclusive play spaces are for early childhood development and community wellbeing.

The Cox Street playground is a fantastic asset due to its central location and proximity to the pool, and with the right improvements, it could better serve the needs of young families in our area. A safer, more temperature-friendly surface would significantly enhance its usability and ensure it remains a valued space for years to come.

If you are not the right person to direct this email to, could you please point me in the right direction of the person at the council who could help support this?

Thank you for your time and consideration

Update on the Geraldine Community Board Strategic Project – Yesteryear Sculpture

The Geraldine Community Board requested an update on the project and the due date of the installation.

Mowing of Todd Park

It was noted that the mowing of the park has been messy over the last few months. The General Manager Assets and Infrastructure advised that the level of service has not changed, but Council is in a process of transition from contractor mowing to inhouse mowing.

Stones around trees on the Main Street

It was noted that some stones around the trees on the Mainstreet, specifically outside The Greedy Elephant Thai Cuisine & Café were loose. The Community Board were advised to raise a Snap Send Solve request.

Disabled Carpark outside The Health Hub

Concerns were raised that the existing disabled carpark outside The Health Hub was too short for the community vehicle when using the wheelchair ramp/hoist, which is especially dangerous due to the location on the corner of the street. The Community Board are seeking the possibility from Officers to increase the line area for the disabled carpark.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration*Footpath between camping ground and Blandswood turnoff*

Discussion included mowing the road reserve so that it is walkable, road maintenance contracts, and signposting. The Community Board request an update on the following items to be sent to the chairperson: The possibility of increased mowing and signage and if the footpath project is apart of any renewal or upcoming infrastructure projects. The Chairperson advised they will respond to the member of the public.

Peel Forest Water Treatment Generator

The Emergency Management Lead will enquire about the generator and its ability to withstand an event and email the Chairperson with the findings. The Chairperson advised they will respond to the member of the public.

Rangitata River

It was noted that the Rangitata River and River Catchment Boards were Environment Canterbury's remit. It was also highlighted that river flow monitoring is publicly available information available on the internet.

12 Board Member's Reports

Clr Philip Harper

Advised the Community Board regarding discussions in Council talking about finances and rating increase options for the upcoming Annual Plan. Loose estimates of a 5 percent increase which will put council at the current level of LTP, 7 percent will breakeven, 9 percent is a surplus \$1.8M and 12 percent would bring a \$5M surplus and would allow for some debt repayment.

Senior Leadership are going through budgets line by line. Discussions were being had regarding how council will work with 4 percent rates cap by 2029. The Community Board were advised that this will result in decreases to levels of service through budget cuts.

Clr Harper advised he will be holding a drop in session with Mayor Nigel Bowen at the Geraldine Library on 22 April 2026.

Shane Minnear (Deputy Chairperson)

Attended the Pleasant Point Flood 40th Anniversary event, Geraldine Bike Park Mountain Bike track tour and ran down the longest track.

Rachel Wilson

Attended a Geraldine Bike Park Mountain Bike track tour, met with the Blandswood Residents Association chairperson to discuss the Emergency Management Plan and what could be used in Blandswood. Viewed the Green Man (name to be confirmed) sculpture by Daniel Holland, and met with other members of the public on various matters.

Sarah Foley-Smith

Attended a Community Vehicle trust meeting, three Peel Forest Civil Defence meetings, Multi-Challenge committee meeting, Winchester and Mayfield shows, and met with other members of the public on various topics.

Jan Finlayson

Attended Council Standing Committee meetings, Geraldine Arts council meeting and will be attending and supporting a show on 18 April, Home Heating Kit Display at the Library, Creative Community Funding Scheme meeting, visited the Geraldine Bike Park Mountain Bike track and met with members of the public regarding the Gail Cutting Extension weather delays, footpath issues and Waitui Drive issues.

Rosemary Woods

Attended the Geraldine Bike Park Mountain Bike track tour at Riddles Reserve, business at 6 by Geraldine kindergarten, walk around Geraldine cemetery with the funeral director, Peel Forrest Emergency Management meeting, Geraldine NZ meeting, met with Constable David Bray regarding Police staffing, met with a member of the public regarding an unauthorised plaque placed on their fathers memorial walkway bench which has since been removed. Rosie also noted the Geraldine Public Toilets water issue and thanked Officers for the quick response to getting the water restored.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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Andy McKay
Chairperson

7 Schedules of Functions Attended

7.1 Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson

Author: Meghan Taylor, Acting Democracy Services Lead

Authoriser: Stephen Doran, General Manager Corporate

Recommendation

That the Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson be received and noted.

Functions Attended by the Chairperson for the Period 6 March 2026 and 17 April 2026.

<i>25 March 2026</i>	Geraldine Community Board Meeting
<i>3 April 2026</i>	Met with Helen May, Geraldine Kindergarten
<i>10 April 2026</i>	Met with Margaret Chapman, Geraldine Historical Society.
<i>16 April 2026</i>	Letter of support for funding for Geraldine Ukefest

Meetings were also held with various ratepayers, businesses and/or residents on a range of matters.

Attachments

Nil

8 Reports

8.1 Actions Register Update

Author: Meghan Taylor, Acting Democracy Services Lead

Authoriser: Stephen Doran, General Manager Corporate

Recommendation

That the Geraldine Community Board receives and notes the updates to the Actions Register.

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Geraldine Community Board with an update on the status of the action requests raised by Community Board Members at previous meetings.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is assessed to be of low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as there is no impact on the service provision, no decision to transfer ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from Council, and no deviation from the Long Term Plan.

Discussion

- 3 The actions register is a record of actions requested by Community Board Members. It includes a status and comments section to update the Community Board on the progress of each item.
- 4 There are currently 13 items on the actions register.
- 5 5 items are marked as new/ ongoing.
- 6 5 items are marked as completed and are proposed to be marked as removed at the next meeting.
- 7 3 items are marked as removed and will be taken off the list at the next meeting.

Attachments

1. **Geraldine Community Board Actions Register** [↓](#) 

Information Requested from Geraldine Community Board

Key ■ = Completed, for removal ■ = 60+ Days ■ = 90+ Days ■ = Removed

Information Requested	Report – Geraldine Cemetery Road			
Date Raised:	2 July 2025		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	General Manager Assets and Infrastructure	Due Date:	August 2025	Completed Date: 18 March 2026
<p>Background: The Geraldine Community Board requested Council Officers prepare a report for road and parking options within the cemetery with respect and consideration to the marked and unmarked burial sites and quiet spaces, with the intention of a 50/50 funding split between Council.</p> <p>Update: At the Geraldine Community Board Meeting on 20 August 2025 it was advised that Geraldine Community Board Member Rosie Woods will get a detailed quote for the works to be undertaken and provide to council officers, this project will be left to the new Geraldine Community Board.</p> <p>Update 01 October 2025 Community Board Meeting: This matter is still ongoing and will be brought to the Community Board in due course.</p> <p>Update March 2026: A report will be presented to the Geraldine Community Board at the 25 March 2026 meeting on this matter. This action has been completed and the item can be closed.</p>				

Information Requested	Current Legislative Reform Submissions			
Date Raised:	18 February 2026		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	Senior Policy Advisor	Due Date:		Completed Date: February 2026
<p>Background: The Community Board requesting that a timeline of submissions due dates and a copy of the current legislative reform final submissions from Council be circulated to the Community Board</p> <p>Update February 2026: The submissions were provided via email to all Community Boards on 23 February 2026. The rates capping submission was due on 4 February 2026, the Planning and Natural Environment Bill submission was due on 13 February 2026, and the Simplifying Local Government and development levy submissions were both due on 20 February 2026. All submissions were lodged by the respective deadlines." Status complete and to be removed from the register.</p>				

Information Requested	Cox Street Carpark and Geraldine Transport Strategy			
Date Raised:	18 February 2026		Status:	
Issue Owner	General Manager Land Transport	Due Date:		Completed Date:
<p>Background: The Community board request that officers provide a report outlining the revenue generated since the change of use to the Cox Street Carpark, options for the carpark going forward, information on the proposed Hislop Street angled parking and an update on the Geraldine Parking Strategy.</p> <p>Update March 2026: Since the initial change of use for the Cox Street carpark, officers note that if requested through the Geraldine Community Board and supported by the community, the Board may formally request the General Manager Land Transport to exercise the relevant delegations to reverse the previous decision and reinstate all-day free parking, if required ahead of the next community board meeting, this could be progressed under Urgent Business. In relation to the Hislop Street road layout changes and the wider Geraldine Transport Strategy, these projects remain on the programme; however, there is currently no external NZTA funding available to progress significant layout changes. Some elements, such as footpath improvements on Wilson Street and other active transport initiatives, may still proceed where they align with renewal works, although these will be prioritised against competing renewal needs across the district. Regarding the Kennedy Street redirection of SH79, earlier consultation returned mixed feedback, and the agreed position was to retain the project as a longer-term option rather than a current priority. In the interim, NZTA is working with Timaru District Council to implement safety improvements at the intersection, focused on better controlling traffic movements, reducing conflict points, and improving overall safety outcomes. Officers also note that traffic patterns have shifted following recent network improvements, including the Coach Road/Winchester–Geraldine Road roundabout and the sealing of Orari Back Road, which has reduced heavy vehicle movements through the Cox Street and Talbot Street intersection.</p> <p>Update April 2026: A report on Cox Street Carpark is included in the April 2026 Agenda. No change for the wider strategy due to constrained funding environment.</p>				

Information Requested	Bespoke Recycling Initiatives/Programmes			
Date Raised:	18 February 2026		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	Waste Team Leader	Due Date:	March 2026	Completed Date: March 2026
<p>Background: The Community Board request that officers prepare a report of all bespoke/niche recycling programmes already in place in the Geraldine District.</p> <p>Update: The Waste team are investigating the feasibility and will report back once complete.</p> <p>Update March 2026: A report will be presented to the Geraldine Community Board at the 25 March 2026 meeting on this matter. This Action item is complete and can be removed from the register.</p>				

Information Requested	Levels of Service Geraldine Domain, Todd and Kennedy Parks			
Date Raised:	18 February 2026		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	General Manager Assets and Infrastructure	Due Date:		Completed Date: March 2026
<p>Background: The Community Board request a report on the level of service for maintenance in these areas and what it would require to achieve the botanical status.</p> <p>Update March 2026: To undertake this request, the cost of the investigation could be in the vicinity of \$50,000 that is not funded. The Geraldine Community Board would need to confirm the funding for this investigation to proceed. Given the current Council fiscal and the Council direction to reduce the rates increases below the Long Term Plan forecasts, a significant increase in costs to maintain a higher level of service is not supported by Officers. The proposed Government future rates increase capping needs to be considered that will challenge the financial sustainability of Council. Given this an investigation is not considered value for money for the Community as the outcome is unlikely to be funded.</p> <p>Officers recommend this action item be closed.</p>				

Information Requested	Interactive Promotion – Woodbury Shared Path			
Date Raised:	18 February 2026		Status:	
Issue Owner	Communications Team Leader	Due Date:		Completed Date:
<p>Background: The Community Board requested that the Officers investigate the interactive promotion concept for the Woodbury Shared Path and report back to the Community Board.</p>				

Information Requested	Update on Missing 4 Roses			
Date Raised:	18 February 2026		Status:	In progress
Issue Owner	General Manager Assets & Infrastructure	Due Date:		Completed Date:
<p>Background: the Community Board requested that an action item be added to the register for officers provide the Community Board with an update on the four roses still to be planted and the replacement of the failed tree at the war memorial site.</p> <p>Update March 2026: The four roses were planted in the winter last year. The failed tree will be replaced at an appropriate time to ensure it has best chance of survival. This action item can now be closed.</p> <p>Update from the Community Board Meeting 25 March 2026: It was noted that the additional 4 roses were not there, and further investigation was required due to the significance of the people who lost their lives. This item is to remain on the register.</p> <p>Update April 2026: Officers have begun the process of investigating the remaining roses to be planted. Planting will be undertaken in due course to ensure the best survival of the roses.</p>				

Information Requested	Geraldine Cemetery Pathway – Officer comment on Alternative Proposal			
Date Raised:	25 March 2026		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	General Manager Assets & Infrastructure	Due Date:		Completed Date: 23 April 2026
<p>Background: The Community Board requested further comment from Officers on the tabled alternative proposal for the Cemetery Path to be returned to the Community Board prior to alternative funding options to be discussed.</p> <p>Update April 2026: Officers have assessed the alternative proposal and have submitted comments via email to the Community Board on 23 April 2026. The requirements of this action have been met, and this action can now be closed.</p>				

Information Requested	Geraldine Strategic Projects Update			
Date Raised:	25 March 2026		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	General Manager Assets & Infrastructure	Due Date:		Completed Date: 23 April 2026
<p>Background: The Geraldine Community Board request officers provide an update on all the Geraldine Strategic Projects.</p> <p>Update April 2026: A report has been prepared for the May Geraldine Community Board Meeting. The requirements of this action have been met and this action can now be closed</p>				

Information Requested	Cox Street Playground Renewal Information			
Date Raised:	25 March 2026		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	General Manager Assets & Infrastructure	Due Date:		Completed Date:
<p>Background: The Community Board requested further information on where the Cox Street Playground sits within the renewal programme, and that Officers respond to the letter received by the member of the public.</p> <p>April 2026 Update – The Member of the public has been responded to, and the community board has received an email update. This action is complete and can be closed.</p>				

Information Requested	Disabled Carpark outside The Health Hub			
Date Raised:	25 March 2026		Status:	New
Issue Owner	General Manager Land Transport	Due Date:		Completed Date:
<p>Background: Concerns were raised that the existing disabled carpark outside The Health Hub was too short for the community vehicle when using the wheelchair ramp/hoist, which is especially dangerous due to the location on the corner of the street. The Community Board are seeking the possibility from Officers to increase the line area for the disabled carpark.</p> <p>April 2026 Update: Officers will review parking space and look to extend the marked area to the front of the parking bay, noting there will be reduced parking between the marked mobility space and entrance to Health Hub carpark.</p>				

Information Requested	Mowing and Signage - Footpath between camping ground and Blandswood turnoff			
Date Raised:	25 March 2026	Status:	New	
Issue Owner	General Manager Land Transport	Due Date:		Completed Date:
<p>Background: Discussion included mowing the road reserve so that it is walkable, road maintenance contracts, and signposting. The Community Board request an update on the following items to be sent to the chairperson: The possibility of increased mowing and signage and if the footpath project is a part of any renewal or upcoming infrastructure projects.</p> <p>April 2026 Update: This section is included in the adopted Onwards Active Transport Strategy; however, there is currently no timeframe for delivery, and it was not previously prioritised by the Geraldine Community Board. At the 21 August 2024 Community Board meeting, the following resolution was made <i>“That an alternative route to Woodbury and a Geraldine – Orari Station Road – Winchester connection be noted as their two highest priorities for future projects.”</i> The available budget for Active Transport Implementation is approximately \$200,000 per annum across the entire district. The Geraldine to Woodbury trail is near completion, as a result of prioritisation and the availability of Better Off Funding. Regarding mowing in Peel Forest, this area has historically been maintained by the Department of Conservation. It is not within a maintenance area covered by any Council contract.</p>				

Information Requested	Peel Forest Water Treatment Generator			
Date Raised:	25 March 2026	Status:	Complete	
Issue Owner	Emergency Management Lead	Due Date:		Completed Date: 14.04.2026
<p>Background: The Emergency Management Lead will enquire about the generator and its ability to withstand an event and email the Chairperson with the findings. The Chairperson advised they will respond to the member of the public.</p> <p>Update 14 April 2026 - Have confirmed with Water and Drainage that they are confident generators will continue to operate the scheme during an emergency event. The Chairperson has been emailed with the information. This action is complete and can be removed.</p>				

8.2 Strategic Framework Projects Update

Author: Andrew Dixon, General Manager Assets and Infrastructure

Authoriser: Nigel Trainor, Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note the Strategic Framework Projects Update report.

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Geraldine Community Board with an update on the progress of their confirmed Strategic Framework projects year to date for their information and oversight of current project delivery.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is of low significance in terms of the Timaru District Council Significance and Engagement policy because the Framework has been previously consulted on with approved funding in the Long Term Plan 2024-34, the projects have previously been approved by the Community Board and no change to funding or level of services is proposed.

Background

- 3 On 2 October 2024 the Geraldine Community Board met to confirm project opportunities aligned with the Strategic Plan for FY2024- 25. Projects confirmed for funding included those not completed during FY2023 – 24 with associated reprioritisation of carry forward funding.
- 4 On 5 May 2025 the Geraldine Community Board met again to consider and make recommendations for officers to scope and cost a suite of project opportunities eligible for the \$71,000 capital funding anticipated in the Draft Annual Plan 2025-26.
- 5 On 5 August 2025 Council approved carry forward funding of \$68,935 for the Geraldine Community Board to complete implementation of outstanding FY2024-25 projects specifically installation of the yesteryear sculpture. This leaves the FY2025-26 budget of \$71,000 intact for subsequent allocation.
- 6 On the 20 August 2025 the Community Board met to consider and confirm their strategic project priorities for the \$71,000 capital funding provided in the Annual Plan 2025-26. The Community Board confirmed the following projects via resolution:

Resolution 2025/1

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Jan Finlayson

That the Geraldine Community Board confirm the following strategic project priorities for the \$71,000 capital funding provided in the Annual Plan 2025-26 with a breakdown below;

1. \$325 for the Cox Street Reserve ""Contemplation and Remembrance" Plaque

2. \$10,000 for kiosk/signage in Peel Forest, Woodbury and/or Orari (may include relocation of existing Lions kiosk at Rangitata)
3. \$5,000 District wide bike stand upgrades
4. \$10,500 for three flag poles
5. Any and all residual funds to the Geraldine Mountain Bike Park, subject to a cost breakdown for the infrastructure cost components

Carried

Discussion

Yesteryear Sculpture - 2024/25 Strategic Project Carried forward

- 7 Officers are working with Community Board Member Jan Finlayson, the Sculptor and the Engineer on the final specifications and details. The Sculptor has provided an estimated installation date of on or about the 25 May 2026.

Cox Street Reserve – “Contemplation and Remembrance” Plaque Update

- 8 The project to install a plaque for “Contemplation and Remembrance” to complement the newly planted *quercus robur ‘fastigiata’* Oak Tree was completed in July 2025. The cost of this plaque and concrete mounting tablet came to \$325.

Bike Stand Upgrades

- 9 Officers have been in regular communication with the Community Board Chair and are currently awaiting confirmation of the preferred location and style. Once confirmed, the lead time for purchase and installation is approximately four weeks, subject to the selected style and it’s availability.

Geraldine, Peel Forest, Woodbury Flag Poles

- 10 The three flag poles have been installed at the Geraldine Library and Service Centre and the Woodbury and Peel Forest memorial sites. The flags had been delivered to John Bray of the Returned Services Association (RSA) to use for Anzac Day. This project was completed as of 29 March 2026 at a total cost of \$8,594 + GST.

Kiosk/signage in Peel Forest, Woodbury and/or Orari

- 11 Due to recent staff changes and capacity constraints, this project has only recently been assigned and delivery within the 2025/26 financial year is unlikely. Officers are currently assessing whether the originally separate projects (previously budgeted at \$10,000 and \$20,000 respectively) can be combined and delivered within the allocated \$10,000.
- 12 Initial engagement has occurred with the Lions Club regarding the potential relocation of the existing SH1 information kiosk at Rangitata to the Peel Forest township. The Lions Club had been awaiting confirmation from Council before progressing any decisions and has advised that it may take at least a further month to determine its level of involvement.
- 13 The existing kiosk structure and roof are at end of life; however, some information panels may be suitable for refurbishment and reuse.
- 14 Engagement with the Lionesses regarding the proposed signage and history board component of the project is yet to commence, noting the two groups operate independently.
- 15 The Community Board may wish to consider whether they would like to recommend to Council at the end of the financial year that the remaining budget allocation for the Kiosk /

Signage in Rural Townships project be carried forward into the 2026/27 financial year. This would allow time to confirm external partner involvement, refine scope, and assess delivery feasibility within budget once capacity allows.

- 16 The Community Board could alternatively resolve not to proceed with the project due to delivery timing, capacity constraints, and budget uncertainty, and redirect the remaining funds to the cycling track project.

Pekapea/Riddell's Reserve Mountain Bike Track (Geraldine Mountain Bike Park)

- 17 The resolution was to provide any residual funding remaining to the Geraldine Bike Inc Society. As not all the projects were finished the Geraldine Bike Inc Society were paid \$40,000 from the Strategic Frameworks Project Funding allocation on the 28 January 2026.
- 18 Officers were confident that this amount could be provided in advance of the completion of the remaining projects, with any residual funding left at the completion of all projects to be granted to the Geraldine Bike Inc Society in due course.

Attachments

Nil

8.3 Cox Street Carpark – Parking Arrangement Amendment

Author: Susannah Ratahi, General Manager Land Transport

Authoriser: Nigel Trainor, Chief Executive

Recommendation

1. That the Geraldine Community Board receives the report.
2. Instructs the General Manager Land Transport to exercise delegated authority to remove the current time restrictions at the Cox Street carpark and revert to an unrestricted parking arrangement.

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to remove the current time restrictions at the Cox Street carpark and revert to unrestricted parking.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This decision is considered to be of low significance as it relates to operational management of an existing parking asset.

Background

- 3 At its 12 February 2025 meeting, the Geraldine Community Board approved the introduction two hour of time restrictions at the Cox Street carpark in Geraldine. This was intended to improve turnover and support access to nearby businesses.
- 4 Since implementation, feedback has been received by the Geraldine Community Board from residents and local businesses, that the carpark is now frequently underutilised. Concerns have been raised that the time restrictions may be discouraging use, resulting in reduced parking availability in the wider town centre.

Discussion

- 5 The original intent of the time restriction was to prioritise short-stay parking and improve accessibility for customers of nearby businesses. However, observed use and stakeholder feedback indicate that the current settings are not achieving this outcome.
- 6 Instead, the carpark is often sitting partially or fully empty, suggesting that the restriction may be too limiting for current demand in Geraldine. In smaller centres, parking behaviour can differ significantly from larger urban environments, and flexibility is often required to reflect local patterns.
- 7 Reverting to an unrestricted parking arrangement would better align with current usage patterns and support the vibrancy of the town centre by enabling longer-stay parking where appropriate.
- 8 This approach also reflects Council's willingness to respond to community feedback and adjust settings where outcomes are not as intended.

Options and Preferred Option

- 9 Option 1 – Retain current time restrictions (Status Quo)
- Maintains original intent of encouraging turnover
 - Does not respond to current feedback or observed underutilisation
- 10 Option 2 – Remove time restrictions (Recommended)
- Aligns with current demand and observed usage
 - Responds to Community Board request and business feedback
 - Likely to improve utilisation of the carpark for all day parking
 - Can be reviewed again if demand changes in future

Consultation

- 11 Feedback has been received via the Geraldine Community Board representing local community and business views. No further formal consultation is considered necessary.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 12 Local Government Act 2002

Financial and Funding Implications

Is the proposed expenditure: Budgeted or Unbudgeted

Is a budget reallocation required? Yes No

- 13 Costs associated with removing time restriction signage are expected to be minor and can be accommodated within existing operational budgets.

Other Considerations

- 14 The Cox Street carpark forms part of the wider parking network and removing time restrictions is not expected to create adverse effects on surrounding on-street parking while better supporting the overall utilisation of available spaces. This change responds directly to feedback from the Geraldine Community Board and local businesses, who have identified that the current restrictions are limiting use of the carpark.

Attachments

Nil

- 9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**
- 10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**
- 11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration**

- 12 Board Member's Reports**