



AGENDA

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 2 July 2025

Date Wednesday, 2 July 2025

Time 6:30 pm

Location Geraldine Library/Service Centre

File Reference 1766996

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 2 July 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Geraldine Community Board Members

Jan Finlayson (Chairperson), Janene Adams (Deputy Chairperson), Wayne O'Donnell, Shane Minnear, Rosemary Woods, Andy McKay and Cllr Gavin Oliver

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 21 May 2025

Author: Jessica Kavanaugh, Team Leader Governance

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 21 May 2025 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 21 May 2025



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Ref: 1766996

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the Geraldine Library/Service Centre
on Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at 6:30 pm**

Present: Jan Finlayson (Chairperson), Janene Adams (Deputy Chairperson), Wayne O'Donnell, Shane Minnear, Rosemary Woods, Andy McKay, Gavin Oliver

In Attendance: **Officers:** Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Stephen Doran (Group Manager Corporate and Communications), Aaron Hakkaart (Planning Manager - District Plan Review), Jessica Kavanaugh (Team Leader Governance)

Public: Peter Graham (Cycling without age), Troy Titheridge, Diana O'Donnell, Minnear Family

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2025/224

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Janene Adams

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

Carried

2 Public Forum

Peter Graham – Provided the Geraldine Community Board background and benefits of cycling without age in the community. He thanked the Geraldine Community Board for the donation that was received through the Thomas Hobson Trust some years ago and provided an update on how beneficial it was. Peter also provided context and details on the planting programme which the group undertake with the help of other organisations including the Timaru District Council.

A discussion was had on the gradient of tracks around Geraldine, and issues with access to Riddells reserve.

Peter also raised concerns about the bike stands around Geraldine that are not fit for purpose, and provided a description of which bike stands should be considered in future.

Wayne O'Donnell – Wayne presented to the Geraldine Community Board a recent Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request that was provided by the Timaru District Council on the Geraldine Sculpture Trail.

Attachments

- 1 Geraldine Sculpture Trail - Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act Request
- 2 Wayne O'Donnell - Public Forum



14 April 2025

Wayne O'Donnell

Via email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe

Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 Request:

We refer to your email of 17 March 2025, which includes requests for information under the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987. Your particular requests and responses are set out below:

Subject: Geraldine Sculpture Trail

1. *How much money TDC and the GCB has given to this project over the last 6 years.*

The total sum of Contributions from Timaru District Council and The Geraldine Community Board is \$284,588.34

2. *Where and what this money has been spent on.*

Please see the following breakdown for high level transaction details.

Date:	Amount:	Details
27/11/2020	\$ 10,000.00	For Geraldine Nature & Sculpture Trail
2/12/2020	\$ 25,000.00	From Mbie via VT, STAPP
3/03/2021	\$ 25,000.00	From Mbie via VT, STAPP
14/05/2021	\$ 25,000.00	From Mbie via VT, STAPP
24/06/2021	\$ 20,000.00	From Mbie via VT, STAPP
12/10/2021	\$ 2,585.00	Design
15/10/2021	\$ 15,000.00	Design
15/02/2022	\$ 750.00	GNST
22/02/2022	\$ 3,777.50	Design
	\$ 3,285.00	
	\$ 3,324.50	
29/06/2022	\$ 15,950.00	Signage Steelwork for Loop 1
30/06/2022	\$ 17,800.10	Loop 2 Concept
30/06/2022	\$ 49,999.99	Contribution to new path
31/05/2023	\$ 6,000.26	Design & Specification
31/05/2023	\$ 1,761.80	
9/11/2023	\$ 4,320.00	Design & Specification
23/08/2023	\$ 20,000.00	Loop 2
21/10/2023	\$ 20,000.00	Loop 2
2/11/2023	\$ 50,000.00	Community Strategic Funding for Sculpture Trail
23/11/2023	\$ 3,430.00	Rock walls
23/11/2023	\$ 2,000.00	Towards The Geraldine Sculpture Trail
30/11/2023	\$ 405.00	Design Review
10/11/2024	\$ 42,701.49	Form Walkway in Geraldine Domain
18/01/2024	\$ 14,456.52	Seal Walkway in Geraldine Domain
1/02/2024	\$ 1,543.00	Install signage on stone plinths
21/02/2024	\$ 2,000.00	Geraldine Sculpture Trail signage
26/02/2024	\$ 6,210.00	Geraldine Sculpture Trail signage
7/03/2024	\$ 132.00	Geraldine Sculpture Trail signage
7/03/2024	\$ 50,000.00	Community Strategic Funding for Sculpture Trail
7/03/2024	\$ 345.00	Discussion re suppliers
11/04/2024	\$ 2,606.65	Geraldine Sculp Trail - Contract Work
11/04/2024	\$ 877.50	Geraldine Sculp Trail - Contract Work
11/04/2024	\$ 1,527.50	Geraldine Sculp Trail - Contract Work
16/04/2024	\$ 1,379.20	Staining Timber
17/04/2024	\$ 486.84	Geraldine Boardwalk Consent Application
17/04/2024	\$ 2,104.00	ContractWork for March 2024
17/05/2024	\$ 845.00	ContractWork for April 2024
17/05/2024	\$ 2,500.00	Towards the Geraldine Sculpture Trail
19/06/2024	\$ 1,365.00	ContractWork for May 2024
18/07/2024	\$ 682.50	Contract Work for Jun24
22/12/2023 - 30/09/2024	\$ 303,067.41	Geraldine Boardwalk Project
TOTAL:	\$ 760,218.76	

3. My question to TDC is how much money have we the Tax payer given this project including GCB /TDC /Venture Timaru and Central Government funds such as STAPP.

Timaru District Council	\$274,588.34
Geraldine Community Board	\$10,000
Central Government – Better Off Funding	\$380,630.42
Central Government – STAPP Fund	\$95,000
Total	\$760,218.76

4. Who funded the new board walk which links into the trail, was this Tax payers money as well if so what source etc.

The funding for the Geraldine Boardwalk was from the Central Government Better- Off Funding Grant given to Council.

We trust this provides you with the information you are seeking, however, if you have any further information requests arising from what we have provided please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



Tyler Zandrack
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21/05/2025

Geraldine Community Board

Subject: Geraldine Sculpture trail Committee and public money contributed to this project.

I cannot help but be confused as to why it has been necessary to source this financial information through the official information act when I had courtesly asked for it verbally and then through the GCB board formally over the last two years.

It is clear the committee and its chair Nicky Donkers does not see it is accountable to the rate and taxpayers for the \$760,000 it has received and spent over the past five years on this project. Its written responses have inadequately given excuses as to why it should not have to share this information with anyone including this board who has supported it, including myself since the beginning.

My question now is was this from Arrogance/ naivety or deception. As they continue to refuse to explain in detail how they spent this money as well I can only assume it is Arrogance and deception.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the Committee and in particular those board members at this table, you are accountable to our community for spending their money.

The last comment I would like to make is, there are other projects in our community that need funds and I hardly think it is fair that one project alone which has consumed over three quarters of a million dollars of rate and tax payers money and is still far from completion should continue in any way to source public funds while other organisations in our community get very little or go without.

I intend to distribute this information to all those people in our community that have been asking for it.

Wayne provided the Geraldine Community Board with the background on issues receiving this information directly from the Geraldine Sculpture Trail. It was outlined there has been \$760,000 received and spent on the project, however the unwillingness of the Geraldine Sculpture Trail to provide accountability reports to the community.

Wayne highlighted the other community projects that require funding and advised that the information provided in the LGOIMA request will be provided to those in the community who have been asking for it.

Discussion included other large projects funded by ratepayers in the Geraldine Community.

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 minor nature were identified:

- Gale Cutting traffic signage
- Speechlys gate colours
- Oak/Plaque and Roses for Cox Street
- Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team funding application
- Picnic table colours
- Unsealed Roads

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- Rosie Woods declared a possible conflict of interest in the Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team funding application
- Andy Mackay declared a possible conflict of interest in the Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team funding application
- Jan declared a possible conflict of interest in the Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team funding application due to the Geraldine District Projects Trust
- Janene Adams declared a possible conflict of interest in the Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team funding application due to the Geraldine District Projects Trust

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 16 April 2025

Amendments to be made: Correction of Liz Travers name, Sculpture Trail not Trial, Riddells Reserve not Woodells Reserve.

Resolution 2025/225

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Shane Minnear

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 16 April 2025 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 2025/226

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Janene Adams

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

Carried

8 Reports

8.1 Actions Register Update

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.

Pole for directional signage with other towns called Geraldine

It was highlighted that the Community Board does not want a post without a sign, Chairperson Jan Finlayson will contact David.

Resolution 2025/227

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Rosemary Woods

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

Carried

8.2 Resource Management Reform and District Plan Review Update

The Planning Manager - District Plan Review spoke to the report to report on the Resource Management Act reform, with a specific focus on Geraldine, with reference to topics such as Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (SASMs) and Significant Natural Areas (SNAs).

A discussion was had on the increase of getting more housing for the country, land use rights and zones, transition to the new acts, the time timeline and the impact of these.

The National Policy Statement and National Environmental Standards were also discussed.

Resolution 2025/228

Moved: Rosemary Woods

Seconded: Andy McKay

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note the Resource Management Reform and District Plan Review Update.

Carried

8.3 Tabling of Annual Plan and Local Water Done Well Consultation Document

The Group Manager Corporate and Communication spoke to the report to table the consultation documents for the Annual Report and Local Water Done Well to enable Community Board Submissions on both consultations.

Detailed discussion was had on how rates are calculated, it was also clarified that sample properties are used. Also, regarding the increase in fees and charges was clarified this is due to the indicated user pays model as per the feedback from the Long Term Plan 24/34. The Geraldine Community Board members discussed their levels of comfort in raising the Geraldine Targeted Rate.

Further discussion was had on the Local Water Done Well consultation including logistics of a joint organisation and the role of each council. It is confirmed this organisation can not be sold to the private sector also that there would not be price harmonisation for the joint organisation.

The benefits of a joint organisation are touched on, along with the benefits for the neighbouring councils. There was also clarification on the impact of the debt cap at the Timaru District Council if the joint organisation gets adopted. The current condition of all the proposed council's water assets was discussed and there was clarification on the timeline after the consultation ends.

Resolution 2025/229

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Rosemary Woods

That the Geraldine Community Board:

1. Receive and note the Annual Plan Consultation Document and the Local Water Done Well Consultation Document.
2. Notes that the consultation period for the Annual Plan Closes at 5pm on Friday 23 May 2025.
3. Notes that the consultation period for Local Water Done Well close at 5pm on Friday 6 June 2025.

Carried

8.4 Woodbury Yesteryear Sculpture

The Group Manager Infrastructure spoke to the report to present Alison Erickson's costed proposal for the Woodbury Yesteryear Sculpture, and to obtain a decision from the Geraldine Community Board on whether or not they wish to approve the proposal and proceed with the sculpture.

Wayne O'Donnell advised the Geraldine Community Board that the RSA do not see the sculpture as appropriate for the proposed Cox Street site.

Discussion included the public use of the reserve land on Cox Street, and the ability to include Woodbury in another project due to the new proposed location not doing the sculpture justice. The benefits of having it in a highly visible location were highlighted.

Further discussion included the registered war memorials in close proximity to the Cox Street site and the location of the plaque and tree to be installed.

It was also raised add to point 22 of the report on 27 February 2025 there was a social media post put up regarding the memorial, and the Community Board commented after that post.

Resolution 2025/230

Moved: Clr Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board decide whether or not to approve the costed proposal for the Woodbury Yesteryear Sculpture at a value of \$58,935 plus installation costs of up to \$10,000.

In Favour: Jan Finlayson, Janene Adams, Shane Minnear, Rosemary Woods, Andy McKay and Gavin Oliver

Against: Wayne O'Donnell

Carried 6/1

Resolution 2025/231

Moved: Rosemary Woods

Seconded: Clr Gavin Oliver

That the Geraldine Community Board confirms the location of the proposed sculpture at the Cox Street site.

In Favour: Jan Finlayson, Janene Adams, Shane Minnear, Rosemary Woods and Gavin Oliver

Against: Wayne O'Donnell and Andy McKay

Carried 5/2

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received.

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

Gale Cutting traffic signage

Jan Finlayson raised the issue of foot traffic along Gale Cutting Road and enquired if traffic signs could be put up.

It was advised to lodge a service request to the Timaru District Council.

Speechlys gate colours

Jan Finlayson asked the Geraldine Community Board what colours the gates should be. The current use of green and black was discussed. It was agreed black would tie in well with the black gates across the road.

Oak/Plaque and Roses for Cox Street

Jan Finlayson has sent prior communications to the Geraldine Community Board and advised time is running out to rectify the issue.

It is advised Wayne has spoken to the Parks and Recreation Manager regarding the colour of the roses and agreed red is better suited for remembrance. Possible locations and species of the tree were discussed, and the ability to match an existing Totara tree. The symbolism of the Oak tree was discussed, as the mirror of the English Oak across the road and possible shading caused by an evergreen tree.

It is agreed that a report come back to the Geraldine Community Board on the course of action and timeline for the planting of the tree, the plaque and roses.

Picnic table colours

Janene Adams advised the Geraldine Community Board that the new picnic tables have been painted black with stained wood, which does not match the old ones which are the same style but not painted.

Unsealed Roads

Clr Gavin Oliver advised the Geraldine Community Board that the recent weather has caused a lot of wear and tear on the unsealed road network. A discussion was had with the Group Manager Infrastructure and the Land Transport Manager, with an outcome of moving the second grader which maintains the shingle roads south of Geraldine will move up to Geraldine every second week to help the original grader. It is also advised there is an unsealed roads workshop at Council on 03 June 2025.

Discussion included recourse to forestry and the size of vehicles on the road.

Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team funding application

Rosie Woods provided an application form from the Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team for council officers on behalf of Rachel Scott.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

Bike Stands

It is agreed that a report come back to the Geraldine Community Board on the replacement of the bike stands in the community, including the removal of the bike stand outside Humdinger Gin including funding options from the Geraldine targeted rate.

Geraldine Sculpture Trail

It was questioned by a Geraldine Community Board member why this topic has been presented to the Geraldine Community Board again. It was questioned whether this was the correct forum for the query. It was suggested that any matters concerning the Geraldine Sculpture Trail are raised with the chair of the Geraldine Sculpture Trail.

12 Board Member's Reports

Rosie Woods – Attended two Geraldine.nz meetings, meeting with Timaru District Council officers regarding the accessibility to the Geraldine Cemetery, ANZAC Services around the district, talked with Woodbury residents about the Yesteryear sculpture, AF8 Roadshow

Andy Mackay – Geraldine and Woodbury ANZAC services, Geraldine Community Board strategic framework discussion, AF8 Roadshow

Shane Minnear – Geraldine ANZAC service, Peel Forest site visit for the old landfill, Geraldine Community Board strategic framework discussion

Wayne O'Donnell – Geraldine Vehicle Trust Meetings, Geraldine District Foundation Meetings, Geraldine Health Partnership Meetings, Geraldine Vintage Car Machinery Club Meetings, Geraldine ANZAC Services, Geraldine Community Board strategic framework discussion

Gavin Oliver – ANZAC Services, Geraldine Community Board strategic framework discussion, AF8 Roadshow, numerous discussions with residents on unsealed roads.

Janane Adams - Geraldine Community Board strategic framework discussion, AF8 Roadshow, various Sculpture Trail Meetings.

The Meeting closed at 8.34pm.

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Jan Finlayson
Chairperson

7 Schedules of Functions Attended

7.1 Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson

Author: Jessica Kavanaugh, Team Leader Governance

Authoriser: Stephen Doran, Group Manager Corporate and Communications

Recommendation

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

Functions Attended by the Chairperson for the Period 08 May 2025 and 17 June 2025.

<i>8 May 2025</i>	Meeting about Rangitata Gorge Road with Mayor Nigel Bowen, Cllr Gavin Oliver, and officers from Timaru District Council including Chief Executive, Group Manager Infrastructure and Land Transport Manager
<i>13 May 2025</i>	AF8 Roadshow
<i>14 May 2025</i>	Geraldine Community Arts Council
<i>27 May 2025</i>	Annual Plan hearing
<i>11 June 2025</i>	Geraldine Community Arts Council

Meetings and other discussions were also held with various ratepayers, residents, and groups on a number of matters.

Attachments

Nil

8 Reports

8.1 Actions Register Update

Author: Jessica Kavanaugh, Team Leader Governance

Authoriser: Stephen Doran, Group Manager Corporate and Communications

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 six items on the actions register.
- 5 One item is marked as ongoing.
- 6 Three items are marked as completed, and are proposed to be marked as removed at the next meeting.
- 7 Two items are marked as removed and will be taken off the list at the next meeting.

Attachments

1. **Geraldine Community Board Actions Register** [!\[\]\(c045a398c48fcb47adf237d338b1b391_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(6ea471090ba6b2c70129dc83eb6e6a11_img.jpg\)](#)

Information Requested from Geraldine Community Board

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

Information Requested	Pole for directional signage with other towns called Geraldine				
Date Raised:	12 February 2025			Status:	Closed
Issue Owner	Group Manager Infrastructure	Due Date:		Completed Date:	02 May 2025
<p>Background:</p> <p>In the public forum of the Geraldine Community Board a member of the public spoke to advice that he is in contact with other towns called Geraldine and they have placed a directional sign with the distances. He is wanting to see if one can be placed outside the Museum. The Land Transport Manager was to follow up on this process.</p> <p>Update: Land Transport Manager has communicated with David and has approved in principle, pending Geraldine Museum's approval. TDC to install post. Geraldine Community to provide sign.</p> <p>Update April 2025: Geraldine Museum have declined placement of the sign outside their premises. Council are looking at alternative locations., sign will then need to be supplied by Geraldine Community.</p> <p>Update May 2025: TDC Officer (John Keenan) is working with requestor and arranging a pole installation. Likely to be near the public toilets. This action can be closed</p>					

Information Requested	Report on the Properties owned by Council in the Geraldine Ward				
Date Raised:	12 February 2025			Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	Group Manager Property	Due Date:	19 March 2025	Completed Date:	28 February 2025
<p>Background: At the 10 February Geraldine Community Board meeting it was discussed during the Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal Policy consultation to provide the Community Board with a list of current council properties within the Geraldine Ward.</p>					

Update: This briefing report is complete and will be presented on 19 March 2025.

Update April 2025 – An update on the property list and any land or buildings noted for divestment will be brought to the community board on the 02 July 2025.

Update May 2025 – Further updates on property divestment or details of properties within the Geraldine Board area will be presented in September after Council have discussed the next quarterly report.

Information Requested	Delegation and formal name for the Community Board Fund			
Date Raised:	16 April 2025			Status: Complete
Issue Owner	Group Manager Corporate and Communications	Due Date:		Completed Date: 1 May 2025
<p>Background: The Geraldine Community Board requested to investigate the formal name of the Community Board Fund and what delegations it holds relating to that fund.</p> <p>Update May: As per the long term plan (page 135), the name of the Fund in reserves is ‘Geraldine Community Board’. Each community board area (for which targeted rates are levied) retains its own annual surplus or deficit which accumulates over the lifetime of each targeted rate board. Each individual reserve balance is only available for use by that board. As per Council resolution 2022/78 at the 27 October Inaugural Meeting the following delegations were approved for Community Boards:</p> <p>That pursuant to clause 32(6) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the following delegations are approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a community rate has been established, to determine how the monies so collected and provided for in the annual budget will be spent, in accordance with legislation and pursuant to formal written advice from officers presented to a meeting of the community board; and In the case of the Temuka and Geraldine Community Boards, to make recommendations to the Public Trustee on Thomas Hobson Trust grant applications. 				

Council officers believe this satisfies this action request and that this request be closed out.

Information Requested	Resource Management Reform Report			
Date Raised:	16 April 2025		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	Group Manager Environmental Services	Due Date:		Completed Date: 21 May 2025
<p>Background: The Geraldine Community Board requested a report on the Resource Management Act Reform, like the one presented to the Environmental Services Committee but include items specific to Geraldine including but not limited to: sites of significance to maori, zoning, SNAs.</p> <p>Update: In response to this request the 'Planning Manager – District Plan Review' has drafted a report to present at the 21 May 2025 board meeting.</p>				

Information Requested	Report for Oak/Plaque/Roses for Cox Street			
Date Raised:	21 May 2025		Status:	Complete
Issue Owner	Group Manager Infrastructure	Due Date:		Completed Date: June 2025
<p>Background: The Geraldine Community Board requested a report for the Oak/Plaque and Roses for the Cox Street site, report to include course of action, timeline and funding options. This has been discussed previously with the Geraldine Community Board and the Parks and Reserves Unit at Timaru District Council.</p> <p>Update: A report has been prepared for the 2 July meeting. This action can be closed.</p>				

Information Requested	Report for Bike Stand replacement/removal				
Date Raised:	21 May 2025			Status:	
Issue Owner	Group Manager Infrastructure	Due Date:		Completed Date:	
<p>Background:</p> <p>The Geraldine Community Board requested a report on the replacement of the bike stands around Geraldine to a user friendly option , including the removal of the bike stand outside Humdinger Gin including funding options from the Geraldine targeted rate.</p> <p>Update: This has been picked up as part of the Strategic Project Framework and will be included in the report of project prioritisation in due course.</p>					

8.2 Peel Forest Closed Landfill Remediation Update

Author: Jacky Clarke, Programme Delivery Manager

Authoriser: Andrew Dixon, Group Manager Infrastructure

Recommendation

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note the Peel Forest Closed Landfill Remediation Update report.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide the community an update on progress of the Peel Forest Closed Landfill Remediation.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is of low significance in relation to the significance and engagement policy as it is progress update an already approved project.

Discussion

- 3 The most recent update regarding the Peel Forest Closed Landfill Remediation was presented on 19 March 2025. Following this, an opportunity was extended to board members and residents of neighbouring properties to attend a site visit. The purpose of this visit was to discuss the methodologies employed in the project and to address any questions or concerns.
- 4 The site visit took place on 16 April 2025, prior to the community board meeting held at Peel Forest. Several members of the community board, as well as representatives from neighbouring properties, attended the visit.
- 5 Before the commencement of the remediation works, the intersection of Peel Forest Road and Dennistoun Road was upgraded. This upgrade was undertaken to ensure public safety, in light of the anticipated increase in vehicle movements associated with the project.
- 6 Benchmark testing was conducted at neighbouring properties to monitor potential contamination, ensuring that no adverse environmental impact occurs during the remediation process.
- 7 A site blessing ceremony was performed on 14 May 2025, marking a significant milestone in the project's progression.
- 8 Site establishment commenced on 16 May 2025, with the first waste removal occurring on 30 May 2025. Despite encountering some adverse weather conditions in the initial week, the team successfully removed over 2,750 tonnes of waste and transferred to the Redruth landfill.
- 9 As part of the remediation efforts, every attempt is being made to preserve natural materials onsite. Large rocks are being carefully separated to be washed and tested to ensure they are free from contaminants. These materials will be used to reinstate the site upon completion of the remediation works.

- 10 Air quality monitoring is being conducted at regular intervals along the perimeter of the area affected by landfill material disturbance. All air samples collected have returned results below the trace level threshold, indicating that the control measures implemented for the activities undertaken are both effective and in compliance with environmental safety standards.

Attachments

Nil

8.3 Cox Street Reserve - Oak Tree, Plaque and Red Roses

Author: Troy Titheridge, Development Liaison Officer
Bill Steans, Parks & Recreation Manager

Authoriser: Andrew Dixon, Group Manager Infrastructure

Recommendation

That the Geraldine Community Board:

1. Approve the proposed placement of the Oak Tree.
2. Approve an A6 sized Plaque and Six Red Roses for Cox Street Reserve, with the plaque and its installation of \$260 funded from the Geraldine Community Board Strategic Framework funding pool.

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Geraldine Community Board a recommended course of action for the planting of an Oak Tree, a Plaque and Six Red Roses on Cox Street Reserve.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter deemed to be of low significance when assessed against the Timaru District Council Significance and Engagement Policy. This is due to the number and the degree to which people are affected, funding impacts and other significance and engagement considerations.

Background

- 3 A large rose garden was located inside the current Geraldine Motor Camp boundary prior to 1998. In 1998, the Geraldine Community Board endorsed the removal of this rose garden to accommodate the planned expansion of the motor camp into that area. Development of a new and smaller rose garden commenced closer to the Hislop/Cox Street entrance.
- 4 As part of the Geraldine Community Board's Strategic Framework project selection for 2024/2025, Cox Street Reserve received a landscaping upgrade. This was to improve accessibility and introduce lower maintenance amenity plants to the site.
- 5 As part of this project, the smaller rose garden established in 1998 was removed and replaced with a rhododendron and azalea keyhole garden, featuring the installation of an accessible pathway. The selection of rhododendrons and azaleas to replace the rose garden was favoured by the Geraldine Community Board.
- 6 Following the removal of the rose beds, varying degrees of concern were expressed by members in the Geraldine Community, notably regarding the rose garden's history and presence.
- 7 In response to community concerns, the Geraldine Community Board has requested that Council Officers investigate the scope of planting an Oak Tree, Plaque, and Red Roses at the Cox Street Reserve site. This report presents options to support the Board's request.

Discussion

- 8 The Board Chair in liaison with Council Officers have identified a suitable location at Cox Street Reserve that would enable the planting of an Oak Tree, Plaque and Six Red Roses to occur. Six small growing Red Roses have been determined as a suitable quantity for planting either side of a bench seat at the Cox Street Reserve which is adjacent to where the former rose garden was located.
- 9 Initially, ten roses were proposed for planting on either side of the bench seat at Cox Street Reserve. However, Council officers have been advised that six roses would be more appropriate to prevent overcrowding and ensure healthy plant growth.
- 10 Council is willing to absorb the costs of the purchase and planting of the Oak Tree and Six Red Roses, but it is requested the Geraldine Community Board fund the plaque and its installation from the boards Strategic Framework funding in accordance with the Outdoor Furniture & Commemorative Tree Donations Policy.
- 11 Under Council's "Outdoor Furniture & Commemorative Tree Donations Policy" the following is noted:
- *Approved plaques may be associated with donated furniture or commemorative trees to record events, the contribution of individuals or the donation.*
 - *All installation and planting costs, in addition to purchase, manufacturing and freight costs shall be the responsibility of the donor.*
- 12 Council Officers have obtained costings for a Stainless-Steel Plaque that will require no ongoing maintenance at a cost of:
- \$140 for an A6 size plaque or \$220 for an A5 size plaque
 - \$120 for manufacture and install of a concrete tablet for the plaque.
- 13 An A6 sized plaque is consistent with similar sized tree plaques in the Cox Street Reserve area.
- 14 The intended location for the planting of the Oak Tree (not to scale), Plaque, and Six Red Roses is depicted in the concepts below.





- 15 The intended location for the Six Red Roses – either side of bench seat adjacent to the Motorcamp.



- 16 The intended text and tablet mounting for the plaque beneath Oak Tree.

*"Planted by the Geraldine Community Board
For contemplation and remembrance
July 2025"*

- 17 Should Option 1 or Option 2 be endorsed, the project will occur during the month of July 2025. No allowances for an unveiling ceremony or similar have been mentioned nor provided for should this be desired.
- 18 It should be noted that at the Geraldine Community Board meeting on 21 May 2025 the Board resolve to locate the proposed Yesteryear sculpture in the Cox Street reserve. The location is shown on the map in paragraph 14.

Options

- 19 Option 1 (Recommended): The Geraldine Community Board approve the proposed placement of the Oak Tree, an **A6 sized** Plaque and Six Red Roses with the plaque and its installation (\$260) funded from the Geraldine Community Board Strategic Framework funding.
- 20 Option 2: As per option 1, but with an **A5 sized** plaque chosen (\$340).
- 21 Option 3: The Geraldine Community Board does not approve the proposal or provides an alternative solution to the matter.

Consultation

- 22 Members of the Geraldine Community have expressed a range of views in Public Forum at Geraldine Community Board Meetings for what they would desire for the site.
- 23 The Geraldine Returned Services Association (RSA) were also approached for what should be placed at the Cox Street Reserve site.
- 24 Red Roses are desired as the colour red signifies remembrance.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 25 Outdoor Furniture & Commemorative Tree Donations Policy
- 26 Geraldine and Surrounds Strategic Framework
- 27 Timaru District Council Long Term Plan 2024-34 and 2025/26 Annual Plan (yet to be adopted).
- 28 Reserves Act 1977

Financial and Funding Implications

- 29 There is funding available within the boards Strategic Framework budget to fulfil Option 1 or Option 2.

Amount Requested: \$140 for A6 size Plaque OR \$220 for A5 size plaque. \$120 for manufacture and installation of concrete tablet.

Capital Expenditure: Up to \$340 total from the boards Strategic Framework funding.

Operational Expenditure: \$0

Funding Source: Rate Funded ☐ Loan Funded ☒ Grant/Subsidy Funded ☐
Targeted Rate ☐ Fees/Charges ☐

Is the proposed expenditure: Budgeted ☒ or Unbudgeted ☐

Is a budget reallocation required? Yes ☐ No ☒

Other Considerations

30 There are no other considerations.

Attachments

Nil

8.4 Geraldine Water Supply Strategy

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Recommendation

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note the Geraldine Water Supply Strategy as endorsed by the Infrastructure Committee.

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to update the Geraldine Community Board around the Geraldine Water Supply Strategy endorsed by Infrastructure Committee and inform the Board around next steps for implementation.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This project is assessed as being of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This level of significance has been determined due to the potential impact of this project on the Geraldine Community and potentially the wider Timaru District through the Urban Water rate.
- 3 Being of medium significance elevates the level of stakeholder participation in the development of the Geraldine Water Headworks Resilience Strategy, hence the involvement of a Stakeholder Liaison Group.

Discussion

- 4 At the Infrastructure Committee meeting on 17 June the draft Geraldine water supply strategy was presented for endorsement. This is in response to the Geraldine Urban Water Supply Scheme which has critical assets reaching end of life, including the sole Reservoir at Tripp Street and the delivery trunk watermain running from the Water Treatment Plant to the Reservoir.
- 5 The strategy was developed through a Stakeholder liaison Group consisting of the following:
 - Infrastructure Committee Chair
 - Geraldine Ward Councillor
 - A Geraldine Community Board member
 - A representative of Iwi
 - A representative of Department of Conservation
 - A representative of Talbot Forest Working Party
 - A representative of potentially affected landowners

- 6 The strategy includes enhancements at the headworks to keep pace with an evolving regulatory environment, to maintain Levels of Service to a community and future growth.
- 7 The Stakeholder Liaison Group has developed the following list of key priorities:
 - Resilience
 - Biodiversity
 - Regulatory Compliance
 - Economic Sustainability
- 8 These priorities have been used to develop a framework for Multi Criteria Analysis for use in optioneering for the project stages. This will be critical, particularly for determining the final locations for the replacement Reservoir(s) and delivery trunk watermain route and will support a concession application to the Department of Conservation that will be required for the right to occupy Talbot Forest land.
- 9 The strategy identified key areas requiring project attention to be Storage, Delivery, Source and Treatment.
- 10 At the meeting on 17 June 2025 the Infrastructure Committee passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2025/15

Moved: Cllr Sally Parker

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

1. That the Geraldine Water Supply Strategy be endorsed.
2. That the participation of the Stakeholders Liaison Group be formally acknowledged with thanks.

Carried

- 11 With the resolution passed, work will now commence on design for reservoirs and application for Concession from the Department of Conservation to occupy and operate within Talbot Forest Scenic Reserve. This is programmed for the 2025/26 Annual Plan year.
- 12 The construction of the reservoir and trunk main renewal will be staged over the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years. Further treatment plant upgrades including microfiltration are also planned following this work.

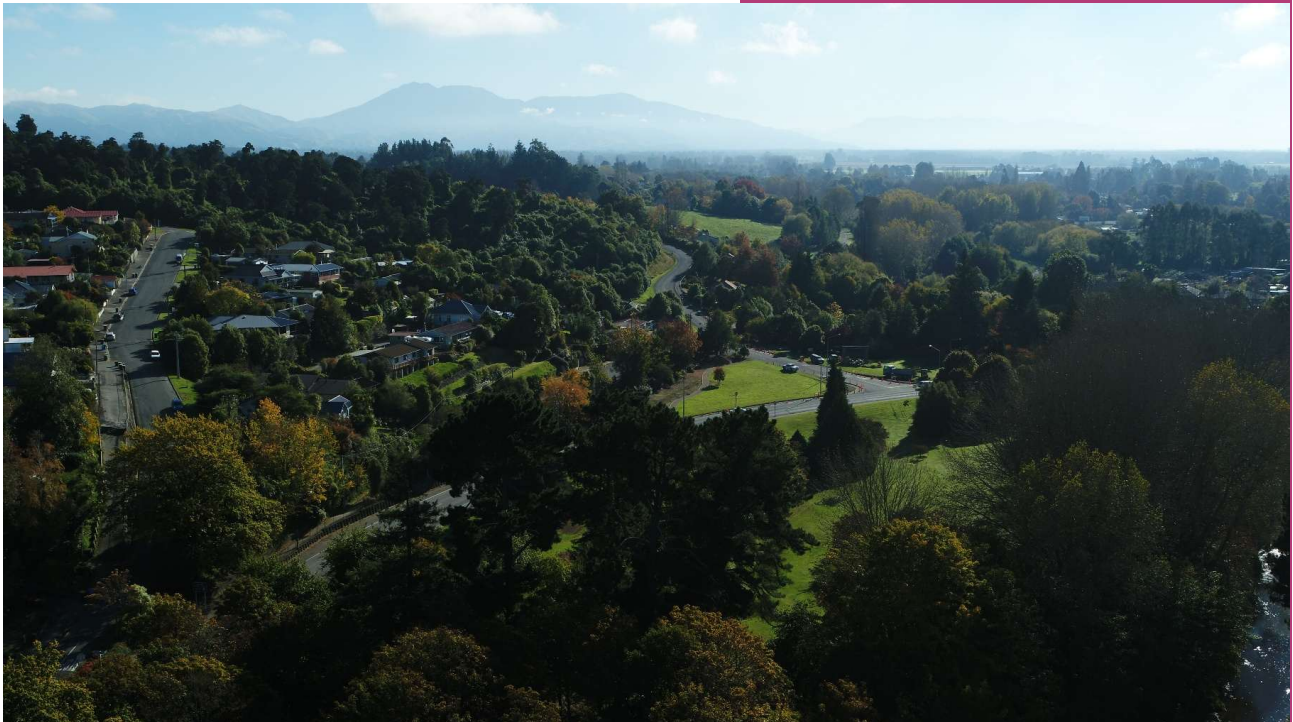
Attachments

1. **Geraldine Water Supply Strategy - endorsed by Infrastructure Committee 17 June 2025** [↓](#) 



2025

Geraldine Water Supply Strategy



Drainage and Water Unit
Timaru District Council

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1 Purpose of the Strategy

The purpose of the Geraldine Water Headworks Resilience Strategy is to set the direction of management of the source, delivery and treatment of water for Geraldine for the next 50 years. This strategy aims to clearly set out:

- How the Strategy will help to achieve Council's Vision
- The outcomes needed to be achieved for the Water Supply
- The plan for achieving the required outcomes.

1.1 Stakeholder Liaison Group

In support of development of this strategy, a Stakeholders Liaison Group (SLG) was established. This ensured that all affected parties had some representation in developing a Strategy that can truly be considered fit for purpose for the Geraldine Community.

1.2 Vision

This Strategy is in line with the Vision of Timaru District Council. This Vision is elaborated upon in the Long Term Plan, shaped by the following values:

- Inclusive Leadership
- Cultural Caretakers
- Transitional Navigators

TDC is the custodian of this water supply and takes this responsibility seriously.

1.3 Strategy Outcomes

In general, Council aims to achieve the following Community Wellbeing Outcomes:

- Enhanced Lifestyle
- Resilient Infrastructure
- Diverse Economy
- Sustainable Environment
- Connected Citizens

This Strategy is aligned with these Community Wellbeing Outcomes. To this end, the Strategy is required to guide TDC towards ensuring that the Geraldine Water Supply Scheme is;

- Managed and operated in a sustainable manner.

- Remains resilient and adaptable in the face of climate change.
- Can be capably managed in the face of shifting legislative requirements without adverse effects on consumers.

This Strategy is intended to be a living document and read in conjunction with the Water Supply Asset Management Plan.

1.4 Stakeholder Priorities

As established by the SLG, the following issues are priorities to be addressed:

- Quality
- Resilience
- Biodiversity
- Partnership

These priorities have been used for criteria setting in Multi Criteria Analysis in support of optioneering for reservoir locations, as detailed further below, see Appendix 2.

2 Context

2.1 Timaru District

Timaru District covers 2,737 square kilometres of South Canterbury, in the South Island of New Zealand. The district is naturally defined by two rivers, the Rakitata to the north and the Pareora to the south. The district follows the gentle curve of the South Canterbury coastline to the east and stretches to the Albury Ranges, Geraldine Foothills and Mount Peel to the west.

The district enjoys a temperate climate, with Timaru recording annual averages of 1,826 sunshine hours and 573mm of rain. The landscape consists largely of foothills, rolling hills and plains.

The district population is estimated by Infometrics at 50,100 as of 30 June 2024. Most of this population is situated around the Timaru Urban Area and the smaller towns of Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point. Growth is generally slow, with a tendency more towards demographic change with an aging population and an increase in smaller households.

The regional economy is largely based on primary industries. Agriculture is diverse with cropping, beef, sheep, and dairy. Many primary industries have plants in Timaru District including dairy and food processing, meat and byproducts processing among others. There is a successful mid-sized port that is well utilised in support of regional industry.

2.2 Geraldine Area

Geraldine is a township of approximately 3,120 people (as of 30 June 2024, Statistics NZ) situated 36km north of Timaru. Colonial development of the area commenced with the establishment of the Raukapuka sheep run in 1853. The following year the first permanent dwelling was built by surveyor Sam Hewlings. The surrounding Talbot Forest was heavily milled in the 1860s and 1870s with a small reserve remaining on the edge of town. Geraldine County Council was established in 1876, became a Town Board in 1884, and a Borough Council in 1904.

The composition of the Geraldine area has changed many times over the years. Mackenzie County broke away in 1882 and Levels County in 1894. Geraldine and Levels Counties merged to form Strathallan County Council in 1974. In 1989 under the local government reforms, Geraldine became part of Timaru District. During the process, many old records were lost with reluctance around the forced amalgamation.

Geraldine is a service centre for the surrounding farmland. There is a mix of crop, sheep and beef and dairy farming in the area. One of the biggest employers is Barker's, a long-standing food manufacturer who is expanding operations locally.

Historically Geraldine has been affected by many extreme weather events, namely flooding and snow. Such events are set to continue with increasing frequency and severity projected.

Geraldine is a key area for the New Zealand long-tailed bat (pekapeka tou-roa). The pekapeka tou-roa is listed as critically endangered. South Canterbury hosts the only known population for the east coast of the South Island. Talbot Forest is a key roosting area with satellite sites found across the district. The bats rotate roosts, not staying in any one spot for more than a day or two at a time. Geraldine is the best place to observe bat movements, with Talbot Forest being so accessible to the public.

2.3 Scheme History

A high-pressure municipal water supply scheme for the township was established in 1902 with water supplied from the Waihi River via open race into town. The scheme had been mooted for some years in response to fire risk and pleas from the local volunteer fire brigade. Establishment of a waterworks was found to be more practical than spending £600 on a replacement fire appliance. A reservoir was built in Talbot Forest with storage capacity for nine days. Water from the race was pumped to the reservoir above MacDonald Street by hydraulic rams sited at the bottom of Waihi Terrace at the intersection with MacDonald Street. The reticulation expanded quickly as the town grew. The increase in demand necessitated construction of a second reservoir, commissioned in 1907. A pump to work the hydraulic rams was installed 1908, which had the capability to be operated by traction engine as required. This pump station was converted to electricity in 1924.

Discussion around supplementing the town supply with excess water from the Downs scheme was held in 1927, however the County and Borough Councils never reached an agreement. By 1930 supply had shifted to a bore adjacent to the Waihi River, possibly around Todd Park with a pump in place to supply the reservoirs uphill. From 1931 there was extension of the reticulation to the south end of town, and to Raukapuka from the 1950s.

The source was moved to a shallow borefield next to the Orari River in 1978 with an asbestos concrete main run through farmland and across the SH72 bridge at the north end of town to supply the reservoir. The dual open reservoirs were replaced by a single fully contained concrete reservoir built in 1962 at the highest point of what became Talbot Forest Scenic Reserve.

Geraldine has had an intermittent history of chlorination throughout the 20th century until around the 1970s, with full chlorination of the supply resuming in 2022. Ultraviolet treatment commenced in 2011 and was upgraded in 2023. As a scheme registered with the Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai, Geraldine is currently compliant with 3 log treatment. This means that the current treatment processes successfully remove 99.9% of microorganisms.

2.4 Cultural Significance

The Timaru District lies within the recognised traditional boundaries of Kai Tahu. The hapu holding mana whenua in the district are Kati Huirapa, who are represented by Te Runanga o Arowhenua. Across South Canterbury, people tended to occupy locations close to water while ranging further afield and inland to gather resources, including kai.

Prior to European settlement, the Geraldine area was largely native forest with some wetland areas. Raukapuka was a wetland area and was significant as a mahika kai site.

Kati Huirapa do have particular concerns around projects involving earthworks. TDC exercises an accidental discovery protocol around archaeological discoveries with all projects and completes reinstatement to a standard that leaves the affected site either as it was or improved.

2.5 Key Assumptions

Assumptions are made in the development of the LTP and key supporting documents. The key assumptions relate to:

- Population and Growth
- Council Operations
- External Factors
- Financial

Growth projections are not anticipated to change significantly over the term of the Strategy. Overall, Timaru District growth is generally slow and not likely to change.

There are some Future Development Areas earmarked for Geraldine in the proposed District Plan 2025.

There is no indication of any further changes to Water Supply legislation or regulation for Water Supplies in the short-term regarding monitoring and compliance. Should there be any significant changes, this Strategy will be thoroughly reviewed and updated.

At the time of writing, the assumption is that Timaru District Council will remain the owner and operator of the Geraldine Urban Water Supply Scheme. This assumption may change with the development of Timaru District's Water Services Delivery Plan due to be submitted to the Secretary for Local Government September 2025. Despite the legislative uncertainty, TDC has no intention of delaying essential works to await outcomes. Projects will proceed as planned until further notice.

3 Links to Legislation, Regulation, and other Documents

3.1 Water Services Act 2021

The purpose of this Act is to provide national level oversight on the regulation and management of drinking water supplies. Taumata Arowai was created by the Water Services Regulator Act 2020 and became the dedicated regulator of three waters on enactment of the Water Services Act 2021. This has brought about changes to drinking water standards, including issue of the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules 2022 and Aesthetic Values. The Act is a direct response to the Government Inquiry into Havelock North Drinking Water which was released in December 2017. This Act replaced references to drinking water in the Health Act 1956, including regulation around Water Safety Plans. Rules and regulations are set by Taumata Arowai in accordance with this legislation.

Under this Act, a water supplier must submit a Network Environmental Performance Report for the last financial year by 30 September of the following year. Due to this report being a relatively new measure, the amount of reporting and number of measures has been increasing year on year, with further parameters confirmed from 2025.

3.2 Water Services (Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand) Regulations 2022

These regulations replaced the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 and subsequent revisions, coming into effect from 14 November 2022. This sets current maximum acceptable values (MAVs) for concentrations of determinands in drinking water. The standards are based in part on World Health Organisation guidelines.

3.2.1 Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules 2022

These rules were made following public consultation by Taumata Arowai. They set out compliance rules for Drinking Water Suppliers and require annual reporting back to Taumata Arowai.

3.2.2 Aesthetic Values for Drinking Water Notice 2022

Aesthetic values were issued by Taumata Arowai following public consultation. They set appearance, taste, and odour thresholds for determinands, including set elements, pH, hardness, colour and more.

3.3 The Resource Management Act 1991

This Act promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources for the entire country. It describes the functions of Regional Councils and Territorial

Authorities under the Act, including establishing, reviewing, and implementing objectives, policies, and methods to achieve integrated management of resources. Local authorities must recognise national environmental standards, national policy statements and regional plans, and prepare, implement, and administer district plans.

The resource consent system is the mechanism for monitoring compliance.

The below sub-sections detail how the RMA is applied specifically in Canterbury.

3.3.1 Land and Water Regional Plan

The LWRP, which establishes rules for land and water management throughout Canterbury, has been fully operative from 1 February 2017.

The plan is in 16 sections. Those relevant to TDC are sections 1 and 2, introducing the plan and how it operates; Sections 3-5 the Objectives, Policies and Region-Wide rules; and Section 14 – the rules within the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora (OTOP) Zone. All TDC water supplies are within the OTOP Zone.

A major focus of the plan is to halt deterioration of the land and waterways, until the subsection Zone rules set out how each community wishes to best manage the resources within their zones.

LWRP not only affects TDC operations but also affects how landowners use their land.

3.3.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy

The Canterbury Management Strategy commenced in 2010. It provides for a community-led collaborative approach to environmentally sustainable water management in the Canterbury region. It is implemented through water zone committees who work collaboratively to develop effective water management solutions that deliver economic, social, cultural, and environmental outcomes in consultation with the local community. TDC is a member of the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora (OTOP) Zone Committee.

3.4 Local Government Act 2002

This Act defines the purpose of local government as including meeting current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure that is most cost effective for households and businesses, where good quality infrastructure means efficient, effective, and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

3.5 Timaru District Consolidated Bylaw 2018

Section 146 of the Local Government Act 2002 provides that a Territorial Authority may make Bylaws in its district for purposes of regulating, managing, protecting or for preventing the use of the land, structures, or infrastructure associated with water supply services. Chapter 15 of the Timaru District Consolidated Bylaw 2018 applies to water supply and other water services provided by the Council.

4 Strategic Relationship with other Council Documents

4.1 Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034

TDC must prepare a Long Term Plan (LTP) shaping the direction of council operations and investment for the next ten years in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. This Plan is reviewed and updated every three years and involves the review and update of a suite of supporting documents across all of Council.

The current LTP was adopted by Council 1 July 2024. The following items are part of the LTP process.

4.1.1 Water Supply Asset Management Plan 2024 – 2034

The Asset Management Plan (AMP) is prepared during the LTP process and informs the management of assets for delivering Water Supply Services for Timaru District. Part A covers overall asset management while Part B gives specific detail on each scheme. Section B2 covers Geraldine Water Supply.

The AMP is part of a suite of supporting documents informing the LTP.

4.1.2 Infrastructure Strategy 2024 – 2054

The Infrastructure Strategy is prepared as a supplementary document to the LTP. It outlines the plan for management of all Infrastructure Assets held by Council for the next thirty years. Despite the long timeframe for the strategy, it is reviewed every three years as part of the LTP process and is as such subject to the same variabilities.

4.1.3 Annual Plan

The Annual Plan is prepared for Council every year and serves as a mechanism for any necessary variation to the LTP.

4.1.4 Annual Report

The Annual Report is the mechanism for Council reporting on what was done over the previous year and how this measures up against the LTP and Annual Plan. It includes reporting on Levels of Service.

4.1.5 Levels of Service

The Levels of Service for Water Supply Services are a combination of mandatory measures under the Local Government Act, Water Services Act, and some internal measures the Drainage and Water Unit choose to measure as best practice. Below are the current Levels of Service for all TDC water supplies as at the LTP 2024 - 2034:

Levels Of Service	Performance Measure	Community or Technical LOS (C/T)	Benchmarks (Targets)	Performance Target	Method of Measurement (where & how)
Provide safe drinking water	<p>Compliance with Drinking Water Standards (Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules) 2022 T3 Treatment Rules 4.10.1 T3 Bacterial Rules (Mandatory)</p> <p>Compliance with Drinking Water Standards (Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules) 2022 T3 Treatment Rules 4.10.2 T3 Protozoal Rules (Mandatory)</p>	T	100%	Bacterial and Protozoal compliance – all drinking water supply schemes	Taumata Arowai reporting
Maintain excellent customer service	Percentage of real water loss from TDC's networked reticulation systems (Mandatory)	T		% real water loss from network system reduces	
	Median attendance and resolution times for urgent and non-urgent callouts for water supply faults or unplanned interruptions in the network (Mandatory)	C		<p>The median time to attend urgent: urban callouts – less than one hour rural callouts – less than four hours.</p> <p>The median time to resolve urgent: urban callouts – less than four hours rural callouts – less than eight hours.</p> <p>The median time to attend and resolve all non-urgent callouts will be reported.</p>	Work Orders (Infor)
	<p>Total complaints received about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking water clarity • Drinking water taste • Drinking water odour • Drinking water pressure or flow • Continuity of supply • TDC response to these issues <p>(Mandatory)</p>	C	0	26 or fewer complaints received per 1,000 connections	CRM
Maintain excellent customer service	Satisfaction with water supply services	C	100%	85% user satisfaction	Biennial residents survey
Provide demand management of water supply services	Average consumption of drinking water per day per resident within Timaru district (Mandatory)	C	300L/day	300L per day per resident	

Deliver water services according to required environmental standards	Compliance with Resource Consent conditions	T	100%	No abatement notices, infringement notices, enforcement orders, convictions	Compliance Reports
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For the 2023/24 Annual Report, the Geraldine Water Supply Scheme met some Levels of Service. The LOS not met are as follows:

- There have been technical non-compliances with Drinking Water Standards for both Bacterial and Protozoal Compliance largely due to gaps in data linked to localised power outages.
- Percentage real water loss from networked reticulated systems increased on the previous year.
- The target for “Provide demand management of water supply services” was not met. This was due to higher average consumption on the rural schemes which includes stockwater, while the target is based on average urban residential consumption.

It is important to note that the latter two above may have been met for Geraldine specifically, however all urban and rural schemes are reported as one total activity for the purposes of the Annual Report.

Additional reporting requirements from Taumata Arowai that are under review for future inclusion in TDC’s Levels of Service reported include:

- Reference level of pressure
- Number of properties below reference level pressure
- Water Restrictions (days under restriction, level, etc)

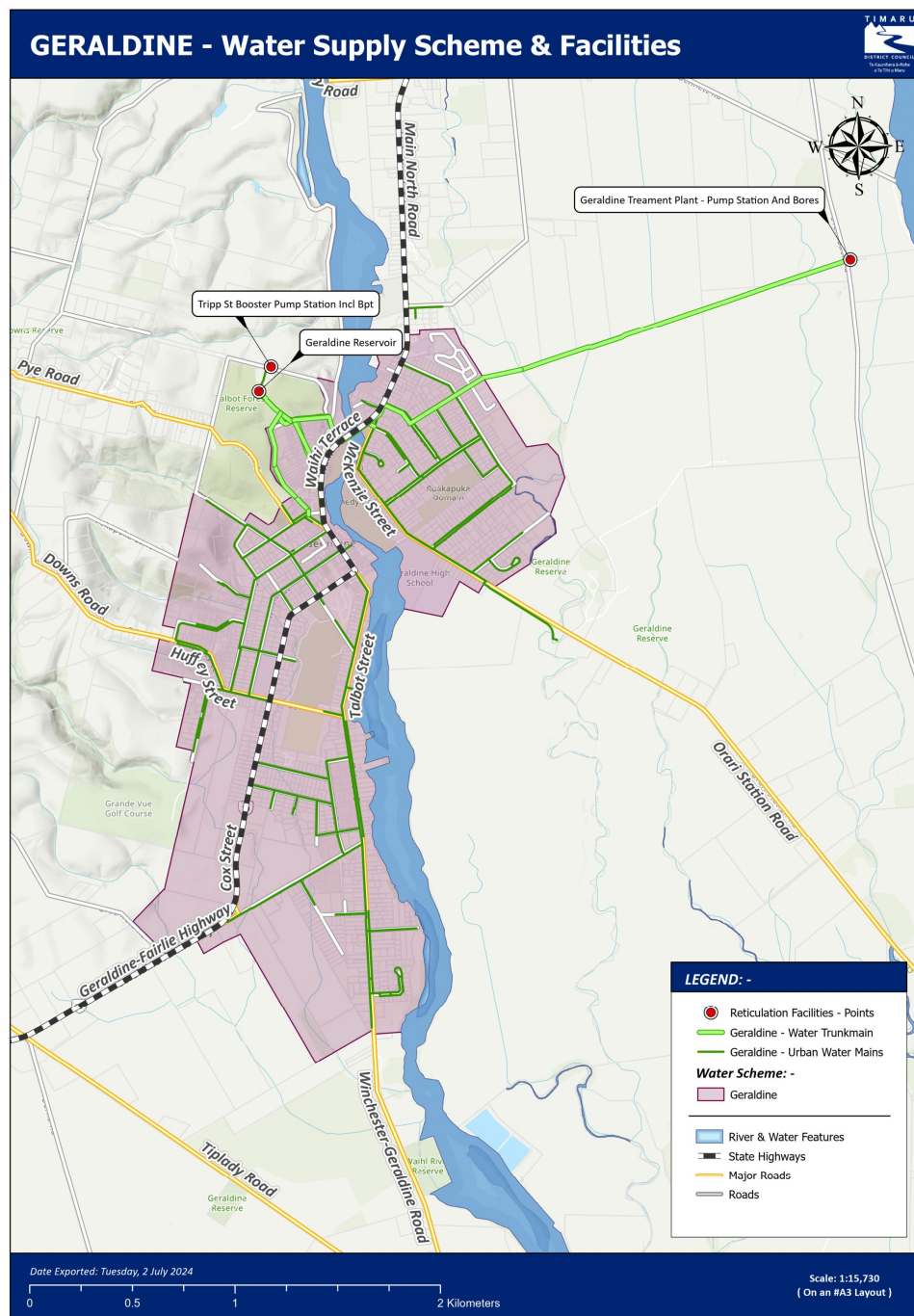
4.2 Geraldine Water Supply Water Safety Plan

Drinking Water Safety Plans (DWSPs) are required for all registered water supplies in accordance with the Water Services Act 2021 (formerly under the Health Act 1956). The objective of a DWSP is to ensure drinking water suppliers develop operational practices that will reduce the likelihood of contamination and respond to and minimise any contamination event that may happen. The Plan identifies risks to supply and outlines how to manage those risks.

DWSPs are submitted to Taumata Arowai as Drinking Water regulator. They are living documents and are reviewed on a regular basis. Any changes are re-submitted to Taumata Arowai. The most recent edition of the Geraldine Water Supply Water Safety Plan was finalised November 2022, refer CM9 document 1539729. This Plan will be updated with Taumata Arowai as each stage of this strategy is implemented.

Appendices to the DWSP include a Source Water Risk Management Plan, Critical Control Points and Risk Table.

5 Network Overview



5.1 Operations

The Geraldine Urban Water Supply scheme supplies domestic connections, drawing water from a borefield on Orari Back Road near the Orari River, east of the township. The supply is treated with chlorine and ultraviolet light at a treatment plant at the borefield. Ultraviolet light renders bacteria and protozoa unable to multiple, and therefore harmless to humans. Chlorine provides residual decontamination within the reticulation. The ultraviolet treatment plant is designed to meet the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand.

From the treatment plant, treated water is pumped to a reservoir at the top of Tripp Street Reserve, elevated above Geraldine Township. This allows water to be gravity fed to households without requiring pump stations that consume electricity. Some water is supplied from the reservoir to supplement the Te Moana Rural Water Supply as required.

5.2 Assets

5.2.1 Plant

The plant facility at Orari Back Road consists of a field of four bores, a treatment plant and telemetry. Three of the bores were drilled in 1978 to a depth of 12m and are fitted with irrigation screens. A fourth bore was drilled in 2000 to a depth of 17m with screening in place at a depth of 11m to 16m.



The reservoir at Tripp Street Reserve holds 2,275m³, approximately 12 hours storage at average peak demand. Pressure reduction occurs when the draw off from the reservoir is high and exceeds inflow. The reservoir underwent a structural assessment in 2017 which deemed it to have an effective remaining life of 10 years and vulnerable to seismic events within the vicinity.



5.2.2 Reticulation

There are approximately 25.5km of water mains within the reticulation. Approximately 40% of the mains consist of Asbestos Concrete (AC) pipe with some Cast Iron and Steel. The majority of this is at or near theoretical end of life.



5.2.3 Resource Consent

CRC064043 was an existing water take consent that was renewed in 2007 for a further 20 years. On renewal, the consented take was increased to allow for the Te Moana Rural Water Supply to be supplied from this source too if required. At present, annual take totals between 46% and 52% of consent. The consent is due to expire 30 October 2027, with this Strategy supporting upcoming application for renewal.

There is budget allocated for resource consent renewal under the LTP 2024 – 2034.

5.3 Model

Significant work was completed on the Geraldine Water Supply Model in conjunction with a Geraldine Area Wide Water Supply Strategy that was compiled in support of upgrades to the Te Moana Rural Water Supply. Models are regularly calibrated as part of general asset management processes.

6 Issues

6.1 Issues General to Water Supply and Timaru District

6.1.1 Resource Consents and Compliance

Geraldine's water take is a 20-year consent, also affecting supply to the Te Moana Rural Water Supply Scheme. TDC is a compliant consent holder. The water take consent is due for renewal 30 October 2027.

6.1.2 Demand and Availability

Geraldine Water Supply experiences steady demand with little growth in general. Increasing use is mainly down to increasing leaks, which is being managed through a progressive leak detection programme. This programme is undertaken throughout the wider district, with a different area of focus each year. This is often conducted in conjunction with CCTV inspection of sewer and stormwater networks. Geraldine is an area of regular focus due to the amount of aging AC mains.

6.1.3 Climate Change and Natural Events

Geraldine is vulnerable to extreme weather events. Historically there have been several floods and snow events with the district in general also vulnerable to high winds. Records show that water intakes were frequently destroyed by floods before the borefield was developed.

6.1.4 Financial Risks

Budgets are vulnerable to the cycles of the Annual Plan and LTP processes. While budgets appear locked in with final Plans, they can be changed in the next year as Council priorities change, which is a significant risk for multi-year projects.

6.2 Issues Specific to Geraldine

Levels of Service around pressure and continuity of supply, including for firefighting purposes, are affected for adjacent houses when the reservoir drops below 70% full.

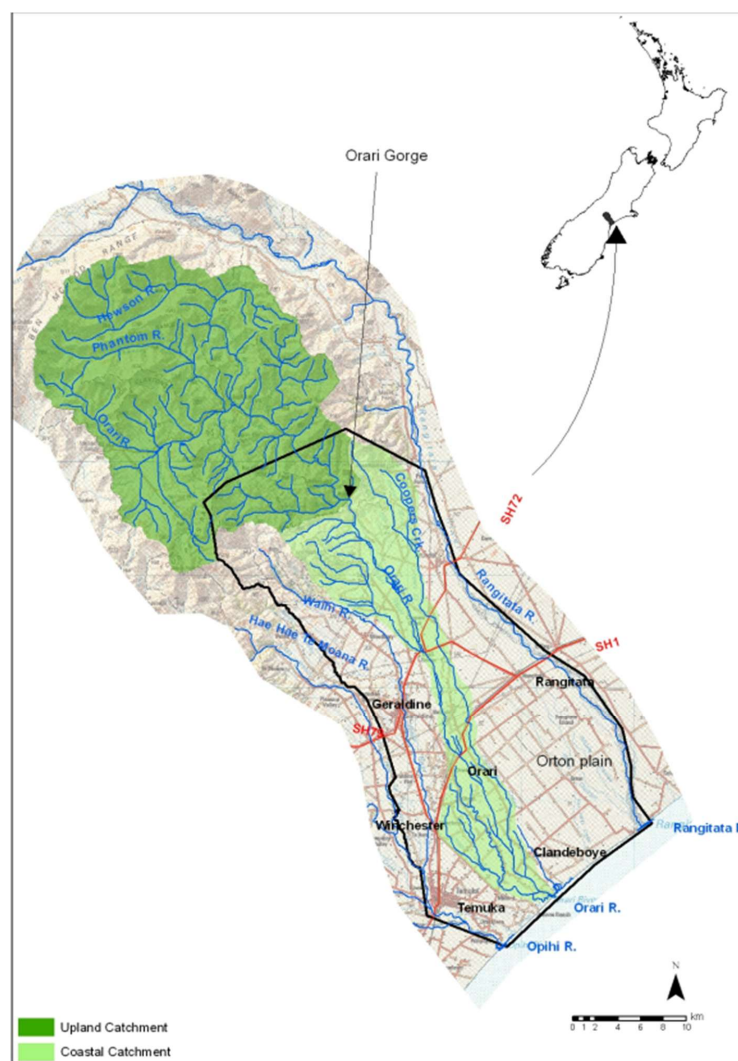
The trunkmain into Raukapuka is at capacity now and cannot support growth in the area. This trunkmain will require replacement should the nearby Future Development Area proceed.

The town reservoir is supplied via a single Asbestos Concrete trunkmain from the treatment plant. This trunkmain crosses the Waihi River at the SH79 bridge. If this bridge were to be taken out by a flood event, Geraldine would be without water supply.

6.2.1 Orari Catchment

Geraldine's Water Supply source lies within the Orari Catchment. While the Orari Catchment has been studied, there are acknowledged gaps in understanding and further investigation may be required to better understand the sustainability of the current take at the headworks.

The upland catchment area consists of the Four Peaks, Ben McLeod and Tara Haoa Ranges. Draining from these ranges into the Orari River are the Phantom, Hewson and Mowbray Rivers. The Orari River emerges from the foothills to the plains at Orari Gorge and drains into the Pacific Ocean some 40km to the southeast. The coastal plan catchment area has been described as covering 230km².



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At present there is no concern of imminent supply pressures affecting the headworks, however as understanding of the wider catchment increases it will be easier to model potential impacts before they occur.

6.2.2 Talbot Forest

The reservoirs for Geraldine's water supply have been located within Talbot Forest since initial establishment of the scheme, with provision for land specifically for reservoir having been gazetted since the first reservoir was planned. This location is operationally optimal for a gravity-fed network, maintaining pressure for the end users without having to use pump stations which come with higher operational costs. In the event of a power outage, there is generally no interruption in supply as long as power is restored before the reservoir level gets too low. However, undertaking work to replace a reservoir within Talbot Forest comes with difficulties. The Forest is a key habitat for the critically endangered long-tailed bat (pekapeka tou-roa). Any work within the Forest needs to mitigate any potential harm or disruption to bat behaviours. Also, activities in support of the strategy mark an opportunity to promote bat awareness.

6.3 Resilience

With the emergence of Climate Change and related issues, Resilience is an increasing priority for TDC with Water Services. TDC is involved with the Canterbury Lifelines Group, which focus on essential services required in emergency events. Upgrade of network and facilities will improve ability to recover from adverse events and enable greater flexibility in event response.

At present, any maintenance work done at the headworks, delivery trunkmain and reservoir all require outages.

7 Strategy Development

7.1 Scope

During the process of developing the Water Supply component of LTP 2024 – 2034, a need to earmark funding for refurbishment or replacement of Geraldine’s Reservoir and the delivery trunkmain from treatment plant to reservoir was identified. The issues had been on the radar of officers for some time and had been identified in information shared with the Department of Internal Affairs’ National Transition Unit under the previous Water Reform.

Ashley Harper as 3Waters Transition Manager led a series of workshops with unit officers to collate thoughts and ideas around potential solutions. It was determined that it would be prudent to get key stakeholders involved early in the process to facilitate improved community engagement and support any future consultation and consenting processes. The officer workshops were valuable for preparing guidance for stakeholders questions and ideas.

Following the officer workshops, Ashley delivered a report to Infrastructure Committee on 11 June 2024. The report sought to brief the committee on scoping work conducted by officers so far, endorsement of strategy scope, for the strategy to cover 50 years and to establish a Stakeholder Liaison Group. The resolution was carried.

7.2 Stakeholder Liaison Group

The Stakeholder Liaison Group (SLG) was established with the following participants:

- Cllr Sally Parker as chair of the Infrastructure Committee
- Cllr Gavin Oliver as councillor for Geraldine Ward and deputy chair of the Infrastructure Committee
- Jan Finlayson as chairperson of the Geraldine Community Board
- A representative from Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited on behalf of iwi. Michael McMillan and John Henry have each attended on separate occasions
- Tony Preston and Chris Coulter for Department of Conservation
- Ines Stager and Judy Lyttle for Talbot Forest Working Group
- Mr A Hendriks representing affected landowners along the current trunkmain from the treatment plant to the reservoir. The remaining landowners are:
 - Mr W Scott
 - Mr D Leslie

- Stephen Crone representing the owners of the Geraldine Retirement Village.

The group was run by independent facilitator Gay Pavelka, to provide objective separation of interests and ensure impartial observation. Officers from TDC were involved and attended each meeting, available to present information, options and answer queries.

The purpose of the SLG is to steer the direction of Geraldine's future aspirations for the community's water supply. The elected members represent the end users, being the ratepayers with the other parties all relevant consultees in preparation for applications for resource consents. The adoption of the Strategy will conclude the group members formal involvement.

As the trunkmain and reservoir replacement has already been consulted on as part of the Long Term Plan that was adopted 1 July 2024, there is deemed to be public support for scheme upgrade in principle.

7.2.1 Stakeholder Liaison Group Meetings

Meetings of the SLG were held at the Geraldine Service Centre. They were generally around three hours long on a Wednesday afternoon.

Meeting One

This was an introductory session that took place 24 July. Everyone introduced themselves and shared their priorities.

Meeting Two

This session on 27 August involved everyone meeting at the Service Centre then going for a guided site tour to the treatment plant and to the reservoir to give the group context around their discussions beyond what maps and pictures can provide. Back at the Service Centre there was further discussion around priorities.

Meeting Three

This session took place 23 October and was to discuss size and location options for reservoirs. An optioneering exercise was undertaken with the results compiled to guide this Strategy. Document 1711072 was supporting material in this discussion and feedback was used to complete further work, see documents 1732152 and 1732146.

Meeting Four

This session was originally meant to take place 18 December but was deferred to 29 January due to several participants being unable to attend. Consensus was reached around preferred reservoir locations for progression to detailed optioneering and finalised the Group's priorities, giving the mandate to take to Council.

7.2.2 Priorities and Outcomes

The desired outcomes for the Strategy developed by the Group are:

- Secure abstraction of quality raw water
- Resilient conveyance and storage from treatment to households
- Sustainable operation of water services that will cater for aspirational growth.

This will be achieved through the completion of replacements and enhancements to:

- Catchment - the raw water source and the area that contributes to the source.
- Treatment - the treatment plant and the processes within.
- Storage – sufficient treated water stored for the town to last a minimum of two days at peak demand levels.
- Delivery – the conveyance of treated water from source, via storage to people's homes.

To support optioneering for projects, the following priorities were developed by the Group, aligning with the outcomes:

- Resilience – maintaining a water supply scheme that is capable of delivering service to the community during severe weather or natural hazard events.
- Biodiversity – seeking to minimise impacts on the environment and enhance the area where possible, both during project delivery and ongoing operations and maintenance.
- Regulatory Compliance – ensuring the water supply scheme remains compliant with the regulations of the day.
- Economic Sustainability – ensuring projects required for strategy delivery are well designed, delivered efficiently and meet the needs of the community covering a reasonable period in the most economically viable manner.

The priorities and desired outcomes of the Group have helped inform development of a Multi Criteria Analysis framework that will be utilised in support of options recommended to Council and for consent and concession applications (refer Appendix 2).

8 Strategy Implementation

8.1 Project Staging

The following projects have been previously identified and have been earmarked for progression in the LTP.

Project	Scope	LTP Budget	Proposed Phasing
Tripp Street Reservoir Replacement	Current reservoir approaching end of life and needing more capacity.	W014	2025/26 depending on concession with DOC and consenting.
Duplication of Trunkmain WTP to Reservoir	Current trunkmain AC, need second for resilience and to enable maintenance and renewals with minimal disruption to service.	W015	2025/26 depending on Tripp Street Reservoir timing
Trunkmain second river crossing	Current pipe bridge crossing. With duplication of Trunkmain looking to have second crossing running below the Waihi River.	W015	2025/26 – in conjunction with Trunkmain duplication
Treatment Plant Reservoir	Second reservoir at the treatment plant. Resilience having more than one treated storage.	W014	2027/28 depending on Tripp Street phasing.
Membrane Filtration	Additional barrier of treatment to be added to meet compliance standards	W007 Line item extending into Infrastructure Strategy, staged installations for Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point	2033/34 to 2035/36 May need to be rephased sooner if compliance standards dictate.

After completion of these stages, there will be a review and revision of the Strategy in line with any emerging compliance requirements and with lifecycle management of new assets in mind.

The below sections elaborate further on project areas.

8.1.1 Borefield

Purchase of additional land at the Treatment Plant on Orari Back Road is nearing finalisation as at the writing of this Strategy. Additional land will not only provide room for expansion of treatment facilities and additional storage but will enable the installation of additional bores should the need arise. This will meet the need for security of supply.

8.1.2 Reservoir

The SLG undertook preliminary optioneering for reservoir sizing, location and configuration. The group reached consensus on total storage capacity to be 4ML, and for capacity to be split across two sites in the interest of resilience. One site will remain at elevation as is currently the case, to maintain or enhance gravity-fed network pressures, while a second reservoir would be situated at the treatment plant.

Possible locations for the top reservoir have been narrowed down through the SLG process, though the final location is entirely dependent on the outcome of the concession application process with DOC. This matter is discussed further below.

8.1.3 Trunkmain

The current delivery trunkmain is Asbestos Concrete over 50 years old and starting to deteriorate. Based on previous experience with Temuka in 2016 and current condition assessment, the requirement for replacement is critical and needs to be completed within the next couple of years. For resilience of the network, to enable continuity of service to connections during maintenance and allowing options in an emergency event, a new trunkmain will be constructed to work in conjunction with the existing line. This will allow two options for delivery of treated water to the township. Once a new trunkmain is commissioned, then a decision can be made as to whether the existing trunkmain can be safely relined to prolong life or whether full replacement will be required. Constructing the new trunkmain first will minimise any potential disruption to service while the existing trunkmain is relined or replaced. The route of the new trunkmain will likely follow the current easement up to the township boundary, with the rest of the route dependent on the location of the new reservoir.

8.1.4 River Crossing

As part of the delivery trunkmain, there is a crossing over the Waihi River. The present crossing is a pipe attached to the SH79 bridge. For resilience, it is generally agreed that two river crossings are better than one, and that those two crossings should be different types. A road bridge crossing will be retained, but the new trunkmain is proposed to be run underneath the Waihi River. TDC's project managers and contractors have recent experience in river works with projects completed in the Opihi and Waihi Rivers satisfactorily and in compliance with resource consent conditions.

8.2 Consenting

8.2.1 Concession – Department of Conservation

Discussions with Department of Conservation staff both within the SLG meetings and outside have indicated what a concession application process will involve.

To construct and operate assets on Department of Conservation Land, a concession from the Department must be held. Application and ongoing annual fees need to be budgeted for.

Action points for DOC following the third SLG meeting 23 October were:

- to get a better understanding whether there were any statutory land management “showstoppers” or encumbrances that would make DOC authorisation of new reservoirs within Talbot Forest Scenic Reserve difficult to achieve.
- To obtain some preliminary DOC expert advice on whether there may be any impacts on Long-Tailed Bats from the options proposed that would make it difficult for DOC to authorise any new reservoirs within Talbot Forest Scenic Reserve.

Advice received from DOC has indicated what would best support the concession application

- Thorough options assessment demonstrating why the preferred option was selected.
- Demonstration that vegetation clearance if required is kept to a minimum.
- Independent ecological assessment of effects, including specialist bat expertise.

DOC have confirmed that due to the concession being for long term operations and therefore being a lease permission, the process must be publicly notified. However, there is currently consultation underway around changes to the conservation planning and permissions system, which adds a degree of uncertainty to the matter.

There is precedent for lease and easement on conservation land for the purposes of municipal water supply. Taupo District Council applied for a lease and easement for the construction, on-going maintenance and operation of a Water Treatment Plant for the Hatepe Water Supply on Hinemaiaia Scenic Reserve. Submissions closed 4 October 2024, with hearing and outcome yet to be published. The proposal includes a full treatment plant including building, multiple tanks for treated water, clarifier, backwash etc, hard surface, perimeter fencing and underground services which is far more than what TDC would be proposing for Talbot Forest Reserve with just a treated storage reservoir.

If the Department of Conservation do not grant a concession to occupy and operate within Talbot Forest Scenic Reserve, allocated budgets will need to be reviewed. TDC

would have to develop an alternative site which may involve land purchase and will increase the length of pipework required for the delivery trunkmain from the treatment plant.

8.2.2 Resource Consent – Environment Canterbury

Resource consents are anticipated to be required for river crossing, earthworks and construction related stormwater management. There will be ongoing engagement with the Rūnanga through the consenting process to ensure all their concerns are met appropriately. We do have good recent experience with river crossings in the district. On the Downlands Rural Water Scheme, we undertook a successful replacement of a trunkmain underneath the Opihi River in 2023. That project involved excavation and diversion activities in the riverbed with fish and bat management conducted successfully. For Geraldine, the sewer siphon under the Waihi River was replaced in 2024. That project involved excavations in the river and was timed to coincide with the Waihi River having no surface water flowing. With these recent experiences where all consented activities were completed successfully with full compliance, we are confident that the consenting process for installing a delivery trunkmain under the Waihi River should be relatively straightforward.

9 Risk Management

All strategic planning should incorporate risk management. TDC undertakes this in line with the Risk Management Policy, with the most recent iteration adopted by Council 15 February 2024. Drainage and Water carries out ongoing review to ensure the unit continues to operate consistently with the policy.

Risks and risk treatments are identified in the Water Supply Asset Management Plan. Network assets are assigned a criticality rating based on importance in relation to potential loss of service. Geraldine's source, treatment, delivery and reservoir are all assessed at Criticality A, which reflects the importance and potential vulnerability of all those assets.

Risk assessments are carried out for all projects as standard. The full process will be followed for all projects resulting from this Strategy.

10 Reporting

There are mechanisms for reporting by:

- Reports to Infrastructure Committee, Council
- Annual Report
- Drainage and Water Yearly Report

It is anticipated that there will be further reporting requirement in future to Taumata Arowai, Commerce Commission and DIA around Capital Programme delivery among other matters.

Appendix 1

List of Supporting Documents

1654261 – Project 2659 – 3C1298.00 Task 1 Geraldine Reservoir Investigation FINAL REPORT – Opus International Consultants Ltd – 14 October 2016

1065052 – REPORT – Geraldine Reservoir – Structural Condition Inspection Report 2017 – Opus International Consultants Ltd – 21 April 2017

1073137 – Geraldine Water Treatment Plant Operational Manual – Timaru District Council – May 2017

1539729 – Geraldine Water Supply Water Safety Plan Nov 2022

1539730 – Geraldine Water Supply Source Water Risk Management Plan Water Safety Plan Appendix 1 Nov 2022

1680481 – Geraldine Water Headworks Project Plan – 25 June 2024

1689723 – Geraldine Strategy Stakeholder Liaison Group Membership

1689726 – Minutes Geraldine SLG Meeting 24 July 2024

1706018 – Minutes Geraldine SLG Meeting Two 28 August 2024

1711072 - Geraldine Reservoir Upgrade Location Options Plan – Davis Ogilvie Ltd – 3 October 2024

1732135 – Minutes Geraldine SLG Meeting Three 23 October 2024

1732152 – Geraldine Reservoir High Level Cost Assessment Options Report + Appendices – Davis Ogilvie Ltd – 11 December 2024

1738390 – Minutes Geraldine SLG Meeting Four 29 January 2025

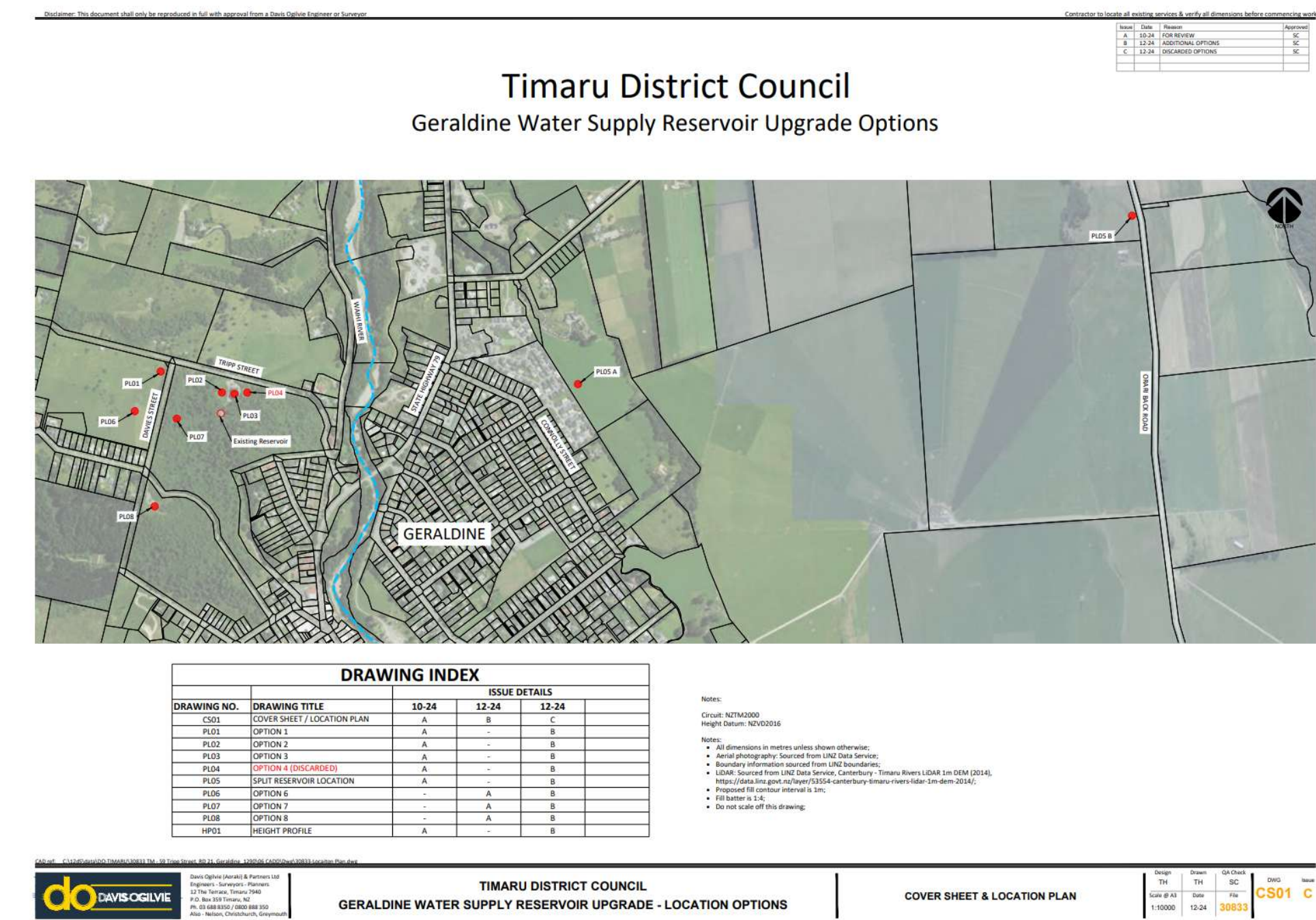
Appendix 2

Criteria framework for Multi Criteria Analysis – to be used for optioneering and business cases.

<i>Benefits/Consequences</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Resilience</i>	<i>Disbenefit/major negative impact</i> Leaves the scheme in a worse resilience state than before. E.g. any maintenance or unplanned outage results in loss of service to entire scheme for over 12 hours.	<i>No benefit/negative impact</i> Scheme is somewhat less resilient than before the project started.	<i>No discernible impacts or effects</i> No change to current resilience of scheme.	<i>Some benefit/positive impact</i> Improvement to network resilience in some aspect.	<i>Significant benefit/major positive impact</i> Improvement to network resilience in all aspects.
<i>Compliance</i>	<i>Disbenefit/major negative impact</i> Renders the scheme non-compliant	<i>No benefit/negative impact</i> Some element of the scheme is non-compliant	<i>No discernible impacts or effects</i> No change to current compliance status.	<i>Some benefit/positive impact</i> Improved compliance	<i>Significant benefit/major positive impact</i> Compliance secured anticipating future regulatory change.
<i>Cultural Considerations</i>	<i>Disbenefit/major negative impact</i> Deterioration to levels of engagement with Rūnanga, significant impacts on areas of significance, e.g. mahinga kai areas	<i>No benefit/negative impact</i> Disruption to levels of engagement with Rūnanga, impacts on areas of significance, e.g. mahinga kai areas	<i>No discernible impacts or effects</i> No change to current levels of engagement with Rūnanga, no impact on areas of significance, e.g. mahinga kai areas	<i>Some benefit/positive impact</i> Improved levels of engagement with Rūnanga, improvement to areas of significance, e.g. mahinga kai areas	<i>Significant benefit/major positive impact</i> Significant improvement to levels of engagement with Rūnanga, enhancement to areas of significance, e.g. mahinga kai areas
<i>Value for Money (Capex)</i>	<i>Disbenefit/major negative impact</i> Significant ongoing impacts regarding loan repayment, significant cost overruns during the project.	<i>No benefit/negative impact</i> Risk some minor cost overruns during project, some ongoing financing costs.	<i>No discernible impacts or effects</i> Standard cost and finance.	<i>Some benefit/positive impact</i> Good price for project, good financing deal.	<i>Significant benefit/major positive impact</i> Best possible price for project, best possible financing arrangement. Partially subsidised.
<i>Deliver economic water services (Opex)</i>	<i>Disbenefit/major negative impact</i> Significant increase in operational expenses, e.g. greater electricity usage, greater operating and maintenance costs	<i>No benefit/negative impact</i> Some increase in operational expenses.	<i>No discernible impacts or effects</i> No change to operational expenses from current BAU.	<i>Some benefit/positive impact</i> Some improvement to the utilisation of resources.	<i>Significant benefit/major positive impact</i> Greater efficiencies in operations and use of resources.
<i>Biodiversity</i>	<i>Disbenefit/major negative impact</i> Local extinction of species	<i>No benefit/negative impact</i> Reduction in populations	<i>No discernible impacts or effects</i> No change to the current biodiversity of the area.	<i>Some benefit/positive impact</i> Improvements to habitat, increased population of current species.	<i>Significant benefit/major positive impact</i> Significant improvement in species populations, new desirable species becoming established in the area.
<i>Amenity</i>	<i>Disbenefit/major negative impact</i> Complete loss of access for the community, major negative visual impact.	<i>No benefit/negative impact</i> Some loss of enjoyment, access or visual appeal.	<i>No discernible impacts or effects.</i> Leaves the area no better or worse.	<i>Some benefit/positive impact</i> Enhances the area.	<i>Significant benefit/major positive impact</i> Greatly enhances the area.
<i>Climate change adaptation</i>	<i>Disbenefit/major negative impact</i> Escalates the effects of climate change, necessitating greater, more costly adaptations.	<i>No benefit/negative impact</i> Hinders climate change adaptation	<i>No discernible impacts or effects</i> Status quo	<i>Some benefit/positive impact</i> Some climate change adaptation incorporated into the project.	<i>Significant benefit/major positive impact</i> Climate change adaptations are fully incorporated in the project, and capacity for further adaptations as required are included.

Appendix 3

Excerpt from Geraldine Reservoir High Level Cost Assessment 11 December 2024 showing potential reservoir locations.



Other Resources

Environment Canterbury Technical Report – Integrated Study of surface water and shallow groundwater resources of the Orari Catchment – Report No. R10/36 – ISBN 978-1-877574-06-1

8.5 Targeted Rate Funding Approvals Not Called Upon**Author:** Meghan Taylor, Executive Operations Coordinator**Authoriser:** Stephen Doran, Group Manager Corporate and Communications**Recommendation**

That the Geraldine Community Board:

1. Receives and notes the report; and
2. Retains/ Cancels the commitment of \$10,000 to the Geraldine Dog Park; and
3. Retains/ Cancels the commitment of \$10,000 to the Geraldine Academy of Performance and Arts; and
4. Commits/ Does not commit \$10,000 to the Geraldine Pool Feasibility Study.

Purpose of Report

- 1 For the Geraldine Community Board (the Community Board) to consider and determine if previously approved Targeted Rate Funding application resolutions are withstanding or if the funds can be released for availability of use.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 While the provision of funding is of importance to numerous community groups, the content contained in this report has been assessed as of low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This has been based on the assessment criteria with a specific focus on the impact on the number of people affected, the degree that people may be impacted, community interest, financing and rating impact, and impact on wellbeing.

Background

- 3 Following a review of the Community Board Targeted Rate application process, it was determined that there were numerous funding approvals that have not yet been called upon.
- 4 The total value of the funds not yet called upon is \$39,007.00. Until such time that new resolutions are made, or the funding is called upon, the funds will continue to be held and unable to be distributed or spent from the Community Board's targeted rate fund.
- 5 In the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP) the Geraldine Community Board targeted rate charge was set to \$7.00 per annum per rating unit.
- 6 It is important to note that within the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 the Community Board has selected to set the Geraldine targeted rate charge at \$10.00. This increase has not yet been adopted at the time this report was prepared, and therefore this is not reflected in the figures provided within this report.
- 7 As at the 30 June 2024 the fund balance was \$72,692.06, with the addition of the targeted rate received as of 29 May 2025 \$17,140.29, less expenditure and outstanding approvals, the current balance and available funds as at 29 May 2025 is \$44,008.11.

Discussion**8 Dog Park Funding**

- 8.1 At the Community Board meeting on 24 August 2022, under item 9.2 Dog Park Funding, the Community Board resolved (resolution 2022/118) to allocate \$10,000 to the new dog park.
- 8.2 At the Community Board meeting on 19 April 2023, under item 8.2 officers presented a report regarding the Geraldine Dog Park which included a proposed location of a reduced area at Kennedy Park. The Community Board resolved (resolution 2023/150) to decline the proposed location and encouraged the Dog Park Project to undertake further research on dog parks in surrounding districts.
- 8.3 No further reports have been received to date by the Community Board on this specific project. Officers are aware this topic has surfaced again within the Boards Strategic Framework, it is important to note that this funding approval is not linked is its own separate matter.

9 Geraldine Pool Enclosure Feasibility Study

- 9.1 At the Community Board meeting on 8 November 2023, following a request at public forum from the Geraldine Swimming Pool group, under Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration, the Community Board “resolved” (~~resolution 2023/181~~) to request that *“the Council consider \$10,000 from the discretionary fund to be used to support the feasibility study with the requirement that Timaru District Council cover the balance.”*
- 9.2 A submission was made to Council the 2024-34 Long Term Plan by the Geraldine Pool Committee for the Geraldine Pool season to be extended and funds for a feasibility study regarding the enclosure of the pool. This was considered under deliberations on the 27 May 2024.
- 9.3 This request was brought before the Community Board in Public Forum and was not an agenda item at the meeting. As per the Timaru District Council Standing Orders item 15.4 No Resolutions *“Following the public forum, no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda.”* Therefore the “resolution” is simply an intention of the Community Board.
- 9.4 The \$10,000 expense for this project has not been provided for in the available funds balance in point 7. Resolving a commitment of \$10,000 for this project would reduce the available funds balance to \$34,008.11.

10 Geraldine Academy of Performance and Arts

- 10.1 At the Community Board Meeting on 13 November 2024, Council officers presented a report under item 8.3 Request for funding from Geraldine Academy of Performance and Arts. The community board resolved (resolution 2024/214) to consider a funding request for \$10,000 for the purchase of the building the group occupies, decide on the date of availability of the funds and determined the funds should be repaid in full if the purchase shall not proceed.
- 10.2 The funds have not yet been called upon, however Council notes that the group are relying on these “pledged funds” towards their fundraising goal and understands the funds would be call upon if the goal is met.

11 Geraldine Domain Additional Bench Seats

- 11.1 At the Community Board Meeting on 19 March 2025, Council officers presented a report under item 8.4 Geraldine Domain Additional Seats Request. The Community Board resolved (resolution 2025/222) to approve \$17,000 excluding GST for the purchase and installation of 8 additional bench seats, as well as \$2,007 excluding GST annually for the maintenance and depreciation of the additional bench seats, at least until the next Long Term Plan in 2027.
- 11.2 The work has been completed, and these funds are expected to be called upon to pay the invoice before the end of the 2024/25 financial year. Any remaining balance of the committed funds for the purchase and installation will remain in the targeted rate fund following payment of the invoice.
- 12 The decision regarding the allocation of the Community Board Targeted Rate funds is delegated to the Community Board as is at the discretion of such.
- 13 The Community Board must assess and consider the previously approved funding outlined in points 8 to 10 and decide whether to retain these funds until they are called upon or to cancel the commitments if deemed appropriate.
- 14 Choosing to cancel any commitments will increase the amount of available funds in the Community Board Targeted Rate Fund, allowing support for new applications. Cancellation does not prevent the same groups or projects from applying again; a new application would need to be submitted for consideration.

Options and Preferred Option

- 15 That the Community Board proceeds with consideration of each funding commitment and whether or not it support or cancels those commitments, and decides whether or not to commit \$10,000 to the Geraldine Pool Feasibility study.

Consultation

- 16 Consultation is not required.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 17 Local Government Act 2002
- 18 Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
- 19 Timaru District Council Long Term Plan 2024-34
- 20 Timaru District Council Standing Orders (adopted 27 October 2022)

Financial and Funding Implications

- 21 The community Board targeted rate fund is available for the Community Board to assess applications received or support local service provision within the Geraldine Community Ward. If the targeted rate funds are not used, these continue to be held. Interest is accumulated at the close of the financial year and added to the balance of the fund.

Other Considerations

- 22 There are no other considerations.

Attachments

Nil

8.6 Geraldine Targeted Rate Funding Application

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Ashlea Whyte, Finance Manager

Authoriser: Andrea Rankin, Chief Financial Officer

Recommendation

That the Geraldine Community Board:

1. Receives and notes the funding application to the Geraldine Community Board Targeted Rate Fund; and
2. Approves/declines funding to the amount of (to be determined), to go towards the Generator and Large Emergency Response First Aid Kit for the Woodbury & Tripp Settlement Community Response Team; and
3. Requires/does not require an accountability report to be provided within two months following completion of the project/event; and
4. Notes that where an amount is approved it is subject to review and acceptance of quotes by officers, the Ward Councillor's, and the Chair of the Community Board.

Purpose of Report

- 1 For the Geraldine Community Board (the Community Board) to consider the funding request from the Geraldine District Projects Trust on behalf of the Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team of \$6,923.87 from the Geraldine Community Board targeted rate fund.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 While the provision of funding is of importance to numerous community groups, the content contained in this report has been assessed as of low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This has been based on the assessment criteria with a specific focus on the impact on the number of people affected, the degree that people may be impacted, community interest, financing and rating impact, and impact on wellbeing.

Background

- 3 In the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP) the Geraldine Community Board targeted rate charge was set to \$7.00 per annum per rating unit.
- 4 It is important to note that within the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 the Community Board has selected to set the Geraldine targeted rate charge at \$10.00. This increase has not yet been adopted at the time this report was prepared, and therefore this is not reflected in the figures provided within this report.
- 5 As at the 30 June 2024 the fund balance was \$72,692.06, with the addition of the targeted rate received as of 29 May 2025 \$17,140.29, less expenditure and outstanding approvals, the current balance and available funds as at 18 June 2025 is \$44,008.11.

- 6 The total of outstanding funding approvals that have not been called upon is \$39,007.00. This will be addressed in a separate report to the Community Board.
- 7 The following table outlines funding provided/ Community Board expenses over the past three financial years:

Financial Year	Applicant/ Expenses	Amount (\$)	Reason
2024/25	Branded Kiwi	5,734.63	Billboards
2024/25	Geraldine NZ	220.00	Toy Library Shingle (GL account amendment)
2024/25	T&S (2019 Limited) TA Royal	297.39	Set Menu Christmas Dinner
2024/25	T&S (2019 Limited) TA Royal	565.22	M Simpson Farewell
2023/24	The Record Keeper Limited	330.00	Geraldine Community Board Annual Dinner
2022/23	Ace Picture Framers Ltd	188.69	Community Board Framing
2022/23	Ace Picture Framers Ltd	86.96	Community Board Framing
2022/23	KG Photography	195.00	Photos for Community Boards
2022/23	Turnball Earthmovers	240.00	Toy Library Shingle
2022/23	The Geraldine District Develop	1,235.36	INV-2846 Materials for Flume project

- 8 The following table outlines outstanding funding approvals and commitments that have not yet been called upon.

Financial Year	Applicant/ Expenses	Amount (\$)	Reason
2025/26	Timaru District Council	2,007.00	2026 Additional Domain Bench Seat Maintenance Costs.*
2024/25	Timaru District Council	19,007.00	8 Additional Domain Bench Seats + 2025 Maintenance costs
2024/25	Geraldine Academy of Performance and Arts	10,000	Towards the purchase of the building the group occupies
2022/23	Dog Park Project	10,000	Dog park funding for fencing work and materials

* This will be deducted from the 2025/2026 Targeted rate collection and therefore has not been factored into the figures contained in point 5 of this report.

Discussion

- 9 The Community Board has received a funding request of \$6,923.87 from the Geraldine District Projects Trust on behalf of the Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Response Team for a generator and large emergency response first aid kit.
- 10 If the Community Board determines this group is to be provided funding, it can nominate a specific figure via a resolution.

- 11 If the Community Board determines an accountability report is required following the completion of the project/event, provision for this can be made via a resolution.
- 12 If approved by the Community Board, Geraldine District Projects Trust will be notified of acceptance and the process of releasing these funds will begin.
- 13 This decision is delegated to the Community board and is at the discretion of such.

Options and Preferred Option

- 14 There are two options available to the Community Board:

14.1 **Option 1:** To approve the funding request with discretion as to the value of the contribution. The Geraldine Community Board may consider any amount up to the full amount of \$6,923.87. Some examples are tabled below. For precautionary reasons the reserve balance includes the deduction of all outstanding approvals.

Amount	Reserve Balance
\$1,000	\$43,008.11
\$3,000	\$41,008.11
\$5,000	\$39,008.11
\$6,923.87 (full amount)	\$37,084.24

14.2 **Option 2:** To decline the funding request.

Consultation

- 15 Consultation on the funding application is not required.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 16 Local Government Act 2002
- 17 Local Government (Rating) 2002

Financial and Funding Implications

- 18 This fund is available for the Community Board to assess applications received or support local service provision within the Geraldine Community Ward. If the targeted rate funds are not used, these continue to be held. Interest is accumulated at the close of the financial year and added to the balance of the fund.

Other Considerations

- 19 There are no other considerations.

Attachments

Nil

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters****11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration****12 Exclusion of the Public****Recommendation**

That the public be excluded from—

- *(a) the whole of the proceedings of this meeting; or
- *(b) the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely,—

13.1 Geraldine Community Board Targeted Rate Funding Request - Supporting Documentation

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
13.1 - Geraldine Community Board Targeted Rate Funding Request - Supporting Documentation	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	To protect a person's privacy, including the privacy of deceased persons

*I also move that [\[name of person or persons\]](#) be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of [\[specify\]](#). This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because [\[specify\]](#)

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*Delete if inapplicable.

Note

[Section 48\(4\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- “(4)Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof)—
 - (a)shall be available to any member of the public who is present;
and
 - (b)shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

13 Public Excluded Reports

14 Readmittance of the Public

15 Board Member's Reports