

# **AGENDA**

# Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting Tuesday, 12 November 2024

Date Tuesday, 12 November 2024

Time 7pm

**Location Cave Arms Tavern, Cave** 

File Reference 1717921



# **Timaru District Council**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Pleasant Point Community Board will be held in the Cave Arms Tavern, on Tuesday 12 November 2024, at 7pm.

# **Pleasant Point Community Board Members**

Raewyn Hessell (Chairperson), Ross Munro (Deputy Chairperson), Anna Lyon, Michael Thomas, Kathleen Wilkins, Michael Pye and Scott Shannon

# **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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# **8** Confirmation of Minutes

# 8.1 Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 1 October 2024

Author: Steph Forde, Corporate and Strategic Planner

#### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 1 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

# **Attachments**

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# **MINUTES**

# Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting Tuesday, 1 October 2024

Ref: 1717921

# Minutes of Timaru District Council Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting Held in the Pleasant Point Town Hall on Tuesday, 1 October 2024 at 7pm

Present: Raewyn Hessell (Chairperson), Anna Lyon, Michael Thomas, Kathleen Wilkins,

Michelle Pye,.

In Attendance: Beth Stewart (Group Manager Community Services), Mike Wrigley

(Recreational Facilities Manager), Rosie Oliver (Development Manager), Clr Owen Jackson, Claire Copeland (Group Coordinator Environmental

Services/Minute Taker) Troy Titheridge (Development Liaison Officer).

Meeting commenced at 7pm sharp.

# 1 Apologies

# 1.1 Apologies Received

# Resolution 2024/169

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Anna Lyon

That the apology of Ross Munro (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Nigel Bowen, Clr Scott Shannon be received and accepted. **Carried** 

# 2 Public Forum

There were no public forum items.

# 3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

- Request for funding support for 'Get to the Point' from the targeted fund.
- The Ecan regional public transport strategy (option to make a submission).

#### 4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

- Raewyn Hessell (Chairperson), has been approached about a couple of trees in the cemetery that block the view.
- Michael Thomas has had a request for an update on the speed limit changes at Te Ngawai Road in Pleasant Point.

# 5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

# 6 Chairperson's Report

# 6.1 Presentation of Chairpersons Report

The playground is looking amazing and the Chair spoke with the man there yesterday who said grass seed was to be put down today and the area would remain closed off until the end of this month to allow the seed to grow, he also said the board using the pictures and the old signage is really awesome & new seating is being installed in the pool . The Chair was really surprised to pop down to the domain recently an it was packed with motor homes, caravans it appeared a doll show was being held over that weekend, that reiterated the need for a waste disposal in our community. A lot of these people also in the township and we need to be actively encouraging / promoting our town.

# Resolution 2024/170

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Michael Thomas

That the Chairpersons report be taken as read.

**Carried** 

# 7 Elected Member Update

# 7.1 Elected Members Update Presented

Clr Pye noted that in the last month or two she has attended the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee (OTOP) meeting, the next meeting has been cancelled meaning the next meeting will be in November where they will be considering funding applications around improving water quality, the committee has 50k for the year to allocate. An example fo the projects that have been previously supported are the Burkes Pass Restoration (planting along creak by the Opihi), Bat Monitoring (which enhances biodiveristy which in turn helps with water quality), have funded some Dung Beetles (which will help with run off into the catchment), Planting at Milford Lagoon.

Clr Pye spent time out with a TDC building inspector (as did Clr Jackson) to better understand their role and how the operate. Clr Pye has completed a couple of things in Local Government New Zealand Training Platform (Akona) for elected members, most recently a climate change module. Clr Pye encouraged the members to look at the module on 'Debate not Distruction' about how to conduct around the table and having a healthy debate.

Clr Pye ttended an Audit and Risk committee meeting, the public meeting on the Theatre Royal as well as a couple of other Theatre related meetings. Attended the Jorja Miller hall of fame induction, and two citizenship ceremonies in one day and attended Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) overview of functions, operations & elected members roles in an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), one valueable piece of information for the community boards to be aware of is the TDC page which in an event should be the one source of truth and encourge people to use it.

Over South Canterbury Anniversary weekend Clr Pye visited the Rangitata huts and spoke to the community there about the campsite that has been temporarily closed due to a septic tank issue. Visted Cave to see the new roading improvements following some feedback on the speed bumps; there will be a follow up meeting to discuss.

# Resolution 2024/171

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye Seconded: Kathleen Wilkins

That the Elected members report be taken as read.

**Carried** 

# 8 Confirmation of Minutes

# 8.1 Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 20 August 2024

# Resolution 2024/172

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Anna Lyon

That the Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 20 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

**Carried** 

# 9 Reports

# 9.1 District Pool 2024 – 2025 Summer Season Operational Hours Update report.

To provide an update to the Pleasant Point Community Board about the opening hours of the Pleasant Point Summer Pool over the 2024-2025 summer season.

Beth Stewart (Group Manager Community Services) presented the report to be taken as read: The purpose of the report was to inform the public of the operating hours and plan for the upcoming season.

The question was posed about the possibility of community ownership of the pool in the future and what the process would be for that. The Group Manager Community Services referred to completing a Section 17a review which looks at the most cost effective public service delivery, another option is a feasibility study (which is essentially the same thing but with a broader scope because it will take into account the cost of running the pool, the benefit to the community as well as the community views). It would give consideration not just to how services at the pool are delivered but also the capital expenditure that would be required to bring the pool back up to code.

The main operational cost of the pool is the heating with gas which costs approximately \$70k for 4 months of use. TDC have obtained a quote to upgrade the gas system \$150k. This option would reduce the heating cost down to approximately \$30k a year meaning it would pay itself off in 5 years; There are health and safety components to consider such as the balance tank, the relining of the pool itself and if the community was to take it on they would also need to consider the pool safe accreditation and public liability (eg accreditation and training of lifeguards, standards and shifts etc).

Consideration would also need to be given to the longevity of those in the community who take on the responsibility and what would happen to future proof this. Another consideration was that while some other communities have gone to solar heating, this is not sufficient enough to lift the pool to a good temperature; however in the off season the power could be sold back to the grid and bank it. There is grant scheme for carbon zero that could be an option, however local government would likely be ineligible for this.

# Resolution 2024/173

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the Pleasant Point Community Board receive and note the District Pool 2024 – 2025 Summer Season Operational Hours Update report.

Carried

# 9.1.1 Change to text in report

That the wording "To provide an update to the **Temuka** Community Board about the opening hours of the **Temuka** Summer Pool over the 2024-2025 summer season." be amended to "To provide an update to the **Pleasant Point** Community Board about the opening hours of the **Pleasant Point** Summer Pool over the 2024-2025 summer season." In the minutes.

# Resolution 2024/174

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Michael Thomas

That the wording "To provide an update to the **Temuka** Community Board about the opening hours of the **Temuka** Summer Pool over the 2024-2025 summer season." In the report be amended to "To provide an update to the **Pleasant Point** Community Board about the opening hours of the **Pleasant Point** Summer Pool over the 2024-2025 summer season." in the minutes.ds

**Carried** 

# 9.2 Strategic Framework Projects Selection

- 1 The purpose of this report is to:
  - Present the list of scoped and costed projects prepared in accordance with the Pleasant Point, Cave and Surrounding Areas Ten Year Strategic Framework (the Strategic Framework) that are eligible for the \$70,000 capital expenditure project funding in the 2024/25 year of the Long Term Plan 2024-34; and to
  - Obtain a decision from the Pleasant Point Community Board on the project(s) that will receive this funding.
- This report also provides basic scoping information for additional projects, as requested by the board, that are relevant to the delivery of the Strategic Framework but ineligible for the \$70,000 capital expenditure project funding. Should the board wish to progress any such

project the next step would be to request a specific report from the relevant unit with a request to leverage the board's reserve funding to unlock the desired outcomes.

# 9.2.1 Beautification projects on Main Street

The board was adamant that the existing main street flower beds be maintained as they currently are because they are a focal point in the community, however do not agree to accept the additional cost of \$5,000 p/a to do so. The board do not want to move to a shrub boarder as proposed under the budgeted level of service but would like to push back on council to find another solution to fund to keep and maintain the gardens as they do currently, effectively funding asking Council to fund the additional \$5,000 rather than the Pleasant Point Community Board.

# Resolution 2024/175

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Michael Thomas

That the Pleasant Point Community Board through the Chair, approach the Parks and Recreation Manager to request he seeks approval from Council to find another solution to fund the \$5,000 p/a to maintain the existing Main Street garden beds.

**Carried** 

#### 9.2.2 Artificial Tree Christmas Tree

The annual cost for installation, disestablishment is \$8,790p/a which is offset by Council by \$6,500, meaning the Pleasant Point Community Board would need to fund the remainder annually. The board agreed to the purchase of a 4.5m artificial Christmas tree with silver baubles, lights, star on the top at a one off cost of \$8,734.57 which is in stock in New Zealand and would be available for installation in time for Christmas 2024.

# Resolution 2024/176

Moved: Michael Thomas Seconded: Kathleen Wilkins

That the Pleasant Point Community Board agrees to purchase the proposed 4.5m artificial Christmas tree with silver baubles, lights, star on the top at a one off cost of \$11,010.57

#### 9.2.3 Main Street CCTV Cameras

There has been some cost updates since the report was drafted and the development team have confirmed that the cost of two CCTV Cameras (on one pole) would be at the lower end of the costs outlined in the report. The local Police have proposed location for a fixed camera, should the committee agree to install one, to be at Te Ngawai Road Pleasant Point on the light pole facing the local hotel/bar and petrol station with a base unit put in place which would allow for additional cameras to be added in the future including moveable ones.

# Resolution 2024/177

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Anna Lyon

That the proposal for the installation of Main Street Pleasant Point CCTV cameras be held off until the next round of funding for further consideration at that time.

Carried

# 9.2.4 Motorhome effluent Dump Station

Should the board decide to fund a dump station the location does not need to be defined at this time, the Council's Property Facilities Officer would draft a report outlining options and costs to present to the board at a later date.

#### Resolution 2024/178

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Michael Thomas

That the Pleasant Point Community Board allocate the sum of up to \$50,000 of capital expenditure project funding towards the project to instal a motorhome effluent dump station, with the commitment and final decision deferred until the board has been presented with a comprehensive report outlining the project options and costings.

Carried

# 9.2.5 Irrigation

The Pleasant Point Community board discussed using all or part of the residual capital expenditure project funds to contribute to the local irrigation project.

# Resolution 2024/179

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye Seconded: Michael Thomas

That the Pleasant Point Community board agreed it will not contribute any funds to the irrigation project at this time.

# 9.2.6 Wheelchair Accessible Community Van

It was confirmed by the Development Liaison Officer that if a wheelchair accessible community van was purchased using funds from the capital expenditure project fund that the vehicle would be a council owned asset and as a result there are council requirements when a vehicle is purchased into the fleet. For example there are certain safety standards (purchasing second-hand would not meet the quality standard required) it would also require depreciation costs to be calculated. There are also additional insurance costs, potential liabilities and internal resourcing requirements (eg driver vetting, health and safety policy review, vehicle policy review). Storage and parking would be an additional annual costs.

A suggestion is to fund this project out of the targeted rate, effectively eliminating the constraints of it being a council owned asset requiring it to meet our fleet standard requirements.

# Resolution 2024/180

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye Seconded: Kathleen Wilkins

That the Pleasant Point Community Board hold off any decision to fund a wheelchair accessible community van at this time through the capital expenditure project fund.

**Carried** 

# 9.2.7 Residual capital expenditure project funds

# Resolution 2024/181

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Kathleen Wilkins

That the Pleasant Point Community board agreed to retain the residual funds (approximately \$9,000) from the capital expenditure project funding an allocate it as they see fit on the existing projects or to be used along with the next round of truncated funds.

# 10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

# 10.1 Financial Support for the 'Get to the Point' annual event

There has been a request for funding support from the 'Get to the Point' however despite the board being in full support of the event and have expressed the desire to financially support, it in order for the board to allocate funds from the targeted rate fund it requires a report from a council officer in order to allocate any funding (as per standing orders).

It was confirmed by the reading of the email sent to the Chair that the request for \$15,000 was to support the event in the long term (eg not specifically to be used in its entirety for the 2024 event but rather to purchase items that can be utilised over time).

The committee spoke to the numerous options for funding that are available to the event. It was greed that the Pleasant Point Community Board supports the event and seeks a report from a council officer to meeting on 12 November 2024 to allow the committee to give consideration to donating \$15,000 to the project.

The related letter of application is attached for reference.



# 10.2 Ecan regional public transport strategy (option to make a submission)

# Resolution 2024/182

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Michael Thomas

The committee discussed the Ecan regional public transport strategy for Canterbury and resolve to make their own submission on the 10 year public transport plan for Canterbury, giving delegated authority to the Chairperson, Deputy Chair and the two ward Councillors to work with Senior Policy Advisors to draft a proposal to be submitted alongside the Timaru District Council proposal and then make the submission on behalf of the Pleasant Point Community Board.

Carried

#### 11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

# 11.1 Trees in cemetery

A member of the public has approached the Chairperson regarding the view from the chair at the top of the cemetery being obscured by some of the trees.

Action: the Chairperson will speak to the Parks & Recreation Manager about improving the view from that location and if it is an appropriate time of year to move or remove the tree(s).

# 11.2 Speed limit on Te Ngawai Road

There has been a request from the public to get an update on the speed limits on Te Ngawari Road in Pleasant Point. It was part of the region wide changes approved for change that have not been actioned yet.

Action: To have an update on progress on the speed limit decrease changes to be brought back to the Pleasant Point Community Board.

# 12 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

No matters for public forum.

# 13 Exclusion of the Public

# Resolution 2024/183

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That at 8.44pm 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,—

# 14.1 Divestment of Property

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   |
|---|---|--|
| 14.1 - Divestment of Property                   | s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities           | To enable Council to carry out commercial activities  To enable Council to carry out commercial or industrial negotiations |
|   | s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) |  |

- 14 Public Excluded Reports
- 14.1 Divestment of Property
- 15 Readmittance of the Public

# Resolution 2024/184

Moved: Raewyn Hessell Seconded: Anna Lyon

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 9pm

**Carried** 

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Chairperson

# 9 Reports

#### 9.1 Towards 2050 Plan - Venture Timaru

Author: Steph Forde, Corporate and Strategic Planner

**Authoriser:** 

#### Recommendation

That the Pleasant Point Community Board receive and note the Toward 2050 report from Venture Timaru

# **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is for Venture Timaru to provide a verbal update on the Towards 2050 plan (a special project) to the Pleasant Point Community Board as the Economic Development and Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) for Timaru District.

# **Assessment of Significance**

This matter is assessed to be of low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because is for information only and no decision is being sought.

#### Discussion

- The Chief Executive of Venture Timaru will provide a verbal introduction of the Towards 2050 project to the Pleasant Point Community Board.
- 4 The presentation will include the following topics:
  - The need for an aspirational future for our district.
    - Changing & Ageing population.
    - Innovation and productivity
    - Play to our strengths, retain and attract aligned and new business
    - Alignment to existing plans such as the Long Term Plan 2024-34
  - Workplan consultation to implementation.

### General discussion

The attached Benji Patterson Ltd report was commissioned by Venture Timaru, and its purpose is to highlight what an aspirational economic future could look like for Timaru, and what achieving such an outlook would rely on. This report is the catalyst to start the conversation about our districts future and not the plan itself.

### **Attachments**

1. Scenarios for an aspirational economic future for the Timaru District - Benji Patterson Ltd  $ar{f J}$ 



2. Press Release: Towards 2050 🗓 🖼



# October 2022

# Scenarios of an aspirational economic future for Timaru District



Report commissioned by Venture Timaru

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# 2. Executive summary

This report has been commissioned by Venture Timaru. Its purpose is to highlight what an aspirational economic future could look like for Timaru, and what achieving such an outlook would rely on.

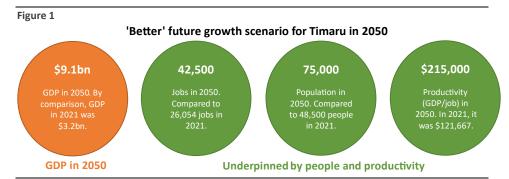
At its heart, this report helps show:

- Where will Timaru's economy be in 2050 if the status quo remains?
- How much larger could Timaru's economy be if there is an aspirational focus on doing better things?
- Which factors would achieving an aspirational economic future rely on?

# 2.1. Key findings

The potential 'size of the prize' for Timaru's economy from being ambitious is large:

- Timaru currently generates \$3.2 billion of GDP (2021).
- If Timaru does no better than just muddle along, with its status quo level of employment and current productivity trajectory then the economy would be worth \$4.2 billion in 2050.
- If, instead, there is transformational growth into high productivity employment, then Timaru's economy could be worth \$9.1 billion by 2050, which is almost three times its current size.



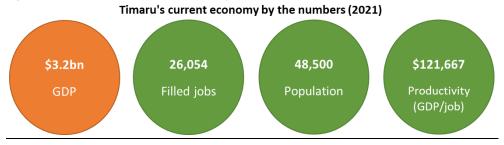
- The outcomes needed to achieve the 'better' future growth scenario are ambitious both in terms of how many people Timaru would need to attract to fill jobs and how productive industries would need to be:
  - Timaru would need to attract average net migration gains of just over 1,000 people each year to reach a population of 75,000 by 2050.
  - The aspirational productivity outcome in the 'better' scenario would require transformation towards at least one third of Timaru businesses doing things that were at least twice as productive as opportunities under the status quo by 2050.
- Ambitious industry transformation won't happen overnight. Initially many of Timaru's
  productivity wins will be found working with existing businesses in existing industries. But
  through time, Timaru can progressively step out from this base and become more
  transformational in what it does, including breaking into new industries.
- Regardless of which industries help Timaru achieve an aspirational economic future, there will be
  many factors which are necessary foundations. For example, an additional 9,000 homes, 200-300
  classrooms, and 1,500 more health and social assistance workers would be needed by 2050 to
  support the population growth needed under the aspirational 'better' future growth scenario.



# 3. Timaru's current economic context

There were 48,500 residents in Timaru in 2021 and employment sat at 26,054 jobs. Each job produced \$121,667 of GDP (compared to \$124,980 nationally), meaning Timaru generated total GDP of \$3.2 billion.

Figure 2 – The current size of Timaru's economy, source: Infometrics and Statistics NZ

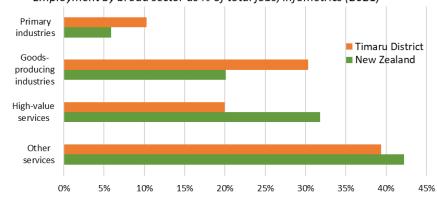


Employment in Timaru is more heavily concentrated on primary and goods-producing industries than nationally. Primary industries centre on dairy farming, sheep and beef farming, arable farming, and fishing. Goods-producing industries tend to be concentrated on processing of food and fibre products, although there is some machinery and equipment manufacturing to support the primary sector. High-value professional services are less represented in Timaru than the rest of New Zealand, but Timaru is a service centre for South Canterbury so has relatively high health, education, and retail employment.

Figure 3

Contribution to employment by broad sector

Employment by broad sector as % of total jobs, Infometrics (2021)



Over the past 10 years, growth in Timaru has lagged the New Zealand average for GDP, jobs, and population. But productivity growth in Timaru was slightly above the national average.

Table 1

| Comparing growth in Timaru against New Zealand over the past decade  Annual average percentage change, 2011-2021, calculations from Infometrics and Statistics NZ data |        |      |  |
|--|--------|------|--|
|  | Timaru | NZ   |  |
| GDP (\$ billion)   | 2.2%   | 2.6% |  |
| Jobs   | 1.2%   | 1.9% |  |
| Population   | 0.8%   | 1.6% |  |
| Productivity (GDP/job)   | 1.0%   | 0.8% |  |



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# 4. Aspirational future scenarios for 2050

This section introduces three scenarios for where Timaru's economy could be in 2050. The scenarios range from conservative to aspirational – and are designed to highlight the 'size of the prize' from being ambitious.

# 4.2. Overview of future scenarios for the Timaru economy

The three hypothetical scenarios modelled in this report for Timaru's economy in 2050 are:

- The 'status quo' (low) scenario. This scenario highlights what will happen to Timaru's economy if
  it can only maintain the status quo level of employment and its industries merely muddle along
  their current productivity trajectories.
- The 'more' (medium) scenario. This scenario highlights what will happen to Timaru's economy if it can gradually expand its underlying level of employment, but only in industries based around the district's current productivity trajectory, rather than in anything transformational.
- The 'better' (high/transformational) scenario. This scenario is the most ambitious and is based
  on doing more of things that are better. It highlights what would happen if Timaru can evolve its
  economy and grow employment into an industry footprint with transformationally higher
  productivity.

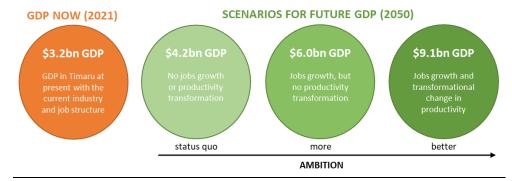
The rest of this section outlines the potential economic impacts for Timaru of each scenario. The detailed assumptions underpinning each scenario and their practicalities are also examined, with a focus on how many people and what productivity levels would be needed to support them.

# 4.3. 'Size of the prize' for Timaru's economy in each scenario

The potential 'size of the prize' for Timaru's economy from being ambitious is large. Calculations under the three future scenarios show that:

- If Timaru does no better than just muddle along, with its status quo level of employment and current productivity trajectory then the economy would be worth \$4.2 billion in 2050, which is one third larger than its current level (\$3.2 billion in 2021).
- If instead there is transformational growth into high productivity employment, then Timaru's economy could be worth \$9.1 billion by 2050, which is almost three times its current size.

Figure 4 – Timaru's future economic activity (GDP) under conservative through to ambitious scenarios





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# 4.4. Assumptions for achieving future scenarios

Each scenario of future economic activity is driven by assumptions based on jobs and productivity growth. The rest of section 4.4 unpacks the practicalities of each scenario's assumptions.

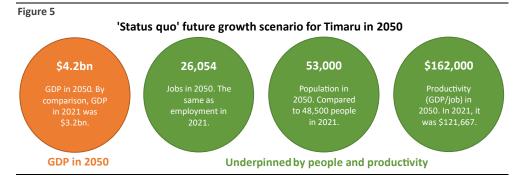
# 4.4.1. Assumptions for achieving the 'status quo' future scenario

The 'status quo' scenario has the lowest level of ambition for 2050. It simply assumes that:

- Employment in Timaru remains at its current level (26,054 in 2021)
- Productivity growth muddles along at its current trajectory (1.0%pa growth).

In practical terms, achieving the 'status quo' scenario's two assumptions would imply that by 2050:

- Timaru would need a population of 53,000 people, up from its current population of 48,500
- Productivity (GDP per job) would reach \$162,000, compared to \$121,667 at present.



It might seem counterintuitive that Timaru would have to expand its population just to maintain its status quo employment levels. But the reason is simple, Timaru's population is rapidly aging and 30% of residents are expected to be aged over 65 by 2050<sup>1</sup>, compared to just over 20% aged 65+ at present.

Timaru would need to grow its population from 48,500 in 2021 to 53,000 by 2050 just to ensure there were sufficient people of working age to maintain Timaru's current level of employment and counteract increasing retirements.

The productivity growth assumption in the 'status quo' scenario is relatively unambitious. It only requires GDP per job in 2050 (\$162,000) to sit approximately one third higher than it does currently (\$121,667). Several places in New Zealand already have productivity at or approaching this level<sup>2</sup>.

# 4.4.2. Assumptions for achieving the 'more' future growth scenario

The 'more' scenario is based around a slightly more ambitious growth scenario to 2050, where Timaru expands its underlying level of employment. It simply assumes that:

- Employment in Timaru grows at its current trajectory (1.2%pa growth)
- Productivity growth muddles along at its current trajectory (1.0%pa growth).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For example, Infometrics Regional Economic Profile shows that productivity (GDP per job) in Waitomo, Waitaki, South Taranaki, Wellington, New Plymouth, and Buller already exceeded \$150,000 in 2021.

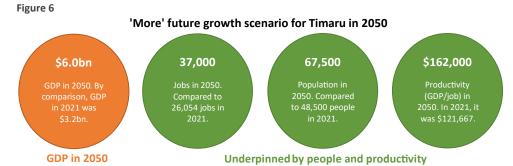


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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Statistics NZ, subnational population projections (medium scenario), published 31/03/21.

In practical terms, achieving the 'more' scenario's assumptions would imply that by 2050:

- Employment in Timaru would sit 11,000 jobs higher than currently
- To fill these jobs, Timaru's population would need to rise from 48,500 people to 67,500 people
- Productivity (GDP per job) would reach \$162,000, compared to \$121,667 at present.



Timaru's aging population<sup>3</sup> means that lifting the population from 48,500 to 67,500 would need to increasingly be driven by migration from around New Zealand and overseas rather than natural increase.

Timaru would need to attract a net 800 people each year to lift the population to 67,500 by 2050. This level of migration would be twice as high as Timaru's average migration gains in recent history<sup>4</sup>.

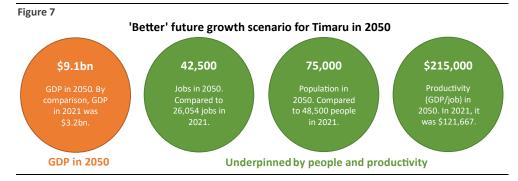
# 4.4.3. Assumptions for achieving the 'better' future growth scenario

The 'better' scenario is the most ambitious and transformational scenario. It assumes that up to 2050:

- Employment will grow by 0.5%pa above its current trajectory (1.7%pa growth instead of 1.2%pa)
- Productivity will grow at 1%pa above its current rate (2.0%pa growth instead of 1.0%pa).

In practical terms, achieving the 'better' scenario's assumptions would imply that by 2050:

- Employment in Timaru would sit 16,500 jobs higher than it does currently
- To fill these jobs, Timaru's population would need to rise from 48,500 people to 75,000 people
- Productivity (GDP per job) would need to reach \$215,000, compared to \$121,667 at present.



A rising death rate, relative to births, is projected to reduce Timaru's population by an average of 175 people a year from 2023 to 2048. Source: Statistics NZ subnational population projections (published 31/03/21).
 Between 2013 and 2018, net migration to Timaru averaged 400 people per annum. Source: Statistics NZ

subnational population projections (published 31/03/21) which drew on censuses for historical perspectives.



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The outcomes needed to achieve the 'better' future scenario are ambitious – both in terms of how many people Timaru would need to attract to fill jobs and how productive industries would need to be.

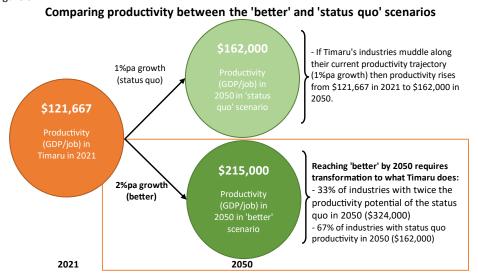
Timaru would need to attract average net migration gains of just over 1,000 people each year to reach a population of 75,000 by 2050. This level of migration is ambitious – even during the high growth years of 2013 to 2018 Timaru only attracted an average of 400 people a year.

The 'better' scenario's assumption that the long-term rate of productivity growth in Timaru increases from 1.0%pa to 2.0%pa might not sound too ambitious at first brush, but only one district in New Zealand has achieved sustained productivity growth of at least 2.0%pa over the past decade<sup>5</sup>.

Only fundamentally shifting the productivity dial into better ways of doing business would allow Timaru to achieve such a sustained high level of productivity growth over a 30-year period to 2050.

The aspirational productivity outcome in the 'better' scenario would require transformation towards at least one third of Timaru businesses doing things that were at least twice as productive as opportunities under the status quo.

Figure 8



Achieving transformational change in Timaru's productivity would be a powerful thing, particularly given that attracting new workers to Timaru will be difficult against a context of heightened national and global competition for people. After all, productivity is about working smarter, not harder.

To put things in perspective, even in the extreme situation that Timaru can't attract enough new residents to lift employment, then a transformative shift in productivity alone would be enough to almost double the size of Timaru's economy (from \$3.2 billion of GDP in 2021 to \$5.6 billion of GDP in 2050).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Infometrics Regional Profile shows only Tararua (2.0%pa) had productivity (GDP/job) growth of at least 2.0%pa over the past decade. New Zealand's average productivity growth over the past decade was 0.7%pa.



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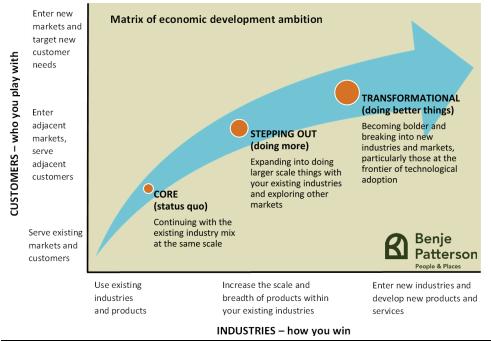
# 4.5. Stepping towards ambitious industry transformation

The previous sub-section highlighted that under the most aspirational scenario Timaru's economy could expand three-fold over the thirty years to 2050. This aspiration relies on growing and transforming the economy to at least one third of jobs having twice the productivity opportunities to the status quo.

The precise composition of what these industry transitions will be is uncertain and beyond the scope of this report. Nevertheless, this sub-section makes general comments about the decision-making context.

Transformations that build on existing strengths are easier to conceptualise, but 'blue sky' opportunities in new industries are harder to map out and many are reliant on yet-to-be-developed technologies.

Figure 9- Matrix of economic development ambition



What is known is that achieving ambitious industry transformation won't happen overnight. Initially many of Timaru's productivity wins will be found working with existing businesses in existing industries to streamline processes, explore adjacent products, and invest in proven technologies.

This approach is consistent with the Productivity Commission's recent inquiry into New Zealand's 'frontier firms' (businesses in the top 10% of those with the highest productivity)<sup>6</sup>. The inquiry researched how the economic contribution of frontier firms can be maximised to lift productivity across the economy. In its findings, the Commission said that we need to identify our frontier firms, learn about the characteristics of these businesses, implement focused innovation policy to strengthen the ecosystems that support them, and encourage the diffusion of their knowledge into non-frontier firms.

The 2021 Timaru District Economic Development Strategy (EDS) highlighted that the sectors in which Timaru has a competitive advantage are related to:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Available here: <a href="https://www.productivity.govt.nz/assets/Documents/benchmarking-new-zealands-frontier-firms/2d6a4cd0ea/Benchmarking-New-Zealands-frontier-firms.pdf">https://www.productivity.govt.nz/assets/Documents/benchmarking-new-zealands-frontier-firms/2d6a4cd0ea/Benchmarking-New-Zealands-frontier-firms.pdf</a>.



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Food and fibre (particularly dairy, meat, seafood, and food manufacturing)

- Logistics
- Professional, scientific and technical services.

These three sectors are a logical starting point for shifting Timaru's productivity dial. Furthermore, these sectors are also well-aligned to central government strategies and funding mechanisms. For example, all three are embedded directly and indirectly across the government's various Industry Transformation Plans<sup>7</sup>, while optimising logistics is the focus of the New Zealand freight and supply chain strategy<sup>8</sup>.

Through time, Timaru can progressively step out from this base and become more transformational in what it does, including breaking into new industries with at least twice the productivity potential to the status quo. Exactly what new industries will succeed is uncertain, but in exploring high productivity opportunities, Timaru must be cognisant of broader megatrends. These megatrends are long-term forces that can structurally change the industries in which Timaru might be competitive. Some megatrends to take note of when considering potential new high productivity opportunities include:

- An increased focus on inclusive growth. Higher GDP isn't the only goal, instead there must be a
  balance with the wellbeing of people, communities, and the environment. Investment in
  productivity can be a vehicle to inclusive growth, as high productivity, technologically driven
  industries can achieve prosperity and higher wages without unduly pressuring resources.
- COVID-19's legacy will endure long after the pandemic is over. Consumer demand patterns
  have evolved, and businesses may permanently adjust their practices, logistics, and supply chains
  to minimise future risks of disruptions. The changes create opportunities for localism and for
  regional locations with good transport connections to major metropolitan areas.
- The nature of work is changing. Younger workers have different expectations of work and are
  more likely to prioritise lifestyle with shorter working weeks and remote working. With good
  digital and transport connections there are opportunities for Timaru to capitalise on remote
  working trends and in other jobs that can deliver services 'weightlessly' to customers.
- Automation will have widespread effects, particularly in sectors with a lot of routine tasks.
   Automation brings productivity benefits, but new opportunities will likely focus on workers needing to develop different skills. There may be scope for Timaru to develop and pilot automation on local industries, for example agritech and drone-based agricultural solutions.
- Adapting to emissions and other environmental factors will have direct and indirect effects.
  Government regulations will directly create costs and constraints, particularly within agriculture for those with intensive pastoral farming models. Changing consumer preferences will also create indirect effects, which will likely favour more sustainably managed and lower impact business models. These changes will bring opportunities, for example to research and test how Timaru's food and fibre sector can pilot world-leading productive and sustainable transitions.

The above list should only be taken as a starting point when considering potential 'blue sky' industry opportunities that could help tranformationally lift Timaru's productivity. Megatrends by their very nature are uncertain – it is important to regularly consider other emerging forces. As stated in the Timaru EDS: "Timaru District, its people and businesses, need to embrace and respond to these changes, realising new opportunities and responding to disruptions".

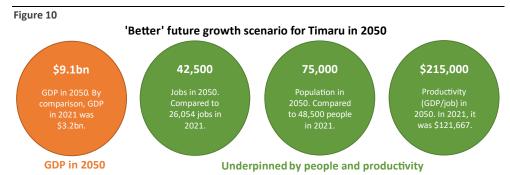
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The New Zealand freight and supply chain strategy takes a 30+ year view and will inform government and private sector investment. Productivity is key to the strategy. More here: <a href="https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/freight-and-logistics/new-zealand-freight-and-supply-chain-strategy/">https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/freight-and-logistics/new-zealand-freight-and-supply-chain-strategy/</a>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Industry Transformation Plans (ITPs) are a mechanism for implementing the Government's industry policy. ITPs have actions focused on long-term transformation. More here: <a href="https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/economic-development/industry-policy/industry-transformation-plans/">https://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/economic-development/industry-policy/industry-transformation-plans/</a>

# 5. Which enabling factors does ambition rely on?

Regardless of which industries help Timaru achieve an aspirational economic future, there will be many factors which are necessary enablers. Productivity, employment, and population growth are key drivers of economic prosperity (see Figure 10), but these can't happen in isolation and in turn rely on underlying foundations related to skills, natural resources, housing, infrastructure, and social and cultural capital.



Enabling factors needed to support achieving the 'better' future growth scenario for 2050 include:

- Sufficient business land and the right infrastructure. For businesses to do better things, they will
  need suitable premises. Even at the lower end of land needed per worker, 16,500 additional jobs
  would demand a minimum of 30 extra hectares of adequately serviced business land by 2050<sup>9</sup>.
- Access to capital. Transformational changes in productivity are inherently capital intensive.
   Accessing investment capital for small to medium businesses is especially difficult in the regions.
- Digital and transport connections. Digital and transport connectivity are crucial for businesses' productivity. Remaining connected to friends and family is also important for new residents.
- People with the right skills. The 16,500 new jobs would be in much higher productivity roles, with different skills demands to the status quo. Ongoing training to build capability of existing workers to use new technologies will be as important as attracting people with the right skills.
- **Housing.** Population growth of 26,500 people could equate to 9,000 more households by 2050. This number of new households is equivalent to 300 extra houses per year for the next 30 years.
- Schools. Within the population expansion of 26,500 people, there would be around 6,000 children of early childhood and school age. Depending on average classroom sizes this could mean an additional 200 to 300 classrooms would be needed in Timaru District by 2050.
- Health. An increasing population will place higher demand on health services. In order to
  maintain similar health service levels<sup>10</sup>, Timaru would need at least 1,500 more health and social
  assistance workers by 2050<sup>11</sup> to account for population growth from 48,500 to 75,000 people.
- Social and recreational infrastructure. Community infrastructure and services play an important
  role in supporting wellbeing, as well as helping to integrate and retain new residents. Investment
  should scale as populations increase. The 2019/20 Timaru Resident Opinion Survey showed 87%
  of residents visited a park or reserve in the past year, while 91% used a community facility.

 $<sup>^{11}</sup>$  This estimate is conservative as there would also be additional health demands from an aging population.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> A BERL study showed businesses require 17 to 100 sqm per employee depending on if they are service-based or heavy industry (see page 14: <a href="https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/assets/WRC/Services/regional-services/BERL-Report-UNISA-Industrial-Land-Demand-Study.pdf">https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/assets/WRC/Services/regional-services/BERL-Report-UNISA-Industrial-Land-Demand-Study.pdf</a>).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> There were 2,837 employed in health and social assistance in Timaru in 2021 against a population of 48,500.

# 6. Concluding remarks

This report has highlighted the power of being ambitious and transformational.

If Timaru can do no better than maintain its current level of employment and muddle along its status quo productivity trajectory then it will only be one third larger by 2050 than it is today.

However, if Timaru can be aspirational in terms of how many jobs it creates, people it attracts, and how productive these jobs are then Timaru's economy could triple in size over the same period. Such a goal would require a transformational shift into at least one third of Timaru's businesses doing things that were at least twice as productive as opportunities under the status quo.

Getting there won't be easy. Transformations that build on existing strengths are easier to conceptualise, but 'blue sky' opportunities in new industries are harder to map out and many are reliant on yet-to-be-developed technologies.

Furthermore, regardless of which industries help Timaru achieve an aspirational economic future, there will be many factors which are necessary enablers. Productivity, employment, and population growth are key drivers of economic prosperity, but these can't happen in isolation and in turn rely on investments in underlying foundations related to skills, natural resources, housing, infrastructure, and social and cultural capital.



Higher paid jobs, increased productivity, and an enviable quality of life for all that live here - it might sound too good to be true, yet realistically this needs to be what we aspire to for our district through to 2050 and beyond.

As the economic and tourism agency for the district, Venture Timaru commissioned economist Benje Patterson of People and Places to project where the district could be by 2050 – primarily to kick start the conversation about our future.

The ensuing report, "Scenarios of an aspirational economic future for Timaru District", looked at current trends across four key economic indicators - gross domestic product (GDP), job numbers, population growth and productivity - and assessed what the district would look like in 2050 if the status quo remained versus the hypothetical "a bit more" and "much better" scenarios.

The report describes the "much better" scenario as the most "ambitious and transformational", with employment increasing by 16,500 jobs and the district's GDP nearly tripling.

The report highlights that maintaining the status quo presents challenges due to our aging population and rising death rate, a trend similar to most provincial areas across New Zealand. By 2050, 30 percent of our population will be at retirement age.

To counteract this and keep our current level of employment, Timaru's population will, as a minimum, need to increase from 50,200 to 53,000.

"The results were quite confronting – on current trends come 2050 we are neither better off nor do we maintain status quo, we actually go backwards, and this, being something I'm sure we all agree on, is simply not acceptable" said Nigel Davenport, Chief Executive of Venture Timaru.

"Put bluntly we need to do much better to maintain and then enhance the vibrancy and prosperity of this great district of ours".

Currently Timaru has a competitive advantage in the Food and Fibre, Logistics and Professional, scientific and technical services sectors.

"Moving forward it is important we play to and enhance our existing strengths but also explore and attract adjacent and new business while embracing innovation and creativity" say Davenport.

Davenport believes now is the time to be bold, innovative and aspirational about the future of our district.

Mayor Bowen agrees "It's time to take an aspirational approach to our future explore and offer new opportunities including breaking into new industries and markets, leading to more and higher-paying jobs"

"This is all about igniting a collaborative and cohesive aspirational approach to "all our district can be and so much more" come 2050 and beyond. Importantly, this will not be informed by individuals but by all of us" says Mayor Bowen.

"There will be no re-inventing any wheels, rather plans already underway across various sectors and areas will be brought together in a way that we can all grasp, advocate for and play our part in making happen" he says.

Davenport says while there is much more work to be done yet, he is excited about the next 1-2 years as Venture Timaru helps facilitate this important work with the wider community and help bring a Towards 2050 plan to life.

"Wide spread engagement across our community is to get underway, as everyone who calls the district home has an important role to play, and we are keen to hear from everyone".

"An online platform has been established to seek input from the wider community to help inform the Towards 2050 plan with this complimenting a variety of in person catch ups planned.

"All are invited to share thoughts on how we can achieve a bolder, more innovative, and aspirational future for our District leading to 2050 and beyond".

"All information gathered will be collated to help inform the development and subsequent implementation of a Towards 2050 plan which will encompass our communities aspirations for our District along with associated barriers to achievement and the opportunities to overcome these".

# 9.2 Mayor's Taskforce For Jobs Programme Update 2024

Author: Jessica Hurst, Community Development Advisor

Authoriser: Beth Stewart, Group Manager Community Services

#### Recommendation

That the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Programme Update 2024 is received and noted.

# **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Pleasant Point Community Board with an operational update on activities and progress in the Mayor's Taskforce For Jobs programme.

# **Assessment of Significance**

This matter is deemed as low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as this has ongoing but limited community interest and affects a small number of people in the community.

#### Discussion

- In July 2024 the Community Development Team successfully secured \$180,000 from the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Community Employment Initiative Fund a nationwide partnership between Local Government New Zealand and the Ministry of Social Development that has a strong focus on getting young people into sustainable employment.
- The \$180,000 funding is received in two tranches. First tranche funding was a payment to Council of \$100,000 (plus GST) in year one, in consideration for Council delivering at least 8 sustainable employment outcomes. Second tranche funding comes at the point at which Council has delivered 8 sustainable employment outcomes under the programme, or is otherwise able to satisfy MTFJ that the Council will be able to deliver a total of at least 20 sustainable employment outcomes by 30 June 2025.
- A sustainable employment outcome means that when, as a result of a Council action or initiative, a person is placed into permanent, full-time employment (30 hours + a week) and is achieved when that person has been continuously employed for 91 days.
- The 12-month pilot programme highlights the power of localism, promoting community-led solutions for youth employment, education, and training.
- Timaru District Council's MTFJ Programme focuses on placing young people aged 16-24 years old whom are not in education, employment, or training, people with disabilities, and other disadvantaged people into employment, in Temuka, Pleasant Point, Geraldine, and outlying areas of the district.
- People in rural New Zealand often face difficult challenges when entering into the labour force, these challenges include a lack of access to skill development pathways, driver licencing, and testing facilities, and a lack of access to employers.

- 9 The partnership reinforces that councils, led by their mayors, are well placed and connected to their communities to facilitate local employment outcomes.
- The funding received is flexible, which means that an individualised and local based approach is taken when supporting people into work. The programme can provide a wage subsidy for the employer to take on a young person, cover the costs of training (including driver licencing), tool/boot subsidies, and other incentives.
- 11 The MTFJ Coordinator works closely with the Ministry of Social Development to ensure there is no duplication of services or resource.
- 12 The Timaru District is well-served by a number of agencies working in the youth employment space, and Council looks forward to working with those agencies where appropriate.
- The MTFJ Coordinator has been in the role since August and has successfully placed 3 young people into local employment. A further 25 young people have signed up for the programme. The coordinator has been busy engaging with employers, schools, and young people to provide support, socialise the programme, and to develop relationships in the community.
- 14 The MTFJ Coordinator is requesting the support of Pleasant Point Community Board members to engage their local business and community contacts to support participation in the programme.
- The MTFJ programme is in line with key priorities 1 (Empower a collaborative community that promotes wellbeing and social connectedness) and 2 (Optimise pathways and opportunities for the community to thrive) of the Safer Communities Strategy.

# **Attachments**

1. Safer Communities Strategy 2023 4



WHAKAKITENGA (VISION): Safe, resilient and connected communities in the Timaru District

KAUPAPA (MISSION): To collaborate and empower our communities safety and wellbeing

MATAPONO (PRINCIPLES): The following principles guide the implementation of this strategy:

| COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE       | Facilitate an inclusive, empowering and progressive process of promoting safety and wellbeing in the Timaru District  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION | To identify and record opportunities for a collaborative approach   |
| SUPPORT                        | Provide information and advice required to secure funding, enable organisations with key stakeholders to deliver and evaluate best-practice activity relating to safety and wellbeing |
| PROACTIVE ACTION               | Have the flexibility to respond to any new issues and opportunities that arise in the Timaru District   |
| INTEGRITY                      | Treat each other with respect, honesty and fairness   |

# WHĀINGA RAUTAKI (STRATEGIC PRIORITIES):

- 1. Empower a collaborative community that promotes wellbeing and social connectedness
- 2. Optimise pathways and opportunities for the community to thrive
- 3. Value, support and showcase diversity
- 4. Reduce social and family harm

# 9.3 Emergency Management Update Report

Author: Darryn Grigsby, Manager - Emergency Management

Authoriser: Paul Cooper, Group Manager Environmental Services

#### Recommendation

That the Pleasant Point Community Board receive and note the Emergency Management update report

# **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update to the Pleasant Point Community Board on the preparedness of the Timaru District Council Emergency Management and an overview of the support and training in our communities.

# **Assessment of Significance**

This matter has been assessed as being of low significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy due to this report being for information only.

#### Discussion

# **The Emergency Management Team**

- The Emergency Management team consists of two staff members and around 70 volunteers. Key responsibilities include collaborating with volunteer teams to provide support and training, planning and preparing for emergencies, creating partnerships with community groups like Neighbourhood Support South Canterbury and building relationships with mana whenua and partner agencies. A major focus is on engaging with communities to educate them and enhance their resilience to emergencies and helping them to create community resilience plans. In addition, the Emergency Management team contributes to Regional and National initiatives such as the Canterbury CDEM Group exercise Pandora and the national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi "ShakeOut".
- In Emergency management, we use the 4R framework. The four components of the 4R defined in the Canterbury CDEM Group Plan (2022), are:
  - 4.1 **Reduction**: Risk reduction is identifying and analysing long-term risk to human life and property from hazards, taking steps to eliminate (avoid) if practicable and if not reduce (mitigate) the magnitude of their impact and the likelihood that they will occur.
  - 4.2 **Readiness**: Readiness details how the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) will collaborate with partner agencies and the community to ensure that Canterbury is aware and prepared for an emergency.
  - 4.3 **Response**: Response is defined in the National Plan as the actions taken immediately before, during or directly after an emergency to save lives and property and to help communities recover.

4.4 **Recovery**: Recovery means the coordinated efforts and processes used to bring about the immediate, medium and long-term holistic regeneration and enhancement of a community following an emergency

#### **Emergency Response**

- Although the Alpine fault poses a significant risk, with a 75% chance of a 8+ magnitude earthquake occurring in the next 50 years, it is not the only threat we face. For example, flooding is common in the Timaru District and climate change is expected to increase both the frequency and severity of these events. Additional risks encompass severe snowstorms, power outages, cyber-attacks, and emerging knowledge about solar activity. Effective emergency management requires assessing the likelihood and our vulnerability to of these risks and developing a comprehensive mitigation plan.
- There has been a comprehensive Government inquiry into the severe weather events for more information follow this link:

  <a href="https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Government-Inquiry-into-Severe-Weather-Events/file/Report-of-the-Government-Inquiry-into-the-Response-to-the-North-Island-Severe-Weather-Events.pdf">https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Government-Inquiry-into-Severe-Weather-Events/file/Report-of-the-Government-Inquiry-into-the-Response-to-the-North-Island-Severe-Weather-Events.pdf</a>
- As with all emergency management agencies, we use the Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) as a tool to coordinate our efforts in an emergency. Within CIMS there are several types of coordination facilities but the central coordination centre for a Territorial Authority is the Emergency Operations Centre.
- 8 An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) ensures the coordination of information and resources to support incident management activities. The EOC for Timaru District is based in the Council building.
- The EOC works closely with civil defence teams and other agencies to coordinate the response. It relies on communication and updates to build situational awareness about the emergency, so that resources and requests are prioritised and coordinated in a way that supports all communities.
- 10 In addition to coordination centres, if required we will establish a Civil Defence Centre (CDC).

# **Supporting Our Community**

- "A Civil Defence Centre (CDC) is a facility that is established and managed by Civil Defence Emergency Management during an emergency to support individuals, families/whānau, and the community. CDCs are open to members of the public and may be used for any purpose including public information, evacuation, welfare, or recovery, depending on the needs of the community (Welfare Services in an Emergency Director's Guideline DGL 11/15)."
- A CDC acts as a hub for information sharing, ensuring residents receive timely updates, assistance, and resources to manage and recover from the crisis. It plays a crucial role in enhancing community resilience by facilitating cooperation and communication.
- While emergency services are essential in response efforts, our communities are also supported by a network of volunteers and resources ready to assist during emergencies. Community support teams and the response team play pivotal roles in helping local residents. Since resources are limited, it is important to foster well-prepared and resilient communities to allow these resources to be allocated to those in greatest need.

In addition to our volunteer teams, we have access to facilities, generators, and a radio network. The response team is equipped with rescue tools, and council staff set up and manage the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). We have regular training for these teams and conduct drills—such as Exercise Pandora—to evaluate our systems and maintain team readiness.

# **Are You Ready?**

- Recent events have highlighted an opportunity to better understand the gap between what communities expect from civil defence and what the emergency management system assumes communities will do (Report of the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events, 2024). In essence, the community is civil defence, and efforts before an emergency should focus on enhancing community resilience to withstand any emergencies.
- To help improve community knowledge and readiness our Emergency Management Advisor has created the "Are You Ready?" document, a thorough guide for individuals and families to prepare for and respond to emergencies. This document is crucial for all community members as it provides practical steps to boost both personal and collective resilience.
- 17 The "Are You Ready?" document provides detailed instructions on creating emergency plans tailored to various scenarios, assembling emergency kits with necessary supplies, and understanding local warning systems and evacuation routes. It emphasizes the importance of community cooperation and the role each individual plays in ensuring their own and their neighbours' safety.
- Additionally, the document covers psychological preparedness, addressing the emotional and mental health aspects of dealing with emergencies. By familiarizing themselves with these guidelines, community members can better manage the stress and anxiety that often accompany crises.
- 19 We encourage everyone to review the "Are You Ready?" document regularly and participate in community training sessions and drills such as the recent 'Shake Out drill'. These proactive measures will not only enhance individual preparedness but also strengthen our overall emergency response capabilities, ensuring that we are resilient in the face of adversity.
- As we move forward, we need to remember that preparedness is a shared responsibility. Each of us has a role to play in ensuring that our community is ready to face any challenge. By staying proactive and engaged, we build safer and more resilient communities. We encourage everyone to stay informed and collaborate with each other to build a resilient community.
- The link to the "Are You Ready Guide": <a href="https://www.timaru.govt.nz/">https://www.timaru.govt.nz/</a> data/assets/pdf file/0005/911390/Are-you-ready-guide.pdf
- In summary, Civil Defence is not the an additional emergency service, it is you and me; it is about how we work together as communities in order to look out for each other.

#### **Attachments**

Nil

9.4 Pleasant Point Community Rate: Application from the Get to the Point Committee

Author: Stephen Doran, Group Manager Corporate and Communications

Authoriser: Nigel Trainor, Chief Executive

#### Recommendation

That the Pleasant Point Community Board

- 1. Receives the report titled Pleasant Point Community Rate: Application from the Get to the Point Committee (Gymkhana), and
- 2. The Pleasant Point Community Board approves/declines funding from the Pleasant Point Community Board Targeted Fund to the amount of (to be determined), to go towards the Get to the Point Event, and
- 3. 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**

For the Pleasant Point Community Board to consider the funding request from the Get to the Point Committee (Gymkhana) for a grant of \$15,000 towards the development of the event. Funding would be allocated from the Pleasant Point Community Board targeted rate fund.

# **Assessment of Significance**

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**

- A request for funding support has been received by the Pleasant Point Community Board from the Get to the Point Committee (Gymkhana).
- In the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP) the Pleasant Point Community Board Charge was set to \$6.00. As at the 30 June 2024 the fund balance was \$31,060.97, with the addition of the targeted rate received to date this year of \$2,685.19, less expenditure, the current balance as at 31 October 2024 is \$33,746.16
- The Pleasant Point Community Board has delegation to approve expenditure from this fund. Within the 2024-34 LTP the following is noted: "The cost of providing specific Council services as determined by the Temuka, Geraldine and Pleasant Point Community Boards, is recovered from those ratepayers in the form of a targeted fixed amount per rating unit in each of the Temuka, Geraldine and Pleasant Point communities."
- 6 The following table outlines funding provided over the past three financial years:

| Financial Year | Applicant | Amount | Reason |
|----------------|-----------|--------|--------|
|----------------|-----------|--------|--------|

| 2023/24 | Timaru District Council             | \$1,873.30 | PP Playground BBQ           |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 2023/24 | Pleasant Point Promotions Committee | \$3,500.00 | Talking Point               |
| 2023/24 | KG Photography                      | \$195.00   | Photos for Community Boards |
| 2022/23 | KG Photography                      | \$195.00   | Photos for Community Boards |
| 2022/23 | Pleasant Point Community Board      | \$5,511.55 | Installed bins              |
| 2022/23 | Pleasant Point Promotions Committee | \$3,500.00 | Talking Point               |
| 2022/23 | Ace Picture Framers                 | \$133.91   | Colour Photo framing        |
| 2021/22 | Pleasant Point Promotions Committee | \$3,500.00 | Talking Point               |

# Discussion

- 7 If the Pleasant Point Community Board determines this service to be provided funding, it can nominate a specific figure via a resolution.
- 8 If approved by the Pleasant Point Community Board, Get to the Point Committee (Gymkhana) would then invoice Timaru District Council to receive the funds.
- 9 This decision is delegated to the Pleasant Point Community board and is at the discretion of such.

# **Options and Preferred Option**

- 10 There are two options available to the Pleasant Point Community Board.
- Option 1 is to approve the funding request with discretion as to the value of the contribution. The Pleasant Point Community Board may consider any amount up to the full amount of \$15,000. Some examples are tabled below:

| Amount                 | Reserve Balance |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| \$1,000                | \$32,746.16     |
| \$5,000                | \$28,746.16     |
| \$10,000               | \$23,746.16     |
| \$15,000 (full amount) | \$18,746.16     |

12 Option 2 is the funding application is declined.

# Consultation

13 The Community Board Charges were consulted on during the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and adopted by Council in 2024.

# **Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans**

- 14 Local Government Act 2002
- 15 Local Government (Rating) 2002

# **Financial and Funding Implications**

This fund is available for the Pleasant Point Community Board to assess applications received or support local service provision within the Pleasant Point Community Ward. If the 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**

17 There are no other considerations.

# **Attachments**

1. Funding Request Letter from Get to the Point Committee 🗓 🖺



Kia ora Pleasant Point Community Board members,

Thank you for your response to our initial request for financial support from the Get to the Point committee.

Since sending the initial request we have received a grant from Trust Aoraki of \$8000, this was approx. half of what the grant application was for, which any amount is great but another reason we need further financial support to assist us with improving our event and marketing the event.

If we have the financial support now, we can immediately start making things happen for this year's event and continue with the development plan of the event following this year's for the coming years.

Having been involved with the event for the last two years including this year taking over as Event Coordinator I can see there is a huge amount of goodwill and hard work from many locals to support this event but not a lot of documentation and systems for anyone to follow.

We as a committee would like to ask for \$15,000 this amount wouldn't be spent on any one-off cost associated with this year's event it would be spent on items and processes to support the event for the years to come.

We can then discuss our other idea around combining as a Point Promotions group and becoming an Incorporated Society which will allow us to then apply to other funders like Venture Timaru.

Our annual financial commitments are approximately \$30,000. This amount covers advertising, sound, compliance, kids' free entertainment, Highland Dancing and Shearing competitions and insurance etc.

We each year have approx. 100-150 market stall holders, food vendors that we charge between \$50 - \$150 and community groups we do not charge to attend, that we receive income from and also sell a raffle prior to the day and remaining tickets on the day to help fund the day.

As you can appreciate, the organisation of this event is significant. In past years the committee has invested considerable hours contacting local businesses for sponsorship and support. We feel that your funding support would reduce this workload and allow the committee to focus on improving the day. It will also reduce the reliance we have on local businesses. We feel it is important for our local businesses to be involved in the day but not just in a monetary way. We also believe that by reducing our impact on the local businesses other community groups involved on the day will be able to receive support from those businesses. We have a small pool of businesses to draw upon and we are conscious of the amount of funding the community is requesting of them.

We have big plans and to be able to start implementing these without having to try and get more sponsors on board or applying for grants and then having to wait for the outcome before we can go ahead would make the improvements to the day that we need to would be positive for the community and the day for this year and years to come.

Feedback from last year was we more signage to show what time things are on during the day and where you can find them, for us as locals who have visited the Get to the Point day for years we think it's all pretty self-explanatory but it is obvious from the feedback that we need to do this better and also overwhelming feedback was around the free children's entertainment that it wasn't clear that all of this was free.

We are working on a new logo and marketing and have a wonderful person who has offered to help with designing this but to then to produce the signage and equipment that we are wanting to create will come at a cost, but we want to do this and be able to use this for years to come, not create something that is used only once.

We do have some funds in the bank but need to keep a certain amount in case we need to do any repairs to the shearing trailer or if we are not successful in receiving the same amount of grant funding in future years so we can continue to offer the free children's entertainment on the day.

We want to be able to have an event that people come to and think wow that was an awesome day and each year be able to step it up to the next level. We want visitors to the area to be surprised by what they find on the day and want to come back to Pleasant Point because of the positive experience on the day.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Rowan Rabbidge Event Co-ordinator 021 962 926

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