

# Agenda



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Ordinary Meeting of the  
Malvern Community Board

To be held in the  
West Melton Community and  
Recreation Centre  
Meeting Rooms

Monday 25 August 2025

Commencing at 3.30pm

## Malvern Community Board - 25 August

Members: Mrs S Nu'u, Mr C Payne, Mr P Freeman, Mr J Verry & Mr B Russell (Chairperson) and Councillor L Gliddon

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Public portions of this meeting are audio-recorded and livestreamed via the Council's YouTube channel.

The Severe Weather Emergency Legislation Bill has, until October 2024, suspended the requirement for members to be physically present to count as 'present' for the purposes of a quorum. Members attending by means of audio link or audiovisual link are therefore able to be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum and able to vote. The recently enacted Local Government Electoral Legislation Act has made these emergency provisions permanent.

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The Darfield Residents Association extends a personal invitation to the Board to join us in celebration of our communities and the beautifully diverse residents within the Malvern Ward. This will be our third year hosting our multicultural evening, with each year growing as our townships grow.

We will again be supported by our talented young tamariki, Nga Puawai o Tawera Kapa Haka group and our very own Darfield ukulele group.

Please join us in a shared meal on Saturday 6 September 2025, 5pm to 7pm. We look forward to seeing you and to enjoying an evening of fellowship as we celebrate our people and the diversity of our communities.

Yours sincerely

Erin Brodie  
On behalf of Darfield Residents Association

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD IN WEST MELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 28 JULY 2025 AT 3:31 PM**

**PRESENT**

Messrs. B Russell (Chairperson), J Verry (Deputy Chairperson), P Freeman, C Payne; and Ms S Nu'u; and Councillor Gliddon

**ATTENDEES**

Messrs S Gibling (Executive Director Strategy, Engagement and Capability), M Andrews (Principal Water Engineer), P Edghill (Capital and Projects Accountant); Ms S O'Connor (Senior Finance Business Partner), and Mr B Adhikari (Governance Coordinator)

**WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting was livestreamed.

**APOLOGIES**

None

**IDENTIFICATION OF ANY URGENT OR GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Payne noted three items namely package 4 of RMA consultations; safer speed limit consultation by Council; and Councillor Gliddon's letter. Mr Verry noted subdivision matters to discuss under General Business.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr Gibling acknowledged the correspondence received from Darfield High School regarding the year-end prizegiving and Board members' attendance at the event.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Ngaire Kent (Kirwee Community Association)**

Mrs Ngaire Kent spoke about roadworks around the Kirwee area and informed the Board that the residents directly affected were not informed. She added that it would have been good if the residents had been informed either via letterbox drop or some direct communication.

In response, Mr Gibling thanked Mrs Kent for her feedback and added that he will follow up on this matter.

Mrs Kent was thanked for her presentation.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held in the West Melton Community Centre meeting room, on Monday 23 June 2025**

**Moved** – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Ms Nu'u

*'That the Malvern Community Board confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held on Monday 23 June 2025.'*

**CARRIED**

Mr Verry thanked the Sister City Committee for its advance notification on the Rewi Alley Commemoration. He added that there will be a public meeting in relation to the Sheffield Swimming Pool on 14 August at 6:30pm to provide an update.

## **ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

Mr Gibling invited staff to provide a summary on the Development Contributions (DC) report.

**Mr Peter Edghill (Capital and Projects Accountant)** spoke about the DC breakdown on water and stormwater and reserve and community, roading and sewerage categories. He informed the Board that DC balances fluctuate, and that a negative balance is not inherently bad, rather it reflects the timing of the development and infrastructure delivery.

Board members asked whether the DC's received reflected the cost of infrastructure needed for development. In response, staff clarified that during the Long-Term Plan, the current DC balances are assessed including project infrastructure needs over the next 10 to 30 years which, in turn, informs the DC rates. Staff added that DC rates are reviewed every three years to stay aligned with projected costs and noted that the Council is currently reviewing its DC policy.

Board members discussed the Heartland funding and noted that over \$50,000 had been spent on the Community and Economic Development team. They suggested that using Heartland's funding for other purposes could be seen as double dipping, given that \$1.3million has already been allocated for strategies targeting youth, aging population and economic development.

Referring to the Yubetsu Sister City relationship, Board members suggested that it would be helpful to receive a clear response on the matter. In response, staff clarified that the delay was due to the timing, as the paper and information are scheduled to go to the Council, and feedback from the Board will be reflected in that process.

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## REPORTS

### 1. Financial Reporting

#### *Finance Business Partners*

Staff presented their report, highlighting that the end-of-year result was \$12,000 better than forecast.

Mr Verry noted that, at its last meeting, the Board approved a draft budget for the 2025/26 year and requested that this be recorded in the minutes. In response, staff clarified that approval was captured in the previous minutes, and it was not common practice to bring the detailed budget back to the Board again.

Councillor Gliddon asked if there were any unspecified accounts still to come through. Staff responded that they had previously requested the Board to submit their expenses so that it could be included in the June report and further added that any late claims would now be accounted for in the 2025/26 financial year.

**Moved** – Mr Freeman / **Seconded** – Councillor Gliddon

*‘That the Malvern Community Board receives for information the Malvern Community Board (“MCB”) Finance Report for the period to 30 June 2025.’*

**CARRIED**

### 2. Executive Director’s Report

Mr Gibling invited staff to speak on the Hororata Water Supply section in his report.

**Mr Mark Andrews (Principal Water Engineer)** provided an update on the project involving integration of the Hororata scheme with Hartleys scheme to improve capacity and service delivery across the region. Staff also informed the Board that they have been communicating with communities and sharing updates.

Ms Nu’u asked about the debris build up at the Whitecliffs and Glentunnel bridges and noted uncertainty about who is responsible for clearing the debris. Referring to the Glentunnel bridge, staff clarified that it is maintained by NZTA and was previously cleared by Corde with NZTA funding. They further added that NZTA is aware of the debris buildup and plans to clear it.

Mr Freeman emphasised that Dryon intake has been shut down frequently, often with little to no notice of when water will be restored. He further said that the shutdowns are leaving households without water supply, as stock consumes most of the water. In response, staff clarified that the issue is on their radar and that smarter solutions are being explored. He further added that reservoirs have been purchased and will be used as treated water reservoirs.

Mr Gibling spoke about an amendment to the 2024/25 budget by transferring unspent funds to the new financial year.

Board members suggested transferring the unspent funds forward to support current Board activities without impacting the future Board budget.

Mr Verry said that the Board had discussed the proposed budget in their 23 June Board meeting. He further added that there was no mention of two Board members attending the LGNZ Super Local 2025 conference in Christchurch. He noted that the transfer of the unspent fund and the approval of two Board members to attend the conference was agreed upon at the 3 July interim meeting rather than 23 June Board meeting.

**Moved** – Ms Nu’u / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

*‘That the Malvern Community Board accept and transfer unspent funds of 2024/25 to 2025/26.’*

**CARRIED**

*Mr Verry voted against.*

Referring to the correspondence, the Board members discussed about a donation to the Darfield High School and attendance of the senior prize giving event on 4 December. The Board agreed to pass the event information to the upcoming Board.

**Moved** – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Ms Nu’u

*‘That the Malvern Community Board donate \$500 to Darfield High School to be shared at the discretion of the school.’*

**CARRIED**

**Moved** – Mr Russell / **Seconded** – Ms Nu’u

*‘That the Malvern Community Board receives the Executive Director’s report for information.’*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Monthly Report from the Chairperson (verbal)**

Mr Russell was pleased with the current activities carried out by the Board ranging across different sectors namely pools, recreation and local transport, among others. He said that he has been receiving phone calls from people outside the Malvern ward on establishing Community Boards indicating that Malvern Community Board has been setting a positive example for them.

He confirmed that he attended the 23 July Council meeting and provided updates about the Malvern Community Board.

**Moved** – Mr Russell / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

*‘That the (verbal) report from Mr Russell be received for information’.*

**CARRIED**

### **4. Board Member Ms Sharn Nu’u**

Ms Nu’u spoke about her report and her community engagement activities. Referring to the Glentunnel hall fire alarm system, she noted that if the alarm goes off again, community members should call 111 for emergency services.



**Moved** – Ms Nu’u / **Seconded** – Councillor Gliddon

*‘That the (tabled) report from Ms Nu’u be received for information’.*

**CARRIED**

**5. Board Member Mr Calvin Payne**

Mr Payne provided an update on the recent Yubetsu visit by community members and shared a plaque received during their visit to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the relationship. The plaque will be kept at Darfield Library for public display. He further added that there is a park in Yubetsu named as Malvern Park and emphasised the importance of the relationship.

**Moved** – Mr Payne / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

*‘That the report from Mr Payne be received for information’.*

**CARRIED**

Two Board members attended the SuperLocal conference on 16 and 17 July in Christchurch hosted by LGNZ and received the ‘Better together: A framework for councils and community boards’ guide. The guide, launched at the conference, was circulated alongside one of the Board member’s reports. Mr Verry moved a motion to include model two plus and model three of the document ‘Better together: A framework for councils and community boards’ (p. 172 and 173 in the 28 July Malvern Community Board agenda) to be included in the official minutes of today’s meeting.

**Moved** – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Mr Russell

*‘That the Malvern Community Board minutes include pages 172 and 173 of the agenda.’*

**CARRIED**

**6. Board Member Mr Phil Freeman (verbal)**

Mr Freeman said that he had been on holiday and became ill afterwards, so he had not been able to attend many local groups meetings. He expressed disappointment at the high staff turnover across the Council, stating that it takes much time and effort to build lasting relationships and initiate projects within the community.

**Moved** – Mr Freeman / **Seconded** – Ms Nu’u

*‘That the (verbal) report from Mr Freeman be received for information’.*

**CARRIED**

**7. Board Member Mr John Verry**

Mr Verry requested information on targeted rates being collected but not being spent, and what further investigation was planned. In response, Mr Gibling said that this has been noted as an action point to report back to the future Board. He further added that staff have shared information on this matter at previous Board meetings and will continue to build on that feedback.

Mr Verry raised the concern about the process by which Board members were selected for the LGNZ Super Local conference without any discussion during the June Board meeting. He questioned why two Board members needed to attend when one of them will not be representing the Board area in the next election.

Referring to the attendance of the Board members on the local government conference, Mr Russell said that they have now learned a very important lesson. He further added that future conferences and learning opportunities will be included in Board agendas and discussed and decided accordingly.

Mr Payne clarified that they followed the same procedure as for the 2024 conference in Wellington.

**Moved** – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

*‘That the report from Mr Verry be received for information.’*

**CARRIED**

## **8. Councillor Gliddon**

Councillor Gliddon provided an update on her report and informed the Board that the Council had agreed last week to send a letter to NZTA with some additional information regarding the speed limit review and safety upgrades covering issues around all districts. However, she suggested that she would also send the letter separately.

*Mr Russell was not present in the meeting between 5:30pm and 5:34pm.*

*Deputy Chair Mr Verry presided the meeting in Mr Russell’s absence.*

Ms Nu’u moved a motion to write a letter to NZTA on behalf of the Board regarding the speed limit review. The Board agreed to draft a letter using Councillor Gliddon’s letter as a starting point and circulating it to the members for their approval and endorsement by 10 August.

**Moved** – Ms Nu’u / **Seconded** – Mr Payne

*‘That the Malvern Community Board write a letter to NZTA in regard to Speed Limit Review and Safety Upgrades – SH73 and SH77.’*

**CARRIED**

**Moved** – Councillor Gliddon / **Seconded** – Mr Payne

*‘That the report from Councillor Gliddon be received for information.’*

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FORUM MATTERS**

Noted.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Ms Nu’u raised an action from the previous Board meeting regarding the Safer Speeds for Selwyn consultations being held by the Council. The Board had previously agreed to make a

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submission. Ms Nu'u was delegated to collate information from Board members to prepare the submission. Ms Nu'u moved a motion to make the submission and include reducing speed limit on Kimberley Road, Darfield from 60 km to 50 km.

**Moved** – Ms Nu'u / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

*'That the Malvern Community Board make a submission on Safer Speeds for Selwyn consultation and include reducing speed limit on Kimberley Road, Darfield from 60 km to 50 km.'*

**CARRIED**

Mr Payne said that two of the matters he raised earlier were addressed and wanted to discuss the government consultation on proposed or intended changes to the RMA. Mr Payne moved a motion to make a submission on Package 4, which relates to housing growth. The Board delegated Mr Payne to undertake the groundwork and circulate the draft submission to the Board seven days prior to the deadline.

**Moved** – Mr Payne / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

*'That the Malvern Community Board make a submission on RMA Package 4 Housing Growth consultation.'*

**CARRIED**

Mr Verry said that the sub-division matter he had raised for discussion under general business had already been covered.

Mr Russell shared with the Board the gift received from Malaysian MP Honourable Teresa Kok.

Board members also agreed to hold their interim Board meeting, followed by a combined Residents Association meeting, on 21 August starting from 6:30pm.

## **CLOSURE**

With no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting after thanking staff and Board members for attending and participating.

The meeting closed at 5:49pm.

DATED this                      day of                      2025

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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# Everything in Model 2, plus:



## Formal decision-making powers

BOARDS IN THIS MODEL AREN'T JUST HEARD — THEY **VOTE**. THEIR REPRESENTATIVES MAY:

- > Sit as full voting members on specific council committees or subcommittees.
- > Participate in formal decision-making forums with direct influence over outcomes that affect their area.

They are considered **peers and partners** in governance — helping ensure council decisions are grounded in local insight.



## Strategic oversight of services and investment

BOARDS IN THIS MODEL TAKE AN **ACTIVE ROLE IN SHAPING SERVICES AND INVESTMENT** IN THEIR AREA. THIS MAY INCLUDE:

- > Providing input to investment and service delivery decisions, backed by insight from the community.
- > Guiding risk and resource deployment through local reporting and analysis.
- > Confirming the final design of community facilities (within council-approved budget constraints).

They help ensure that every dollar spent is **place-based, purposeful, and community-aligned**.



## Deep, embedded community relationships

IN THIS MODEL, COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS ARE FORMALISED AND STRENGTHENED. BOARD MEMBERS:

- > Are appointed as official representatives to key community groups.
- > Are expected to attend all committee meetings and participate in activities run by those groups.

Boards serve as **deeply embedded connectors** between council systems and the diverse interests of their local area.



## Broad, clearly delegated responsibilities

BOARDS IN THIS MODEL OPERATE WITH A **COMPREHENSIVE SUITE OF DELEGATED POWERS**, ENABLING THEM TO MAKE OR INFLUENCE A WIDE RANGE OF DECISIONS. THESE MAY INCLUDE:

- + Developing a **place-based future development plan** aligned with the council's long-term and strategic goals — shaped by local aspirations and priorities.
- + Determining **policy settings** for specific local matters (e.g. street naming, notable trees).
- + Approving **site selection and final design** for specified community facilities — with local input and within council policy.
- + Setting **budgets for service delivery** in their local area, within the funding envelope allocated by council.
- + Advising on or undertaking **procurement** of local contractors to deliver specified services, within council's procurement policies.
- + Exercising specific **regulatory powers** as agreed and documented.
- + Granting **leases or licences** on local reserves (in line with policy).
- + Approving **traffic control signs**.
- + Making **appointments to external bodies**.
- + Performing **Civil Defence and Emergency Management** duties as assigned through formal agreements with the council.

Boards in this model operate like **local governance units**, managing a distinct but integrated piece of the council's work programme.



## Key principle

This model is about **power-sharing, responsibility, and mutual accountability**. Community Boards are not just contributors — they are local leaders. This model works best where the council and community board are committed to joint delivery and see local governance as a powerful tool to achieve better outcomes for everyone.



Malvern Community Board – July 2025 Meeting Actions

Subject	Responsibility	Status / Update
Financial update on the Heartlands funding, including a breakdown of costs by location, comparison of funds applied for versus funds received, and demographic distribution of the funding.	Community Services and Facilities team	<i>This is an action that was left from the previous meeting. The Executive Director Community Services and Facilities will provide an update at the meeting</i>
Provide feedback to the Council that the Yubetsu sister city relationship falls under the Community Board, not the Council.	Community Services and Facilities team	<i>In progress</i>
Updates on roadworks around Kirwee (Re-Mrs Kent's public forum)	Infrastructure and Property group	<i>Mrs Kent and the KRA have received updated communications from Council and the contractor about the nature of the works. The map provided from Infrastructure and Property Team included in the August agenda as part of the Executive Directors report.</i>
Include pages of 'Better Together: A Framework for Councils and Community Boards' (p. 172 and 173 of the 28 July agenda) to be included in the 28 July meeting minutes.	Governance team	<i>Completed</i>
Board to write a letter to NZTA on Speed limit review and safety upgrades – SH73 and SH77 and endorse it by 10 August	Board (delegated to Ms Sharn Nu'u)	<i>To be updated at the meeting</i>
Board to make submission on Council's Safer Speeds for Selwyn consultation and include reducing speed limit in Kimberley Road, Darfield from 60 km to 50 km.	Board (delegated to Ms Sharn Nu'u)	<i>To be updated at the meeting</i>

<i>Board to make submission on RMA Package 4 Housing and Growth consultation</i>	<i>Board (delegated to Mr Calvin Payne)</i>	<i>To be updated at the meeting</i>
<i>Coordinate to award \$500 to Darfield High School Senior Prize Giving</i>	<i>Governance / Finance team</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Requesting the Council review and explore options to upgrade the current fire alarm monitoring systems for community halls that rely on community members to respond to emergency and non-emergency matters.</i>	<i>Community Services and Facilities team &amp; Infrastructure and Property team</i>	<i>In progress as of 11/8/2025, an update will come to the MCB for the September meeting</i>
<i>Local planning for growth — how it impacts core services, such as the Ministry of Education's role in area planning and future briefings, and what restrictions the Council can apply to developers.</i>	<i>Development and Growth team</i>	<i>Update provided in Executive Director's report</i>
<i>Update on the Mountains to Sea Cycle Route — what is the current status of planning for this project?</i>	<i>Strategy, Engagement and Capability</i>	<i>Update provided in Executive Director's report</i>

## FINANCE REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board

**FROM:** Selwyn District Council – Finance Business Partners

**DATE:** 14 August 2025

**SUBJECT:** MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 JULY 2025

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### RECOMMENDATION

*'That the Malvern Community Board receives for information the Malvern Community Board ("MCB") Finance Report for the period 1 – 31 July 2025.'*

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the MCB with a summary of the financial and operational performance against the planned performance highlighting any material variances.

This report covers the period to 31 July 2025 is based on the Council's monthly management accounting and performance information. It does not include technical accounting adjustments; these are made at the end of the year to comply with accounting standards.

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Report prepared by:  
Selwyn District Council  
Luiza Veras, Sarah O'Connor  
Financial Business Partners

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Endorsed by:  
Selwyn District Council  
Steve Gibling



**Executive Director Strategy, Engagement and Capability**



## Malvern Community Board Finance Report for the period ended 31 July 2025

YTD July MCB recorded a deficit of \$671, which is \$108 higher than forecasted.

**Total revenue** for the period ending 31 July, was \$10,416, which is \$133 more than forecast revenue due to more properties than budgeted being charged the targeted rate.

**Total operating expenses** for the period ending 31 July 2025 were \$8,587, more than forecast expenditure by \$241. The variance is mainly driven by LGNZ Conference payments made in July.

Key **Favourable** variances compared with the forecast are:

- **Vehicle expenses:** actual expenses for the month were lower than the forecast by \$595.
- **Unspent budget categories:** There was no expenditure recorded against a number of the expense categories including Advertising and General (budget \$537) and Training (budget \$324).
- **Members Remuneration:** For July, remuneration was accrued at \$5,143, in line with the original budget. An adjustment will be made in August to reflect the revised remuneration amount.

**Unfavourable** variances compared with the forecast are:

- **Training/Conference Expenses:** July expenses exceeded the forecast by \$2,400, due to LGNZ conference registrations being paid during the month. The original full year forecast of \$3,478 was phased linearly, which did not account for this timing.

### Surplus account summary:

Reserves Closing balance- Reported	40,416
GL 0002301- ACC Levy	- 26
Reserves Closing balance- June 2025	40,390

## Malvern Community Board Report

Data is current up until 31 July 2025

### Revenue

GL-Detail	Month Actuals	Month Forecast	YTD Actuals	YTD Forecast	YTD Actual Vs Forecast	Full Year Forecast	Last Year Actuals
0002101. Targeted rates	\$10,416	\$10,283	\$10,416	\$10,283	\$133	\$123,398	\$169,197
0002162. X - Sale of Malvern History	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,416</b>	<b>\$10,283</b>	<b>\$10,416</b>	<b>\$10,283</b>	<b>\$133</b>	<b>\$123,398</b>	<b>\$169,214</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
0002860000. Vehicle Expenses	\$655	\$1,250	\$655	\$1,250	\$595	\$15,000	\$5,966
0002320. Advertising & General	\$0	\$537	\$0	\$537	\$537	\$6,445	\$3,153
0002395. Training	\$0	\$324	\$0	\$324	\$324	\$3,883	\$617
0002410. X - Consultants Fees	\$0	\$167	\$0	\$167	\$167	\$2,000	\$0
000250201. Sister City Expenses	\$0	\$167	\$0	\$167	\$167	\$2,000	\$943
0002765000. Members Remuneration	\$5,143	\$5,309	\$5,143	\$5,309	\$166	\$63,702	\$59,010
0002502. General Expenses	\$0	\$111	\$0	\$111	\$111	\$1,330	\$1,504
0002718. Catering	\$11	\$83	\$11	\$83	\$73	\$1,000	\$773
0002825000. Phones/Data Allowance	\$80	\$100	\$80	\$100	\$20	\$1,200	\$1,112
0002301. ACC levy	\$8	\$10	\$8	\$10	\$2	\$116	\$92
0002452. Election Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0002835. Training/Conference	\$2,690	\$290	\$2,690	\$290	(\$2,400)	\$3,478	\$3,022
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$8,587</b>	<b>\$8,346</b>	<b>\$8,587</b>	<b>\$8,346</b>	<b>(\$241)</b>	<b>\$100,154</b>	<b>\$76,190</b>
<b>Total Support Charges</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>		<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$110,112</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$671)</b>	<b>(\$563)</b>	<b>(\$671)</b>	<b>(\$563)</b>	<b>(\$108)</b>	<b>(\$6,756)</b>	<b>(\$17,088)</b>

Targeted Rate Reserve Balance at:	Month Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Forecast	Full Year Forecast	Last Year Actuals
Opening Balance	\$40,390	\$40,390	\$40,390	\$40,390	\$57,478
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$671)	(\$671)	(\$563)	(\$6,756)	(\$17,088)
Closing Balance	\$39,719	\$39,719	\$39,827	\$33,634	\$40,390

Source: [MCB Financial Performance - Malvern Community Board - Power BI](#)

Note: This financial statement has been prepared without conducting an audit.

EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS BREAKDOWN			
GLDetail	YYYYMM	Expen	details
0002301. ACC levy	Jul 2025	\$7.84	ACC Allocation July
0002320. Advertising & General	Aug 2025	\$48.70	AP Selwyn District 470001 220550/01 Malvern Community Board meeting
0002502. General Expenses	Aug 2025	\$434.78	AP Darfield High S 299001 220279/01 I: MCB Contribution to Darfield High School
0002718. Catering	Jul 2025	\$10.77	AP Steele's Hanmer 72001 218158/01 Grocery Purchases March 2025
0002765000. Members Remuneration	Jul 2025	\$5,143.00	ACRL EXEX Elected Members Pay Accrual July25
0002765000. Members Remuneration	Jul 2025	(\$4,917.48)	Members' Remuneration
0002765000. Members Remuneration	Jul 2025	\$4,917.48	Wages
0002765000. Members Remuneration	Aug 2025	(\$5,143.00)	ACRL EXEX Elected Members Pay Accrual July25
0002825000. Phones/Data Allowance	Jul 2025	\$80.00	AP Spark New Zeala 8999001 218946/01 Cell Phones Executive June/July 2025
0002825000. Phones/Data Allowance	Aug 2025	\$80.00	AP Spark New Zeala 470001 220440/01 Cell Phones Executive Jul/Aug 2025
0002835. Training/Conference	Jul 2025	\$1,345.00	AP LGNZ Conferen 8999001 219092/01 Calvin Payne ticket
0002835. Training/Conference	Jul 2025	\$1,345.00	AP LGNZ Conferen 8999001 219095/01 Sharn Nu'u ticket
0002860000. Vehicle Expenses	Jul 2025	\$655.20	Wages
0002890. Support Charges	Jul 2025	\$2,500.01	STND SPSV Support Charges Allocation JULY25
0002890. Support Charges	Jul 2025	\$9,176.00	STND SPSV Support Charges Allocation June25
0002890. Support Charges	Jul 2025	(\$9,176.00)	STND SPSV Support Charges Allocation June25- CORRECTION
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,507.30</b>	

## REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board

**FOR:** Malvern Community Board Meeting on 25 August 2025

**FROM:** Executive Director Strategy, Engagement and Capability

**DATE:** 18 August 2025

**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*'That the Malvern Community Board:*

- 1. Receives the Executive Director's report for information,*
- 2. Approves the payment of the LGNZ Community Board Executive Levy of \$290+GST for 2025/2026*

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on key projects or policy impacts that will impact within the Malvern Community or on the operations of the Malvern Community Board.

### 1. COMMUNITY BOARDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LEVY FOR 2025/2026

The Community Board Executive Committee (CBEC) is the national committee for community boards, and they are elected by community board members after each election with one member representing each of LGNZ's zones. As noted in the attached letter (refer to attachment one) "the Committee advocates for community boards, promotes good practice and builds capability". As an example, it recently released the "better together report" that was tabled at last month's meeting by Board Member Mr Payne.

The CBEC charge an annual levy for each community Board and they have set the Malvern Community Board's levy for the 2025/26 current financial year to be \$290+GST (refer to attachment two).

Board members are asked to consider the payment of this levy again for the coming financial year.

### 2. WAIKIRIKIRI ALPINE TO SEA TRAIL (ALSO KNOWN MORE INFORMALLY AS THE MOUNTAINS TO SEA CYCLEWAY) UPDATE

The Waikirikiri Alpine to Sea Trail, also known more informally as the Mountains to Sea Cycleway, is currently in the further investigation stage. A Feasibility Report has been

completed, as reported to Council on 13 November 2024, outlining key environmental, engineering, and economic considerations.

This initial analysis has helped identify potential opportunities and challenges, as well as areas that require further investigation that are currently being carried out. This includes how governance, development priorities, and management structures should be established to guide what is a complex and long-term project.

Council will need to consider in its future Long-Term Plans how any funding support maybe provided.

### **3. LOCAL PLANNING FOR GROWTH UPDATE**

The Council and the Ministry of Education maintain ongoing communication, particularly around development uptake and site locations. This close coordination helps guide decisions on where new schools may be needed or existing ones expanded. Additionally, the Strategy Team is collaborating with the Ministry of Education on the development of the three Area Plans, which provides an opportunity for the Ministry to provide feedback on potential locations for future growth.

The original basis of the question though was whether Council can direct how Developers communicate “proximity” of schools to new areas of development. Simply put, Council cannot direct this and, unless the rules change, it is for the respective homeowners to undertake this as part of their wider due diligence.

### **4. REVIEWING COMMUNITY BOARD DELEGATIONS**

Following the Representation Review process it became clear that the delegations to the Malvern Community Board warranted some further attention. That, combined with the upcoming elections and the recently released LGNZ Framework for strengthening the relationship between councils and community boards (circulated at the previous Board meeting), it is timely that the current Community Board reviews and provides some options for the incoming Board to work with the new Council on.

The aim is to ensure delegations are fit-for-purpose, empower local decision-making, and align with statutory obligations and strategic goals.

To that end, it would be helpful, as a starter, for the current community Board to have a view on some or all of the following before their term ends next month:

1. Scope and Depth of Delegations
2. Strategic Planning and Local Wellbeing
3. Community Engagement and Awareness

Ultimately, the Board and Council will need to ensure that the delegations agreed upon in the next Triennium are consistent with the Local Government Act 2002.

#### **Orientation planning**

Council staff are currently planning for the upcoming orientation for Council and the Community Board. Feedback and guidance from this Board would be helpful so as to provide the best orientation to Council and local Government activities for the incoming members.

The intent of the current orientation approach will also see the Council and Board undertake the same initial orientation process – scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October.

## **5. KIRWEE WATERMAIN RENEWALS**

The project team will provide an update on the watermain renewal works underway in Kirwee. The works involve replacing all asbestos cement pipes within the township, including lateral connections up to residential boundaries. Works commenced in late July and are scheduled for completion by February 2026. The update will also cover traffic management requirements and planned communication methods during construction.

Works Map attached at Appendix C.



Steve Gibling

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – STRATEGY, ENGAGEMENT AND CAPABILITY**

**Appendix A – Community Boards Executive Committee Levy for 2025/26**

**Appendix B – Community Boards Levy List 2025/26**

**Appendix C- Kirwee Watermain Renewals works map**

Local democracy's  
vision and voice.



22 July 2025

Mayor Sam Broughton  
Selwyn District Council

CC: Sharon Mason, Chief Executive

Kia ora Mayor Sam Broughton

### **Community Boards Executive Committee levy for 2025/26**

On behalf of the Community Board Executive Committee (CBEC), thank you for your ongoing support of our work. By paying your annual levy, you enable CBEC to support your community board/s to carry out their role and function and contribute to the wellbeing of their communities.

CBEC is the national committee for community boards. We are elected by community board members after each election, with one member representing each of LGNZ's zones. The Committee advocates for community boards, promotes good practice and builds capability. It is supported by LGNZ and advises the National Council.

Councils with a community board/s pay an annual levy to support and grow CBEC's work, which includes providing opportunities for community boards to network and connect, undertake training and development, and access other support to help them perform their roles.

Over the last year the current committee has worked hard to support and raise the profile of community boards. That work has included:

- Holding a series of national community board meetings by zooms for members across the country to learn about national issues, good practice and have questions answered.
- Publishing a new guide for strengthening relationships between councils and their community boards, including the development of a relationship agreement.
- Engaging with the Remuneration Authority on options to enable boards to access additional remuneration to reflect additional delegations.
- Continuing to work with Ākōna, LGNZ's learning and development programme, to develop resources for community boards, including induction resources.
- Working with LGNZ to update the community board suite of good practice guidance, including the governance guide, community board standing orders and guidance for chairs.
- Giving advice and assistance to community boards taking part in representation reviews.
- Providing information and advice to board chairs and members.
- Preparing an introductory brochure for Community Board Chairs.
- Assisting the CBEC chair to attend and represent community boards at national local government events.

#### **Local Government New Zealand**

Level 3, 3 Eva Street Te Aro Wellington  
6011 // PO Box 1214 Wellington 6140 //  
Aotearoa New Zealand // [lgnz.co.nz](http://lgnz.co.nz)

We're again seeking your support to pay the annual levy set for the 2025/26 year. CBEC has decided on a small increase of 5.5% to the levies at \$290 per community board, with a total cap on the maximum contribution of a council of no more than \$870.

The levy complements the annual funding CBEC receives from LGNZ, which meets the administrative and logistical costs associated with supporting CBEC. Your contribution enables CBEC to attend SuperLocal and LGNZ's All of Local Government meetings, as well as invest in activities designed to build skills and competence amongst community board members. That means lifting performance, meeting community expectations, and advocating for the interests of community boards. It's a small investment for an outcome money can't buy.

We hope that you will support the annual levy for the 2025/26 year. The levy that applies to your council is listed on the attached schedule – please note this amount is GST exclusive. Please send your purchase order to [office@lgnz.co.nz](mailto:office@lgnz.co.nz) by 29 July 2025. As soon as we receive your PO we will update the invoice and email it to your accounts payable for processing. If you have any specific instructions regarding the sending of your invoice please email this to [office@lgnz.co.nz](mailto:office@lgnz.co.nz) (for example this may include that you do not require a PO to show on the invoice in order for it to be processed for payment).

For more information on CBEC go to <https://www.lgnz.co.nz/events-networking/groups-networks/community-boards-executive-committee-cbec/>

Ngā mihi nui



Sarah Lucas

Chair  
Community Boards Executive Committee

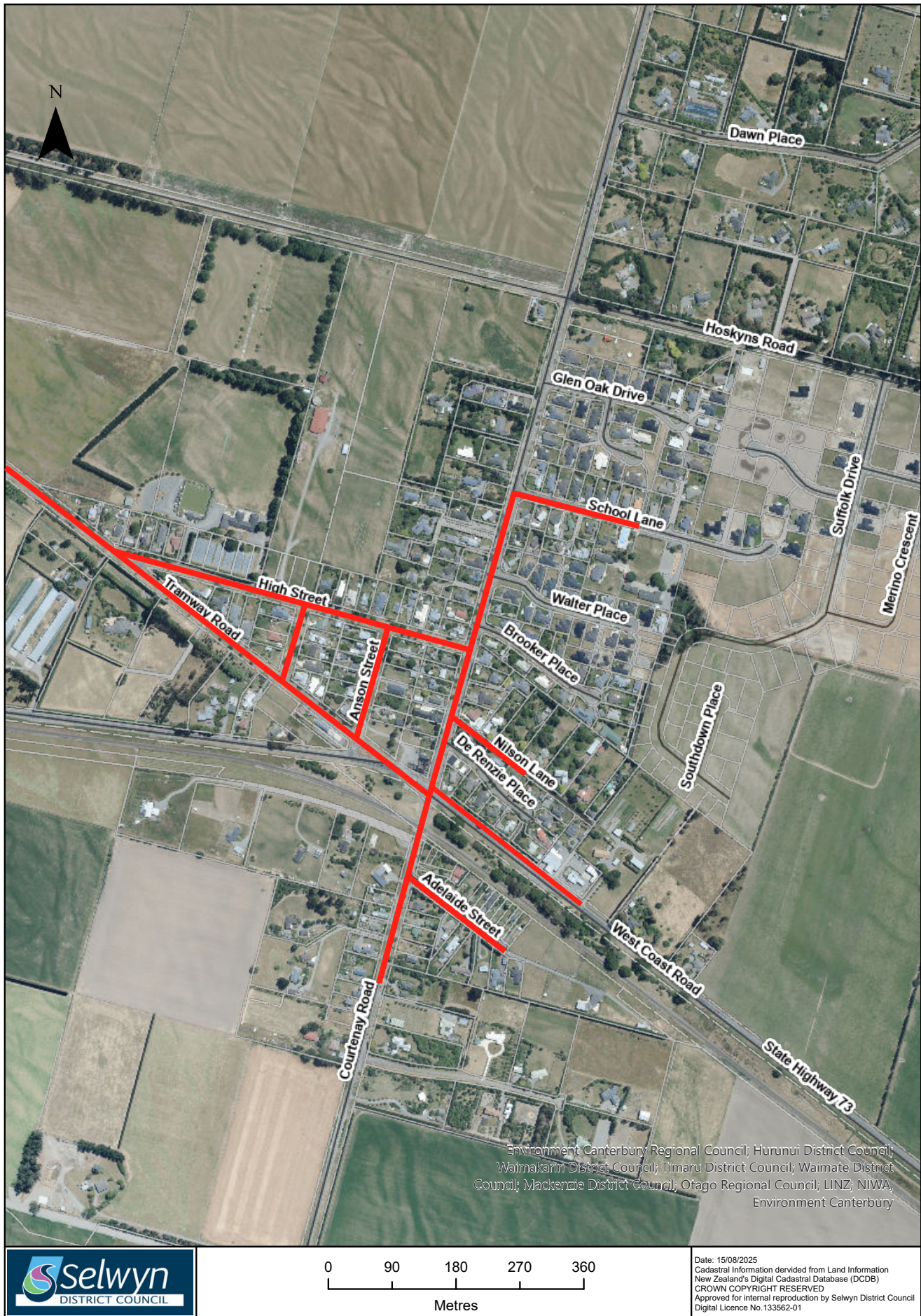




Zone	Council	Community Board	Levy - exclusive of GST
1	Far North District Council	Te Hiku Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Kaikohe-Hokianga	\$870.00
2	Ōpōtiki District Council	Coast	\$290.00
	Ōtorohanga District Council	Kawhia Ōtorohanga	\$580.00
	Rotorua District Council	Rotorua Lakes Rotorua Rural	\$580.00
	South Waikato District Council	Tirau	\$290.00
	Thames-Coromandel District Council	Coromandel-Colville Mercury Bay Tairua-Pauanui Thames Whangamata	\$870.00
	Waikato District Council	Huntly Community Board Ngaruawahia Community Board Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board Raglan Community Board Taupiri Community Board	\$870.00
	Waipa District Council	Cambridge Te Awamutu	\$580.00
	Whakatāne District Council	Murupara Rangitaiki Taneatua Whakatāne-Ohope	\$870.00
3	Hastings District Council	Hastings Rural	\$290.00
	Horowhenua District Council	Foxton	\$290.00
	New Plymouth District Council	Clifton Inglewood Kaitake Waitara	\$870.00
	Rangitikei District Council	Ratana Community Board Taihape Community Board	\$580.00
	Ruapehu District Council	Ōwhango National Park Waimarino-Waiouru Taumaranui-Ohura	\$870.00
	South Taranaki District Council	Taranaki Coastal Eltham-Kaponga Te Hawera Patea	\$870.00
	Tararua District Council	Dannevirke Eketahuna	\$580.00
	Whanganui District Council	Whanganui Rural	\$290.00
4	Hutt City Council	Eastbourne Community Board Petone Community Board Wainuiomata Community Board	\$870.00
	Kāpiti Coast District Council	Otaki Paraparaumu Waikanae Raumati Paekakariki	\$870.00
	South Wairarapa District Council	Featherston Greytown Martinborough	\$870.00
	Wellington City Council	Makara-Ohariu Tawa	\$580.00

Zone	Council	Community Board	Levy - exclusive of GST
5	Ashburton District Council	Methven	\$290.00
	Buller District Council	Inangahua	\$290.00
	Hurunui District Council	Hanmer Springs	\$290.00
	Mackenzie District Council	Fairlie Community Board Tekapo Community Board Twizel Community Board	\$870.00
	Selwyn District Council	Malvern	\$290.00
	Tasman District Council	Golden Bay Motueka	\$580.00
	Timaru District Council	Geraldine Pleasant Point Temuka	\$870.00
	Waimakariri District Council	Kaipoi-Tuahiwi Rangiora-Ashley Woodend-Sefton Oxford-Ohoka	\$870.00
6	Central Otago District Council	Cromwell Maniototo Teviot Valley Vincent	\$870.00
	Clutha District Council	Lawrence-Tuapeka West Otago	\$580.00
	Dunedin City Council	Mosgiel Taieri Otago Peninsula Saddle Hill Strath Taieri Waikouati Coast West Harbour	\$870.00
	Gore District Council	Mataura	\$290.00
	Invercargill City Council	Bluff	\$290.00
	Queenstown Lakes District Council	Wanaka	\$290.00
	Southland District Council	Fiordland Northern Ardlussa Tuatapere Te Waewae Wallace Takitimu Oraka Aparima Oreti Waihopei Toetoe Stewart Island/Rakiura	\$870.00
	Waitaki District Council	Ahuriri Waihemo	\$580.00

## Kirwee AC Renewals







Bruce Russell <bruce.russell66@gmail.com>

18 August 2025

## **Chair's Report – Malvern Community Board 18 August 2025**

### **Overview**

The Board has performed well over this past period and remains well placed to continue its strong role in community engagement and advocacy. Our focus has been listening to and representing Malvern's towns and rural settlements. The Board is now operating effectively, and we are delivering outcomes for our community.

### **Engagement**

Public forums open each meeting. These are popular and remain an invaluable channel for residents to raise concerns and contribute solutions. A recent example was the Kirwee roadworks issue, where feedback was acted upon promptly by staff, resulting in improved communication processes that will benefit residents across Selwyn. This demonstrates the real value of the Board's role in linking residents to Council.

### **Advocacy & Representation**

Board members regularly attend Residents' and Community Association meetings, maintaining a strong two-way flow of information.

The **Springfield Flooding Working Group**—initiated by the Board—is making significant progress. As Cr. Ian McKenzie has noted, this project will form part of Selwyn's wider flood resilience blueprint, linking local knowledge with regional planning.

The 80th anniversary commemoration of the end of the Japanese War of Aggression in China drew 130 attendees, including international delegates and descendants of Alley family. This highlighted both the importance of Malvern's community halls and the enduring legacy of Rewi Alley.

Sister-city relationships, particularly with Yubetsu, remain an area of focus. Work is underway to strengthen these ties so the incoming Board can make informed decisions early in the next term.

The **trial of the shuttle service** is proving a success.

### **Partnership with Residents/Community Associations**

Our next Ward Forum with Residents' Associations will be held on 21st August. These bi-monthly forums continue to prove valuable for two-way communication, problem-solving, and strengthening connections across the Ward.

### **Looking Ahead**

The 2025 Representation Review Determination by the Local Government Commission has highlighted the benefits of community boards, sparking wider district interest. Residents in other wards are now seeking information. I have been contacted for advice and the Deputy Chair has addressed a resident's association AGM in Lincoln.

Strong candidate interest in the October elections reflects a healthy local democracy. I wish to acknowledge the Deputy Chair, Board members, and Mr Gibling for their dedication and professionalism in ensuring the Board remains effective, respected, and well-prepared for the new members who will continue this important work.

I am honoured to have served as Chair, and proud that through the strong support of our community, the Malvern Community Board's future has been secured, despite proposals to disestablish it. With effective

delegations from Council, the incoming Board is well positioned to continue championing Malvern's voice and strengthening local democracy.

**Bruce Russell**

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Chair – Malvern Community Board



## COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board

**FOR:** Community Board Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**FROM:** Community Board Member – John Verry, **Deputy Chair**

**DATE:** 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**SUBJECT:** **BOARD REPORT – August 2025**

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### RECOMMENDATION

*‘That the monthly report from the Board member be received, for information.’*

### INTRODUCTION

This report outlines my community engagement activities over the past month and presents urgent community concerns about the unsustainable trajectory of Selwyn District Council (SDC) rates and the lag in essential services — particularly schools, recreational spaces, and core infrastructure — needed to support rapid growth that has been approved, let alone is to come. While some celebrate Selwyn’s status as the fastest-growing district, many residents see it as a hollow accolade when the real costs are borne by existing communities who face higher rates and overstretched services.

A stark example of missed opportunity was highlighted in the *Selwyn Times* (13 August 2025) article *“Data reveals developers exploited contributions loophole”*, which reported that property developers avoided paying more than **\$33 million** by exploiting gaps in the development contributions framework. This is not simply a matter of hindsight — SDC should have anticipated such growth pressures and acted proactively. The 2021 Development Contributions Policy should have been reviewed and strengthened well before the development of the Long-Term Plan 2024–2034. Instead, the decision not to review and update the policy given the clear evidence of rapidly increasing infrastructure and construction costs, has left ratepayers to shoulder costs that should have been recouped from developers.

In summary, residents are clear: Selwyn’s rapid growth must be matched by responsible planning, robust financial safeguards, and transparent decision-making. The *Selwyn Times* exposé of more than **\$33 million** in lost development contributions is seen as a preventable failure — a direct result of Council’s reluctance to review and strengthen the 2021 Development Contributions Policy ahead of the Long-Term Plan 2024–2034. Instead of “basking in the glory” of being the fastest-growing district, SDC should have acted decisively to ensure growth paid its way. This report reflects that call for change, advocating for fairer cost-sharing, stronger policy oversight, and a commitment to protecting the long-term interests of our communities.

- ➔ This report reflects those voices candidly and advocates for a decisive shift toward fairer, more accountable, and forward-looking decision-making.

A vote of thanks to those who paved the way .....



### The Community is Speaking – Are We Listening?

#### Value of Community Halls for Tāwera–Malvern’s Rural Communities

Community halls in the Tāwera and Malvern subdivisions are not just buildings — they are the lifeblood of our rural and isolated communities. They are where friendships are forged, ideas are exchanged, and the shared identity of our towns is kept alive. These halls are places of belonging, resilience, and pride, and their value to our social, economic, and rural communities cannot be overstated.



**Together, we're delivering**

This was reinforced for me recently while attending the commemorative event (see below) at the Tāwera Memorial Hall – Community Centre in Springfield. In many of our smaller towns, resources and services are limited. A well-used, well-maintained community hall is often the only space large enough — and central enough — to host gatherings, celebrations, or public meetings. More so as the hotels at Sheffield and Springfield have been out of operation.

I grew up in a time and place where the community hall was the heartbeat of the district, and since joining the Malvern Community Board, I have made their retention and revitalisation a priority. The community largely supports this. Unfortunately, while ratepayers continue to fund community halls, Selwyn District Council has been slow to deliver tangible improvements or to return decision-making to the communities that use them. Community halls are being

utilised, as is evident from around seventy people attending the Glenroy Community Pot-Luck-Dinner + the Games evenings at Greendale Community Centre aka Greendale Hall (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDGjGjodc6o>) + various activities and events at the Tāwera Memorial Hall, such as having a community notice board + the update on progress for having the Sheffield memorial Pool run by the community + Darfield Residents multicultural evening on Saturday 6 September 2025, 5 pm.

Council's report (2023) on low-usage, low-revenue halls recommends assessing each hall's ownership, compliance status, financial viability, building condition, and community demand, with options for alternative management models. It is now 2025 with no substantive progress albeit some updates. Progress remains slow, despite the optimism generated by success stories such as Hororātā — where, after many years of persistence, the community regained ownership of its hall, empowering locals to make decisions about its future and unlocking new energy and use.

Community engagement across the Malvern ward has made it clear:

- ✓ Rural halls must be **more accessible and affordable** so communities can keep using them.
- ✓ Local groups and residents' associations are running events, gatherings, and festivals that make these halls a living asset.
- ✓ Council should act now to reinstate **community-led hall management** wherever feasible, returning these assets to local stewardship — just as our predecessors once did, and as we see with other examples, namely the **Sheffield Memorial Pool**.

Recent examples of strong utilisation of halls show there is no lack of community appetite. What's lacking is action. Hopefully, there will be a substantive report available to the Board's September meeting!

**In summary:** our community halls are vital lifelines. They foster connection, preserve culture, bolster resilience, and provide spaces where rural life can thrive. Ongoing investment, timely decision-making, and genuine local control are not optional extras — they are essential. We owe it to our forebears who built these halls, to our current communities who sustain them, and to future generations who will need them.

➔ Community Centre (General Rate) – what does this cover?

### **FLOODING (SPRINGFIELD) UPDATE – WORKING GROUP**

A more fulsome report will be provided for the September 2025 MCB meeting, which will enable the incoming Board to be informed through the minutes.

Acknowledgement to Cr Ian McKenzie (Ecan): It looks like the concept of a 20 Cubic metre per second (the SI unit of volumetric flow rate) flood channel crossing the main road via a culvert, and following a tree line across farmland to drop into the Kowhai river and then into the Waimak may be a solution - in principle. Initial work suggests this is an to protect Springfield from flooding whilst likely to significantly reduce peak flow levels in the lower reaches of the Selwyn River in major rainfall events.

Cr McKenzie's view is that "From a CRC perspective this project will fit into the Selwyn district catchment flood resilience blueprint. Once this blueprint has been finalised, the next step is likely to do cost benefit analysis of all the components of the blueprint so that we have a priority list of which projects to do and



in which order. As part of this other agencies such as NZTA and Department of Conservation, will have to be consulted and consents applied for. Hopefully, this will qualify under the changes being proposed for the RMA ...[for] an easier consenting regime.”

## RATES INCREASES

Councillors Mundt, Miller and Lydia Gliddon voted against SDC’s not consulting the public on this year’s Annual Plan. “Selwyn District Council’s 2025–26 Annual Plan outlines a 14.2% average rate increase and a \$145.8 million capital programme... The Mayor noted that rate increases are expected to decline over time, averaging less than 7% over the next eight years and falling to 3.6% by 2034.”? <https://www.chrislynchmedia.com/news-items/selwyn-mayor-defends-rates-increase-and-infrastructure-spending/>.

Despite Council communications referencing an average 14.2% rates increase, the **reality on the ground tells a different story**. Ratepayers across the Malvern ward have reported increases well above this figure, as is evident from the following provided to the July 2025 meeting:

- Example 1: Increase from \$2,947 to \$3,540 = **20.1%**
- Example 2: Increase from \$2,412 to \$2,805 = **16.3%**
- Example 3: Increase from \$3,812 to \$4,547 = **19.3%**

For the septicists, the following are actual data taken from rates notices in the Hawkins subdivision:

Current	cf. Previous	% increase	Hectare
\$3,997	\$3,323	20.3%	1.0
\$4,852	\$4,163	16.6%	1.8
\$3,921	\$2,085	88.1%	1.0
\$4,132	\$3,496	18.2%	1.0
\$14,867	\$12,425	19.7%	118.0
\$22,579	\$19,913	13.4%	216.0
\$16,720	\$14,475	15.5%	143.0
\$37,503	\$33,009	13.6%	459.0

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The feedback is clear: **people are hurting, trust has being eroded**. The Malvern Community Board has a role – and a responsibility – to reflect these voices in the Malvern community raising concerns and looking to SDC for an explanation.

➔ I will put the following motions at the meeting, that I overlooked in July:

1. **THAT a briefing from SDC Finance on the actual distribution of 2025/26 rates increases across the Malvern Ward be provided at the September 2025 MCB meeting.**
2. **THAT SDC working collegially and constructively with MCB to prepare a Malvern Rates Impact Survey (in collaboration with residents and community groups and online) to inform the Board’s community engagement and advocacy.**

*Let us be part of the solution* – but not by accepting the status quo.  
The Malvern community deserves better.

## Community Events

### Kirwee Model School

Unfortunately, the rain bucketed down, but this did not dampen the support for those wanting to contribute to the **Kirwee Model School** fundraising and enjoy a delicious **spit roast bun** for Friday night dinner.

The volunteers were hard at work and well organised, like Henry Ford's production line. All worked like clockwork as people eagerly arrived with their empty dinner boxes and left to savour and enjoy the

roast of their choice = lamb or pork, in warmer surroundings. Congratulations and well done.



### SHEFFIELD MEMORIAL POOL – UPDATE 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025

This was an informative evening where the hard working and determined 'gang of five' dived into the details of the progress made on behalf of the community in enabling this essential, and potentially life-saving, asset to continue operation in Sheffield, and serving the surrounding rural communities.

The reality is that as Council, as presently constituted, is remaining steadfast in their majority view that the money set-aside for the demolition of the pool *can not* be used now the pool is on the way to community ownership and operation, so fundraising has commenced 😊 The options are: **give-a-little** → or bank account - Tawera Community Trust, 38-9027-0126499-00.



- ➔ Currently there is a zoned general rate for swimming pools. What is the current situation for ratepayers in Sheffield – Waddington and surrounding areas?

### Honouring the legacy of Rewi Alley

#### — Springfield hosts 80th anniversary commemoration



At the invitation of Madame He Ying, Chinese Consul General in Christchurch, in co-operation with the Sister City committee, a large gathering marked the anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese

Aggression at the Tawera Memorial Hall, Springfield. The event commenced with wreath-laying at the Rewi Alley Memorial then moved to the hall. Speeches were delivered before a mix-and-mingle with the Chinese delegation, invited dignitaries, and descendants of Rewi Alley—Springfield-born (1897–1987), writer and humanitarian, who co-founded the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives ("Gung Ho") and the Shandan Bailie School, helping war-displaced communities with jobs and technical education. The historical context shared at the event noted that the War of Resistance (1937–1945) formed a major theatre of the Second World War, exacting a profound toll on China and solidifying alliances that shaped the post-war order. Display panels and photographs highlighted Alley's lifelong bridge-building between China and New Zealand—work that helped lay foundations for today's relationship. The value

of the Tawera Memorial Community Hall was on full display: residents and volunteers set up the venue, turned it around for lunch, and restored it afterward—a textbook example of community pride, service, and why well-supported local halls matter.

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## **RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS – AN UPDATE**

I've been on the ground with residents' and community association committees across Malvern—listening, surfacing priorities, and closing the loop. In my liaison role, The Committees are the Board's direct line to our communities: turning concerns into clear actions, coordinating with SDC, and reporting back so people see progress. This update sets out what I have heard, what has been escalated, and what happens next for the people of the Malvern Ward.

### **Springfield Community Association committee meeting** – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025

The new signage for the Tawera Reserve, which is a focal point for the community, is in place. Thank you SDC.

11 am 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 is the commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the victory of the People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the end of World War Two, arranged by the Chinese Consul General in Christchurch.

This anniversary commemorates the immense sacrifices made by the Chinese people and the pivotal role China played as one of the major Allied powers in securing peace in the Asia-Pacific region.

The conflict began in full scale with the Marco Polo Bridge Incident in July 1937 and continued until Japan's surrender on 15 August 1945. Over eight long years, the Chinese people fought with resilience and unity against the invading Japanese forces. The war resulted in over 35 million Chinese casualties, widespread devastation, and immense suffering—but also demonstrated the strength of national spirit and solidarity.

The annual Daffodil Day fun run and walk will be held Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and the association will be holding a **Market in Springfield**

- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 with stalls and Bouncy-castle. Also look out for the film nights.

### **Darfield Residents Association Inc. committee meeting** - 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025

The AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 saw Harvey re-elected as Chair with new committee members welcomed. The first Committee meeting noted that progress is being made:

- in regard the chlorine free drinking fountain;
- for the Multi-cultural dinner and Christmas parade.
- ➔ There was a request that the Board seek information from SDC in regard to the policy in regard to CCTV (monitored by NZ Police) and ideally paid for by Council as protection for the Darfield Jail on which work is progressing.

Fred Bull presented an interesting movie of the Darfield Gala Parade of 1950, showing how the community came together.

**Greendale Residents Association** committee meeting – next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### **Kirwee Community Association** - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025

An update will be provided at the meeting.

Flooding the issues with the roadworks in Kirwee being raised at the July meeting by the secretatary, SDC responded and remedial action was taken to improve the situation.

## Malvern Community Board meeting with Residents | Community Associations

Re-scheduled to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 due to the update on the Sheffield Memorial Pool, a verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

**Glenroy Residents Association** (see above)

### ISSUES RAISED BY CONSTITUENTS.

1. **Pure drinking water** (see above DRA)

There remains a high degree of concern about chlorine in the drinking water. Another great example of localism = the community working constructively together to resolve an issue that is important to the community, is the Darfield Residents' Association Inc., working with the community to provide a local solution, namely, to provide a **chlorine free drinking fountain**. A possible site has been identified, and work is in underway to make the chlorine free drinking fountain a reality.

2. **Connection to the wastewater system: Darfield & Kirwee**

This is a live issue that has many ratepayers concerned above dearth of information in regard to both the timeline and costs of connection.

→ Now is the time for SDC / Selwyn Water Limited to update the community. This would reduce the justifiable level of anxiety the proposed costs are having on households with the recent and projected rates increases requiring an ever-increasing slice of households incomes that are not increasing to cover these costs.

→ I will move the following motions:

Assuming a ratepayer connects their property to the proposed scheme in 2025/26, the total cost of connecting will be as follows:	
<b>A. Existing properties</b>	
A share of the Council's cost of the capital works to build a new local wastewater infrastructure network, plus the connection to the treatment plant in Rolleston	Approximately \$17,360 in 2025/26
The property owner's own cost to physically connect their property to the scheme. The cost for <b>most properties will be around \$5,000.</b>	Approximately \$5,000 to \$20,000 depending on the type of connection
For some properties that are set further back from the road the cost will be around \$20,000	
<b>Approximate total cost</b>	<b>\$22,360 to \$37,360</b>

**THAT** the Malvern Community Board request, SDC report to the September 2025 meeting of the Board sufficient information that will adequately inform the Board and households in Darfield and Kirwee, as to the current state of and proposed actions, especially likely costs, in relation to connections to the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant for properties in Darfield and Kirwee.

**THAT** the Malvern Community Board request, SDC provide to the September 2025 meeting of the Board an update in regard to Selwyn Water Limited (maybe the Chair could attend) to provide an update as to where SDC and SWL are at in regard to drinking and wastewater in Malvern.

## WIDER MATTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE COMMUNITY:

### A. Transport - Weekly Shuttle

### - A Great Community Initiative



Malvern Community Vehicle Trust

After the ratepayers overwhelmingly rejected the Regional Councils

proposal to charge ratepayers for a bus trial to Rolleston, which was not wanted, the Malvern Community Vehicle Trust conducted a survey to ascertain the need. The outcome was support for a proposed affordable \$10 return trial for August and September on Tuesdays alternating between Hornby (preferred by some 75%) and Rolleston.

This is a good example of **Localism** = the community working together to benefit the community.

There will be an evaluation of the trial by the MCVT who will hold their AGM on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.

An update will be provided at the meeting.

### B. Hororata Water Supply Scheme

The July update on the future of the Hororata Water Supply Scheme and the steps being taken to build a more reliable and resilient water supply for the Hororata supplied community presented to the July meeting was welcomed and informative. It is accepted that this is a long-term project, made palatable by regular updates 😊.

Council is progressing with a long-term solution which has been outlined in the Long-Term Plan, integrating the Hororata scheme with the Hartleys scheme. Both schemes draw water from the same river, but the Hartleys intake benefits from a more stable upstream catchment and better water quality. Rather than investing in a new, complex treatment plant at Hororata, where land availability is limited, resupplying from Hartleys is significantly more cost-effective, achievable, and sustainable. This approach also allows us to increase reservoir storage at Hartleys by approximately 700%, improving supply resilience for all connected communities.

We can expect to see early benefits within 12 to 18 months once the pipeline reaches Glentunnel. A potential risk is that WSCCO (Selwyn Water Limited) will take over the projects once full transition has occurred with Asset Transfer – expected when?.

### C. Annual Plan –

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Mombetsu District,  
Hokkaido  
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JAPAN

The Malvern Community Board has been delegated the authority to facilitate relationships with Yubetsu-Cho.

**Together, we're delivering.**

An Annual Plan for 2025-26 that reflects the priorities you told us matter most.

**Selwyn**  
WATER & COUNCIL

Waihora Whata Rau

Lincoln Town Centre

Consultation

Infrastructure

Given the clear and unambiguous statement at page 149. It would appear that the Board has been sidelined (refer back to July meeting). I look forward to constructive discussion at the Board's August meeting.

Well-run sister-city relationships deliver real wins for Malvern—student and cultural exchanges, civic know-how sharing, and people-to-people links that can open doors for education, tourism and local business. That's how the model is designed to work nationally, with programmes driven by community-based committees and volunteers, not just formal MOUs. The Board's role is to turn the relationship into practical outcomes for our towns. Around the country, local bodies back this with community participation—Christchurch's programme relies on volunteer Sister City Committees, Marlborough runs a dedicated Sister City Sub-Committee, and Whakatāne's association is open to public involvement—showing clear ways community boards can add value alongside the council.

- I look forward hearing from our Board representative on the Sister Cities Committee at this meeting, capture what's working (exchanges, delegations, school links) and what isn't, and table specific improvements for September so the newly constituted Board has a firm platform to grow tangible benefits from the relationship.

**D. Community Halls** (see above)

On-going, no further update at this stage, despite an earlier indication that information would be available August / September 2025. The issue remains live. Well done Hororata with the Hall being returned to the Community and a sum of money provided. This may provide a template for future discussion and arrangements for Halls in other local communities.

**E. Kirwee A & P Hall.**

I with relevant constituents to hear their concerns which were.

**F. Reserves – A Mismatch Between Service Strategy and Local Reality**

Selwyn District Council, through its Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) CORDE, is responsible for reserves maintenance and open space servicing across the district. While the centralised model delivers uniformity and district-wide oversight, it is, in part, proving inefficient in low-density rural settings such as Arthur's Pass Village — and in other locations where there are clear opportunities for efficiencies and cost savings through greater use of local resources in Malvern.

In remote parts of Malvern, it is not uncommon for Council contractors to travel 60–80km to complete only a few hours of maintenance. From both a **value-for-money** and **climate impact** perspective, this is increasingly difficult to justify, particularly when capable local volunteers or contractors — many with a proven history of maintaining these reserves — are available and willing to undertake regular work more efficiently.

**Residents have voiced particular frustrations with:**

- Infrequent and inconsistent servicing of reserves.
- A rigid, centralised approach that overlooks local capacity and experience.
- Delays in addressing straightforward maintenance issues despite Snap-Send =Solve



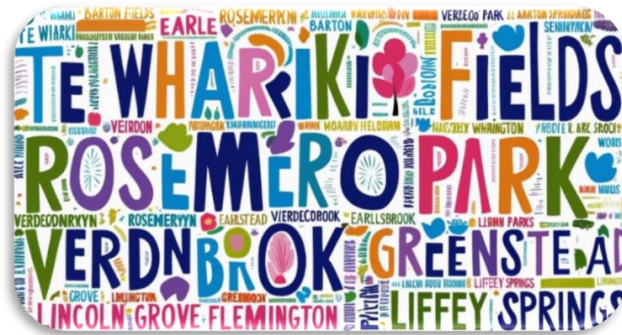
The emerging and legitimate community view is that SDC should **rethink its service delivery model** for reserves in geographically dispersed areas within Malvern. By enabling locally based solutions, Council could achieve faster turnaround, lower costs, and higher-quality maintenance — delivering outcomes better suited to the unique needs of rural communities than the current “one-size-fits-all” approach and benefitting the District.

#### G. Quality of Life

The report from the research conducted by truwind | Research First on behalf of SDC for the *Quality of Life Survey* Tirohaka Kouka o te Ora, conducted in May 2025, is eagerly awaited.

#### H. Community Boards in Selwyn

I was pleased to accept the invitation to inform those attending the **Lincoln Residents and Community Association AGM** on about the role and value of Community Boards. Also pleasantly surprised to learn of the number and variety of local communities represented.



The base for additional Community Boards in Malvern is the **2025**

#### **Determination by the Local Government Commission,**

para. 92: One of the statutory roles of community boards, as set out in section 52 of the *Local Government Act 2002*, is to “represent and act as an advocate for the interests of the community”. While community engagement is an important part of understanding local views, it is not a substitute for representation and advocacy. **Representation involves the democratic mandate of elected members, including community board members, to bring community perspectives to the council's decision-making table.** [emphasis added]

para. 94: We consider that, in a rapidly growing district experiencing high levels of urbanisation, the Malvern Community Board is likely to promote good local government, by providing a direct voice for the rural Malvern community at the Council table.

SDC did grant the MCB Chair, the opportunity to speak at the full meeting of the Council.

The stars aligned with the Community Board's Executive Committee of Local Government NZ (July 2025) distributing their “*Best practice guide: building strong council-community board relationships*”.

The guiding principle being: **Community boards and councils are two complementary arms of local democracy – and when they're working well together, communities thrive.** A strong relationship is built on:

- Mutual respect;
- Clarity of roles and responsibilities;
- Shared intent to add value to local decision-making;
- Timely and meaningful two-way communication.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Chair and fellow board members for the work that has been done to get the Board back on track after the 2023 October by-election. I also



#### **Key principle**

This model is about **power-sharing, responsibility, and mutual accountability.** Community Boards are not just contributors — they are local leaders. This model works best where the council and community board are committed to joint delivery and see local governance as a powerful tool to achieve better outcomes for everyone.

acknowledge and appreciate that the Malvern community saw the potential and supported the Board in response to SDC's clear initial intention to disestablish (i.e. 'get-rid-of) MCB. This galvanised the community into action = *Localism* 😊 Sadley 😊 MCB is in need of a heart, as "At the heart of every strong council -community board relationship is **clarity around who does what**. Delegations aren't just a bureaucratic necessity – they're **an expression of trust and empowerment**." Page 15 CBE, LGNZ. This is where the Board has been heading. Again the stars-are-aligned for the reconstituted MCB in November 2025 to '*take-the-bull-by-the-horns*' (grasp the nettle) and whakawhanaungatanga (building the connection) to strengthen collaboration with the newly constituted Council so there is "partnership in leadership" in the Tawera Malvern Ward, i.e. "**true decision-sharing**" for the community. Here the MCB and SDC will be "considered **peers and partners** in governance – helping ensure council decisions are grounded in local insight. MCB will serve as a deeply embedded connector, between council systems and the diverse interests of our local communities in association with the residents | community associations in Malvern – p. 36.

- I. (From my June 2025 report) SDC has been exploring the potential for the "**Mountains-to-Sea**" cycle trail linking Arthur's Pass Village in the Southern Alps to Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere on the Canterbury Plains. Public information on this project is limited.

➔ It would be good for an update to be provided for the Board's September 2025 meeting 😊

## ALPINE CYCLEWAY - PROPOSED ROUTE AND SECTIONS

The trail as envisioned is a **continuous off-road route** linking Arthur's Pass Village to Lake Ellesmere/Te Waihora. While no official map has been released, the project is generally described as passing from the alpine village through Canterbury's high country and down to the plains. Key points along the likely route include:

- **Arthur's Pass Village** – start point.
- **Lake Coleridge/Lake Coleridge Basin** – the trail would descend from the mountains into the Lake Coleridge area (elevation ~620 m), offering panoramic high-country views.
- **Mid-Canterbury/Malvern Plains** – the route would continue east across rural high-country stations and foothills (possibly near Castle Hill and Lake Coleridge) down onto the Canterbury Plains.
- **Northern shore of Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora)** – end point at or near the lake, likely tying into the existing *Little River Rail Trail* corridor on Banks Peninsula (which skirts Te Waihora's edge).

The total capital cost of the trail has been variously estimated, with SDC's initial 2024–34 LTP commitment being **\$5.0 million** for planning/design. Council documents implied a price in the order of **\$20 million**, but an estimate "*up to \$47.8 m*", has been mentioned. The large range reflects that a full trail through mountain terrain would require substantial engineering.

➔ Request SDC to provide an update at the August meeting of the MCB.

Overall, formal community input has minimal to date. The topic is of interest and significance and SDC should provide a status update.

## ATTENDANCES & MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE AND GROUPS IN THE MALVERN WARD

### July

22 Chair – MCB  
25 School fundraising Quiz night at Glentunnel  
26 Glenroy residents pot-luck dinner - Glenroy Hall

### August

2 On Community Patrol  
8 Kirwee Model School - fundraiser  
14 Update – Sheffield Memorial Swimming Pool  
15 Rewi Alley event in Springfield





## COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board

**FOR:** Community Board Meeting

**FROM:** Councillor Lydia Gliddon

**DATE:** August 2025

**SUBJECT:** **BOARD REPORT – August 2025**

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### RECOMMENDATION

*'That the monthly report from the Board member be received, for information.'*

### State Highway Speeds

Letter was sent on the 7 August following support from SDC. I have had a conformation of receipt, and a verbal follow up at the Greater Christchurch Partnership. Mr Duncan has informed me that Mr Caygill will be returning to the position of Director of Regional Relationships. SDC are also sending a letter to NZTA in support.

### Finance & Performance

At the August Finance & Performance Committee meeting, staff had presented the reviewed capital project carry forwards and identified budget savings.

#### **Capital Carry Forwards – \$18.0m (down from \$27.7m previously):**

- **5 Waters – \$2.7m:** Delays from land purchases, consents, and consultation requirements. Projects have since accelerated.
- **Parks & Reserves – \$6.6m:** Youth and Central Zone due for completion August 2025. Other projects remain in design for 2025/26. Land purchase delays also a factor.
- **Transport – \$3.2m:** Reduced carry forward as seasonal work was undertaken, leading to higher spend late in the year.
- **Facilities – \$4.3m:** Some larger projects delayed due to scoping; construction now expected to start in 2025/26.
- **Resource Recovery – \$1.3m:** Plant and equipment arrived in June, with remaining funds required next financial year.
- **Provisional – \$0m:** Removed as carry forwards are now based on actuals.

#### **Capital Budget Savings – \$12.9m (approx. 8% of capital budget):**

- **5 Waters – \$5.6m:** Predominantly from Ellesmere to Pines wastewater pipeline.
- **Transport – \$4.3m:** Mainly from NLTP decisions (November 2024).
- **Facilities – \$2.9m:** BAU projects not requiring renewal.
- **Parks & Reserves – \$0.1m:** Savings from land purchases.

### Selwyn Water Limited

Selwyn District Council has now formally established **Selwyn Water Limited**, a Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO) for local water services. The appointment of directors is underway, with applications currently open until 28<sup>th</sup> August 5pm. This was a 3-week advertisement. It is proposed

that 3 directors will be selected and approved at the 17 September Council meeting. **Link to advert:** Selwyn Water Limited – Director Vacancies [View Available Roles - Brannigans](#)

### Upper Selwyn Huts

Hearings were held on 7 August at Lincoln Event Centre. Deliberations will follow on 21 August, with recommendation at the 17 September meeting. – can supply verbal update.

### Community Engagement

- **Otago Medical Students Visit.** On 28 August, Otago medical students will visit Darfield as part of their rural training programme, engaging with local health providers and community representatives. You are welcome to join me.

### System Improvements Bill

My last report included a part on 'Back to Basics'. The System Improvement Bill is out, and I note will be closed 2 days after we meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> August. Central Government has introduced the **Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill**. Key changes include:

- **Removal of the “four wellbeings”** (social, cultural, economic, environmental) from the statutory purpose of local government.
- **Revised purpose focused on:**
  - Democratic local decision-making,
  - Providing good-quality infrastructure and services,
  - Cost-effective operations,
  - Supporting local economic growth.

**Designation of “core services”** requiring increased priority in spending:

- Network infrastructure (roads, water, transport), public transport,
- Waste management, civil defence/emergency management,
- Libraries, museums, reserves, and recreational facilities

**Strengthened accountability and transparency:**

- Expanded council performance reporting and benchmarking,
- Enforceable standard codes of conduct and standing orders,
- Elected members guaranteed access to necessary council information.

**Regulatory relief provisions**, such as:

- Streamlined public notice requirements,
- Expanded second-term length for CEOs,
- Relaxed development contributions rules,
- Removal of mandatory consideration of tikanga Māori when appointing CCO directors.

These reforms will need to be carefully considered during the upcoming Long Term Plan process, particularly if a rates cap is introduced later in the year.

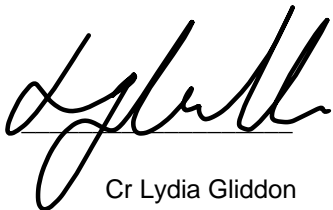
**Submission details:**

- Public submissions are currently open.
- **Deadline: 11:59 pm, Wednesday, 27 August 2025.**
- You can submit via this link [Local Government \(System Improvements\) Amendment Bill - New Zealand Parliament](#).

### Coming up

- Area Plans – Council to endorse options for consultation - *was supposed to be 20<sup>th</sup> August but not on agenda*, public engagement late 2025
- Councillor briefing 30<sup>th</sup> July 9am-4pm
- Council briefing 27<sup>th</sup> August 9am-4pm

- Councillor briefing 10<sup>th</sup> September
- Council meeting 17<sup>th</sup> September (last meeting for triennium)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lydia Gliddon', written over a horizontal line.

Cr Lydia Gliddon