



Lawrence Tuapeka News

a newsletter from Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board

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Our Place Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Plan

It was great to see residents of all ages attend the **Our Place Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Plan** workshop at Simpson Park recently. The night had a fantastic vibe with enthusiastic attendees highlighting strong support for some projects and generating ideas for others. Protecting our heritage and support of the skatepark project were two areas that received a lot of support on the night.

Council staff are now working their way through the workshop notes and other feedback they have received over the last 10 months. There was a last minute flurry of on-line responses resulting in a total of 117 surveys. We also received a number of written submissions, and about 200 other feedback items (i.e. comments during conversations at consultation events) – an excellent response from our community.

Next step will be providing a summary of the results to the community in the new year with the opportunity for further discussion and feedback – and then it will be looking in more detail at how we make these projects happen. Many thanks to those who have participated in the process to date – it will be interesting to see what comes to the top of the melting pot.



Footpaths: Work will be continuing on the Peel Street Footpath. It currently delayed due to soft spots which is the result of water leaks. The water leaks are currently being investigated and work will continue once they are resolved. Once the footpath from Colonsay Street to State Highway 8 is upgraded, the renewal work will be completed for this stage. The next stage will be in a few year's time and will include sections of Harrington Street, Whitehaven Street and Irvine Street. Footpaths upgraded in Lawrence so far is Whitehaven Street (in front of Night n Day) & Peel Street, Canna Street to Colonsay Street.

Fibre installation by Chorus

The Chorus team have been making good progress on the installation on fibre and are now on Ross Place. There will be some disturbance of the footpath to create the connections into each shop. A separate team comes in after the installers to make repairs so the street may be looking a little messy for a while until that happens.

Feedback from the Chorus team is that they have really appreciated the friendliness of the town. People have smiled and waved at the team as they work and made them feel very welcome. They have enjoyed being regulars in the gym and in the pub sharing beers with the locals.

A warm thank you message from the Chief Executive Officer of Chorus for making their team feel so welcome was sent to the Mayor and Cr Mel Foster:

"I wanted to personally reach out and thank you for your support to our local crew over the last few months. The way you reacted and mobilised the local community to help deal with the situation is an inspiration to all of us and shows what great local kiwi communities can achieve. We've shared the story with all Chorus employees in an intranet update and that page was full of great comments from our team. I hope to be able to visit in person one of these days to thank you in person."

Your Community Board

We want to ensure our area continues to be a great place to live! Residents are welcome to approach the Board with concerns or suggestions.

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Peace Gardens



General maintenance and tidying up of the Peace Gardens trees and shrubs will be happening over the next few months. The oak tree that is encroaching on the powerline is being removed by Powernet. The LTCB will replant a smaller tree in its place.

Steep Street Domain

The LTCB have begun helping the working bee team with maintenance in the Domain. So far this has resulted in the clearing of Larch trees at the top of Steep Street which should improve winter sunlight into the Irvine Street area. Other work will involve removal or tidying up damaged trees and dead branches by an arborist.

The volunteer team have approached LTCB for funding assistance towards materials for a new picnic setting beside Weatherstons Creek. The LTCB were happy to approve this and wish to offer their thanks to this hard-working team who continue to invest many hours maintaining this fantastic reserve for us all to enjoy.

Digital Speed Signs



The speed signs have now been in place for a couple of months and feedback to date is that they are making a difference in slowing down traffic.

Boarded-up shop

The Board have received advice from the owner that a builder will be on-site over the summer to commence work on the boarded-up shop.

Hospital Creek

The LTCB has agreed that consideration on the future maintenance responsibility of the Hospital Creek waterway be included in the Council 2021-31 Long Term Plan. A consultation process with residents will occur.

Helipad

The LTCB were happy to support a recent funding assistance request from the Helipad Committee towards completion of the drainage pipework at Simpson Park. Board members wish to acknowledge the many volunteer hours that have gone into this important project for the community.

Rural connectivity

We have been pursuing increased cell coverage in the Waitahuna area through Crown Infrastructure Partners and the Rural Connectivity Group. The RCG have recently confirmed they will build 8 mobile sites including one at Raes Junction. Unfortunately we have missed the cut this time but will keep trying.

Stay abreast of Community Board happenings

If you would like to know what the Community Board have been discussing or will be talking about at their next meeting, you can read the agenda/supporting papers which are at the Info Centre and Service Centre a week prior to the meeting.



Copies of Board papers from previous meetings are also available on the Council website www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Dates of the Board meetings are published in the "Claim the date" section of the *Tuapeka Times*.

Residents are welcome to come along to the Public Forum to voice their opinions/concerns on matters which impact our area.

For general maintenance items, you can place a service request through the Service Centre or via 0800 801 350, the Council's website www.cluthadc.govt.nz or via their new app Antenno.

Attention dog walkers

Please remember to pick up after your dog in public areas.

Antenno is here

Antenno is Council's smartphone app. It lets you receive notifications about core Council services direct to your phone. You can easily stay up to date with Council announcements and information.

We will send you information about things like water shutdowns, road works, rubbish/recycling collections, community events and more. You can also report a problem with one of Council's services, complete with photo and location, directly from the app.

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