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Our Place Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Plan

Work has started on progressing some of the Community Plan projects.

Whitehaven Street Playground - Council has allocated \$5K towards more fencing and up to \$40,000 as a 50% share towards playground improvements. A new community group will need to lead this project and raise the additional funds towards the completion of the project. **There will be a fundraising sausage sizzle for the Toy Library on Friday, 20th August at The Prospector from 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm.** At this event we will be gathering ideas on what you would like to see at the playground and taking a list of people who would like to be involved in this important project for the enjoyment of our kids. We want to hear ideas from all ages so bring them along and let's see what comes out of the melting pot.

Mountain bike track – a volunteer group has offered to lead this project and an initial meeting of interested parties will take place in the coming weeks.

Gabriel's Gully entrance – there are a number of possible projects around improvements in this area. One of the suggestions is riparian planting along Weatherstons Creek to beautify and lower any maintenance required. Board members met with the Otago Regional Council and the Domain volunteers recently and are looking at developing a plan.

Other project updates will be available in the coming months.



We need you! We need a new community group to help facilitate and fundraise to enable improvements, including fencing, to the Whitehaven Street Playground?



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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Zigzag Track

The Lawrence Tuapeka Community Board have taken on-board the feedback received from the community which was limited improvements and don't spend much money!

After a meeting on-site, Board members felt the best approach was:

- Remove the oak tree – this has been identified as a H&S issue. There is concern that the tree is only going to get bigger, its roots will continue to keep digging up the footpath and rail and the acorns on the ground cause accidents.
- Once the oak tree is removed, we will see what can be planted in its place and look at remedial work on the footpath.
- Repair and paint the handrail and possibly add some simple decorative elements.
- Keep it simple, colourful and easy maintenance with mass plantings such as rhododendrons and hebes.

If you have any feedback on this plan, please get in contact with one of your LTCB members by 31st August. A copy of the arborist report is available at the Service Centre. We hope to start this work in the Spring.

Bike racks

It's exciting to see the huge progress on the Clutha Gold Trail extension towards Milton. With increased bike traffic imminent, we are looking at putting some simple bike racks at the bottom of the zigzag track. We encourage business owners to also consider offering bike racks at their premises.

Peace Gardens

Look out for the new white Magnolia tree that is being planted soon to replace the Oak tree that was damaging the power lines. Also being planted on the other side of the swings are two dark wine coloured and a pale pink magnolias which will look striking in the Spring.

Community housing

The Board recognised that the community housing residents lacked a communal area to sit. After consultation with the residents, we have decided to build a picnic table. Work on this will happen in the warmer weather.

Attention dog walkers

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

Cemetery kiosk panels

We are working with Adrienne Shaw around the installation of an information kiosk in the Chinese section of the cemetery. The Board agreed that this was a great initiative and have decided to revamp the Lawrence cemetery panel at the same time. The Board will be managing both projects with an expected installation date in September.



Draft Reserve Management Plan

Council have developed a Draft Reserve Management Plan for Council reserves in the Lawrence-Tuapeka area. The draft plan describes the reserves, their purpose, and the activities that may be undertaken.

Once finalised, the plan will act as a guide for Council officers in making both day-to-day decisions, and long-term decisions about how reserves and open spaces under its control are to be used, managed, or developed.

Feedback received during the Our Place Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Plan process in 2020 has been used to develop this draft plan. An additional 2-month consultation period is required under the Reserves Act 1977. At the end of this period, a Council hearing is held to consider the submissions, and submitters can have the opportunity to speak to their submission. A final Reserve Management Plan incorporating decisions from the hearing is prepared and the finalised Reserve Management Plan is adopted. Have your say in how our reserves and parks are managed - closing date 2 September 2021. The Draft Reserve Management Plan can be accessed on the Council website.

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 at the Lawrence Information and Service Centre a week prior to the meeting. Copies of Board papers and dates of Board meetings are also available on the Council website

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