



Lawrence Tuapeka News

a newsletter from Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Board

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It's time to have your say!

This year the Lawrence Tuapeka Community Board (LTCB) is excited to be involved in the development of the **'Our Place Lawrence-Tuapeka Community Plan'**.

We will be making ourselves available along with Council members at various events throughout March. This is a fantastic opportunity to have your say in how Council can help develop our community into a more attractive and prosperous place to live and work. Please take the time to read the consultation document and complete the survey. Every opinion counts.

New LTCB Board members

We welcomed local textile designer, Lindy Chinnery on to the Board as a new member in November 2019. Lindy brings her fresh perspective as a Ross Place business owner into the mix.

We are also very pleased to welcome newly elected Tim Dickey and Suzanne Stephenson onto the Board. They both offer different skills and views to complement what we already have and we are looking forward to their valuable input.

It was fantastic to see the Tuapeka region vote so strongly in support of the Board resulting in a 54.5% voting return rate.

Boarded-up shop on Ross Place

The Board understand the town's frustration with the boarded up shop on Ross Place, and the impact that this has on the look of our town.

Legally, the Council is unable to do anything at the present time. The Board has approached the landowner to offer their help but no response has been received to date. In the meantime, we have been investigating various options to lessen the impact such as screening plants which could be transferred to another site when the issue has finally been resolved.

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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 Lindy Chinnery - 485 9095 or lindy@lindychinnery.com
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How about you?

Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka Consultation Program

Council is developing the Our Place Lawrence - Tuapeka Community Plan. This will establish how we work with groups and the community to make things happen, and make Lawrence and the Tuapeka area a more attractive place to live and work.

We will be out and about in Lawrence in February and March – gathering feedback from locals and visitors to help inform this plan. You won't miss us in our bright 'LET'S TALK' T-shirts. Come along to one of these events, to talk with the Mayor, Councillors, Council staff, or Community Board members about your ideas and suggestions for Lawrence and Tuapeka.

Date	Time	Where	Details
26 February	10am-12pm	26 on Ross	Café Conversations: come along and provide your feedback over a coffee at 26 on Ross
27 February	11am-2pm	Ross Place	Catch Mayor Cadogan and Cr. Foster for a chat as they visit premises in the Main Street
4 March	2-3pm	Lawrence Service Centre	A chance to discuss your suggestions with staff and elected representatives prior to the Community Board meeting.
7 March	9am-11pm	Lawrence Prospector Market	Drop in to talk with staff, the Mayor, local Councillors, or Community Board members
18 March	10am-12pm	Wild Walnut	Café Conversations: come along and provide your feedback over a coffee at the Wild Walnut
25 March	7-9.30pm	Simpson Park Hall	A workshop-type event, which will provide an opportunity to discuss priority projects in more detail
28 March	9am-12pm	Lawrence Prospector Market	Drop in to talk with staff, the Mayor, local Councillors, or Community Board members

Come along to one of these locations to talk with the Mayor, Councillors and staff about your ideas and suggestions for Our Place Lawrence.

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Farewell to Paul

The Board were sorry to hear of Paul Tansley's passing earlier this year. Paul was a valuable member of LTCB during its last term and a well-respected member of the community. He will be sadly missed.

Children's playground

Previously the Community Board agreed to an upgrade of the Whitehaven Street playground in the 2019/20 year. A \$25K budget has been allocated which would only allow for minor improvements.

After further discussion it has been agreed to hold off doing any work until after the Community Plan consultation in case this is an area that the community would like to put more investment into.



Hospital/Weatherstons Creek

A lot of the work that Council undertook after the Nov 2018 floods meant the town was able to bear the intense rainfall on 4th February. The creek was very high in some parts, and further work is scheduled to help ease this, in particular the culvert on Campbellton Street which will be increased in size.

The need for an on-going maintenance plan of Hospital Creek along Back Road has been stressed to Council. A weed control management plan with local contractors is planned to ensure the creek flows to its full capacity and to improve the appearance of this area. A suggestion has been received that the old stone wall that runs along the bank should be revealed and maintained and this is an idea that will be thrown into the Community Plan mix.

ORC met earlier this month with a local contractor to discuss rock repairs to erosion and remedial work along Weatherstons Creek (beside Steep Street domain).



Some sycamores that are encroaching into the creek will also be removed. It is expected that this work will be undertaken over the next month (weather permitting).

Zigzag track

LTCB members have now received costings towards ideas for possible landscape design. Initial thoughts from the Board was that the design was too grand and costly, but perhaps there could be some elements picked out of it. The design will be available at the Our Place Community Plan events to get feedback from residents on to what scale of improvement and investment the zigzag track project should be.



Picnic areas

Service requests have been lodged through Council to do some general maintenance on both the Western and Eastern entrances to town. LTCB is holding off making any further enhancements to these areas until the Community consultation takes place to get feedback from residents.

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 or www.cluthadc.govt.nz

Attention dog walkers

A reminder that dogs are not permitted in the cemetery, Clutha Gold Trail, Simpson Park or the golf course. Please remember to pick up after your dog in public areas.