



POARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

2 April 2026

Order Paper for the meeting to be held in the
Eastbourne Neighbourhood Hub, 38 Rimu Street, Eastbourne,
on:

Tuesday 14 April 2026 commencing at 7:15 pm

Membership

Bruce Spedding
Jeremy Chaston
Murray Gibbons

Ben Hainsworth
Emily Keddell
Cr Tui Lewis

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COMMUNITY BOARDS – FUNCTIONS AND DELEGATIONS

This document records the delegation of Council functions, responsibilities, duties, and powers to Community Boards.

The Community Boards have been established under section 49 of the Local Government Act 2002 to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of their community.

The delegations are expressed in general terms. The delegations shall be exercised with proper regard for the Council's strategic direction, policies, plans, Standing Orders and its interpretation of its statutory obligations. The delegations are to be read together with the following propositions.

These delegations are based on the following principles:

- Issues relevant to a specific community should be decided as closely as possible to that community. Where an issue has city-wide implications, ie any effects of the decision cross a ward or community boundary or have consequences for the city as a whole, the matter will be decided by Council after seeking a recommendation from the relevant Community Board or (any ambiguity around the interpretation of "city-wide" will be determined by the Mayor and Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Chair);
- Efficient decision-making should be paramount;
- Conflicts of interest should be avoided and risks minimised;
- To ensure processes are free from bias and pre-determination Community Boards should not adjudicate on issues on which they have advocated or wish to advocate to Council;
- Community Boards should proactively and constructively engage with residents on local matters that affect the community they represent and raise with Council issues raised with them by their community and advocate on behalf of their community.

These delegations:

- (a) do not delegate any function, duty or power which a statute (for example section 53(3) and clause 32(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002) prohibits from being delegated;
- (b) are subject to and do not affect any delegation which the Council has already made or subsequently makes to any other committee, Council officer or other member of staff;
- (c) are subject to any other statutory requirements that may apply to a particular delegation;
- (d) are subject to any notice issued by the Council, from time to time, to a Community Board that a particular issue must be referred to Council for decision;
- (e) reflect that decisions with significant financial implications should be made by Council (or a committee with delegated authority);
- (f) promote centralisation of those functions where the appropriate expertise must be ensured;
and
- (g) reflect that all statutory and legal requirements must be met.

DELEGATIONS

Decide:

- Naming new roads and alterations to street names (in the Community Board's area) within the provisions of Council's Kaupapa Here Tapanga - Naming Policy 2022-2027.
- Official naming of parks, reserves and sports grounds within the provisions of Council's Kaupapa Here Tapanga - Naming Policy 2022-2027. Note ¹
- Removal and/or planting of street trees within the provisions of Council's Operational Guide for Urban Forest Plan. Note ²
- The granting of leases and licences in terms of Council policy to voluntary organisations for Council owned properties in their local area, for example, halls, but not including the granting of leases and licences to community houses and centres.
- The granting of rights-of-way and other easements over local purpose reserves and granting of leases or licences on local purpose reserves.
- The granting of leases and licences for new activities in terms of Council policy to community and commercial organisations over recreation reserves subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and land managed as reserve subject to the provisions of the Local Government 2002, in their local area. (Note: renewal of existing leases and licences will be reported once a year to Council's City Development Committee).
- The allocation of funding from the Community Climate Action Fund in accordance with Council's adopted guidelines.
- Expenditure of funds allocated by the Council to the Board from the Miscellaneous Budget to cover expenditure associated with the activities of the Board. The Chair to approve expenditure, in consultation with the Board, and forward appropriate documentation to the Committee Advisor for authorisation. Boards must not exceed their annual expenditure from the Miscellaneous Budget.
- The allocation of funding for the training and development of Community Board or members, including formal training courses, attendance at seminars or attendance at relevant conferences.

CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ON:

- Particular issues notified from time to time by Council to the Community Board.
- Roading issues considered by the Mayor and Chief Executive to be strategic due to their significance on a city-wide basis, including links to the State Highway, or where their effects cross ward or community boundaries.

¹ This excludes sites that are considered high profile, significant on a city-wide basis due to their size and location, or where the site crosses ward or community boundaries.

² The Operational Guide for Urban Forest Plan is available from Council's Parks and Gardens Division.

- Parks, reserves and sports ground naming for sites that have a high profile, city-wide importance due to their size and location and/or cross ward or community boundaries.
- Representatives to any Council committee, subcommittee, subordinate decision-making body, working group, or ad hoc group on which a Community Board representative is required by Council.
- The setting, amending or revoking of speed limits in accordance with the *Hutt City Council Bylaw 2005 Speed Limits*, including the hearing of any submissions.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Provide their local community's input on:

- Council's Long Term Plan and/or Annual Plan.
- Council's policies, programmes (including the District Roding Programme) and bylaws.
- Changes or variations to the District Plan.
- Resource management issues which it believes are relevant to its local community, through advocacy.
- The disposal or acquisition of significant assets.
- Road safety including road safety education within its area.
- Any other issues a Board believes is relevant to its local area.
- Review Local Community Plans as required.

Reports may be prepared by the Board and presented to Council Committees, along with an officer's recommendation, for consideration.

Any submissions lodged by a Board or Committee require formal endorsement by way of resolution.

Co-ordinate with Council staff:

- Local community consultation on city-wide issues on which the Council has called for consultation.

Maintain:

- An overview of roadworks, water supply, sewerage, stormwater drainage, waste management and traffic management for its local area.
- An overview of parks, recreational facilities and community activities within its local area.

Develop:

- Community Response Plans in close consultation with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, emergency organisations, the community, residents' associations, other community groups, and local businesses. The Community Response Plans will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Grant:

- Local community awards.

Promote:

- Recreational facilities and opportunities in its area with a view to ensure maximum usage.
- Arts and crafts in its area.

Appoint:

- A liaison member or, where appropriate, representatives to ad hoc bodies, which are involved in community activities within the Board's area, on which a community representative is sought.

Endorse:

- Amendments to the Eastbourne Community Trust Deed (Eastbourne Community Board only).

EASTBOURNE

A STATEMENT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES

The Eastbourne Community Board, representing the people of Eastbourne;

Recognises that we are part of a community living in a unique environment,

Believes that we have been entrusted with the care of an environment which is a major asset of the Wellington region,

Desires to conserve and enhance this asset for the enjoyment of future generations of residents and visitors, and therefore;

Acknowledges and promotes the key characteristics of Eastbourne and the Bays as:

1. A community situated on the coast of Wellington harbour, bounded by the sea on the one side and on the other by bush-clad hills;
2. A community comprising a string of smaller communities, with residential areas of low-rise, low-density housing, interspersed with many trees;
3. A community in which the citizens care and respect each other's differences and right to quiet enjoyment of their surroundings;
4. A community where industry and commerce have developed without detriment to the natural environment;
5. A community where the arts are valued and where participation in theatre, painting, pottery, music, gardening and sports is actively fostered and encouraged ;
6. A community concerned for the welfare of the young and the old where the elderly may retire in dignity, where families have access to facilities to raise their children in an environment which promotes safety and well-being;
7. A community which values and encourages preservation of its heritage and history.

Further:

It is our stated intent that the recognition of these principles and acceptance of the key characteristics will underlie the activities which we as a community and board undertake, and that they will provide the criteria against which, and within which, any district plans, strategic plans or developmental or organisational initiatives may be assessed.

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

POARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI | EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting to be held in the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Hub, 38 Rimu Street, Eastbourne

on

Tuesday 14 April 2026 commencing at 7:15 pm.

ORDER PAPER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA KAUNIHERA

Tuia te mana akiaki	<i>Sow the seeds of courage</i>
Rarangahia te mana	<i>Weave the power of unity</i>
rangatira	<i>To grow and prosper</i>
Kia tipu, kia puāwai	<i>There are ripples in</i>
E ripo ngā wai	<i>Te Awa Kairangi</i>
O Te Awa Kairangi	<i>There are Kaitiaki on the land</i>
He Kaitiaki ki te whenua	<i>Protected environment</i>
He oranga taiao	<i>Thriving people</i>
He oranga tangata	

Connected, united, affirmed!

Haumi e, hui e Taiki e!

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies have been received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Generally, up to 30 minutes is set aside for public comment (three minutes per speaker). Speakers may be asked questions on the matters they raise.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation by Park Ranger from Greater Wellington Regional Council

A verbal update by Robert Ashe, East Harbour Regional Park Ranger.

b) Local Councillors from Greater Wellington Regional Council

A verbal update by Crs Quentin Duthie and Nigel Elder.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

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With reference to section 32 of Standing Orders, before putting a question, a member shall endeavour to obtain the information. Questions shall be concise and in writing and handed to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.
11. **CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**
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| Unuhia! | <i>Release us from the supreme sacredness of our</i> |
| Unuhia! | <i>tasks</i> |
| Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui | <i>To be clear and free</i> |
| Kia wātea, kia māmā | <i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing</i> |
| Te ngākau, te tinana, te | <i>journey</i> |
| wairua i te ara takatū | <i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i> |
| Koia rā e Rongo | <i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i> |
| whakairihia ake ki runga | <i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i> |
| Kia wātea, kia wātea! | <i>Good and peaceful</i> |
| Ae rā, kua wātea! | |
| Hau, pai mārire. | |

Jenny Young
DEMOCRACY ADVISOR

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

POARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI | EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Hub, 38 Rimu Street,
Eastbourne, on

Tuesday 24 February 2026 commencing at 7.15pm

(The meeting, originally scheduled for 17 February 2026, was deferred to
24 February 2026)

PRESENT: B Spedding (Chair) B Hainsworth
J Chaston E Keddell
Cr T Lewis

APOLOGIES: M Gibbons

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr K Yung (part meeting)
J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development (part meeting)
R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy (part meeting)
D Kennedy, Project Manager, Transport (part meeting)
J Randall, minute taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS

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13. APOLOGIES

An apology from M Gibbons was noted.

Under Standing Order 16.1, the Chair allowed residents to comment on items not appearing on the agenda.

Adrian Moonen spoke in opposition to fire siren testing in Eastbourne, citing concerns about the high decibel levels and the potential risk to the hearing of children attending

a nearby school. He considered the testing undertaken by Council Environmental officers inadequate and recommended engaging an independent acoustic expert to conduct measurements and provide advice. He further suggested relocating the siren to the centre of the recreation ground, further from the school. He also expressed the view that, given the availability of modern emergency alert technology, traditional fire sirens were no longer necessary.

In response to questions from members, Mr Moonen confirmed that neither the school nor the Ministry of Education supported his proposal to remove the siren. He also noted that the Eastbourne Herald had not responded to his correspondence on the matter.

The Chair agreed that the Board would follow up on Mr Moonen's concerns.

Susan Ewart, representing the **York Bay Residents' Association**, spoke about several water outages affecting York Bay over the past 12 months. She advised that during a significant outage in January 2025, no water tanker was provided, and no information was available on the Wellington Water Limited website. Susan Ewart also noted that Council had advised in 2024 that no pipes in York Bay were scheduled for renewal under its Long Term Plan.

Susan Ewart asked that the Board follow up with Council regarding its priorities and funding for pipe renewals in the Eastern Bays. She further advised that Metlink had agreed to undertake a lighting assessment for the York Bay bus stop and asked that the Board follow up on the outcome of that assessment.

Susan Ewart acknowledged Murray Gibbons for his longstanding efforts in restoring the historic jail and recognised his dedication to the project over many years.

Heather McLean noted that a recent storm had damaged the fence along the beachfront between Rata Street and Rona Bay Wharf, including broken wooden palings and dislodged concrete blocks at its base. She asked when repairs would be undertaken and emphasised the fence's importance in preventing sand from spreading onto the road. She asked that the fence be repaired using palings of the same height. She also noted the spread of agapanthus across the dunes, advising that it was classified as a weed in Auckland and was toxic to cats and dogs, and asked that its spread be controlled.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

In accordance with Standing Order 10.4, the Chair accorded precedence to Items 4b and 4d. The items are listed in the order they appear on the order paper.

15. PRESENTATIONS

c) Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)

Cr Nigel Elder (GWRC) provided an update, noting that GWRC was exploring the possibility of amalgamation and considering establishing a working group to investigate it further. He advised that the GWRC Transport Committee had met the previous week and agreed to a small increase in public transport fares. He also noted that the GWRC Environment Committee would be meeting later that week to decide how to manage the recently acquired Gollan's Valley farm. He further advised that GWRC was developing its Long Term Plan and Annual Plan for 2026-2027, and that Councillors were considering reducing environmental budget spending to limit the rates increase.

d) Council Strategy and Planning Update

The Head of Strategy and Policy provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Strategy and Policy presentation](#).

e) Z Fuel Pipeline Project Update

Brent Cooper, a representative of the Z Energy Pipeline Project, provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Seaview Energy Resilience Project presentation](#).

f) Tupua Horo Nuku update

The Transport Project Manager provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Tupua Horo Nuku presentation](#).

16. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest declarations.

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (B Spedding/J Chaston)

Minute No. ECB 26101

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 2 December 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

18. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Report No. ECB2026/1/4

RESOLVED: (B Spedding/ E Keddell)

Minute No. ECB 26102

"That the report be received and noted."

19. **DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Report No. ECB2026/1/5 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Spedding/ Cr Lewis)

Minute No. ECB 26103

"That the Board notes and receives the report."

20. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

a) **Report back from representatives for local organisations**

Report No. ECB2026/1/6 by the Democracy Advisor

a) **Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust (The Trust)**

The Chair reported that the Trust had funded the purchase of a drone for the 'New Zealand Response A Team - Urban Search and Rescue' (the Team) in Lower Hutt. He noted that the Team planned to hold a public demonstration of the drone in the near future.

b) **MIRO**

Jeremy Chaston reported that MIRO continued to receive strong support from local volunteers assisting with trapping. He noted that if GWRC reduced its environmental budget, community involvement would become increasingly important.

c) **Eastern Bays Climate Response Network**

The Chair reported that the Eastern Bays Climate Response Network had focused on the 'Electrify the Hutt' Expo held in October 2025. He added that the 'Electrify the Hutt' group had also held a display at the recent Petone Rotary Fair.

d) **Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust**

Emily Keddell reported that she had met with a representative of Council's Connected Communities team to discuss opportunities to connect the Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust with the Lower Hutt Youth Council.

e) Eastern Bays Residents' Associations

Ben Hainsworth reported that the Lowry Bay community came together during the recent storm, including holding a community barbecue to support residents during the power outages. He noted that residents were interested in discussing lessons learned from the event and sharing these with other communities. He also advised that he would attend the next Lowry Bay Residents' Association meeting.

f) Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

The Chair reported that he was unable to access the emergency radio during the recent storm, as the library doors were locked due to the power outage. He advised that he was exploring alternative options for storing emergency supplies.

The Chair also noted that he was working with Massey University to develop a mesh radio network that would not rely on existing infrastructure and could provide greater resilience during disasters. In addition, he had connected with the Red Cross to seek additional support for the Eastbourne branch.

21. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

22. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks</i>
Unuhia!	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
ara takatū	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
runga	
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

B Spedding
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 14th day of April 2026

Chairs Report April 2026

Tupua Horo Nuku Blessing and Opening

You'll possibly be aware that the Resilience Seawall and Shared Path project is nearing completion and will be formally blessed and opened on 18 April. Hutt City are planning a day and will be inviting everyone and all groups to get involved. The formalities will begin at 6am at the Hikoikoi Reserve and then move to Williams Park in Days Bay for the remainder of the day. If you are interested in being involved, either as a cyclist or as a group/business then stay informed hutt.city/tupuahoronuku. ECB will share information when it comes to hand, and provide support where we can.

February Storm and learnings

The wind and rainfall event in February was yet another wake-up call for us all. The new seawall seems to have done its job. We had no road closures along the coast, some areas had trees down and there were power cuts, for several days for some residents. Now is the time to review how we managed and maybe be better prepared than we thought we were. Watch out for more information in this space.

We postponed our Community Board Meeting on the expectation that the storm could make the library unavailable, and that HCC staff would have their hands full dealing with the consequences, even if the storm had passed. Our apologies to anyone who did turn up, or were unaware that the meeting went ahead a week later. We use our website, electronic noticeboard, Facebook and our email to 450+ subscribers to try and inform residents, especially in situations like this. Information on how you can be updated is included at the end of this report.

I was invited to join a Lowry Bay Civil Defence Committee meeting recently. Discussions were largely around the local response to the recent storm, and the group were particularly pleased with the use made of their hand-held radios to keep in touch and informed about their residents' situations. They instituted a pre-arranged radio schedule which worked well. The other highlight was the use of generators to keep the community "powered up", and it was apparent that we can all learn from their successes. Ben Hainsworth is our primary board member to contact for Bays/ Residents Association matters.

Seaview Marina path upgrades

We have been contributing to a review of cycling access through the Seaview Marina to help make Tupua Horo Nuku more accessible and integrated with the Great Harbour Way / Te Aranui o Pōneke

Seaview Wharf Resilience Project

Those who walk or cycle (in particular) may have noticed the work going on at the wharf with the laying of the new pipework to service the tankers. It was decided that laying the pipe along the sea floor was more resilient than suspending it from the existing wharf. Each night 2 sections of pipe were brought in, attached to the end of the pipe being laid, and then pushed out alongside the wharf. This work has been completed on time and the temporary path around the work removed. We are in contact with the project team, and will be discussing the options for the area when the project is complete, being aware of the issues raised about parking and access.

Petone Fair - NZRT18 / Electrify the Hutt

The Petone Fair was it's usual "larger than life" affair, I managed to spend most of the day there assisting the **NZ Response Team 18** (recently gifted a surveillance drone by the **Eastbourne Bays Community Trust**, and which will have significant value to us). Although they are the Urban Search and Rescue arm of Hutt City they are a volunteer group relying on donations to fund the specialised equipment they need to be effective, so if you'd like to be involved, or donate, please get in touch. I also helped out with **Electrify the Hutt** who recently ran an Expo, and were behind the local "**Watts Inside**" Eastbourne and Bays Solar and Electric Home Tour, another group to engage with if you feel inclined.

Red Cross

I travelled with a local Red Cross member to the Karori Fair where Red Cross were well represented. As an essential service in emergencies we are looking at ways to support and help Red Cross grow in Eastbourne/ Bays - so if you are interested, please get in touch.

Petone Community Association

We had a great meeting with members of the newly formed Petone Community Association (created following the loss of the Petone Community Board). They are particularly focussed on the several issues they currently face, including their wharf, the Petone-Grenada road, and issues around their library, pool and grand-stand. Our discussions centred around emergency management and community communications. There is much we can learn from each other.

Emergency Management Institute

I was fortunate to attend this week-long course run by Massey University Joint Centre for Disaster Research (JCDR). The course included Emergency Planning and Coordination, Mana Whenua and Māori Community Roles in Disasters, Warning Systems for Hazard Events, Wellbeing and Resilience in Disasters, and Hazard Landscapes and Mitigation Strategies (included visits to the National Geohazards Monitoring Centre (NGMC) and the National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC, aka the "Beehive Bunker").

Normandale Community Hub practice and our Radio network

I attended the elected members Community Hub practice at Normandale which I highly recommend - we had one at Wellesley a while ago, and hope to stage one in Eastbourne sometime soon. The one aspect of this which really benefits from practice is radio operation, and Eastbourne / Bays is lucky that we have a long standing radio network operated by volunteers in most of the bays. This CD network technology is old and relies on a repeater site in Maungaraki. New Zealand emergency organisations are moving to newer digital technologies so eventually our network will no longer be viable. To this end we are looking at replacement options for community communications. One option being explored is Meshtastic.

Meshtastic / CRISiSLab

Meshtastic is a low power radio network technology that requires no other infrastructure (i.e. no power, internet, mobile or satellite), it just relies on small low power devices passing messages around within a group. It's like a room full of people in a room sharing a message with their neighbours, passing it on until everyone has received it. Eastbourne is joining a research project (with CRISiSLab, part of JCDR mentioned earlier) to investigate the effectiveness and

opportunities that this technologies offers. It's open to anyone interested, so get in touch or search our website for details. We'll post more information soon.

crisislab.org.nz/wellingtoncommunitymeshnetwork

Youth Group

The Eastbourne Youth Group is not getting the numbers to remain sustainable, and we are exploring options with them to try and keep options open. Hopefully we may have more on this in the near future. Contact Emily Keddell if you have any thoughts on this issue.

Mayors Meeting

The Chairs of both Eastbourne and Wainuiomata had our 3 monthly meeting with the Mayor recently. Discussions were mainly around community impacts and response to the recent storms, and effective community communications

Te Ara Tupua walkabout

I was fortunate to be part of a group that walked part of Te Ara Tupua recently. Like our own pathway this project seems to be accelerating towards conclusion, and there's some great story telling associated with it, with several ūranga (rest areas) along the way. When this project and our own Tupua Horo Nuku are completed, and joined by the improvements along the Petone foreshore, I'm sure this will become one of the iconic features (and must-does) of Wellington/ Te Whanganui a Tara.

Pump Track / Cycle Skills area Burdan's Gate

Some concept drawings have been created for the development of a cycle skills area south of the Wahine Memorial - contact Jeremy Chaston if you have ideas or would like to be involved. We are interested in ideas for the rest of this area also.

The saga of the Eastbourne Police Cell Museum

For those that know, we were urgently looking for a new home for the old jail - with a deadline of 3 April, after which it was destined for the dump. The history of the jail is long and interesting, and the history of Murray Gibbon's efforts to keep the jail in Eastbourne as a historic feature is equally epic. Supported by many in the community, and accompanied by many setbacks including having the doors stolen - Murray has finally concluded that his vision in it's current form will not be realised - but he now has plans to preserve the spirit if not the structure of the jail for posterity. The jail was last seen on a truck heading north, hopefully to return for private use at some stage. At least it avoided demolition. In the meantime Murray has plans for an alternative display at Rona Wharf - watch this space.

Consultations

Review of the Public Places and Trading in Public Places Bylaws

Council is proposing to consolidate its Public Places Bylaw and Trading in Public Places Bylaw into one bylaw to manage public places. Although the Trading in Public Places Bylaw is not due for review until 2028, consolidation provides an opportunity to improve clarity, reduce duplication, and simplify future bylaw reviews. Other proposed changes focus on

clarifying standards, updating definitions and amending outdated rules. All proposed amendments are set out in the draft version of the proposed Bylaw contained in the Statement of Proposal. Residents can provide their feedback in multiple ways:

- Make an online submission using the survey;
- Email a submission to policy@huttcity.govt.nz with “Public Places Bylaw” in the email subject line; or
- Print and drop off a submission at the front counter at our offices at 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt.

Draft Annual Plan Consultation (31 March - 1 May)

During April the council will be engaging in consultation on the draft Annual Plan 2025-26. Details on this will be made available, probably by the time you read this. You can always check on what is being consulted on at hutt.city/haveyoursay

Tiaki Wai’s draft Water Services Strategy

Currently seeking feedback on their draft Water Services Strategy, Customer Charter, and Significance and Engagement Policy. This went out for public feedback on 25 March, closes 22 April 2026. Go to haveyoursay.tiakiwai.co.nz for information and to provide feedback.

Your City Councillors

Ward Councillor Tui Lewis and City Wide Councillor Kaz Jung had a drop-in session in the village recently. One topic raised was the Art Trail (17/18 October) - this is a while away, but given our creative community and the opening of Tupua Horo Nuku we raised the possibility of the various studios throughout the Bays becoming part of a permanent art trail as a feature of the pathway - something for the arts community to consider?

Walkabout

The community board normally has a walkabout (Saturday morning) to meet residents from the bays and discuss issues and ideas they may have. We plan to have this later in the year after the pathway has been opened and a little “settling in” period, but also to work around school holidays etc. A date will be announced well in advance (pencil in morning 23 May, tbc).

Community Survey

A little more than 10 years ago the ECB held a comprehensive community survey to determine the community priorities. The completion of the Eastern Bays shared walk/cycle way was clearly the most important issue with concern about climate change and extreme weather events next. Safety in the community, clean seas for swimming and quality public transport were also highly ranked. With the imminent completion of the path we feel it’s an appropriate time to survey the community again. This will happen later in the year, but in the mean time we are keen to hear what general issues you would like to see in the survey. Let us know, the Walkaround could be a good opportunity.

Removal of parking spaces

We received an enquiry a while ago about the process around getting a parking space removed. Unfortunately I cannot find the original enquiry but here is the answer we received from the council:

*For the removal of a parking space, a **Request for Action** form will be issued to seek feedback from nearby affected residents. Depending on the level of support received, the request will then be progressed for removal.*

Stay up to date with the city, the community board, and the community.

To keep up with what is going on you can join the **Eastbourne Community Notice Board** on Facebook - we post most things there.

We also post news and events on the community website Eastbourne.nz

The electronic noticeboard is also available in the library window if you're not online.

We also send an occasional email updates - you can subscribe to that (over 450 residents have) at Eastbourne.nz/newsletter. Contact details for all ECB members are available on the website, notice board and also in the **Eastbourne Herald**.

Bruce Spedding

Chair - Eastbourne Community Board

27 March 2026

Report no: ECB2026/2/10

Democracy Advisor's Report

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of the report is to update the Board on items of interest and determine a budget for ANZAC Day event expenses.

Recommendations

That the Board:

- (1) notes and receives the report; and
- (2) approves up to \$200 from its operational budget for a wreath for the Eastbourne ANZAC Day event on 25 April 2026.

Update from the previous meeting held on 24 February 2026

Public comment

2. During the meeting on 24 February 2026, the Chair agreed that the Board would consider following up on the high-decibel-level fire siren testing in Eastbourne.

Annual Plan Engagement

3. Engagement on the Annual Plan will be undertaken between 30 March 2026 and 1 May 2026. No formal consultation is required; this will be a light-touch engagement process focused on understanding community views and maintaining transparency around Council's financial direction.
4. The objectives of this engagement are to test community sentiment on Council's current direction, strengthen relationships with the community ahead of the next Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation, and gather early insights into community expectations to help inform future decision-making and engagement.

5. Engagement will be led by elected members, supported by existing community networks and channels. This will include informal conversations at community events and meetings, social media engagement (including polls), and attendance at local gatherings or drop-in sessions.
6. Community Boards will play a supporting role by sharing key messages through their meetings and networks and encouraging community feedback and discussion.
7. A toolkit will be provided to support engagement activities, including key messages and supporting materials. Feedback gathered through engagement will be captured and analysed to understand community sentiment, inform Council decision-making, and help shape engagement for the next LTP 2027–2037.

Three Waters Update

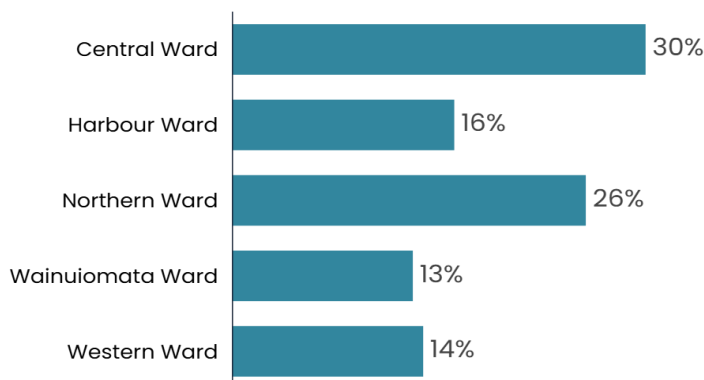
8. All partner Councils are continuing to work on the establishment of Tiaki Wai Limited (Tiaki Wai), including the transfer of all assets and responsibilities. Tiaki Wai will become our Water Services Provider when it replaces Wellington Water Limited on 1 July 2026, taking over the delivery of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services across the metropolitan Wellington area.
9. It is jointly owned by five councils - Hutt City, Porirua City, Upper Hutt City, Wellington City and Greater Wellington Regional Council. The mana whenua partners are Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika. It will be accountable to a Partners' Committee of representatives from each council and mana whenua.
10. Tiaki Wai's draft Water Services Strategy went out for public feedback on 25 March 2026. This is the investment programme for Tiaki Wai and the budget for its first year of operation, and is based on Council's Long-Term Plan, which also contains details on pricing. A further plan will be developed in 2027 for future years.
11. The Board can submit their feedback on the draft Water Services Strategy as part of the public consultation process here: haveyoursay.tiakiwai.co.nz
12. The public can find information, read and engage on the draft strategy and other documents at haveyoursay.tiakiwai.co.nz. An 'At a glance' summary will be available on the website alongside the full documents.
13. A leak from the main outfall pipe from the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant was identified in February 2026. The repair to the seal failure on the main outfall pipe at Windy Point was completed on Friday, 13 March 2026. Discharge of treated wastewater into the Waiwhetū Stream, because of the fault, ceased on 17 March 2026, and the pipe is now fully operational.

Public Places and Trading in Public Places Bylaw

- 14. At its meeting on 24 March 2026, Council approved the draft Statement of Proposal (SoP) for the review of the Public Places Bylaw and Trading in Public Places Bylaw and agreed to undertake formal public consultation.
- 15. The SoP includes amalgamating the two bylaws into a single bylaw to improve accessibility for customers and reduce regulatory overlap. The review also proposes minor updates to improve clarity, update regulatory references and remove provisions relating to temporary living that are no longer enforceable under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
- 16. Public consultation on the proposal opened on 25 March 2026. You can submit your feedback here: <https://haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz/>

The 2026 Resident Satisfaction Survey (RSS)

- 17. The 2026 Resident Satisfaction Survey (RSS) ran from 31 January 2026 to 6 March 2026 and invited residents to provide feedback on their experience of living in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt. The survey gathered residents’ views on a range of Council services and facilities, including roads, parks, pools, libraries and kerbside services. Feedback gathered through the survey helps Council understand how residents feel about the services and facilities provided and helps inform ongoing work and future planning.
- 18. Preliminary analysis of the 2026 Resident Satisfaction Survey (RSS) indicates some variation in participation by ward. In Harbour Ward, participation was 16% of the total respondents. These figures are based on respondents’ self-reported locations within Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt and may change as data validation is completed.
- 19. The breakdown this year reflects the new ward boundaries established during the Representation Review. This shift means that Pencarrow has moved to the Harbour ward, so a number of respondents previously counted under Pencarrow (Wainuiomata) are now included in the Harbour ward figures. As a result, the distribution of participants looks a bit different compared to previous years.



Roaming Dog Patrols Trial

20. Animal Services is undertaking a trial of proactive, after-hours patrols to improve community safety and respond more effectively to issues associated with roaming dogs. The trial combines Animal Control Officer intelligence with artificial intelligence analysis of complaint data to identify areas where roaming dogs are more likely to pose a risk to residents and public spaces.
21. By targeting patrols in and around these hotspot locations, officers are better positioned to intervene early, locate roaming dogs, and reduce the likelihood of harm or ongoing nuisance. The additional patrols operate during weekday evenings and daytime hours on weekends, strengthening Council's ability to respond at times when roaming incidents are more likely to occur, alongside existing proactive patrols in areas with historically high complaint levels.
22. Public reporting of roaming dog incidents remains critical to the success of the trial, as timely and accurate information helps ensure patrols are directed to the areas of greatest need and maximises the effectiveness of Council's response.
23. To report roaming dogs, call Council's Animal Services on **04 570 6666**, which operates 24/7. Issues relating to other animals (eg a cat, a rabbit or even a bird) should be directed to the SPCA on **04 389 8044**, while situations posing immediate danger to the public should be reported to the Police. Phoning will provide the fastest response. Providing clear details such as the animal's location, description, and behaviour helps officers respond quickly and effectively.

Board Walkaround

24. In previous years, the Board has organised tours of various Board areas. The Board is now being asked to consider holding a walkaround tour, with a date decided at the next Board meeting on 16 June 2026.

Events

25. **25 April 2026:** The Eastbourne Memorial Returned Services Association (RSA) will hold an ANZAC Day service and parade. The Board has been asked to consider sending a wreath to the event as it has in previous years. Information on other services can be found here: [ANZAC Day Services](#)
Eastbourne Service: Parade assembles at Ballinger Park, Oroua Street, at 9.40am. Service held at the Memorial Gates, Muritai Road.

17 May 2026: [Sustainable Fashion Market](#) from 10.00am – 2.00pm at the Lower Hutt Event Centre. My Walk in Wardrobe brings you preloved, upcycled, vintage, handmade and locally made clothing, shoes, jewellery and accessories for all genders and sizes. Gold coin entry.

22 May 2026: [Symphony in the Hutt](#) from 7.00pm at Walter Nash Centre, Taita.

2025/2026 Miscellaneous Administration and Training Budgets

26. The following is the Board's expenditure as of March 2026.

	Miscellaneous Administration	Training
Budget	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Expenditure to date	\$3,029.64	\$1,500
BALANCE	<u>\$1,970.36</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>

27. The detailed expenditure is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Appendices

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1	Eastbourne Expenditure July 2025 to April 2026	23

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Eastbourne Community Board Expenditure 2025/2026 - Operating Budget															
Item	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total per item	Balance	
Opening Balance														\$ 5,000.00	
Advertising	\$ 970.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00					\$ 2,699.00		
Venue hire			\$ 80.00				\$ 80.00						\$ 160.00		
Youth Forum		\$ 110.64											\$ 110.64		
Other			\$ 60.00										\$ 60.00		
Total Expenditure														\$ 3,029.64	
Closing Balance														\$ 1,970.36	

Eastbourne Community Board Expenditure 2025/2026 - Training Budget															
Item	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total per item	Balance	
Opening Balance														\$ 3,000.00	
Bruce Spedding Massey Emergency Management Course								\$1,500					\$ 1,500.00		
Closing Balance														\$ 1,500.00	

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Report back from representatives for local organisations

a) **Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust**

Verbal update from M Gibbons

b) **MIRO**

Verbal update from J Chaston

c) **Eastern Bays Climate Response Network**

Verbal update from the Chair

d) **Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust**

Verbal update from E Keddell

e) **Eastern Bays Residents' Associations**

Verbal update from B Hainsworth

f) **Wellington Region Emergency Management Office**

Verbal update from the Chair