



## **Saddle Hill Community Board 9 year plan 2025-34 Submission**

Kia ora Mr Mayor, Councillors, CEO and staff

The Saddle Hill Community Board would like to thank and acknowledge staff and elected members for the work completed over the past 12 months on behalf of all the ratepayers. We are especially grateful for the support and work undertaken following the 2024 flood event in both Waldronville and Ocean View.

We would like to share our top priorities with you for inclusion in the 9 year plan 2025-34.

### **Shared Pathway – Waldronville – Ocean View**

The Board has advocated for a shared pathway between Waldronville and Ocean View for many years and would like to see the inclusion of this in the 9 year plan. We would like a safety review of the stretch of road between Waldronville and Brighton to be undertaken with a view of a shared pathway on the shoulder being developed.

Saddle Hill Community Board (SHCB) would like to work with the DCC to include a shared pathway between Waldronville and Ocean View in the strategic pedestrian and cycleway network plan to be considered in the 9 year plan 2025-34.

### **Southern Coast Erosion Plan**

The Board would like an erosion plan to address the significant erosion of the Southern Coast including the Brighton Domain. We understand that the DCC Coastal Specialist priorities are the St Clair/St Kilda Coastal Plan and a district wide hazard assessment. Once completed the District Wide Hazard Assessment would inform future priorities. SHCB has serious concerns about the effects of coastal erosion on the transportation network, particularly on Taieri Mouth Road and the recreational assets of the Council.

The Board and community have extreme concerns about the significant erosion around the outside of the Brighton Domain and request a safety assessment be undertaken and a plan to stabilise the area be actioned.

The SHCB has been asking for this work now for 25 years at each annual and longer-term planning opportunities.

### **Rural Roads and Vegetation cut back maintenance**

The Saddle Hill Community Board will continue to advocate for a high level of regular and planned maintenance on our communities' gravel roads. We would like to see the seal extension programme reinstated and advocate for the reintroduction of the rural roads sealing programme with McMaster Road as the first priority.

The Scenic Coastal Highway between Brighton and Taieri Mouth has significant traffic use by tourists and locals. SHCB has concerns for the road safety due to the state of vegetation growth along the road and the access to the laybys on this road which are widely used. At night road safety markers are not able to be seen due to the overgrowth of vegetation.

The Board would like the vegetation to be cut back and maintained to ensure safe travel and roadside parking access and exit from the laybys.

## **Playgrounds - Parks and Reserves**

The Board would like to see playgrounds continue to be upgraded and would appreciate the installation of water fountains and sunshades to be considered in any improvements.

## **Public Toilets:**

We acknowledge the draft plan's decision to exclude a new public toilet at the Kaikorai Estuary moving forward. We find this exclusion very disappointing and request its reinstatement. This area holds significant recreational importance for the local community, as well as the wider community including dog walkers, horse riders, walkers, runners, and those who use the stunning Southern Scenic Route. Additionally, this site is increasingly used by Freedom Campers.

The SHCB also requests the inclusion of an additional public toilet at the Brighton Domain. This area is of immense recreational value to locals and visitors, including sports enthusiasts and the 10,000 to 12,000 people who attend the Brighton Gala Day annually. It also hosts 20 to 25 freedom camping vehicles (approx. 50 people) each night. We are aware that DCC currently spends a significant amount each summer on two portaloos, yet there is still a queue each morning as campers line up to use a proper toilet. We request that this addition be included in the immediate new toilet program. This would not require a massive project as it involves adding just one additional cubicle to the existing toilet block.

## **Sunnyvale Community Complex**

The Saddle Hill Community supports the submission from the Sunnyvale Community Centre for continued funding to enable the improvements needed to the centre.

The Sunnyvale Community Complex is widely used by the community for sporting events, mainly football in winter and cricket in summer, squash and gym use. There are serious maintenance issues for the building which are essential to be completed for the ongoing safe use of the community centre for residents from all over Dunedin.

## **Smooth Hill**

The SHCB continues to advocate on behalf of the community that the construction of a Rubbish Dump in our community is not supported. We support the investigation of alternatives waste disposal in the various alternatives already offered by our community rather than the unnecessary spending of 92 million dollars.

The SHCB will continue to support the community through the Community Liason Group and advocate on their behalf - upfront communication every step in the process is a must.

Regards

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