



SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD COMMUNITY PLAN

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Community Board Community Plan summarises the needs and priorities of the communities within the Saddle Hill Community Board area for the 2023/2024 financial year, and the Dunedin City Council's (DCC) 2021-31 10 year plan. Its primary objective is to signal to the DCC those priorities for our community, with the ultimate goal that they are programmed into the DCC's 10 year plan and funded by the DCC. These priorities are shown in section 3 of this plan.

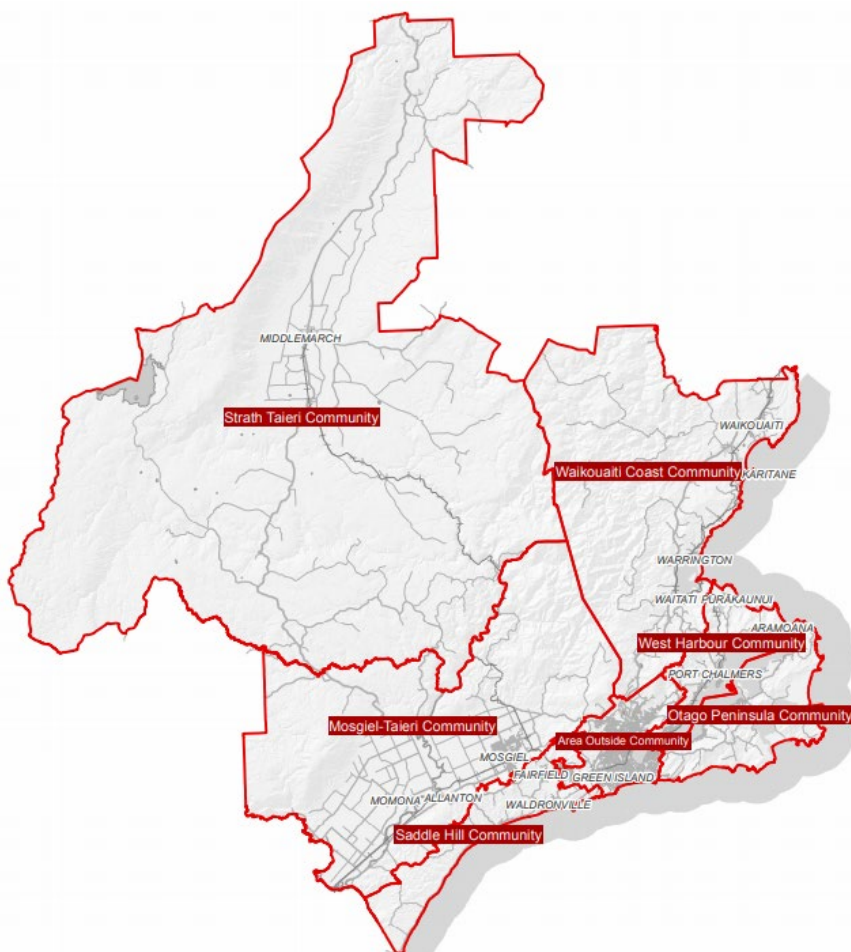
This Plan also includes activities that we, the Community Board, plan to undertake. Our most important role is to be an advocate for our community, but we also proactively support our community in other ways, and these are set out in section 4 of this plan.

This Plan is subject to change and revision as needs arise and priorities alter.

2 KEY INFORMATION

2.1 BACKGROUND

The City of Dunedin has six Community Boards within its boundary, as shown in the map below.



Each Community Board has six elected members, and one councillor representative. The Community Board members are elected every three years as part of the local body elections. Community Boards must comply with the same rules and regulations as council, such as the Local Government Act.

The primary role of a Community Board is one of advocacy for its community. Each Community Board makes representations to the DCC on the priorities those boards have identified for their community area, that they would like to see included and funded in the council's annual plans and 10 year plans.

Each Community Board holds public meetings every two months, and these meetings are advertised on the DCC website and in the Otago Daily Times. The meeting schedule for the 2023 calendar year is provided in Section 6 of this plan. The agenda's and minutes from those meetings are also available on the DCC website at <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-meetings/agendas-and-minutes>

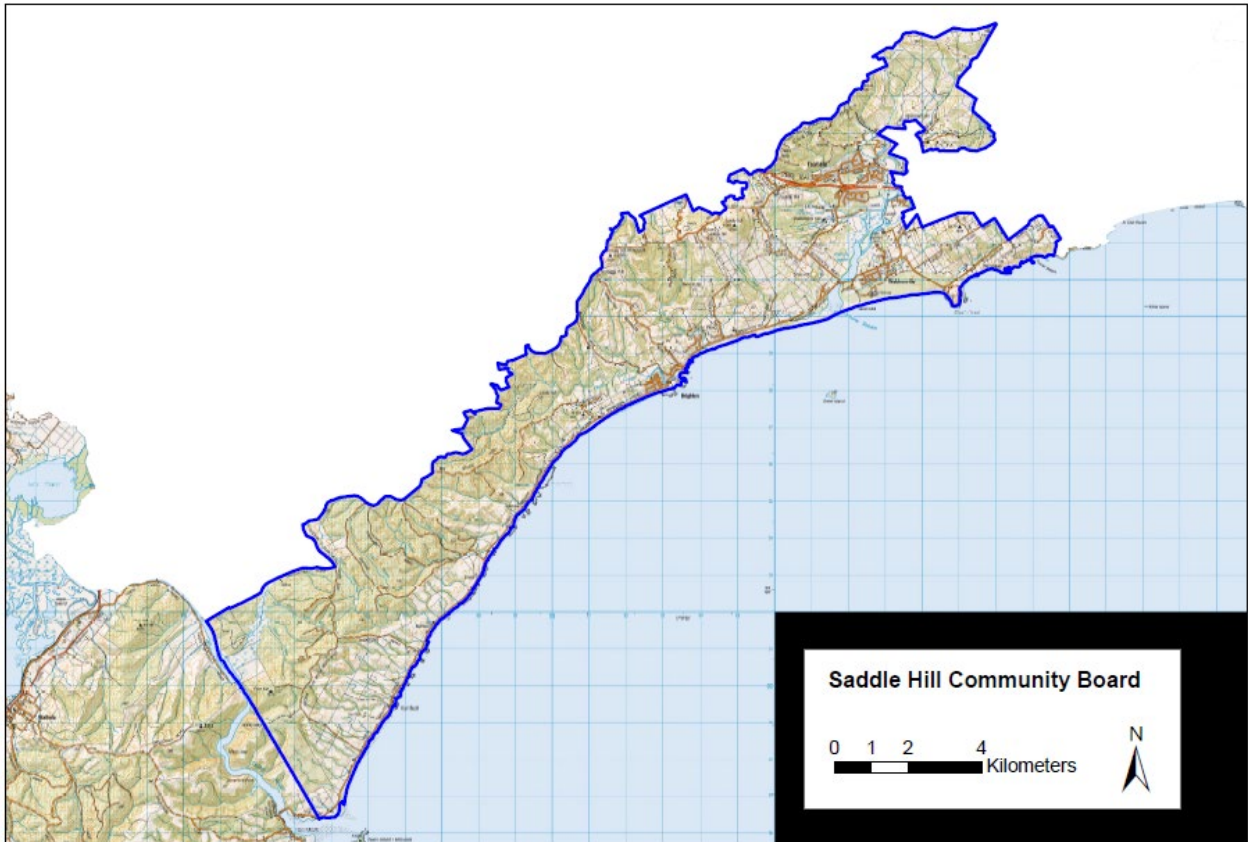
At the start of each meeting, there is a public forum session, which gives anyone from the community the opportunity to present to the board members their views on any topic. Anyone wishing to speak at public forum must make a request to speak at least two working days before the day of the meeting. They can do this via the Chair of the Community Board or contact a Governance Support Officer at the DCC at governance.support@dcc.govt.nz.

2.2 BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTACT DETAILS

Board members for the 2022-2025 triennium are as follows:

Name	Cell phone	Email
Paul Weir (Chair)	021-039-4260	pgweir@hotmail.com
Scott Weatherall (Deputy Chair)	027-440-4700	scott.weatherall@xtra.co.nz
Christina McBratney	029-200-3906	christina@mcbratney.co.nz
Keith McFadyen	027-444-8913	keith.mcfadyen@psa.org.nz
John Moyle	027-230-7779	john@moyles.co.nz
Pim Allen		pim.allen6420@gmail.com
Cr Kevin Gilbert (Councillor representative)	021-221-1562	Kevin.gilbert@dcc.govt.nz

2.3 MAP OF SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD AREA



2.4 OUR COMMUNITY

The statistics have been provided by Statistics NZ, please note that due to the way the information is gathered, not all of the residents in our area have been captured however the information is as accurate as possible. Information as per the 2023 Census.

- *Population Statistics*
Fairfield 2,630
Waldronville 1,390
Brighton 1,480
- *Households*
Fairfield 984
Waldronville 489
Brighton 723
- *Schools*
There are three schools in the Saddle Hill Community Board area
Fairfield Primary School
Big Rock Primary School, Brighton
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Otepoti School
- *Demographics*
94.1% European/Pākehā, 4.7% Māori, 0.7% Pasifika, 1.7% Asian, and 2.2% other ethnicities.
(People may identify with more than one ethnicity).

- *Geography*
A mixture of stunning beaches and rugged coast, bordered by farmland, dominated by Matamata (Saddle Hill).
- *Hazards*
Due to our geography we face surface flooding and landslips. The Akatore fault line just off our coast poses an earthquake and tsunami risk. Former mine sites present potential sink hole hazards.

3 PRIORITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

3.1 Priorities

We are continually looking for new priorities within our community that we would like to see included in the Council's 2021-31 10 year plan. As these are identified, they will be included on the following list.

Details	When in the 2021-31 10 year plan	Justification	Priority	Capex or Operational Costs
Flood Relief	SHCB Plan 2023-2024 DCC Not featured	For a number of years now, the Saddle Hill Community Board has been working with various staff including meeting staff and contractors on site to look at and discuss the challenges associated with the open water course at Ocean View which runs from Creamery Road to the North where it exits next to the Ocean View Freedom Camping area. There is a genuine urgency needed to find a solution in this area. On average at least two homes flood regularly, and a number of sections become inundated with water on average once every two years. This is a challenging area as we also see the tidal surge coming up to meet the outflow which limits this water course. To date nothing has happened to mitigate the problem and we ask for appropriate time, energy and resource to be put into this to find a workable solution. List out the flood areas	1	Operational Costs
Safer Roads Waldronville - Ocean View Construction of a shared pathway between Waldronville and Brighton	SHCB Plan 2024-35 DCC To include in strategic pedestrian and cycleway	The Board would like a safety review of this stretch of road between Waldronville and Brighton with a view that a shared pathway on the shoulder to be developed. The DCC will work with SHCB to include a shared pathway between Waldronville and Ocean View in the strategic pedestrian and cycleway network plan to be considered in the 2024-2034 10 Year Plan.	2	Essential Safety operational costs

	network plan in 2024-34 10 Year Plan.			
Southern Coast Erosion Plan The Saddle Hill Community Board would like an erosion plan to address the significant erosion of the Southern Coast including the Brighton Domain	DCC 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 will inform future priorities.	The Board has 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. The Board requests that a safety assessment be undertaken and a plan to stabilise the area actioned.	3	<i>Operational Maintenance Costs</i>
Bus Shelter – Morris Road, Chain Hills Road Corner	Otago Regional Council	The Board is continuing to advocate for the installation of a bus shelter for the bus stop at the corner of Morris and Chain Hills Road.		
Public Toilet Brighton Domain The Saddle Hill Community would like the current toilet facilities extended to include an additional toilet	DCC In the 10-year plan for completion	The Brighton Domain is heavily used for recreational; sporting and community purposes and is extremely popular for freedom camping. During the summer season, extra portaloos are put in place to cover demand however people seem to prefer using the standard toilet block. This toilet gets extensive use by Freedom Campers. An extension to the toilets would meet demand and reduce cost overall as portaloos would no longer be required.	4	<i>Operational Costs</i>
Sun shades, seating and water fountains for each of our playgrounds at: - Brighton Domain - Braids Hill Reserve - Delta Drive - Walton Park - Fairplay Street	SHCB Awaiting direction from DCC post the reserves report	People utilising the playgrounds have expressed their desire to have shade provided. There are playgrounds without any provision of sun cover which is a health and safety issue. Water fountains are requested, along with seating to make the playgrounds as welcoming and safe as possible. A water fountain is being installed at the Fairplay Street Reserve with some funding provided by the Board and the rest by DCC Property Department.	6	<i>Capex</i> <i>Safety Improvements</i>

Safer Crossings for Brighton, Big Rock Primary School and vegetation by the Brighton Road crossing by Surf Club		Safer crossing - Cut vegetation	7	
Seal Extension Programme Dust suppression	<i>The seal extension programme is not in the current 10 year plan</i>	Reinstate the promotion and advocacy for the reintroduction of the rural roads sealing programme with McMaster Road as the first priority.	9	Seal Extension Programme Dust suppression
Brighton Beach Accessibility		Provision of a mat at the Surf Club end of Brighton beach for wheelchair users to gain access to the beach. Accessibility is a human right and Dunedin City Council's own Disability strategy states: • Goal One: Dunedin is accessible • Goal Two: Dunedin is barrier-free. • Goal Three: The Dunedin City Council supports the social, recreation and cultural opportunities of disabled people. The mat would help to meet these three goals and allow disabled members of our community, and visitors to our community, to enjoy a day at the beach with their family and friends. Wheelchair for use at the beach - Boat Hire place for storage. Parafed have one to put out there	8	

4 COMMUNITY BOARD PROPOSED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The following table identifies those activities that we as a Community Board would like to deliver to our community. They will be undertaken and funded by the Community Board.

ACTIVITY DETAIL	WHEN (IDEAL)
Youth Ambassador Award Each year, the Saddle Hill Community Board sets aside up to \$3000, and uses this to offer individual bursaries of up to \$1000 each to young people aged between 13 and 18 who live in the community. Awards are intended to recognise individuals who have achieved a significant level of excellence in sporting, creative and /or academic activities, and who have a project during the following 12 months that needs some funds. Applications are invited normally in March, with awards available for use from end-April. While competition for funds is often keen, the board has been delighted to support a wide range of projects, including attendance at international sporting events and senior training camps, masters level musical coaching.	Annually
Coastal Dunes Regeneration Programme We plan to continue to facilitate community planting days to help mitigate some of the effects of erosion along our coastline. Seek advice on coastal erosion	2021
Keep Dunedin Beautiful The Greater Green Island community survey results indicated that the community is keen for more street art. The Board will look for opportunities to provide this.	
Needs assessment for area Picnic tables down the road Fairplay Street playground Caution sea lion signage	

5 COMMUNITY BOARD SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY PROJECTS

The following table identifies those activities that we as a Community Board see as significant communication and advocacy projects that we have a vested interest in on behalf of the communities we represent and the council.

ACTIVITY DETAIL	WHEN (IDEAL)
Freedom Camping	

This is an ongoing project for the Community Board it is imperative that our Community Board are a part of any city wide discussions around Freedom Camping. We have always been supportive of Freedom Camping but will be very clear advocates on behalf of the Community's and residents we represent. We will raise issues and challenges so Council are aware of what is actually happening in the community. We are supportive but this cannot be at the cost of any of our residents i.e. the Ocean View site is a project we have worked closely with the Council and the Community – this site is imperative that it is a reserve for all to enjoy. We have seen with good site management and monitoring this is a great example of how a successful Freedom Camping Site can work in a residential community. The Brighton Domain is another key location. The SHCB advocated and worked hard with Council and the Community to get to where we are now in regards to the best location for hosting Freedom Campers with the least impact on the Community. We have assisted in the development and best use for what was previously a non-useable area of the reserve, they are sheltered from the weather and also has minimal impact on the community.	<i>On going</i>
The proposed Smooth Hill Landfill The Saddle Hill Community Board continue to support the community liaison group over the Smooth Hill Landfill.	Ongoing
Rural Roads The Saddle Hill Community Board will continue to advocate for a high level of regular and planned maintenance on our communities' gravel roads.	Ongoing
Civil Defence The Saddle Hill Community Board will continue with their annual community engagement on civil defence.	Ongoing
Greater Green Island Community Network The Saddle Hill Community Board enjoy a close collaboration with the Greater Green Island Community Network.	Ongoing
Brighton Pump Track The Saddle Hill Community Board support and advocate for the community led project on the proposal for a pump track to be installed at the Brighton Domain and have offered help to the group working on the project.	Ongoing
McMasters Road The Saddle Hill Community Board supports the request of the residents of McMaster Road, to have the road sealed for the reasons they have outlined.	Ongoing

6 PLANS

The Community Board has a number of plans supporting its activities. Our key planning documents are discussed below:

6.1 EMERGENCY PLAN – COMMUNITY BOARD RESPONSE PLAN

Introduction

The Dunedin City Council has a statutory role, as does the Otago Regional Council, under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act to contribute to Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) within the district. As part of this whole-of-city function, the Saddle Hill Community Board has responsibility for the interface between the community and Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Our communities have a reasonable level of risk of flooding, fire, tsunami resulting in community isolation so pre-planning and management of a specific event will be managed by the Saddle Hill Community Board on behalf of Civil Defence. This role is supported by authorisations and delegations in the Dunedin City Council Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan.

Status

The Saddle Hill Community Board has engaged with the local communities. As a result, they have formulated the Southern Coastal Area (encompassing Waldronville to Kuri Bush) Civil Defence Community Response Plan which is attached as Appendix One to the Community Plan.

The Board has engaged with the Fairfield Community and will attach their plan once finalised.

6.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

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Members of the community are invited to make a comment on the Board's Community Plan at any time. You may have a view on the Board's prioritised actions or may require the Board's assistance to progress an issue with the Dunedin City Council. You are welcome to comment on the entire plan, certain sections or a particular project.

We utilise Social Media, Taieri Times and the Star.

Ways to have your say on the Community Board's Community Plan

The Board is very keen to receive your comments on an on-going basis, and you may speak to your comments at any Board meeting. Members of the community are invited to provide feedback;

- *Verbally... by contacting a board member directly, anytime*
- *Written... addressed to the board, postal or email addresses below*
- *In person... to the board at public events such as Community Cuppa and Conversation*

Please clearly state the issue or suggestion you would like the Community Board to consider, or the specific action you would like to be taken.

Please send written communication to:

The Chairperson
Saddle Hill Community Board
c/- Dunedin City Council
PO Box 5045
Dunedin 9058

Email: pgweir@hotmail.com

7. COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Saddle Hill Community Board meetings commence at 1.00 pm. The venues will be published in the Council meeting ad in the Otago Daily Times and on the Dunedin City Council website.