



# AGENDA

## Community Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, 15 April 2025

**Date** Tuesday, 15 April 2025

**Time** Following the Infrastructure Committee

**Location** Council Chamber  
District Council Building  
King George Place  
Timaru

**File Reference** 1752336

## Timaru District Council

**Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Community Services Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru, on Tuesday 15 April 2025, at the conclusion of the Infrastructure Committee meeting.**

### **Community Services Committee Members**

Clrs Stacey Scott (Chairperson), Stu Piddington (Deputy Chairperson), Gavin Oliver, Peter Burt, Allan Booth, Owen Jackson, Sally Parker, Michelle Pye, Scott Shannon and Mayor Nigel Bowen

Quorum – no less than 5 members

### **Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968**

Committee members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Beth Stewart  
**Group Manager Community Services**

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- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Public Forum**
- 3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**
- 4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**
- 5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

**6 Confirmation of Minutes**

**6.1 Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2025**

**Author:** Jessica Kavanaugh, Team Leader Governance

**Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson’s electronic signature be attached.

**Attachments**

- 1. Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2025**



# MINUTES

## Community Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, 18 February 2025

Ref: 1752336

**Minutes of Timaru District Council  
Community Services Committee Meeting  
Held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru  
on Tuesday, 18 February 2025 at 11.50am Following the Infrastructure Committee**

**Present:** Clr Stacey Scott (Chairperson), Clr Stu Piddington (Deputy Chairperson), Clr Gavin Oliver, Clr Peter Burt, Clr Allan Booth, Mayor Nigel Bowen, Clr Owen Jackson, Clr Sally Parker, Clr Michelle Pye, Clr Scott Shannon.

**In Attendance:** **Community Board Members:** Rosie Woods (Geraldine Community Board)

**Officers:** Nigel Trainor (Chief Executive), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Stephen Doran (Group Manager Corporate and Communications), Justin Bagust (Chief Information Officer), Andrea Rankin (Chief Financial Officer), Rosie Oliver (Development Manager), Nicole Timney (Manager of Property Services and Client Representative), Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Suzy Ratahi (Land Transport Manager), Claire Copeland (Group Coordinator Environmental Services - *Minutes*), Jessica Kavanaugh (Team Leader Governance - *Tech*), Maddison Gourlay (Marketing and Communications Advisor - *Tech*).

## **1 Apologies**

### **1.1 Apologies received**

Apologies were received from Raewyn Hessel (Pleasant Point Community Board) and Alison Talbot (Temuka Community Board).

## **2 Public Forum**

There were no public forum items.

## **3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

No items of urgent business were received.

## **4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

## **5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.



## 6 Chairperson's Report

### 6.1 Chairperson's report – Clr Stacey Scott

#### **Functions Attended by the Chair of the Community Services Committee for since the last meeting on 19 November 2024.**

<i>21 November 2024</i>	Attended the Combined Sector meeting in Wellington (along with Clr Pye, Clr Booth & Chief Executive).
<i>22 November 2024</i>	Attended the Rural & Provincial meetings.
<i>27 November 2024</i>	Met with New Zealand First Member of Parliament Andy Foster (alongside Clr Shannon & Mayor Bowen).
<i>5 December 2024</i>	Attended the last 2024 Local Arts Scheme Subcommittee meeting.
<i>10 December 2024</i>	Attended Citizenship Ceremony.
<i>12 December 2024</i>	Art gallery opening.
<i>16 December 2024</i>	Community Christmas morning tea (alongside fellow Councillors).
<i>25 January 2025</i>	Attended the Sunsational prize draw at the Art Gallery.
<i>10 February 2025</i>	Was a member of panel B for the District Plan, and attended site visits.
<i>17 February 2025</i>	Attended an online meeting with Mr James Meager.

#### **Resolution 2025/1**

Moved: Clr Stacey Scott

Seconded: Clr Michelle Pye

That the Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson, Stacey Scott detailed above were received and noted.

**Carried**

## 7 Confirmation of Minutes

**7.1 Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2024**

1. The Chairperson took the minutes as read and asked for any amendments:
2. **Café at CBay** - Clr Pye pointed out that under '8.2 Community Services Group Update Report' regarding Café at CBay, it was noted that *"A request for a full profit and loss to be completed for the next CS Committee meeting was made"* this however was not recorded in the actions register and no report has been forthcoming (update: as at 27.02.25 this item been added as action in the register #1591278).

By way of an update Acting Group Manager Community Services, confirmed that we have a good understanding of the numbers and they are tracking in the right directions, the Recreation Facilities Manager has asked for three months to gather data, at which time a report will be brought back to this committee. The Chief Executive further noted the financial data had been subject to the recent round of 'Activity Reviews'.

**District Pools** - *Action:* Clr Burt requested a profit and loss statement for all the district pools for the summer season and with trending data. Acting Group Manager Community Services, confirmed that there is work being undertaken to complete a Section 17a review which would incorporate this information (no timeline was specified for the return of this report).

3. **Aigantighe House** - Clr Pye also noted that under '8.3 Aigantighe House Gallery Seismic Upgrade October 2024' regarding the pump shed, it was recorded as *"Discussion was had over the pump shed, and it was noted that it was being used for signage, and that they had been tasked with looking at options and a report would be presented later."* this is also missing from the actions register and includes a small typo (update: as at 27.02.25 this item has been added as action in the register #1591278 and the correction made).

By way of an update the Chief Executive noted 'Youth Centre' offered to remove what is not required from inside the shed and create a design for the exterior.

4. The Chairperson noted that under '8.3 Aigantighe House Gallery Seismic Upgrade October 2024' it was recorded in the minutes: *"The intention was the final invoice would be received this month, and once that is processed, and full report will be presented with variations noted."* and could this also be added to the Actions Register (update: as at 27.02.25 this item been added as action in the register #1591278).

**Resolution 2025/2**

Moved: Clr Michelle Pye

Seconded: Clr Allan Booth

That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

**Carried**

## 8 Reports

### 8.1 Actions Register Update

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Services Committee with an update on the status of the action requests raised by Councillors at previous Committee meetings.

Current Action:

***Policy update for the assessment of bequests for collections at the Aigantighe Art Gallery –***

Update in register 30 January 2025:

The Museum's Aotearoa (MA) updated their website on 11 Dec 2024 and indicated their subcommittee intends to present a new Code of Ethics (CoE) and structure to MA's members for ratification at the 2025 AGM. The AGM date is yet to be released, but the 2024 AGM was held in June, so we can assume it will be mid-year 2025. Following the new CoE and structure being published, we can look to conduct a review of our internal policy after June 2025, to ensure we are aligned and with a view to complete our internal review in the second half of 2025. We can provide more detailed timelines of the internal review when we have set dates for the AGM and CoE being published.

#### **Resolution 2025/3**

Moved: Clr Stacey Scott

Seconded: Clr Owen Jackson

That the Community Services Committee receives and notes the update to the Actions Register and to leave the action open at this time.

**Carried**

### 8.2 Community Services Update Report

To provide the Community Services Committee with a regular, high-level update on the activities of the units within the Community Service Group, including key updates, challenges and opportunities, initiatives, projects, and the impact of changes in service delivery as it pertains to the community.

#### **Community Development**

Employment Support Fair: The Community Development Advisor (CDA) collaborated with Te Aitaraikihi, the Ministry of Social Development, and Connected to organize a 'mini jobs fair' on 28 January 2025, aimed at supporting Alliance employees affected by the recent closure. Clr Shannan asked if this could be an option to roll this out as an annual event to involve all the community. Mayor Bowen noted that there has already been some discussion in this regard and an event involving the public and potential employers is forthcoming.

Welcoming Communities: In the agenda it reads "A youth survey was distributed to former refugee youth, receiving 17 responses, to identify the challenges they face as newcomers to the community, understand what would make them feel more welcome and supported" Clr Scott asked for more information on what challenges had been identified.

Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ): The agenda refers to 12 young people having successfully secured full-time employment through the programme, Clr Scott is interested to know what those roles are and where they are located. *Action*: Have the 'Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator' to bring a report to the next Customer Services Meeting with an overview of the programme to date

giving more details on where and what roles have these young people have taken on and give the elected members the opportunity to ask some questions.

### **Recreational Facilities**

CBay Fitness: Clr Piddington requested some clarification on CBay Fitness report which indicated in the agenda that the member numbers were both steady, and show robust growth. Acting Group Manager for Community Services confirmed that the capacity for memberships is full at 1,450 while there is also a growing list of people waiting for availability.

Aorangi Stadium: Clr Piddington asked if the Aorangi Stadium has reached booking capacity. It was confirmed by the Acting Group Manager for Community Services that we are heavily booked and having to turn away some bookings or request people go on a waiting list for possible cancellations.

District-wide Libraries: On review of the 'Q2 statistical snapshot' Clr Booth asked if user pays had been considered. Acting Group Manager Community Services reiterated that the current model makes the services we provide accessible to all of our communities.

Clr Shannon noted there had been a drop in numbers for Q2 2025 and a change in the way visitor numbers are recorded, he asked for some information on the change and the implementation of the new door counter system (active since 1 July 2024). The Acting Group Manager Community Services explained that the numbers for previous years had been generated from a methodology, using data from their systems, whereas now visitors are counted as they come through the door, the report appears to indicate a decline in numbers for Q2 2025, however this is possibly due to change in the way the data is now captured.

*Action*: Clr Shannan has requested a more in-depth explanation of what drove the Q2 numbers from 2022 to 2024, how the new door counter works and 'to the best of our knowledge' has there been a decline in numbers.

### **Continuous Improvement**

Smarty Grants: *Action*: Clr Scott has asked when this system will go live. Clr Piddington asked for clarification and scope of who these grants are available to and does this differ from the current process.

### **Resolution 2025/4**

Moved: Clr Stacey Scott

Seconded: Clr Gavin Oliver

That the Community Services Standing Committee receives and notes the Community Services Update Report.

**Carried**

### **9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

No items of urgent business were received.

### **10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

**11 Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**The Meeting closed at 12:07pm**

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**Clr Stacey Scott**  
**Chairperson**

## **7 Schedules of Functions Attended**

### **7.1 Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson**

**Author:** Jessica Kavanaugh, Team Leader Governance

**Authoriser:** Stephen Doran, Group Manager Corporate and Communications

#### **Recommendation**

That the Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chairperson be received and noted.

#### **Functions Attended by the Chairperson for the Period 18 February 2025 and 31 March 2025.**

*19 February 2025* Theatre and Museum Projects Steering Committee Meeting

*19 February 2025* Aorangi Stadium Project Steering Committee Meeting

*25 February 2025* Social Housing Steering Group Meeting

*26 February 2025* Social Housing – Urban Plus & Site Tour, Wellington

*3 March 2025* Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

*12 March 2025* Venture Timaru Board Meeting

*17 March 2025* Downlands Water Committee Meeting

*19 March 2025* Local Water Done Well Steering Group Meeting

*19 March 2025* Theatre and Museum Projects Steering Committee Meeting

*19 March 2025* Aorangi Stadium Project Steering Committee Meeting

*22 March 2025* Basketball Tournament - Community Fundraiser

Meetings were also held with various ratepayers, businesses and/or residents on a range of matters.

#### **Attachments**

**Nil**

## 8 Reports

### 8.1 Actions Register Update

**Author:** Jessica Kavanaugh, Team Leader Governance

**Authoriser:** Stephen Doran, Group Manager Corporate and Communications

#### Recommendation

That the Community Services Committee receives and notes the updates to the Actions Register.

#### Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Services Committee with an update on the status of the action requests raised by Councillors at previous Committee meetings.

#### Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is assessed to be of low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as there is no impact on the service provision, no decision to transfer ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from Council, and no deviation from the Long Term Plan.

#### Discussion

- 3 The actions register is a record of actions requested by Councillors. It includes a status and comments section to update the Community Services Committee on the progress of each item.
- 4 There are currently nine items on the actions register.
- 5 Six items are marked as ongoing.
- 6 There are three items marked as completed to be marked as removed at the next meeting.
- 7 There are no items to be removed from the list.

#### Attachments

1. **Community Services Committee Actions Required** [↓](#) 

### Information Requested from Councillors (Community Services Committee)

Key ■ = Completed, for removal ■ = 60+ Days ■ = 90+ Days ■ = Removed

<b>Information Requested</b>	Policy update for the assessment of bequests for collections at the Aigantighe Art Gallery		
<b>Date Raised:</b>	30 July 2024	<b>Status:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>	
<p>Background: Clrs requested an update on the process for managing bequests at the Art Gallery. Clrs enquired as to how bequeathed artworks are assessed, what criteria is used to accept and decline works, the process for sale of works and if there is a policy governing this process. Clrs requested a policy review.</p> <p><b>Update as at 25 September 2024:</b> An update report was provided to Clrs on 27 August 2024 which detailed the process for managing bequests, accession and deaccession of art works at the Aigantighe Art Gallery. The report noted that the Policy was under review. As per Cllr instruction, the review process will also be expanded to incorporate the South Canterbury Museum. High level costings and spatial requirements for additional storage will be scoped as part of this review.</p> <p>On 5 October 2024 the GM Community Services advised Clrs that Museum’s Aotearoa is conducting a review of its Code of Ethics – this is the national best practice by which the Art Gallery and Museum are guided. GMCS advised that the policy review process be paused to ensure full alignment with the Code and other public galleries and museums. This agreed to via email and accepted. A policy review will be conducted and reviewed concurrently with the MA review and Clrs updated when this is completed.</p> <p><b>Update: 30 January 2025</b> The Museum’s Aotearoa (MA) updated their website on 11 Dec 2024 and indicated their subcommittee intends to present a new Code of Ethics (CoE) and structure to MA’s members for ratification at the 2025 AGM. The AGM date is yet to be released, but the 2024 AGM was held in June, so we can assume it will be mid-year 2025. Following the new CoE and structure being published, we can look to conduct a review of our internal policy after June 2025, to ensure we are aligned and with a view to complete our internal review in the second half of 2025. We can provide more detailed timelines of the internal review when we have set dates for the AGM and CoE being published.</p> <p><b>Update: 9 April 2025</b> No further update until the Code of Ethics is updated in June 2025.</p>			



<b>Information Requested</b>	Café at CBay full profit and loss report		
<b>Date Raised:</b>	19 November 2024	<b>Status:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>	
<p><b>Taken from the minutes from 19 November 2024 under '8.2 Community Services Group Update Report':</b> "There was discussion over whether the Café at CBay was running at a loss and what could be done to bring it into a profitable state. It was noted that it wasn't making a profit but was seen by users as a valuable service. There were some concerns raised about figures without basis being discussed at the meeting and that care should be taken not to generate a 'soundbite', and that there was need to understand the usage particularly by the elderly. A request for a full profit and loss to be completed for the next CS Committee meeting was made."</p> <p><b>Update as at 18 February 2025:</b> Clr Pye noted that this request had not been added to the Actions Register, and asked that this work be undertaken and reported back to this committee for the next meeting on Tuesday 15 April 2025. By way of an update Acting Group Manager Community Services, confirmed we have a good understanding of the numbers, and they are tracking in the right directions, the Recreation Facilities Manager has asked for three months at which time a report would be brought back to this committee.</p> <p><b>Update as at 9 April 2025:</b> Recreation Facilities Manager is waiting for an updated Profit and Loss report</p>			

<b>Information Requested</b>	District pools profit and loss report with trending data (Section 17a Review)		
<b>Date Raised:</b>	18 February 2025	<b>Status:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Acting Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>	
<p><b>Action taken during an update on the ‘Café at CBay full profit and loss report’ that was previously requested:</b> Clr Burt requested profit and loss data on all the district pools for the season and with trending data.</p> <p><b>Update as at 18 February 2025:</b> Acting Group Manager Community Services, confirmed that there is work being undertaken to complete a Section 17a review which would incorporate this information and data on with full management of all the facilities (no timeline was specified for the return of this report).</p> <p><b>Update as at 9 April 2025:</b> Recreation Facilities Manager updated that a Section 17A is in progress and will be delivered to Council in June</p>			

<b>Information Requested</b>	Aigantighe House Gallery – Pump Shed		
<b>Date Raised:</b>	19 November 2024	<b>Status:</b>	Complete
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>	
<p><b>Taken from the minutes from 19 November 2024 ‘8.3 Aigantighe House Gallery Seismic Upgrade October 2024’:</b> “Discussion was had over the pump shed, and it was noted that it was being used for signage, and that they had been tasked with looking at options and a report would be presented later.” By way of an update the Chief Executive noted Youth Centre offered to remove what is not required from inside the shed and create a design for the exterior.</p> <p><b>Update as at 18 February 2025:</b> Clr Pye noted that from the minutes from 19 November 2024 this request had not been added to the actions register, and asked that this work be undertaken and reported back to this committee. By way of an update the Chief Executive noted Youth Centre offered to remove what is not required from inside the shed and create a design for the exterior.</p> <p><b>Update as at 9 April 2025:</b> The entity that completed the pair review are working on an alternative solution and indicative costs, this has not been received as of yet. Council officers recommend this action be closed out due to budgetary constraints and unnecessary expenditure.</p>			

<b>Information Requested</b>	Aigantighe House Gallery – Full and final report		
<b>Date Raised:</b>	19 November 2024	<b>Status:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>	
<p><b><i>Taken from the minutes from 19 November 2024 ‘8.3 Aigantighe House Gallery Seismic Upgrade October 2024’:</i></b> “The intention was the final invoice would be received this month, and once that is processed, and full report will be presented with variations noted.”</p> <p><b><i>Update as at 18 February 2025:</i></b> The Chairperson noted that in the minutes from 19 November 2024 under ‘8.3 Aigantighe House Gallery Seismic Upgrade October 2024’ it was recorded in the minutes: “The intention was the final invoice would be received this month, and once that is processed, and full report will be presented with variations noted.” and could this also be added to the Actions Register.</p> <p><b><i>Update as at 9 April 2025:</i></b> The full and final report will be presented once the lift and toilets are completed. There is a \$25,000 discrepancy between what was budgeted for the lift and the quote received. Officers are exploring options to reduce this. There is no further update.</p>			

<b>Information Requested</b>	Information about the library 'visitors' numbers																						
<b>Date Raised:</b>	18 February 2025	<b>Status:</b>	Complete																				
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Acting Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>																					
<p><b>Original Request:</b> Regarding the 'Community Services Update Report', Cllr Shannon noted there had been a drop in numbers for Q2 2025 and a change in the way visitor numbers are recorded and asked for some information on the change and the implementation of the new door counter system (active since 1 July 2024). The Acting Group Manager Community Services explained that the numbers for previous years had been generated from a methodology, using data from their systems, visitors are now counted as they come through the door, the report appears to indicate a decline in numbers for Q2 2025, however this is likely due to change in the way the data is now captured.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Shannon has requested a more in-depth explanation of what drove the Q2 numbers from 2022 to 2024, how the new door counter works and 'to the best of our knowledge' has there been a decline in numbers.</p> <p><b>Update as at 9 April 2025:</b> The Libraries Manager has provided the following information                  Since 1 July 2024 the libraries track visitors by using an Intelligent RFID people counting system, which uses sensors attached to the ceilings at the library entrances.                  The previous system by Bibliotheca used sensors installed on the security gates at the entrances, which would count anyone any time they came within range. The Intelligent RFID system, while being newer, has more advanced technology with purportedly superior accuracy. For example, the system can detect when a person is moving around the entrance, or going in and straight back out, and only counts them once,</p> <p>While it is not ideal to compare data from two different products with varying methods, it would suggest that the number of visitors in FY 2024/25 is down from 2023/24. It will be interesting to revisit once we have a full years' worth of data at the end of June.</p>																							
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<b>Information Requested</b>	Community Development - Welcoming Communities		
<b>Date Raised:</b>	18 February 2025	<b>Status:</b>	Complete
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Acting Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>	
<p><b>Original Request:</b> In the agenda it reads “A youth survey was distributed to former refugee youth, receiving 17 responses, to identify the challenges they face as newcomers to the community, understand what would make them feel more welcome and supported” Clr Scott asked for more information on what challenges had been identified</p> <p><b>Update as at 9 April 2025:</b> The Community Development Advisor provided the following information: Language barriers is the most significant challenge identified by survey participants. It was suggested that this impacts communication with people from other cultures, and limits job opportunities. Bullying, challenges into integrating into society, isolation, and adapting to different cultures was also noted.</p> <p>Many respondents emphasised the need for more work opportunities, a need for longer or more intensive language classes, more extra-curricular activities, and more opportunities to socialise with the community.</p>			

<b>Information Requested</b>	Community Development - Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ)		
<b>Date Raised:</b>	18 February 2025	<b>Status:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Acting Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>	
<p><b>Original Request:</b> The agenda refers to 12 young people having successfully secured full-time employment through the programme, Clr Scott is interested to know what those roles are and where they are located.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Have the ‘Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator’ to bring a report to the next Community Board Meeting with an overview of the programme to date giving more details on where and what roles have these young people have taken on and give the elected members the opportunity to ask some questions.</p> <p><b>Update as at 9 April 2025:</b> This is deferred until the next meeting when the co-ordinator is available.</p>			

<b>Information Requested</b>	Community Development – Smarty Grants		
<b>Date Raised:</b>	18 February 2025	<b>Status:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Issue Owner</b>	Acting Group Manager Community Services	<b>Completed Date:</b>	
<p><b><i>In the agenda:</i></b> Smarty Grants: The Smarty Grants platform will facilitate online applications for all TDC community funding grants. It offers users an intuitive interface to efficiently apply for, track, and manage their grant requests. Currently, the platform is under development. Once completed, there will be a transition period during which support, and communication will be provided to all past and potential applicants.</p> <p><b><i>Action(s):</i></b> Clr Scott has asked when this system will go live. Clr Piddington asked for clarification and scope of who these grants are available to and does this differ from the current process.</p> <p><b><i>Update as at 9 April 2025:</i></b> The Community Experience Manager provided the following information: Now that the policy has been adopted, we can proceed with preparing the forms, website, and other necessary components for testing before the official launch officers estimate September launch</p>			

## 8.2 Community Services Update Report

**Author:** Kirstie Wilson, Operations Coordinator Community Services

**Authoriser:** Paul Cooper, Group Manager Environmental Services

### Recommendation

That the Community Services Committee receives and notes the Community Services Update Report.

### Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide the Community Services Committee with a regular, high-level update on the activities of the units within the Community Services Group, including key updates, challenges and opportunities, initiatives, projects and the impact of changes in service directory as it pertains to the community.

### Assessment of Significance

- 2 This report is assessed as being of low significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as it is reporting on community activities and present any decision for consideration to the Standing Committee.

### Discussion

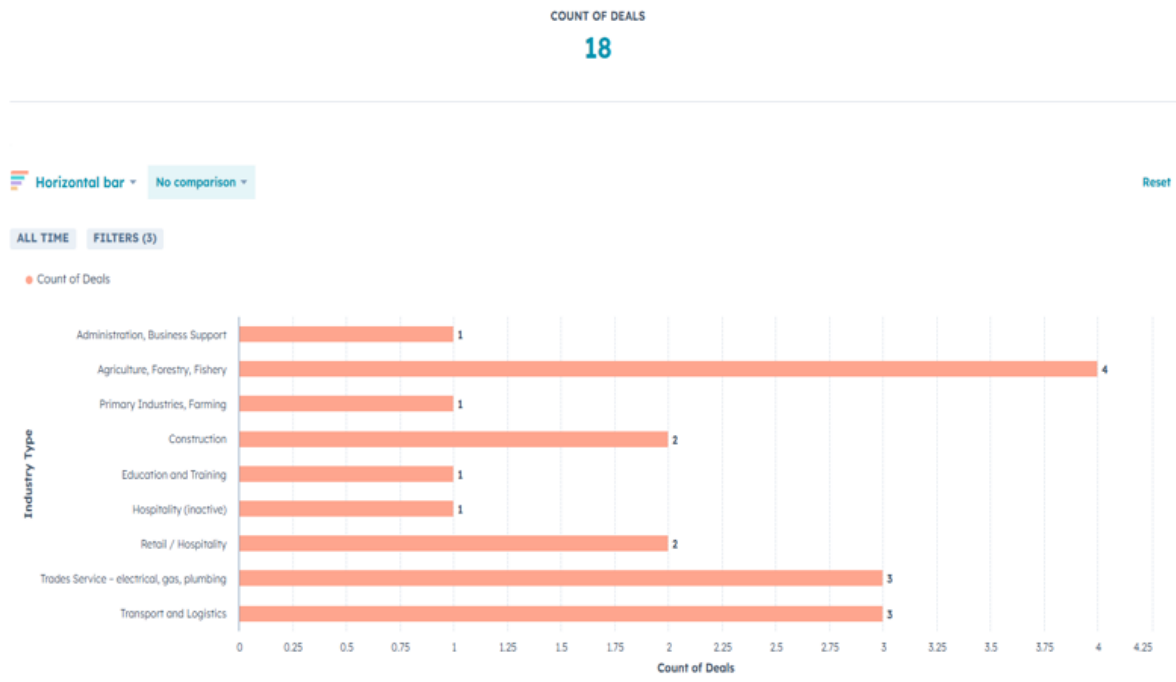
#### Community Development

- 3 **Safer Communities:** The first Safer Communities Subcommittee Meeting for 2025 was held on 20 March 2025. The meeting saw a great turnout from representatives of local community agencies and group.
- 4 The Community Development Advisor (CDA) continues to be an active member of the Social Sector Forum Committee which organises bi-annual networking forums for the social sector. The next forum is scheduled for 16 April 2025.
- 5 **Age Friendly Strategy:** The Community Development Advisor recently presented at the recent South Canterbury Mate Wareware Roopu group to discuss the Age-Friendly Strategy. This group comprises agencies and health professionals working with clients with dementia. Three key areas of the Age-Friendly Strategy were discussed: housing, transport and social participation, respect and social inclusion. The Roopu group will review the current Age-Friendly Strategy and provide feedback for the next iteration. The first Age-Friendly Network Meeting will be held in April. The meeting format will be updated to be more inclusive for those working in the sector, focusing on collaboration, networking and ensuring the implementation of the Age-Friendly Strategy.
- 6 **Welcoming Communities:** The CDA hosted the Chief Executive and the Board Chair of the New Zealand National Refugee Youth Council recently, visiting schools and community agencies to develop relationships to aid with the implementation of the Youth Leadership Development Programme (funded externally from MBIE). The programme schedule will begin on 4 April

2025 (following Eidh celebrations on 03 April 2025) with an interactive day of games, sports, and fun activities to build trust and connections. Upcoming sessions include a services and rights orientation, leadership training and development, and training on stakeholder engagement and public speaking.

- 7 The CDA attended the Mayor's Welcome for International Students on 20 March 2025. Part of the Welcoming Communities programme is working to ensure that all newcomers to the Timaru District feel welcome and connected to the community, this includes international students. The CDA has an upcoming meeting to discuss further opportunities for international students to connect with each other, and the wider community.
- 8 **Mayors Taskforce for Jobs:** At the time of writing this report, 14 young people are in full-time employment, three are on casual contracts, and three are in apprenticeships. Of these, 10 sustainable outcomes have been achieved, this means they have been in employment for over 91 days.
- 9 The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Coordinator has established collaborative working relationships with Te Aitaraikihi, and Arowhenua Whānau Services. The coordinator is working with six individual young people as a direct outcome of these relationships.
- 10 The coordinator presented at the most recent Networkers Mid-South Canterbury meeting. Connections were made directly with business owners and operators who are keen to support the programme.
- 11 MTFJ Timaru is supporting Geraldine High School with their Building Academy. This is for students that would have otherwise left secondary school and will be working with tradespeople in Geraldine to build accommodation, whilst gaining credits and skills to help them into employment.
- 12 An information evening is planned for April 2nd, at Council Chambers, to let local employers know more about MTFJ and the support and funding that is available to them if they hire a young person.
- 13 Plans are being made with local farmers and Primary ITO to create 'on farm training' days.





**Community Funding**

- 14 On 06 March 2025 the Local Arts Subcommittee meeting was held for the Creative Communities Scheme:
  - Funds Available: \$21,373.07
  - Applications Received: 12
  - Applications Approved: 9
  - Total Granted: \$21,300.00
- 15 On 12 March 2025 the Youth Initiatives Subcommittee Meeting was held
  - Funds Available: \$5,200.00
  - Applications Received: 5
  - Applications Approved: 5
  - Total Granted: \$5,200.00
- 16 On 08 April 2025 the Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting was held with outcomes to be shared at the next meeting.

**Recreational Facilities**

- 17 **CBay:** Over the three months of Summer, CBay welcomed 81,037 visitors
- 18 The Learn to Swim program met its KPI targets with 700 participants for term 1, a fantastic achievement given the lower staffing levels compared to previous years.
- 19 The 50m pool remained open until the end of March this year to accommodate school swimming sports and the water safety program, ensuring more availability for public swimming during busy times.

- 20 **CBay Fitness:** Membership numbers at CBay Fitness have remained steady at around 1450, which is impressive for the summer months.
- 21 **District Pools:** Despite unseasonable weather, the three district pools recorded a total of 28,462 visitors over the summer months. Of these, 16,827 were casual visitors with the remainder coming as part of school group or swim club bookings.
- 22 Staffing levels were a challenge during the last 4-5 months of the season, but the summer season ran smoothly, with minimal maintenance issues and all bookings fulfilled.
- 23 The Local Government Act Section 17A review is now underway to provide an independent outlook on the district pools moving forward.

### **District-wide Libraries**

- 24 The district libraries were represented at the Multicultural Aoraki Festival and Children's Day on Saturday 1 March and Sunday 2 March respectively. Staff engaged with over 200 people at each event, taking the opportunity to promote services and collections. Having all participating TDC units situated together at the Multicultural Aoraki Festival was well received by the public and staff.
- 25 Planning is well underway for the April School Holiday Program. Staff have set a dinosaur theme and mapped out a variety of literacy and educational-based activities to fit.

### **Timaru Library:**

- 26 The new weekly program Baby Wriggle & Rhyme launched in February on Mondays. This 20-minute music and early literacy session aimed at the under two-year-olds has been very well received and numbers are growing each week.
- 27 Timaru Library is currently trialling one-on-one 'device advice' sessions on Monday mornings due to increasing demand for digital assistance from customers. For example, staff helped 17 participants learn how to use features on their phones, tablets and other portable devices on 17 February 2025.
- 28 Timaru Library hosted a successful book launch on 19 February 2025 for 'Excess Baggage', written by local author and former staff member Sarah Houghton. The library gets a mention in the book.

### **Temuka Library, Service & information Centre:**

- 29 Staff at the Temuka Library took the lead on reviewing the procedure for cemetery requests and updated a check list for monitoring the process that will also be shared with staff at Geraldine Library.
- 30 Temuka Library is hosting the South Canterbury Roll of Honour (SCRoll) kiosk public viewing for 6 weeks over March-April.

### **Geraldine Library & Service Centre:**

- 31 Geraldine Library's Te Reo classes on Thursdays have been well attended at the introductory and stage 1 sessions of the 9-week course.
- 32 Geraldine Library hosted the South Canterbury Roll of Honour (SCRoll) kiosk containing short biographies of all South Cantabrians who served during World War One for public viewing in January.

**South Canterbury Museum**

- 33 The Museum will launch an exhibition titled **World in Flames** on 12 April to commemorate 80 years since the end of the Second World War. This exhibition will explore the impact of the war on local people, both overseas and at home. It will be open until early August.
- 34 In January and February, user numbers reached 5,080, surpassing the three-year average target of 4,626.

**Aigantighe Art Gallery**

- 35 The Gallery reopened to the public on Tuesday April 15, showcasing a newly renovated toilet area with essential accessible facilities.



During the closure, the Gallery technician Brent, built some reference bookshelves for the research/education room.



**Attachments**

**Nil**

### 8.3 Community Funding Subcommittee - Recommendations for Funding

**Author:** Naomi Scott, Community Funding Advisor

**Authoriser:** Claire Barlow, Community Experience Manager

#### Recommendation

That the Community Services Committee approves (option 1) or declines (option 2) some or all the recommendations from the Community Funding Subcommittee, citing the reasons for the changes; with altered, reduced or no grants paid.

#### Purpose of Report

- To present recommendations from the Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting held on 8 April 2025, for the Community Services Committee to consider for approval.

#### Assessment of Significance

- This matter is deemed to be of low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. The allocation of funds is consistent with the existing Community Funding Policy and LTP approved funding allocation. There are no material effects on strategic assets, levels of service or rates. Officers note the allocation of funds is important to the community groups and organisations making applications.

#### Background

- Round two of the Community Funding Subcommittee meeting was held on 8 April 2025 to consider funding request applications.
- The total amount available for 2024/25 is \$61,743.94. The total recommended to be approved in this round is \$57,500.00.

#### Options and Preferred Option

- The options are:
  - Option 1 - Approve all the sub-committee recommendations as per the below Table 1, *Applications from Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting 8 April 2025*. This is the preferred option.

#	Application	Description	Amount Requested	Recommendation
<b>Community Development</b>				
1	Timaru Host Lions Club	Permanent structure for the Alexandra lifeboat	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
2	South Canterbury Traction Engine and	Engine repairs and shed extension	\$30,000.00	Decline

	Transport Museum Incorporated			
3	Ashburton Safer Community Council/Food Rescue Aoraki	Operational support	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
4	The John Anderson Arboretum	Development of Block C	\$8,710.00	Decline
5	Cancer Society of NZ Canterbury West Coast Division	Operational costs	\$30,000.00	Decline
6	Stopping Violence Services	Program delivery	\$12,000.00	Decline
7	South Canterbury Multiple Sclerosis	Rent	\$5,832.48	\$5,000.00
8	Muscular Dystrophy Association South Island	Field worker support services	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
9	Royal NZ Plunket Trust	Timaru Family Centre Hub	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
10	Te Aitarakihi	Mahau Concreting	\$1,300.00	Decline
11	Citizens Advice Bureau	Rent	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
12	Age Concern	Venue hire for Friday Club	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
13	Christchurch City Mission	Timaru programs	\$10,000.00	Decline
14	Gloriavale Leavers Trust	Operational costs	\$10,000.00	Decline
<b>Total Community Development</b>			<b>\$175,842.48</b>	
<b>Local Events</b>				
15	ASPECT Trust	Tug-a-thon	\$3,949.50	\$2,000.00
16	Te Aitarakihi	Programs for Māori Language Week	\$5,557.00	Decline
17	Te Aitarakihi	Matariki 2025	\$5,310.00	Decline
<b>Total Local Events</b>			<b>\$14,816.50</b>	

- Option 2 – Decline some or all of the recommendations, citing the reasons for the changes; with altered, reduced or no grants paid.

**Consultation**

- 6 No consultation is required on this matter as it is the allocation of funds pursuant to Council's current Community Funding Policy and according to the funding programme as rated for through the Long-Term Plan.

**Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans**

- 7 The Timaru District Councils' Community Funding Policy, and the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

**Financial and Funding Implications**

- 8 The funding is allocated in the Annual Plan and is within current budgets.

**Other Considerations**

- 9 There are no other considerations.

**Attachments**

**Nil**

**8.4 The Y Central South Island (YMCA) Youth Services Reports 2024****Author:** Claire Barlow, Community Experience Manager**Authoriser:** Paul Cooper, Group Manager Environmental Services**Recommendation**

That the Community Services Committee receive and note The Y Central South Island (YMCA) Youth Services Report.

**Purpose of Report**

- 1 To receive The Y Central South Island six-monthly reports for the 2024 year.

**Assessment of Significance**

- 2 This matter is deemed to be of low significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as it affects only a small number of people and has no impact on Council's current budget or levels of service.

**Discussion**

- 3 The Y Central South Island (formerly YMCA South and Mid Canterbury) has a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with Timaru District Council to provide youth support services for our district. These regular reports are part of the service agreement and are reviewed by officers prior to each six-monthly payment.
- 4 The reports for the 2024 year are attached for your information.
- 5 Keith Shaw, Chief Executive Officer of The Y Central South Island will be available to speak to any matters arising.

**Attachments**

1. **The Y Report Jan - Jun 2024** [↓](#) 
2. **The Y Report Jul - Dec 2024** [↓](#) 



## The Y Central South Island

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### REPORT TO TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL 1 January 2024 TO 30 June 2024

It is with great pleasure that we present this report as an overview of the past 6 months. This report highlights the work we have agreed to undertake within the Timaru District from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025.

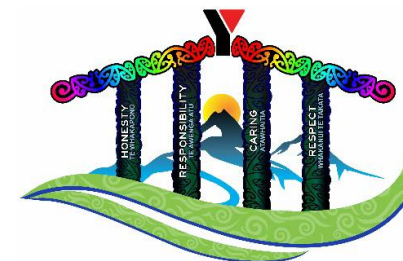
The report addresses the key deliverables of that contract and describes some the highlights of the work that the Y has contributed for the rangatahi, tamariki and the wider community of Timaru District.

The Y greatly appreciates the Council's ongoing support and belief in our core work of **INSPIRING AND CONNECTING COMMUNITIES BY INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION**. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to know more or have ideas about connecting, empowering and investing in our incredible youth who live in Timaru District.

**Tūhononga | connection Mahi Tahī | collaboration Hapori | community**

Ngā mihi

Jo Skudder-Beswarick  
Team Leader – Community Development



**Investing in the Next Generation | Te Whakangao i te Reanga ā Mua**

**SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Service Aim  The Goal	Deliverables	Strategic Alignment TDC (see pg 20-21 of the LTP attached)  The Why	Y Strategic Goal Alignment	Outcomes
Provide support to empower young people to have a voice and participate in decision-making in their community  \$2,500 (youth development facilitation & associated resources)	Partner with TDC to create avenues for youth coalitions to participate in the decision-making process about matters which affect them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work alongside youth to understand what is important to them and how they want to engage with Council e.g., Youth Hui, Youth engagement opportunities, youth led questionnaires/campaigns.</li> <li>• Work with council to identify opportunity for direct decision-making powers around arts, mental health programs, sporting grants etc</li> </ul>	<b>Connected citizens:</b> (Focus area 1, 3 and 5) 1: OPEN TO IDEAS – bringing ideas of young people to Council 3: ENABLING COMMUNITY – giving young people power to action those ideas within the council (such as public artwork on building walls or program development) 5: ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP – investing in the next generation of leaders to lead change for young people in the community and promote change at a policy level in their District	Contribute to the Well-being of Families & Communities – <b>Encourage Active Citizenship</b>	A successful platform for young people to exercise their voice and decision-making powers. Empowering Council to engage more effectively with young people in their district around decision-making processes

**PROGRESS/ACTIONS to June 2024**

**RAISE UP**

Raise Up is the Y’s Youth Development programme for young people aged 13 – 18. It has been supporting Timaru taiohi for 2 years and continues to evolve. This year, we have a new group of young people who are beginning their journey in leadership and community service. The programme, run ‘by youth for youth,’ includes a variety of regular weekly activities, events, workshops, and personal development opportunities. The ‘Crew,’ an organizing committee, is the driving force behind many of the events and activities for youth at the Y and throughout the Timaru District. As volunteers, participants learn skills such as leadership, event management, and coordination. This initiative aligns with our goal of encouraging active citizenship by involving young people in planning processes, time management, and collaborating with other agencies like



the Tongan Society and Timaru District Council and Refugee Settlement Service to coordinate events such as the Showcase on Sophia. In the first 6 months of 2024, the crew of 10 -12 rangatahi supported the Youth Art Awards, supported the Showcase on Sophia, and hosted a weekly drop-in activity at The Y on Sophia for taiohi to relax after school. Each term had a theme: Term 1 focused on rock painting, with collected rocks displayed at the Youth Art Awards, and Term 2 featured a ‘Sing on Sophia’ theme with weekly karaoke, music and movie quizzes, and games or activities.

**Youth Survey** - As will be discussed later in the report, the Youth Survey has provided youth in the district a vehicle to have a voice. An outcome of empowered community decision-making and active citizenship may flourish through youth-led groups and/or committees after the findings of gaps and need are presented in September.

Service Aim	Deliverables	Strategic Alignment TDC (see pg 20-21 of the LTP attached)	Y Strategic Goal Alignment	Outcomes
<b>The Goal</b>		<b>The Why</b>		
Co-ordinate youth specific event(s) in a safe environment  \$2,500 (event costs)	Connect with rangatahi to identify and co-ordinate youth led events (up to 4 per year). EG. Rainbow events, Art Exhibition (Linking with City Town initiatives)	<b>CONNECTED CITIZENS:</b> (Focus area 5) 5. ENABLING COMMUNITY – rangatahi will identify and own youth events of their choosing through partnering with the Y. <b>ENHANCED LIFESTYLE</b> (Focus Area 4) 4. AFFORDABILITY - Events are accessible to all through ensuring events are free or low cost	Contribute to the Well-being of Families & Communities – <b>Develop &amp; Deliver Community Events</b>	The Y partners with rangatahi to empower and support them to engage in the planning and delivery of a range of safe, inspiring, engaging and relevant events across the Timaru District. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversity is celebrated</li> </ul>

**PROGRESS/ACTIONS to June 2024**

**January to June 2024: A Productive Six Months for The Y Central South Island**

The first half of 2024 has been a productive period for The Y, now known as ‘The Y Central South Island’, to better reflect the area we serve. Over the past six months, we have organized numerous events and activities for the community and supported other agencies. Our taiohi and whānau remain at the heart of everything we do.

In March, we supported our rainbow youth by hosting our annual Glitter Ball, where 50 young people enjoyed dancing at the West End Hall. Our staff ensured a safe and inclusive environment for this celebration of self-expression through dress, music, and dance.

Our V.O.I.C.E Art Exhibition was a significant success. We transformed our Sophia Street site into an art gallery for a week. The opening night was hosted by our Raise Up crew, with two young people making their debut in public speaking, learning valuable skills in the process.

The inaugural Showcase on Sophia, held during Youth Week, was a highlight. The Y, in collaboration with the Tongan Society, Timaru District Council, and Refugee Settlement Society, organized a vibrant street party featuring performances by young people, cultural groups, and community performers. The event included food stalls and The Y’s driving simulator, attracting great community support.



Additionally, our PARS Pop-Up gear was active in the community, supporting the Multicultural Festival and Children's Day by providing free play areas for whānau to relax, play, and interact with each other.



Service Aim	Deliverables	Strategic Alignment TDC (see pg 20-21 of the LTP attached)	Y Strategic Goal Alignment	Outcomes

The Goal		The Why		
<p>Undertake Y Bi-annual Youth Survey</p> <p>Rangatahi are supported and empowered to articulate and contribute their interests, concerns and ideas.</p> <p>\$5,000 (Development, Co-ordination, Analysis &amp; Marketing and Communications costs)</p>	<p>Conduct the Y Bi-annual survey .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review questionnaire and add new focus areas based on any feedback received from rangatahi</li> <li>Focus on increasing the number of youth that complete the survey</li> <li>Advocate for action based on the results of the survey</li> </ul>	<p>CONNECTED CITIZENS: (focus area 1 and 5)</p> <p>1. OPEN TO IDEAS: Rangatahi are informed and supported to contribute their experience, needs and ideas to Council and other agencies that make decisions about them.</p> <p>5. ADVOCACY/LEADERSHIP Collection of ideas and experiences of our youth aged 12 – 24</p>	<p>Empower Youth Resiliency – <b>Advocate strongly on behalf of youth</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rangatahi have the opportunity to ‘contribute their voice’ through completing a survey that is asking questions about what it is like to live in Timaru District.</li> <li>The community will better understand the experiences, hopes and vision that rangatahi have.</li> <li>The information received will be evaluated and disseminated across the community</li> </ul>

**PROGRESS/ACTIONS to June 2024**

Youth Survey 2024 launched on 20 May during Youth Week to all rangatahi and taiohi ages 12-24 years in the Timaru, Ashburton, Mackenzie, Waimate and Waitaki Districts. It was promoted in traditional media and also on social media (TikTok, Instagram, Facebook), as well as directly to schools.

The survey comprised 3 sections (Attitudes, Education & Employment, and Wellbeing) with approximately 15 questions each. The survey closes on Friday, 12 July, and to date has garnered 1197 responses to Part 1 – Attitudes, 848 responses to Part 2 – Education & Employment, and 756 responses to Part 3 – Wellbeing. This response rate is almost the same as the 2021 Youth Survey. We would like to acknowledge efforts of our Timaru Raise Up Crew in championing the survey and helping to increase response rates.



Analysis of responses and drafting of a survey report will occur during the remainder of July and August, for release the first week of September. A BA5 event to make public the final report has been scheduled for 5 September at the Y at 7-9 Sophia Street in Timaru. Similar events are planned in conjunction with the other four district councils. The report will also be widely disseminated to decision-makers and planners within the social, education, health, business and community sectors.

For this 10-year edition of the survey we consulted with key stakeholders (including Te Whatu Ora, all district councils, Venture Timaru) to ensure we’re continuing to ask the questions that will yield insights of value to them. New questions in Youth Survey 2024 pertain to the effects of the cost of living crisis on young people and their families/whānau, social media usage, stress and anxiety, and work readiness.

Service Aim  The Goal	Deliverables	Strategic Alignment TDC (see pg 20-21 of the LTP attached)  The Why	Y Strategic Goal Alignment	Outcomes
Health and Wellbeing  Rangatahi have the information and skills they need to be safe, healthy, resilient and connected to their community.  \$10,000 (Facilitation and equipment/resource costs)	The Y will deliver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resiliency Toolkit – target youth aged 15 – 19 to deliver Healthy Relationship/Alcohol and Drug modules</li> <li>Community Pop Up – create Play Pop-Up opportunities for tamarki and rangatahi during school holidays (Up to 20 sessions per year)</li> <li>Rainbow Education – deliver 10 Rainbow 101 workshops for agencies, parent and businesses</li> <li>Youth Work – work towards inclusion, participation and connection for young people across the community</li> </ul>	ENHANCED LIFESTYLE (Focus areas 1, 4, 5) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACCESSIBLE AND ACTIVE – Delivery of activities where they are accessible to young people eg: Community Pop Ups delivered in parks.</li> <li>AFFORDABILITY - activities/learning opportunities are free to young people.</li> <li>HEALTH AND WELLNESS - All activities are delivered using positive youth development facilitation focusing on personal wellbeing and safety</li> </ol>	Contribute to the Well-being of Families & Communities – <b>Advocate for a safe, resilient and connected community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rangatahi across the Timaru District are better informed and equipped to make healthy decisions regarding the personal and social choices</li> <li>Rangatahi are able to ask questions and learn in a safe, facilitated environment</li> <li>Youth have the opportunity to develop skills related to the emotional wellbeing, physical health and future aspirations</li> <li>There is support and education about diversity</li> <li>There is a reduction of harm related to alcohol, drugs and violence related to rangatahi</li> </ul>

**PROGRESS/ACTIONS to June 2024**

**RESILIENCY TOOLKIT** – During the first six months of 2024, our facilitators engaged with approximately 190 young people in their school environment. We have covered a range of topics, and have delved deeper into specific areas based on the needs and interests of the students.

Our main topics include:

- **Healthy Relationships:** Consent, pornography awareness, healthy and unhealthy behaviours, coping with anxiety and stress, health and wellbeing, and anatomy.
- **Drugs and Alcohol:** Safer partying, the effects of alcohol on the brain, drug information and safety, and NZ laws., and being a bystander
- **Technology:** Cyberbullying, Harmful Digital Media Act, digital wellbeing, and digital overuse.

Our facilitators have noticed a shift in the age group we deliver to. In previous years, we were primarily asked to work with Year 11 students and above, however, we are now being invited to engage with students as early as Year 7. We, along with school staff, are seeing knowledge of the above topics in students much younger than in previous years, accounting for the natural shift into younger age groups for safe education.

**Community Pop-Up Events** – During the January and April school holidays, we hosted 13 community pop-up events around Timaru. A key highlight for families is the lack of barriers. Our pop-ups are free, held in local parks, making them very accessible and safe. Nearby shops allow parents to enjoy a hot drink while watching their children play or joining in the activities.

Our pop-ups provide a free space for families to use their imaginations and play as they like with the equipment. Over the past six months, more than 350 children and young people participated in our 'free-play' activities. There is always a Y Central South Island facilitator on hand to ensure safety, act as a referee, offer encouragement, and most importantly, build relationships with the families. This creates a sense of belonging for our participants, which is an important part of one's overall health and wellbeing.



**Rainbow Education – Rainbow 101** – continues to grow from strength to strength. In the past six months, our facilitator has delivered 11 Rainbow 101 sessions to various schools, businesses, and organizations in the Timaru district, with around 80 participants enhancing their knowledge in diversity. The 2-hour Rainbow 101 program covers:

- LGBTQIA+ explained
- Terminology and the difference between gender and sexuality
- Stereotyping gender and breaking myths
- Pronouns and their importance
- Mental health and why self-harm and suicide rates are higher in the rainbow community
- Sexual harm in the rainbow community
- What can your organization do better?

Bookings in this area continue to grow. We are committed to supporting the rainbow community in all our schools, whether it be assisting students with their rainbow support groups, aiding teaching staff with questions and advice, or helping community members seeking guidance and support.

**Youth Work** – The ongoing need for youth work in the community is always prevalent; this year we have seen more young people with high and complex needs walk through our doors requiring support. Striving to hit the deliverables of this contract we have been working on group initiatives that meet collective need, alongside our one-on-one support offered. To embed disengaged young people's inclusion, participation, and connection in their local community we engaged a group of young people in a workshop-based goal development session, supporting them to consider pathways toward employment opportunities and positive life outcomes. This interactive peer-based session was successful, with taiohi now encouraging each other and holding each other to account as they take the next steps on their individual journey's. This group went on to share their individual goals with a local employer during an informal meet and greet to explore work experience/employment opportunities; the kaimahi shared that each taiohi displayed a confidence and focus underpinned by the preparatory work they had undertaken.

Alongside this, several groups of taiohi are being offered work experience opportunities, at locations across the region, twice a week. Work experience is seen as important step towards employment; it reinforces work readiness skills, provides exposure to different work environments and the associated expectations, enhances skills and experiences on one's CV and can provide positive referee feedback. Already we are seeing increased motivation from taiohi, who not only see the opportunity afforded, but now have some additional purpose to their week and appear to enjoy the reciprocity of the social and community connection.



Service Aim The Goal	Deliverables	Strategic Alignment TDC (see pg 20-21 of the LTP attached)  The Why	Y Strategic Goal Alignment	Outcomes
<p>“Opening Doors” – Provide equitable access to driving instruction and licencing for rangatahi.</p> <p>\$5,000 (driving instruction and licencing costs)</p>	<p>Provide Driver Education and Training opportunities for those people living in our community who need a step up through offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 x Community Driving Scholarships to gain a driving licence</li> </ul>	<p>CONNECTED CITIZENS (Focus areas 3 and 4)</p> <p>3 ENABLING COMMUNITY – support from Council for a community initiative</p> <p>4 FOSTER IWI RELATIONSHIPS – work alongside Iwi to support their rangatahi to gain their licence</p>	<p><i>Contribute to the Well-being of Families &amp; Communities – Develop &amp; Deliver Community Programmes &amp; Services</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new pathway to support rangatahi to gain a licence</li> <li>• Rangatahi have increased opportunity to gain employment through obtaining a licence</li> </ul>
<p><b>PROGRESS/ACTIONS to June 2024</b></p> <p><b>Y•Drive Community Driving Scholarships:</b></p> <p>The Y’s vision is to ensure all people living within our community are provided with the opportunity to “open doors” by obtaining a driving licence, irrespective of socio-economic circumstances. Holding a driver’s licence also provides social and community connectiveness and creates a better chance of securing a pathway into permanent and sustainable employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the reporting period our Y-Drive driving school has continued to grow further, based on local demand. In addition, we have just been advised that we were successful in tendering for a Refugee Driving Programme to support local refugees settling in Timaru. This new programme will commence on 1 July and provide driver education and training to refugee drivers per annum.</li> <li>• During the period we delivered to 35 rangatahi, 30 of which passed their licence (8 restricted and 22 learners). 3 are still active. Total scholarship hours delivered free was 210 hours.</li> <li>• We also, in conjunction with VTNZ, hosted the mobile driver licence testing unit here in Timaru, in particular in support of Pasifika Community members achieving their NZ Drivers Licence and/or NZ Driver’s Licence conversion. The day was highly successful within excess of 75 individual Timaru District residents achieving their driver’s licence on the day.</li> <li>• Our Pasifika Community Connector continues to support local migrants, migrant agencies and local employers, to support migrants to achieve their NZ Driver Licence and or convert their overseas driver licence to a NZ Driver’s licence, making them legal and safe drivers on our local roads. This also involves supporting Police diversion referrals, in lieu of incurring traffic infringement fines.</li> </ul>				

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### REPORT TO TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL 1 July 2024 TO 30 December 2024

It is with pleasure that we present this report as an overview of the past 6 months' mahi. An agreement between Timaru District Council and the Y Central South Island (formerly YMCA South and Mid Canterbury). This report highlights the work we have agreed to undertake to advocate and support taiohi within the Timaru District from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025.

The report addresses the key deliverables of that contract and describes some the highlights of the work that the Y has contributed for the taiohi, tamariki and the wider community of Timaru District.

The Y greatly appreciates the Council's ongoing support and belief in our core work of **INSPIRING AND CONNECTING COMMUNITIES BY INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION**. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to know more or have ideas about connecting, empowering and investing in our incredible youth who live across the Timaru District.

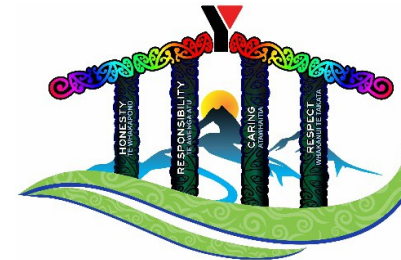
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**SERVICE AGREEMENT**

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Provide support to empower young people to have a voice and participate in decision-making in their community  \$2,500 (youth development facilitation & associated resources)	Partner with TDC to create avenues for youth coalitions to participate in the decision-making process about matters which affect them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work alongside youth to understand what is important to them and how they want to engage with Council e.g., Youth Hui, Youth engagement opportunities, youth led questionnaires/campaigns.</li> <li>Work with council to identify opportunity for direct decision-making powers around arts, mental health programs, sporting grants etc</li> </ul>	<b>Connected citizens:</b> (Focus area 1, 3 and 5) 1: OPEN TO IDEAS – bringing ideas of young people to Council 3: ENABLING COMMUNITY – giving young people power to action those ideas within the council (such as public artwork on building walls or program development) 5: ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP – investing in the next generation of leaders to lead change for young people in the community and promote change at a policy level in their District	Contribute to the Well-being of Families & Communities – <b>Encourage Active Citizenship</b>	A successful platform for young people to exercise their voice and decision-making powers. Empowering Council to engage more effectively with young people in their district around decision-making processes
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Co-ordinate youth specific event(s) in a safe environment  \$2,500 (event costs)	Connect with rangatahi to identify and co-ordinate youth led events (up to 4 per year). EG. Rainbow events, Art Exhibition (Linking with City Town initiatives)	<b>CONNECTED CITIZENS:</b> (Focus area 5) 5. ENABLING COMMUNITY – rangatahi will identify and own youth events of their choosing through partnering with the Y.  <b>ENHANCED LIFESTYLE</b> (Focus Area 4) 4. AFFORDABILITY - Events are accessible to all through ensuring events are free or low cost	Contribute to the Well-being of Families & Communities – <b>Develop &amp; Deliver Community Events</b>	The Y partners with rangatahi to empower and support them to engage in the planning and delivery of a range of safe, inspiring, engaging and relevant events across the Timaru District. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversity is celebrated</li> </ul>

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### RAISE UP

Raise Up is the Y's Youth Development programme for young people aged 13 – 18 years-old. In the final six months of 2024, we had a committed crew of nine young people who continued their journey in leadership and community service. The programme, run 'by youth for youth,' includes a variety of regular weekly activities, events, workshops, and personal development opportunities. The 'Crew', an organizing committee, is the driving force behind many of the events and activities for youth at the Y and throughout the Timaru District.

As volunteers, participants learn skills such as leadership, event management, and coordination. This initiative aligns with our goal of encouraging active citizenship by involving young people in planning, preparation, delivery, and review of success. They have accomplished time management skills, collaborating with businesses in the community, and inviting the public into their space. The crew organised and hosted a successful quiz night in the latter half of this year, for young people and their whānau in the Timaru area. This event was fulfilling to watch, as they planned this event from the bones to the end result, including writing the questions, sourcing prizes, and facilitating the event smoothly and professionally.



This programme also requires participants to not only volunteer hours to their own created events, but other events within the Timaru community. Thus, this crew have given their time to multiple events throughout the 2024 year, including but not limited to, hosting and being MC at the Youth Art Exhibition; being support crew for the Showcase on Sophia Youth Street Festival, in collaboration with Timaru District Council, Tongan Society, and Refugee Settlement Services; and playing their part as zombies in The Y newly founded, but soon to be annual event, the Mud Festival.

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Undertake Y Bi-annual Youth Survey  Rangatahi are supported and empowered to articulate and contribute their interests, concerns and ideas.  \$5,000 (Development, Co-ordination, Analysis & Marketing and Communications costs)	Conduct the Y Bi-annual survey . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review questionnaire and add new focus areas based on any feedback received from rangatahi</li> <li>Focus on increasing the number of youth that complete the survey</li> <li>Advocate for action based on the results of the survey</li> </ul>	CONNECTED CITIZENS: (focus area 1 and 5) 1. OPEN TO IDEAS: Rangatahi are informed and supported to contribute their experience, needs and ideas to Council and other agencies that make decisions about them.  5. ADVOCACY/LEADERSHIP Collection of ideas and experiences of our youth aged 12 – 24	Empower Youth Resiliency – <b>Advocate strongly on behalf of youth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rangatahi have the opportunity to ‘contribute their voice’ through completing a survey that is asking questions about what it is like to live in Timaru District.</li> <li>The community will better understand the experiences, hopes and vision that rangatahi have.</li> <li>The information received will be evaluated and disseminated across the community</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct the Y Bi-annual survey.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Survey 2024 was launched during Youth Week on 20 May and was open for responses until 30 June. The survey link was promoted throughout the Timaru District via posters, QR codes, ymcasc.org.nz website, school notices, school assemblies, stakeholder emails, community newspapers and social media ads (Facebook, Instagram and TikTok)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Review questionnaire and add new focus areas based on any feedback received from rangatahi                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hui were held with key stakeholders in the health, education, business and local government sectors, which resulted in new questions added in the Education &amp; Employment and Wellbeing sections of the survey. These included questions on factors and barriers in choosing a career, the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, access and barriers to medical/mental health services, self-harm and eating disorders, Rainbow support services, effect of social media usage on wellbeing, and the Government’s ban on cell phones in schools.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Focus on increasing the number of youth that complete the survey                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase the number of completed surveys, Youth Survey was split into 3 separate survey sections – Attitudes, Education &amp; Employment, and Wellbeing – with 20 questions each, including demographics. This split was to ensure that each section took only about 5 minutes to complete, instead of 20+ minutes if the 3 sections were part of a single long survey. There were 1378 respondents from Timaru District taiohi across all three sections, an average of 459 for each section. Comparable figures from Youth Survey 2021 are 1147 Timaru District respondents, with an average of 382 for each section.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				

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- Advocate for action based on the results of the survey
  - The Youth Survey 2024 Results Report and the media release regarding the same include statements strongly urging decision-makers to “take note and take action” by utilising the survey’s findings in their planning and service/programme development. The Y has used it monthly Youth Kōrero with the Y columns in the Timaru Courier to highlight screen time and stress/anxiety findings and urge action in these areas. The Y also shared Youth Survey 2024 findings at a Business After Five (BA5) event attended by approximately 150 business and community stakeholders and strongly urged attendees to pay attention to what our district’s young people have been saying through the survey for the past 10 years.

### Outcomes

- Rangatahi have the opportunity to 'contribute their voice' through completing a survey that is asking questions about what it is like to live in Timaru District.
  - There were 1378 respondents from Timaru District taiohi across all three sections, an average of 459 for each section.
- The community will better understand the experiences, hopes and vision that rangatahi have.
  - The Y will continue to utilise and publicise survey findings in its traditional media and social communications.
- The information received will be evaluated and disseminated across the community.
  - A comprehensive evaluation of survey results was conducted, and findings were publicly released in early September through the Youth Survey 2024 Results Report. The report was disseminated through traditional and social media, the ymcasc.org.nz website, stakeholder (local government, business, community, health, education, social sector) emails, and BA5-type events held in Timaru, Ashburton and Oamaru.



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Health and Wellbeing  Rangatahi have the information and skills they need to be safe, healthy, resilient and connected to their community.  \$10,000 (Facilitation and equipment/resource costs)	The Y will deliver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resiliency Toolkit – target youth aged 15 – 19 to deliver Healthy Relationship/Alcohol and Drug modules</li> <li>• Community Pop Up – create Play Pop-Up opportunities for tamarki and rangatahi during school holidays (Up to 20 sessions per year)</li> <li>• Rainbow Education – deliver 10 Rainbow 101 workshops for agencies, parent and businesses</li> <li>• Youth Work – work towards inclusion, participation and connection for young people across the community</li> </ul>	ENHANCED LIFESTYLE (Focus areas 1, 4, 5) 1. ACCESSIBLE AND ACTIVE – Delivery of activities where they are accessible to young people eg: Community Pop Ups delivered in parks. 4. AFFORDABILITY - activities/learning opportunities are free to young people. 5. HEALTH AND WELLNESS - All activities are delivered using positive youth development facilitation focusing on personal wellbeing and safety	Contribute to the Well-being of Families & Communities – <b>Advocate for a safe, resilient and connected community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rangatahi across the Timaru District are better informed and equipped to make healthy decisions regarding the personal and social choices</li> <li>• Rangatahi are able to ask questions and learn in a safe, facilitated environment</li> <li>• Youth have the opportunity to develop skills related to the emotional wellbeing, physical health and future aspirations</li> <li>• There is support and education about diversity</li> <li>• There is a reduction of harm related to alcohol, drugs and violence related to rangatahi</li> </ul>

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### Community Pop-Up Events

From 1 July to 18 December, we proudly hosted 13 community pop-up events across South Canterbury, engaging with over 900 participants. These events have become a cherished highlight for local families, largely due to their inclusivity and accessibility. By being entirely free and held in familiar local parks, they eliminate common barriers, ensuring everyone feels welcome and safe.



A standout feature of our pop-ups is the presence of our trained facilitators. Their role goes beyond organizing activities—they actively engage with whānau, playing games, refereeing when needed, and building meaningful connections. These interactions not only enhance the event experience but also foster a sense of belonging and strengthen ties within the community.

Our pop-ups demonstrate the power of bringing people together, creating a vibrant space where relationships flourish and everyone feels connected.



### Resiliency Toolkit

In this reporting period (July to December), we facilitated to 427 students between the ages of 15-19 years-old, through our strong connections with Roncalli College, Craighead Diocesan, Timaru Boy's High School, and The Y Central South Island's Education. The Healthy Relationship module includes Consent and the NZ law, Healthy behaviours, Power and Control in an unhealthy relationship, Sexual harm prevention and being an active bystander. The Alcohol and drug module includes Levels of intoxication effects on the brain, Safer partying, Illegal drugs and addiction. There is still the need for seniors to learn the above content especially around their high school ball season; this has been taken up by Timaru Boy's High School which get us in to facilitate pre-ball to support education around feeling safe in situations, with peers, and using substances. The purpose of this education is to keep young people safe with navigating and experimenting with alcohol and sexual relationships.

### Rainbow Education

We held 6 Rainbow 101 workshops between June and December 2024, which facilitated to 83 participants. The workshops were to professionals in the health, government, and social services sectors. Content that is delivered includes: learning about terminology, breaking myths and stereotypes, mental health in the Rainbow community and what participants could do professionally or personally to better support and walk alongside the LGBTQIA community. Depending on who we delivered to, we remain flexible in answering questions depending on their role in the workforce. Some extra topics we discussed were Sexual health in the rainbow community, problems accessing medical care for our transgender community, and the History of the LGBTQIA community.



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**Youth Work** - The ongoing need for youth work in the community is always prevalent; this year we have seen more young people with high and complex needs walk through our doors requiring support. Striving to hit the deliverables of this contract we have been working on group initiatives that meet collective need, alongside our one-on-one support offered. To embed disengaged young people's inclusion, participation, and connection in their local community we have engaged groups of young people in workshop-based goal development sessions, supporting them to consider pathways toward employment opportunities and positive life outcomes. These workshop and/or group settings have also been successful in supporting taiohi to consider their Hauora through the Te Whare Tapu Wha model, and also through group boxing sessions (coincidentally held directly outside the TDC). These interactive peer-based sessions are proving successful, with taiohi both encouraging and holding each other to account as they take the next steps on their individual journey's. One of these groups went on to share their individual goals with a local employer during an informal meet and greet to explore work experience/employment opportunities; the kaimahi shared that each taiohi displayed a confidence and focus underpinned by the preparatory work they had undertaken. One of the taiohi engaged some of the other facilitated sessions begun their work with us unable to leave the house due to anxiety challenges – they are now engaging with others through boxing, attending workshops, and attending job interviews.

Alongside this, several groups of taiohi are being offered work experience opportunities, at locations across the region, up to twice a week. Work experience is seen as important step towards employment; it reinforces work readiness skills, provides exposure to different work environments and the associated expectations, enhances skills and experiences on one's CV and can provide positive referee feedback. Over this year, we have seen an increased motivation from taiohi, who not only see the opportunity afforded, but now have some additional purpose to their week and appear to enjoy the reciprocity of the social and community connection.

**Inaugural Mud Festival 2024** – In late November, the Y held its inaugural Mud Festival in Pleasant Point. What an awesome day it turned out to be and what a muddy good time, in excess of 200 participants, children, youth, parents and grandparents had! We promised mud and fun, and we think we delivered. The pictures are just a taste of the mud and fun experienced by those who participated.



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<p>“Opening Doors” – Provide equitable access to driving instruction and licencing for rangatahi.</p> <p>\$5,000 (driving instruction and licencing costs)</p>	<p>Provide Driver Education and Training opportunities for those people living in our community who need a step up through offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 x Community Driving Scholarships to gain a driving licence</li> </ul>	<p>CONNECTED CITIZENS (Focus areas 3 and 4)</p> <p>3 ENABLING COMMUNITY – support from Council for a community initiative</p> <p>4 FOSTER IWI RELATIONSHIPS – work alongside Iwi to support their rangatahi to gain their licence</p>	<p>Contribute to the Well-being of Families &amp; Communities – Develop &amp; Deliver Community Programmes &amp; Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new pathway to support rangatahi to gain a licence</li> <li>• Rangatahi have increased opportunity to gain employment through obtaining a licence</li> </ul>

**Y-Drive Community Scholarships** – The Y’s vision of ensuring all people living within the district are proved with the opportunity to “open doors”, irrespective of circumstance, by obtaining a driver licence continues to flourish. During the reporting period we delivered in excess of 500 individual driving lessons, to 123 individual learner drivers(21 of these drivers received community driving scholarships delivered FREE to the learner driver). To date 95 of these learners have passed their driver’s licence. 26 of them are still active in their learning journey.

In addition, 65 learner driver licences were achieved (38 of them community driving scholarships delivered FREE to the learner driver).

Our Pasifika/Migrant also benefit strongly from our Y-Drive driver licence services and continue to be pro-actively serviced by our Pasifika Community Connector and Y-Drive driving instructor team.

During the period, the Salvation Army withdrew their Community Driving Scholarship Programme from Timaru (reverting their priorities to Ashburton and Christchurch). The Y has stepped in and purchased an additional driver mentor vehicle and is now delivering this Community Driving Scholarship Service unfunded. The Y once again felt the driver mentoring service was too valuable to lose within the district and therefore took it upon itself to ensure the service was not lost to the district.

**Refugee Driving Programme** – The other primary Y-Drive initiative activated during this period is the Refugee Driving Programme. The Y had great pleasure in employing Jamal Almohamad as our new Y•Drive Translator for Refugees! He has been working alongside our Timaru driving instructors and facilitators, translating verbal instructions and information between English and Arabic. Jamal, a former refugee himself, has successfully completed driving lessons through Y•Drive. His experience and dedication has been invaluable in helping others on their driving journey.

Jamal can be seen below, down at Caroline Bay at the bicycle park, teaching the road rules to other refugees. Eespite the rain, our local and recently arrived refugees were keen to learn. A cold NZ wet day was going to stop them!



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## 8.5 Provision of Youth Support Services for Timaru District Council

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### Recommendation

That the Community Services Committee remove \$30,000 from the Community Development operational budget and agree to discontinue the service agreement for the provision of youth services in the Timaru District.

### Purpose of Report

- 1 This report outlines the context and history of the service agreement between Timaru District Council and The Y Central South Island (The Y), formerly YMCA South and Mid Canterbury. It highlights the value of The Y's work in our community and presents the options available for the Council to consider regarding the future of this agreement.

### Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is deemed as low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as this has ongoing but limited community interest and affects a small number of people in the community.

### Background

- 3 Prior to September 2012, Timaru District Council supported two Youth Worker roles and the Youth Alley programme, funded by the Ministry of Social Development. In 2012, this funding was removed, making the sustainability of these roles unviable. Recognising the ongoing need for non-faith-based youth support services, the Council engaged The Y to provide these services.
- 4 The original funding agreement was for \$25,000 per annum, provided in two tranches every six months, with The Y reporting their activities prior to each payment. This agreement has been renewed every three years since 2013, with the latest Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2022 and expiring on 1 July this year.

### Discussion

- 5 The Y is a recognised agency within the district, providing a variety of youth programs and services. They offer support to all young individuals, regardless of background, ethnicity, gender, ability, or personal circumstances. Through their initiatives, The Y supports youth voices, advocates for their potential, and provides opportunities for growth and leadership in the community. Their work aligns with the Council's goals of supporting youth development and fostering an inclusive community.
- 6 The Council must carefully consider the options outlined below and make a decision that best supports the youth of Timaru District while balancing budgetary constraints. The Y has demonstrated significant value in their work, and their continued support could greatly benefit the community.

- 7 Council has a significant operating deficit at the present time and is required to find ways to reduce expenses. In this context, officers recommend Option 5, which proposes to cease funding at this time.

### **Options and Preferred Option**

- 8 Given the current economic climate, the Council has several options to consider regarding the future of this service agreement:
- 8.1 Option 1: Continue the current arrangement for another three years, with \$25,000 already allocated for in the 2025/26 operational budget for this contract. This option ensures the continuation of valuable youth services and support in the district.
  - 8.2 Option 2: Continue the current arrangement and increase the amount agreed for the provision of services to \$30,000 to recognise the increase in costs since the original agreement in 2013. This additional \$5,000 has been included in the current 2025-26 budget.
  - 8.3 Options 3: Create a contestable fund through the Community Funding programme, allowing other organisations to apply for funding to support youth projects. This option promotes competition and innovation in youth services.
  - 8.4 Option 4: Offer specific guidance on how the funding should be allocated, such as establishing a Youth Advisory group to provide a youth voice in Council's decision-making processes. This option ensures that the funding is used effectively and aligns with the Council's strategic priorities.
  - 8.5 Option 5 (preferred option): Consider removing \$30,000 from the Community Development operational budget. This option would result in the discontinuation of the service agreement with The Y and the potential loss of youth services in the district.

### **Consultation**

- 9 As this decision does not meet the threshold for public consultation, none will be required. Representatives from The Y will be in attendance to answer any questions Council may have.

### **Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans**

- 10 There is no other relevant legislation or policy to consider at this time.

### **Financial and Funding Implications**

- 11 A budget of \$30,000 is currently allocated for the continuation of this contract, with an estimated impact of \$1.45 per ratepayer, per annum.

### **Other Considerations**

- 12 There are no other considerations at this time.

### **Attachments**

Nil

**9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

**10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

**11 Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration**