

KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION

Date:	Wednesday 09 September 2026	
Time	9.00am – 1.45pm	Open Workshop Session
	1.45pm – 2.30pm	Closed Workshop Session
Location	Totara, Council Chambers, Civic Building	

OPEN WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Karakia

2. Apologies

3. 9.00am – 10.00am – Pōhowera Park

Presenters: Coly Doughty – Pōhowera Park Project Manager, Matt Hoggard – Strategy, Policy and District Plan Manager

An update on progress at Pōhowera Park, including:

- MPI Forestry Emissions Ruling – outcome of the ruling, native reforestation requirements and next steps.
- Friends of Pōhowera – establishment of the community volunteer group, planting partnerships, activities for 2026 and plans for ongoing community involvement.
- Land ownership – an update on land ownership opportunities
- Amenity planning – update on the proposed park amenities and permissions and approvals
- Q&A – time for questions and discussion.

4. 10.00am – 10.45am – Whale Trail Update

Presenters: Coly Doughty – Whale Trail, Matt Hoggard – Strategy, Policy and District Plan Manager, Nigel Muir

Nigel Muir, Project Lead, and Lynette Buurman, Marlborough Kaikōura Trail Trust Trustee, will provide an update on progress of the Whale Trail, with a particular focus on the Kaikōura District and the completion and opening of the remaining sections of the trail this summer.

The update will cover:

- Current construction progress and the work underway to complete the remaining sections of the Whale Trail.
- Kaikōura section update, including construction of the three local creek bridges.
- Transition from construction to operation, as the focus increasingly moves from building the trail to managing, promoting and maintaining it as a long-term community and visitor asset.
- Ongoing maintenance and Council support, including the importance of establishing a sustainable approach to maintenance within the Kaikōura District and continuing the partnership between the Trust and Kaikōura District Council.
- Time for questions and discussion with Councillors.

Morning Tea Break – 10.45am – 11.00am

5. 11.00am – 12.30pm - New Zealand's New Planning System Testing the Approach to National Policy Direction

Presenters: Matt Hoggard - Strategy, Policy and District Plan Manager

The [New Zealand's New Planning System: Testing the approach to National Policy Direction | Ministry for the Environment](#) was released on 27th August 2026. The document tests how National Policy Direction would function within the proposed Planning Act and Natural Environment Act framework, establishing national directives across key themes including housing, infrastructure, primary production, resources and public values. It is intended to provide councils, infrastructure providers, iwi, developers and communities with an early indication of how national priorities may shape future regional spatial planning and decision-making. The impact of this document will be discussed with Councillors.

Lunch Break – 12.30pm – 1.00pm

6. 1.00pm – 1.45pm Pump Track Refresher of Proposal

Presenters: Matt Hoggard - Strategy, Policy and District Plan Manager

To provide a refresher of the proposal previously submitted by the Cycle Club for the pump track in February 2026.

CLOSED WORKSHOP SESSION

7. 1.45pm -2.30pm Public Excluded Session

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this workshop, namely;

a) 1.45pm – 2.30pm Kaikoura Board Riders / Seal Swim Proposal

The general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1), 6 and 7 of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each to be considered	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds of the Act under which this resolution is made
Kaikoura Board Riders / Seal Swim Proposal	To protect commercially sensitive information and Council's negotiating position	Section (7)(2)(b)(ii) would be likely unreasonable to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information Section (7)(2)(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

*This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

- Release of this information could unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the parties involved and prejudice Council's ability to negotiate favourable outcomes.

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