

From Cadets to Careers

You might be a school leaver, have just left study, or already working but unsure what's next. Sometimes all it takes is a bit of support to kickstart your career – and that's what our two-year cadetship is designed to do. Our latest cadets, Kohan Carden and Ruby Nevill, have gained skills, confidence and a clearer idea of where they want to go.

"There's so much going on at the Council that people don't know," says Kohan. "There's always something interesting happening – a project, a plan, or an idea for how to improve a service."

Kohan and Ruby both applied in late 2024 and started in January 2025. The cadetship helps young people into the workforce and develops future Council careers. Each cadet completes four six-month rotations across different departments, building skills, relationships and workplace experience.

Kohan started in Parks, then moved to Communications and Engagement and Infrastructure. During his Infrastructure rotation, a permanent communications role came up. He applied and was successful. Since June 2026, he's been our Digital Communications Coordinator, working across advertising, social media and general communications.

Ruby started in People and Culture, moved to Libraries, returned to People and Culture, and is now completing her final rotation in Communications.

Both knew little about Council before they started and were nervous going in. They've since learned to adapt, fit in and put their hands up for new projects.

"People and Culture was a great starting point for me, because they were so supportive," Ruby says. "I learned a lot, especially how to be professional when you're working with confidential information."

Ruby wasn't sure where her career was headed when she left school and didn't think an office job was for her. Her experience here changed her mind. She's also discovered a passion for graphic design through projects she's worked on and plans to pursue it when her cadetship ends.

For Kohan, working in communications – particularly on the 2025–2034 Long-term Plan – sparked an interest he's keen to build on through further study.

Both say the cadetship is a good option if you don't know what you want to do. It offers real workplace experience, support when things don't go to plan, and the chance to discover your interests.

"People who work here care, and being in that space is really cool," Kohan says. "The cadetship has been great for me, and I think it could be for someone else too. It really is what you make of it."

Cadetship applications are open for 2027

We have one cadetship available, beginning January 2027. Over two years, you'll rotate through different Council departments, get paid while you learn, and develop real project management, communication and problem-solving skills while making a difference in your community.

Interested? Send us a CV and cover letter telling us about yourself, your interests, and why you'd like to work for Council.

Applications close 18 October.



Vacancies

- Planning Officer (Intermediate)**
Applications close 25 September 2026
- Senior Planner**
Applications close 25 September 2026
- Swim Teacher (Alexandra and Cromwell)**
Applications close 2 October 2026
- Venue Technical Manager**
Applications close 2 October 2026
- Pool Crew**
Applications close 2 October 2026
- Customer Services Aquatics**
Applications close 2 October 2026
- Monitoring and Enforcement Officer**
Applications close 9 October 2026
- Venue Staff**
Applications close 9 October 2026
- Cadet**
Applications close 18 October 2026
- For more information and to apply see our Careers page:
www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/careers

Alcohol Licensing Applications

Current applications are listed at
www.codc.govt.nz/services/licensing/alcohol-licensing

Applicant	Trading as	Address	Application	Closing date
Tinwald Farm Wines Limited	Tinwald Farm Wines	1599 & 1575 Luggate-Cromwell Road (SH6)	ON296 New On-Licence	29/10/2026
Calsi Farms Limited	Calsi Farms Limited	2150 Luggate-Cromwell Road (SH6)	OF380 New Off-Licence Remote Sales	29/10/2026
Southern Lakes Logistics Limited	The BRAE - Tastings & Taps	27 McNab Road Cromwell	ON250 & OF317 Renewal On and Off-licence	29/10/2026
Sarah J Wine Ltd	Sarah J Wine Ltd	20 Mclean Road RD 3 Cromwell	OF381 New Off-Licence Remote Sales	29/10/2026

Temporary Road Closures

(Pursuant to the Transport Vehicular Traffic Road Closure Regulations 1965)

Notice is given that the sections of Erris Street and Melmore Terrace in Cromwell are proposed to be closed for the Cromwell Heritage Festival & Fireworks.

The closure will be from 12pm on Sunday 25 October 2026, until approximately 1am on Monday 26 October 2026.

Detours: No detours will be posted. The sections of Erris Street and Melmore Terrace that will be closed are located at the ends of the streets. Local residents will be able to navigate around the closures. Residents will have access to their properties with the assistance of traffic marshals.

Any person objecting to the proposal can lodge their objection and reasons in writing before 5pm on Sunday 27 September 2026 to the Central Otago District Council, 1 Dunorling Street, PO Box 122, Alexandra.

Creative Communities Funding

The Creatives Communities Funding Assessment Committee met on Monday 21 September 2026.

The listed arts and cultural groups were allocated the following funding to assist with their projects.

Bannockburn Charitable Arts Trust	Bannockburn Arts Annual Exhibition 2026	\$2,474.00
Dunstan Community Whare Trust	Whakapapa o te Whare Whakaruruhau	\$4,747.00
Central Otago District Arts Trust	Central Otago Literary Series 2026 - Cover to Cover with Breton Dukes.	\$4,144.00

MEETINGS

- Meetings are held in person and live streamed and can be accessed via the livestream link on Microsoft Teams.
- The links to these meetings, along with any cancellations and rescheduling, will be provided on Council's website:
www.codc.govt.nz/meetings
- What's coming up...**
- Council Extraordinary Meeting**
Friday 25 September, 9.30am
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra
- Council**
Wednesday 30 September, 10.30am
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra
- Southern Waters Stakeholders' Representative Group**
Friday 2 October, 9am
1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha
- Audit and Risk**
Monday 5 October, 9am
Online via Teams
- Council**
Monday 5 October, 10.30am
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra
- Cromwell Community Board**
Tuesday 6 October, 2pm
36 Melmore Terrace, Cromwell

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- Alexandra Library**
Spring Holiday Programme - sign up essential!
Paper Flowers
Monday 28 September, 10.30am - 11.30am
Spring Garden Collage
Tuesday 29 September, 10.30am - 11.30am
Paper Butterflies and Birds
Monday 5 October, 10.30am - 11.30am
Paper Puppets
Tuesday 6 October, 10.30 - 11.30am
Yarn Together Knitting
Thursdays, 10am - 12pm
Book Chat
First Friday of the Month, 10.30am - 11.30am
- Cromwell Library**
Spring Holiday Programme - sign up essential!
Spring Garden Collage
Wednesday 30 September, 10.30am - 11.30am
Paper Puppets
Wednesday 7 October, 10.30 - 11.30am
Tea and Tales
Tuesdays, 2pm - 3pm
Cromwell Writing Group
Third Thursday of the month, 10am - 12pm
- Roxburgh Library**
Spring Holiday Programme - sign up essential!
Spring Garden Collage
Tuesday 29 September, 10.30am - 11.30am
Paper Puppets
Tuesday 6 October, 10.30 - 11.30am
Teviot Valley Craft Group
Thursdays, 10am - 3pm
- Mānīatoto Library**
Spring Holiday Programme - sign up essential!
Spring Garden Collage
Tuesday 29 September, 11am - 12pm
Paper Puppets
Tuesday 6 October, 11am - 12pm
Book Chat
First Monday of the Month, 2pm - 3pm.
Crafternoon
Third Monday of the Month, 1pm - 3pm
- Omakau Book Chat**
First Thursday of the Month, 10am
Muddy Creek Café