

Agenda for a meeting of the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023** commencing at **9.30am**.

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It is intended to discuss all matters in the open section of the meeting, however, should in depth legal advice or information, subject to a confidence, be requested from the Committee a resolution may be passed to exclude the public to hold these discussions.

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SUSTAINABILITY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Reports to:	Council
Chairperson:	Cr Lisa Thomson
Deputy Chairperson:	Deputy Mayor Carolyn Eyre
Membership:	The Mayor and all Councillors
Meeting frequency:	Six-weekly
Quorum:	Majority of the members (including vacancies)

Purpose

The Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee is responsible for:

1. Developing strategies and plans to achieve the goals of Council's Long-Term Plan as they relate to sustainability and the four wellbeings.
2. Enhancing the District's economic position by promoting it as a business-friendly and business-enabled location and providing direction on strategic initiatives, plans, projects, and potential major developments relating to economic and business development.
3. Monitoring of Council's sustainability and wellbeing related strategies and plans.
4. Partnering to guide the provision of strategic community services to meet the current and future needs of the district and the enhanced wellbeing of its communities.
5. Facilitating community and stakeholder involvement and engagement with community infrastructure, safety, and wellbeing matters.
6. Overseeing civil defence and emergency management.
7. Approval and monitoring of funding to benefit the social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of communities.

In addition to the common delegations, the Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference – Sustainability & Wellbeing

- To develop, monitor and review Council's plans and strategies in relation to climate resilience and adaptation.
- To develop, monitor and review Council's plans and strategies in relation to desired community outcomes, including Blueprints.
- To develop, monitor and review Council's Economic Development plans and strategies.
- To develop, monitor and review Council's social development and cultural wellbeing plans and strategies.

Terms of Reference – Engagement and Funding:

- To develop and agree engagement strategy and plans for the purpose of enhancing community engagement and involvement.
- To provide advice on the development and implementation of strategies in relation to the impacts on sustainability and the four wellbeings.
- To receive and consider presentations and reports from stakeholders, government departments, organisations and interest groups on development and wellbeing issues and opportunities within the District.
- To determine funding applications for the Discretionary Grants Fund in accordance with the Discretionary Grants Policy and Guidelines, in a fair and just manner.
- To monitor and review the work of the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee on a regular basis.
- To prioritise allocation of funding for community activities in accordance with Council policy and strategy

Terms of Reference – Civil Defence and Emergency Management:

- To monitor the performance of Waikato District’s civil defence and emergency management response against Council’s requirements under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act including:
 - a.) implementation of Government requirements; and
 - b.) co-ordinating with, and receiving reports from, the Waikato Region Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Joint Committee.

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The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

Approval of:

- Climate resilience and adaption strategies and plans
- Economic Development strategies and plans
- District and Community Blueprints
- Social Development and Cultural strategies and plans
- Community Engagement strategies and plans
- Approval of funding applications for the Rural Ward Fund within the funds allocated by the Council on an annual basis (other than those applications to be determined by the relevant community board or community committee).
- Approval of funding applications for the Heritage Assistance Fund and Conservation Fund as recommended to the committee by officers or relevant assessment bodies.
- Approval of funding applications for any other community-based funding as delegated to the committee by the Council.

To	Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	11 September 2023
Report Author:	Lynette Wainwright, Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee held on Wednesday, 9 August 2023.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee held on Wednesday, 9 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – S&W Minutes – Wednesday 9 August 2023

Minutes for a meeting of the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2023** commencing at **9.38am**

Present:

Cr L Thomson (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church
Cr C Beavis
Cr Keir
Cr Matatahi-Poutapu
Cr EM Patterson
Cr M Raumati
Cr D Whyte

Attending:

Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operations Officer)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)
Ms J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)
Mr J Fuller (Senior Environmental Planner)
Ms D Thurlow (Community-Led Development Advisor)
Mr J Marconi (Community-Led Development Advisor)
Ms S McGall (Executive Assistant)
Mr K Abbott (Executive Manager – Projects & Innovation)
Mr R Turner (Customer Experience Manager)
Ms L Kellaway (Strategic Advisor – Heritage)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Democracy Advisor)

Guests

Mr H Montgomery (Te Hau Kainga Mana Whenua Pokeno Charitable Trust) (*via audio visual conference*)
Mr S Wilson (Waikato Clay Target Club) (*via audio visual conference*)
Ms R Sinclair (Councillor, Thames Coromandel District Council) (*via audio visual conference*)
Mr M Sodley (Councillor, Thames Coromandel District Council) (*via audio visual conference*)

Cr Raumati opened the meeting with a Karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs L Thomson/Patterson)

That the Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee:

- a. accepts the apologies from Cr CA Eyre, Cr JM Gibb, Cr K Ngataki, Cr P Thomson, Cr T Turner and Cr V Reeve for non-attendance.

CARRIED

S&W2308/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Raumati/Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee held on Wednesday, 9 August 2023 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting, with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 7, which shall be considered with the public excluded; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

S&W2308/02

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Beavis)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee held on Wednesday, 28 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

S&W2308/03

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Beavis advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non-financial conflict of interest in part of item 6.1 [*Applications to the Rural Ward Fund – Waikato Clay Target Club*] as she was assisting a member of the public with a noise complaint against the Club.

ACTIONS REGISTER

Agenda Item 5

The report was received [*S&W2308/02 refers*] and no discussion was held:

Scoping of the Rural Ward Discretionary Fund applications

- Action completed.

ACTION: Item to be closed and removed from the schedule.

Recovery Plan – Cyclone Gabrielle – amendment to wording

- Action completed.

ACTION: Item to be closed and removed from the schedule.

REPORTS

Applications to the Rural Ward Fund

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*S&W2308/02 refers*]. The Community-Led Development Advisor introduced the applicants and the following items were discussed:

- Mr Montgomery gave a brief overview of the application and advised that the Te Hau Kainga Mana Whenua Pokeno Charitable Trust were seeking funds to create a website for the Trust which would capture information that had been accumulated since the inception of the Trust in June 2020.
- A further project was to complete a Story Map which were stories from mana whenua, early settler families and past and present people of Pokeno.
- The projects would work in tandem with each other and it was important to share the information with the growing community of Pokeno to assist them in learning about the place they had chosen to raise their families, or to carry out their business strategies.
- Waikato University were supporting the Trust with the project.
- Local resources would support the hosting of the website after Year 1.
- The Committee supported the application and it was suggested that the stories be made available through libraries as well as online to assist people who did not have, or could not use, technology.

Resolved (Cr Whyte/Patterson)

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. approves an allocation of \$3,984.96 (excl. GST) from the Rural Ward Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. the Te Hau Kainga Mana Whenua Pokeno Charitable Trust to support its vision for Pokeno and to improve on their current communications strategy.**

CARRIED

S&W2308/04

The funding application from the Waikato Clay Target Club was considered later in the meeting.

Strategic Heritage Report
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*S&W2308/02 refers*] and the Strategic Advisor – Heritage spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- Significant change had occurred in the heritage field. Staff had attended the Archaeological Conference which was a significant event in heritage terms. Ms Paekau had presented a paper to the conference.
- It was important that Council was in contact with the correct people when discussing heritage.

ACTION: Staff to contact Cr Matatahi-Poutapu and Cr Turner to ensure Council had the right contacts from haapu and iwi in respect of heritage.

Hauraki Gulf Forum Update

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*S&W2308/02 refers*] and the Senior Environmental Planner spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- The Hauraki Gulf State of the Environment report was scheduled to be released on Friday, 11 August 2023. The report had identified that several marine species were at risk, including crayfish and scallops.
- Caulerpa seaweed, one of the world's most invasive marine seaweeds, had been found in the Gulf. MPI were looking at methods to eradicate the seaweed.

ACTION: Staff to provide Councillors with a copy of the Hauraki Gulf State of the Environment report.

Recovery Plan – Cyclone Gabrielle

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*S&W2308/02 refers*] and the Customer Experience Manager, supported by the Executive Manager – Projects & Innovation, spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- The Ministry of Housing & Development had 16 portable homes to place within the district to assist families who were displaced during Cyclone Gabrielle. Locations for the portable homes had been identified.
- It was noted that portable housing could affect District Plan rules.
- It was noted that the Mercer community did not sit within the Waerenga-Whitikahu ward.

ACTION: Staff to remove the Mercer community from the community response resilience update document as the community sits under the Tuakau-Pookeno ward.

- The Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee would receive a report on Marae resilience at its meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 20 September 2023.

ACTION: Staff to ensure the Marae resilience report contained funding details.

- Waikato District Council would support groups that were applying for funding.

Economic and Community Led Development Work Programme
Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [S&W2308/02 refers] and the Economic and Community Development Manager, supported by the Community-Led Development Advisor, spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- The Event Fund no longer existed. As part of the funding review this fund now sat under the CAD budget.
- Partnerships with Community Boards and Committees. A stakeholder group had been established and would hold its first meeting on Wednesday, 9 August 2023 at 3.30pm. The aim was to design a way forward to better support boards and committees and to commence work on partnering with Council to improve better economic, social and cultural outcomes for communities.
- Some rural groups had not been included in the blueprint process. Guidance was required to assist with getting these ideas included. Aspirations of rural communities must include marae.

ACTION: Staff to provide guidance to Councillors on getting rural community ideas included in the blueprint process.

- Resourcing was discussed and it was noted that even if resourcing was light, whatever work was done must be done well.

Applications to the Rural Ward Fund - Waikato Clay Target Club Incorporated
Agenda Item 6.1

Cr Beavis had advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non-financial conflict of interest in this item and took no part in discussions or voting.

The application was considered at this time.

- Mr Wilson gave a brief overview of the application and advised that the Clay Target Club's aim was to foster the growth of the sport by investing in an extensive junior coaching programme and providing quality services and facilities to the local community of the Waikato region.
- Some past junior shooters had represented New Zealand at regional, national and international events. There were currently 37 juniors at the Club with approximately 230 affiliated and 350 non-affiliated members.

Resolved (Crs Whyte/Patterson)**THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:**

- a. approves an allocation of \$1,000 (excl. GST) from the Rural Ward Discretionary Funding account to:
 - i. the Waikato Clay Target Club Incorporated to support their trappers and mechanics during their local, regional and national events and competitions.

CARRIED**S&W2308/05****EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC****Resolved (Crs Patterson/Thomson)****THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.**

The general subject of each 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) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item PEX I Confirmation of Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Actions Register – September 2023
Date:	20 September 2023
Report Author:	Soroya McGall, EA to General Manager Community Growth
Authorised by:	Clive Morgan, General Manager Community Growth

1. Purpose of the report **Te Take moo te puurongo**

To update the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee on the actions arising from the previous meeting.

2. Staff recommendations **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

THAT the Actions Register for September 2023 be received.

3. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment 1 – Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee Actions Register 2023

	Action	Responsible to Action	Status/Update/Response
1.	<p><u>Strategic Heritage Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to contact Cr Matatahi-Poutapu and Cr Turner to ensure Council had the right contact from hapu and iwi in respect of heritage 	Strategic Advisor - Heritage	<p>Discussion is underway with the iwi management team to work through updating of the mana whenua list, and once the mana whenua group is established by the Ward councillors this will be rechecked.</p> <p>The Heritage Forum membership is being updated to include mana whenua representatives and this is under way with the Ward councillors for the next meeting in November.</p>
2.	<p><u>Hauraki Gulf Forum Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to provide Councillors with a copy of the Hauraki Gulf State of the Environment report. 	Strategic Planning Manager	<p>Two hard copies of the Hauraki Gulf: State of the Environment Report (State of our Gulf 2023) are available from Mayor Jacqui or the following Link. In the coming months, Alex Rogers, the Executive Officer for the Hauraki Gulf Forum will be visiting Waikato District Council and speaking to Councillors about the State of our Gulf 2023.</p>
3.	<p><u>Recovery Plan – Cyclone Gabrielle</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to remove the Mercer community from the community response resilience update document as the community sits under the Tuakau-Pookeno ward. Staff to ensure the Marae resilience report contained funding details. 	Customer Experience Manager	Complete September 2023.

	Action	Responsible to Action	Status/Update/Response
	<p><u>Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to provide guidance to Councillors on getting rural community ideas included in the blueprint process. 	<p>Planning and Policy Manager</p>	<p>The first round of Blueprints in 2018-19 included districtwide consultation and districtwide Blueprint that includes elements of rural issues / initiatives.</p> <p>Staff have advised that Councillors were able share the 2023 Blueprint check-in survey (sent to Community Board and Committee Chairs and Councillors) with any rural groups they wish, to ensure Blueprints are still relevant for the preparation of the 2024 LTP.</p> <p>The next full Blueprint review in 3 years' time will reconsider the engagement process to ensure appropriate balance across communities.</p>

To	Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Marae Resilience
Date:	20 September 2023
Report Author:	Gannin Ormsby – Community Resilience Strategic Advisor Hiria Hetet - Marae Resilience Coordinator
Authorised by:	Kurt Abbot – Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo.

To inform the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee on the progress of the Marae resilience and engagement activities, and the implementation of the Toituu Framework.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopotanga matua

This report presents an update on Marae Resilience strategy and the implementation of the Toituu Framework, aimed at enhancing our engagement with Maaori communities and fortifying our capacity within the team and organisation.

The primary focus has been on creating a robust framework to enable Council to meet our Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and allow us to efficiently implement and execute the Marae Resilience activity across the district.

In response to new legislative requirements, particularly the Emergency Management bill, Te Tiriti obligations, and Te Ao Maaori Perspectives, the Toituu Framework has been meticulously designed to ensure councils approach is future-proofed and aligned with the aspirations of Maaori Communities.

The Toituu Framework is a Te Tiriti Partnership Stratagem across the whole of council and is intended to influence council mindset across policy and operations to focus on improving its current BAU to enable Te Tiriti principles. This will create a new step change in our BAU, such as acknowledging the tino rangatiratanga of Marae and building capacity of marae at the frontend and community in turn developing intergenerational resilience.

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee the update on the Marae Resilience strategy.

4. Background Koorero whaimaarama

The 2018 the report 'Delivering better responses to natural disasters and other emergencies' identified the government's commitment to improving the capability of the emergency management system to deliver better outcomes in an emergency in New Zealand, including significant commitment to providing greater recognition, understanding and integration of iwi/Maori perspectives and tikanga in emergency management.

The CDEM Act 2002 requires that local authorities must plan and provide for a Civil Defence emergency within the district and continue to operate during and after an emergency. Our role is complex in that we must continue to provide essential services to our communities, in addition to providing the support and coordination of the emergency event. We recognize that greater community resilience, connection and understanding of communities is critical to how well we can respond to an emergency. We recognise that iwi bring a great deal of capability in relation to emergency management and their contributions are essential – before, during and after emergencies.

Building community resilience, even when performing a facilitative role, is resource intensive. It also requires an elevated level of skill and understanding to navigate diverse communities. In April 2023 Te Kaunihera aa Takiwaa o Waikato was approved funding by the Department of Internal Affairs to assist in the establishment of a fixed-term Community Resilience Strategic Advisor to lead this work for our district. The funding also allowed us to establish a fixed-term support role, Marae Resilience Coordinator, to assist in the development and implementation of the Marae Resilience framework.

The framework and agreement are currently in development and being piloted with Mangatangi Marae, with the intent of extending the initiative across the district once the pilot is complete.

5. Discussion Matapaki

The Marae Resilience initiative commenced in May 2023 and over the past month, numerous opportunities for engagement have arisen with stakeholders including staff members, Iwi, Hapu, Marae, Mana Whenua, Local and Central Government agencies. These interactions have proven instrumental in refining the Toituu Framework, ensuring that the approach to Marae resilience, adheres to a unified methodology and approach consistent with our partner organisations. This approach has been applied consistently within the organisation and in our interactions with the Maori Community.

Notably, our ongoing engagement with Local and Central Government agencies has been strategically harnessed to strengthen relationships, an invaluable resource that underpins Marae Resilience. This collaborative effort is a testament to our dedication in strengthening the community's ability to thrive.

The Toituu Framework, specifically designed for universal application across the council, has emerged as a beacon of consistency and guidance. It seeks to provide comprehensive direction to all staff members at the Waikato District Council on fostering meaningful engagement with Maaori, Mana whenua, Iwi, Hapu, and Marae. By establishing this shared approach, we aim to produce improved outcomes through collaborative engagement.

As we continue to evolve, our methods of engagement will be further expanding and be of greater value. The upcoming focus will be to elevate our relationships and engagement with Mana Whenua and Maaori Communities. This will be accomplished by fine-tuning the engagement methodology, incorporating online platforms to interact with Marae, conducting in-person interactions with local staff and other Local agencies, and engaging purposefully with Mana Whenua and Maaori Communities.

The creation of the Toituu Framework has exemplified our commitment to fostering sustainable and harmonious relationships with Maaori communities. Through resolute engagement and meticulous planning, we will strengthen our capacity and align our approach with the values enshrined in Te Tiriti and Te Ao Maaori Perspective. The continued dedication to building resilience in collaboration with all stakeholders embodies the core spirit of our sustainability and wellbeing mission.

6. Next steps

Ahu whakamua

We are currently working with Mangatangi Marae to create a pilot agreement. This is progressing well, and we expect to have this completed in the next quarter.

Following completion of the pilot we will commence work with further Marae that have been in contact and indicated their desire to participate in this programme of work.

The Toituu Framework has been approved for implementation by the Executive Leadership Team, however this will require internal input from staff across the organisation to identify what would be the best approach to ensure the framework is embraced fully in that, we are assisting council to fulfil its obligations to Te Tiriti and by doing so improve our relationships with mana whenua. An initial waananga (meeting) is being coordinated for the 18th – 19th September 2023.

7. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment: Supplementary Update to Committee Report

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Outline

Waikato District Council is working with Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) to develop a Marae Resilience Strategy and we want to work with Marae in our district to build relationships and capacity between CDEM and mana whenua. The aim of this strategy is to work proactively with Marae communities in our district to prepare, plan and support their resilience, specifically working with Marae who voluntarily identify and are willing to work alongside CDEM as a potential welfare hub, distribution point or work with CDEM during a civil defence event – this could be a flood, tropical storm, or pandemic etc.

Marae Resilience Pilot & Relationship Building

Since the inception of the strategy the team has focused on building its relationship directly with Mangatangi Marae as a pilot to ensure we created a solid initial agreement and pathway that we could follow as a guide when engaging with Marae, we are in the final stages and waiting for the next opportunity for Mangatangi to present the draft agreement to their wider whaanau. In the interim we have been sharing the marae resilience strategy with central government agencies that provide resilience funding and support to Iwi Maaori communities.

On Wednesday 7th September WDC held the Joint Management Agreement with treaty partner Waikato-Tainui the current review of the agreement included working with council to support their Marae resilience aspirations, the strategy was agreed and supported with some clarification that we would be working with other civil defence community groups. After the JMA meeting, a joint media statement between council and the tribe will profile the strategy across their Marae in their rohe. Waikato-Tainui have 68 Marae in their rohe, 39 of which are within the council’s area. A collaborative opportunity has been identified to promote our strategy and highlight the Marae Agreement signed between Mangatangi and Council scheduled in September 2023.

We have created a landing page with further detail of strategy and a pathway for Marae who want to start the conversation directly with the community resilience team. Waikato-Tainui have proactively collated data pertaining to the water infrastructure needs of all Marae at the Port Waikato, this data will inform equitable funding from the new water reforms. Waikato-Tainui and other agencies such as the new Water Entities. Other agencies can provide help in different ways to build Marae resilience. This is a key method to support a good outcome for the Marae eco-system and wider community.

Engagement and approach

The onus should be upon agencies to work in a joined-up way to make it easier for the communities we are engaging. The strategy focuses on all Marae that voluntarily self-identify that they wish to work with CDEM during an event, but also, we will work with Marae who may only want to build their preparedness and resilience but not participate with CDEM. We intend to share our outcomes with other TLA’s to create a consistent regional approach. However, we are mindful a lot of work needs to happen over the next 9 months and prove the concept.

A meeting has been held with staff at Waahi Whaanui Trust (kaitiaki from 6 Marae, from Taupiri to Rangiriri). A future meeting will be coordinated with their trustees soon, date tbc. Another meeting was being held at Maurea Marae with the Maaori Wardens and they would be discussing the strategy and would provide a response and potentially another opportunity to meet with Nga Muka Development Trust (5 Marae represented).

“Together, we can build resilience and improve relationships for all our communities by taking the ‘Noah’ approach and build the waka before the flood”.

A meeting has been scheduled with Huakina Development Trust with Marae in Port Waikato Marae on the 20th September. This will approach will support their recovery and start focusing on resilience for their Marae and community.

Funding opportunities

MSD have a Social Sector Recovery Fund for regional recovery plans for Thames-Coromandel and Waikato. This is a contestable fund and has been applied for to be distributed under the Marae Resilience Strategy. We have been approved by MSD for funding of circa \$140k to support marae resilience.

Toituu Marae - Marae Resilience Strategy

CDEM is the organisational response hub or 'glue' to a whole of council and government approach DURING a natural disaster or event. The current approach of CDEM is reactive during an event and improvements need to be made to integrate Te Ao Maaori into a civil defence response model. It needs to be PROACTIVE to include Marae participation in the planning and preparedness phase which will in turn improve community resilience.

The Marae Resilience Strategy is a *whaanau centred, community led, and government enabled* approach. It is also consistent with the JMA review and the inclusion of Marae Resilience as a factor that Waikato District Council support. It also consistent with the government commitment to ensure New Zealand's emergency management system that is geared towards inclusive, community-led responses to emergency events, as well as continuing work with Iwi Maaori in emergency management.

The Marae Agreement has four parts, which will become a living document and will be reviewed as agreed.

1. Immediate requirements

- Agreement with CDEM of operational requirements by Marae prior, during and post an event.
- The agreement itself can be used to support applications for other types of resilience support from others.

2. Short-term goals

- Building the capacity and relationships between the Marae and CDEM
- Training and capacity workshops

3. Long-term goals

- Identify infrastructure ambitions or aspirations that can be incorporated into community outcomes that inform the LTP.

4. Whole of government approach

- Work with other agencies in a joined-up way to better deliver support to Marae to build their capacity and resilience, such as coordinating information sharing workshops, training programmes, waananga etc and collaborative opportunities with Iwi Maaori.

What's happening now?

We are in the design phase, and we have been working with Mangatangi Marae as a pilot for this strategy - to develop a framework and create a formal agreement. This has been a hugely rewarding process for all involved, with much being learned and celebrated during the koorero. Once we have completed the pilot, we intend to formalise the strategy and develop agreements with each marae accordingly.

"Together, we can build resilience and improve relationships for all our communities by taking the 'Noah' approach and build the waka before the flood".

How can you get involved?

So, what do you think of the plan? Do you want to be part of this innovative and exciting initiative? We'd love to welcome you on board. If you have any further questions, please email Marae.Resilience@waidc.govt.nz

Other Agencies and Support

The following is a list of agencies engaged to date and the type of resilient support they provide.

1. Waikato Regional Council (WRC) - Expertise
2. Te Puni Kookiri (TPK) - Funding
3. Department of Internal affairs (DIA) - Funding
4. Kainga Ora, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Funding
5. Community Waikato - Funding
6. Waikato-Tainui – Marae Development
7. Inland Revenue Department (IRD) - Expertise
8. Maaori Land Court (MLC) - Expertise
9. Ministry of Social Development (MSD) - Funding
10. Maaori Wardens, Te Rohe Pootae – Training and support
11. Waikato and Taamaki Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) – Putea Awhina
12. Te Pouhere Taonga, Heritage New Zealand – Funding for Marae Heritage (TBC)
13. St Johns Ambulance, Waikato Region – Training and Expertise
14. Ministry of Health (MOH) – Funding, resources, and training
15. New Zealand Fire Service – Training and Expertise
16. Ministry of the Environment (MFE) - Te Hekenga Rauora, Planned Relocation Funding

To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Local Area Blueprint Update
Date:	20 September 2023
Report Author:	Taljit Heera, Strategic Planner and Jim Ebenhoh, Planning and Policy Manager
Authorised by:	Clive Morgan, General Manager Community Growth.

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To inform the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee ("Committee") of the feedback received from Local Community Boards/Committees on the existing Local Area Blueprints;

AND

To recommend the Committee to adopt amendments to the Local Area Blueprint Initiatives as informed by the feedback received from the Local Community Boards/Committees;

AND

To recommend the Committee note other comments provided by Local Community Boards/Committees;

AND

To recommend the Committee consider whether to include the additional initiatives, as proposed by the Tamahere Community Committee, as an addendum to the existing Tamahere Local Area Blueprint;

AND

To recommend the Committee to recognise the initiatives provided by the Tauwhare Community Committee, as a Community Plan.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

Waikato District Council initially developed the District-Wide Blueprint and Local Area Blueprints in 2019, followed up with an update in 2020. The Gordonton and Port Waikato Local Area Blueprint were developed and adopted in 2022. Since 2020, further progress has been made towards implementing Local Area Blueprints. In May 2023, a survey was sent to the chairs of local community boards and committees representing the existing local areas identified in the Waikato District Blueprint.

The survey was initially open until 30 June 2023, and extended due to a lack of responses until 14 July 2023. Survey responses were received from 12 Local Community Boards/Committees on: what existing Local Area Blueprint initiatives they did or did not want considered within the Long Term Plan, initiatives they want to change or amend, and if they had any new initiatives or commentary to suggest. Waikato District Council staff reviewed the feedback and propose incorporation of appropriate amendments into the existing Local Area Blueprints.

3. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. **approves the amendments to the Local Area Blueprints, as provided for in Attachment 1;**
- b. **notes the other comments provided by some communities on the Local Area Blueprints, as provided for in Attachment 2;**
- c. **consider whether to include the additional initiatives proposed by Tamahere Community Committee, as provided for in Attachment 3, as an addendum to the existing Tamahere Local Area Blueprint; and**
- d. **recognise the initiatives provided by Tauwhare Community, as provided for in Attachment 4, as a Community Plan.**

4. Background

Koorero whaimaarama

The Waikato Blueprint (a consolidated document containing a District-wide Blueprint and 15 Local Area Blueprints) was adopted by the Council in June 2019, following several months of public workshops and consultation. Information on the Blueprint is on the Council's website: <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans/blueprints>.

Waikato District Council adopted the additional Local Area Blueprints for Gordonton and Port Waikato in July 2022.

Since the Local Area Blueprint adoption, significant progress has been made towards implementation, particularly through follow-up community consultation in 2020. Through 11 in-person public workshops in June and July 2020 and 136 survey responses, the priority of some of the Blueprint initiatives was revised, and every initiative was categorised as Council-led or community-led.

The revised list of prioritised and ranked Blueprint initiatives was endorsed by the Strategy and Finance Committee on 25 November 2020 as an input to considerations for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP).

The current LTP allows for a 'light review' of Blueprints in 2023 as an input to the 2024-2034 LTP; no funding is available for a full review this year including externally facilitated workshops throughout the district as occurred in 2018. To conduct this review in a timely and cost-effective way, a survey approach was taken.

In May 2023, a survey was sent to the chairs of local community boards and committees representing the 17 local areas to provide feedback on what existing Local Area Blueprint initiatives they wanted to change or amend and if they had any new initiatives to suggest (please find the survey questions in **Attachment 5**). Responses were received from members of 12 communities, including:

- Tamahere
- Matangi
- Gordonton
- Raglan
- Ngaruawahia
- Taupiri
- Mercer
- Meremere
- Te Kauwhata
- Tuakau
- Pokeno
- Port Waikato

The survey was initially made available to only Local Community Boards/Committees. However, over time, it was extended to other members of the community, particularly mana whenua representatives, through the sharing of the survey by Elected Members. The survey was initially open until 30 June 2023; however, due to a lack of responses, the timeframe remained open until 14 July 2023, with a few responses trickling in the following week.

Tamahere Community Committee provided much more extensive commentary on their respective Local Area Blueprint (please refer to **Attachment 3**). Their feedback suggested that because the existing Blueprint projects are largely underway, they see an opportunity to add several initiatives.

Additionally, the Tauwhare Community Committee have developed a document identifying community initiatives (please refer to **Attachment 4**), based on the Blueprint methodology but using their own resources.

It is noted that the Local Community Boards/Committees of Rangiriri, Ohinewai, Huntly, Horotiu, Te Kowhai and Whatawhata did not respond to the survey despite reminders.

5. Discussion and analysis

Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

Amendments

As noted above, responses related to the 12 communities mentioned above were received. Most of the feedback has been acknowledged and is proposed to be incorporated into the updates suggested in **Attachment 1**. Discussion and reasons for the updates recommended can be found in **Attachment 1**.

Other Comments for Noting

The Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee may wish to note and potentially discuss some other feedback received and contained in **Attachment 2**.

Tamahere Community Committee

The Tamahere Community Committee seeks to add to their existing Local Area Blueprint with the initiatives provided in **Attachment 3**. Waikato District Council staff appreciate the effort and time that was put into the development of new Local Area Blueprint initiatives recommended by the Tamahere Community Committee. However, it is noted that it was not subject to a thorough review with the wider community, as was undertaken during the development of the previous/existing Local Area Blueprint.

The Committee is asked to consider whether to include this as an addendum to the existing Tamahere Local Area Blueprint, in light of the effort and value represented by this recent work, balanced with fairness considerations for other communities who are not proposing such extensive additions to their Local Area Blueprint.

Tauwhare Community Committee

Additionally, the Tauwhare Community Committee have developed a document identifying community initiatives (please refer to **Appendix 4**). It is noted that the Tauwhare Community has not been subject to a Local Area Blueprint development process as undertaken in 2018 and 2022. Therefore, it may not be appropriate to recognise this document as a Local Area Blueprint. This being said, the time and effort involved in developing this document should be acknowledged, and it is recommended that the document be recognised as a Community Plan which can still be considered by Council in development of the 2024 LTP.

Mayor's Feedback

Feedback was provided by the Mayor as part of the Local Area Blueprint survey. The feedback has been acknowledged and will be applied to various projects throughout the district. Many of the comments and concerns raised have been provided for in the Local Area Blueprints (e.g. Pokeno Community Hub, Resilience Planning in Port Waikato etc.); many of the other matters raised, such as funding opportunities, coordinated engagement and collaboration and staffing/resourcing are matters that can be addressed internally within the organisation.

5.1 Options

Ngaa koowhiringa

Staff have assessed two reasonable and viable options for the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee to consider. The options are set out below:

- **Option 1 (preferred option):** The Committee approves the recommendations outlined in section 3 to appropriately reflect the feedback received from the Local Community Committees/Boards and others, which includes:
 - Approve the amendments to the Local Area Blueprints, as provided for in **Attachment 1**;
 - Note the comments provided on some of the Local Area Blueprints, as provided for in **Attachment 2**;
 - Consider whether to include the additional initiatives provided by Tamahere Community Committee, as provided for in **Attachment 3**, as an addendum to the existing Tamahere Local Area Blueprint (see commentary on this sub-option below); and
 - Recognise the initiatives provided by Tauwhare Community, as provided for in **Attachment 4**, as a Community Plan.
- **Option 2:** The Committee does not approve the recommendations in section 3. The Committee do not approve or respond to the feedback received from the Local Community Committees/Boards and others within the respective communities.
- **Option 3:** As with Option 1, but with the following change:
Approve the initiatives provided by Tauwhare Community, as provided for in **Attachment 4**, as a new Local Area Blueprint (rather than a Community Plan).

Staff recommend **option one** because it appropriately responds to the feedback from the Local Community Boards/Committees and other interested persons who responded to the survey questions. The feedback demonstrates the changing priorities within these communities, and the updates seek to recognise these priorities while also reflecting the processes and approach undertaken with the development of previous Local Area Blueprints.

Within Option One, the Committee needs to decide whether to add the proposed new initiatives to the Tamahere Local Area Blueprint. In doing so, it may wish to consider the effort and value represented by this recent work, and the proactive work of the community committee in developing this additional material. Because this review was not undertaken with the wider community in the same way as the previous/existing Local Area Blueprint was developed, it is recommended that it be titled an 'addendum' rather than a wholesale replacement of the existing Blueprint.

The Committee may also consider not adding these new Tamahere initiatives at all, given fairness considerations for other communities who are not proposing such extensive additions to their Local Area Blueprint. Accepting the addendum could create expectations that, just because most existing Blueprint initiatives are underway in a local area, several more can be added, despite resource constraints within both Council and the community. It should be noted that the survey asked respondents to indicate one new initiative per community, and Tamahere has suggested over 30 new initiatives.

5.2 Financial considerations

Whaiwhakaaro puutea

There are no material financial considerations associated with the recommendations of this report. The document is not being re-designed by external consultants, but will be updated and made available by WDC staff. Communities are aware that the initiatives identified within their respective Local Area Blueprints may or may not be funded under the Long Term Plan, and/or that some of the Local Area Blueprints may be more appropriately led and delivered by the community.

5.3 Legal considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture

Staff confirm that the preferred option complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

5.4 Strategy and policy considerations

Whaiwhakaaro whakamaaherehere kaupapa here

The report and recommendations are consistent with the Council's policies, plans and prior decisions.

5.5 Maaori and cultural considerations

Whaiwhakaaro Maaori me oona tikanga

Responses were received from mana whenua representatives from the communities of Mercer and Pokeno. No feedback was received from additional mana whenua representatives. It is important to note that the initial development of the Waikato District Blueprint included engagement and collaboration with mana whenua, and projects identified in the document will require iwi engagement as they are progressed.

5.6 Climate response and resilience considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-taiao

The decisions sought by, and matters covered in, this report are consistent with the Council's [Climate Response and Resilience Policy](#) and [Climate Action Plan](#). Some Local Area Blueprint initiatives, particularly within Port Waikato, seek to undertake resilience planning to support communities during times of climate uncertainty.

5.7 Risks

Tuuraru

The main risk is the impact on Waikato District Council's reputation if we do not appropriately respond to the feedback received from the participating Local Community Boards/Committees. The Local Community Boards/Committees could lose faith with our organisation and feel as if the engagement we have had with them has been tokenistic, ultimately impacting the Council's reputation, if the feedback is disregarded.

6. Significance and engagement assessment

Aromatawai paahekoheko

6.1 Significance

Te Hiranga

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed as of low significance in accordance with the Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#).

6.2 Engagement

Te Whakatuutakitaki

Highest level of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tick the appropriate box/boxes and specify what it involves by providing a brief explanation of the tools which will be used to engage (refer to the project engagement plan if applicable).</i>	Council engaged with Local Community Boards/Committees and others to complete a survey to inform Waikato District Council which of the Local Area Blueprint initiatives should be considered in the Long Term, which should not be considered in the Long Term Plan, any amendments and additional initiatives or commentary.				

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Boards/Community Committees
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi and hapuu
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affected Communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affected Businesses
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Specify)

7. Next steps

Ahu whakamua

Following the decision, the appropriate amendments will be made to the document and uploaded to the WDC website. The document will also feed into the development of the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan.

8. Confirmation of statutory compliance

Te Whakatuuturutanga aa-ture

As required by the Local Government Act 2002, staff confirm the following:

The report fits with the Council's role and the Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations. Confirmed

Refer to the [Governance Structure](#)

The report contains sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages (*Section 5.1*). Confirmed

Staff assessment of the level of significance of the issues in the report after consideration of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (*Section 6.1*). Low

The report contains adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons taking account of any proposed or previous community engagement and assessed level of significance (*Section 6.2*). Confirmed

The report considers impact on Maaori (*Section 5.5*) Confirmed

The report and recommendations are consistent with Council's plans and policies (*Section 5.4*). Confirmed

The report and recommendations comply with Council's legal duties and responsibilities (*Section 5.3*). Confirmed

9. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Recommended Amendments to Local Area Blueprints
 Attachment 2 – Other Comments to Note
 Attachment 3 – Proposed Tamahere Local Area Blueprint Addendum
 Attachment 4 – Recommended Tauwhare Community Plan
 Attachment 5 – Survey Questions

TUAKAU (TU)

			2020 Update	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update (Text)
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority			Priority	
Identity	TU1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Tuakau, highlight heritage and historic sites, and consider Sir Edmund Hillary and the history of trade for passing waka.	Top			Top	
Communities	TU4.1	Support the local initiative to establish a community hub, which may be partially privately funded.	Top			Top	
	TU4.2	Support the community aspirations for an emergency services hub.	Low			Low	
	TU4.3	Develop a sports and recreation facility, including consideration of incorporation of the Council's pool facility.	Top			Top	
	TU4.4	Support and enhance library services	Top			Top	
	TU4.5	Install lighting and CCTV for safety.	Low	Grace Tema-Liapaneki (Tuakau Community Board Chair): Identified in the Addition survey question, however comment read: <i>TU4.5 security cameras crime increase needs to be addressed in Tuakau</i>	Agree to include in Blueprint: to acknowledge the need for safety initiatives within the township, as well as increase the priority.	High	<i>Install lighting and CCTV to <u>address increasing need for safety.</u></i>
Growth	TU5.1	Consider areas for expansion, reconciling possible growth demand with high class soils and contours.	Low			Low	
	TU5.2	Address the interface between residential and industrial land. Consider sports fields as a buffer (1).	High			High	
Economy	TU6.1	Prepare a town centre strategy considering character, provision of green spaces, streetscape upgrades, mix of uses, anchors etc. (2).	High			High	

	TU6.2	Consider employment uses south of town centre along River Road (see strategic diagram) (3).	Medium			Medium
	TU6.3	Establish a Designers and Makers Cluster.	Medium			Medium
	TU6.4	Establish a Designer Food Cluster.	Medium			Medium
	TU6.5	Investigate opportunities for short-stay courses.	Medium			Medium
	TU6.6	Ensure that the timing of job creation aligns with residential growth.	High			High
	TU6.7	Prepare a strategy for the promotion of Tuakau for living and visiting.	Very high	Grace Tema-Liapaneke (Tuakau Community Board Chair): Amend: <i>Tuakau is expanding fast we need to make sure we are able to capture the new and aging population and bridge the gap.</i>	Agree to include in Blueprint: that there is a need to recognise new and aging population within Tuakau to address the changing demographics, as well as visitor numbers, within the township.	Very high <i>Prepare a strategy for the promotion of Tuakau for living and visiting residents and visitors, that also acknowledges the changing demographics within the community.</i>
	TU6.8	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High			High
	TU6.9	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High			High
Transport	TU7.1	Provide advocacy for the widening of existing, and / or the construction of new, road connections to SH1.	High	Grace Tema-Liapaneke (Tuakau Community Board Chair): Do not input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be provided for in the LTP	High
	TU7.2	Create a Park and Ride for public transport.	High	Grace Tema-Liapaneke (Tuakau Community Board Chair): Do not input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be provided for in the LTP	High

Infrastructure

TU8.1

Build public toilets.

Top

Grace Tema-Liapaneke (Chair): Retain and input into LTP

Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be provided for in the LTP. It is noted that this will also be dependent on the Community Facilities Strategy.

Top

POKENO (PO)

Theme	NO.	Action	DRAFT Priority	2020 Upda Priority	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update Priority	2023 Update (Text)
Identity	PO1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Pokeno, recognise the position as the gateway to the north and the Waikato, and consider the dairy industry, markets, ice cream, and bacon.	Refer	Top	<p>Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Amend: PO1.1 The Friends of Kowhai Downs is not required. Was a group suggested and setup some years back, has never met or done any viable work</p> <p>Haupai Montgomery: Do not input into LTP: PO1.1 Please refer below. Pookeno Identity must be one of History. Ice cream bacon market dairy are recent and must be what Pookeno becomes known for or be identified with. We can do better, recognise our past 200 years.</p> <p>Haupai Montgomery: Amend: PO1.1 Our Vision for Pookeno is Historical. Our place is not about icecream, bacon, dairy, markets. These considerations are recent in our history. This is very short sighted if not the interest of a few. I have spoke of our Vision in Council Chambers May 2022. Lets build on our location in Aotearoa as the Gateway to Tamaki and you turn around it becomes the Gateway to the Waikato. Our Identity should be one of History. PO4.2 Help us Build a Marae Facility for our Growing Community, a facility one will feel safe and engaging. Thereby building a connected community. Can one enter a Library facility and feel safe to communicate opening with all others in the Library like one can in a Marae space. Council is well away of our Vision for Pookeno. PO4.3 Tautoko tenei kaupapa with MOE.</p>	Amend to recognise local maori and european history, which are both integral to establishing and recognising the community's identity. The reference to the Friends of Kowhai was not included in the 2020 update.	Top	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Pokeno, <u>represent the local maori and european history, as well as</u> recognise the position as the gateway to the north and the Waikato, and consider the dairy industry, markets, ice cream, and bacon.
Communities	PO4.1	Consider the need for a sports park. Consider whether Munro Reserve can be improved for this or whether the park in the western growth area can be expanded (1).	Medium	Top	<p>Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Haupai Montgomery: Retain and input into LTP: PO4.1 Tautoko tenei kaupapa. But also help our Community by building a Recreational Facility. We understand WDC is preparing the Land but then the Pokeno Community Committee has to put the building on the Land-see its own funds.</p>	Further planning and consultation is required with the Pokeno Community Committee (PCC) to confirm the facilities at Munro park, carpark and earthworks will be completed by October. A wider gap analysis is occurring to establish the wider northern community needs regarding sports fields and the potential for a larger sports and recreation hub as well within the wider area to service these aspirations.	Top	

	PO4.2	Establish library, community and customer services and / or facilities.	Medium	Top	Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): The investigation and design of a community hub is ongoing. Retain and input into LTP	Top
	PO4.3	Work with MOE to provide adequate schooling facilities for the current and future population.	High	Very high		Very high
NEW INITIATIVE	PO4.4				Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Recognise the need for safety measures to be implemented within Pokeno. Addition: Provision of Security Cameras or similar for Village area and surrounds	High <u>Install lighting and CCTV to address increasing need for safety.</u>
Growth	PO5.1	Consider support residential expansion (2).	Medium	Medium		Medium
	PO5.2	Consider supporting the Village Zone expansion (3).	Medium	Very high		Very high
Economy	PO6.1	Prepare a detailed retail needs calculation, preliminary transport and open space options (4), followed by the production of a town centre strategy that reconciles the current and future retail, employment, community facility, and open space needs.	High	Top		Top
	PO6.2	Establish an Advanced Food Processing Cluster.	High	High		High
	PO6.3	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High		High
	PO6.4	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High		High

Transport	PO7.1	Investigate establishing wider transport links with employment areas, Tuakau and SH1. Consider a new underpass and / or bypass.	Medium	High	Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP. Retain and input into LTP	High
	PO7.2	Work with the truck stop owner to address community concerns.	High	High	Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP. Retain and input into LTP	High
	PO7.3	Create a Park and Ride for public transport.	Medium	High	Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP. Retain and input into LTP	High

MERCER (MC)

MERCER (MC)			2020 Upda Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update	
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority			Priority	
Identity	MC1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Mercer, consider tourism, wine, cheese, and skydiving.	Top	<p>Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Haydn Te Hira Solomon (Ngati Naho): Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Haydn Te Hira Solomon (Ngati Naho): Amend - include: (a) the relocation of the Gun Turret to be replaced by an ANZAC specific cenotaph. As part of the treaty settlement process cultural redress is being sought by Ngati Naho for the reinstatement of the original name of Mercer back to Te Paina (b) river tours from Te Paina and the Mercer Wharf for Te Ara Trails that also include the conversion of the Mercer Sand Quarry into a Water Park.</p>	This initiative should be broadened to recognise the history of the place and better reflect Mercer's identity, such as the maori and ANZAC history. However, the matter related to the river tours and trails is not appropriate to include in this initiative related to the identity of Mercer.	Top	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Mercer, consider <u>maori and ANZAC history</u> , tourism, wine, cheese, and skydiving.
Nature	MC2.1	Explore opportunities for wetland preservation and a park (1).	Medium	<p>Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Haydn Te Hira Solomon (Ngati Naho): Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Haydn Te Hira Solomon (Ngati Naho): Amend - Include: (a) Restoration of Te Paina block that incorporates eco-tourism/eco-economy based initiatives such as Rongoaa Nursery and Vertical Hydroponic Gardens. (b) Incorporate an esplanade or promenade as a riverbank walkway from the Mercer Wharf down to Te Paina that will essential future proof a Heritage Corridor from Pokeno to Mercer via the Mangatawhiri and onto Meremere via the Koheroa range (e.g. along the NZ War Redoubts) and Waikato river tours. Thus future-proofing a culture and heritage Corridor and providing better connectivity and relevant place-shaping for all 3 communities.</p>	Can be investigated but limited area relative to Mercer/Te Paina under WDC management.	Medium	

Iwi	MC3.1	Identify and preserve Maaori landmarks. Restore and commemorate historical Marae.	Medium	<p>Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Haydn Te Hira Solomon (Ngati Naho): Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Haydn Te Hira Solomon (Ngati Naho): Amend - include: (a) a riverbank walkway from Te Paina to the Wharf to augment tourism e.g. Te Ara trails (b) An Awakura (River School). This would be the world's first indigenous-based university for freshwater and a centre of excellence for the Waikato River.</p>	<p>Include provision of culturally significant land uses and activities.</p>	Medium	<p>Identify and preserve Maaori landmarks., Restore and commemorate historical Marae. and support the delivery of culturally significant land uses and activities.</p>
Communities	MC4.1	Reconfigure the existing playground and upgrade playing fields.	Very high	<p>Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP</p>	<p>Current options being assessed. Upgrades for neighbourhood park planned.</p>	Very high	
	MC4.2	Consider the development of a community facility with a meeting place, possibly in the Fire Station (2). Consider incorporating public toilets.	Top	<p>Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP</p>	<p>Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP, however further investigation is required.</p>	Top	
Growth							
Economy	MC6.1	Produce a village centre plan, placing an emphasis on destination, specialty retail and tourism, recreation, visitor and environmental aspects. Consider incorporating the relevant strategic opportunities proposed in the Local Area Blueprint.	High	<p>Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP</p>	<p>Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP, however further investigation is required.</p>	High	
	MC6.2	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	<p>Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP</p>	<p>Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP, however further investigation is required. This has also been reviewed as part of the Proposed District Plan (Decision Version) process.</p>	High	

	MC6.3	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP, however further investigation is required. This has also been reviewed as part of the Proposed District Plan (Decision Version) process.	High	
Transport	MC7.1	Increase parking and improve roading infrastructure. Consider a new overbridge and the relocation of the sliproad.	Top	Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP, however further investigation is required.	Top	
Infrastructure	MC8.1	Consider providing appropriate facilities to address impact of freedom campers.	High	Liam McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP, however further investigation is required.	High	
NEW INITIATIVE	<u>MC8.2</u>		Medium	Lia McGrath (Mercer Community Committee Chair): Addition: <i>Mercer Wharf and promenade</i> Comment: <i>To undertake BECA's engineering recommendation for structural assessment of Mercer Wharf</i>		Medium	<u>Investigate the opportunities for a wharf and promenade</u>

Transport	PO7.1	Investigate establishing wider transport links with employment areas, Tuakau and SH1. Consider a new underpass and / or bypass.	Medium	High	Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP. Retain and input into LTP	High
	PO7.2	Work with the truck stop owner to address community concerns.	High	High	Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP. Retain and input into LTP	High
	PO7.3	Create a Park and Ride for public transport.	Medium	High	Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP. Retain and input into LTP	High

OHINEWAI (OH)

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			2020 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority
Identity	OH1.1	Build a strong identity based on a village community, river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Ohinewai, consider the ferry landing.	Top
Nature	OH2.1	Clarify the future of the reserve (1).	Top
Communities	OH4.1	Review accessibility to / for emergency services.	High
	OH4.2	Support community initiatives for an area tidy up, addressing rubbish and weeds.	Medium
	OH4.3	Extend the Council's fruit tree planting programme.	Medium
	OH4.4	Undertake the paint initiative for 'Cowboys'.	Medium
	OH4.5	Assist with the set up of social media and website communications within the community.	Medium
	OH4.6	Provide Council support to local events.	Medium
	OH4.7	Support the expansion of the school and increase in childcare provision. Consider whether the hall can double.	Medium
Growth	OH5.1	Investigate the potential for larger residential lots west of SH1, and a mix of larger and smaller lots (for affordability) east of SH1.	Very high

	OH5.2	If development application progresses, then ensure possible expansion addresses its own impacts (such as traffic, noise, and visual). Ensure it contributes positively to the local community, e.g. by offering more convenience retail, improving housing affordability, new walking and cycling connections, improving the viability of the school etc. (2)	Top
Transport	OH7.1	Create tracks on the stop bank along the Waikato River and around Lake Ohinewai (3).	Very high
	OH7.2	Add a pedestrian/cycling 'clip-on' onto the Tahuna Road bridge over the railway and over SH1 (4).	High
Infrastructure	OH8.1	Insert fibre with other services.	Medium

MEREMERE (MM)

			2020 Update	Comments	Comment	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority					
Identity	MM1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Meremere, consider the power station, motorsport, and Whangamarino wetlands.	Top	JE: Similar actions in Districtwide sheet suggest role for Marketing and Economic Devt teams as well. This will require a cross-Council approach. BC: As per Jim's comments I see this being undertaken on a district wide approach.			Top	
Iwi	MM3.1	Celebrate the Redoubt, linking it to a wider Maori heritage experience (Tuakau, Pokeno, to Rangiriri etc) (1). Add some associated commercial zoning.	Top	JE: Agree to include in Blueprint: that the lone commercial activity (superette) seems inadequate and the community is isolated from employment and commercial activities.	Jim Katu (Meremere Community Committee Chair): <i>Retain and input into LTP</i>	Meremere Paa site is DOC owned with WDC marginal strip outside. Existing landwars trail planned by DOC and Heritage NZ, WDC role to support not lead.	Top	
Communities	MM4.1	Provide support to beautification initiatives, assisting with community pride in the place. Consider streetscape, entrance signs, house numbers etc.	Top	BC/LV Placemaking initiatives being considered.			Top	
	MM4.2	Leverage more activities off the Hall. Seek sponsorship, e.g. for heating (considering solar power) and equipment (2).	Medium	LV: Agree to include in Blueprint: to be worked through.			Medium	
	MM4.3	Prepare a community engagement framework describing how to enable new initiatives, and strengthening relationships between existing committees and the community.	Medium	JE: potential link with social wellbeing activities across Council, including roles in Economic and Comm Devt team			Medium	
	MM4.4	Prepare a reputational strategy that builds on local pride.	Medium				Medium	

	MM4.5	Develop youth engagement initiatives to address the issue of youth leaving school early.	Top	Position to be appointed by the economic community manager	Jim Katu (Meremere Community Committee Chair): <i>Retain and input into LTP</i>	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP, however further investigation is required.	Top
	MM4.6	Consider ways to provide more recreational opportunities and facilities for children.	Top	Community Connections Team's responsibility - Megan May. Annetta: There is currently a reasonable sized playground, junior playground, basketball hoop, and skatepark, tennis courts, gym and small library in this community, a new hall is also available to the community. The newly created Community Event Team may be able to assist the community in creating more meaningful recreational opportunities for the children in this community with all the existing facilities available.	Jim Katu (Meremere Community Committee Chair): Addition: 1. Provide more recreational opportunities and facilities for children	Agree to include in Blueprint: to update this initiative to provide for children and young people.	Top Consider ways to provide more recreational opportunities and facilities for children <u>and young people</u> .
Economy	MM6.1	Prepare an employment strategy for rangitahi that supports TGH efforts (3).	High				High
	MM6.2	Establish a Synergy Park / Clean Production cluster.	Medium	KC: Underway with ED team, Cluster Specialist and Hampton Downs			Medium
	MM6.3	Establish a High Performance Vehicle Cluster.	Medium	KC: Underway with ED, Cluster Specialist and Hampton Downs			Medium

	MM6.4	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	<p>WG: The bulk of this work could be completed by the Strategic Planning team and RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete all the priority actions and the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete the action. It needs to be made clear in the action, if this is what it is supposed to say, that the zoning opportunities are implemented not just identified i.e. it would required a District Plan Variation/Change to implement. This work could be completed by the RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete in parallel with the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete that action also.</p> <p>SPT: Refer to DW6.2 (Business/Retail requirements will be determined as part of NPS-UDC and Growth Strategy)</p>
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	MM6.5	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	WG: The bulk of this work could be completed by the Strategic Planning team and RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete all the priority actions and the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete the action. It needs to be made clear in the action, if this is what it is supposed to say, that the zoning opportunities are implemented not just identified i.e. it would required a District Plan Variation/Change to implement. This work could be completed by the RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete in parallel with the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete that action also.		High	
Transport	MM7.1	Support continued access off the Waikato Expressway (4).	High	JE: is the current access under threat? SPT: a Partnership approach needs to be taken with NZTA and Waikato Tainui when designing the access points for the SH1 Expressway upgrades.		High	
	MM7.2	Consider an overbridge that also allows access to the river and Te Araroa Trail.	Low	SPT: Refer to MM7.2		Low	
New Initiative	<u>MM7.3</u>			Jim Katu (Meremere Community Committee Chair): Addition: 1. A sealed road leading down to the rugby park	Acknowledge the need for this additional initiative	Low	<u>Investigate the need to seal roads that lead to the local rugby park.</u>

WHATAWHATA (WW)

			DRAFT	2020 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority	Priority
Identity	WW1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Whatawhata, consider the village as a service centre for the rural periphery and local marae.	Refer	Top
Nature	WW2.1	Address river bank weeds and erosion issues.	High	High
Iwi				
Communities	WW4.1	Support the process to create a meeting space ('Our Place').	High	Top
	WW4.2	Facilitate an investigation into the options for expanding the School. Consider expansion towards the east (1).	Medium	Medium
	WW4.3	Create public picnic areas with BBQ facilities.	Low	High
Growth				
Economy	WW6.1	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High
	WW6.2	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	Very high

Transport	WW7.1	Support NZTA discussions to deliver the roundabout to resolve congestion and safety concerns (2).	High	Top
	WW7.2	Extend local footpaths to connect new residential areas to the village centre.	Medium	Top
	WW7.3	Investigate reinstating the Makarini Road bridge across the Waipa to improve connectivity between the village centre and residential expansion areas to the west.	Medium	Low
	WW7.4	Create public river access to the west of the village centre.	Low	High
Infrastructure	WW8.1	Consider constructing new facilities as part of the proposed sports fields expansion (WW4.3).	Medium	Medium

TE KAUWHATA (TK)

			2020 Update	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update (Text)
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority			Priority	
Identity	TK1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Te Kauwhata, consider viticultural history, Lake Waikare, and the Whangamarino wetlands. Develop a heritage trail highlighting the viticultural history of Te Kauwhata.	Top	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	Top	
	TK1.2	Promote Rangiriri, highlighting the area's history.	Medium	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	Medium	
Communities	TK4.1	Work with the Ministry of Education to Agree to include in Blueprint: an integrated approach to delivering additional educational capacity, especially where associated with new residential areas (1).	High	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	High	
	TK4.2	Promote the provision of health services.	Medium	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	Medium	

	TK4.3	Consider the provision of facilities to accommodate community, and active and passive recreational activities.	High	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p> <p>John Cunningham: Addition (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Domain upgrade with expanded features - tracks, fitness trail, Rangoa Garden, Connecting Lakeside</i></p> <p>Tim Hinton (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Deputy Chair): Retain and input into LTP: <i>Tk4.3 with additional purchase of land south of the domain should it become available</i></p>	<p>The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.</p> <p>Acknowledge the need to recognise the Te Kauwhata Domain.</p>	High	Consider the provision of facilities to accommodate community, and active and passive recreational activities, <u>such as an upgrade to the Te Kauwhata Domain.</u>
New Initiative	TK4.4			<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): Comment: <i>Welcome signs at each end of Te Kauwhata</i></p>	Acknowledge the need for welcome signs.	Medium	<u>Consider the provision of welcome signage into Te Kauwhata</u>
Growth	TK5.1	Consider measures to ensure high quality new residential environments.	Medium	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair):: retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair) <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p> <p>Tim Hinton (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Deputy Chair) Retain and input into LTP: <i>TK5.1 Controlled high value housing with lifestyle choice as priority</i></p>	<p>The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.</p> <p>The matter relating to controlling high value housing with lifestyle choice as priority is an initiative that needs to be addressed at a greater level than the blueprints. This is an ongoing discussion occurring at a subregional level.</p>	Medium	

	TK5.2	Provide design guidance to ensure housing diversity for different family sizes.	High	<p>Ian Wrigley (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Member): Do not input into LTP</p> <p>Ian Wrigley (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Member): Amend: TK5.2 - the town will not benefit from housing intensification. This is a village and that community presence needs to be considered</p> <p>Ian Wrigley (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Member): Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</p>	<p>The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.</p> <p>Acknowledge the need to consider the existing characteristics within the village.</p>	High	Provide design guidance to ensure housing diversity for different family sizes, <u>while considering the existing village characteristics.</u>
Economy	TK6.1	Consider rezoning the site of the existing primary school as commercial to allow for a central business hub (in conjunction with the initiative to identify additional educational facilities elsewhere, see TK4.1).	Top	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	Top	
	TK6.2	Determine key town centre strategy and management needs.	High	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	High	
	TK6.3	Strengthen and emphasise linkages to the Waikato River and the Te Araroa Trail, and leverage for tourism.	Medium	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	Medium	

	TK6.4	Provide a covered facility to accommodate the markets.	Low	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p> <p>Tim Hinton (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Deputy Chair): Retain and input into LTP: <i>TK6.4 ensuring a central village area</i></p> <p>Tim Hinton (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Deputy Chair):: Do not input into LTP: <i>tk6.4 covered market space</i></p>	<p>The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.</p> <p>Acknowledge that the markets should be located in such a way that will support the village centre.</p>	Low	Provide a covered facility to accommodate the markets <u>and support a central village area.</u>
	TK6.5	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	Very high	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	Very high	
	TK6.6	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	Very high	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p>	The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.	Very high	
Transport	TK7.1	Produce a cycling and walking strategy to develop local connections and paths, including around the lakes and the Whangamarino Wetland.	Very high	<p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): <i>Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</i></p>	The Connectivity Strategy identifies the future connections these will be considered as part of the LTP.	Very high	

	TK7.2	Consider alternatives to the bypass that achieves the aims of reducing trucks through the village (2).	Low	<p>Ian Wrigley (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Member): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Ian Wrigley (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Member): Comments: The volume of heavy goods truck and trailers that go straight past the schools and through the centre of town needs some thought into why this happens and what can be done about it.</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair): retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair):: Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</p>	<p>The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.</p> <p>Acknowledge the need to consider alternatives due to the increased volume of heavy vehicles through the village centre.</p>	High
	TK7.3	Consider facilitating a grade-separated rail crossing, at existing or possible bypass location (3).	Low	<p>Ian Wrigley (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Member) Addition: Roading and access. The road into Te Kauwhata up to and over the train tracks is described by locals as a goat track.</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair) retain and input into LTP</p> <p>John Cunningham (Te Kauwhata Community Committee Chair) Amendment: More inclusive of Lakeside</p>	<p>The initiative is broad and therefore considers Te Kauwhata as an entirety, including Lakeside.</p> <p>Acknowledge the need to consider alternatives due to the increased volume of vehicles that need to travel over the tracks.</p>	High

HUNTLY (HU)

			DRAFT	2020 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority	Priority
Identity	HU1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Huntly, consider the lakes, power, mining, bricks, arts, and promote as a strong rugby league centre.	Refer	Top
Nature	HU2.1	Prepare a strategy for the clean-up of the lakes and addressing any other environmental issues resulting from mining activity.	High	High
Iwi				
Communities	HU4.1	Prepare a reputational strategy that builds on local pride.	Low	Low
	HU4.2	Promote waka ama on the Waikato River and lakes.	Medium	Medium
Growth				
Economy	HU6.1	Promote a Puketirini and Kimihia (east mine) Employment, Skills and Technology Cluster that builds on existing uses (1).	High	Top
	HU6.2	Promote a Puketirini and Kimihia (east mine) Building Fabrication Construction Cluster.	High	Top
	HU6.3	Continue to support the youth strategy to tie in with the development of the abovementioned proposed clusters (refer to HU6.1 and HU6.2).	High	High
	HU6.4	Support the Huntly Wearable Arts event. Consider increasing its frequency and creating more economic spin-off (e.g. skills development).	High	High
	HU6.5	Determine key town centre strategy and management needs (2).	High	High

	HU6.6	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High
	HU6.7	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High
Transport	HU7.1	Support the central interchange off the Waikato Expressway (3).	Medium	Top
	HU7.2	Support the production of a cycle/walking strategy that links the lakes, river and town centre.	Medium	Medium
	HU7.3	Promote a new pedestrian river bridge (4).	Medium	Medium

TAUPIRI (TP)

				2020 Update	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update		
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority					Priority		
Identity	TP1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Taupiri, consider Taupiri maunga, the 'village feel', and the historical sawmill and flaxmill.	Top					Top		
Nature										
Iwi										
Communities	TP4.1	Redevelop the Bob Byrne Memorial Park. Consider extending it along road reserve and creating visitor activity and a local social node through the construction of a jetty (1).	Medium					Medium		
	TP4.2	Facilitate boating / water recreation opportunities.	Medium					Medium		
	TP4.3	Support the creation of youth activities that are cultural and community based.	Medium	Joanne Morley (Taupiri Community Board): Retain and input into LTP				Medium		
New initiative	TP4.4			<p>Sharnay Ormsby Cocup (Taupiri Community Board): Better lighting down on field 3 at the reserve lighting is very poor and young children us it for training.</p> <p>Joanne Morley (Taupiri Community Board): Cameras in the community</p> <p>Dorothy Lovell (Taupiri Community Board): Increase lighting</p>				<p>Agree to include in Blueprint: with incorporating additional lighting and cameras to ensure safety. It is noted that the provision of lighting and cameras is being addressed through the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment, as part of the development of the Ngaruawahia, Hopuhopu and Taupiri Structure Plan.</p>	Medium	<u>Investigate and provide improved lighting throughout the township and install CCTV to better improve safety.</u>

New initiative	TP4.5			<p>Dorothy Lovell (Taupiri Community Board): Signage. E.g. watch for children, direction signs to local walkways, e.g. pa sites, schools. Taupiri Mountain, Sporting Facilities</p>	<p>Agree to include in Blueprint: delivering signage to promote significant sites within the township. It is noted that this matter is being addressed as part of the Urban Design Assessment being undertaken for the Ngaruawahia, Hopuhopu and Taupiri Structure Plan.</p>	Medium	<p><u>Investigate and provide appropriate signage e.g. watch for children, local walkways, schools, sporting facilities and culturally significant sites.</u></p>
New initiative	TP4.6			<p>Joanne Morley (Taupiri Community Board): Upgrade to Murphy Lane Reserve Playground</p> <p>Sharnay Ormsby Cocup (Taupiri Community Board): Upgrade of our playgrounds and skate park</p> <p>Joanne Morley (Taupiri Community Board): Upgrade to Netball Tennis Courts and Pavillion/Building</p> <p>Joanne Morley (Taupiri Community Board): Upgrade to Murphy Lane Reserve, BBQs</p>	<p>Agree to include in Blueprint: the need for an upgrade to playground and recreational spaces within the township.</p>	Medium	<p><u>Undertake upgrades of playgrounds and recreational / sporting spaces.</u></p>
New initiative	TP4.7			<p>Joanne Morley (Taupiri Community Board): Community House/Centre</p> <p>Sharnay Ormsby Cocup (Taupiri Community Board): An accessible public venue (community hub) for the youth of taupiri</p> <p>Sharnay Ormsby Cocup (Taupiri Community Board): Upgrade of community facilities and buildings</p> <p>Sharnay Ormsby Cocup (Taupiri Community Board): Create a more welcoming space for all that visit the community (whether its upgrading signage, tidying up community or adding more murals).</p>	<p>Agree to include in Blueprint: with the need to provide a place/space for residents/visitors and young people to utilise</p>	Medium	<p><u>Investigate and deliver appropriate community centre / facility that can be utilised by residents, visitors and young people.</u></p>

Growth	TP5.1	Investigate the opportunity for industrial land (refer to District-wide proposals).	Top			Top
Economy	TP6.1	Support when appropriate the upgrade of the local dairy to a supermarket, as the population grows.	Very high	Joanne Morley (Taupiri Community Board): Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP. It is noted that further investigations will be needed.	Very high
	TP6.2	Develop a town centre plan to address fragmentation and services required to support employment and residential growth (2). Also consider the impact of a new service centre at the interchange and the new entrance into Taupiri from the Expressway (3).	Top	Joanne Morley (Taupiri Community Board): Retain and input into LTP		Top
	TP6.3	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High			High
	TP6.4	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	Dorothy Lovell (Taupiri Community Board): Retain and input into LTP	Noted that this has been addressed in the development of the PDP(DV) and does not require LTP funding aside from any infrastructure provision not funded by developers	High
Transport	TP7.1	Ensure connectivity through the proposed Lovell development to the existing street network and the proposed service centre (4).	Medium			Medium
	TP7.2	Investigate the possibility of constructing a bridge across the Waikato River to connect east and west.	Medium			Medium
	TP7.3	Allow for the continuation of the Te Awa cycle trail (refer to District-wide proposals).	Top			Top
	TP7.4	Consider cycling and walking to and from the school as the town expands.	High	Dorothy Lovell (Taupiri Community Board): Retain and input into LTP		High

<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>TP8.1</p>	<p>Public toilets required at reserve.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Dorothy Lovell (Taupiri Community Board): Retain and input into LTP</p>	<p>A toilet is provided at Bob Byrne Reserve, the Taupiri Domain has toilets in the netball clubrooms, but are shut when netball is not being played due to vandalism issues.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p>Governance</p>						
<p>New initiative</p>	<p><u>TP8.2</u></p>			<p>Dorothy Lovell (Taupiri Community Board): Install pedestrian crossings to connect community, older part of community to newer developments</p> <p>Sharnay Ormsby Cocup (Taupiri Community Board): A new safer crossing near Taupiri Tavern for the children</p>	<p>Agree to include in Blueprint: with the need for safer movements within the township.</p>	<p>High</p> <p><u>Deliver pedestrian crossings throughout the township to ensure safer movements throughout the community.</u></p>

NGARUAWAHIA (NG)

		2020 Update Community Feedback		WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority		Priority	
Identity	NG1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Ngaruawahia, consider Te Kiingitanga, the confluence of the Waipa and Waikato Rivers, and the Hakarimata Ranges.	Top		Top	
	NG1.2	Erect signage at the six entry points into Ngaruawahia, refer to its unique local identity and to promote tourism (also refer to NG1.1).	High		High	
Nature	NG2.1	Undertake a pest control project in the Hakarimata Ranges. Consider this as an opportunity for a community-led conservation project (also refer to DW2.1).	Medium		Medium	
Iwi	NG3.1	Promote local cultural tourism by local iwi (also refer to DW1.4).	High		High	

Communities	NG4.1	Undertake strategic conversations around Council-owned land and halls for reinvigoration of community assets (1).	Top	<p>Greg Wiechern (Ngaruawahia Community Board): Retain and input into LTP</p>		Top	
	NG4.2	Produce a planting plan and social space at Te Mana o te Rangi reserve (2).	Medium			Medium	
	NG4.3	Work with relevant entities to support the strategy for youth initiatives.	Top	<p>Greg Wiechern (Ngaruawahia Community Board): Do not input into LTP</p>	This strategy needs to be determined through community consultation with relevant stakeholders	Top	
	NG4.4	Address freedom camping issues.	High			High	
New Initiative	NG4.5			<p>Greg Wiechern (Ngaruawahia Community Board) Addition: <i>New Library on the recently purchased Waipa Hotel site.</i></p> <p>Greg Wiechern (Ngaruawahia Community Board): Comments: <i>All development by Council should be for the benefit of locals living in the close vicinity of Taupiri to Horotiu</i></p>	Acknowledge - Council has purchased a site that will support the delivery of a community hub within Ngaruawahia.	Top	<u>Progress opportunities for a new community hub</u>

Growth	NG5.1	Consider extending the business zone (see strategic opportunities diagram) (3).	Very high
Economy	NG6.1	Undertake initiatives to ensure tidy commercial and industrial street frontages.	Top
	NG6.2	Promote water based recreation opportunities, including the development of a café (4).	Medium
	NG6.3	Promote the idea of recreational opportunities in and around the Hakarimata Ranges, consider a gondola or a waterslide (5).	Medium
	NG6.4	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High
	NG6.5	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High
Transport	NG7.1	Upgrade pedestrian connections in the town centre and to the Te Awa river ride.	High

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	NG7.2	Investigate opportunities for traffic calming and speed reductions on Great South Road through the town centre and for improved east-west connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists (6).	Medium
	NG7.3	Provide longer distance walking and cycling connections to Te Otamanui (7), Glen Massey (8), the eastern side of the Waikato River to Horotiu (9), and Taupiri (10) (also refer to DW1.3).	Top
Infrastructure	NG8.1	Install or upgrade toilet facilities (11)	High

Greg Wiechern (Ngaruawahia Community Board): Amend: NG 7.3 Promote the walk/cycleway to Taupiri. The others to Glen Massey, Te Otamanui and the eastern side of the Waikato River are of lesser importance.

Feedback noted. Will mention Taupiri first to give it priority

			Medium
		Provide longer distance walking and cycling connections to <u>Taupiri (10)</u> , Te Otamanui (7), Glen Massey (8), <u>and</u> the eastern side of the Waikato River to Horotiu (9), and Taupiri (10) (also refer to DW1.3).	Top
			High

HOROTIU (HO)

			DRAFT	2020 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority	Priority
Identity	HO1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Horotiu, consider the historic Maaori gardens and the business park.	Refer	Top
Nature				
Iwi				
Communities				
Growth	HO5.1	Explore the potential for leisure, accommodation, and residential development between SH1 and the Waikato River (1).	Medium	High
	HO5.2	Investigate the opportunity for additional industrial land (also refer to District-wide proposals) (2).	Refer	Top
Economy	HO6.1	Establish an Advanced Food Processing Cluster.	Medium	Medium
	HO6.2	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High
	HO6.3	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High
Transport	HO7.1	Form the paper road at the end of Sullivan Road and form a carpark to improve accessibility to the river (3).	Low	Low

	HO7.2	Provide longer distance walking and cycling connections to Te Kowhai and Horsham Downs (4) (refer to DW1.3).	Refer	Top
	HO7.3	Provide a walking and cycling route on the eastern side of the Waikato River between Horotiu and Ngaruawahia to create a loop with the Te Awa river ride (5) (also refer to DW1.3).	Refer	Top
	HO7.4	Investigate safety improvements and traffic calming along River Road as well as connections to the proposed route along the eastern side of the river (HO73) to create a loop for recreational cycling (6).	Low	Low
	HO7.5	Extend routes around the peat lakes for recreation	Medium	Medium
	HO7.6	Improve the carpark at the bridge on Horotiu Bridge Road. Consider sealing it and adding toilets and rubbish bins.	Medium	Medium
Infrastructure	HO8.1	Fill in or improve the appearance of the open stormwater drains at the original AFFCO village in Park Road (7).	Low	Low

TE KOWHAI (TE)

			DRAFT	2020 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority	Priority
Identity	TE1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Te Kowhai, consider the airpark.	Refer	Top
Nature				
Iwi				
Communities	TE4.1	Facilitate school expansion by shared use of the sportsfields or moving the fields to a new site (1).	High	High
	TE4.2	Create a village green by expanding sports fields and include changing rooms and public toilets (2).	High	Top
Growth				
Economy	TE6.1	Support the expansion or intensification of the airpark with commercial uses associated with aeronautical activities (3).	High	Top
	TE6.2	Consider expanding commercial zone towards garage (4).	Medium	Medium
	TE6.3	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High

	TE6.4	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	High
Transport	TE7.1	Support the development of a new inner relief road, connecting Horotiu Road and Te Kowhai Road (5).	Medium	Medium
	TE7.2	Support the expansion of the footpath network in new residential developments and connecting to the village centre.	High	High
	TE7.3	Support the completion of the Te Otamanui walkway by the community.	High	Top
	TE7.4	Provide longer distance walking and cycling connections from the Te Otamanui walkway along the Waipa River to Ngaruawahia (also refer to DW1.3).	Refer	Top

RAGLAN (RA)

			2020 Update	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority			Priority	
Identity	RA1.1	Build on the strong identity of Raglan based on the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.2 to 1.4). Consider nature, regeneration, environmental initiatives, the arts, and surfing.	Top	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	Top	
Nature	RA2.1	Support Raglan Naturally in their prioritised local initiatives such as local food production, energy self-sufficiency, alternatives to weed spraying, GE free approaches and education regarding climate change.	Top	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) : Do not input into LTP Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Delete as RN now up and running and we just liaise with them and make sure we have same project identified for LTP etc	Community Led Development team has agreed to align the Raglan Naturally plan alongside the Blueprint plan. Staff continue to work with both groups and support where can.	Top	
	RA2.2	Support community in Zero Waste initiatives, spread learning across the district.	Very high	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	Very high	

Iwi	RA3.1	Support a strong Maaori culture, including education on the Treaty of Waitangi, respecting tangata whenua, and creating Te Reo signage (refer to DW3.3).	High	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board): Do not input into LTP Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Delete leave with RH Hapouri Rep	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	High
Communities	RA4.1	Extend free wi-fi around the library and i-site.	Medium	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board): Do not input into LTP Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board): Delete now working hours to be limited	Survey did not seek to ask what is to be deleted - only seeks what is to not be included in the LTP.	Medium
	RA4.2	Support the Whaingaroa Raglan Affordability Project.	High	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep	Raglan Naturally are working with stakeholders from the youth sector and wider community to develop a strategy.	High
	RA4.3	Support entities undertaking youth social initiatives.	High	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	High

	RA4.4	Support the development of a community hub for locals, youth skills, cultural, health and wellbeing and environmental exchange (OMG Tech). Consider the Wi Neera Street old surgery building (1) as an option.	Medium	<p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep - move priority to high is there a building WDC can buy.</p>	Some aspects of this are Underway with Raglan Naturally	Medium
	RA4.5	Investigate the development of a recreation centre and bringing sports together.	Medium	<p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep</p>	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	Medium
Growth						
Economy	RA6.1	Support initiatives by the tech and visitor sectors to address youth unemployment.	Medium	<p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board): Do not input into LTP</p> <p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Delete - Local youth initiative driving this and covered by 4RA4.4 above.</p>	Investigate these opportunities with stakeholders	Medium

	RA6.2	Promote the formation of a business hub for high tech promotion and exchange.	Medium	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board): Do not input into LTP Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Delete	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	Medium	
	RA6.3	Consider how to support the community in creating additional and sustaining existing local jobs in tourism. Consider a bed tax to compensate for increased waste and to support housing affordability initiatives.	Medium	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board): Do not input into LTP Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Delete was felt that Destination Management Organisation has now taken this on.	Economic Development Team, Tourism Waikato and Destination Management Organisation	Medium	
	RA6.4	Investigate opportunities for short-stay courses.	Medium	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Delete with DMO	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	Medium	
	RA6.5	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board): Amend: <i>RA 6.5 add retail development to this</i> Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Link this and one below together as really same land.	Agree to include in Blueprint: RA6.5 and RA6.6 could be combined. Reword to combined.	High	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.

	RA6.6	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	High	<p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board): Do not input into LTP</p> <p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Replaced by above.</p>	Delete Combined RA6.5	High	Remove. Combined into RA6.5
Transport	RA7.1	Extend walking and cycling network, including to Whale Bay.	Very high	<p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep but all way to whale bay unlikely to proceed due to IWI claims.</p>	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	Very high	
	RA7.2	Improve traffic safety around the school.	Medium	<p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep</p>	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP	Medium	

	RA7.3	Develop a parking strategy.	Medium	<p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Retain and input into LTP</p> <p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) : Amend: RA 7.3 <i>extend this to requisition a parking strategy for Raglan CBD and for boat parking at wharf and papahua. To consider the Whaingaroa Harbour study and look at option to reclaim land to south east wharf for parking and walkway/cycle way to Lorenzen bay Top priority</i></p> <p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep and rain priority. Need to add to LTP</p>	<p>Add to LTP costs for a parking strategy and parking upgrades.</p> <p>This initiative is broad and will consider the need for parking within appropriate locations throughout Raglan.</p> <p>The identification for future walkway and cycle way connections is considered for inclusion in the Connectivity Strategy</p>	Top
Governance	RA9.1	Investigate whether Harbour Board income is used locally (2).	Medium	<p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) : Do not input into LTP</p> <p>Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Delete has been confirmed.</p>	<p>Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP</p>	Medium

	RA9.2	Partner with Raglan Naturally in respect to planning processes.	Top	Dennis Ammore (Raglan Community Board) Email: Keep ongoing	Community Board, Raglan Naturally and Community Growth Team to look at this.	Top
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TAMAHERE (TM)				TAMAHERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HAVE SUGGESTED AN ENTIRELY NEW LOCAL AREA BLUEPRINT _ THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR AN ADDENDUM TO THE EXISTING LOCAL AREA BLUEPRINT			
Theme	NO.	Action	2020 Upda Priority	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update
Identity	TM1.1	Build a strong identity based on the river corridor, and the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.1 to 1.4). For Tamahere, consider the gully network, Wiremu Tamihana (celebrating heritage), and the markets.	Top				
Nature	TM2.1	Support Mangaone Stream revegetation efforts and the construction of a walking and cycleway along this stream (1) (also refer to TM7.3).	Top				
Iwi							
Communities	TM4.1	Support the Zero Waste initiative at the Hub as a start of possible wider local initiative.	Medium				
Growth	TM5.1	Investigate whether the land bounded by SH21, Tamahere Drive and the proposed southern links route should be rezoned from rural to Village (2).	Medium				
Economy	TM6.1	Support activation of the Hub development (3).	High				
	TM6.2	Support local employment initiatives. Consider the quarry (needs commercial rights), elderly housing, leveraging off cycle route, retail in the new commercial hub, Southern Fresh Foods, home-based employment etc.	Medium				
	TM6.3	Facilitate a plan to rotate the location of the local markets between the current location at the church and the reserve in Matangi in order to increase frequency (4).	High				
	TM6.4	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	Low				
	TM6.5	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	Low				
Transport	TM7.1	Advocate with NZTA to provide a pedestrian and cycle bridge across SH21 (5).	Top				

	TM7.2	Work with public transport provider to ensure the Hamilton / Cambridge bus will loop past the new retirement village (6) and commercial hub.	Medium
	TM7.3	Support the community with the extension of shared paths (walking / cycling) through natural areas.	Top

MATANGI (MA)

MATANGI (MA)				2020 Update	Comments	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority						
Identity	MA1.1	Build on the strong identity of Matangi based on the unique qualities of the local area (refer to DW1.2 to 1.4). Consider the Matangi Factory history and current use.	Top		JE: Similar actions in Districtwide sheet suggest role for Marketing and Economic Devt teams as well. This will require a cross-Council approach. BC: As per Jim's comments I see this being undertaken on a district wide approach.			Top	
Nature									
Iwi									
Communities									
Growth									
Economy	MA6.1	Establish a Heritage, Cultural and New Economy Business Cluster.	Medium		BC: Heritage site with extensive possibilities for expansion. This is an ongoing discussion although it has been hard to identify exactly what is required.			Medium	
	MA6.2	Produce a village centre plan (1).	Very high		JE: Not sure what the urgent needs are here - potentially medium priority, linked to MA6.3 - MA6.5 below. WG: The bulk of this work could be completed by the Strategic Planning team and RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete all the priority actions and the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete the action. It needs to be made clear in the action, if this is what it is supposed to say, that plan is implemented not just developed i.e. it would required a District Plan Variation/Change to implement. This work could be completed by the RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete in parallel with the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete that action also.	Matangi Community Committee: Retain and input into LTP	Community Growth Team to work with the Matangi Community Committee	Very high	
	MA6.3	Support landowners' initiatives to develop more mixed use and retail areas where deemed appropriate by the Council (2).	High		WG: I'm not exactly sure what the actions for these are; whether it is that the DP rules promote these activities in certain areas or some other incentive... If some other incentive, it's probably not my area.			High	

	MA6.4	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for office development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	Medium	WG: The bulk of this work could be completed by the Strategic Planning team and RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete all the priority actions and the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete the action. It needs to be made clear in the action, if this is what it is supposed to say, that the zoning opportunities are implemented not just identified i.e. it would required a District Plan Variation/Change to implement. This work could be completed by the RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete in parallel with the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete that action also.			Medium
	MA6.5	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	Medium	WG: The bulk of this work could be completed by the Strategic Planning team and RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete all the priority actions and the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete the action. It needs to be made clear in the action, if this is what it is supposed to say, that the zoning opportunities are implemented not just identified i.e. it would required a District Plan Variation/Change to implement. This work could be completed by the RM Policy team however they will unlikely have capacity to complete in parallel with the PDP so I have put cost in as if we seek consultants to complete that action also.			Medium
Transport	MA7.1	Provide traffic calming and improved parking opportunities along the central section of Tauwhare Road.	Top	LM - should consider as part of a Master Plan for Matangi village, taking into account the increased business activity in the old factory and increased subdivision in Taplin Road. Refer MA6.2	Matangi Community Committee: Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for inclusion in the LTP.	Top

	MA7.2	Construct a footpath along Matangi Road up to Fuchsia Lane (3), and create further connections to accommodate walking from the village centre to Hillcrest.	Top	JE: maybe higher priority for connection to the Hall than for Matangi Rd one, which is huge distance through rural-res to connect the Fuchsia Ln neighbourhood to the village ctr LM - Hall connection has been done. Sections of Matangi Road will be completed as funding allows and once teh WEX project is complete	Matangi Community Committee: Amend: MA7.2 Construct a footpath along Matangi Road up to Fuchsia Lane (3), and create further connections to accommodate walking from the village centre to Hillcrest Change to 9.1.5.59 MA7.2 Construct a footpath along Matangi Road to accommodate safe walking from the village centre to Hillcrest including reconstruction of the downhill section from opposite Dalbeth Place Reason – The completion of the new footpath to connect to the footpath to Hillcrest outside the Assisi Home has been very welcome but there is a safety issue with the final downhill section of footpath toward Morrinsville Road. Footpath use is increasing and it is important to address this Hazard – the path is right beside the road and too narrow. Matangi Community Committee: Addition: Footpaths to increase accessibility and connectivity to our neighbouring communities of Tauwhare and Tamahere	Acknowledge the need for an amendment that appropriate connects Matangi Village Centre to neighbouring communities and Hamilton.	Top	Construct a footpath along Matangi Road up to Fuchsia Lane (3), and create further connections to accommodate walking from the village centre to Hillcrest to accommodate safe walking from the village centre towards Tauwhare, Tamahere and Hamilton.
	MA7.3	Implement a loop bus service through Matangi and Newstead.	Very high	This will need to be considered as part of a furture public transport review to inform the next LTP.			Very high	
Governance								
Infrastructure (New initiative)	MA8.1				Matangi Community Committee: Comments: We understand that a Public Toilet was approved for Matangi some years ago but was given a low priority under the toilet Strategy. We continue to have frequent requests for this facility in the village. We would like an update on when and where this facility can be provided.	Acknowledge the need to investigate a public toilet within the village.	Medium	Consider the installation of public toilet facilities

GORDONTON (GN)

GORDONTON (GN)				2020 Update	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority					
Identity	GN1.1	Produce an Identity strategy for Gordonton	High				High	
Nature								
Iwi								
Communities								
Growth								
Nature	GN2.1	Plant more trees in and around the village and establish riparian planting and natura trail	High				High	
	GN2.2	Develop the land behind St Mary's Church as wetland and bring it back into its natural state (while working with the marae)	Low				Low	
Iwi	GN3.1	Improve the relationships between WDC and local mana whenua	Very high				Very high	
	GN3.2	Engage and collaborate with iwi regarding cultural interpretation signage within public realm projects.	Medium				Medium	
Communities	GN4.1	Continue to redevelop Hukanui Park with a playground, seating and possible other recreation facilities, while ensuring the history of the heritage buildings in and around the park is celebrated, as well as iwi cultural aspects, considering local reserve status, infrastructure limitations, and Building Code requirements	Continue				Continue	

	GN4.2	Facilitate the re-establishment of the markets: - Facilitate organisational arrangements - Provide infrastructure to accommodate traffic and parking	Top	Lynda Jellyman (Gordonton Community Committee): Change priority to Medium - Woodlands has hosted several country markets and there have been markets at Cornerstone Alpacas, and at the Gordonton Hall. The blueprint helped identify the desire for such and different groups have gone ahead and organised them.	Agree
	GN4.3	Improve the safety and security of commercial areas and within community, considering CCTV, increased surveillance, neighbourhood watch etc.	High		
	GN4.4	Install public recycle bins by the public toilets	High		
Governance					
	GN4.5	Support the churches with expertise and advice on matters regarding earthquake strengthening	High		
	GN4.6	Provide a sports facility , possibly in conjunction with the current facilities in the Domain or elsewhere	Low	Lynda Jellyman (Gordonton Community Committee): Change priority to continue - The Gordonton Pony Club is working with Council currently to have an arena built in the domain.	Agree to include in Blueprint:
	GN4.7	Investigate the need for improvements to the cemetery, consider: - Parking issues - Wetland and native trees - A share path from the cemetery to Woodlands Road - Traffic safety	Low		
Growth	GN5.1	Identify if, how much, and where, possible additional residential and commercial land beyond the existing zoning could be located and what this means for infrastructure and the role and design of Gordonton Road	Top		

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Top

Growth	GN5.2	Investigate the landowner the possible barriers for the development of the residential zoned land by the school and remove these barriers if within the Council's control.	Very high
Economy	GN6.1	Produce and implement a business attraction strategy to encourage the development of appropriate commercial activities	High
Transport	GN7.1	Continue with plans to improve the amenity of Gordonton Road as part of the revocation , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lower speed limit, possibly extending from the Peach Road intersection to Hukanui Marae - Improve the visibility for traffic existing Woodlands Road - More and safer crossings and connections for pedestrians and cyclists - Possibly a shared path from the Piako Road intersection to Hukanui Marae - Improved safety conditions at the island at the north-western village entrance - Visual quality improvements - Beautification of both entrance to the village and improve welcoming signage 	Continue
	GN7.2	Continue with the upgrade of College Drive with footpaths and lighting, and provide a timeframe for these works	Continue
	GN7.3	Build a shared path along the Komakorau Stream connecting Taupiri, Woodlands Estate, the village centre to Wairere nurseries and Hukanui Marae; add information on history	Very high

Very high
High
Continue
Continue
Very high

	GN7.4	Consider traffic issues around Gordonton School by investigating whether: - More parking is required - More space for buses is needed - The narrow footpath along the one-lane bridge needs widening - More and safer crossings on Woodlands Road are needed	High
	GN7.5	Advocate to Waikato Regional Council for public transport services to Gordonton	High
	GN7.6	Investigate the feasibility of the upgrade of Peach Road and installation of footpaths to increase the safety of pedestrians and cyclists along this narrow road that is increasingly being used	Low
Infrastructure	GN8.1	Improve streetlights in the village centre, considering solar power or LED	Very high
	GN8.2	Promote the installation of a wastewater system for Gordonton in subregional planning programmes	Medium
	GN8.3	Advocate the better internet connectivity	Low
Governance	GN9.1	Recognise or clarify the role of the Gordonton Community Committee and improve communication between the community and the Council	Very high
	GN9.2	Assist community-led initiatives where the Council can give support, e.g. building on arts and culture sector to strengthen identity	Very high

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Very high

Town/Village	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comment
Pokeno	<p>Allen Grainger (Pokeno Community Committee Chair): Comment: <i>We as the Pokeno CC are looking forward to our listed projects being allocated funding and placed in the Ready to Go queue.</i></p>	<p>WDC is currently working towards developing a forum in which projects planned or being undertaken is available to be viewed by communities. Therefore, it may not be appropriate to include as a Local Area Blueprint initiative.</p>
	<p>Haupai Montgomery: Addition: <i>Ko ahau, he uri o taatou tupuna i noho raatou kei konei i roto Pookino i muri te raupatu. Our Vision, Our Moemoea, Our Initiative for Pookeno is widely known in Council. First spoken of to the Pokeno Community Committee in attendances was then Councillor Jacqui Church in September 2020 Korero atu kia Mayor Jacqui, Clive, Anthony, Megan, Donna, Taljit raatou katoa. We are more than happy to email you but suffice to say, korero kia Anthony.</i></p>	<p>Current options for a community Marae are being investigated; potential options and existing properties are being scoped for feasibility.</p>
	<p>Haupai Montgomery: Comment: <i>WDC are well in the know of our Vision our Moemoea for Pookeno. Ngaa mihi nui koutou, Haupai</i></p>	<p>WDC are aware of the vision for Pookeno and are working with the team to achieve it.</p>
Mercer	<p>Haydn Te Hira Solomon (Ngati Naho): <i>The relocation of the Gun Turret to be replaced by an ANZAC-specific cenotaph. This was formally agreed to be resolution by the Mercer Community Committee on the 12 July 2023 (i.e. the 160-year anniversary of the Waikato Land Wars which started in Mercer on 12 July 1863 when British forces crossed over the Mangatawhiri River in Mercer to invade the Waikato).</i></p>	<p>WDC is aware of the proposal regarding the relocation of the Gun Turret to be replaced by an ANZAC specific cenotaph.</p>
	<p>Haydn Te Hira Solomon (Ngati Naho): <i>Please add our Master Plan for Te Paina</i></p>	<p>The Master Plan might be considered for publication on the Council website alongside the Mercer Blueprint but is not strictly speaking a Blueprint in terms of having been developed the same way.</p>
Port Waikato	<p>Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers: Addition: <i>WDC/WRC transparency with specific targeted outcomes for improved community relations with all community stakeholders.</i></p>	<p>WDC intends to always be transparent with the local community within Port Waikato and throughout the district. This comment may be addressed by Local Area Blueprint Initiative PW3.3 which seeks to <i>“Improve the relationships between WDC, the local community committee, and local mana whenua”</i>. Therefore, there is not a necessity to include any further initiatives.</p>

Town/Village	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comment
	<p>Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers: Comment: <i>Yes. Resent WDC printed public writing 'hint' that the PW Resilience Committee maybe biased toward the property owners near the beach. This is both offensive and false. IF the Dune Wall goes so does the PW. The Resilience Committee is Sub Committee of the PW R & RA and can be disbanded at any time by the said committee. It is suggested in the Scoping report that community involvement like "Raglan" is a model. Interesting since Raglan no longer has a Residents & Ratepayers Association and the WDC/WRC now work with the Raglan Naturally Trust using the Raglan Community Board to WDC model. So you will now go forward with the TAG to guide our model and the Raglan model ??</i></p>	<p>WDC acknowledges this concern and will seek to further improve our relationship with the local community.</p>



Blueprint 2023 – 2033 for Tamahere

Snapshot

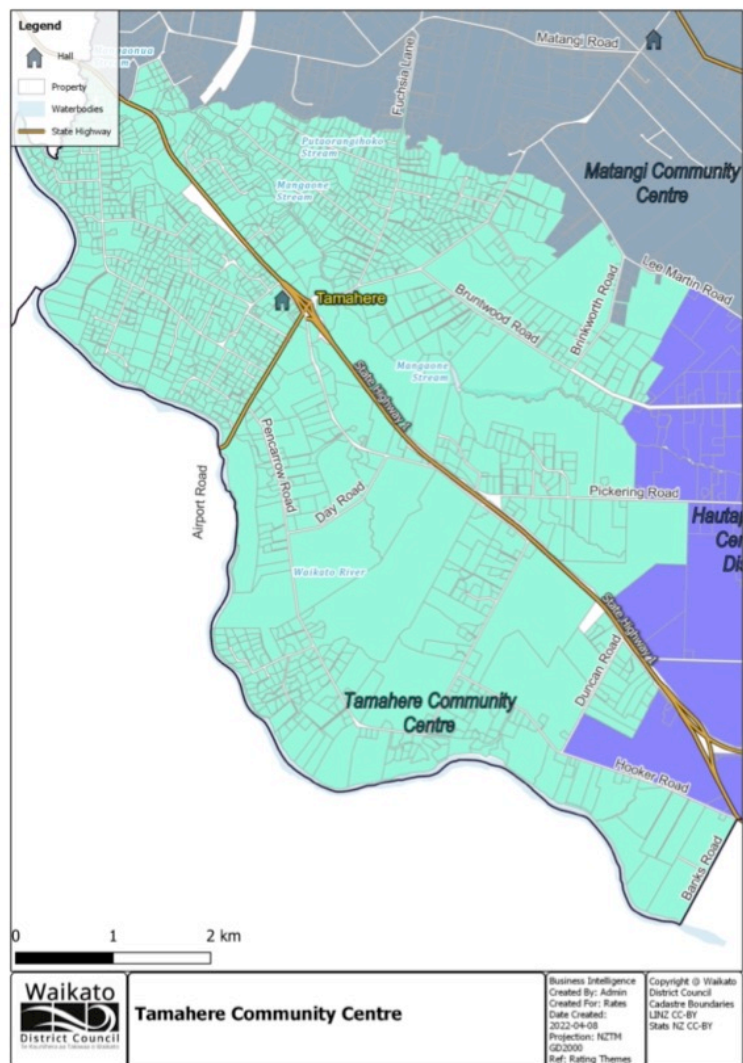
Location: Tamahere is located on the southern boundary of Hamilton City, with direct access to the SH1 Waikato Expressway passing through its centre. Tamahere is positioned amongst a network of gullies and streams which are tributaries to the Waikato River.

Population: 7,450 (2023 estimate), with growth projected to reach approx. 10,000 by 2045.

Established in 1884 the Tamahere Model Country School (decile 10) has provision for a roll of up to 600 students (year 0 – 6).

Village and Piazza: The Tamahere Community lead projects to establish the Community Centre (completed 2006) and the Village hub with a Piazza, skate park and play area for children (completed 2022) including recreation/sports grounds adjacent to the School, Playcentre and Community Centre, with off-street parking.

The Waikato District Council has partnered with Tamahere Community Committee and others for these growth projects and the community welcomes a vision which enhances the future liveability and wellbeing of its residents and farmers in a rural environment.



The Tamahere Community Committee supports long term planning and initiatives for the future together with monitoring of outcomes and revision to meet the needs of the community wanting to live outside of the City in a country living zone or rural lifestyle zone.

Priority initiatives for 2023 – 2033 (and beyond)

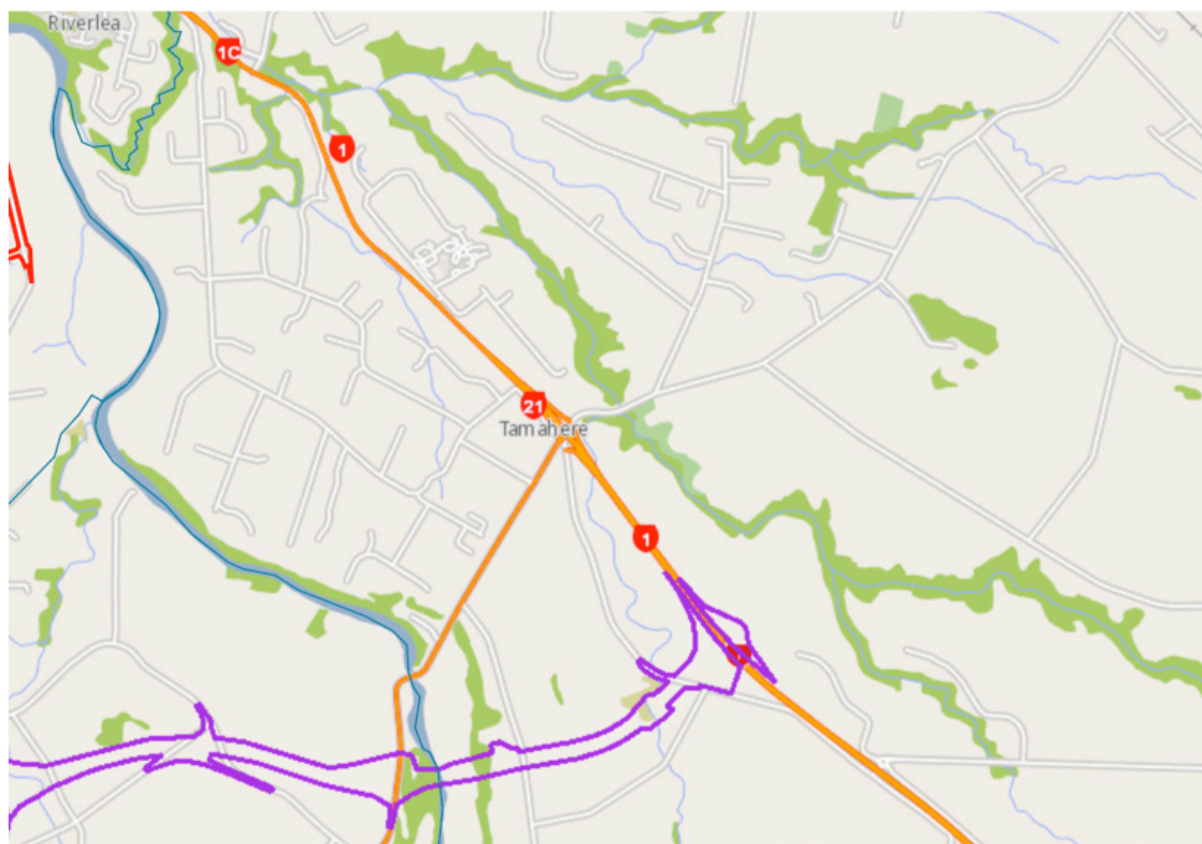
- 1 = Top priority (as soon as it can be done)
- 2 = High priority
- 3 = Medium priority
- 4 = Moderate priority
- 5 = Low priority, at present

Theme	No.	Action	Priority
Identity	TM1.1	Promoting Tamahere Village & Piazza, Community Centre and school as the centre of the community, the place for meeting up and events	1
	TM1.2	Erection of “heritage story boards” at Tamahere Village and other locations of historical importance	1
	TM1.3	The local community markets and promoting a regular farmers market with standard T&Cs for such events (no consent for each)	2
	TM1.4	Recognising and promoting our place on the Waikato River corridor, the unique qualities of the local area – particularly the gully network, its walking tracks, trees and water ways	1
	TM1.5	Promoting a “Wiremu Tamihana Memorial Day” (celebrating history and heritage)	3
Nature	TM2.1	Support restoration, revegetation and construction of walking tracks along the gullies in Tamahere and the Mangaone Stream (mostly Council reserve land plus the rear of private properties, in consultation with and agreement of private property owners).	1
	TM2.2	Urge Council to complete the MOU with the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust to expedite restoration of overgrown and weed infested land along our gullies and waterways, arranging and providing access tracks, boardwalks and bridging plus the planting of native and specimen trees (on land owned by Council, DoC and privately)	1
	TM2.3	Tree planting and development in the recreation areas of Tamahere Village & Piazza, grounds and Community Centre including shade for the play grounds	2
	TM2.4	Promoting the “Pest Free Tamahere” program	2
Community	TM4.1	Support the ongoing use of the Council office and Community space at Tamahere Village.	1
	TM4.2	Establish an “Events Co-ordinator and Promotor” for the Piazza, Community Centre and sports grounds and a proactive “sports and facilities booking system”	1
	TM4.4	Summer shade for the play grounds at Tamahere Village	1
	TM4.5	CCTV for the Tamahere Village & Piazza, playground and skate park	1
	TM4.6	Additional Toilet facilities for the Tamahere Village & Piazza	2
	TM4.7	Support a media for communications to and from the community (including the ability to email information of importance to	1

		Tamahere property owners and residents). tamahereforum.co.nz has historically filled this roll but urgently needs a new operator/owner – something the Tamahere Community Committee would consider (funding)	
	TM4.3	Establishing a dog park (for off-leash exercise, socialisation) and training facility	2
	TM4.8	Promote the ongoing Council requirement for each home in Tamahere to have water storage of not less than 25,000 litres and urge Council to vary the terms of its agreement with the Hamilton City Council to defer the requirement for water storage and pumping station in Tamahere until the Council acquires additional land for the Tamahere Village centre which can accommodate water storage and a pumping station (in close proximity to SH21)	2
Growth	TM5.1	Future proof the Tamahere Village as the community centre by securing more land for future growth (parking/park and ride/bus stops/dog park/sports and recreation/business facilities) to prevent sprawl in locations which are not connected to the Village and Piazza, school and Community Centre. Include possible additional employment land for office development is needed	1
	TM5.2	Zone change to “Country Living Zone”, for the land corridors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH21, Tamahere Drive and the proposed southern links route (excluding the Tamahere Country Club village zone) • between the Waikato River and Pencarrow Road/Hooker Road 	1
	TM5.3	Support the Council removing reverse sensitivity restrictions on Tamahere properties affected by the Waikato Regional Airport (as a result of changes since those restrictions were introduced)	1
	TM5.4	Provision of additional toilets at the Village and Piazza to cater for public events and regular sporting fixtures, including upgrade of sewage system as required	1
	TM5.5	Widen Wiremu Tamihana Drive to cater for 4 lanes to ease congestion as a result of increased SH21 traffic, the Te Awa Cycleway and the success of the Tamahere Village development.	2
Economy	TM6.1	Promote the use of the Piazza and Village facilities with regular events (day and evenings including a “Farmers Market”)	1
	TM6.2	Support local Village businesses, other employment initiatives associated with existing businesses and facilities (the quarry, elderly housing, leveraging off the Te Awa Cycle route, Southern Fresh Foods, home-based employment, horticulture)	2
	TM6.3	Support the Tamahere Community Centre as a Civil Emergency Centre with self-sufficiency in a crisis/emergency, including solar panels, battery/generator, satellite communications, potable water, medical triage centre, “marae” style overnight sleeping and food distribution centre.	1
	TM6.4	Identify if, how much and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	5
Transport and Connectivity	TM7.1	Advocate with NZTA to construct a two lane roundabout at the intersection of SH21 and Wiremu Tamihana Drive.	1
	TM7.2	Support the completion of the Southern Links four lane roading link between SH3 and SH1 Waikato Expressway to relieve traffic congestion in Tamahere – particularly on SH21.	1
	TM7.3	Urge Council to complete arrangements for EV chargers (3+) in the public parking area in the Tamahere Village.	1

Transport and Connectivity	TM7.4	Support speed reduction on SH21 from the Expressway to the Narrows Bridge (currently 80kph)	2
	TM7.5	Support the community with the extension of shared paths (walking/cycling) through natural areas and the ongoing development of walking tracks along our waterways and gullies.	1
	TM7.6	Promote the provision of secure bike stands at the Tamahere Village	1
	TM7.7	Support the Regional Council/NZTA/Council with the bus trial for public transport providing services into and out of Tamahere Village.	2
	TM7.8	Urge Council to upgrade Birchwood Lane to a primary commuter road (renaming it as Birchwood Road)	1
	TM7.9	Urge Council to secure more land for parking, including a “park and ride” adjacent to bus services into Hamilton City, etc, at Tamahere Village	1
	TM7.10	Support the addition of road signage in and around the Tamahere Village and Waikato Expressway to make it easier to identify the appropriate direction of travel and avoid confusion – NZTA and Council	1
	TM7.11	Support the Council completing footpaths on Woodcock Road and Devine Road	1

Southern Links designation – Tamahere



Consultation feedback and priority initiatives – 2018 - 2020

During Council consultation sessions in 2018-2019 the following key issues and ideas for Tamahere were put forward:	Outcome June 2023	Tamahere Community Committee review June 2023
Tamahere's natural assets make the place attractive.	Ongoing	Keeping a country living and rural focus is a priority
The restoration of the gully system and the development with public walkways is driven by the local community and should be supported.	Ongoing	Support the extensive work of the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (targeted rate) supported by Council work
There is a desire to grow the zero-waste initiative.	Review	Do not want removal of rubbish bins in Tamahere
Southern Links south of Tamahere may provide an opportunity to zone more land for residential development.	Ongoing	Extend the country living zone to the land between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport Rd and Southern Links route, and • Waikato River and Pencarrow Rd/Hooker Rd
Growth may be needed for viability of services and can be accommodated through slightly smaller properties, but the character of the settlement should be maintained.	Ongoing	Country Living Zone requires minimum of 5,000m ² land for each dwelling/title and this should not be reduced
The development of The Hub currently underway will result in an appropriately sized centre for Tamahere.	Ongoing	The Tamahere Village requires more land for future development of supporting services, more parking (park and ride) and bus stops
There are several economic opportunities, such as home-based businesses (based on lifestyle choice), elderly care, recreation, tourism leveraged off the Te Awa river ride, the proximity of the Airport, Mystery Creek etc.	Ongoing	Tamahere Country Club, Tamahere Eventide Home and Atawhai Assisi Home and Hospital are now established with expansion ongoing. Te Awa cycle way is complete. Village businesses are developing. Home based businesses have limited appeal to the rural/residential character of the area. Industrial and Commercial development, outside of the Village is not appropriate.
The markets are very successful. Consideration should be given to increasing the frequency and an additional venue.	Ongoing	Consolidating the success of the markets at Tamahere is supported, perhaps with a weekly Farmers market at the Village Piazza
State Highway 21 provides a barrier between the regional cycle route and Matangi's services and facilities. Crossing the state highway should be made easier and safer.	Remedy completed	Underpass provides a safe crossing of SH21 for cyclists and pedestrians.
There is a desire to improve public transport accessibility.	Ongoing	Trials for 2023-2025 are being developed and will focus on solutions that are effective.
Southern Links is needed to reduce through-traffic and improve safety.	Ongoing	SH21 has a greater volume of traffic than projected and now necessitates

		the need for construction of the Southern Links route connecting SH3 to the SH1 Waikato Expressway
In September 2020 Council determined that the top priority initiatives for Tamahere include:	Outcome June 2023	Tamahere Community Committee review June 2023
Building a strong identity for the town.	Ongoing	Tamahere Village and Piazza is a focal point for the Community to embrace and develop
Supporting Mangaone Stream revegetation efforts and the construction of a walking and cycleway along this stream.	Ongoing	Support the extensive work of the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (targeted rate) supported by Council work
Advocating with NZTA to provide a pedestrian and cycle bridge across SH21.	Underpass built	Maintain strong communication links with NZTA as traffic movements mature with the Waikato Expressway and the proposed development of the Southern Links
Supporting the community with the extension of shared paths (walking/cycling) through natural areas.	Te Awa cycleway is complete	Promote walking and cycling through the extensive network of roads, streams and gullies in Tamahere

Prepared by the Tamahere Community Committee

1 June 2023

Tauwhare Community Blueprint

Snapshot

Tauwhare covers an area of approximately 6,333 ha with a population (based on the 2018 census) of approximately 1,077. Tauwhare village is located at the intersection of Tauwhare Road and Scotsman Valley Road, and historically has been a resting place for Māori and Pākehā travellers. The village is centred around Tauwhare school, which was first established in 1884 and currently has 6 classrooms. The Community Hall and St Andrew's church are also located in the village.

Consultation feedback

The Tauwhare Community Committee met in February 2023 to brainstorm and prioritise issues for inclusion in the local area blueprint. A community consultation meeting held in May 2023 was well attended, enabling further discussion of the key issues:

- The footpath network needs improving as there are areas where people are walking that are not safe or have uneven surfaces. Children need to walk on the road to avoid open drains.
- Tauwhare Road can be very busy at times and frequently has speeding traffic, with many instances of cars overtaking in the 50 km/h zone reported by residents. Children need to cross the road to attend Tauwhare School at busy times of day. Traffic calming is required.
- There is a lack of a community centre and no playground or recreational area for children, especially teenagers.
- There is no commercial centre zoning to allow for a shop, or cafe or other enterprise. The zoning is all Country Living with no future zoning identified for residential growth. Some residents would like to subdivide to 2,500 m³, but acknowledged not all would be able to do this due to the position of the existing home on the section.

- Village beautification is considered important with positive comments about the cherry blossom trees. It was suggested that more cherry blossom trees could be planted in other parts of the village. Signs at the three entrances to the village to enhance the attractiveness were strongly supported.
- Predator Free Tauwhare was a concept that people generally supported and there was acknowledgment that this would be a community project.
- Community Emergency planning was needed with ideas discussed for how the community might improve its resilience in response to natural disasters.
- Increase the connection with Tauwhare Pā community and Ngāti Hauā. Together the two localities can achieve more change. This was supported by a representative from the Pā.
- Maintenance of the village is important to keep the streets clean, the trees trimmed, and all roadsides to be regularly kept mowed.
- There is a desire to improve public transport links, although the level of support is uncertain.

Top Priority Initiatives

The top priority initiatives for Tauwhare:

- Extend the footpath network to ensure safe walking throughout the village.
- Calm the traffic through the village to reduce speed and improve safety.
- Increase beautification of the village to enhance its appeal.



Tauwhare Village



Tauwhare School



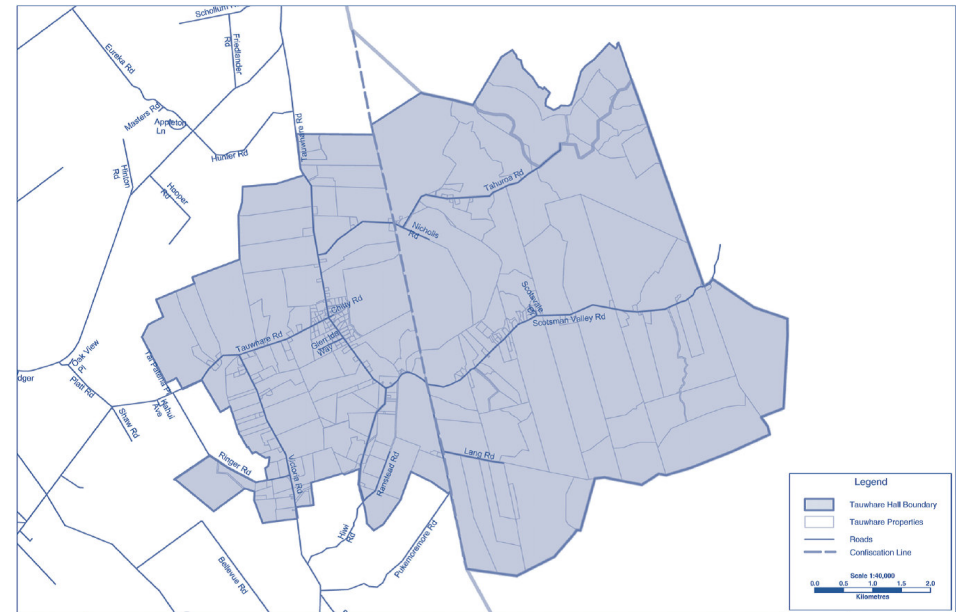
St Andrew's Church



Tauwhare Hall

Proposed initiatives for Tauwhare

Community Goals	Action	Priority
Supporting our Communities	Extend footpaths throughout the 40 and 50 km/h speed zones on Tauwhare Road, and Scotsman Valley Road which would improve safety for children and other residents. Road safety improvements along Tauwhare and Scotsman Valley Roads to reduce and calm traffic speed, prevent unsafe overtaking. Tauwhare Road is classified as an Arterial Road.	Top
	Work with Waikato District Council to produce a community growth plan for Tauwhare for the next 30 years.	Top
Sustaining our Environment	Village beautification by creating artistic signs and gardens for the three entrances. Erect heritage signs telling the history of the area. Cover open drains. Continue cherry trees along Tauwhare Road and Scotsman Valley Road.	Top
	Predator-free Tauwhare - support a community group with expertise, equipment and funding.	Medium
Building our economy Supporting our Communities	Create a hub for the community by providing improved hall facilities and a playground / recreational area for children and teenagers. Allow for growth of the village and small-scale retail/commercial development.	High
Working together with you	Community Emergency Planning support and equipment to improve the hall facilities for a large scale event.	Medium
Providing value for money	Maintenance of the appearance of the village area by trimming cherry trees, road sweeping, mowing roadsides.	High
	Provide a public transport link to Morrinsville/ Cambridge/Hamilton.	Low



Tauwhare Hall Boundary



Waikato District Council Blueprint - Feedback Wanted

We would like your feedback on the current District-wide Blueprint and/or Local Area Blueprints initiatives that could be considered for delivery in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

Complete 10 questions in this online survey by 30 June 2023.

Your feedback will add value to the Blueprint, which represents your District and community's vision for the future and form part of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan development process.

You can find the current District-wide and Local Area Blueprints ("the Blueprint") here <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans/blueprints>

* Required

1. Name *

2. Email *

3. Are you a member of a Local Community Board or Local Community Committee? *

Yes

No

4. Which Local Community Board or Local Community Committee are you a member of?

5. Which of the Local Area Blueprints are you interested in? *

- Gordonton Local Area Blueprint
- Horotiu Local Area Blueprint
- Huntly / Raahui Pookeka Local Area Blueprint
- Matangi Local Area Blueprint
- Mercer Local Area Blueprint
- Meremere Local Area Blueprint
- Ngaruwahia Local Area Blueprint
- Ohinewai Local Area Blueprint
- Pokeno Local Area Blueprint
- Port Waikato Local Area Blueprint
- Tamahere Local Area Blueprint
- Taupiri Local Area Blueprint
- Te Kauwhata Local Area Blueprint
- Te Kowhai Local Area Blueprint
- Tuakau Local Area Blueprint
- Raglan Local Area Blueprint
- Rangiriri Local Area Blueprint
- Whatawhata Local Area Blueprint

6. Which existing Blueprint initiative(s) (e.g. HU2.1) would you like Waikato District Council to consider for delivery through the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan? *

7. Which existing Blueprint initiative(s) (e.g. HU2.1) would you like Waikato District Council to **not** consider (e.g. completed or no longer relevant) for the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan? *

8. Which existing Blueprint initiative(s) (e.g. HU2.1) would you like to change and for what reasons? *

9. If you could add **one** more initiative to the Blueprint, what would it be? *

10. Please let us know if you have any further comments or suggestions. *

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To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori Project Fund
Date:	20 September 2023
Report Author:	Jodi Bell-Wymer, Kaiwhakamaahere
Authorised by:	Clive Morgan, General Manager Community Growth

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee approve the Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori project fund guide, application and process, and the establishment of a Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori Panel, as recommended by staff.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopotanga matua

Council established the Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori (SASM) Fund in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. A yearly fund of \$30,000 was approved, beginning in the 2021/22 financial year.

The purpose of the SASM Fund is to assist private landowners to conserve, preserve and protect historic Maaori sites within the Waikato District for the benefit of current and future generations. The fund is available for SASM that are included as protected sites in Part 4 schedule 3 of the (proposed) Waikato District Plan or listed with Heritage New Zealand or the New Zealand Archaeological Association or identified in a Cultural Impact Assessment.

3. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee approves the:

- a. Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori fund guidelines and application, and the process recommended by staff; and**
 - b. establishment of the Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori (SASM) Fund Assessment Panel.**
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4. Background

Koorero whaimaarama

Cultural sites are under pressure from growth and activities of landowners. There is a need to recognise the contribution that Maaori sites of significance make to the community, and how they contribute to the history of Aotearoa.

While all pre 1900 archaeological sites are protected under the Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, local authorities have management responsibility for the use of land under the Resource Management Act and district plans have a role in protecting significant archaeological sites.

Over 300 SASM were identified and included in the Proposed District Plan and Planning maps. These sites include paa, urupa, tuuahu (memorial tombs) and whenua returned to Waikato-Tainui by treaty settlement. The SASM are on both public sites administered by Council and private property.

Provision of budgeted funds was made available from the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan for sites included in part 4 chapter 3 of the proposed plan. There are no unresolved submissions against the SASM in the proposed plan, which means the schedules can be considered as operative and the funding process can begin.

Staff had originally discussed that the fund eligibility should be limited to just the SASM sites listed in the (proposed) District Plan, however upon consideration of the intent of the fund, to protect and preserve sites of significance to Maaori, it is proposed that the fund eligibility is extended to cover SASM that may not be listed in the District Plan but are listed with relevant heritage authorities.

5. Discussion and analysis

Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

Inappropriately managed activities can damage or destroy Maaori Sites and Areas of Significance leading to the loss of tangible connections to the community's social, cultural and economic past.

Maintenance and upkeep of SASM on private land are not monitored, but rely on the goodwill of property owners, along with objective and policies through district plan rules to protect, preserve and manage heritage.

There can be limited public access to sites on private properties. However, where there may be a public benefit, if access has been or can be provided, staff see this funding as an incentive to support private owners with the maintenance, protection and enhancement of the SASM.

The process for applying for the fund has been kept simple, to ensure that it is used without over complexity. Heritage strategy and policy staff have discussed how this could be best distributed and have come up with the following:

Eligibility for funding

- The site or area must be on private land and;
 - Registered in part 4, schedule 3 of the (proposed) Waikato District Plan (check [here](#).) *or*
 - Listed as a Heritage New Zealand site, *or*
 - Identified as an NZAA site, *or*
 - Identified in a cultural impact assessment.
- The site or area needs to have a wider benefit, meaning there is access provided or visibility at the property boundary that can be visited by the public.
- The fund must be used for conservation, maintenance, repair, identification, or be part of a management plan to protect the site or area long term.
- Subsequent applications for the same site or area will not be granted in the same financial year.

Process

- Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis each financial year beginning 01 July, and on the criteria above.
- Applications will be assessed by Council's SASM fund assessment panel.
- Applications received after funds have been allocated for that financial year will be returned to the applicant and the applicant will be advised to apply after the following 01 July.
- At the completion of the project, an accountability form will need to be completed.

Fund Payment and Accountability

- Quotes must be provided with each application and any associated consultation confirmation.
- Payment will be made to the applicant once evidence of part/completion is provided and the invoices are received.
- Successful applicants are required to complete an Accountability Form.

Some suggested uses of the funds are:

- Tidying and maintenance of the site
 - Protective fencing
 - Erecting an information post, pou or monument
 - Protective planting to enhance the site
 - Making the site more accessible
 - Creating a landscape or site management plan
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The Kaiwhakamaahere will manage and assess the applications upon submission and meet with the SASM panel to make all final decisions. It is proposed this panel will consist of five members – needing at least three in attendance to grant funding approval. The Kaiwhakamaahere, Heritage Strategy Advisor, one or both Maaori ward Councillors and at least one other elected member depending on the locality of the site that is being applied for. The Executive Leadership Team, Council and Community Boards will receive relevant update reports.

5.1 Options

Ngaa koowhiringa

Staff have assessed that there are three reasonable and viable options for the Committee to consider. The options are set out below.

Option one: Approve the report and attachments; or

Option two: Approve the report and attachments with amendments; or

Option three: Recommend more than minor amendments and advise staff to return at a later meeting with the changes made.

Option one is recommended because various staff have worked on and reviewed the application and process. Staff are confident the fund is ready to be activated and would like to begin notifying and promoting how to apply.

5.2 Financial considerations

Whaiwhakaaro puutea

Council established the SASM Fund in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. A yearly fund of \$30,000 was approved, beginning in the 2021/22 financial year. There is currently \$90,000 in the SASM fund awaiting distribution. The SASM fund guidelines outlines the financial eligibility. Grants will be granted at the discretion of the SASM assessment committee to a maximum of \$10,000.

5.3 Legal considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture

Staff confirm that the preferred option complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

5.4 Strategy and policy considerations

Whaiwhakaaro whakamaaherehere kaupapa here

The report and recommendations are consistent with the Council's policies, plans and prior decisions. These include:

- The Waikato District Council Heritage Strategy
 - Long Term Plan 2021-2024
 - Joint Management Agreement – Schedule F 'Management of Maaori Sites of Significance'.
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5.5 Maaori and cultural considerations

Whaiwhakaaro Maaori me oona tikanga

Preserving Maaori sites of significance ensures a vital link to protecting Maaori ancestral heritage. By providing funding for the protection and preservation of these sites, we honour the intrinsic value they hold for Maaori and promote a broader understanding of cultural preservation in the Waikato.

The process of applying for the fund may involve close collaboration with mana whenua in how sites are preserved and the stories that are told. By incorporating Maaori values into the management and preservation of these sites, a connection is made between oral history, taonga tuku iho and whenua.

To achieve the Vision for the Waikato River, specific strategies are set out in Schedule 2, Part 2 entitled "Strategy" in the River Settlement Act. The processes described in schedule F of the Joint management agreement with Waikato Tainui support the achievement of the following strategies as listed in Part 2. Section F states 'recognise and protect Waahi tapu and sites of significance to Waikato-Tainui and other Waikato River iwi (where they do decide) to promote their cultural, spiritual and historic relationship with the Waikato River' and Section G states 'recognise and protect appropriate sites associated with the Waikato River that are of significance to the Waikato regional communities'. It is envisioned that the SASM fund will achieve these things.

5.6 Climate response and resilience considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-taiao

The decisions sought by, and matters covered in, this report are consistent with the Council's [Climate Response and Resilience Policy](#) and [Climate Action Plan](#). Some SASM sites may be at risk of damage due to severe weather events and flooding. This fund can provide funding for protective measures against climate change effects.

5.7 Risks

Tuuraru

The approval of the SASM fund application process will provide opportunities to the public to protect and maintain the sites of significance and history of Aotearoa. The risks associated with delaying the implementation of the fund could result in further damage to sites and areas that require protection.

6. Significance and engagement assessment Aromatawai paahekoheko

6.1 Significance Te Hiranga

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed as of low significance, in accordance with the Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#). The fund has been budgeted and included in the Long Term Plan 2021-2024, and this report is seeking its implementation.

6.2 Engagement Te Whakatuutakitaki

A Meeting was held in August 2023 with the Waikato-Tainui General Manager Heritage, to discuss sites and areas of significance to Maaori and the implementation of the fund. Feedback was asked of Waikato-Tainui who were informed about the fund and the criteria and application process. There was a general discussion about cultural heritage, taonga tuku iho and the plans and aspirations of Waikato-Tainui.

Highest level of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
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State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Boards/Community Committees
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi and hapuu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affected Communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affected Businesses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landowners of SASM sites

7. Next steps

Ahu whakamua

If the Committee approves the report and attachments as per options one or two, the informing phase will begin. An update on the Council website, a media release and an email or letter to all private landowners with SASMs on their properties will be sent out notifying them that the fund is open.

8. Confirmation of statutory compliance

Te Whakatuuturutanga aa-ture

As required by the Local Government Act 2002, staff confirm the following:

The report fits with Council's role and Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations.	Confirmed
The report contains sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages (<i>Section 5.1</i>).	Confirmed
Staff assessment of the level of significance of the issues in the report after consideration of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (<i>Section 6.1</i>).	Moderate/Low
The report contains adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons taking account of any proposed or previous community engagement and assessed level of significance (<i>Section 6.2</i>).	Confirmed
The report considers impact on Maaori (<i>Section 5.5</i>)	Confirmed
The report and recommendations are consistent with Council's plans and policies (<i>Section 5.4</i>).	Confirmed
The report and recommendations comply with Council's legal duties and responsibilities (<i>Section 5.3</i>).	Confirmed

9. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori Fund Guidelines
 Attachment 2 – Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori Application Form
 Attachment 3 – Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori Assessment Criteria
 Attachment 4 – Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori Accountability Form

Attachment 1 – SASM guidelines

Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori (SASM) Fund Guidelines.

Waikato District Council established the Sites and Areas of Significance to Maaori (SASM) Fund in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031, to assist with the conservation, protection and preservation of SASM in the district.

Background to the Fund

A contestable fund of \$30,000 is available each year for Maaori sites and areas of significance. The purpose of the SASM Fund is to assist private landowners to conserve, protect, and preserve historic Maaori sites and areas within the Waikato District for the benefit of current and future generations.

Eligibility Criteria for funding

- The site or area must be on private land and be;
 - Registered in part 4, schedule 3 of the (proposed) Waikato District Plan (check [here.](#)) or
 - Listed as a Heritage New Zealand site, or
 - Identified as an NZAA site, or
 - Identified in a cultural impact assessment.
- The site or area needs to have a wider benefit, meaning there is access provided or visibility at the property boundary that can be visited by the public.
- The fund must be used for conservation, maintenance, repair, identification, or be part of a management plan to protect the site or area long term.
- Quotes must be provided with each application and any associated consultation documentation.

Process

- Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis each financial year beginning 01 July, and on the eligibility criteria above.
- Applications will be assessed by Councils SASM fund assessment panel.
- Applications received after funds have been allocated for that financial year will be returned to the applicant and the applicant will be advised to apply after the following 01 July.
- At the completion of the project, an accountability form will need to be completed by the applicant.

Fund Allocation

- Grants are allocated at the discretion of the SASM assessment Team.
- The maximum amount payable for any application is \$10,000.
- A part payment will be made for successful applications and the final payment will be made to the applicant once all invoices for the work are received.
- Subsequent applications for the same site or area will not be granted in the same financial year.

SITES & AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO MAAORI FUND (SASM) APPLICATION FORM

- Please read the *Guidelines* to assist you with completing this application form.
- Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered. All parts of the application **MUST** be completed, and all supporting information supplied.
- An online version is available on our website [here](#).

Section 1 – Your details

Name of applicant

Name of property owner

Postal Address for correspondence

Contact phone number/s and email address.

Section 2 – The Site

The Waikato district has a rich pre-1900 cultural history. The objective of this fund is to protect and preserve Maori sites and areas of significance.

What is the address of the property where the SASM is located?

What are you planning on using the fund for?

Tidying and maintenance of the site

Protective fencing

To erect an information post or monument

Protective planting to enhance the site

To make the site more accessible

A management plan

Other

Section 3 – Your project

Tell us about your project: what you are planning to do, and how the fund will help you (provide cost details in section 4).

Describe your project in detail (You can attach drawings or designs if you like).

DRAFT

How will your project benefit the public?

i.e. an information board, to erect a pou, to improve access, to clear trees so the public can view from the property boundary etc

DRAFT

Have you engaged with Mana Whenua?

Yes No If yes, please tell us who you engaged with and how they are helping your project. If no, please contact the Kaiwhakamaahere at Council if you would like assistance to do this.

Mana whenua assistance is vital to ensure the right information is shared. This is particularly relevant if you are planning on creating an information post or Pou.

Have you contacted Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga??

Yes No If yes, please tell us what the outcome was.

If your project will modify the SASM, you may need to contact Heritage NZ to check that what you are doing is okay. Please email info@lowerheritage.org.nz.

Section 4 – Funding requirements

Please provide an itemised account of the costs you are seeking from the Waikato District Council SASM fund.

(EXAMPLE) Project Cost Breakdown (itemised costs of funding being sought from WDC)	Please provide costs including GST
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<i>Fencing for around the Rua pits</i>	<i>\$ 900.00</i>
<i>Native low growing Plants for around the fencing</i>	<i>\$2000.00</i>
<i>Total Funds being sought from WDC</i>	<i>\$ 2900.00</i>

Project Cost Breakdown (itemised costs of funding being sought from WDC)	Please provide costs including GST
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total amount sought from the SASM fund	\$

I confirm that I am not seeking funding from any other sources for the items listed above (please tick)

Section 5 – Other funding

Have you received or are you applying for funding elsewhere for your property or this project?
Yes No If yes, please itemise below.

Name of fund and project description	Amount received	Date

Section 6 – Account details for payment

Account Name: _____

Bank: _____

Account Number: - - -

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

I certify that the funding information provided in this application is correct.

Checklist

Please ensure you have completed all parts of the SASM application form by marking the boxes below, and ensure that all quotes are attached to your application.

Items	Completed/ Enclosed ✓
Completed Section 1 – Your details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed Section 2 – The Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed Section 3 – Project Details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed Section 4 – Funding requirements.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed Section 5 – Other funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed Section 6 - Account details for payment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you signed your application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attached quotes for all items in the funding requirements section.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants will be requested to submit any outstanding information within 10 days, or their application will be returned.

You can email your application and associated documents to:

districtplan@waidc.govt.nz

OR Post your completed application to:

Resource Management Policy Team
Waikato District Council
Private Bag 15
NGARUAWAHIA 3720

OR Deliver your application to:

<p>Ngaruawahia 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 5pm.</p>	<p>Huntly 142 Main Street, Huntly Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm.</p>	<p>Meremere Heather Green Ave, Meremere 2474 Opening hours: Monday 9am - 12pm, Wednesday 2pm - 5pm, Friday 9am - 5pm</p>	<p>Tamahere 65 Devine Road, Tamahere 3283 Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9.30am - 3pm</p>
<p>Raglan 7 Bow Street, Raglan Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm</p>	<p>Te Kauwhata 1 Main Road, Te Kauwhata Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm.</p>	<p>Tuakau 2 Dominion Rd, Tuakau Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 5pm</p>	

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**Attention: Kaiwhakamaahere – RM Policy Team
ECM#**

Attachment 3 – Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria

The criteria under which each application will be assessed are:

- The site is registered in part 4, schedule 3 of the (proposed) Waikato District Plan (check [here.](#)) *or*
 - Listed as a Heritage New Zealand site, *or*
 - Identified as an NZAA site, *or*
 - Identified in a cultural impact assessment.
- The site is situated on privately owned land. (Not owned or occupied by the Crown, the Council, or a Crown entity).
- The contribution that the proposed work will make to the ongoing conservation and protection of the SASM site or area.
- The Application is complete, and quotes for any proposed works have been provided.
- The effectiveness of the work to minimise deterioration of the SASM.
- The cost effectiveness of the proposed work and the condition and environmental setting of the site on the property,
- The level of public benefit from the proposed work.
- If a resource consent or building consent is required.
- If advice has been sought from Heritage New Zealand.
- Where required, mana whenua consultation has occurred.
- If the site in need of urgent protection due to extreme weather events and/or climate change.

Assessment and Allocation Panel

The Kaiwhakamaahere will undertake the initial assessment and provide recommendations to the SASM Assessment panel. The SASM assessment panel will make a final decision after each application and decide on the amount of funds the applicant will receive.

The SASM team is comprised of at least three of the following:

- Heritage Advisor or delegate,
- Kaiwhakamaahere (Policy Planning/Advisor)
- One or both Maaori Ward Councillors
- A Councillor relevant to the locality of the SASM

A SASM update report will be submitted to the Executive Leadership Team, Council and relevant Community Boards and Committees when required.

To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Adoption of the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan
Date:	20 September 2023
Report Author:	Jim Ebenhoh – Planning & Policy Manager
Authorised by:	Clive Morgan -General Manager Community Growth

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

- To inform the Committee on the progress of the Wharekawa Coast 2120 community resilience project.
- To present the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan and seek its consideration and adoption for consultation.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

This report presents the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan to Council for its consideration and adoption for consultation, to be led by Hauraki District Council.

The plan has been developed over the past three years in a collaborative process with the community, councils (Hauraki District Council, Waikato Regional Council, and Waikato District Council), key stakeholders and Ngāti Paoa and Ngaati Whanaunga.

The plan provides a pathway for how councils and the communities will work together to ensure a resilient and prosperous future for all

In accordance with the key considerations within the significance and engagement policy, it is considered that the decision is of low significance.

3. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. adopts the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan (as attached) for community consultation, to be led by Hauraki District Council.

4. Background

Koorero whaimaarama

Climate change and its possible severe effects have brought attention to the need for Councils to plan ahead to help minimise climate change consequences and build resilience in our communities. The Waikato Regional Policy Statement tasks District Councils within the Waikato region to plan for sea level rise.

The Wharekawa coast runs along the western shoreline of the Firth of Thames for some 22 km between Matingarahi and Miranda. The Waikato District intercepts this coastline for approximately 186m at Pukorokoro-Miranda (see Figure 1). This coastline is particularly vulnerable to natural hazards, including coastal inundation and river flooding, a situation which will worsen with projected sea level rise.



Figure 1: The project area is outlined in red. The Waikato District intercepts the southern portion of the project area at Pukorokoro-Miranda.

In late 2019 the Hauraki District Council (HDC) initiated a community planning project for the communities along the Wharekawa Coast to establish a long-term adaptive framework to address natural hazards and climate change.

This project was largely prompted by the significant coastal flooding (January 2018) and river flooding (2017) occurring at the Wharekawa Coast, and the increasing risk of natural hazards for that coastline.

The project was named Wharekawa Coast 2120. The communities of Waharau, Whakatiwai, Kaiaua, and Pūkorokoro-Miranda were included in the project area. The project focus was on building a resilient and prosperous future for those communities over the next 100 years and provided a coordinated approach to the range of issues affecting the area, including water and wastewater services, flood protection, economic development and land use planning. The first community workshop was held on 30 November 2019.

HDC invited WDC and WRC staff to be on the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and the Joint Working Party (JWP) of HDC, WRC and Iwi provided governance for the project. The HDC also considered it essential that the project incorporate the values and concerns held by the community, including mana whenua. In view of that, a community panel made up of members of each community and iwi was appointed so that any decision-making process incorporated local knowledge and views. HDC initiated and has led the project, however it has been a collaborative effort with support by both the Waikato District and Waikato Regional Councils, Iwi and the community.

The project focused on 3 main areas, including climate change and natural hazards; district plan zoning and infrastructure; and economic opportunities. A number of technical reports were prepared through the course of the project, including assessments for coastal hazards; river flood hazards; social impacts, risk and ecological values. The hazard reports identified the different areas of risk along the coastline.

In order to better manage the project (and the impacts of Covid), five focus groups were established consisting of community panel members and TAG members. The five focus groups dealt with the following topics:

- River Flooding
- Community Risk Thresholds
- Community Plan
- Coastal Hazards
- Civil Defence and emergency management.

Using information from the technical reports, guidance from councils and feedback from local communities, each focus group reported their findings back to the whole Community Panel for feedback and approval. The Community Panel attended a number of meetings with the TAG to work through the process for finalising their recommendations and to provide Council with their final report. The final draft Community Panel Recommendation Report was presented at a public meeting held at the Kaiaua Community Hall on 22 May 2022, and feedback from the community was received.

The TAG recognised that further information was required to accompany the Panel's recommendation report, to give a project overview, provide detailed technical information, and cover the process of setting up the community panel and where it fits in the overall project. This report is called the Companion report to the Community Panel's Recommendation report.

The JWP formally received the Community panel's final recommendations report and the companion report on 26 July 2022. The JWP asked staff to present these reports to the three councils (HDC, Waikato Regional Council (WRC), and Waikato District Council (WDC)). It was also recommended that each council appoint elected members to the Wharekawa Coast 2120 JWP if it were to be continued into the next triennium. This has now occurred, with Councillor Matatahi-Poutapu as Waikato District Council's representative.

The partner councils prepared a draft Community Plan in response to the Community Panel's recommendations. This first draft was presented to the JWP on 12 July 2023 and thereafter to the Community Panel for feedback on 17 August 2023. The Community Panel feedback was scheduled to be considered by the JWP on 13 September 2023, where updates would be made to the draft plan to reflect feedback.

At the time of the writing of this report, the JWP is expected to recommend that the partner councils adopt the draft plan for consultation, with any amendments required. Any amendments by the JWP will be tabled at the 20 September Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee meeting, replacing Attachment 1 to this report.

5. Discussion and analysis

Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

5.1 Community Plan Actions

This plan adopts the vision developed by the Community Panel and acknowledges the community's values that make the Wharekawa Coast unique. It includes a broad range of issues affecting the different communities in the area and commits to future actions by the Partner Councils. It identifies who is responsible for undertaking those actions, when they will be done and how success will be measured.

The actions included in the plan are grouped into five themes to guide future planning and to help Councils respond to the recommended actions.

The key themes are:

5.1.1 Recreation and Community Facilities

The community was of the view that future visitor numbers to the area will likely increase due to its proximity to Auckland, its scenic values and as a unique area for rare and endangered birdlife. These actions therefore relate to issues like freedom camping and management of Council reserves (plans for planting, weed control, access to swimming spots and parking). Actions also include understanding cultural values and building better relationships with the community, by communicating more frequently, and with Partner Councils to ensure that the community's concerns are heard and resolved.

5.1.2 Coastal and Rural Environment

As the sea, Tikapa Moana, is part of daily life along the Wharekawa Coast, the action under this theme relates to the community wanting the Councils to ensure that aquaculture is managed so that effects thereof on the natural environment are avoided.

5.1.3 Wildlife and Natural Environment

The Wharekawa Coast has an abundance of natural features that are valued by the community and as a result, these actions include work to protect the local ecological integrity. Actions are to consider it as a priority when scoping future Council plans and work programmes and for Councils to support external organisations with their future plans.

5.1.4 Future Growth and Infrastructure

It is noted in the plan that Councils will explore the community's preference for using innovative solutions and sustainable alternatives to 'traditional' growth and infrastructure approaches including nature-based solutions. Foreseen actions relate to doing a plan change to review amongst others, engineering standards, identifying areas for future development (including development of commercial activates) and road access. Resilience to natural hazards is an important factor and infrastructure include actions pertaining to roads, wastewater management and parking. There are some coastal adaptation actions (see 5.2 below) included under this theme.

5.1.5 Hazards and Impacts

There is a complex mix of natural hazards within this area, the most prominent being river flooding and coastal inundation. River flood management actions includes the community being educated, preventative and regular maintenance of bridges, clearing of blockages in streams, surveying stopbanks, and erosion and pest control. As with the theme above, there are some coastal adaptation actions included under this theme.

5.2 Coastal adaptation actions

Actions relating to climate change (including the councils' and community's preferred adaptation pathways) are included in the draft plan with a caveat that the process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve these actions is yet to be determined.

Actions included in the HDC Future Growth and Strategy theme sees HDC with Government investigating options to financially support alterations/raising existing buildings and/or exemptions from building consent fees for such works, and the Partnership Councils with Government investigating options to:

- potentially buying rural land and land banking it for future town development,
 - potentially buying properties that may be at risk of coastal inundation or erosion or river flooding to either (a) lease it back to people or (b) turning it into Airbnb's.
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Actions included in the Hazards and Impacts theme relate to the preferred coastal hazard adaptation pathways and ensuring that Councils engage with Ngāti Pāoa and Ngaati Whanaunga on them and developing signals and triggers.

Central Government has to play a part in how coastal adaptation actions will be assessed and who will be responsible for implementation and funding. The Climate Adaptation Act will inform this once enacted.

5.3 Adaptive plan

This is an adaptive plan and as such will be reviewed every three years to consider how legislative implications and new technical information and data affect the identified future actions and preferred pathways, and to determine whether they should be implemented, adjusted or replaced.

Waikato Regional Council are developing a signals and triggers framework for the Waikato region. Signals and triggers inform when adaptation pathway actions should be implemented and what those actions should be. Until these are developed, HDC will be monitoring indicators to keep track of risks from natural hazards and report on them annually.

This adaptive plan process is similar to that being undertaken at Port Waikato, and soon to be expanded to Raglan and elsewhere through the Waikato District Resilience Project in conjunction with Waikato Regional Council (as per report to previous Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee).

5.4 Options

Ngaa koowhiringa

Staff have identified the following options for the Council to consider:

1. WDC does not adopt the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan for consultation; OR
2. WDC adopts the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan for consultation.

These options and their advantages and disadvantages are outlined below.

5.4.1 - OPTION 1: Do not adopt the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan for consultation

<p>ABOUT THIS OPTION</p> <p>This option would be for Council to not adopt the draft Community Plan for consultation. Council could consider adopting the plan without consultation, or referring the plan back to the Joint Working Party for further refinement, or not progress any further work on this project.</p>	
<p>ADVANTAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of consultation would be avoided (noting that HDC is leading the consultation process not WDC). 	<p>DISADVANTAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would not make the best of the time and money spent to get to this point of the project. • If the plan is not progressed, there could be a perception that the effort and time that the Community Panel put into the project will have been for nothing. This could lead to a break down in the trust relationship between the community and the Councils. • Without a plan in place, reactive measures could lead to unacceptable consequences for the community during or after severe weather events. • This action would not be in accord with the recommendation of the JWP and partner councils.

5.4.2 OPTION 2: Adopt the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan for consultation

<p>ABOUT THIS OPTION</p> <p>This option is for Council to adopt the draft community plan for community consultation. It would allow for the partner councils to undertake engagement with the community prior to the end of the calendar year, and for this to be included as pre-engagement for the councils' long term plan processes, leading to projects being included in the respective LTPs.</p>	
<p>ADVANTAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan in place would allow the Councils to start planning proactively which may allow for quicker implementation when needed and which could benefit the community. 	<p>DISADVANTAGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty around central government legislation and guidance will delay the inclusion of funding some actions in the upcoming LTP (2024-34), as the process,

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a plan in place would allow for certainty on some of the actions regarding which Council will be responsible for what and when. • Time and money spent to get to this point of the project would result in a living document that will provide clarity to the Councils and the Community on what to expect. • This could improve the trust relationship between the community and the Councils, and recognise the work done by the Community Panel. • This plan could lead as an example and guide to similar projects on actions required to adapt to the effects of climate change. 	<p>responsibility, liability and funding to achieve these actions is yet to be determined.</p>
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Preferred Option - Te Koowhiringa Matua

Staff recommend proceeding with **Option 2** where WDC adopts the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan for consultation to be led by Hauraki District Council.

This option also provides the opportunity to continue to apply the learnings from this process to future adaptive planning processes in other areas of the district such as Port Waikato and Raglan.

5.4 Financial considerations **Whaiwhakaaro puutea**

The following material financial considerations are associated with the preferred option:

- In general, there are few actions for Waikato District Council with direct cost implications, given its relatively small geographic area within the Wharekawa Coast project area.
 - Any short term costs will be met through in-kind support (staff input) or existing budgets as business as usual.
 - Some actions may need to be considered through LTPs where costing can be determined and planned for. Costs will initially be less for actions requiring investigation as a first step. Investigating will provide a clearer picture of what implementation would entail and the costs estimated.
 - Cost for climate change actions such as relocation can only be estimated once Central Government provides guidelines around who will be responsible for implementation and funding.
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5.5 Legal considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture

Staff confirm that the preferred option complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

5.6 Strategy and policy considerations

Whaiwhakaaro whakamaaherehere kaupapa here

The preferred option is consistent with the Council's policies, plans and prior decisions, including its approach to adaptive management planning in Port Waikato and Raglan.

5.7 Maaori and cultural considerations

Whaiwhakaaro Maaori me oona tikanga

The preferred option does not raise any significant cultural issues or any significant decisions regarding land or water that impact Maaori and their relationship with whenua, water and other taonga. The Community Panel and JWP for the Wharekawa Coast 2120 project included Iwi representatives from Ngāti Pāoa and Ngāti Whanaunga, and Iwi values and aspirations are reflected in final Community Panel Recommendation Report. The Wharekawa Coast 2120 JWP recommended that the TAG continue to work with the iwi representatives of Ngāti Pāoa and Ngāti Whanaunga to ensure their iwi values and aspirations are included in the community plan project.

5.8 Climate response and resilience considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-taiao

The preferred option is consistent with the Council's [Climate Response and Resilience Policy](#) and [Climate Action Plan](#).

The recommendation that WDC adopts the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan for consultation will increase the resilience of those communities. In particular, the community will be better prepared and able to adapt to the effects of climate change through the implementation of adaptive pathways for addressing coastal hazards that will be exacerbated by climate change over time.

5.9 Risks

Tuuraru

Staff have identified the following risks associated with the preferred option. The overall risk level is moderate.

Description of risk	Level of risk	How we could soften the risk	Risk remaining
Possible delay to consultation time frame if partner councils do not adopt the draft	Moderate	Continue to work in partnership with WRC and HDC	Moderate

Description of risk	Level of risk	How we could soften the risk	Risk remaining
community plan within the same timeframe as WDC			
Partner councils reject the draft community plan	Low	Continue to work in partnership with WRC and HDC	Low

6 Significance and engagement assessment Aromatawai paahekoheko

6.1 Significance Te Hiranga

The decision on the preferred option is considered to be of low significance, in accordance with the Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#). It relates to a relatively small part of the Waikato District and has only minor financial implications at this stage.

6.2 Engagement Te Whakatuutakitaki

Hauraki District Council staff, and partner Councils consider that partner Councils should obtain a greater understanding of **community views and preferences** on this matter. The level of engagement considered appropriate for this matter, at this point in time, is to consult (i.e. two-way communication to obtain public feedback) with the Wharekawa Coast community.

Hauraki District Council will lead the consultation. The draft plan and HDC-produced communications will be made available on our Council's website (waikatodc.govt.nz) as well as HDC's social media channels and website, the Kaiaua Compass, and the HDC Newsletter.

The consultation period is proposed to run from Monday 2 October to Friday 27 October 2023.

Highest level of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tick the appropriate box/boxes and specify what it involves by providing a brief explanation of the tools which will be used to engage (refer to the project engagement plan if applicable).</i>	Community engagement will be undertaken to seek community feedback on the draft Community Plan.				

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal
✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Boards/Community Committees
✓	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi and hapuu
<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affected Communities
✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affected Businesses
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Specify)

7 Next steps

Ahu whakamua

Timeframe	Action	Comments
2-27 October 2023	Engagement with the Wharekawa Community.	Dependent on partner councils adopting the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan for consultation.
Early / mid-November	Summary of community feedback and suggested changes to the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan to the Joint Working Party.	
Mid-end November 2023	Finalising the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan.	
End November/ Early December 2023	Partner Councils adopting the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan.	

8 Confirmation of statutory compliance

Te Whakatuuturutanga aa-ture

As required by the Local Government Act 2002, staff confirm the following:

The report fits with Council's role and Committee's/Community Board's Terms of Reference and Delegations.	Confirmed
The report contains sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages (<i>Section 5.1</i>).	Confirmed
Staff assessment of the level of significance of the issues in the report after consideration of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (<i>Section 6.1</i>).	Low
The report contains adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons taking account of any proposed or previous community engagement and assessed level of significance (<i>Section 6.2</i>).	Confirmed
The report considers impact on Maaori (<i>Section 5.5</i>)	Confirmed
The report and recommendations are consistent with Council's plans and policies (<i>Section 5.4</i>).	Confirmed
The report and recommendations comply with Council's legal duties and responsibilities (<i>Section 5.3</i>).	Confirmed

9 Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan

Draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan



Foreword

We believe this plan provides a pathway for how the community and the councils can work together to ensure a safe and resilient future for communities living on the Wharekawa Coast.

This plan is based on recommendations from the community panel; dedicated volunteers from the Wharekawa community who came together, with the relevant councils, to understand what natural hazards mean for the Wharekawa area, now and in the future.

We applaud the community panel for their effort and commitment to this hard mahi they have undertaken in service of not only their existing community, but also to prepare for future generations.

We have carefully considered all their recommendations and commit to exploring the next steps in relation to the actions included in this plan. The actions address a wide variety of issues.

We recognise that there are still many challenges and some local uncertainties around dealing with the effects and impacts of climate change and are mindful that since we don't have all the answers now this plan is open to future updates. We look to central government to provide the certainty and resourcing needed in regards to some of the more substantial action items especially.

We commit to reviewing and updating this plan in partnership with the communities of the Wharekawa Coast as we learn more over time, to give them the flexibility to adapt together in a changing world.

Ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tīnā, Ko te pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata.

Secure the horizons that are close to hand and pursue the most distant horizons so that they may become close.

Jennifer Nickel
WRC Councillor and
Joint Working Party Co-chair

Francis Rawiri
Ngāti Pāoa Representative and
Joint Working Party Co-chair

How are we doing?

Further background information to the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Project can be accessed at <https://wharekawacoast2120.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/>



The Wharekawa Coast Community Plan

In early 2020, the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Panel came together to provide informed recommendations to the Partner Councils (Waikato Region, Hauraki District and Waikato District Councils) on the future of the Wharekawa Coast communities. The Community Panel looked at a broad range of issues affecting their communities with a particular focus on natural hazard risks. Over 140 recommendations were made by the Community Panel in the *Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Panel Recommendations Report* in July 2022.

This Community Plan has been developed in response to the Community Panel's recommendations.

This Community Plan adopts the vision developed by the Community Panel and acknowledges the community's values that make the Wharekawa Coast unique.

Following completion of the Community Panel's work, this Community Plan commits to future actions by the Partner Councils. It identifies who is responsible for undertaking the actions, when they will be done and how success will be measured.

The Partner Councils highlight that preferred community options will have associated costs. We will advocate that the community adaptation plan process prioritises options for long-term management of natural hazards and climate change risk, and where possible, includes indicative costs to guide conversations. This will include acknowledgement that funding of options and interventions will:

- need to travel through additional funding processes (e.g., contestable Central Government funding); and
- include consideration of whether targeted and/or general rates will apply.

The Partner Councils and iwi in the Wharekawa Coast 2120 will work to set clear expectations around roles, responsibilities and mechanisms to meet the costs of specific adaptation options.

Where this draft community plan identifies a regional or district council as a lead agency, it does not necessarily mean that this agency will directly fund the action. In some instances, funding would be based on decisions made under their Long Term Plan, which may result in targeted rates being paid by the community benefitting from specific works, whose views will be sought as part of a further consultation process.

To achieve the best outcomes, the Partner Councils and community will regularly need to report on, review and reprioritise actions and consider the need for additional future actions. This will enable actions to respond to changes in the knowledge and needs of the community and ensure these are reflected in the Plan. It will also ensure that changes can be made in response to community feedback.

The Partner Councils commit to:

- Engaging on specific projects with interested parties as outlined in the Action Plans.
- Seek and respond to community feedback on actions as they progress and resourcing is confirmed.
- Update the Completed Actions table as actions are completed.
- Reporting on the status and progress towards key strategic actions in this plan on a six-monthly basis through the Kaiaua Compass, e-newsletters and on our websites.
- Annual reviews of progress on all identified actions, and monitoring indicators results. These will be reported to the Community at the annual meeting.
- A three to five review of this Community Plan.



Vision for Wharekawa Coast

“ For the community, mana whenua, and councils to come together to consider a range of issues and opportunities for the Wharekawa area, and to plan for a resilient and prosperous future for all.

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Ko te pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata**

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and pursue the most distant horizons so
that they may become close.* ”



Values of the Wharekawa Coast communities

Following engagement with the Wharekawa Coast communities early in the Wharekawa Coast 2120 project, the following values were identified and have provided guidance and direction for the development of this Community Plan.



WE LOVE AND VALUE

Rays Rest Bridges School
 Regional Parks Beach Boating
 Cycleway Whakatīwai Farming
 Relaxed Shorebirds Internet
 Fire station Porpoises Kai moana
 Hot pools Urupā Orcas Road Iwi land
 Pink Shop Playground
 Community Sea life Connectivity
 Shorebird centre Birds Tikapa Moana
 Fishing Marae Road Access
 Serenity Community garden
 Waharau Toilets



WE WANT TO SEE

Roosting sites Business development
 Swings BBQs
 Toilets Natural areas Coastal protection
 Customer service Jobs Reserve management
 Pohutukawa Footpaths Boat access
 Wild spaces Embracing nature Playgrounds
 Wetland areas
 Stopbanks Predator control
 Habitat restoration Climate sensitive
 Kerbing Freedom campers
 Better floodgates



WE DON'T WANT TO SEE

Heavy vehicles
 Vehicles on beach
 Increased Aquaculture
 Rubbish Quarry Pests
 Over commercialisation
 Camping on shell banks
 Erosion Bright lights
 Farming over development
 Birdlife disturbance



WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT

Groundwater rising Silt Information
 Pipes exposed Inundation Stormwater
 Wetland loss Coastal roads Rubbish Drains
 Rays Rest Storm warning Quarry
 Mangroves Low road River flooding Slips
 Cycle ways Boundary issues Dog poo
 Costs Beach pipes Hauarahi Stream
 Evacuation plans Drain clearing Parking
 Speed limit Higher ground access Saltwater Intrusion
 Traffic increase Future infrastructure
 Foreshore land Habitat loss Waharau Bridge



about Wharekawa Coast

The Wharekawa Coast project area, which spans more than 20km from Waharau to Pūkorokoro/Miranda, is steeped in the history of those who have gone before. It is the first place in the Hauraki District that saw the arrival of waka from Hawaiki and our history is tightly bound with the history of the iwi who hold mana whenua here, Ngāti Pāoa and Ngaati Whanaunga. The community and Partner Councils share the desire to leave the area in better shape for the generations to come.

Often referred to locally as the Seabird Coast, the Wharekawa Coast project area is recognised nationally and internationally for its importance for waders and shorebirds, one of only a few sites in New Zealand. The Wharekawa Coast features a large Chenier Plain. This Plain is formed by coarse sediments (often gravels) deposited parallel to the shore. Between Pūkorokoro/Miranda and Kaiarau, the Chenier Plain consists of a series of shell banks, which makes this landform unique in the world.

The topography along the project area changes from the Chenier Plain at the southern end, to hills reaching the sea at Waharau.

The land use in the Wharekawa Coast project area catchments has changed considerably over the last century. Historically, these catchments, reminiscent of the Whakatīwai and Waharau Regional parks, were dominated by native vegetation. However, as pastoral farming expanded and the population grew, significant vegetation clearing took place, particularly in the upper catchments. The [Wider river flood assessment report](#) documents historical changes in both the Haurahi and Whakatīwai catchments. These changes underscore human influence on natural waterways and the consequential effects on both the natural and built environment.

The Wharekawa Coast project area has five distinct communities along its length; Pūkorokoro/Miranda, Kaiarau, Whakatīwai, Wharekawa, and Waharau. Each community has unique features that attract people to live and visit there, and each with unique challenges. To recognise these unique communities, and enable specific community related actions, each community has been identified as a unique compartment as shown on the map. Each compartment has a coastal component and a wider river catchment component.

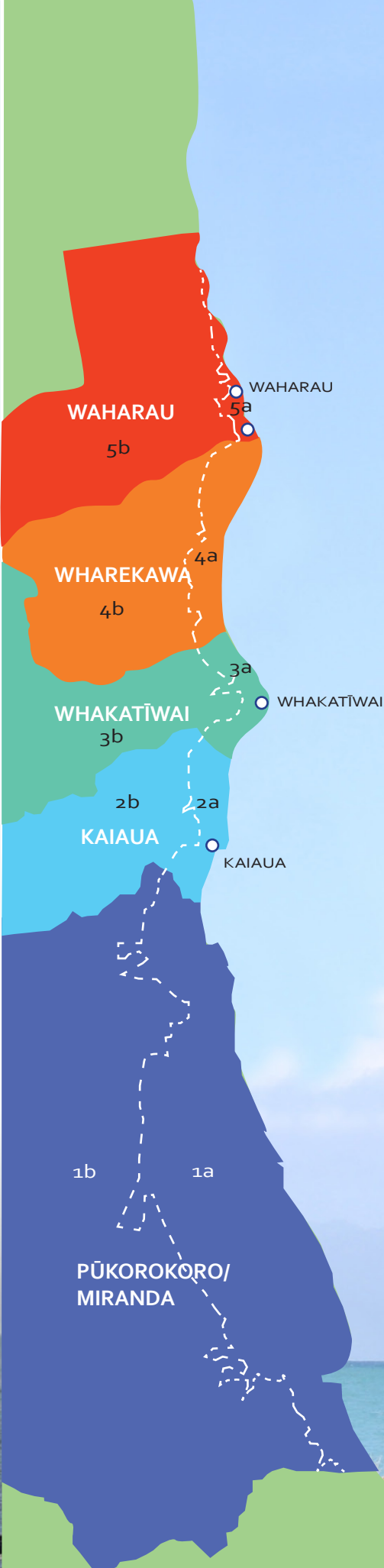


Figure 1 Wharekawa Coast 2120 Compartments

Pūkorokoro / Miranda

Pūkorokoro/Miranda covers the rural area from south of the Miranda Stream bridge northwards to just before the township of Kaiāua (see map). This area has many productive farms with associated buildings, such as residences and sheds.

The compartment includes a portion of the Waikato District at the mouth of the Miranda and Pūkorokoro Streams. The globally rare outstanding land formations known as the Chenier Plain (extending to just south of Kaiāua) can be seen in this area.

Pūkorokoro/Miranda is a visitor hotspot on the Wharekawa Coast with the Pūkorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre attracting and hosting many international visitors year-round. The Shorebird Centre strongly advocates for shorebirds and conservation of their habitat including through their educational programmes, informative displays and knowledge sharing.

The wetland surrounding the Shorebird Centre and the shell bank area is host to around 60 species of birds, some endemic and very rare as well as NZ Shore skink and native flora. It is valuable habitat for food for thousands of international and internal migrants and also a precious nesting area for many local species with successful ongoing predator control and vast open shell banks. The area is a major overwintering site for kūaka (godwits), which migrate from Alaska and Siberia to Aotearoa New Zealand. The area also supports almost the entire population of the endemic ngutu-parore (wrybill) outside of their August-December breeding season. The extensive intertidal mudflats of Tīkapa Moana (the Firth of Thames) are important for these and many more species

of waders, resulting in the designation of 8,500ha of the intertidal zone (from the Waihou River to Kaiāua) as a wetland of international importance (RAMSAR site).

Ray's Rest is a popular freedom camping area, situated on the shell banks which form the leading edge of the Chenier Plain. The Hauraki Rail Trail provides cyclists with the opportunity to experience the coastal wetlands and explore the shell banks. East Coast Road provides a link to State Highway 25 and State Highway 2 and to larger town centres, such as Thames, Ngātea and Pokeno.

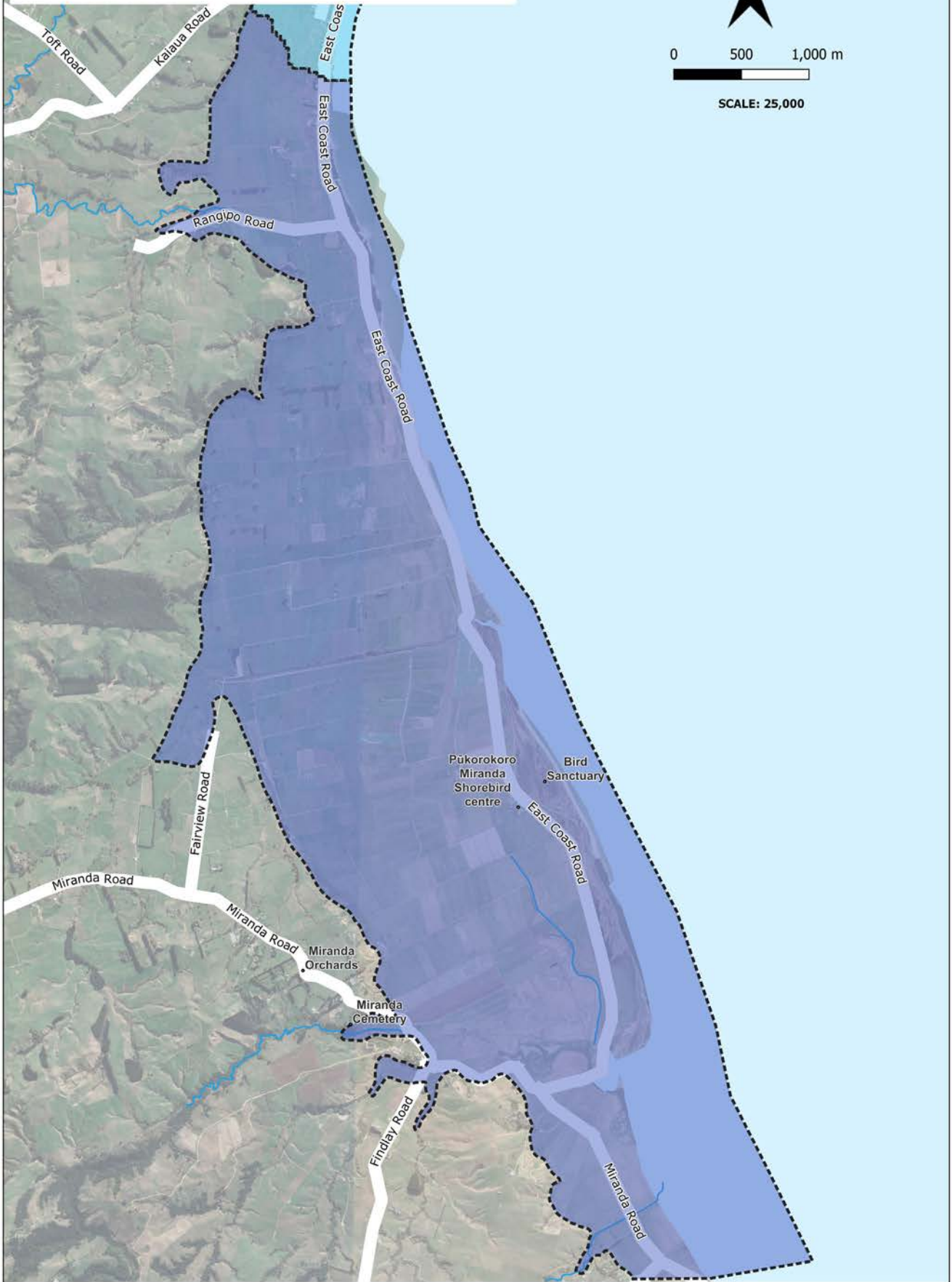
Key Community Messages

"This is a special place for nature. It is also a farming area and is where East Coast Road provides a link to State Highway 25 and State Highway 2 and to larger town centres, such as Thames, Ngātea and Pokeno."

"This is a low-lying area and sea flooding will impact activities here."



Pūkorokoro Miranda



Kaiaua

This compartment starts just south of the village of Kaiaua and extends north to just beyond the Kaiaua School and Kaumatua Flats. Kaiaua town is situated on the western side of the Firth of Thames between Pūkoro/ Miranda, to the south, and Whakatīwai, to the north. The town's six reserves respectively include three picnic spots, a tennis court, two playgrounds, and a boat ramp. The boat ramp is used extensively as a boat launching or retrieval area.

The Hauraki Rail Trail begins/or ends here and there is an associated car park and toilet facilities. The area also has freedom camping options and a NZMCA camping facility.

There are several wāhi tapu¹ sites along the Coast, including an urupā² site at Tauwhare Koiora.

Local businesses include the Kaiaua Pink Shop, Kaiaua Fisheries, GAS Kaiaua, Kaiaua Motors and the Bayview Hotel. Kaiaua also has a school and a rural fire and ambulance station.

Key Community Messages

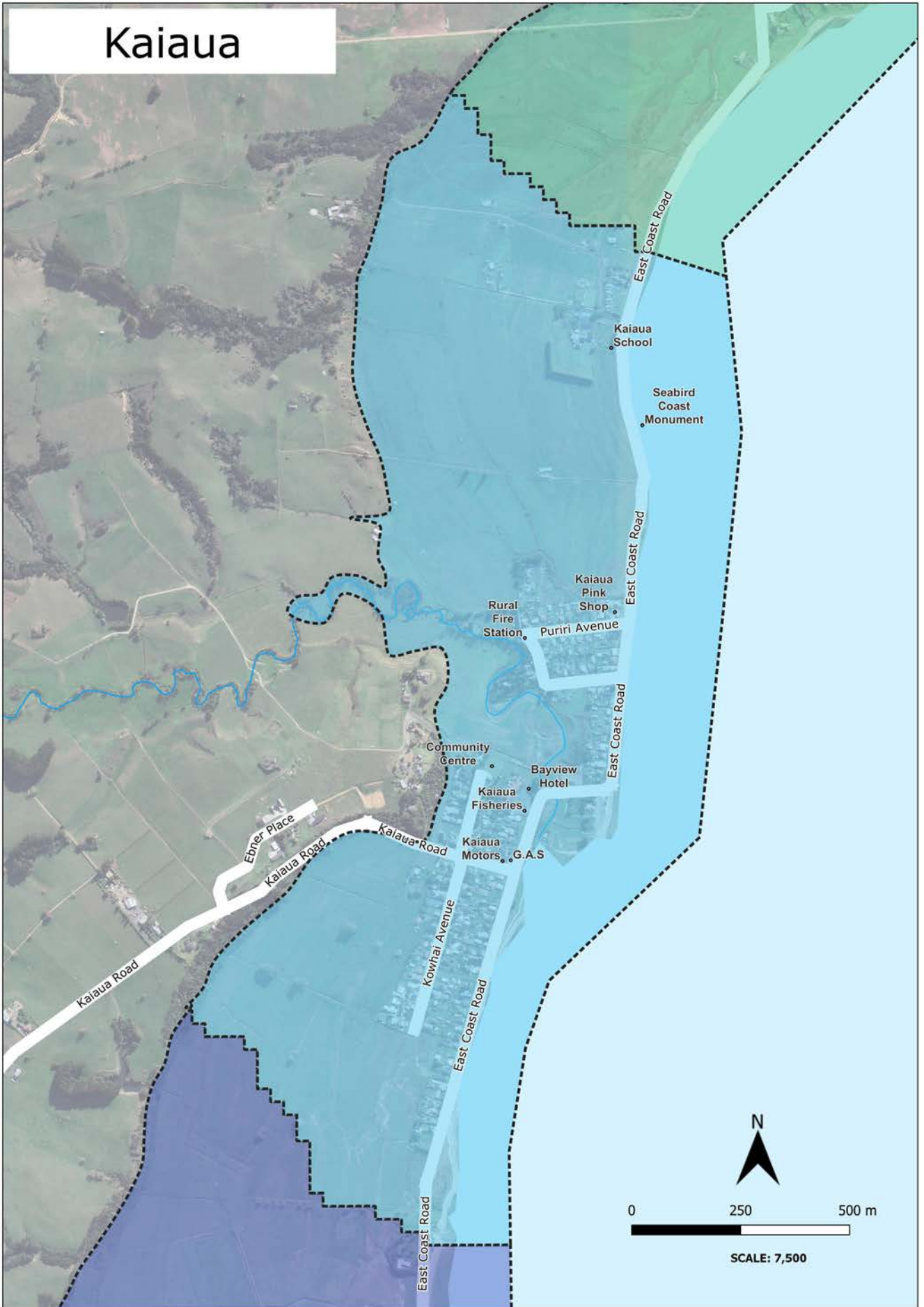
"There will be more people coming to our area, to visit and to live. They will use community facilities in Kaiaua. We have concerns about how to manage increasing numbers of people on and off the water."



- 1 Wāhi Tapu means sacred place, sacred site - a place subject to long-term ritual restrictions on access or use, e.g. a burial ground, a battle site or a place where tapu (sacred, restricted) objects were placed.
- 2 An urupā is a Māori cemetery or burial site.



Kaiaua



Whakatīwai

Whakatīwai is one of the most culturally significant areas within the Wharekawa Coast. There are a number of urupā and wāhi tapu sites along the Coast, at Whakatīwai and beyond.

This compartment starts to the north of Kaiaua School and Kaumatua Flats and extends to beyond the Wharekawa Marae. It encompasses a coastal delta housing the village of Whakatīwai and rural land inland adjoining the Whakatīwai, Wharekawa Marae and Moemoepo Streams.

The Whakatīwai Stream mouth has historically meandered up and down this section of coast, until it was diverted to its present position in the 1960's. The Whakatīwai gravels that are found in this compartment are considered 'outstanding landforms'.

There are two reserves in the area, including a picnic site and visitors can also enjoy the beach. The Wharekawa Marae is in this area. Whakatīwai is also the home to the EcoQuest Centre for Indigeneity, Ecology, and Creativity (formerly EcoQuest Education Foundation), whose work contributes to local conservation, resource management, and training initiatives.

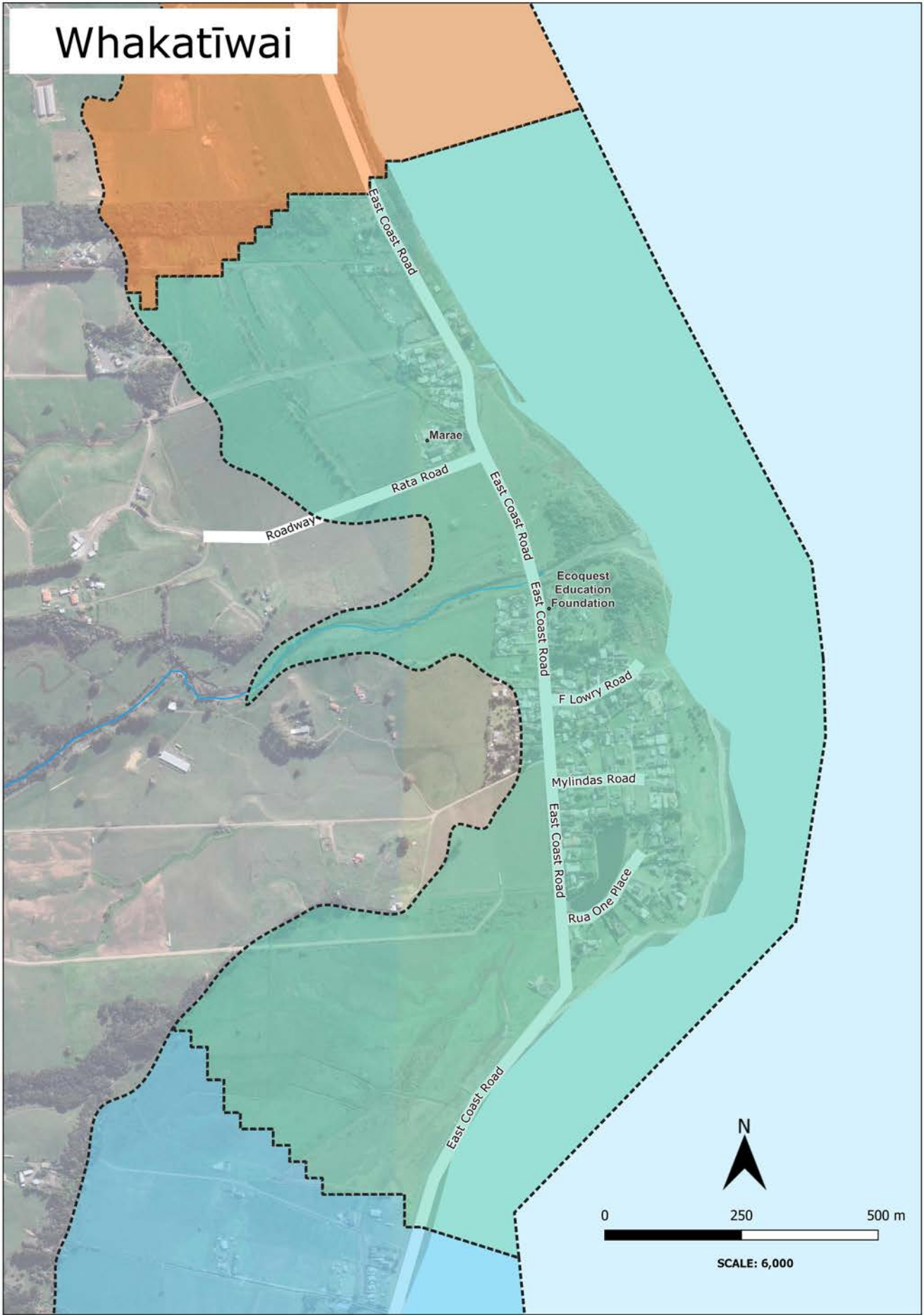
Key Community Messages

"We know that the stopbanks on the Whakatīwai River have eroded in part and this may affect how they function in a flood event."

"Our tamariki walk to school from Whakatīwai and there is not much room between the cars travelling at high speeds and them. This is a safety issue that needs to be addressed."



Whakatāwai



Wharekawa

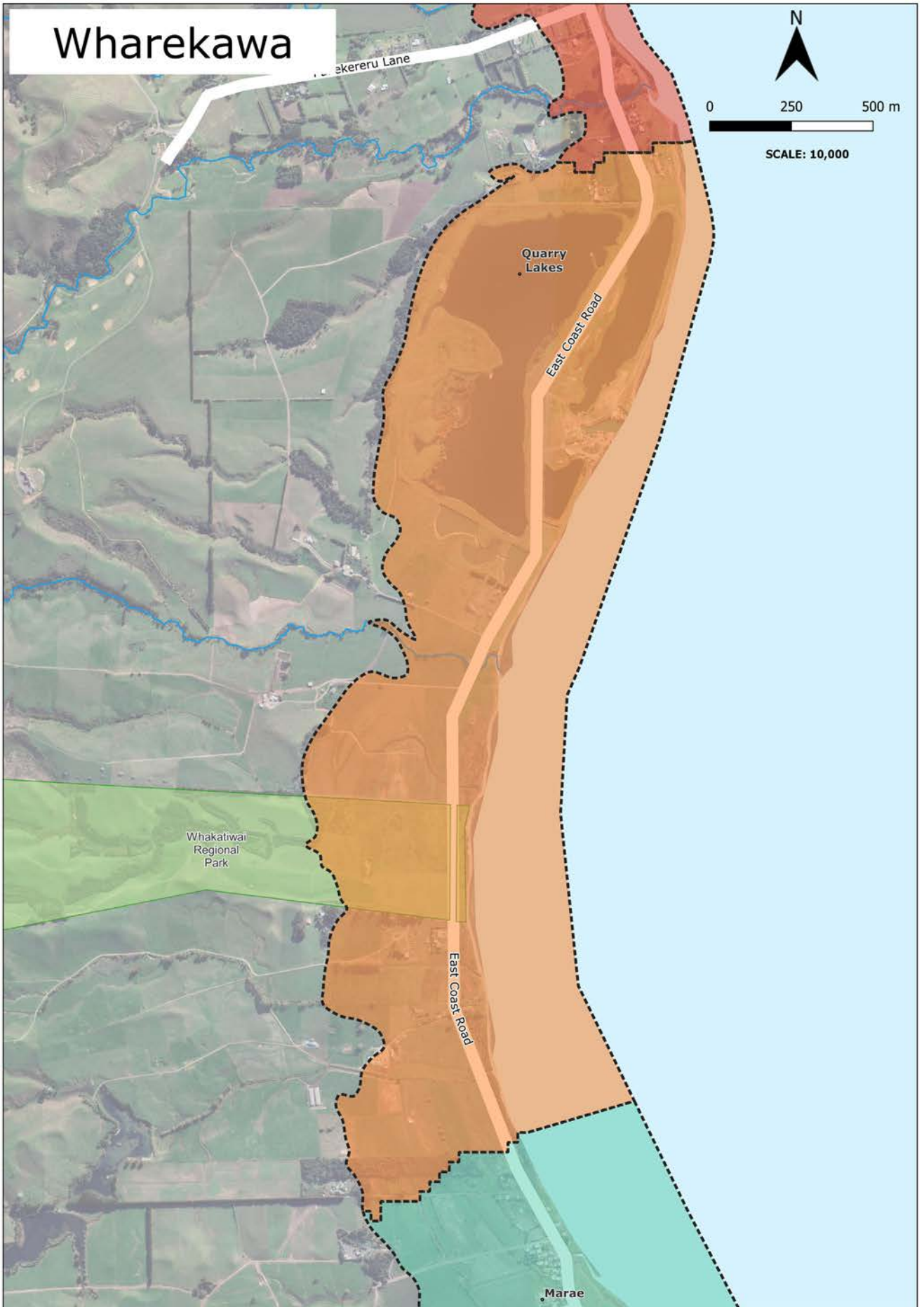
This compartment extends from north of the Marae to just north of Harakeke (the old quarry ponds). The area is rural with limited associated buildings.

The Whakatīwai Regional Park, which extends from the coast inland into the Hunua Ranges, connecting to the Waharau Regional Park, both of which are operated by Auckland Council is located here. There are four streams within the area. The historic quarry site lies less than a kilometre south of Waharau. A private concrete boat ramp is within the Quarry site and there is a 100 metre concrete slab seawall along the site.

Key Community Messages

"The land around the old quarry ponds (above the flood level) could be suitable for commercial development."





Waharau

Waharau is known as the first place where Iwi from Hawaiki entered Hauraki and has two small coastal settlements. This compartment begins just north of the old quarry ponds and extends to the Hauraki District Council's district boundary with Auckland Council, which lies 2 kilometres north of Waharau Regional Park. There is one Hauraki District Council reserve, the Pukekereru Reserve, in this area.

There are many streams in this area exiting to the sea, including the Waihopuhopu Stream and the Waharau Stream. Reserves include the Piopiotahi and Waharau Reserve. The Auckland Council administers the Waharau Regional Park to which there is an access point off East Coast Road.

Key Community Messages

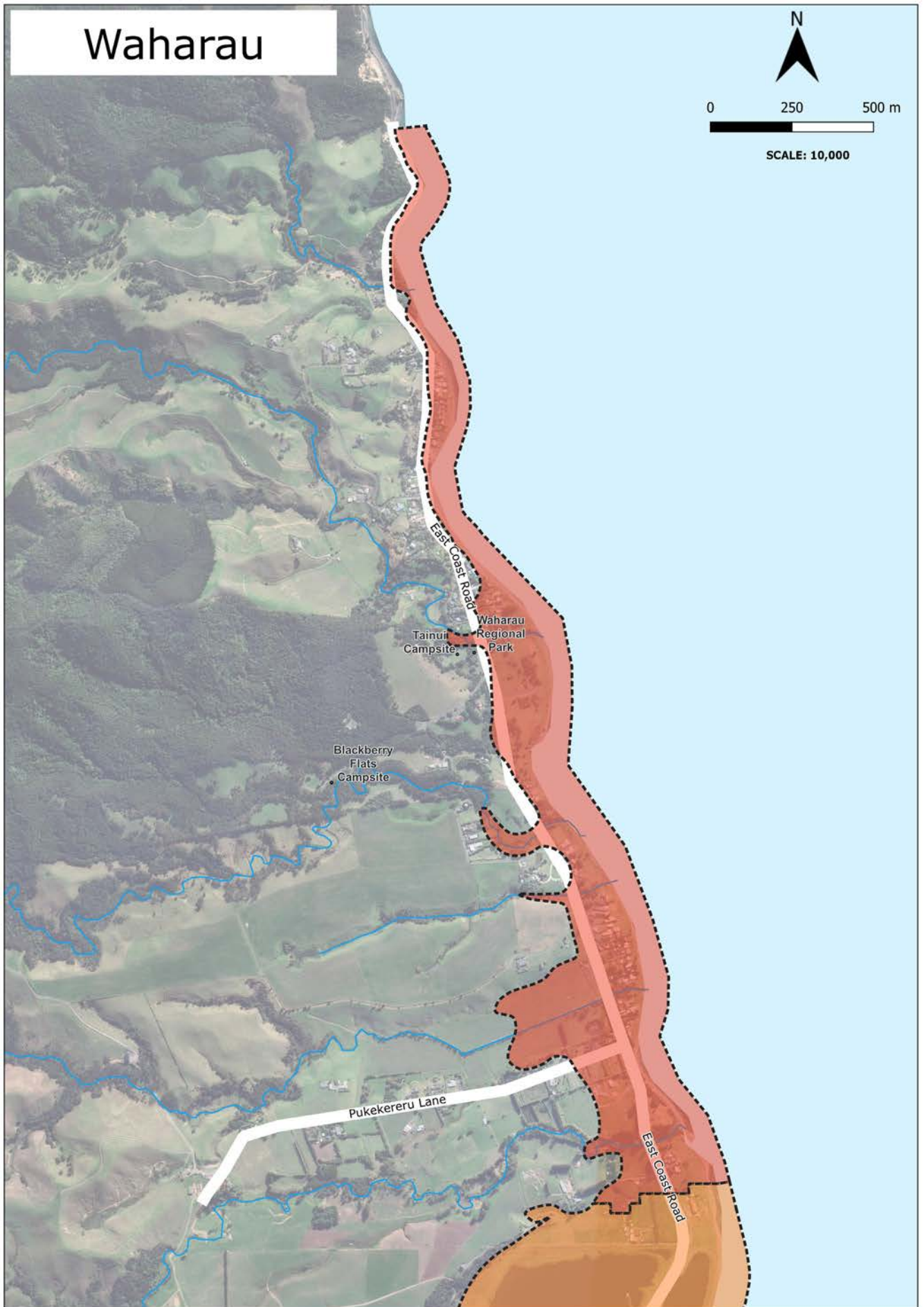
"Development around Pukekereru Lane needs to be managed so it does not impact the people that already live here. "

"Waharau Bridge is vulnerable as a result of past river flooding. This bridge is the only access road for north and south travel. "

"The rain from the hills cannot be contained by roadsides and drains and floods houses."

"The bridge over the Waihihi Stream no longer lines up with the river and the riverbank is eroding. We see that sheet metal pilling has fallen over and is not working. We know that the rock placed here after the last storm, to help stop erosion is only temporary."





Partner Councils and Wharekawa Coast communities' preferred coastal hazard adaption pathways

The adaptation pathways are the preferred actions for each individual community to address the coastal hazard issues across the short, medium and long term. The tolerance of the community to current coastal erosion and inundations risks were also taken into account.

The Partner Councils will engage on all options for managing coastal hazard risks and will take the views and values of Ngāti Pāoa and Ngaati Whanaunga into account.

Special note: Significant cultural values present in all compartments. All options require consultation with Ngāti Pāoa and/or Ngaati Whanaunga

Community	Short term	Medium term	Long term
PŪKOROKORO MIRANDA 1A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood gates + • Enhance shingle crest + • Productive land adaptation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inundation protection (<i>Raising East Coast Road</i>) + • Flood gates + • Planned resettlement (<i>Buildings and associated infrastructure</i>) + • Productive land adaptation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inundation accommodation (<i>Raising East Coast Road</i>) + • Productive land adaptation
KAIUA 2A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inundation accommodation (<i>Buildings and associated infrastructure</i>) + • Seawall/Revetment (<i>Re-design + build/maintain existing</i>) + • Groynes (<i>South of compartment</i>) + • Renourishment + • Implement drainage system maintenance + • Beach push-ups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seawall/Revetment (<i>Enhance/maintain existing</i>) + • Groynes (<i>South of compartment</i>) + • Beach scraping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned resettlement
WHAKATĪWAI 3A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inundation accommodation (<i>Buildings and associated infrastructure</i>) + • Implement drainage system maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood gates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned resettlement
WHAREKAWA 4A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood gates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood gates + • Inundation accommodation (<i>Raising East Coast Road</i>) + • Productive land adaptation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned resettlement + • Productive land adaptation
WAHARAU 5A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo + • Implement drainage system maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renourishment + • Enhance shingle crest + • Beach scraping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned resettlement (<i>Low lying buildings</i>)

Planned Resettlement has been developed by the Wharekawa Coast Community to explain the situation where, at some time in the future, there will be areas of the Wharekawa coastline that may be unsuitable for people to live.

Planned resettlement, when referenced in a coastal hazard adaptation pathway, means:

"a consultative and planned approach by Councils and the Community to enable the movement of people and/or communities, as a last resort, when alternatives for managing coastal hazard risks are no longer viable. It will give members of the community access to options and the ability to make an informed decision about relocating to safer ground. It will also enable the enhancement of previously occupied areas to a more natural state."

Key themes + Strategic actions

To guide future planning for the Community, the Community Panel identified the following Key Themes for the Wharekawa Coast. The Councils have adopted these themes as a way of responding to the actions sought by the community as well as distinguishing where on the coast the actions apply.



For each of the actions, the Partner Councils have identified who will take responsibility for the action, how it will be actioned, by when and what the indicative cost of completing the action is. Some actions can be completed within existing Council budgets and are reflected as Business as usual (BAU). Those that will need to be funded through existing budgets are identified as "\$", requiring prioritisation within these existing budgets. Those projects that will need to be specifically budgeted for are represented as "\$\$" and "\$\$\$".



Recreation and Community Facilities



The Community are keen to ensure:

- Better management of freedom camping
- Better management of reserves
- A good understanding of cultural values
- A better relationship with the Partner Councils to ensure that the community's concerns are heard and resolved.

The Community has also identified future visitor numbers to the area will likely increase due to the Wharekawa Coast's proximity to Auckland, its scenic values and as a unique area for rare and endangered birdlife. The communities along the coast are unique and diverse and as a result, a one-size-fits-all approach doesn't work here.

In response to the aspirations of the community, the Partner Councils have identified the following key strategic actions relating to recreation and community facilities along the Wharekawa Coast.

The other actions relating to Recreation & Community are contained as Appendix 1 on page 33.

Key Strategic Actions - Community and Recreation Facilities

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
Partner Councils work in partnership with Ngāti Pāoa and Ngaati Whanaunga to understand matters of cultural importance throughout the Wharekawa Coast.	Hauraki District Council with Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to work with iwi to refine the specific action. • Council keen and committed to work in partnership with iwi. Partnership agreements with iwi may be the outcome of this action. 	Ongoing engagement	\$ (Staff Time)	The Partner Councils and iwi build a stronger relationship to ensure matters of cultural significance are understood and appropriate action taken.
Hauraki District Council to investigate planting in Whakatūwai Reserve and on the reserve opposite Pukekereru Lane. To prevent freedom camping in restricted areas by planting & work together with the community to plant reserves and control weeds. Using planting to direct where people can and cannot park, to plan for and provide appropriate facilities.	Hauraki District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDC to prepare planting plans for reserves, need to still allow access for day parking. • This will require inclusion in reserves budgets in LTP. 	1-5 years	\$	The community consider that the reserves on the Wharekawa Coast are well managed.

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
<p>Hauraki District Council commits to ensuring response times to individual community requests meet the level of service outlined in the Long Term Plan.</p>	<p>Hauraki District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure service request system is being used correctly and individuals are responded to in a timely manner as specified in the Long Term Plan. (exact timing depends on what the service request is for). • Ensure requests for information are answered within 20 working days. 	<p>Business as usual with a focus on response time</p>	<p>\$ (Staff Time)</p>	<p>The community feel better informed about Council projects. No complaints are received about lack of communication/ information on projects.</p>
<p>Partner Councils to work with the community to help community action e.g. planting days, river maintenance, weed removal. Partner Councils also to consider working with community groups on projects as appropriate. More communication including more frequent meetings between the Partner Councils and the community about projects in advance of works to let people know what's coming up and after works been done to explain what's been done.</p>	<p>Hauraki District Council with the Community and Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider frequency of meetings, and other methods of communication. • HDC have received feedback that the community prefer receiving the news through the HDC website, WRC website, e-newsletter, the Kaiaua Compass or direct email, so we'll focus on using those methods, and increase the frequency, include more about upcoming projects, progress on them and then completion. 	<p>Ongoing business as usual</p>	<p>\$ (Staff Time)</p>	<p>The community and Council build a stronger relationship, and the community feel that their concerns are being heard and will be resolved in a timely manner.</p>



Coastal and Rural Environment

The sea, Tikapa Moana, is part of daily life along the Wharekawa Coast. The Community are keen to ensure that aquaculture is managed so that effects on the natural environment are avoided. Farming is a dominant land use along the Wharekawa Coast and has a significant contribution to the local economy.

The **Hauraki Gulf Forum** is charged with the promotion and facilitation of integrated management and the protection and enhancement of the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana/Te Moananui-ā-Toi under the **Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000**. Each of the Partner Councils have a representative on the Forum who are actively engaged in this work.

In response, the Councils have identified the following key strategic actions relating to the coastal and rural environments along the Wharekawa Coast.

Key Strategic Actions - Coastal and Rural Environment

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
The community are consulted with and notified as appropriate, via the Kaiuaa Compass, of Marine Farm applications in Tikapa Moana, especially along the Wharekawa Coast to assist the community to make submissions to ensure that the effects (including cumulative) of aquaculture on coastal processes and marine mammals are managed.	Waikato Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where the effects of an activity are identified by WRC as being more than minor, the affected parties of a resource consent application will be notified as required by the RMA. Information about the consent process, including a flow diagram is available on the WRC website. The website also provides details on how a submission can be made. Public notification of any application, as determined under the RMA, is made through a number of avenues including website notifications and newspaper adverts. WRC cannot guarantee the community will be notified if they are not identified as an affected party under the statutory requirements. 	Ongoing engagement	BAU	Actual and potential adverse effects of aquaculture activities are appropriately managed through consenting processes.

Wildlife and Natural Environment



The Wharekawa Coast has an abundance of natural features that are valued by the community including:

- the internationally recognised wetland (RAMSAR site)
- Shell beaches and Chenier Plains
- the backdrop of the native bush of the Hunua Ranges.

The Community is keen to ensure that these special features are protected and enhanced, and that there is greater awareness of their value to the wider community. The bird sanctuary at Pūkorokoro/Miranda is considered by the community as the coastal 'litmus test' and any effects of activities and actions on the bird sanctuary need to be clearly understood and appropriately managed to preserve the importance of this area.

In response, the Partner Councils have identified the following key strategic actions relating to wildlife and the natural environment along the Wharekawa Coast. While the actions relating to Wildlife and Natural Environment in this plan are focussed on the immediate/short term, the community acknowledge that alongside expected coastal changes in future, habitat and the natural environment will also need to change. Future planning for these changes will need to be considered through future reviews of this Community Plan.

The other actions relating to Wildlife & Natural Environment are contained as Appendix 2 on page 35.

Key Strategic Actions - Wildlife and Natural Environment

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$ - mid cost \$\$\$ - high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
Greater protection of local ecological integrity in a way that will not further impede on natural coastal and freshwater processes. This requires greater local awareness of the significance of Our Place and the natural environment we live in.	Hauraki District Council	Consideration of a Proposed Plan Change. Scope of possible plan change being considered now.	1-5 years	Potentially \$\$\$	The community is clear about the scope of any Plan Change for the Wharekawa Coast area.
	Waikato Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRC's Biodiversity inventory work programme to prioritise Wharekawa Coast site investigation. • WRC to incorporate local ecological protection considerations into Regional and Regional Coastal Plan review. 	1-5 years	BAU	The community feel confident that the special ecological features of the Wharekawa Coast are protected.



Future Growth and Infrastructure

Low development and a quiet pace of life are key characteristics of the Wharekawa Coast communities. While the community acknowledge the likely future demand for development, they are keen to ensure any future growth is managed to ensure it happens in appropriate places and maintains the character of the area.

Changes to the Hauraki District Plan are necessary to implement many of the actions relating to future growth and infrastructure. The Partner Councils acknowledge the community's preference for using innovative solutions and sustainable alternatives to 'traditional' growth and infrastructure approaches including nature-based solutions and will explore opportunities for this.

In response, the Partner Councils have identified the following key strategic actions relating to future growth and infrastructure along the Wharekawa Coast.

The other actions relating to Future Growth & Infrastructure are contained as Appendix 3 on page 36.

Key Strategic Actions -Future Growth and Infrastructure

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
<p>Hauraki District Council to initiate consideration of Plan Changes to the Hauraki District Plan to evaluate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewing engineering standards to make sure new development is appropriately controlled. 2. Identification of areas where future development can go. 3. Identifying where could be suitable to develop commercial activities and how these could be controlled to manage risk. 4. The opportunity for localised food trucks to provide seasonal operations on Reserves along the Coast. 5. Continuing road access for East Coast Road and alternative routes (with Waka Kotahi). 6. Permitting seasonal commercial activities at Rays Rest. 7. The possibility of allowing container type development for commercial and retail activities in the area around the Quarry Lakes. 8. Permitting seasonal commercial activities at Reserve adjacent to Rua One Reserve. 9. The preparation of a plan change required to protect the Puriri Tree at Kaiaua. 	<p>Hauraki District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Proposed Plan Change through the process in Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). • Incorporate RITS (Regional Infrastructure Standards) into the District Plan via a Plan Change (this change is required for the District as a whole). • Potential Alternative East Coast Road route – consider amendment to District Plan via designation process under RMA, acquire land, build new road etc. 	<p>1-5 years</p>	<p>\$\$\$</p>	<p>The community is clear about the scope of any Plan Change for the Wharekawa Coast area.</p>

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
<p>Hauraki District Council will develop policies and criteria to ensure new buildings as well as renovations and repairs to existing buildings are undertaken in a way that ensures development along the coast is resilient to natural hazard risks.</p> <p>Including criteria that require new builds in the area to have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. flood proofed wastewater systems 2. all building heights above flood level (including garages) 3. water pumps to be above flood levels. 	<p>Hauraki District Council</p>	<p>HDC’s building and planning teams to work together to develop criteria and determine how best to implement these i.e. either through Building Consent requirements or District Plan change depending on the most appropriate mechanism.</p>	<p>1-5 years</p>	<p>\$\$\$</p>	<p>The community has clear guidance on what resilient building and development on the Wharekawa Coast area is and consistent advice is provided by Council.</p>
<p>Hauraki District Council will undertake a parking investigation/survey to report on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stop people parking on the foreshore, consider a dedicated parking area elsewhere, as well as planting and bollards to prevent access. 2. Providing for parking for fisher persons along our Coast at Kaiaua, Rua One Reserve, Pukekereru Lane, Wharekawa and Waharau. 	<p>Hauraki District Council</p>	<p>HDC to undertake parking audit/survey over summertime to determine extent of the problem and if warranted provide alternate parking area.</p> <p>Provide budget in long term plan if new parking area(s) is required.</p> <p>Also consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is appropriate planting for coastal seafront, as people are protective of uninterrupted sea views. • providing parking spaces on the foreshore for fisher people. • also providing parking areas elsewhere, not on the foreshore. 	<p>1-5 years</p>	<p>Investigation - \$ Implementation - \$\$</p>	<p>The community and visitors to the area are clear about appropriate locations for parking along the Wharekawa Coast area.</p>
<p>Hauraki District Council and NZTA/Waka Kotahi to look at continuing road access for East Coast Road and alternative routes.</p>	<p>Hauraki District Council with Waka Kotahi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDC have identified that maintenance of existing road has been completed and is ongoing. • Roading resilience project is underway for Waka Kotahi business case. 	<p>Ongoing (underway)</p>	<p>BAU - Maintenance Resilience Business Case - existing funding</p>	<p>The community has confidence that road access for properties will be maintained.</p>

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
Consider financial support for alterations/raising existing buildings and/or exemptions from building consent fees for such works.	Hauraki District Council and Government	Hauraki District Council will investigate potential options. The process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve this action is yet to be determined.	3-5 years	TBC Investigation likely \$\$	The Wharekawa Coast communities are clear on the extent and level of financial support and exemptions available for building alterations.
Partner Councils, alongside the Government to look at options for potentially purchasing rural land and land bank it for future town development.	Jointly Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council, Waikato District Council and Government	Partner Councils will work alongside the Government to explore options for the future development of land along the Wharekawa Coast. The process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve this action is yet to be determined.	1-10 years	TBC Investigation likely \$\$ with implementation likely \$\$\$ if progressed.	The Wharekawa Coast communities are clear that locations for future development have been carefully identified and planned for by the Partner Councils.
The Partner Councils, alongside the Government, to look at options for potentially buying properties that may be at risk and then lease back to people	Jointly Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council, Waikato District Council and Government	Partner Councils will work alongside the Government to explore options for the purchase of land at risk of coastal inundation or erosion or river flooding along the Wharekawa Coast. The process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve this action is yet to be determined.	1-10 years	TBC Investigation likely \$\$ with implementation likely \$\$\$ if progressed	Property owners along the Wharekawa Coast are clear on the options available to them if their properties are subject to coastal inundation or erosion or river flooding risks.
The Partner Councils, alongside the Government to look at options for potentially buying properties that are at risk of flooding and look at the opportunity of AirBNB process to: 1. recoup costs 2. provide temporary accommodation 3. provide local employment.	Jointly Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council, Waikato District Council and Government	Partner Councils will work alongside the Government to explore options for the purchase of land at risk of coastal inundation or erosion or river flooding along the Wharekawa Coast. The process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve this action is yet to be determined.	1-10 years	TBC Investigation likely \$\$ with implementation likely \$\$\$ if progressed	Property owners along the Wharekawa Coast are clear on the options available to them if their properties are subject to coastal inundation or erosion or river flooding risks.

Hazards and Impacts



The Wharekawa Coast is subject to a complex mix of natural hazards with river flooding and coastal inundation often colliding in these coastal communities. Events such as these are at the forefront for many in the community and residents are keen to ensure those new to the area or visiting are aware of the natural hazard risks.

Avoidance of increasing the risk of natural hazards and using adaptive planning to manage the impacts of natural hazards are key outcomes that the community is seeking to achieve.

In response, the Partner Councils have identified the following key strategic actions relating to hazards and impacts along the Wharekawa Coast from both river flooding and coastal hazards.

The other actions relating to Hazards & Impacts are contained as Appendix 4 on page 39.

Key Strategic Actions -Hazards and Impacts: River Flood Management

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
<p>The Partner Councils will provide technical advice to landowners on river management techniques including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education for landowners who have private drains on their properties and clear guidance on what works can be done in private drains. 2. Clear guidance on works that can be done in rivers. 3. Contact details for council contacts to respond to community enquiries. 	<p>Hauraki District Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDC will undertake an information campaign (via the Communications Team) relating to education for landowners who have private drains on their properties. This will provide clear guidance on what works can be done in private drains. • HDC to undertake an information campaign (via the Communications Team) on what maintenance work council will undertake in public drains and roadsides. 	1-5 years	Potentially \$\$\$	<p>The community and landowners are clear about the nature of works that can be completed in private drains and rivers and who to contact for advice.</p>
	<p>Waikato Regional Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is information available on the website and pamphlets for this and WRC will work to repackage this information and provide it to the community (i.e. through the Kaiua Compass). • WRC are working to collate relevant information at the time of writing and will be able to be more specific on timeframes and information available once this is completed. • Contact information to be provided via the Kaiua Compass when details of proposed works are communicated. 	1-5 years	BAU	

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
Hauraki District Council will prioritise investigations together with preventative and regular maintenance on all of the bridges from Pūkorokoro/ Miranda to Waharau.	Hauraki District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridges have been inspected by HDC and are structurally sound. Routine inspections by HDC will continue. Communication around Council's work in this area to be regularly passed on to the community via the Kaiaua Compass. 	Ongoing	Investigations - \$ Works – unknown (to be costed as required)	The community are confident that bridges within the Wharekawa Coast area are sound, and that regular inspection and any necessary maintenance is undertaken as required.
Hauraki District Council will survey the stopbanks at Whakatīwai and prepare remedial works and communicate findings, proposed works and timeline to the community.	Hauraki District Council	Requires investigation - scheduled for 2023/24 financial year by HDC. Communications to be through public meeting at Kaiaua and through Kaiaua Compass.	1-5 years	Investigation - \$ Implementation - \$\$	The community are confident that stopbanks at Whakatīwai are well maintained and repaired if necessary, so they function as designed to prevent flooding.
<p>River Management Work Programme includes a comprehensive list of rivers and streams where management actions are needed now to increase resilience to frequent weather events.</p> <p>Options include a range of maintenance and management actions including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Upper catchment stability control through planting, erosion control and pest control General river management works including regularly clearing of blockages in streams and culverts, works to maintain channel stability and capacity Stream mouth clearance/ opening Technical Advice to landowners and management techniques Assessment of integrity, functionality and stability of existing assets Investigation of improvement plans. 	Waikato Regional Council with Hauraki District Council (for Land Drainage Districts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspections of streams (WRC) and bridges/ culverts (HDC) will be undertaken and blockages to be cleared as needed. The scope of works and nature of the works proposed requires Council endorsement. Regular channel inspections will be undertaken, and necessary maintenance carried out as needed. The scope of works and nature of the works proposed requires Council endorsement. Stream mouth clearing/ opening requires investigation by HDC. 	Frequency will be subject to the LTP process. Scheduled for 2023/2024 financial year by HDC (1-5 years)	Subject to LTP process with agreed level of service determining the amount to be paid for by the community through targeted rates. Investigation - \$ Works – Unknown (to be costed as required)	The community are confident that active ongoing management of rivers in the Wharekawa Coast results in improved resilience to weather events.

Key Strategic Actions -Hazards and Impacts: Coastal Hazard Management

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
Partner Council's will ensure that all Coastal Hazard Adaptation Pathways take the views and values of Ngāti Pāoa and Ngaati Whanaunga into account. Councils will engage on all options with Ngāti Pāoa and/or Ngaati Whanaunga.	Jointly Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council and Waikato District Council	The Partner Council's will engage with and seek guidance from Ngāti Pāoa and Ngaati Whanaunga on decisions regarding Coastal Hazard Adaptation Pathway options. The process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve this action is yet to be determined.	Ongoing	TBC	Ngāti Pāoa and Ngaati Whanaunga are satisfied that their views and values have been taken into account in regard to consideration and planned implementation of the preferred coastal hazard adaptation pathways.
Partner Councils to undertake a condition assessment of every existing coastal structure to assess its effectiveness and ensure that it is not creating issues elsewhere along the coast.	Hauraki District Council with Waikato Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the known unconsented structures, HDC are awaiting the outcome of the roading business case to then determine whether resource consents will be sought. The groynes (old telephone/power poles) in the Coastal Marine Area at Kaiaua are not HDC structures. HDC and WRC to investigate the effectiveness of these structure and remove if they are creating issues for East Coast Road including worsening erosion. 	1-5 years	TBC – Awaiting outcome of Roothing Business Case	Council and the community understand the current state and function of all existing coastal structures.
Partner Council's will explore what is needed to implement the preferred Coastal Hazard Adaptation Pathways.	Jointly Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council, Waikato District Council and Government	The Partner Council's will focus their attention on better understanding what is needed to implement the identified short term adaptation pathways for each community by first undertaking the following steps for the options identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed design Costing Funding Model Consenting Implementation and Maintenance. The process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve this action is yet to be determined.	1-2 years (for detailed design and costing)	TBC – likely \$\$ to achieve detailed design and costing of the options Exploring the funding model, consenting and implementation and maintenance can be achieved through existing budgets.	The Partner Councils and the community have a clear understanding of what is required to implement the short term actions of the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Pathways for each community along the Wharekawa Coast.

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	How will we know if we've succeeded
Develop relevant signals and triggers for each compartment to ensure that the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Pathways are truly adaptive.	Jointly Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council and Waikato District Council	The Partner Councils will work to develop clear, effective and monitorable signals and triggers for the preferred coastal hazard adaptation pathway for each community to ensure that decisions and actions can be undertaken in a timely and efficient way. The process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve this action is yet to be determined.	1-2 years	TBC	The Partner Councils and the Community are clear on the signals and triggers that will be monitored, to understand when decisions on the implementation of coastal hazard adaptation actions are required.

What does this mean for possible changes to the Hauraki District Plan?

The *Hauraki District Plan* (“HDP”) is the guiding document for directing the use, development or protection of land and associated natural and physical resources for the Hauraki District.

This District Plan includes:

- Ensuring sufficient development capacity for housing and business land
- The effects of land use
- The control of land use for the purposes of:
 - Avoiding or mitigating natural hazards
 - The management of contaminated land
 - The maintenance of indigenous biological diversity
- Control of noise
- Activities on the surfaces of rivers and lakes
- Control of subdivision

HDC inherited the Wharekawa Coast area (part of the former Franklin District in the Auckland Region) as a result of the reorganisation and amalgamation of the local government organisations in the Auckland region in November 2010. As a result, currently the District Plan has two sections; the Hauraki and Franklin sections. The Hauraki District Plan: Franklin Section contains the provisions that are relevant to the Wharekawa Coast communities.

HDC manage two sets of planning provisions as the ‘Hauraki section’ and ‘Franklin section’ of the HDP. The Franklin section applies to the Wharekawa Coast area. The remainder of the Hauraki District is subject to a separate planning framework under the HDP. As a result, in a Resource Management Act (RMA) context these two areas are managed and function somewhat separately from each other.

HDC have highlighted existing challenges with the administration of the Franklin section of the HDP. HDC have committed to exploring the scope of a plan change for the Wharekawa Coast as a key strategic action under the Future Growth and Infrastructure theme.

A number of actions have been identified that would require changes to the Hauraki District Plan. Hauraki District Council have committed to the consideration of the necessary plan changes to implement these actions.

What does this mean for possible changes to the Waikato Regional Plan(s)?

The Waikato Regional Plan and the proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan provide direction regarding the use, development and protection of natural and physical resources in the Waikato region.

At this time, we do not anticipate any changes will be required to the Waikato Regional Plan and the proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan, as a result of the actions identified in the community plan.

The proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan has been publicly notified and is open for submissions until 14 November 2023. The proposed provisions include a climate change and adaptation lens that seek to enable long term adaptive planning.

What does this mean for managing Natural Hazards?

The Wharekawa Coast is subject to primary hazards from the land and freshwater, as a result of freshwater flooding, as well as from the sea, in the form of coastal inundation and erosion. These hazards will be exacerbated over time as a result of climate change and as sea level rises.

The management of natural hazards in the Wharekawa Coast are a key requirement of this Community Plan. In response, there are a number of actions identified above in the Hazard and Impacts and Future Growth and Infrastructure Key Strategic Actions, and in the additional actions, that will be undertaken by the Partner Councils.

In response to river flooding, the implementation of the River Management Work Programme is the key long term management strategy. Implementation of this work programme will enable the Partner Councils and the community to better manage the impacts of a river flooding event when they occur, as a result of identified management actions being implemented prior to events occurring, and other actions during and after events have occurred. The implementation of this work programme is intended to ensure the impacts of river flooding to the Wharekawa Coast community are reduced.

To manage coastal hazards, the Partner Councils, working alongside the Government, will need to identify the process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve necessary short-term adaptation actions. Further work is also required to develop signals and triggers to inform when adaptation pathway actions should be implemented and what those actions should be.

Waikato Regional Council are currently working on a framework for the development of signals and triggers for the Waikato region. These signals and triggers will ensure that the Partner Councils know when action is needed and what that action should be. In the meantime, we will monitor indicators to ensure that we keep track of risks from natural hazards: These indicators could include:

- Number of habitable floors flooded per flood event in the study area per annum (compare to previous year and show year on year results for trends).
- Number and size (ARI) of flood events in the study area per annum (compared to previous year and show year on year results for trends).
- The EQC risk portal can be monitored on how many new claims arise in the area.
- Monitoring the Tararu tide gauge – analysis is usually completed every 5-10 years and therefore provides useful data for long term changes in mean sea level (MSL) (as a result of sea-level rise), and the number and size (AEP) of storm surge events in the study area, based on the last completed analysis of sea level records at Tararu tide gauge. Tide gauge analysis is currently underway, having last been completed in 2018. More frequent analysis could be completed as necessary to monitor sea levels.
- Possible service requests for river and flood management.
- We could possibly ask a scientist to put a survey together for the community to survey people's feelings with regard to natural hazards events.
- Citizen science opportunity to report on events happening and/or worsening.



Future changes of note

Resource Management Reform

In February 2021, the Government announced it would repeal the Resource Management Act and replace it with three new Acts:

- Natural and Built Environments Act (“NBA”) – the main replacement for the RMA, aims to protect and restore the environment while better enabling development.
- Spatial Planning Act (“SPA”) – requires the development of long-term regional spatial strategies to help coordinate and integrate decisions made under relevant legislation.
- Climate Adaptation Act (“CAA”) – to help New Zealand better deal with climate change, particularly ‘managed retreat’ (the strategic relocation of communities or assets prone to natural hazards – like increased flooding or coastal inundation).

The NBA and SPA Bills became law in late August 2023. This new legislation will likely take around a decade before it is fully implemented.

The CAA is still in development, with the Government indicating it will be released late 2024. The Ministry for Environment (“MFE”) describe the CAA as trying to achieve mandatory adaptive management planning and then managed retreat. This has direct relevance to the Wharekawa Coast 2120 project.

The NBA and SPA both have mechanisms that could support adaptive management planning processes however it is unclear how they will interact with the CAA. All three Acts will have implications for the future implementation of actions from this community plan, particularly those that require changes to the Hauraki District Plan or Waikato Regional Plan. However, the timelines for transitioning to the new system are lengthy and the current system under the RMA will still be operational for at least the next 10 years.

Water Services Reform

Alongside the RMA reform is the reform of the role of local government in relation to three waters infrastructure; wastewater, drinking water and stormwater. This reform proposes that the responsibility for water services will shift from individual councils to ten new Water Services Entities. Hauraki District falls under the ‘Waikato’ water service entity.

Each territorial authority owner will be represented on the entity’s regional representative group alongside mana whenua. These groups will be designed to provide *“regional and local level direction and oversight. They set the strategic and performance expectations, appoint the board, approve the strategic direction, and monitor the performance of the Water Services Entities in their area”*.

While there is still uncertainty surrounding this process, it is likely to result in changes to the management of three waters in the Hauraki District and therefore, how actions affecting these three waters may be implemented.

Appendices



Appendix 1: Additional Actions - Community and Recreation



What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	Where					
					Coast-wide	Pūkororo/ Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatūwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
HDC and the community to develop a plan for the Domain, including weed control, access to swimming spots, allow community days/events to be held.	Hauraki District Council with the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A concept plan for the Domain can be done dependent on budget inclusion in LTP. 	1-5 years	\$\$			✓			
HDC and Iwi to start the conversation on the future for Tauwhare Koiora reserve.	Hauraki District Council with Ngāti Pāoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngāti Pāoa and HDC to formalise co-management arrangements. 	1-5 years	BAU			✓			
HDC and Ngaati Whanaunga to initiate discussions and work together to protect and block access to the urupā at the reserve area in Waharau.	Hauraki District Council with Ngaati Whanaunga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngaati Whanaunga and HDC to discuss necessary actions to protect the urupā. 	1-5 years	\$						✓
Install a pay-as-you-go rubbish and recycling facility (similar to those by TCDC) to cater for visitors and holidaymakers.	Hauraki District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HDC to consider having a mobile facility that is “parked up” on private land that people can pay to use in the summer, to dispose of bags of rubbish. This will need to include ongoing monitoring. 	Investigation 1- 5 years	\$ - find appropriate site and custodian (then will be self-funded through user charges)	✓					



Additional Actions - Community and Recreation

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	Where					
					Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/ Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
Provide a boat safety advocate to help educate people, provide life jackets, discuss speed, and issue fines.	Waikato Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increased maritime officer patrol presence in Kaiaua is not within WRC's resourcing capabilities. WRC has patrols on the water (coastal and inland) around the region, particularly over peak times in summer, however deployment is prioritised based on risk. <p>WRC can supply 'Boating in the Waikato' literature for the community to distribute at events if required.</p> <p>WRC will undertake a signage audit during winter and will maintain signage at Kaiaua.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increase in water safety signage could be investigated by WRC. 	Ongoing BAU	<p>Boating information and a signage audit - BAU</p> <p>Additional resourcing would be subject to LTP processes.</p>	✓					

Appendix 2: Additional Actions - Wildlife and Environment



What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	Where					
					Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/ Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
HDC and WRC to work with the Shorebird Centre, Destination Hauraki Coromandel and Living Waters to support their plans for the future.	Hauraki District Council with Waikato Regional Council, Waikato District Council and Shorebird Centre, Living Waters, Destination Hauraki Coromandel and Tiaki Repo Ki Pūkorokoro Trust (TRKP Trust)	The Shorebird Centre have just completed their strategic plan/ business case with the support of Destination Hauraki Coromandel. HDC are keen to work with and support the Shorebird Centre with their plans.	Ongoing - as requested	TBC		✓				
HDC and the community to plant out Whakatīwai old Hall site reserve.	Hauraki District Council with the community	HDC to initiate discussions with the community to establish what the community want and then work out what Council can support with i.e. may be co-funding of plants, help with funding applications, put on a BBQ etc. Note this site may be affected by access to subdivision at rear.	1-5 years	\$				✓		

Appendix 3: Additional Actions - Future Growth and Infrastructure




What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	Where						
					Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/ Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau	
Report on development contributions collected and applied to improve infrastructure arising from new development in the area.	Hauraki District Council	Firstly define the area, as some development contributions are collected as a district wide catchment e.g. roading. Then provide information through a separate report, since development contributions were introduced on 1 July 2020. Then provide a report at the end of each financial year. Note that after 1 July 2024 development contributions for waters will not be collected by Council.	First report covering the 2020/21-2022/23 financial years can be produced within the next six months. Then at the end of each financial year, ongoing.	\$	✓						
Ongoing access (roading, power, emergency services) to our region during flooding events.	Hauraki District Council with Waikato Regional Council, Waikato District Council and Utility Providers	Using HDC resources and operational budget.	1-5 years	\$	✓						
Lower the speed limit to 50km/hr from Rata Road to the end of Kaiaua Village for community safety.	Hauraki District Council	As outlined in the Speed Management Plan, consideration will be given to reduce the speed limit to 50km/hr in this location.	1-5 years	To be added to budgets – will fall under the new Roding contract scope.				✓			
Provide safer speeds entering and exiting Kaiaua village.	Hauraki District Council	As outlined in the Speed Management Plan, consideration will be given to reduce the speed limit from 100km/hr to 80km/hr when entering Kaiaua from the South and from 70km/hr to 50km/hr from Kaiaua to Whakatīwai.	1-5 years	To be added to budgets – will fall under the new Roding contract scope.			✓				
Put a school zone in place outside the school to lower the speed limit further at school start and finish times.	Hauraki District Council	Speed Management Plan specifies that a 30km/hr speed limit will be imposed around the school. This will require installation of roading treatments to achieve a reduced speed.	1-5 years	To be added to budgets – will fall under the new Roding contract scope.				✓			



Additional Actions - Future Growth and Infrastructure

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$ - mid cost \$\$\$ - high cost	Where					
					Coast-wide	Pūkoro/Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
Put a footpath from Kaiaua School north to Whakatīwai Bridge.	Hauraki District Council	Investigations are currently underway on this including exploring location of the proposed footpath. This will be recommended as a project to be included in the 2024-2034 LTP.	1-5 years	TBC – feasibility underway				✓		
Hauraki District Council to consider placing restrictions on the location of parking at Ray's Rest to provide better protection to the shell crest.	Hauraki District Council	Need to discuss with users and coastal scientist to determine if adverse effects are being experienced and how to avoid those. If changes required, then budget would need to be added in LTP.	1-5 years	\$\$		✓				
Investigate if waterbodies are being contaminated by septic tank overflow and find the source of this contamination.	Waikato Regional Council	WRC process of investigating complaints relies on reports being made. WRC will investigate any complaint that suggests an activity may be operating without resource consent or breaching its resource consent conditions. WRC will then inspect the site and may carry out tests or take samples. If you have anything to report, contact can be made by visiting the WRC website and completing the online form or calling the 0800 number listed. The WRC Water Quality team can also provide assistance to communities who wish to do proactive long term monitoring (beyond the incident response process). The WRC team can arrange to meet community members at a site and provide advice and guidance on how to undertake the monitoring and sampling. WRC can provide advice on testing parameters and help provide guidance on developing a plan.	1-5 years	BAU	✓					

Additional Actions - Future Growth and Infrastructure											
What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$ - mid cost \$\$\$ - high cost	Where						
					Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/ Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau	
Investigate overflows from private lake and advise findings, including actions to remediate if required.	Hauraki District Council	Requires investigation - scheduled for 23/24 financial year. Communications to be through public meeting at Whiritoa and other regular council communication methods.	1-5 years	Investigation: \$ Implementation: \$\$\$				✓			
Develop a plan for the long-term management of wastewater including the consideration of inundation impacts on the current septic tank systems.	Hauraki District Council	Investigation scheduled for 23/24 Financial Year.	Investigation: 1-5 years Implementation: dependent on outcome of investigation	Investigation: \$ Implementation: \$\$\$	✓						

Appendix 4 - Additional Actions - Hazards and Impacts




What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$ - mid cost \$\$\$ - high cost	Where					
					Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/ Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
Hauaki District Council to provide clarification to the Community around the actions available to local people to clear streams and rivers.	Hauraki District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work underway to update Council website to provide information around drains, whether they are public or private assets. This information to be communicated via the Council website and Kaiaua Compass. 	1-5 years	\$	✓					
Upper catchment stability control through planting, stability control, pest control.	Waikato Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRC provide catchment management advice to various community groups operating in the area (e.g. Western Firth Catchment Group). WRC may investigate if it is necessary to prioritise work in this area as part of BAU. Any reprioritised work would require a commitment from the community. Engagement with community through the long term process and the agreed level of service will determine the amount to be contributed through the targeted rate. 	Ongoing	LTP process with agreed level of service determining the amount to be contributed through the targeted rate.	✓					

Additional Actions -Hazards and Impacts



What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$- mid cost \$\$\$- high cost	Where					
					Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/ Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatūwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
<p>Hauraki District Council to develop and disseminate information relating to CDEM including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a resilience handbook which provides practical advice and guidelines for making buildings resilient to natural hazards when renovating or building new. 2. Continue to work with the Kaiaua Community Response Plan Committee (Emergency Management) who regularly meet and discuss how they will plan for and respond to a natural disaster (Community Response Planning) including an annual plan review. 3. Tsunami information / evacuation signs to be developed and erected to assist the many tourists who frequent the coast. 4. Produce and circulate to all households, a public information resource to help us prepare our homes to resist flooding. 5. Produce an emergency readiness/ response pamphlet to be provided to all households, displayed in prominent public places and available to tourists visiting the area. 	Hauraki District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using HDC resources and operational budget. 	1-5 years	\$	✓					

Additional Actions - Hazards and Impacts										
What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative cost BAU – no additional cost \$ - low cost \$\$ - mid cost \$\$\$ - high cost	Where					
					Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/ Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
Complete the Land Instability Report to ensure that land constraints for suitable land for future development are identified.	Waikato Regional Council	Land Instability Report - natural hazard reporting is completed as required by the Regional Resilience Team at WRC. Any reports published by this team will be publicly available and can be provided to the community.	1-5 years	BAU	✓					
Continue to update hazard information on the Natural Hazards Portal on WRC website.	Waikato Regional Council	Waikato Regional Hazards Portal is currently being refined and is reviewed and updated as necessary every quarter.	Ongoing BAU	BAU	✓					

Addressed Actions

The following actions were identified by the community and, at September 2023, had been actioned by the relevant Council lead.

What did we do	Who did it	Our comments	Where					
			Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
Provide signs directing people to the toilets.	Hauraki District Council	Kaiaua playground toilets completed in the last quarter of 2022, including ramp access and signage from the old toilet site directing people to the new toilet location.			✓			
Provide wheelchair access to the Public Toilets.								
Mangroves adjacent to East Coast Road (near the bird sanctuary), at the mouth of the river, need to be better managed by the Council due to drainage and roading issues they create.	Hauraki District Council	Works were undertaken in February 2023 to protect the Pūkorokoro Bridge just before Cyclone Gabrielle hit New Zealand in anticipation of the cyclone. These works entailed removal of mangroves, which were restricting waterflow downstream of the bridge.		✓				
Screen freedom camping from the road with low planting.	Hauraki District Council	Council considers this raises a potential security issue for freedom campers and there is a need to keep area open and visible.	✓					
Provide wheelchair friendly access to parks and reserves.	Hauraki District Council	Already provide wheelchair access to facilities - e.g. new toilets at Kaiaua.	✓					
Put exercise stations along the waterfront reserve at Whakatīwai.	Hauraki District Council	HDC consider this is too expensive for the use that these would get. Wharekawa Coast is not considered a high traffic area for pedestrians.				✓		
Put extra rubbish collections in summer months.	Hauraki District Council	Pay as you go option preferred by Council and to be explored further.	✓					
The Fishing Club channel needs better ongoing management and dredging, with dredging material managed in a culturally appropriate way, in consultation with Ngāti Pāoa.	Hauraki District Council	Land co-managed by Ngāti Pāoa and HDC. The Boating Club hold existing consent for dredging activities. Channel maintenance is a matter for those parties to continue to resolve outside of the Community Plan process.			✓			
Start conversation and discuss possibility of the Kaiaua Boating Club under joint management between Ngāti Pāoa and Hauraki District Council.	Hauraki District Council	This area already is under joint management with Ngāti Pāoa and HDC – refer to the Reserve Management Plan.			✓			
Look at providing boat parking.	Hauraki District Council	HDC consider adequate boat parking already provided at boat ramp area.			✓			
Mark out freedom camping parking spaces within the area north of Kaiaua Village as per the Freedom Camping Bylaw and include signage.	Hauraki District Council	HDC's preference is to allow campers to park within the area without marked spaces.	✓					



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