



# RANGIRIRI

## *Gateway* to the *Waikato*



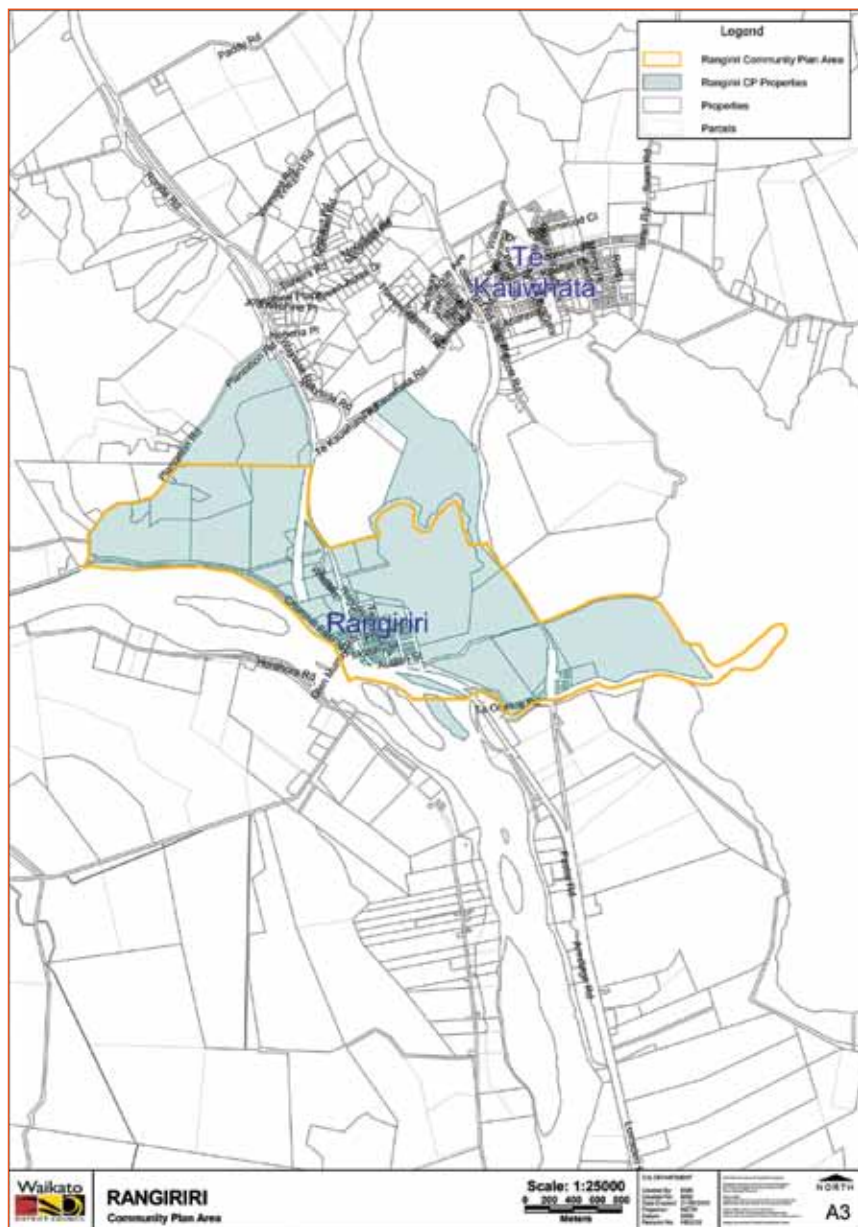
# RANGIRIRI

*(Angry Skies)*

“Rangiriri, Rangiriri  
Where angry skies of red  
Gaze down upon the bloodsoaked hill  
Where gallant warriors bled  
The soldier and the Maori  
Both fighting for a dream  
One to save his cherished land  
The other to serve the Queen.”

*(New Zealand historian and teacher Pat Gaitley)*

# The Rangiriri area



# Vision

**“Rangiriri the gateway to the Waikato – Nau mai, Haere mai Koutou Katoa”**



# Key Statistics

These figures are based on Census 2006 data held by Statistics New Zealand.

	Rangiriri	Waikato District	New Zealand
Population	192	43,959	4,027,947
Percentage aged under 15 years	12.50%	25.50%	21.54%
Percentage aged over 65 years	4.68%	10.00%	12.30%
Private dwellings	39	15,090	1,471,746
Ethnicity – Percentage of Maori	18.75%	25.85%	14.65%
Post school qualifications	40.90%	44.80%	46.18%
Unemployment rate	0%	3.54%	3.37%
Median income	\$23,800	\$25,700.00	\$24,400.00



# A Community Snapshot

## Overview

Rangiriri is a farming locality on the east bank of the Waikato River, within the North Waikato district, on State Highway One, 16km north of Huntly, 20km southeast of Mercer and 84 km southeast of Auckland.

The village is home to the iconic Rangiriri Tavern (the 'Rango') host to many a hot hearty meal and soothing cold beer. The Te Kura O Rangiriri Primary School, Heritage Centre and

Tearooms, Gift-Souvenir Shop, Oyster Shop and Information Centre all contribute to village life and the community vibe.



Close to Rangiriri is the wildlife refuge, Lake Kopuera and to the east, the larger Lake Waikare. The starting point for the Whangamarino Wetland Trail is situated at Rangiriri on the shores of Lake Kopuera (Karaka).



State Highway One passes over the old entrenchments of the defence works built here between July and November 1863 by the supporters of the Maori 'King Movement', in preparation for a confrontation with the British troops of General (Sir) Duncan Alexander Cameron.

On the west side of the highway just north of the settlement, is the preserved central citadel.

## History

A large amount of Rangiriri history relates to the Battle of Rangiriri and the British invasion of the Waikato on 20 November 1863, which has been well documented both in written and plan form (Warren Gumbley 2009). Documented information relating to Rangiriri history prior to the battle is rare and sketchy at best, particularly in relation to settlement and occupation of the area (Warren Gumbley 2009).



## Key landmarks

- The Soldier, Settler and Native Cemetery
- Rangiriri Domain
- Firth Industries cottage and site (listed in Appendix: C of the proposed District Plan)
- The Rangiriri Redoubt (listed as a significant viewshaft/landscape in the proposed District Plan)
- Rangiriri Tavern (listed in Appendix: C of the proposed District Plan)

## Significant events

- Paetai Conference 1857 – Conference held to discuss the future of the Kingitanga movement
- Battle of Rangiriri 1863



*Artist impression of proposed re-created trench and wetlands as viewed from Rangiriri Pa.*

## Sites of significance

- Rangiriri Pa (listed as a significant viewshaft/landscape in the proposed District Plan)
- Rangiriri battle site
- The trenches from Lake Kopuera to the Waikato River (listed as a significant viewshaft/landscape in the proposed District Plan)
- Commissariat Redoubt
- Rangiriri Urupa
- Lake Kopuera (Lake Karaka)
- Lake Whangape
- Lake Waikare (listed as a significant viewshaft/landscape in the proposed District Plan)
- Lake Whangamarino
- Paetai
- Te Whero's Redoubt (listed as a significant viewshaft/landscape in the proposed District Plan)
- Te Onetea Stream
- Te Takapu o Waikato Island



### **Rangiriri Trenches**

*Photo source: Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington (Ref: 1/2-154743-F) Entrenchments at Rangiriri, Waikato [ca 1922].*

*Entrenchments at Rangiriri, Waikato, photographed circa 1922 by an unidentified photographer. Taken from the site of the central redoubt of Rangiriri Pa (intersected by Great South Road), showing the long parapet and double ditch extending westward from the hilltop to the Waikato River.*





# A Plan for Rangiriri

## What will this plan achieve?

Your Community Plan is the vehicle for community discussion, on which future outcomes for Rangiriri can be determined.

*It is important to remember, this is not a Council plan. This plan is for the whole of the Rangiriri Community, and is owned by you.*

Your Community Plan is a collection of key issues and projects to be considered for action over a period of time, which have been identified by the Rangiriri Community Committee. The plan articulates the vision and aspirations of the community and provides an opportunity for involvement by the residents who are interested in the future of this area.

Community leadership on agreed priorities for Rangiriri, now, will assist in future planning for the area so that resources are used in the best possible way.

The plan facilitates community involvement and discussion as to what you would like to see happen now and in the future for Rangiriri. This Community Plan will help influence Waikato District Council's programme of works during its annual and long-term planning processes.

# Your Rangiriri Community Committee

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\* Local Councillor (appointed by Waikato District Council to the Community Committee).

# Community Outcomes

Under the Local Government Act 2002, Councils are required to facilitate the identification of, and report on the achievement towards **Community Outcomes** for their residents. Having consulted with the Waikato District community, the following Community Outcomes have been identified:

<b>Accessible Waikato</b>	A district where the community's access to infrastructure, transport and technology meets its needs.
<b>Active Waikato</b>	A district that provides a variety of recreation and leisure options for the community.
<b>Educated Waikato</b>	A district where education options are varied, and allow our community to be skilled for work and life.
<b>Green Waikato</b>	A district where our natural resources are protected, developed and enhanced for future generations.
<b>Safe Waikato</b>	A district where people feel safe and supported within their communities and where crime is under control.
<b>Sustainable Waikato</b>	A district where growth is effectively managed.
<b>Thriving Waikato</b>	A district where business and industry are encouraged and supported and employment contributes to a successful local economy.
<b>Vibrant Waikato</b>	A district where our heritage and culture are recognised, protected and celebrated.
<b>Well Waikato</b>	A district where people can access quality community health and care services.

\*Please note a review of the Community Outcomes will be under taken in the 2010/2011 financial year.

# Key Issues and Projects

## Rangiriri Expressway

### Links to Accessible, Thriving and Vibrant Waikato:

- Lay-by clean up
- Work with New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) regarding signage along the State Highway and the Expressway
- Provision of pedestrian crossings
- Focus on the location of playgrounds, public toilets and public access areas
- Relocation of boat ramp.

## Signage

### Links to Vibrant Waikato:

- Signage for Rangiriri, which is visible from the SH1/Expressway, north and south of the village
- Destination – Gateway to the Waikato
- Sign or plan of Rangiriri including key sites within the village
- Maori and European signage
- Specific sign name 'Pene Te Wharepu' (from interchange to interchange)
- Renaming of Morphy Street to Murphy Street.

## Partnership with Tainui

### Links to Vibrant, Thriving and Sustainable Waikato:

- Clean up of the river for current and future generations
- Improved and clean access to the river
- Rejuvenate and further develop the wetlands (working in partnership with NZTA)
- Joint Management Agreement (JMA) of the Waikato River, which includes issues and projects relating to the environment and cultural and historic heritage.

## Environment

### Links to Green and Sustainable Waikato:

- Weed control
- Clean culverts and drains
- Protection and enhancement of the wetlands
- Improved access to the Waikato River.

## Cultural and historic heritage

### Links to Vibrant Waikato:

- Clune Family Memorial Gateway
- Historic sites to be recognised, protected and enhanced e.g. the Soldier, Settler and Native Cemetery, Rangiriri Domain, the Firth Homestead, the Redoubt, and the significance and history of the Battlefield
- Develop the concept of Rangiriri as the heritage capital of the North Island or the gateway to historic and cultural heritage connecting to the Waikato River
- Develop a cycleway and heritage trail along the Alexander Redoubt
- The history of Rangiriri before the 1863 battle to be recognised and celebrated.

## Road safety

### Links to Accessible and Safe Waikato:

- Traffic calming measures to provide safe passage into, through and out of the village
- Provide pedestrian crossings
- Ensure the chicane at the school remains.

## Transport and roading

### Links to Accessible Thriving and Vibrant Waikato:

(The projects listed below are to be completed in conjunction with the construction of the expressway.)

- Installation of urban roading standards to improve the quality of all roads
- Improve street lighting
- Kerb and channelling
- All streets in the village to be sealed
- Establish off-street truck and coach bus parking.

## Subdivision

### Links to Sustainable Waikato:

- Identify and zone new residential areas.

## Services and facilities

### Links to **Safe, Accessible & Sustainable Waikato:**

- Provision of rubbish bins
- Provision of toilets close to the shops and situated in public areas so the community can feel safe using them
- Expansion of the public cemetery for the future.

## Community and economic development

### Links to **Vibrant/Thriving Waikato:**

- Establishment of an I-Site
- Provision of a roadside service centre – Te Onetea
- Develop tourism opportunities
- Development of a commercial centre
- Maintain village integrity and community vibe.

## Recreation facilities

### Links to **Green/Active Waikato:**

- Provide a park for the community to meet and gather, with a skate park, playground, picnic tables, seating and icon or sculpture that reflects the community of Rangiriri
- Provide comprehensive recreational facilities
- Upgrade and development of the Reserve (by the cemetery)
- Upgrade the community facility located at the school.





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# BUILDING OUR FUTURE

LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN



Waikato  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

DISTRICT  
**PLAN**  
PROPOSED

APPEALS VERSION

31 JANUARY 2007

Waikato  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Council Plans

## Where does this Community Plan ‘fit’ with other Council plans?

The Council has a number of other plans in place.

**The Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)** outlines the overall direction and expected cost of Council activities over a ten-year period.

The LTCCP is prepared every three years. In the intervening years, Council produces an Annual Plan, which serves as an update on the LTCCP for that year.

**The District Plan** promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in the Waikato District, primarily by managing the effects of land use on the environment. The plan responds to local environmental issues in terms of community needs and aspirations. If those needs and aspirations change, then plan changes may be needed.

**Structure Plans** assist in determining the desired future look of growth areas. These plans identify the key infrastructure needs for the local area and are incorporated into the District Plan.

**Community Plans** capture the shared vision of specific communities, and outline the key issues and projects facing that community over the next six to ten years. The plans provide a clear focus for Community Boards and Committees to progress key issues within their area.

# What happens now?

The Rangiriri Community Committee has adopted the Rangiriri Community Plan.

While some of the key issues and projects listed in this document will take longer than a few years to realise – and require more resources than are available at the moment – the plan is in place.

The Rangiriri Community Committee will continue to work with Council to prioritise issues and projects through planning processes such as the LTCCP, annual plan, structure plans and work programmes.

Please contact the Rangiriri Community Committee or the Waikato District Council if you would like any further information.

**We look forward to hearing from you!**



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