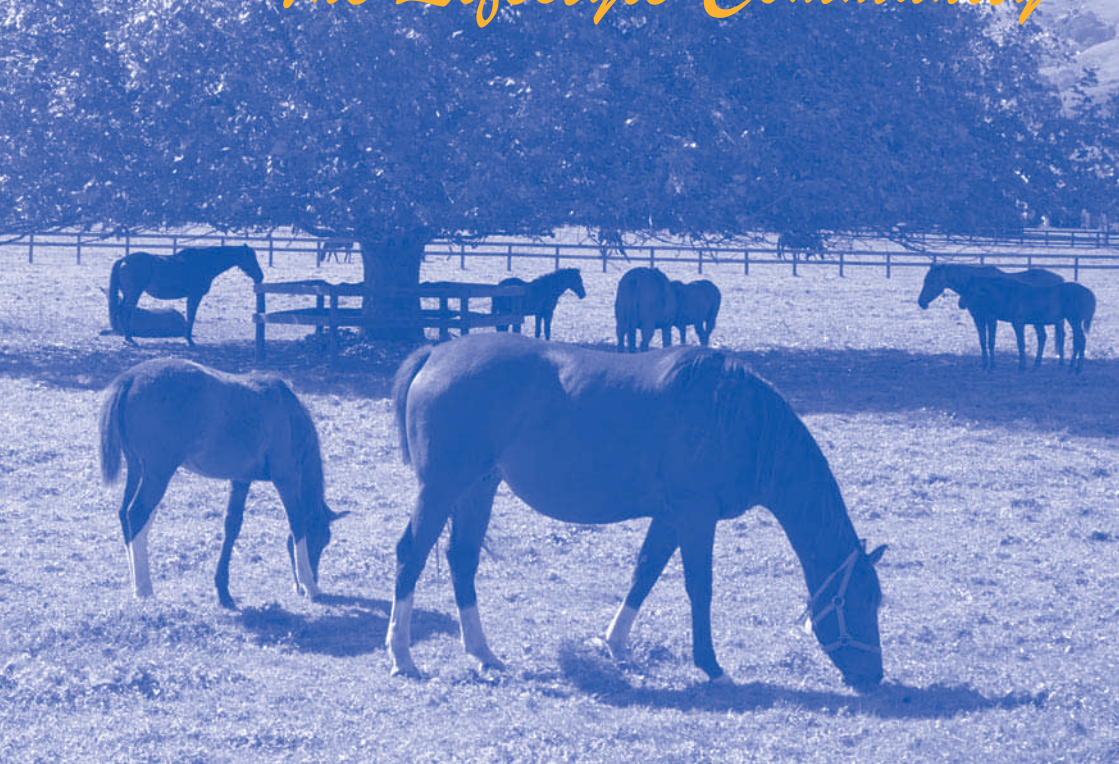




TAMAHERE

The Lifestyle Community



COMMUNITY PLAN • 2004-2013



Vision for Tamahere

"TAMAHERE IS LIFESTYLE"

Lifestyle is all about:

- being a vibrant and safe community
- having a sense of privacy and space
- having pride in the local environment.

ABOUT THIS PLAN

The Tamahere Community Committee has developed this community plan to provide clear direction for the future development of Tamahere. The wider Tamahere Community has had much input into this document through, first, electing its representatives on the Committee and, secondly, providing feedback on the draft document via a questionnaire in December 2003. Now it is finalised, the plan will be a living document and will undergo a regular monitoring and review process.

This community plan will feed into Waikato District Council work programmes in Tamahere over the coming years and, where appropriate, the Council will also pass information to other government departments and agencies that may have a role in implementing this plan.





MAP OF THE
TAMAHERE
AREA

Snapshot of Tamahere today

Tamahere is a rapidly growing community on the outskirts of Hamilton City. People live in Tamahere because the nature of the area offers quality lifestyle opportunities with space, tranquillity and low-density living.

Recent changes to the rules regarding subdivision have further increased opportunities for growth, with the area moving toward a fully integrated rural residential lifestyle community.

The people of Tamahere generally use Hamilton for most services (commercial and recreational), but do acknowledge the need for a common vision that will create a 'sense of community'.

Key issues and projects

The key issues facing Tamahere have been identified on the following pages, and possible solutions have been signalled as projects for the future.

The Tamahere Community Committee has grouped the key issues identified, and the corresponding projects, into seven key areas:

- Roothing
- Infrastructure
- Environment
- Financial
- Development
- Historical
- Community

The Community Committee has prioritised these projects into three categories.

- A** - Projects that should happen in the next three years, and which the community will promote as essential for meeting the Tamahere Community Plan's vision.
- B** - Projects that are desirable and that should be achieved in the next 4-6 years. These projects are seen as necessary for the ongoing development of Tamahere, but do not need to happen right now.
- C** - Projects that are desirable and that can be developed in the next 7-10 years with external funding.





Roading

ISSUES

- Additional roads are needed to ensure ease of movement around the community without using State Highways.
- Speed on a number of roads needs to be reduced to reflect the rural residential nature of the community.
- Traffic calming measures need to be put in place to control traffic movement and speed.
- Walkways, footpaths, cycle ways and horse lanes need to be put in place, where required, to separate vehicle traffic from residents undertaking these activities.
- Roadside drainage needs to be addressed and improved to meet a modern rural residential style of living.
- Through traffic on local residential roads needs to be diverted back to the State Highway and/or arterial roads.
- The impact of the new expressway on Tamahere needs to be recognised.

PROJECTS

A - YEARS 1-3

- Purchase land and develop a roading link between Birchwood Lane and Koppens Road and also between Newell Road and Devine Road.
- Upgrade the following intersections for traffic safety reasons:
 - Bruntwood Road/Tauwhare Road
 - Woodcock Road/Tauwhare Road
 - Pencarrow Road/Airport Road
 - Bruntwood Road/Lee Martin Road
 - Lee Martin Road/Tauwhare Road.
- Change the entrance onto Newell Road so that through traffic will be prevented from using Newell Road as a short cut.
- Slow traffic down on local roads to a speed that reflects the residential and pedestrian use of the environment, with priority given to:
 - Woodcock Road
 - Windmill Road
 - Pencarrow Road
 - Rosebanks Drive
 - Newell Road.

Roading

PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

- Improve drainage along roads to an appropriate standard for a rural residential area, establishing swale drains but still retaining grass verges that can be regularly mown.
- Develop walkways, cycle ways and horse lanes on reserve land, where required, to ensure safety.

B - YEARS 4-8

- Work with Transit New Zealand to minimise the safety problems at intersections with State Highway One, with priority given to the Cherry Lane/State Highway One intersection and the access to Eventide Home.
- Develop a better roading network around the Tamahere Model School for ease of movement when dropping off children.
- Upgrade the Bruntwood Road/Brinkworth Road intersection for traffic safety reasons.





Infrastructure

ISSUES

- Additional land is required to cope with growing recreational needs.
- A community hall/centre is required to cater for community growth.
- All power and telephone lines should be underground, where possible.
- Reticulated water supply for domestic consumption needs to be extended, with quantity and quality to be guaranteed to a potable standard.*
- Consistency of utility supplies needs to be ensured.
- Provision of sewerage and gas supplies needs to be investigated.

PROJECTS

A - YEARS 1-3

- Purchase properties in close proximity to the school for future community purposes.
- Construct a new community hall/centre.
- Acquire access ways to link esplanade reserves with roads, and ensure that the reserves are properly maintained.

C - YEARS 7-10

- Develop the tennis courts into a modern facility with Astroturf and floodlights.

***Note:**

Reticulating a potable water supply throughout Tamahere is a project that is self-funding and can be undertaken at any time.

Environment

ISSUES

- Private planting of native trees in a park-like manner needs to be encouraged.
- Better weed and pest control needs to be undertaken.
- Public land needs to be developed for public enjoyment.
- There is scope for gully development/restoration to encourage wildlife.

PROJECTS

A - YEARS 1-3

- Implement an effective recycling collection in the Tamahere area that takes plastics, paper and cans.
- Support the ecological restoration of native bush and wildlife, especially in Tamahere's gully system.
- Develop selected gullies in Tamahere (identified through consultation) to provide local walkway tracks that are safe for public use and have the potential to link with the city walkways.
- Work with Environment Waikato to ensure that pest and weed control issues are addressed, in particular on Council-owned land.





Financial

ISSUES

- Tamahere needs value from Waikato District Council based on the total amount of rates paid.
- Tamahere must ensure that a fair share of financial contributions from subdivision development in Tamahere is spent in the area to address the increased infrastructural demands.

PROJECTS

A -YEARS 1-3

- Ensure that Waikato District Council spends a fair share of the financial contributions from subdivision for roading and reserves purposes in the Tamahere area to ensure that expected growth needs are catered for.
- Inform Council on a regular basis that Tamahere is a substantial rate supplier and that the community expects its fair share of that rate money to be spent back in the community, in addition to the financial contributions.

Development

ISSUES

- Ensure that Tamahere is retained as a rural residential low-density community.
- Concentrate commercial operations in one area.
- Cater for future schooling needs - eg high school, crèche etc.
- Recognise that the Tamahere community does not wish to encourage any further industrial development.

PROJECTS

A - YEARS 1-3

- Ensure that land subdivision and development rules permit only rural residential, low-density living.
- Encourage the under-grounding of all power and telephone lines for future development, and ensure that all reticulated services are of a high standard and able to cater for the demands of future growth.





Historical

ISSUES

- There is a need to preserve historical assets, including the building at Tamahere Model School.
- Maori history and areas of significance need to be identified and respected.

PROJECTS

A - YEARS 1-3

- Better identify the land area in Bruntwood Road that has historical significance relating to the New Zealand wars.
- Ensure that the historical building at Tamahere Model School is protected.
- Protect any areas of historical significance that are brought to the community's attention.

Community

ISSUES

- Tamahere needs to continue to foster a 'sense of community'.
- More emphasis needs to be placed on individual and community safety.

PROJECTS

- Support the community newsletter circulated by Tamahere Model School.



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