

TAMAHERE

The country lifestyle community



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Community Plan 2011-2021

Tamahere



Community Logo

The Tamahere Community logo has been designed to portray strength, growth, health, success, support and caring.

The sun is to illustrate the story of Mahinarangi who carried her son, Raukawa, across the Waikato River and gave rise to the name Tamahere, which literally translated from Maaori means a “bound boy”. Mahinarangi and her husband, Turongo, are the ancestors of the Kiingitanga dynasty. Mahinarangi, to save Raukawa from drowning, tied him to her back as she swam across the river, near where the Narrows Bridge now stands.

The large koru in the logo portrays her strength, courage and care for her child while she sheltered him from harm. The koru shape also suggests growth, prosperity and a sense of community spirit.

The landscape shows the path to a bright future. It illustrates the Waikato River (linking to the story of Mahinarangi) and the country setting in which Tamahere stands - a growing environment for the community and its lifestyle.

The bowl represents the strength and stability of its people who hold the community together.

Vision

“Tamahere is country lifestyle”

Country lifestyle is all about:

- being a vibrant and safe community
- having a sense of privacy and space
- having pride in the local environment
- fostering community and sense of place
- preserving rural amenity and country living ambience.



History of the plan

The Tamahere Community Committee developed a community plan in 2004 which undertook a robust consultation process to provide clear direction for the future development of Tamahere. The plan was widely understood by the community and accepted as the vision and process for the future – the plan served as a focus to build a genuine heart for Tamahere.

Review of the plan

The review of the Tamahere Community Plan provides an opportunity for the community and the council to reflect upon projects set out in the original plan that have been accomplished, acknowledge those projects that are currently underway and to consider new projects and issues that face Tamahere now and into the future.

Some of the key projects highlighted in the 2004-2013 Community Plan that have since been completed include:

- The upgrade of intersections for traffic safety reasons:
 - Bruntwood Road / Tauwhare Road

- Installation of traffic calming measures:
 - Woodcock Road
 - Windmill Road
 - Rosebanks Drive
- Safety improvements completed on Newell Road
- Construction of a community hall/centre to cater for community growth
- Purchase properties in close proximity to the school for future community purposes.

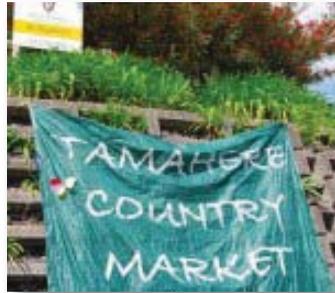
The council continues to assist with funding for Tamahere gully care and is currently working with the Tamahere Community Committee and residents on the development of a Structure Plan for the Country Living Zone outlined in purple on page 8 of this plan.

It is important to note this plan was developed on behalf of the community by the Tamahere Community Committee, with the assistance of council staff and is their aspiration for the Tamahere Ward. It does not reflect the Waikato District Council's priorities or funding availability.

Snapshot of Tamahere

During 2011 as the Community Plan is reviewed, Tamahere continues to be a rapidly growing community situated on the outskirts of Hamilton. People live in Tamahere because of the rural nature of the area, which offers quality lifestyle with space, tranquillity and low density living. The people of Tamahere generally use Hamilton for most services (commercial and recreational), and to work and shop.

Tamahere has a population of approximately 4,000, with a relatively high youth population, which is forecast to grow to approximately 8,000 by 2031. People continue to be drawn to and wish to live in Tamahere and enjoy the benefits of its 'Country Living' lifestyle with space, tranquillity and low-density living combined with the close proximity to Hamilton's commercial, recreational and social services.



Tamahere, the destination, plays host to the Tamahere country market run by St Stephens Anglican Church which is held on the third Saturday of every month. With superb atmosphere and a warm welcome for resident and tourist alike, it is top on the list of markets to visit.



Tamahere is also home to a number of boutique commercial, horticultural and artistic enterprises such as art galleries, vineyards, horse studs and dairy farming that enhance the high amenity values in the area.

Much social activity centres around Tamahere Model Country School, a state primary school (Decile 10), and the Community Centre (available for hire). On the same grounds are

tennis courts, sports fields, with a variety of pre-schools to choose from. Tamahere is home to the St Stephens Anglican Church which hosts the annual Christmas Festival attracting well-wishers from near and far.



Tamahere is moments away from the Mystery Creek Events Centre, internationally recognised for the annual National Agricultural Fieldays held each June, the Christian Parachute music festival in January and the annual Retro festival commemorating rock and pop culture.

For those who wish to live out their golden years in the 'Country Lifestyle Community' the Eventide Home and Retirement Village provides for the total care needs of the elderly and the Atawhai Assisi Home and Hospital is a leader in the provision of high quality residential care for the elderly.

The Tamahere Forum is a local website, set up by resident Philippa Stevenson, to facilitate the sharing and discussing of the community's news, events and issues. The Tamahere Community Committee has become a sponsor to ensure community communication.

Tamahere Forum website: <http://www.tamahereforum.co.nz/>

Key issues and projects

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

Before considering the issues facing Tamahere, it is important to note some key plans, policies, documentation and external projects that will impact upon and influence the development and delivery of projects listed in this plan:

Tamahere Country Living Zone Structure Plan

Seeks to identify future land use patterns and key infrastructure needed to support development in the Tamahere Country Living Zone.

Variation 16 District-wide Growth and Rural and Coastal Subdivision

Seeks to ensure growth is predominantly focussed into towns, villages and identified Country Living Zone areas, and to safeguard the Rural and Coastal zones for productive rural activities.

Waikato District Council Growth Strategy

The development of a district-wide growth strategy was set in place to manage growth in a well-planned, considered and sustainable manner for current and future generations.

Population projections

Waikato District Council are currently in the process of revising the Census Area Unit (CAU) projections used in the Future Proof model.

Future Proof

Future proof is a joint project set up by partner councils to consider how the sub-region should develop into the future.

Waikato Expressway

All sections of the Waikato Expressway are now being progressed through investigation and design ready for construction, subject to funding availability, or already in construction.

Southern Links

Is at the early investigation stage, and designations for the final network will not be applied for until 2012. The dates for construction of the Southern Links network are undetermined.

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

- Community and communication
- Recreation and lifestyle
- Environment
- Historical
- Roding
- Infrastructure
- Development
- Financial.

The Community Committee has prioritised these projects into three categories:

- A =** Projects that should happen in the next three years, which the community will promote as essential for meeting the Tamahere Community Plan's vision.
- B =** Projects that are desirable and 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 can be developed in the next 7-10 years with external funding.

Whilst the Community Committee has identified and prioritised projects into short-term, medium-term and long-term categories, they have also identified two key issues and one project which are intrinsically linked to the realisation of the vision for Tamahere.

They are:

1. The impact of the roading network and ensuring east/west connectivity
2. Protecting the rural community amenity
3. Development of a community hub.



Community and communication

ISSUES

- Tamahere needs to continue to foster a 'sense of community'.
- More emphasis needs to be placed on individual and community safety.
- Support and endorsement of the Tamahere Community Centre and the community services offered through St Stephen's Church such as numerous support groups and activities aimed at all age groups along with the Tamahere Country Market.
- Community visibility (signage for the area).

PROJECTS

A = YEARS 1-3

- Support community media communications – Links from the Waikato District Council homepage to the Tamahere Forum website.
- Foster and promote community events – Tamahere Model Country School events link to Waikato District Council website.
- Revise current civil defence plan and communicate the plan to the community.
- Provision of a playground, skate park, space for BMX track adjacent to the hub.

B = YEARS 4-6

- Appropriate preparation for a civil emergency.
- Implement any required changes and train personnel.
- Support growth opportunities and community options for the Tamahere Market.

C = YEARS 7-10

- Erect signage for the area

Recreation and Lifestyle

ISSUES

- Walking and cycling have become increasingly popular in recent years creating demand for additional walkway and cycleway tracks and facilities. It is intended projects focusing on links to the community hub would have priority, followed by circuit connectivity for recreational walking and cycling, followed by strategic bush and gully tracks.
- Support bike/walking access down Forrest Road over new SH1

PROJECTS

A = YEARS 1-3

- Develop a network of connected walkways for recreation and lifestyle use, in accordance with the Tamahere Country Living Zone Structure Plan.
- Develop footpaths on reserve land where required, to ensure safety.
- Development of cycleways and footpaths adjacent to the roading network, incorporating connectivity between east/west.
- Establishment of tramping paths through gullies and gully walkways.
- Develop a walkway between the end of Woodcock Road and Fuchsia Lane across the gully.
- Develop a recreational reserve management plan.
- Complete the walkway circuits to and from the Community Hub.
- Acquire access ways to link esplanade reserves with roads.
- Support the local Hautapu School community to lobby NZTA for bike/walking access down Forrest Road over the new SH1.

B = YEARS 4-6

- Develop connectivity from the church to the hub.
- Further development of the Narrows Road boat ramp.

C = YEARS 7-10

- Construction of facilities eg tennis/squash courts, soccer pitch, cricket ground and Astroturf surfaces.

Environment

ISSUES

- Private planting of native trees in a park-like manner needs to be encouraged.
- Pest and weed control requires focus.
- Public land needs to be developed for public enjoyment.
- There is scope for gully development/restoration to encourage wildlife.
- Adverse environmental effects such as noise and dust are contained and managed.
- Emergency management structures are in place to deal with potential disasters and incidents.
- Encourage residents to keep the community litter free.



PROJECTS

A = YEARS 1-3

- Continue to monitor and act upon any adverse environmental effects from commercial operations.
- Support the ecological restoration of native bush and wildlife, especially in Tamahere's gully system.
- Continue to work with Waikato Regional Council to educate the community and ensure that pest and weed control issues are addressed, in particular on council-owned land.
- Develop an emergency management plan for the area.
- Installation of signs to prohibit unauthorised dumping.

B = YEARS 4-6

C = YEARS 7-10

- Any adverse environmental effects that are unable to be contained are addressed through new provisions in the District Plan.

Historical

ISSUES

- There is a need to preserve historical assets, including the building at the school.
- Maori history and areas of significance need to be identified and respected.
- Historic heritage items currently listed and protected in the District Plan for the Tamahere Ward include:
 - Maaori Gardens (Hooker Road)
 - Matangi Dairy Factory (Tauwhare Road)
 - House (391 Tauwhare Road)
 - Briarly House (8 Titoki Drive)
 - Hanatoria Pa Homestead (Ringer Road)
 - Tamahere Model Country School building (Devine Road)
 - House (353 Pencarrow Road)
 - St David's Church (Tauwhare Road)
 - Woodside House (94B Webster Road)
 - St Andrew's Church (Tauwhare Road)
 - Site of Peace Covenant (Tauwhare Road/Bruntwood Road)
 - Mellow Manor (SH1 and Pickering Road)
 - Former Public Works Building (78 Matangi Road)
- Other sites to be considered for protection include:
 - Matangi Pa site
 - Urupa (Tauwhare Road)
 - Titoki Drive Pa site (Mangaharakeke Pa site)
 - Water pump (Narrows reserve)
 - St Stephen's Church and cemetery.



Wiremu Tamehana te Waharoa. (Died 1866.) From a photo. at Tauranga by the Rev. J. Kinder about 1865.

PROJECTS

A = YEARS 1-3

- Better identify the land area in Bruntwood Road that has historical significance from the New Zealand wars.
- Protect any areas of historical significance recognised by the community.
- Identify and investigate other suggested historical/heritage sites.
- Work with New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to protect, preserve or relocate existing historical/heritage during the development and construction of the expressway.

B = YEARS 4-6

- Initiate a plan change to include other sites for protection in the District Plan.

Roading and transport

ISSUES

- The design of the new expressway through Tamahere needs to protect, recognise and enhance community connectivity.
- Additional roads are needed to ensure ease of movement throughout the community without using state highways.
- Establishment of road signs that emphasise sharing the transport network with pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- Through traffic needs to be contained on the State Highway and/or arterial roads.
- Safety on roads needs to reflect and remain consistent with the rural residential nature of the community, with special attention to the community hub and school.



- Footpaths and cycle ways 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.
- Slow traffic down on local roads to a speed that reflects the residential and pedestrian use of the environment.
- Ensure the community are involved in consultation on the construction of the Southern Links.
- Explore alternative modes of transport such as buses and water taxis and support commuter bike paths from Cambridge to Hamilton.

PROJECTS

A = YEARS 1-3

- Southern Links and Expressway – connecting the east/west of Tamahere enhancing community connectivity.
- Completion of the Link Road (Devine/Airport/Newell Roads), and the entrance onto Newell Road so that through traffic will be prevented from using Newell Road as a short cut.
- Traffic safety upgrades:
 - Woodcock Road/Tauwhare Road
 - Pencarrow Road/Airport Road (SH 1 connection)
 - Lee Martin Road/Tauwhare Road
- Southern Links designation application (2012).
- Ensure bus stops and shelters are considered within the overall community roading plan.

B = YEARS 4-6

- Traffic safety upgrades:
 - Bruntwood Road/ Lee Martin Road (right hand turning bay)
 - Birchwood lane/Newell Road

C = YEARS 7-10

Infrastructure

ISSUES

- Facilitate community interaction and vitality through the creation of a community hub.
- All power and telephone lines should be underground, where possible.
- Consistency of power, phone and broadband supplies need to be assured.
- Security of water supply needs to be assured.
- Encourage rain water harvesting for buildings.
- Ensure accessibility to, and the maintenance, safety and enhancement of, our infrastructure.
- Work with the council to ensure drains are created in a mowable and maintainable manner.



PROJECTS

A = YEARS 1-3

- Tamahere community hub development plan to commence.
- Water conservation and harvesting rain water education.
- Expand the Narrows Landing boat ramp to include a bigger picnic area and parking facilities.
- Ensure that the road reserves are in a condition that adjacent owners can properly maintain..

B = YEARS 4-6

- Involvement in the review of the Water Supply Bylaw 2009.

C = YEARS 7-10

- Lobby power supply suppliers to ensure consistency of supply.

Development

ISSUES

- Ensure that Tamahere is retained as a rural residential low-density community.
- Management of adverse effects from rural industries impacting upon the church, school and lifestyle blocks.
- 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

- Development of a village hub and piazza.
- Completion of the Tamahere Country Living Zone Structure Plan.
- Liaise with the Ministry of Education to undertake a scoping exercise to establish the need for a high school and middle school.

B = YEARS 4-6

- Initiate a plan change to identify and establish buffer zones.
- Initiate a plan change to extend the Country Living Zone to include the church.
- Establish designation for schools as necessary.

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 the financial contributions from subdivision development in Tamahere is spent in the area to address the increased demands.
- Secure financial support (rates expenditure) for the development and construction of the Tamahere Village Hub.
- Secure on going funding of the Tamahere Community Committee, the Tamahere Community Forum website and other community committee communications.
- Continued support for the Tamahere Community Hall Committee.
- Community to initiate and sustain fundraising to contribute to local events and activities.
- Encourage community fundraising and working bees for community projects.

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.
- Financial commitment from the council to support the Tamahere Community Committee and the Tamahere Community Forum in the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan (LTP) and consequent Annual Plans for 2013 and 2014.

B = YEARS 4-6

- Continued support for the Tamahere Community Hall Committee.

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