

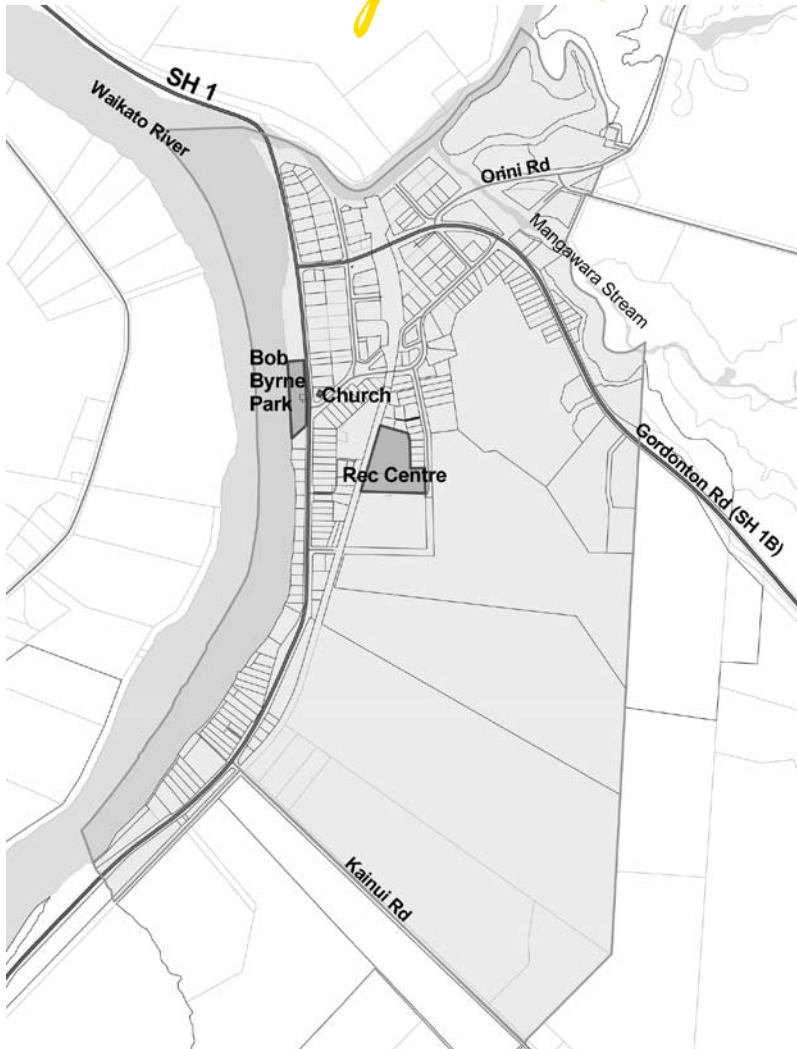
An aerial photograph of a town, likely Tampiri, showing residential buildings, roads, and a large mountain range in the background. The image is in black and white, except for the title text which is yellow.

Tampiri

Community Plan

2008 - 2018

The Taupiri Area

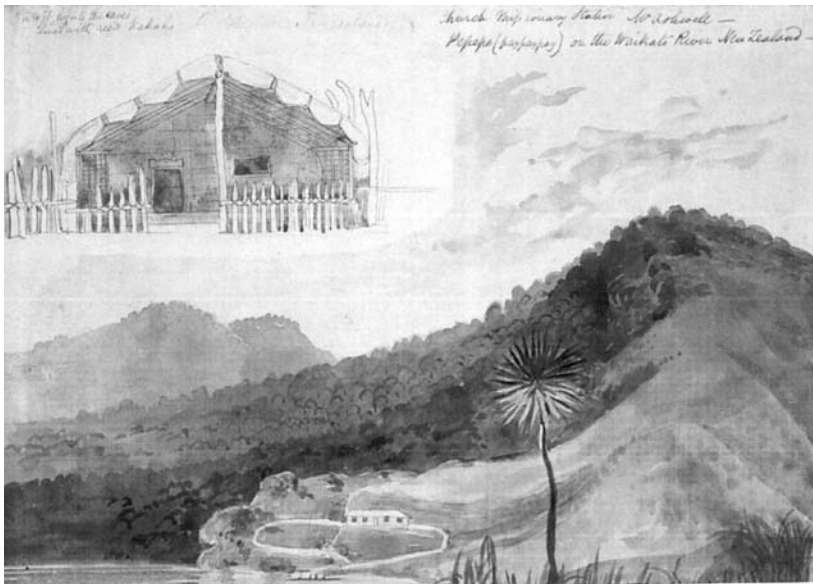


This is the catchment for Taupiri Community Board electoral boundary

Vision

To enhance Taupiri as a village that:

- Is a safe and friendly place to live
- Has pride in its surrounding environment
- Recognises the importance of youth for the future
- Is vibrant
- Is proud of its history and heritage
- Recognises the importance of the Waikato River
- Identifies the cultural significance and iconic status of Taupiri Mountain



Key Statistics

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

	Taupiri	Waikato District	New Zealand
Population	441	43,959	4,027,947
Percentage aged under 15 ys	20.8%	25.50%	21.54%
Percentage aged over 65 ys	11.2%	10.00%	12.30%
Private Dwellings	168	15,090	1,471,746
Ethnicity - Percentage of Maori	32.4%	25.85%	14.65%
Post School Qualifications	54	44.80%	46.18%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.54%	3.37%
Median Income	\$ 22,500	\$25,700	\$24,400

Population Estimates 2008 – 2018

These figures are based on Waikato University figures adjusted to local known conditions

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
449	453	457	461	465	469	473	477	481	485	489

Growth over the next 10 years is expected to be 9% in total or 0.9% per annum

A Community Snapshot

During the sixteenth century Tainui tribes settled throughout the Waikato. In the following hundred years, settlements became established in the Taupiri District – Te Uapoto, Komakorau and Kaitotehe, which was opposite Taupiri Mountain. During this time the Ngati Mahuta of the central Waikato was the most important hapu of the river tribes. Their headquarters were at Kaitotehe.

It was Te Putu, chief of the Waikato people, who built Taupiri pa. Its excellent strategic site made it easy for Te Putu to control the traffic on the three main right-of-ways of the time. The first, of course, was the Waikato River, the second was a track from Taupiri via the Mangawara to the Piako Valley and the third was the Kaitotehe to Kawhia track.

Taupiri Mountain became tapu and a cemetery for the Waikato people around 1740. The reason for this was Te Putu's death and the incident surrounding it.

The location of Taupiri at the north end of the Waikato Basin and at the confluence of two rivers ensured that it played an important role in the development of the area from early times. At first it was through good access by water but later the transport routes of both the Great South Road and the main trunk railway through the town provided improved access to other centres.

Tainui Chief Paoa lived in a Pa on the west side of the Waikato River at Kaitotehe.



Taupiri Mountain became a significant sacred burial ground for Maori. In later years those buried there included Pototau, Tawhiao, Princess Te Puea, King Koroki and more recently the Maori Queen Dame Te Atairangikaahu.

The Rev B Y Ashwell established a mission station at Pepepe on the Waikato River just south of Taupiri in 1846.

With the arrival of Europeans in the first half of the nineteenth century Taupiri continued to be the service centre for a large area of developing peat and swamp land stretching from beyond Te Hoe in the east to Gordonton and the outskirts of Hamilton in the south. This included the 98,000 acres of the Woodlands estate.

Taupiri is now considered to be the gateway to Te Hoe, Gordonton and to the east of Hamilton.

Following the completion of the railway in the 1870's there was considerable progress made within the town. A school, post office and railway station were built along with a butcher, baker, blacksmith, dairies and a general store, two churches and a hall. In 1921 a dairy factory was in the village and later in 1930 a much larger factory was erected.

August 1928 saw 3000 - 4000 people flock to Taupiri to see the opening match of the English Rugby League Team tour. The visitors defeated South Auckland by 31 points to 5.

The end of the Second World War saw the village change especially with the increase and popularity of motor vehicles. Tractors gradually replaced horses, stock droving and the carriage of cattle and sheep on the railways ceased. The sale yards were pulled down and the railway station removed. The post office was also closed.

Once the Expressway (which will run behind Taupiri Mountain) has been built, Taupiri will take on an even more village aspect because there will be less through traffic. Taupiri will be a more relaxed and desirable place to live.

The local recreation facilities in Murphy Lane are the heart of the village with both rugby and netball being extensively played by youth from Taupiri and surrounding areas.

Local businesses support the passing traffic, local farmers and the surrounding rural community.

A Plan for Taupiri

What will this plan achieve?

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

This Plan, once finalised will represent the community's shared view on the future of Taupiri.

It is important to remember, this is not a Council Plan. This Plan is for the whole of the Taupiri Community, and is owned by you!

Your Community Plan is a collection of ideas for action. It is a priority list of desired works and activities that has been identified over the past few months. The plan gives voice to local aims and aspirations and provides an opportunity for involvement by people who are interested in the future of this area.

Local leadership on community planning, now, will ensure that available resources are used in the best possible way by matching agreed community priorities.

As well as focusing community debate, getting people involved in the future of their community, and avoiding haphazard development, the Plan will help influence Waikato District Council's programme of works during its annual and long-term planning processes.

Read on and discover how you can participate in the future of Taupiri.

The process

The Taupiri Community Board has held two public meetings to discuss the issues in the area and will continue to work with the Taupiri community to take this plan forward.

The Community Board will promote this Plan to Council to provide clear direction for the future development of Taupiri.

The Plan will be a living document and will undergo a regular monitoring and reviewing process.

Taupiri Community Board

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Key Issues and Projects

Link to 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:



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

Specific Issues and Projects

The following key issues and projects are consistent with the Council's nine Community Outcomes.

The following are projects that the community has indicated that they would like to see undertaken in the coming years. Council will work with the Community Board to identify the priorities.

Signage (links to Vibrant Waikato.)

- Look at new welcoming signage as you enter Taupiri village
- Undertake an audit of signage in the village

Environment (links to Green and Sustainable Waikato.)

- Planting should be undertaken to improve the village surroundings
- Liaise with Environment Waikato and clean up the weed problem in the Komakarau and Mangawara Streams.
- Ensure waterways and connections are clean
- Improve control of pests
- Address blackberry concerns on Old Bridge Road
- Address flood protection issues in Wright Street
- Look into and ensure the rubbish problem is cleaned up under the Railway overbridge on Te Putu Street and surrounding area
- Planning is undertaken to ensure managed expansion of residential development
- Review rural residential zoning at the southern end of Great South Road
- Clear the bamboo beside bridge in Orini Road
- Provide information on the Waikato District Growth Strategy to Taupiri residents

Social (links to Safe Waikato)

- Ensure general upkeep and tidiness of the village

Road safety (links to Accessible and Safe Waikato)

- Seek appropriate speed limits in the village area, (currently reduces to 70K from 100K)
- Seek a reduced speed limit around the school
- Develop road safety measures for the intersection of State Highway One and Gordonton Road
- Undertake a safety review of the Orini Road and Watts Grove intersection
- Maintain tidy roadsides and footpaths
- Consider traffic calming measures
- Liaise with the Police to monitor speed limits and traffic concerns
- Review the success of traffic calming measures in Te Putu Street
- Provide an underpass at the end of Onslow Avenue
- Extend footpath network along State Highway One

Transport/Roading (links to Accessible, Thriving and Vibrant Waikato)

- Upgrade kerb and channel
- View the village as an entity not a bypass
- Improve street lighting to define the village
- Investigate the undergrounding of the power supply
- Council consults with NZ Transport Agency with regards to roading projects

Recreation Facilities (links to Green and Active Waikato)

- Develop the community recreation facilities including car parking
- Upgrade Bob Byrne Park

Community Development links to Vibrant and Thriving Waikato

- Recognise and celebrate the area's Maori heritage
- Recognise the needs of youth through improved facilities
- Consider the development of the Waikato riverbank and Taupiri Wharf as a focal point
- Establish walking tracks on the riverbank
- Look at the development of an annual event to encourage visitors to the area
- Look at ways to engender public pride into the village

Stormwater (links to Well Waikato)

- Review stormwater requirements for Taupiri
- Ensure a high quality pressurised water system operates in the village



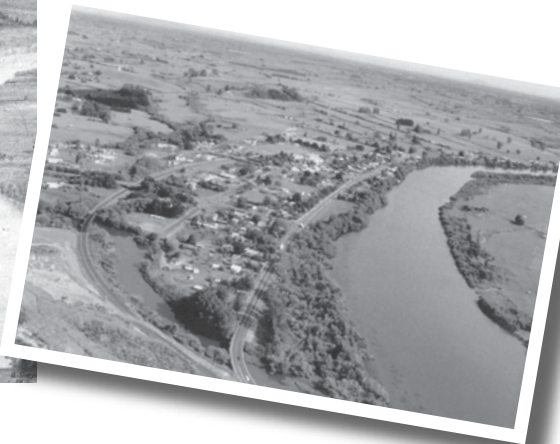
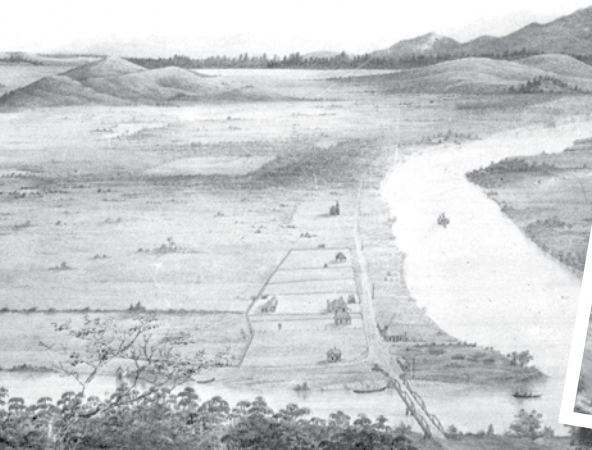
Where To From Here?

The Next Steps

This community plan has been drafted by the Taupiri Community Board as a starting point for the area. While some of the ideas and priorities listed in this document will take a lot longer than a few years to realise – and require more resources than are available at the moment – at least there is a plan.

The Taupiri Community Board will work with Council to prioritise the issues and projects.

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



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