

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, 13 DECEMBER 2023** commencing at **9.30am**.

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7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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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 - b. co-ordinating with, and receiving reports from, the Waikato Region Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Joint Committee.

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:	5 December 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, 1 November 2023.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee held on Wednesday, 1 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – S&W Minutes – Wednesday, 1 November 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, Ngaruawaahia on **WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2023** commencing at **9.31am**.

Present:

Cr L Thomson (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church [from 10.06am]
Cr C Beavis [until 10.47am and from 11.07am]
Cr C Eyre
Cr J Gibb
Cr M Keir
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu
Cr K Ngataki [from 9.46am]
Cr E Patterson
Cr V Reeve
Cr P Thomson
Cr T Turner

Attending:

Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr W Gauntlett (Acting General Manager Community Growth)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Ms J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)
Mr D Sharma (Acting Waters Manager)
Mr R Turner (Recovery Manager)
Ms R Goddard (Climate Action & Sustainability Manager)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Democracy Advisor)

Guests

Mr G Millington (Orini Reserve Committee)
Mr A Grainger (Pokeno Community Events Committee)
Ms D van den Bemd (Te Akau Waingaro Community Complex)
Ms F Carrick (Te Waka)
Ms N Greenwood, (Chief Executive, Hamilton & Waikato Tourism)

The meeting opened with a Karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Resolved: (Crs Gibb/ Matatahi-Poutapu)****That the Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee:**

- a. accepts the apologies from Cr M Raumati and Cr D Whyte for non-attendance; and
- b. accepts the apologies for lateness from Her Worship the Mayor, JA Church and Cr K Ngataki.

CARRIED**S&W2311/01****CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS****Resolved: (Crs Patterson/P Thomson)****THAT:**

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee held on Wednesday, 1 November 2023 be confirmed;
- b. all items therein be considered in open meeting, and
- c. all reports be received.

CARRIED**S&W2311/02****DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Keir/Reeve)

THAT:

- a. the minutes for a meeting of the **Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee** held on **Wednesday, 20 September 2023** be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting, subject to the editing of **Resolution No. S&W2309/04 (c) (Local Area Blueprint Update)** from:

“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.”

to read:

“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.”

CARRIED

S&W2311/03

ACTIONS REGISTER

Agenda Item 5

The report was received [*S&W2311/02 refers*] and discussion was held on the following matters:

Strategic Heritage Report

ACTION: This item to be closed and removed from the schedule.

Hauraki Gulf Forum

ACTION: This item to be closed and removed from the schedule.

Programme

ACTION: This item to be moved into the “Local Area Blueprint Update” item for discussion at the workshop. The item to then be closed and removed from the schedule.

Local Area Blueprint Update

- Rural ideas to be included in some community plans. These would be discussed in the workshop being scheduled to assist councillors in understanding how community plans vs aspirations were integrated into the Blueprint process.

ACTION: The Tauwhare Community plan be placed on the website under Community Plans. The plan would supercede the 2017 Tauwhare Community Plan.

Maaori Sites and Areas of Significance Project Fund Report

ACTION: This item to remain on the schedule.

REPORTS

Summary of Movement in Discretionary Fund Report to 18 October 2023
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [S&W2311/02 refers] and no discussion was held.

Application to the Rural Ward Fund
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [S&W2311/02 refers] and the Economic and Community Development Manager introduced the applicants to the committee. The following items were discussed:

Orini Reserve Committee

Mr Millington outlined the application and noted that:

- The Christmas event would be held on Friday, 1 December 2023. There would be food trucks, a live band and Santa would be flown in by helicopter.
- Farmers had been advised to move stock before the event as there would be a fireworks display.

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Patterson)

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. approves an allocation of \$2,419.00 (excl. GST) from the Rural Ward Fund account to:
 - i. Orini Reserve Committee for its annual Christmas Party at the Orini Reserve on Friday 1 December 2023 on the Local Reserve.

CARRIED

S&W2311/04

Pokeno Community Events Committee

Mr Grainger outlined the application and noted that:

- The Christmas parade would be held away from Pokeno's Main Street as construction work was occurring.
- Food and coffee trucks would be available on the day.

Resolved: (Crs Reeve/Gibb)

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. approves an allocation of \$2,586.50 (excl. GST) from the Rural Ward Fund account to:**
 - i. Pokeno Community Events Committee for the Traffic Management Plan required for the Pokeno Christmas Parade on 8 December 2023.**

CARRIED

S&W2311/05

Te Akau Waingaro Community Complex

Ms van den Bemd outlined the application and noted that:

- The Christmas fete had attracted approximately 150 people last year.
- Local and external businesses had been approached for support for this year's fete.
- Every child would have their photo taken with Santa and receive a gift.
- The local school was involved in the fundraiser.
- A social committee had been formed.
- A bouncy castle had been hired and was currently certified for use.

Resolved: (Crs Eyre/Keir)

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. approves an allocation of \$1,500.00 (excl. GST) from the Rural Ward Fund account to:**
 - i. Te Akau Waingaro Community Complex for a band as part of its Community Christmas Fete on Wednesday the 29 November 2023.**

CARRIED

S&W2311/06

Cr Ngataki entered the meeting at 9.46am during discussions on the above item and was present when voting took place.

Te Waka Update and Future Projects Presentation
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [S&W2311/02 refers] and the Te Waka representative spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- Te Waka had been focused over the last six (6) months on how the region, as a whole, could sustain growth long term.
- Constant focus was on investment attraction for the region. Within the last year, \$11.5M had been secured from the Kanoa Regional Strategic Partnership Fund.
- Regional Partnership Investments included the Emerging Supplier Forum, Agribusiness Seminar 2023 and techweek2023.
- Te Waka had attracted funding to direct projects that supported economic growth and regional development.
- The Regional Strategic Partnership Fund had started approximately four (4) years ago and had attracted funding of \$17.4M. The fund was a co-funding model, meaning businesses, industry or iwi groups had to be functioning with an outcome of delivery to communities, economically, environmentally or industry.
- Kanoa had advised that the Waikato Region had done well ensuring that the money was aligned with regional priorities.
- Focus was the primary sector, all forms of agriculture, renewable energy and technology.
- Regular communications were made across all ten (10) councils, industry and iwi.
- Information on Te Waka, Waikato Economic Development could be found on the website <https://www.waikato.com>.
- Te Waka nationally supports the Field Days event.

Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church, entered the meeting at 10.06am during discussions on the above item.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism – Year End Update | July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*S&W2311/02 refers*] and the Chief Executive, Hamilton & Waikato Tourism spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- From July 2022 to June 2023, domestic tourism had injected \$751.6M into the region and \$105.5M from international tourism.
- Tourism would continue to grow as the borders were not fully opened between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.
- Westpac bank projections showed that international tourism would exceed what New Zealand had in 2019.
- The Destination Management Plan (DMP) for the Waikato identifies a pathway towards a shared vision by, and for, local communities, iwi, visitors, tourism industry, wider business, and local and central government agencies. Information on these plans could be viewed on <https://www.waikatoz.com/industry/destination-management-plan>.
- Hamilton & Waikato Tourism and Te Waka collaborate monthly.
- The Mighty Local campaign had worked well but would not be continued due to resourcing as funding from central government was no longer available.
- Development of a Heritage Trail through the Waikato district.

ACTION: Cr Beavis to follow up with the Chief Executive, Hamilton & Waikato Tourism on the possible development of a heritage trail.

Three Waters Reform Better Off Funding Special Project Update November 2023

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*S&W2311/02 refers*] and the Acting Waters Manager spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- The project had just entered the delivery phase and Council was waiting for approximately 15 applicants to return signed agreements. Once the agreements had been received, the projects would be entered into the EPMO framework.
- A project by project report would be supplied to the Committee in the next quarter.
- The Acting Waters Manager had met with 15 of the 19 applicants.
- Safety camera projects. Concern was raised on the delay in funding the project. The CCTV project was funded internally so back-to-back funding was not required to commence the project. Discussions were currently being held between Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council.
- One point of contact was necessary when questions were asked.

- Assessment of applications, by complexity, had been carried out by the Assessment Panel. During the delivery phase, the EPMO Project Manager manages the complexity of risks as part of their project management framework. Council's risk profile was dictated by DIA. Community funding was supported by Council but applicants would be responsible for any risk. Council therefore does not have any reputational risk associated with the projects.
- The Communications & Engagement Strategy was discussed. Currently, communications sat with the Project Manager. The EPMO had been directed to ensure that Councillors and the Executive Leadership Team be copied into any outgoing communications on the projects.
- Council would not be responsible for any over runs and this had been inserted into the contract document.

ACTION: The Acting Waters Manager to advise Councillors who the point of contact was for the Better Off Funding Project.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor/Cr Keir)

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. notes that the project management for the three waters reform better off funding is ongoing; and
- b. notes that the reporting frequency to the Committee is quarterly.

CARRIED

S&W2311/07

The meeting adjourned at 10.47am and resumed at 11.04am.

Recovery Plan – Cyclone Gabrielle
Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [S&W2311/02 refers] and the Recovery Manager spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- Council had received additional funding to help fund resilience work.
- The number of stickered homes in Port Waikato had been reduced.
- MPI were now working in the business as usual space. Concern was raised on residents that did not fit into any of the funding categories.
- The 2.35M funding would support Port Waikato stormwater networks, silt and debris in overland flow paths.

Cr Beavis re-entered the meeting at 11.07am during discussion on the above item.

Economic and Community Led Development Work Programme

Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [S&W2311/02 refers] and the Economic and Community Development Manager spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- Ms Thurlow would be supporting Community Boards and Committees in the community led space. This change would be effective from Monday, 6 November 2023.
- A large number of Community Committees existed and were not supported by Council. Training on governance and committee work would be given to these committees in partnership with Council's Democracy Team, if required.

ACTION: Staff to provide councillors with a list of members sitting on the steering groups for Community Boards and Committees.

Climate Response and Resilience Strategy

Agenda Item 6.8

The report was received [S&W2311/02 refers] and the Climate Action & Sustainability Manager spoke to the report. The following items were discussed:

- A survey had been conducted with other Territorial Authorities last year, on whether they had action or sustainability plans in place. 85% advised that they had them or would be developing them in the near future.
- The Climate Response and Resilience Strategy had been developed. This strategy set out timelines, objections, directions and targets for our internal and district operations.

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Turner)

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- adopts the Climate Response and Resilience Strategy.**

CARRIED

S&W2311/08

To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Actions Register – December 2023
Date:	13 December 2023
Report Author:	Soroya McGall, EA to General Manager Community Growth
Authorised by:	Will Gauntlett, 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.

To provide an update and recommendation following the workshop held with Councillors on Monday, 4 December 2023, regarding Item 1 on the register – Local Area Blueprint Update.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

An action from the previous meeting as listed in Item 1 of the attached register related to a workshop to be held with Councillors regarding Local Area Blueprints, and in particular the Tauwhare Community Plan reported on at that meeting along with the desire from the Community for this to be recognised as a Blueprint.

The Tauwhare Community Committee have provided the process undertaken, which was undertaken in line with the Blueprint process outlined on the Council website. Attached to this report is a summary of the process undertaken by the Committee - refer *Attachment B - Summary of Blueprint development for the Tauwhare community - November 2023*.

Staff discussed this process at the workshop held with Councillors on Monday, 4 December 2023 and confirmed their support for the Tauwhare Community Plan to become the Tauwhare Blueprint as requested by the ward Councillors at the September meeting.

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

THAT the Sustainability & Wellbeing Committee:

- a. notes the progress on actions from previous meetings as outlined in Actions Register for December 2023; and**
- b. approves the Tauwhare Community Plan becoming the Tauwhare Local Area Blueprint, noting this will now be held under the Blueprint page on Council's website.**

4. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment A – Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee Actions Register 2023

Attachment B - Summary of Blueprint development for the Tauwhare community - November 2023

	Action	Responsible to Action	Status/Update/Response
1.	<p>Local Area Blueprint Update</p> <p>A workshop was requested to assist councillors in understanding how community plan vs aspirations were integrated into Blueprint process.</p> <p>That the community plans from Glen Afton and Pukemiro be considered at the workshop.</p> <p>That the Tauwhare Community Plan be placed on the website under Community Plans. The plan would supersede the 2017 community plan.</p> <p>That all community plans on Council's website have the plan dates listed beside them.</p> <p>That a reference be placed in the Blueprint document referring to community plans.</p>	<p>Planning and Policy Manager</p>	<p>December 2023: Workshop scheduled for 4 December.</p> <p>Tauwhare Community Plan has been placed on website, and dates have been added next to all community plans. A reference has been made on the Blueprint page to link to Community Plans.</p>

2.	<p><u>Maaori Sites and Areas of Significance Project Fund Report</u></p> <p>The Council reassess District Plan related funding through the upcoming LTP process. That a workshop be held to assist Council in understanding the funding review process.</p>	<p>Resource Management Policy Manager Economic and Community Led Development Manager</p>	<p>December 2023: This action has been folded into the Activity Management Plan process. Progress will be reported to Council through that mechanism and the action on this list will be closed. This workshop is still to be scheduled due to other demands on Elected Member availability.</p>
3.	<p><u>Hamilton & Waikato Tourism – Year End Update 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023</u></p> <p>Cr Beavis to follow up with the Chief Executive, Hamilton & Waikato Tourism on the possible development of a heritage trail.</p>	<p>Cr Beavis</p>	<p>December 2023:</p>
4.	<p><u>Three Waters Reform Better Off Funding Special Project Update November 2023</u></p> <p>The Acting Waters Manager to advise Councillors who the point of contact was for the Better Off Funding Project.</p>	<p>Three Waters Manager</p>	<p>December 2023: The Three Waters Reform Project Manager is the point of contact for the Better off Funding Special Project. Contact has been made with Councillor Thomson.</p>
5.	<p><u>Economic and Community Led Development Work Programme</u></p> <p>Staff to provide councillors with a list of members sitting on the steering groups for Community Boards and Committees.</p>	<p>Economic and Community Led Development Manager</p>	<p>December 2023: The Community Board Representatives for Community Board Plans are still being finalised as at the date of drafting this update. There will be a final outcome of all representatives in the week ending 1 December, after the second meeting with Community Board Chairs.</p>

Summary of Blueprint development for the Tauwhare community - 29th November 2023

This process was entirely led and managed by the members of the Community Committee, and the timeline is as follows:

- 13th October 2022 7:30pm - The committee met the new Councillors Mike Keir and Crystal Beavis. Three new committee members join replacing three three who have resigned. A new Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are elected. There was an initial discussion about creating a Blueprint to replace the outdated 2007-2017 Community Plan. *Note the Blueprint process and timing was mentioned by an unsuccessful candidate in September at a community session in Matangi attended by the Tauwhare Community Committee Chairperson.*
- 9th February 2023 7:30pm – The committee decides to prepare a Blueprint for the Tauwhare community in order to have the community’s needs and aspirations considered for funding in the Council’s next Long Term Plan. The 2007-2017 Community Plan was then reviewed, and Blueprints prepared for other district areas were examined to understand the style and approach required by the Council. Support was also sought from Council to help guide the process and possibly facilitate it.
- 21st February 7:00 - A Special committee meeting was held. As part of the preparation the members look at the Waikato District Council Vision 2021-31 and review the five Community outcomes and goals. They also examined the 2019 Blueprint themes. The Chair facilitated a brainstorming session to determine the key issues/concerns for the village and surrounding area. Ten issues are shortlisted and prioritised in order of importance and linked back to the Council’s community outcomes. This forms the basis for a draft Blueprint.
- 5th April 7:30pm - the draft Blueprint was shared with Councillor Beavis. A decision is made to hold a community consultation meeting in May.
- 3rd May 7:30pm - The community consultation meeting was held and very well attended by over 30 residents. The meeting was posted on two local Facebook pages on the 1st and 3rd of May, and in the Tauwhare Transmitter April edition. The Committee’s draft Blueprint work was presented, and more ideas welcomed. Attendees were split into four groups for discussion on ideas to be included in the Blueprint. Each group reported back to the whole meeting for discussion and ratification of ideas for inclusion in the Blueprint.
- 17th May 7:30pm - The committee reviewed the outcome from the community meeting to consider what further changes are required. The Chair and the Treasurer agree to work together to finalise the Blueprint and put it into a suitable format and layout.
- 21st June 7:30pm - The Blueprint was unanimously agreed to by the committee and was submitted to Council on the 25th June 8:05pm via info@waikatodistrict.govt.nz and also to Councillors Beavis and Keir in order to meet the 26th June deadline advertised for all Blueprint feedback to be received by the Council.

To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Rural Ward Discretionary Funds Report to 21 November 2023
Date:	13 December 2023
Report Author:	Jen Schimanski, Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Lianne Van Den Bemd, Community-Led Development Advisor, Community Growth

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to present to the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee a summarised report giving balances of the Rural Ward discretionary funds including commitments as of 21 November 2023.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee receives the Rural Ward Fund report.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report Rural Ward to 21 November 2023

RURAL WARD DISCRETIONARY FUND 2023/24 (July 2023 - June 2024)

As at Date: 21-Nov-2023

	GL	
2023/24 Annual Plan		10-2020-0000-00-25904 30,963.00
Carry forward from 2022/23		25,743.00
Total Funding		56,706.00
Income		
Total Income		-
Expenditure		
17/05/2023 Payment to Tauwhare Community Committee for the amount of \$800. (plus GST if any) towards the cost of publication of the community newsletter the Tauwhare Transmitter in 2023 inv RVVDF2023	S&W2305/04	800.00
9/08/2023 Payment to Waikato Clay Target Club Inc inv I0053 for the amount of \$1,000.00 to support their trappers mechanics during events	S&W2308/05	869.57
Total Expenditure		1,669.57
Net Funding Remaining (Excluding commitments)		55,036.43
Commitments		
30/06/2022 Commitment to Art in Nature Arboretum Trust for the amount of \$3,500 (plus GST if any) towards the cost of educational materials for the community	D&F2206/03	4,025.00
9/08/2023 Commitment to Te Hau Kainga Mana Whenua Pokeno Charitable Trust for the amount of \$3,984.96, to support its vision for Pokeno and to improve on their current communications strategy.	S&W2308/04	3,984.96
1/11/2023 Commitment from Rural Ward Fun to Orini Reserve Committee for its annual Christmas party at Orini Reserve 1 December 2023	S&W2311/04	2,419.00
1/11/2023 Commitment from Rural Ward Fund for \$2,586.50 (excl GST) to Pokeno Community Events Committee for the Traffic Management Plan required for the Pokeno Christmas Parade on 8 December 2023	S&W2311/05	2,586.50
1/11/2023 Commitment from Rural Ward Fund for \$1,500.00 (excl GST) to Te Akau Waingaro Community Complex for a band as part of its Community Christmas Fete on Wednesday the 29 November 2023.	S&W2311/06	1,500.00
Total Commitments		14,515.46
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)		40,520.97

To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Application to the Rural Ward Fund - The Anglican Churches of Bombay Pookeno
Date:	23 November 2023
Report Author:	Jason Marconi, Community Development Advisor
Authorised by:	Will Gauntlett, General Manager Community Growth

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to provide a Rural Ward funding applications received for consideration by the Wellbeing and Sustainability Committee.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

Waikato District Council has funding available to assist community groups, non-commercial groups and voluntary organisations operating within our rural areas for projects that benefit the wider communities. On this note, the Wellbeing and Sustainability Committee is being asked to consider the following application:

- An application has been received from the Pookeno Anglican Church to repaint the roof of their heritage listed church in Pookeno (Attachment 1).

The amount being sought from the Rural Ward Discretionary Fund is \$5,000.

The total cost of the project is \$13,600 (GST excl.) of which the Church is committing \$7,400 of its own funds. The contractor has offered a discount of \$1,200.

This group is GST registered so will be entitled to the refund giving a net cost of \$13,600.

The application is in line with the Guidelines in Attachment 2.

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

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. approves/partially approves/declines an allocation of \$4,347.83 (excl. GST, \$5,000 incl. GST) from its Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. The Anglican Churches of Bombay Pokeno**
 - ii. for the repainting of the roof of St Mary on the Hill Church, Avon Rd, Pookeno.**

4. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment 1 – Rural Ward Funding Guidelines

Attachment 2 – Application from The Anglican Churches of Bombay Pookeno and supporting information

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING GUIDELINES

How to make a funding application

Waikato District Council provides discretionary funding to assist community groups, non-commercial groups and voluntary organisations operating within the council's rural wards, community boards and the Te Kauwhata and Meremere Community Committees areas.

Funding Mechanisms

1. Waikato District Council Community Boards / Community Committees
2. Waikato District Council Discretionary and Funding Committee

Who can apply?

Any community group, non-commercial group or voluntary organisation can apply for a grant. Specific criteria for each fund are as follows:

1. Waikato District Council Community Boards and the Te Kauwhata and Meremere Community Committees
 Community boards and the Te Kauwhata and Meremere Community Committees allocate grants for events and projects in their areas. Applicants must outline how their event or project will contribute to the community board area and wider community. The relevant community board or committee has responsibility for determining grant applications in their area.
2. Waikato District Council Discretionary & Funding Committee
 The Discretionary & Funding Committee allocates grants from the Rural Ward Fund. Rural grants are available for events and projects in rural areas and areas that are not served by Community Boards or the Te Kauwhata and Meremere Community Committees. Applicants must outline how their event or project will contribute to the community Rural area and wider community. The Discretionary & Funding Committee has responsibility for determining grant applications in the Rural area.

3. Criteria for grants

Applications are required to meet the following criteria:

- a) Applications will be accepted from community groups, non-commercial groups and voluntary organisations. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- b) Applications will need to be made to the relevant community board or committee, or to Council's Discretionary & Funding Committee.

- c) Applications for Christmas parade/events will need to be made to the relevant community board or community committee.
- d) Applicants need to describe in their application why the event or project is important to the community and how the wider community will benefit by the event or project.
- e) Applicants can have in-kind contributions recognised in terms of the non-grant funding component provided they demonstrate good community engagement.
- f) Applications must detail how the monies sought will specifically be used and how the balance of the monies required for the event or project will be obtained.
- g) Capital expenditure items may be considered for grant applications.
- h) Applicants can make more than one application for a grant within a 12-month period provided that the grant being sought is for a different project or event and an accountability statement has been completed.
- i) Applications may be considered from schools where the Ministry of Education will not fully fund the project and the benefits are for the wider community.
- j) Grants will not be considered for events or projects that have already occurred / projects completed (i.e. no retrospective funding).
- k) Grants will not be given to oppose consent decisions, attend conferences or to contest legal cases.
- l) Applications from commercial entities will not be considered.
- m) All applications will need to provide the relevant template describing the event/project, budget and relevant quotes.
- n) The project or event must take place in the Waikato District Council area of jurisdiction.
- o) Council-owned property i.e. halls managed by hall committees and who receive a targeted rate are not eligible for funding.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications are required to meet the following criteria:

- a) Applicants must be either a community groups, non-commercial groups and voluntary organisations
- b) Successful applicants must complete a project accountability report within 2 months of the completion of the project before being eligible for further funding. This is essential for auditing requirements.
- c) Applicants may be required to attend the community board / community committee and the Discretionary & Funding Committee to present their application.

Funding Rounds

Applications to be presented to the boards/committee's chair or funding representative two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Applications for Waikato District Council funds close on the First Friday of February, April, July, and October.

Presenting your application

Applicants are advised in writing by the community board/committee of the outcome of the funding.

The Anglican Churches of Bombay Pokeno

26 October 2023

The Waikato District Council
Discretionary and Funding Committee
Private Bag 544
Ngaaurawaahia 3742

Kia Ora,

Re: Discretionary Funding Application

I write in support of our application for funding assistance to re paint the roof of our Grade Two Heritage listed church building of St Mary on the Hill, 26 Avon Road, Pokeno.

Our church is now 120 years old, an iconic building in the district, visible from SH2 approaching Pokeno with its distinctive spire. Our church provides a worship space for our community which in the recent past has been used by other church groups such as the local Filipino Roman Catholic community and we have recently agreed to the use of our church by the local Tokelau Roman Catholic community on a monthly basis. As well our church is used for weddings and funerals.

Our church community engage in the local Pokeno community affairs such as the fortnightly Meet and Greet, as well as other occasions such as the annual Christmas Parade and the annual ANZAC parade which in recent times I have had the privilege to lead.

We have accepted the quote from Kowhai Guys to repaint the roof. This roof was replaced in the early 1990's, of coloursteel, is now in need of recoating.

The attached quote shows:

Total cost \$15,640 inc.

We are GST registered so will be entitled to the refund giving a net cost of \$13,600.

We have negotiated a further discount of \$1200, giving a final cost of \$12,400.

By applying for a funding application of \$5000, we will fund the balance from our own resources.

We hope that the Funding Committee are able to give our request favourable consideration.

Nga mihi

Bruce Owen

Property Convenor.

021 681 962 brucebowen64@outlook.com



QUOTATION

P: 294 6594
E: iansroofingltd@xtra.co.nz
2 Appleby Rd, RD1 Drury 2577



4081

NAME: Bruce Owen PH: _____ MB: 021681962

ADDRESS: 26 Awn Road Pokero

DATE: 5/9/23

1. CLEANING & STERILISING: MOSS treat metal roofs \$ _____

2. COATING SYSTEM: Water blast } \$ 13,600 + GST
1x green seal & 2x colour coats. } \$ 15,640 -

3. REPAIRS: knuckleboom supplied for resto \$ _____

4. RIDGE REPAIR OPTIONS:

4.1 Ridge + Hip mortar repair as required \$ _____

4.2 Ridge + Hip mortar repair + full pointing \$ _____

OTHER JOB DETAILS: Clean out spouting \$ _____

Supply cherry picker for moss treatment & gutter clean \$ 2600 + GST

TOTAL PRICE GST Inc. \$ _____

YOUR LOCAL APPLICATOR: **IAN'S ROOFING SERVICES** SALES PERSON: **IAN SMITH**

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PHONE: **294 6594**

TILE TYPE: Corro COLOUR: _____

I would like to have the **KOWHAI MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**. The first **MOSS CONTROL** is in **3 YEARS**.

**PAYMENT ON INVOICE
UNLESS OTHERWISE
ARRANGED.**

Call the Kowhai Guys!

SEE TERMS & CONDITIONED OVERLEAF.

To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee
Report title	Amended Wharekawa Community Plan 2120
Date:	13 December 2023
Report Author:	James Fuller, Senior Adaptive Management Planner
Authorised by:	Will Gauntlett, General Manager Community Growth

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To seek approval of the amended Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan (the Community Plan) for consideration and adoption.

2. Executive Summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

This report presents the Council with the (final) Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan (refer to Attachment - 1) for consideration and adoption. The plan has been developed over the past three years in a collaborative process with the community, councils (Hauraki District Council (HDC), Waikato Regional Council (WRC), and Waikato District Council (WDC)), key stakeholders, Ngaati Paaoa and Ngaati Whanaunga.

In September, the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee adopted the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan for consultation to be led by HDC, under resolution S&W2309/07. The plan provides a pathway for how councils and communities can work together to ensure a safe and resilient future for Wharekawa Coast residents.

Public consultation on the draft policy has concluded and resulted in two additional actions being recommended for inclusion in the plan. One is for managing freedom camping, and another is to consider charging development contributions where possible.

Staff are recommending Option 2 – Adopt the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan.

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee:

- a. receives the report titled **Adoption of the (final) Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan (document number M 3530607);**
- b. accepts the **Wharekawa Coast 2120 Joint Working Party recommendations regarding the feedback received on the draft Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan; and**
- c. approves **Option 2 - Adopt the final Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan (as attached).**

4. Background Koorero whaimaarama

Following a three-year collaborative process, the partner councils (HDC, WRC, WDC) prepared a draft community plan that provides a pathway for how councils and the communities can work together on the Wharekawa Coast. WDC is involved because it holds jurisdiction over a small portion of the coastline connected via its wider catchment adjacent to Pukorokoro Stream. This draft was presented to the community panel in August 2023 for their review, and many changes were made in response (most of them regarding 'local knowledge' clarifications).

In September 2023, the Joint Working Party (JWP) – which includes Councillor Paaniora Matatahi-Poutapu as WDC representative - recommended that the partner councils adopt the draft plan for consultation. All partner councils adopted/endorsed the draft plan for consultation in September 2023 (WDC resolution S&W2309/07).

The community has had an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft plan. Feedback was received at a drop-in session on 7 October 2023 in Kaiua at the Community Hall and online during the consultation period, which ran from 6 October to 27 October 2023.

The changes proposed and feedback have been incorporated into the final plan for WDC consideration (refer to Attachments – 2 & 3).

5. Discussion and analysis Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

A summary of the feedback received and the JWP's recommendations is attached to the report as Attachment 3. The JWP considered the amount of feedback, though limited, was appropriate and recommended that the plan be finalised.

Drop-in session 7 October 2023

The drop-in session did not have a high attendance, but those who attended raised some questions and comments. Questions included whether costs for day-to-day work and maintenance costs were considered in the actions and whose responsibility it is to monitor the overall effects of day-to-day work. Comments included previous targeted rates discussions and the definition of planned resettlement.

Those attending were also requested to indicate their top priority actions by ranking their top three strategic actions; refer to Attachment 3 for results. Feedback received on the draft plan was from two people (written). Issues raised included concerns regarding the cumulative effects of aquaculture on the coastline, the high number of freedom campers at the freedom camping areas, effective communication, and for the Council to consider including development levies to assist with remediation and mitigation plans.

Summary of changes to the draft plan

These following changes in response to feedback have been included in the final plan (refer to Attachment 2) and are as follows:

- Mark out freedom camping parking spaces within the area north of Kaihua Village as per the Freedom Camping Bylaw and include signage.
- Consider charging development contributions for growth-associated infrastructure and planning, where eligible.

5.1 Options

Ngāa koowhiringa

Staff have assessed two viable options for the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee to consider. This assessment reflects the significance level (see paragraph 6.1) and the work completed reviewing council-wide policies. The two options are noted below.

Option 1: WDC does not adopt the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan; OR

Option 2 (preferred): WDC adopts the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan (as attached/amended).

Staff recommend **Option 2** because consideration has been given to the submissions received, and appropriate amendments have been made to the draft Community Plan that does not change the Community Plan actions and coastal adaptation actions described in the previous report to this committee. This is the most comprehensive way to ensure community participation and meets the requirements under section 83 of the Local Government Act.

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

5.2 Financial considerations

Whaiwhakaaro puutea

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

Most financial and resource implications will arise for the HDC as actions from the plan are included in their statutory documents, such as the long-term and annual plans.

In general, there are few actions for WDC 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 (particularly for the partner councils of HDC and WRC) may need to be considered through LTPs (Long Term Plans), 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.

The cost of climate change actions such as relocation can only be estimated once the Central Government provides guidelines around who will be responsible for implementation and funding.

5.3 Legal considerations **Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture**

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

5.4 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.

5.5 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 Ngaati Paoa and Ngaati Whanaunga, and Iwi values and aspirations are reflected in the final Community Panel Recommendation Report.

The Wharekawa Coast 2120 JWP recommended that the TAG continue to work with the Iwi representatives of Ngaati Paoa and Ngaati Whanaunga to ensure their Iwi values and aspirations are included in the community plan project. The Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan considers the perspective of Maaori. Mana whenua and Iwi representatives were/are part of both the Community Panel and JWP, respectively.

5.6 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 is that WDC adopt the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan to increase those communities' resilience. In particular, the community will be better prepared and able to adapt to the effects of climate change by implementing adaptive pathways for addressing coastal hazards that will be exacerbated by climate change over time.

One of the goals of this plan is to provide the partner councils with a tool to help minimise climate change consequences and build resilience in our communities. The plan will be reviewed every three to five 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.

5.7 Risks

Tuuraru

Staff have identified the following risks associated with the preferred option. Overall, the risk level is moderate.

Description of risk	Level of risk	How we could soften the risk	Risk remaining
Possible delay in actioning the community plan if partner councils do not adopt the final version	Moderate	Continue to work in partnership with WRC and HDC.	Moderate

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 small part of the Waikato District and has only minor financial implications at this stage.

6.2 Engagement

Te Whakatuutakitaki

HDC, staff and partner councils considered that councils should obtain a high level of understanding of community views and preferences on this matter. The level of engagement considered appropriate for this matter was therefore, to consult (i.e., two-way communication to obtain public feedback) with the Wharekawa Coast community.

HDC led the consultation. The draft plan and HDC produced communications were available on our Council's website (waikatodc.govt.nz), HDC's social media channels and website, the Kaihua Compass, and the HDC Newsletter.

The consultation period ran from Monday, 2 October to Friday 27 October 2023.

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

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi and hapū
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected Communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected Businesses

7. Next steps Ahu whakamua

These amendments to the Community Plan are now ready for the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee to approve and adopt. After approval of these changes, the next step is to support HDC's implementation of the 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 the Council's role and the Committee's/Community Board's Terms of Reference and Delegations. Refer to the Governance Structure	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
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 the impact on Maaori (<i>Section 5.5</i>)	Confirmed
The report and recommendations are consistent with the Council's plans and policies (<i>Section 5.4</i>).	Confirmed
The report and recommendations comply with the Council's legal duties and responsibilities (<i>Section 5.3</i>).	Confirmed

9. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan

Attachment 2 – Summary of the changes for the final version of the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan

Attachment 3 - Summary of Feedback Received from the Community Drop-in Sessions 7 October 2023

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

Frank 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 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.



A Community Plan is a living document

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 year review of this Community Plan.

Wharekawa Coast Community Panel Recommendations Report

WHAREKAWA COAST 2120 COMMUNITY PLAN

Annual and Long Term Plan (all partner councils)

Hauraki District Plan

Hauraki District Growth Strategy

Hauraki District Speed Management Plan

Wharekawa Coast Transport Plan

River Management Programme (all partner councils)

Hauraki District Council Reserve Management Plan

Partnership agreements with Ngāti Pāoa & Ngaati Whanaunga (all partner councils)

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**

*Secure the horizons that are close to hand
and pursue the most distant horizons so
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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 Coastal protection
Natural areas
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 Haurahi Stream
Evacuation plans Drain clearing Parking
Speed limit Camping
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.

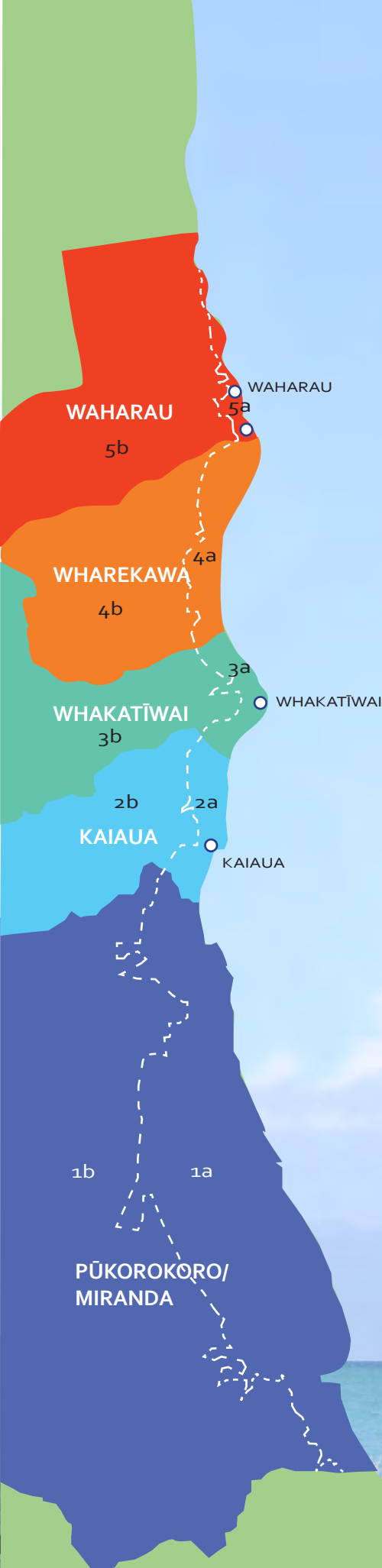


Figure 1 Wharekawa Coast 2120 Compartments

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

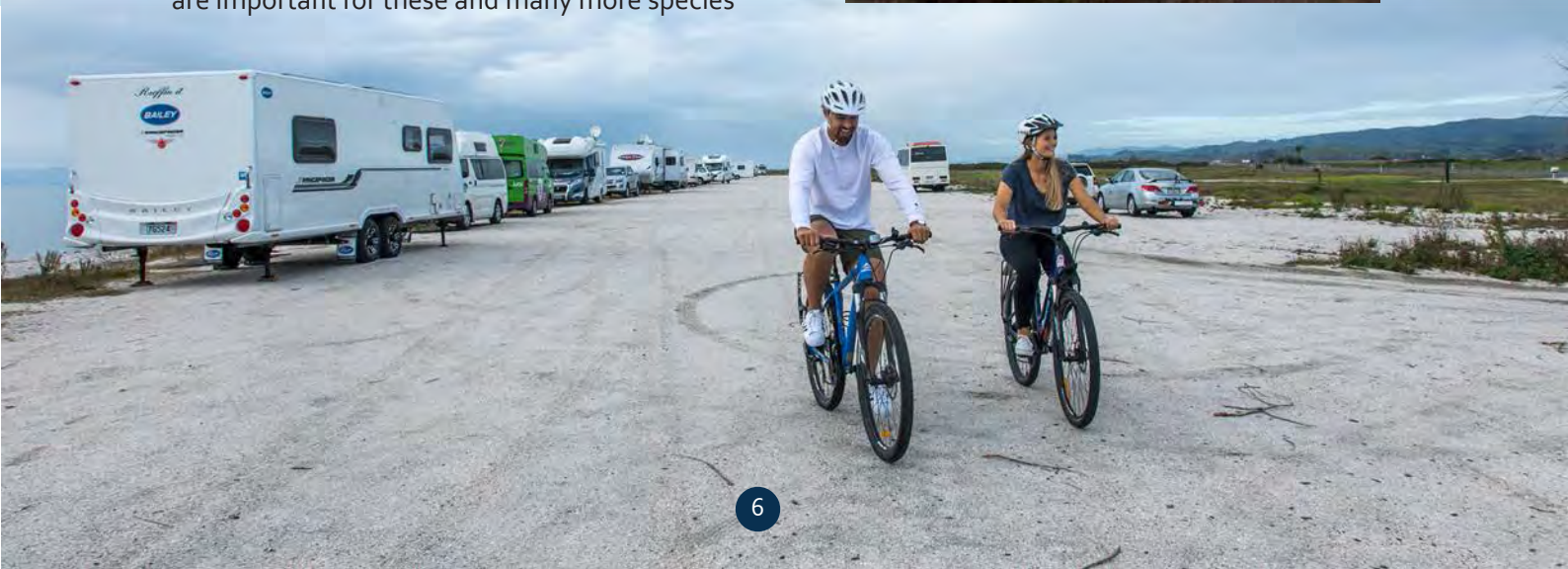
of waders, resulting in the designation of 8,500ha of the intertidal zone (from the Waihou River to Kaiāua) as a wetland of international importance (RAMSAR site).

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.

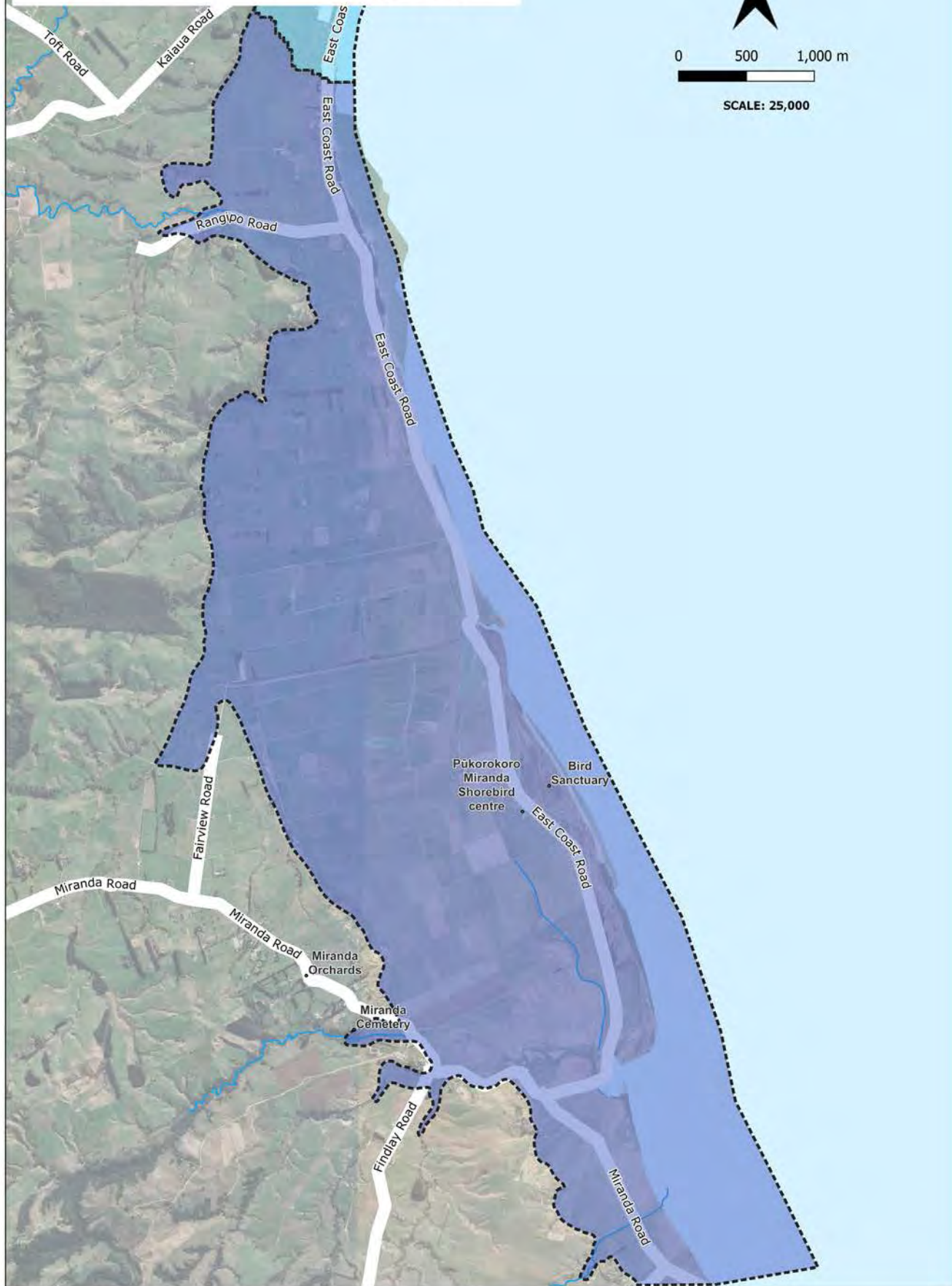
Key Community Messages

"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."



Pūkorooro 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

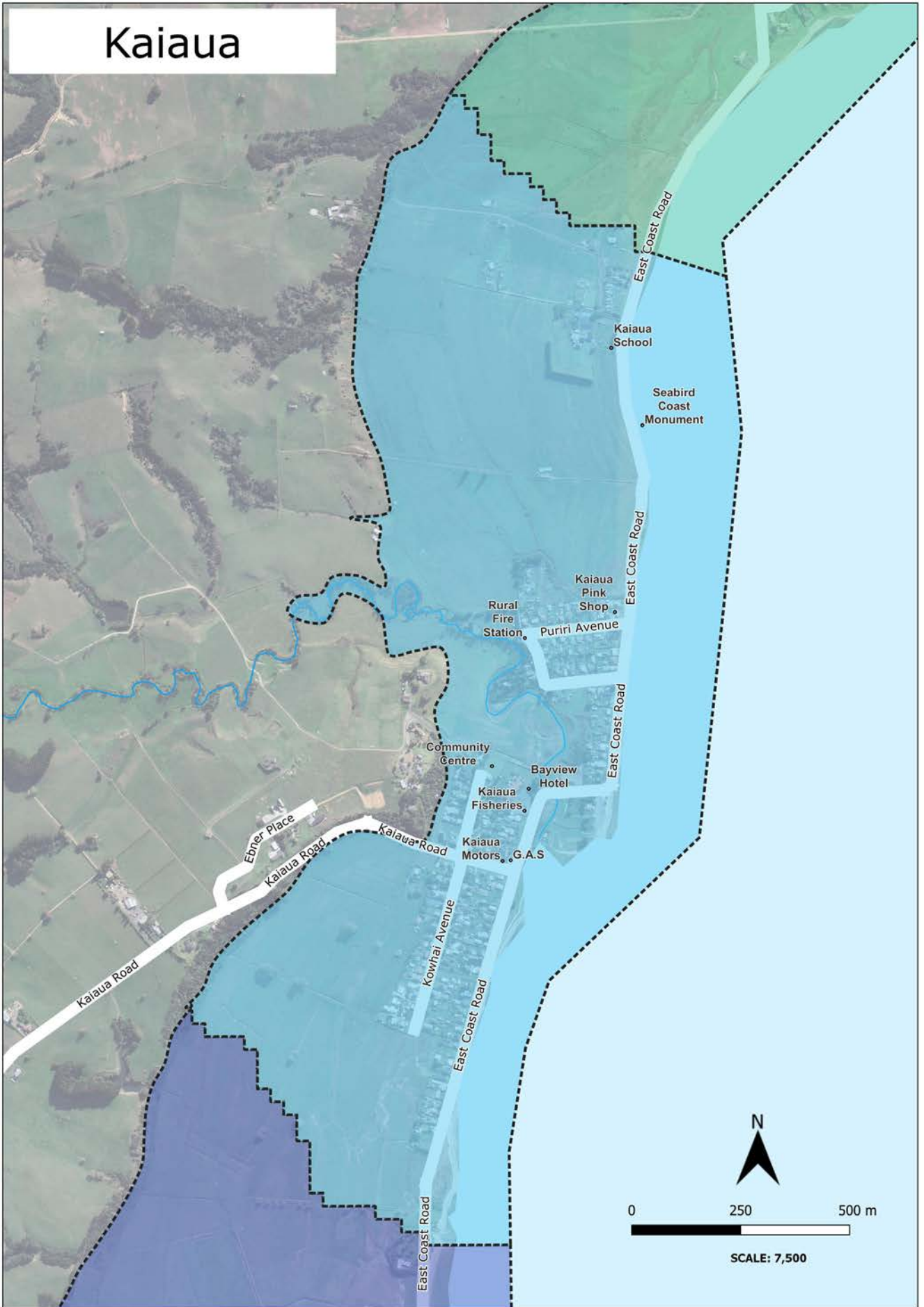
"There will be more people coming to our area, to visit and to live. They will use community facilities in Kaiaua. We have concerns about how to manage increasing numbers of people on and off the water."



- 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.

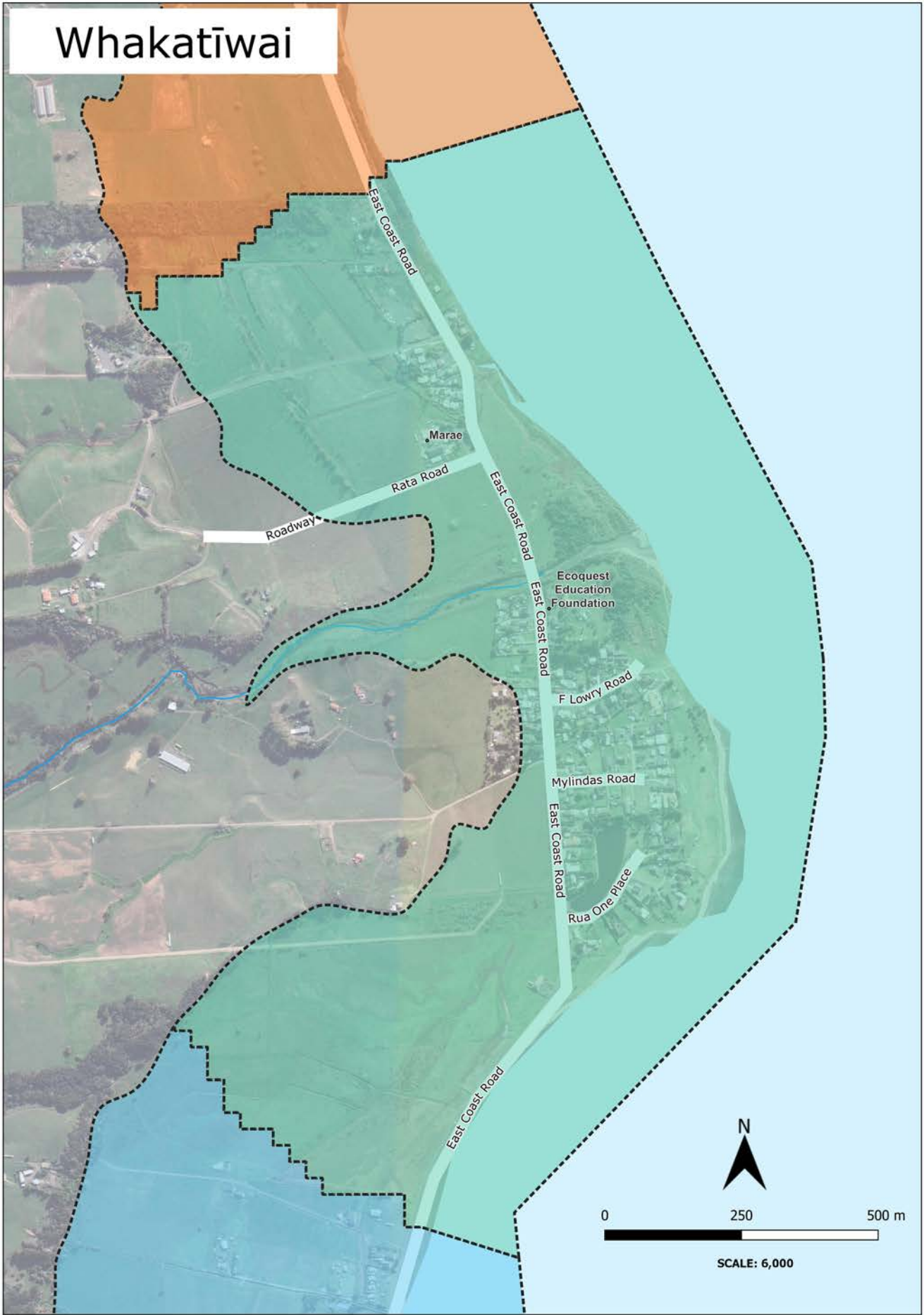
Key Community Messages

"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

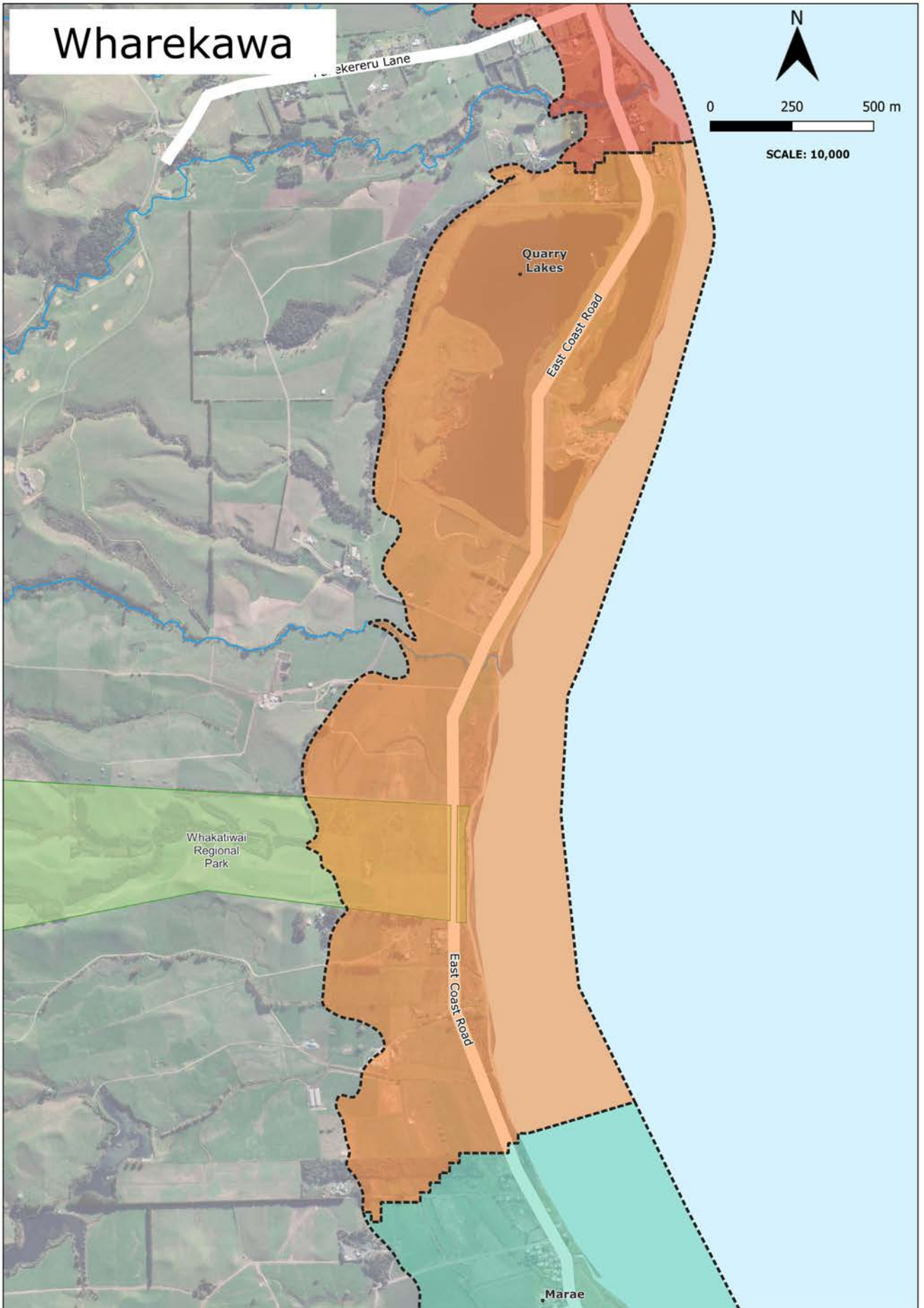
This compartment extends from north of the Marae to just north of Harakeke (the old quarry ponds). The area is rural with limited associated buildings.

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 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

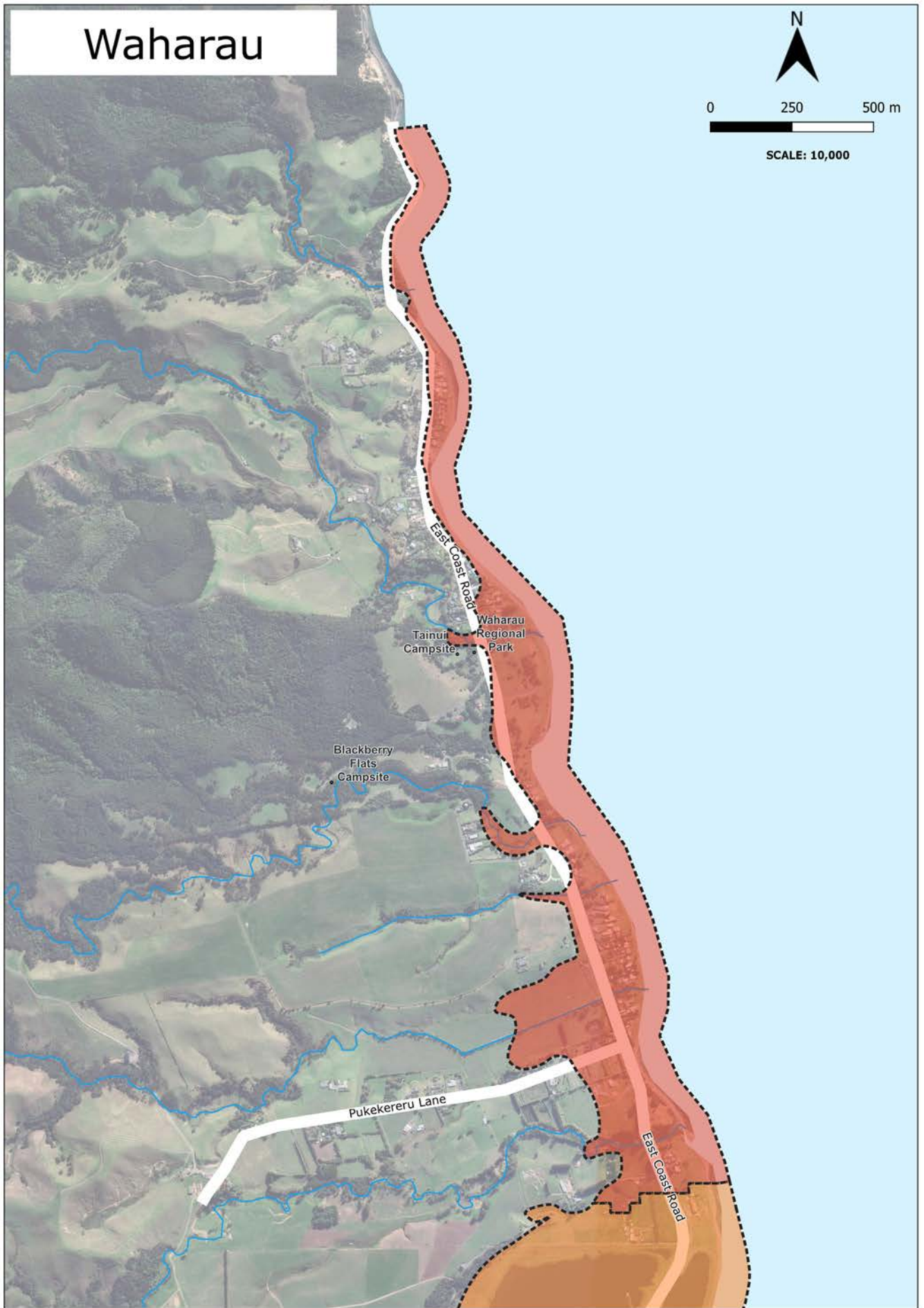
"Development around Pukekereru Lane needs to be managed so it does not impact the people that already live here. "

"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 adaptation 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
KAIUAUA 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:

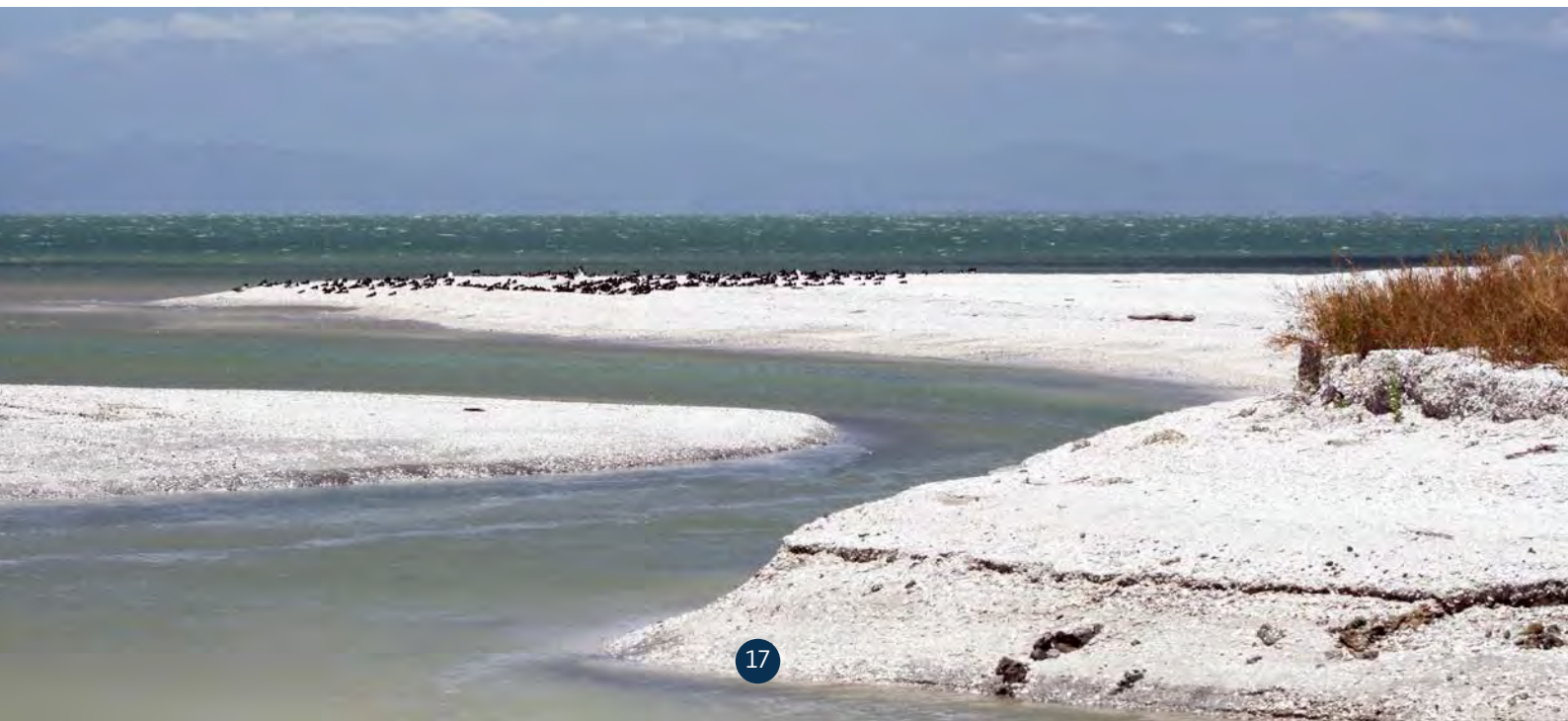
"a consultative and planned approach by Councils and the Community to enable the movement of people and/or communities, as a last resort, when alternatives for managing coastal hazard risks are no longer viable. It will give members of the community access to options and the ability to make an informed 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 - Recreation and Community 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.
<p>Hauraki District Council to investigate planting in Whakatīwai Reserve and on the reserve opposite Pukekereru Lane.</p> <p>To prevent freedom camping in restricted areas by planting & work together with the community to plant reserves and control weeds.</p> <p>Using planting to direct where people can and cannot park, to plan for and provide appropriate facilities.</p> <p>To manage freedom camping capacity issues by educating and informing freedom campers where they are allowed to camp.</p>	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. • The HDC appointed freedom camping ambassador will address capacity issues during the summer months. 	<p>1-5 years</p> <p>Freedom camping ambassador during the summer months (peak visitor season: mid-December to end-April).</p>	\$	The community consider that the reserves on the Wharekawa Coast and freedom camping 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
<p>Develop relevant signals and triggers for each compartment to ensure that the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Pathways are truly adaptive.</p>	<p>Jointly Waikato Regional Council, Hauraki District Council and Waikato District Council</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The process, responsibility, liability and funding to achieve this action is yet to be determined.</p>	<p>1-2 years</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>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.</p>

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 - Recreation and Community 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	Where					
					Coast-wide	Pūkorokoro/ 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	Whakatiwai	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 Whakatiwai 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	Whakatūwai	Wharekawa	Waharau
Consider charging development contributions for growth associated infrastructure and planning, where eligible.	Hauraki District Council	Including charges in the Development Contributions Policy.	As part of the Development Contributions Policy review.	\$	✓					
Report on development contributions collected and applied to improve infrastructure arising from new development in the area.		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.	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 Roading 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	Pūkorokoro/Miranda	Kaiaua	Whakatīwai	Wharekawa	Waharau	
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 Rooding 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 rooding treatments to achieve a reduced speed.	1-5 years	To be added to budgets – will fall under the new Rooding contract scope.				✓			
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	\$\$		✓					

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	Whakatūwai	Wharekawa	Waharau	
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	✓						
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	Whakatūwai	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	Pūkororo/ 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.	✓					

Attachment 2 - Summary of the changes for the final version of the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Plan

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative Cost	How we know when we've succeeded
<p>Hauraki District Council to investigate planting in Whakatiwai Reserve and on the reserve opposite Pukekereru Lane.</p> <p>To prevent freedom camping in restricted areas by planting & working together with the community to plant reserves and control weeds.</p> <p>Using planting to direct where people can and cannot park, to plan for and provide appropriate facilities.</p> <p><u>To manage freedom camping capacity issues by educating and informing freedom campers where they are allowed to camp.</u></p>	<p>Hauraki District Council</p>	<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. • <u>The HDC appointed freedom camping ambassador will address capacity issues during the summer months.</u> 	<p>1-5 years</p> <p><u>Freedom camping ambassador during the summer months (peak visitor season: mid-December to end-April).</u></p>	<p>\$</p>	<p>The community consider that the reserves on the Wharekaw a Coast and <u>freedom camping</u> are well managed.</p>

What will we do	Who will do it	How we will do it	When we will do it	Indicative Cost	Coast-wide
<u>Consider charging development contributions for growth associated infrastructure and planning, where eligible.</u>	Hauraki District Council	<u>Including charges in the Development Contributions Policy.</u>	<u>As part of the Development Contributions Policy review.</u>	\$	✓
Report on development contributions collected and applied to improve infrastructure arising from new development in the area.		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.		

Attachment 3 – Summary of Feedback Received from the Community Drop in Sessions 7 October 2023:

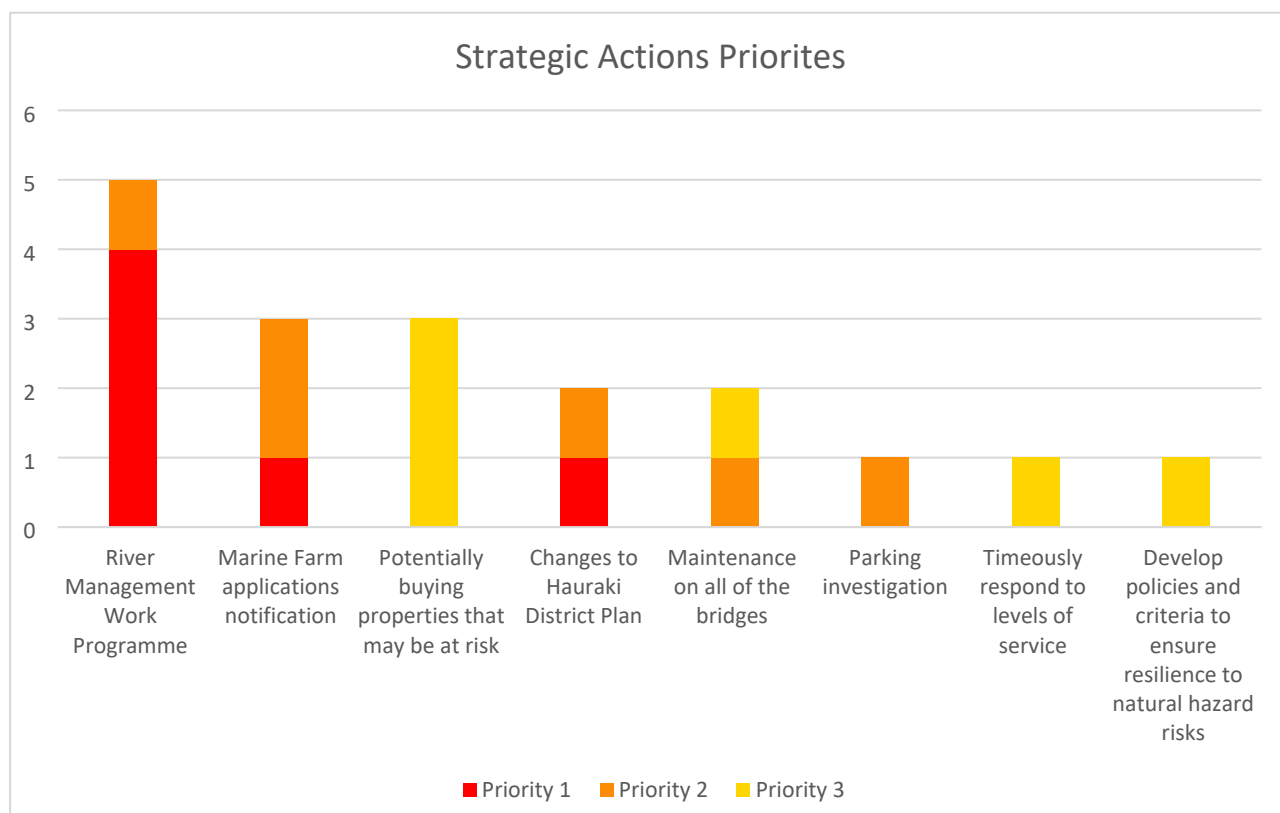
Questions raised

1. Have the ongoing costs for day to day work and maintenance been considered in the actions?
2. Why is HDC doing river management works when it should be WRC?
3. Whose responsibility is it to keep an eye on the day to day overall effect of works? The grass which was holding together the shore on the coastal side of the Hauraki Rail Trail, was sprayed and this has made the erosion worse. Community member is being referred between Hauraki Rail Trail and HDC. They were informed that it would not be sprayed again, but it was sprayed again.

Comments received

1. It was noted that the Western Firth Catchment Group have gained funding to do works straight away to repair damage from cyclone Gabriel. Will work together towards riparian planting and restoration of the Kaiaua domain as per the community plan.
2. There was a comment that the community was approached regarding a targeted rate some years ago and they were not interested in that then. The community is ready to look at and consider this now.
3. The previous community panel chair, Gay Rawiri, commented that they included a definition of planned resettlement in the recommendations report and the suggestion is for the councils to start planning for this now so that they are ready when the time comes for the community to move.
4. Comment on council drains versus private drains.

Strategic Actions: Indicating priority



Feedback on the Draft Community Plan

Questions	M Thompson	G Rawiri	Effect on plan
Have we got it right?	The 2120 plan was shared with the community and Marae komiti. I think the recommendations speak to what is needed, to get it right.	Yes.	No changes to plan.
JWP Recommendation: THAT the submission is accepted.			
Reason: Support for the plan is noted.			
Is there anything missing?		<p>Cumulative effects of Aquaculture on our coastline. How will increased activity effect the coastal erosion impacts on our coastline?</p> <p>Would like Community input into Aquaculture submissions prior to applications being granted.</p> <p><i>Also included as a general comment:</i></p> <p>Please include Community in Aquaculture applications. It is our homes and coastline that will be effected by the cumulative impact of man-made structures in the Firth of Thames. Auckland Council 676 hectares - WRC 1453 Hectares + 100 Hectares.</p>	No changes to plan.
JWP Recommendation: THAT the submission is not accepted.			
Reason: <p>The Waikato Regional Coastal Plan contains policy and methods to manage the allocation and use of coastal resources - this includes aquaculture. Under the operative Waikato Regional Coastal Plan, aquaculture is a prohibited activity if it does not comply with the standards and terms for an activity in the rules.</p> <p>The proposed Waikato Regional Council Coastal Plan (which is currently out for consultation) is more enabling of aquaculture, however, for discretionary activities the effects of the activity will need to be assessed as part of the resource consent process. For example, under the proposed plan, spat catching and retention is a restricted discretionary activity and consideration can be given to the management of any adverse effects including cumulative effects on natural character,</p>			

Questions	M Thompson	G Rawiri	Effect on plan
<p>landscape, significant surf breaks and historic values; and other commercial aquaculture activities are proposed to be discretionary activities, where all relevant matters can be addressed.</p> <p>WRC acknowledge the concerns of the community in relation to marine farming. The RMA sets out when a consent application must be publicly notified or limited notified. Therefore, WRC cannot guarantee that a community will be notified of a consent application. Under the RMA, public notification must occur when environmental effects of a proposed activity are assessed as more than minor. Public notification is made through a number of avenues including WRC website notifications and newspaper adverts. Limited notification must occur when adverse effects on a person are assessed as minor (to the affected person). A letter would be sent to the affected person notifying that person of the application.</p>			
Have we prioritised the right actions?		<p>Yes.</p> <p>Would like to have seen progress toward the mitigation stage of the Community Panel recommendations.</p>	No changes to plan.
<p>JWP Recommendation: THAT the submission is accepted.</p>			
<p>Reason:</p> <p>In relation to the mitigation of river flooding risk, WRC is working to implement the river management agreement plan, prepared by the community panel. This is subject to resources and costings currently being sought under the Long-term Plan.</p> <p>WRC and HDC are working through the implementation of different actions in the short, medium and long term, as identified in the draft community plan.</p>			
What do you think about the long term coastal adaptation pathways?	All potential activities should be socialized and communicated well to ensure community and group feedback is captured.	Good & Realistic. The sooner we start, the better.	No changes to plan.
<p>JWP Recommendation: THAT the submission is accepted.</p>			
<p>Reason:</p> <p>Partner councils will ensure communication takes place at appropriate times. The partner councils commit to engage on specific projects with interested parties as outlined in the Action Plans and to seek and respond to community feedback on actions as they progress and resourcing is confirmed.</p>			
Actions will need to be funded - what are your thoughts on this?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any industry that may be introduced into our region should pay a levy to assist with local infrastructure. E.g. Property Developer 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any and all NEW developments on our coast contribute to a mitigation plan. Targeted rates are an option but would need to be consulted 	New action to be included in plan.

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	<p>should pay an infrastructure levy.</p> <p>2. Aquaculture – as part of their economic plan should pay a levy to assist with Coastal remediation plans.</p> <p>3. Highlight the Wharekawa 2120 project wherever and however you can, in whatever media stream will raise our profile of the work done to date. Aim of this – if 2120 project can provide a pathway for other communities like ours, the Govt. may wish to assist with funding as a feel good story. Use 2120 as a pilot</p>	<p>with the community Government assistance</p>	
<p>JWP Recommendation: THAT the submission is accepted in part (point 1 accepted in part, point 2 not accepted and point 3 accepted in full).</p>			
<p>Reason:</p> <p>1. Development contributions can be charged for capital expenditure for reserves, network infrastructure and community infrastructure, but only if a portion or all of the project is due to growth and meeting demand for growth. Development contributions cannot be charged for an already completed community plan, however if there are actions that come out of it, that can be attributed to growth demand, then development contributions can be charged for this. Eligibility to charge development contributions would need to be on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Staff recommend including an action into the community plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will we do: Consider charging development contributions for growth associated infrastructure and planning, where eligible. • How we will do it: Including charges in the Development Contributions Policy. • When we will do it: As part of the Development Contributions Policy review. <p>2. Aquaculture levy: Under the operative and proposed Regional Coastal Plan there are no provisions for coastal occupation charges. This limits WRC's ability to charge a levy for aquaculture activities.</p>			

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<p>3. HDC will continue to work with the media* to cover the project. Partner councils are having conversations with central government agencies to determine the likelihood of assistance to meet future costs of the most complex elements of asset management around adaptation, managed retreat and relocation.</p> <p>*Note: to read or listen to a recent radio story click on the web link: Action to keep Kaiaua above water for next 100 years RNZ News.</p> <p>Or the audio link: Thames communities come up with climate change strategy RNZ.</p>			
General feedback	Number of freedom campers - more than the Council informed community residing on the foreshore. This long weekend 32 in Kaiaua camping area.		New action to be included in plan
<p>JWP Recommendation: THAT the submission is accepted.</p>			
<p>Reason:</p> <p>This comment is probably based on an earlier concept plan which allowed either 4 or 6 hard stand parking spots for motorhomes next to the toilet block. People assumed that meant that only 4 or 6 people could park there at a time, but this is not the case. There are no restrictions on numbers at the freedom camping area in Kaiaua. It's basically as many as can reasonably fit within the space.</p> <p>Staff recommend including an action into the community plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will we do: To manage freedom camping capacity issues by educating and informing freedom campers where they are allowed to camp. • How we will do it: The HDC appointed freedom camping ambassador will address capacity issues during the summer months. • When we will do it: Freedom camping ambassador during the summer months (peak visitor season: mid-December to end-April). • How we know when we've succeeded: The community consider that freedom camping is well managed. 			
General feedback	Confirmation - is a trench that carries water in times of high flow, located on the grass verge between the road and resident boundary, Council responsibility or residents. Which Council HDC / WRC.		No changes to plan.
<p>JWP Recommendation: THAT the submission is accepted.</p>			
<p>Reason:</p> <p>Drainage relating to transportation would depend on whether it is in a rural or urban area, whether the road is causing an adverse effect which is mitigated by having the drain there and,</p>			

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<p>whether the drain was constructed to drain the road pavement. These drains called Surface Water Channels are typically right adjacent to the carriageway and aims to keep the water level lower than the bottom of the structural pavement layers.</p>	<p>Typically the adverse effect of a road would be the increased run-off caused by the impermeable road surface. This is usually mitigated with concrete kerb and channel, or a swale drain next to the street in the absence of a kerb and channel. Quite often water can pond in these berm areas in a swale drain, but that would not be a level of service problem as it only ponds in the road reserve and provides retention/treatment for the overall drainage system. What sometimes happen is that driveways are built across these swale drains without provision for drainage and this causes the system to block up. This would be something that the applicable landowner would have to fix.</p>	<p>It is suggested that the HDC Transportation Manager contact the submitter directly to find out where the trench is so that the issue can be addressed (if required). Further that the community be advised that people can file a Customer Service Request though our on-line process to allow for site specific assessment and response.</p>	

To	Sustainability and Wellbeing Community
Report title	Port Waikato Local Area Blueprint Update
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1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To inform the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee (“Committee”) of the feedback received from the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association on the existing Port Waikato Local Area Blueprint. This feedback was mistakenly omitted from the 20 September 2023 Committee report titled Local Area Blueprint Update.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

Updates to the Local Area Blueprints were brought to and approved at the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee on Wednesday 20 September 2023. That report indicated that the Council received feedback from 12 communities, including Port Waikato.

The feedback received from the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association was thoroughly assessed and reviewed by staff.

The assessment and recommendations for Port Waikato’s Local Area Blueprints were mistakenly not included in the report taken to the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee on Wednesday 20 September 2023.

The review and assessment of the feedback received from the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association is included in **Attachment 1** to this report. It demonstrates that there are no recommendations to amend the Local Area Blueprint for Port Waikato based on feedback from the association.

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

THAT the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee receives the Port Waikato Local Area Blueprint update report.

4. Background **Koorero whaimaarama**

The Port Waikato Local Area Blueprint was adopted in July 2022. In May 2023, a survey was sent to the chairs of the local community boards and committees representing local areas, including the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association. A response to the survey and feedback was received from the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association and reviewed by Waikato District Council staff.

Unfortunately, the staff assessment and review of the feedback received on the Port Waikato Local Area Blueprint and recommendation was not included in the report taken to the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee on Wednesday 20 September 2023.

5. Next steps **Ahu whakamua**

No further amendments will be made to the Port Waikato Local Area Blueprint.

6. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment 1 – Assessment of the feedback received from the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association.

PORT WAIKATO (PW)			2020 Update	Community Feedback	WDC Staff Comments	2023 Update	2023 Update
Theme	NO.	Action	Priority				
Identity	PW1.1	Undertake a public realm upgrade at the wharf area to make a gateway statement and address the lack of gathering space, considering: - Seating - Public art (both contemporary and reflective of the area's significance for mana whenua) - A boardwalk connection with Cobourne Reserve - Wayfinding and orientation signage - Signage showing the Wharf, Cobourne Reserve, possibly other areas, with information on the history	Top				Top
Identity	PW1.2	Produce an identity strategy for Port Waikato	High	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for the LTP, however further investigation is required.		High
Nature	PW2.1	Continue the erosion / resilience planning project, including regular clean-ups of debris, and provide ongoing clarity on what is being done	Continue	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Retain and input into LTP			Continue
	PW2.3	Advocate for ecological improvements in the wetland area	Very high				Very high
	PW2.4	Align with Waikato Regional Council and Department of Conservation, support the community's restoration and weed control initiatives in the sand dune areas.	Medium	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Amend: PW2.1 This is too narrow in scope. It should include ALL PW Climate Change issues, just not beach erosion, to include slips, road/bridge damage due to improve drainage plans Dr. Hume concern for coastal inundation of Maraetai Bay, storm water run off. The Climates Changes at the Port are great than just Sunset Beach	Resilience planning considers all climate change issues. Therefore the changes requested by the Port Waikato R&R Committee isnt necessary.		Medium
Iwi	PW3.1	Erect signage to mark and explain the history and cultural significance for mana whenua of the following: - The wetland - The marae and the ownership of the land gifted to the mission - The whale graveyard - The Pa site on the hill, which also needs to be connected with a walkway - Events related to Te Tiriti	Top	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for the LTP, however further investigation is required.		Top
	PW3.2	Resolve access issues across the recreation reserve in Ashwell Drive	Very high				Very high
	PW3.3	Improve the relationships between WDC, the local community committee, and local mana whenua	Very high	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for the LTP, however further investigation is required.		Very high
Communities	PW4.1	Continue the planned construction and/or upgrades of playgrounds at Cobourne Reserve, Maraetai Bay, and Cordyline Road / Phillips Reserve	Continue				Continue
	PW4.2	Redevelop the wharf area: - Improve the layout of and opportunities for parking, while improving pedestrian safety - Work with the community to determine whether heritage status should be sought for the Yacht Club and support the restoration of this building if possible - Promote the development of the local services zone next to general store with a horeatira / commercial use	Very high				Very high
	PW4.3	Improve the trailer parking around the existing second boat ramp to encourage its use and relieve the pressure on the boat ramp in the wharf area	Very high				Very high
	GN4.4	Improve general safety: - Increase the police presence at events, long weekends, holiday periods - Reinstatement of neighbourhood street co-ordinators with direct lines of communication	Very high				Very high
	PW4.5	Facilitate the provision of a library book service in Port Waikato	High				High
	PW4.6	Consider options for the future of the public tennis court and the basketball half-court, considering the establishment of a youth hub with a skate and scooter park, mountain bike tracks, BMS course etc.	High				High
	PW4.7	Provide a regularly updated list of service providers for our community, aside from the Port Report	High				High
	PW4.8	Increase opportunities for recycling, e.g. through a large organic waste bin, a local recycling centre, inorganic collection etc.	Medium				Medium
	PW4.9	Prepare a concept plan for improvements to Cobourne Reserve, considering: - Increase planting - Adding lighting at carpark - Providing wheelchair access	Low	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Do not input into LTP: Any item deemed "LOW"	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for the LTP		Low
	PW4.10	Establish a community garden	Low	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Do not input into LTP: Any item deemed "LOW"	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for the LTP		Low
Economy	PW6.1	Increase local services zoned land to provide opportunities for commercial activities and land employment, e.g. shops, retail, Restaurants	Very high				Very high
	PW6.2	Promote existing and attract more hospitality services and businesses	Medium				Medium
Transport	PW7.1	Continue to maintain the entry road into Port Waikato in light of erosion and subsidence	Continue	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does need to be considered for the LTP, however further investigation is required.		Continue
	PW7.2	Improve road safety in response to speeding and antisocial behaviour on roads, the beach and in the dunes, e.g. through more speed limit signs, cameras, police presence, speed bumps, especially along Maunsell Road and at Maraetai Bay Reserve	Top				Top
	PW7.3	Improve the pedestrian safety and traffic management at the Sunset Beach carpark, especially considering parking manoeuvring	Very high				Very high
	PW7.4	Advocate to Waikato Regional Council for shuttle services to key facilities and / or higher frequency public transport services to Port Waikato e.g. on the weekends and on Thursdays	High				High
	PW7.5	Develop more recreational walkways and connect cycling destinations through racks and cycle lanes	Low	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Do not input into LTP: Any item deemed "LOW"	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for the LTP		Low
Infrastructure	PW8.1	Continue the public toilet upgrade and relocation at Sunset Beach	Continue				Continue
	PW8.2	Improve stormwater management and especially address drainage issues along Maunsell Road and Centreway Road	Top	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Retain and input into LTP	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for the LTP		Top
	PW8.3	Improve street lighting, considering solar power or LED	Very high				Very high
	PW8.4	Upgrade public toilets and their wastewater disposal at Maraetai Bay	Medium				Medium
	PW8.5	Investigate the installation of commercial wastewater treatment and water supply for inclusion in the Asset Management Plan to encourage growth and commercial development, especially in the Wharf and Sunset Beach areas	Low	Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association: Do not input into LTP: Any item deemed "LOW"	Acknowledge that this initiative does not need to be considered for the LTP		Low
Governance	PW9.1	Improve support to community-led initiatives and communication between Council and the community, and invite community-led initiatives where the Council can give support; possible ideas: - Build on Artes and Culture to strengthen identity, e.g. through events - Activities by 'Friends of Cobourne Reserve'	Very high				Very high
	PW9.2	Strengthen the relationship and communication between the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association and the Community Board	Very high				Very high