Waikato District Council

Blueprints, Community Plans and Aspirations

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Agenda

- Community Plans
- Blueprints
- Community Aspirations

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What are they?

Where did they come from?

What is their current status?

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Implementation

- Council funding (LTP)
- Funding Review: Blueprint and Community Aspirations Fund
- Community-Led Development
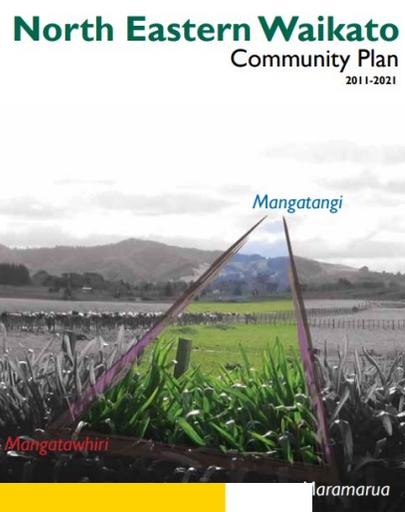- Dashboard / Implementation Reports to S&W
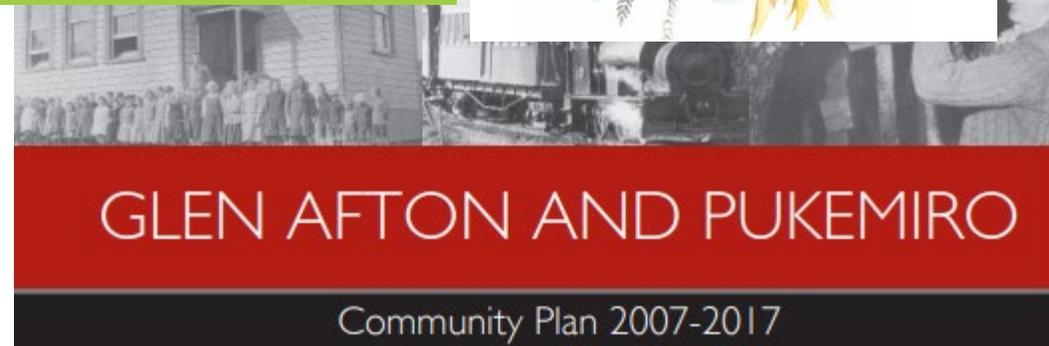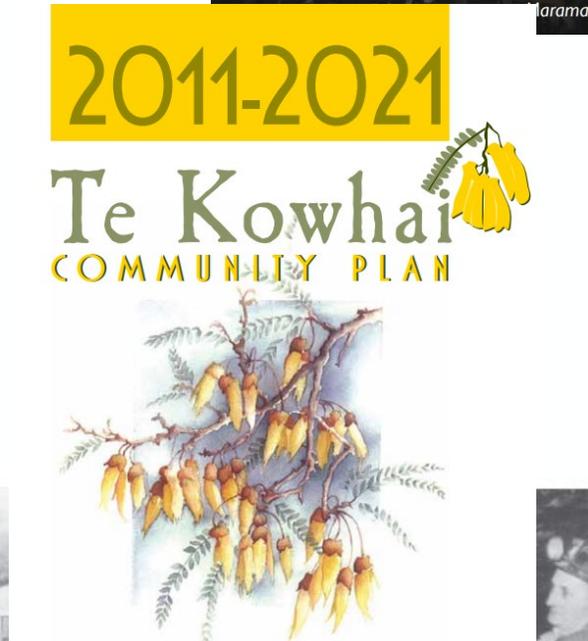
Community Plans

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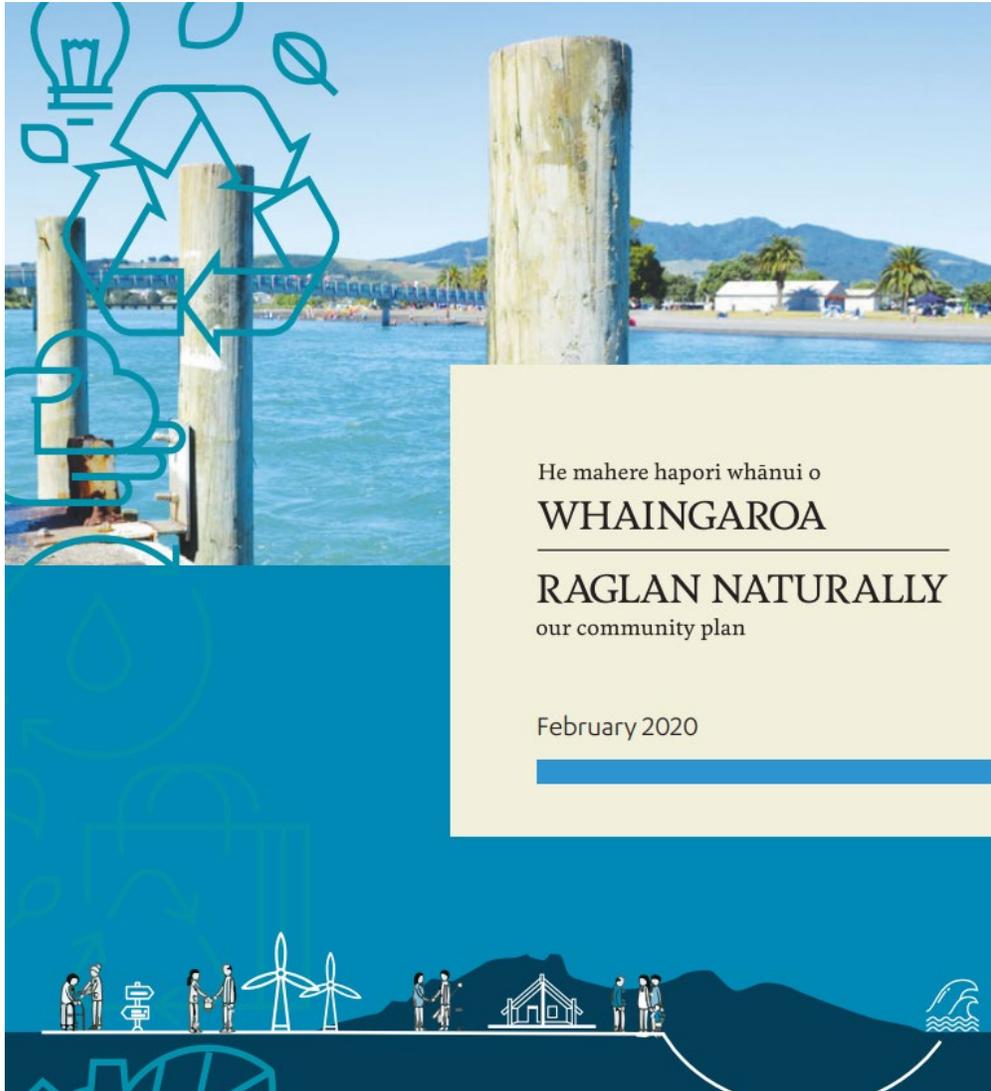
Community Plans

- 17 communities
- Most completed 2004 – 2013 (sometimes a review of earlier version)
- Typically led by Community Board or Committee (with some Council assistance)
- Short (10-15 pages) with photos and graphics
- Standard content:
  - History and demographics
  - Issues and potential projects
  - Links to Community Outcomes
  - Clear statements that these are community plans, not Council plans
  - References to Council plans (LTCCPs, District Plans, Structure Plans)

Community Plans: current status

He mahere hapori whānui o

WHAINGAROA

RAGLAN NATURALLY
our community plan

February 2020

- No new / revised ones on Council website since Huntly (2015) and Raglan Naturally (2020)

- 9 of 17 directly overlap with and potentially superseded by Local Area Blueprints (but not formally repealed)

- Others remain 'live' but increasingly dated

- Still a potentially useful source of community aspirations for areas without Local Area Blueprints, though community-led development (CLD) work is more recent

Blueprints

https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans/blueprints

Blueprints

- Districtwide Blueprint, plus Local Area Blueprints for 17 communities
- Initial 15 Developed 2018, approved 2019, 'check-in' 2020 and light review 2023
- Port Waikato and Gordonton added 2022
- Led by Council (staff and Elected Members) with significant consultant expertise
- Standard process: meetings with community boards / committees, local and districtwide community workshops. and staff sessions
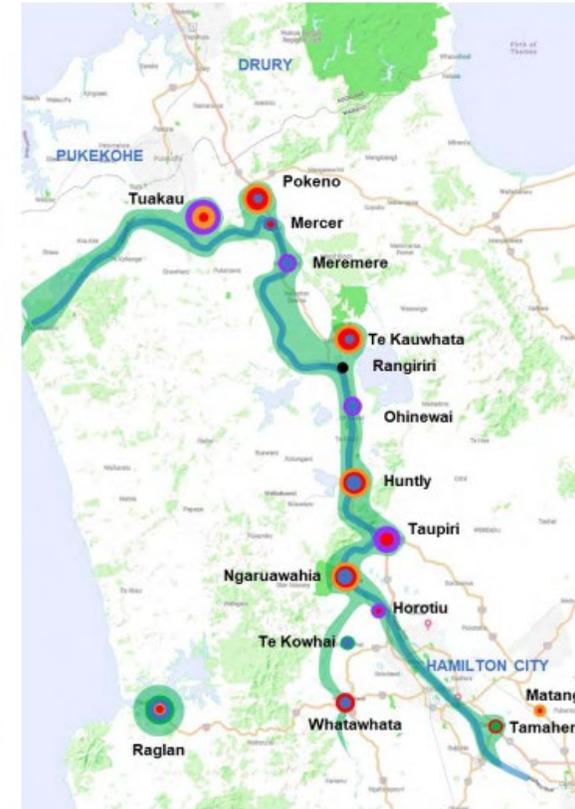
WAIKATO BLUEPRINT

DISTRICT AND LOCAL AREA BLUEPRINTS

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

JUNE 2019

BY:
URBANISMPLUS LTD

WITH EMPLOYMENT EXPERT INPUT BY:
PROSPEROUS PLACES

Blueprints: Content

Proposed initiatives for Port Waikato

Theme	NO.	Action	Priority	Led by
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	Council
	PW1.2	Produce an **identity strategy** for Port Waikato	High	Community
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	Council
	PW2.2	Improve **litter control** in the summer peak months, e.g. by increasing the frequency of servicing the public rubbish bins, providing separated bins, no-litter signs, no-freedom camping signs, and clean-up of public areas	Top	Council
	PW2.3	Advocate for ecological improvements in the **wetland** area	Very high	Community
	PW2.4	Along with Waikato Regional Council and Department of Conservation, support the community's restoration and weed control initiatives in the **sand dune areas**	Medium	Community
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	Council and Community
	PW3.2	Resolve access issues across the recreation reserve in **Ashwell Drive**	Very high	Council
	PW3.3	Improve the **relationships between WDC, the local community committee, and local mana whenua**	Very high	Council and Community
Communities	PW4.1	Continue the planned construction and/or upgrades of **playgrounds** at Cobourne Reserve, Maraetai Bay, and Cordyline Road / Phillips Reserve	Continue	Council
	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 hospitality / commercial use	Very high	Council and Community
	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	Council
	PW4.4	Improve general **safety:** - Increase of police presence at events, long weekends, holiday periods - Reinstatement of neighbourhood street co-ordinators with direct lines of communication	Very high	Community

- Approx 120 pages plus appendices
- 60 pages Intro / Districtwide
- 60 pages for 17 Local Area Blueprints
- Format
  - Snapshot
  - Proposed Initiatives under 9 themes
  - Priority Levels for each initiative
  - Lead Entity (Council, Community, or Council / Community)

Blueprints:
Current Status

- Refreshed via survey of community boards / committees in mid-2023 (most had additional initiatives, clarifications, or revised priorities)

- Direct input to 2024 LTP considerations as with 2021 LTP, BUT:
  - ✓ Many not Council-led or influenced
  - ✓ Council funding constraints
  - ✓ Legislative or operational priorities may prevail over some Blueprint initiatives
  - ✓ Some face technical or timing hurdles

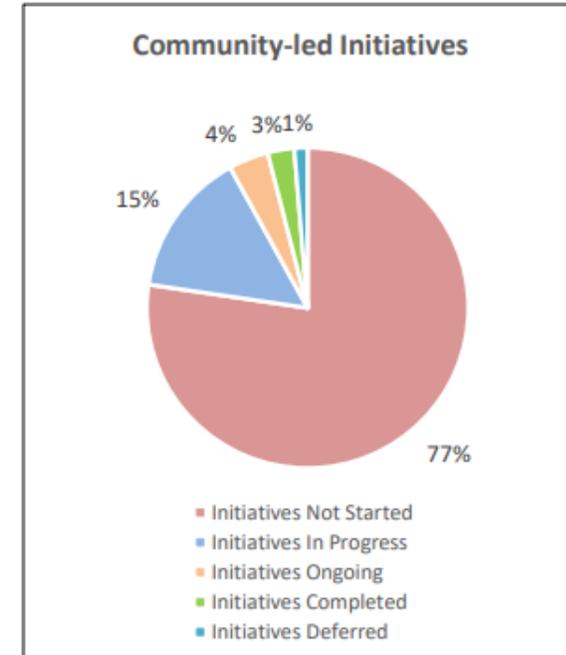- Many initiatives not yet complete but in progress

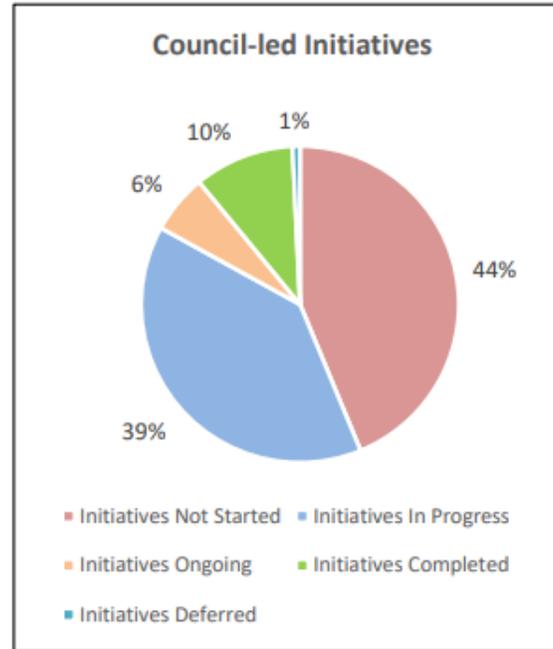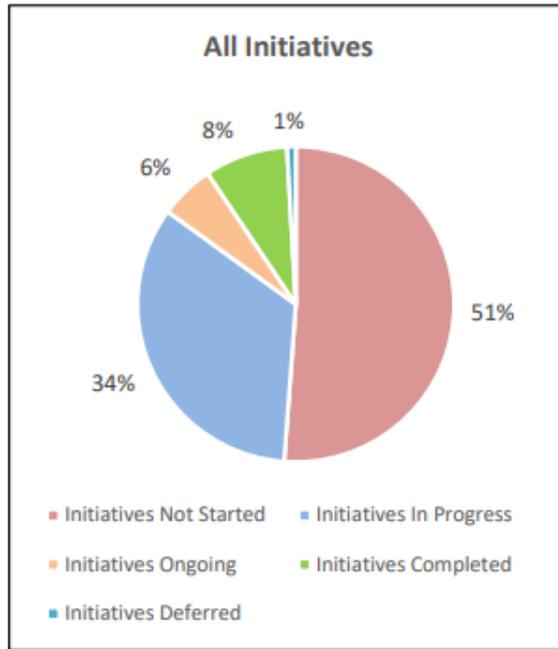# Blueprints: Implementation Methods

- LTP is typical source of funding for Council-led initiatives (unless external sources e.g. Govt grants)

- Recently created Blueprint and Community Aspirations Fund can assist with some Community-led initiatives (upcoming slides)

- Community Led Development approach assists with advice, capacity-building etc even where no direct funding is provided (upcoming slides)

Blueprint: Implementation Progress (as of June 2023)

	All	Council-led	Community-led
Initiatives Not Started	174	116	58
Initiatives In Progress	115	104	11
Initiatives Ongoing	19	16	3
Initiatives Completed	29	27	2
Initiatives Deferred	3	2	1
Total	**340**	**265**	**75**

All Initiatives

8% | 1%
6%
51%
34%

- Initiatives Not Started
- Initiatives In Progress
- Initiatives Ongoing
- Initiatives Completed
- Initiatives Deferred

Council-led Initiatives

10% | 1%
6%
44%
39%

- Initiatives Not Started
- Initiatives In Progress
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Community-led Initiatives

4% | 3%1%
15%
77%

- Initiatives Not Started
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- Initiatives Deferred

Community Led Blueprints and aspirations

Project definition	Description	Requirements from Community	Our Value
Council led	The council has an action to achieve something and it must be delivered in a certain time and within a certain cost.	The Council would like feedback from the community about this project to seek understanding from community	The ECLD Team can possibly identify groups, business or individuals who should be aware of the project and should possibly be consulted with. ECLD can pass those names over to the project team. IAP 2 standards should be implemented.
Co Design	The Council would like to undertake a project whereby the community have a much larger say in the design or possibly delivery of a project	Input from the Community on features such as design or deliverables of service are required. A possible handover to the community of this project may also be in the thinking.	ECLD Team could identify groups, businesses or individuals that could participate in the co-design and also support those groups manage future outputs from the project through capability building and connections with agencies
Community Led	When the community have an idea of a project that they would like to be realized. The project will require input from council (e.g. such as facilities etc)	The Community will be responsible for the project and its success and ongoing sustainability. The Council will be invited as a partner	The ECLD Team will work within the community, providing capability training and liaise with the right council staff to support on going project and involve wider agencies to contribute to the project

The Funding Review, Creation of Community Aspirations and Blueprint Budget

The principles for funding, as presented in the earlier councillor workshop, are to be included in the new funding model. These principles are:

- Wider community benefit needing to be demonstrated for funding eligibility

- Supportive of seed funding and co-funding initiatives

- Achieving maximum productivity with minimum waste or administrative expense

- Needing to balance risk with opportunity carefully (in discussions of accountability requirements for funding recipients vs efficiency and trust)

- Supportive of match funding initiatives, where Council can leverage its funding commitment to attract additional investment

- Stronger demonstrated links to the Council vision for Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities.

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Future State

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More flexible / diverse local spatial plans? E.g.

- Structure plans to release growth cells for District Plan
- Town Centre / Public Realm Plans
- Consolidated 'Plan on a Page' showing the spatial area, all council projects and planned initiatives for the community
- Plans for Community Boards and Community Committees
- Still a role for Community Plans for community-led initiatives, or to be superseded by Community Board or Community Committee Plans?