



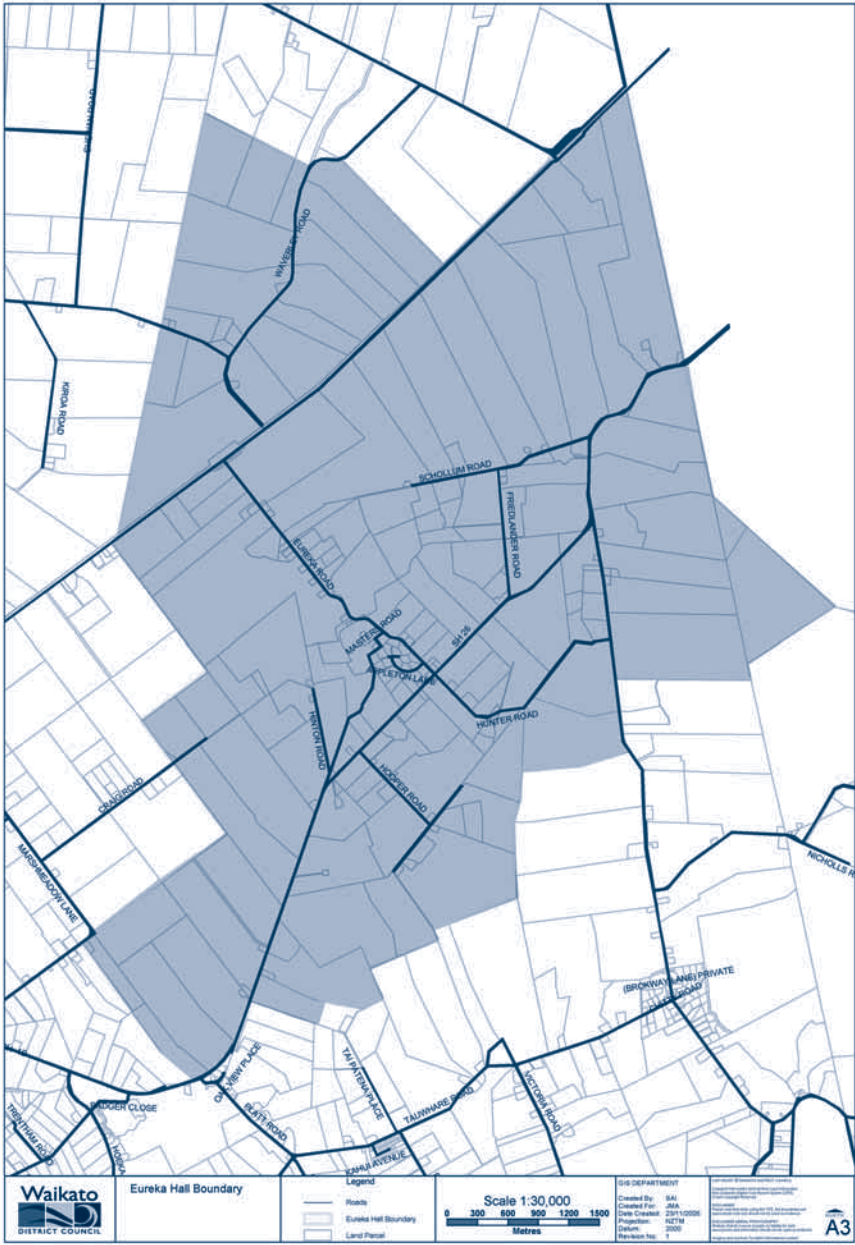
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# Eureka

COMMUNITY PLAN

2006 - 2016

# The Eureka Area



# Key Statistics

	Eureka <sup>1</sup>	Waikato District	New Zealand
Population	765	39,855	3,737,277
Percentage aged under 15 years	17.1%	26.9%	22.7%
Percentage aged over 65 years	4.5%	9.8%	12.1%
Occupied Dwellings	185	13,530	1,368,207
Ethnicity - Percentage of Maori	4.1%	27.1%	14.7%
Post School Qualifications	23.1%	28.5%	32.2%
Unemployment Rate	1.4%	8.6%	7.5%
Income (median)	\$26,050	\$18,300	\$18,500

<sup>1</sup>These figures have been approximated using Census 2001 data held by Statistics New Zealand and are based on the Council's Eureka Hall Boundary.



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**Eureka Jubilee**

Eureka District 1874 - 2004

Eureka School 1904 - 2003

# A Community Snapshot

## Eureka

The farming area known as Eureka was created through the reclamation of part of the vast Piako Swamp. Starting in 1874, 16km of enormous drains were dug by hand to lower the water level sufficiently to farm the land. The Swamp had extended from the edge of Hamilton East to the Piako River, and was part of the land confiscation by Government at the end of the Waikato Land Wars in 1865. A section of the Confiscation Line can still be seen defining the boundary of the east side of Eureka.

The homestead built in 1875 on the Eureka Hill was the first headquarters for the Woodlands Estate, which at one time stretched from Taupiri to Morrinsville. Legend has it that the name Eureka was formed from the initials of the ladies in a picnic party which chose the site for the homestead.

Significant features of early Eureka were the railway station on Holland Road built around 1884, the school which opened at the crossroads in 1904, and the butter (later cheese) factory, built in 1903. Since 1914 a hall has provided a meeting place for the community and its activities, with the first structure being replaced in 1968 by the present building.

While the Eureka of today is just a short drive from Hamilton, for much of its history it was a farming-based community, linked to the world by the railway and somewhat swampy roads. But the sense of community remains, largely through the publication of the Eureka Express magazine, established in 1980, which provides local news and records the achievements and comings and goings of its residents.





# A Community Plan For Eureka

## What will this plan achieve?

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

It represents the community's view on Eureka's future.

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

It is a priority list of desired works and activities that gives voice to local aims and aspirations and provides an opportunity for involvement by people who are interested in the future of this area.

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

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

### **The process...**

Following a public meeting with Eureka residents, a Community Committee was formed to take forward this Plan.

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

## Your Community Committee

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## Where does this Community Plan ‘fit’ with other Council Plans?

The Council has a number of other Plans in place.

The *Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)* outlines the overall direction and expected cost of Council activities over a ten-year period. The LTCCP is prepared every three years. In intervening years, Council produces an *Annual Plan*, which serves as an update on the LTCCP for that year.

The *District Plan* contains the Council’s objectives, policies and rules regarding land use in the Waikato district. The District Plan addresses what individual landowners can do on their properties and how properties can be developed if required.

To assist in determining the desired future look of growth areas, Council is preparing *Structure Plans*. These Plans identify the key infrastructure needs for the local area and are incorporated into the District Plan.

*Community Plans* capture the shared vision of specific communities, and outline the key issues and projects facing that community over the next 6-10 years. The Plans provide a clear focus for Community Boards and Committees to progress key issues within their area. They also provide localised input into Council’s decision-making process and contain community views, not necessarily Council views. Council finds the Community Plans an invaluable tool in assessing the priorities of local communities, when developing the wider district Plans, such as the LTCCP and Annual Plan.

# Key Issues And Projects

## Link to Community Outcomes

Under the Local Government Act 2002, Councils are required to facilitate the identification of, and report on the achievement towards Community Outcomes for their residents. Having consulted with the Waikato District community, the following Community Outcomes have been identified:

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



# Specific issues and projects

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

## **Subdivision** - *links to Sustainable Waikato*

- Ensure subdivision does not jeopardise existing infrastructure, and takes into account the sustainability of land and resources.
- Protect against uncoordinated residential and commercial development - maintain rural image and minimise urban sprawl.
- Minimise adverse social/environmental effects of subdivision on existing farming activities.

## **Sense of Community** - *links to Vibrant and Educated Waikato*

- Enhance the sense of community within Eureka.
- Foster a 'village' feel, where residents are encouraged to get actively involved and participate in the Eureka community.
- Retain rural feel of Eureka.
- Establish a community storage/display location at Eureka Hall.
- Support neighbouring rural primary schools - Newstead and Tauwhare.

## **Road safety** - *links to Accessible and Safe Waikato*

- Review speed limits in and around Eureka.
- Address blackspots in the area.
- Further development of turning bays.
- Areas of concern include:
  - Hunter Rd
  - Telephone Rd
  - Eureka Rd
  - Holland Rd/Telephone Rd/  
Marshmeadow Rd Intersection.
- Improve visibility on road verges.
- Undergrounding of power - Holland Road / SH26.

# Key Issues And Projects (continued)

## **Transport/Roading** - *links to Accessible and Safe Waikato*

- Improve public transport options for Eureka residents.
- Potential extension of Masters Rd through to Hinton Rd.

## **Roadsides** - *links to Green, Well and Accessible Waikato*

- Maintain tidy roadsides.
- Prompt removal of abandoned cars.
- Management of privet.

## **Reserve land** - *links to Green and Active Waikato*

- Review Reserve Land in the area:
  - Green open space.
  - Create walkway linkages in future developments.
  - Potential development of a reserve, including a playground.

## **Refuse/Recycling** - *links to Green Waikato*

- Support community recycling.
- Investigate options for recycling service, including kerbside service.

## **Stormwater** - *links to Well Waikato*

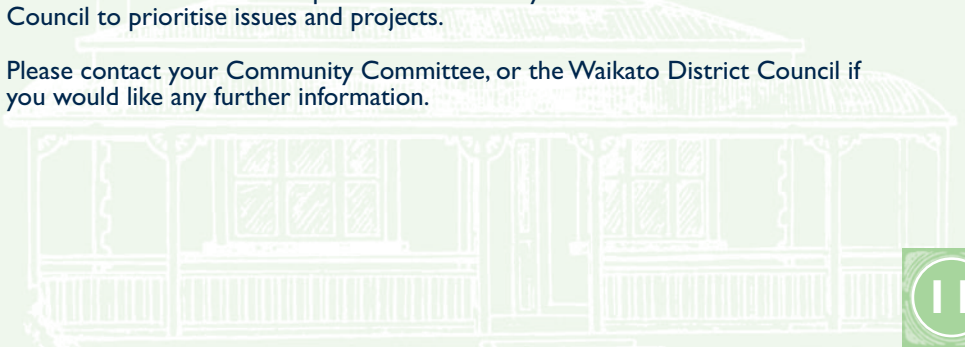
- Work with Environment Waikato to address drainage issues at:
  - Hooper Rd
  - Hunter Rd
  - Eureka Rd
  - Appleton Lane
  - SH 26 through the village.

## **Community Development** - *links to Vibrant and Thriving Waikato*

- Support the continuation of the Eureka Express publication.
- Support and development of local businesses.
- Continued commitment to Eureka Hall.
- Potential extension of the water supply in the area.
- Maintain swimming pool register for fire safety.
- Support broadband Internet availability.
- Improve mobile phone coverage.

While some of the ideas and priorities listed in the document will take a lot longer than a few years to realise - and require more resources than are available at the moment - at least there is a plan. The Community Committee will work with Council to prioritise issues and projects.

Please contact your Community Committee, or the Waikato District Council if you would like any further information.





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