



Matangi

COMMUNITY PLAN 2005 - 2015



The Matangi Area

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Key statistics	Matangi*	Waikato District	New Zealand
Population	1,935	39,855	3,737,277
Percentage aged under 15 yrs	24.6%	26.9%	22.7%
Percentage aged over 65 yrs	10.6%	9.8%	12.1%
Occupied Dwellings	619	13,530	1,368,207
Ethnicity - Percentage of Maori	10.6%	27.1%	14.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	8.6%	7.5%
Income (median)	\$22,300	\$18,300	\$18,500

*These figures have been approximated using Census 2001 data held by Statistics New Zealand, and are based on the Council's Matangi Hall Boundary.

A Community Snapshot

Matangi - 'Wailing Wind'

At the southern end of the Waikato district - on the outskirts of Hamilton city - is Matangi. Matangi is one of the most diverse areas of the district.

With a rich dairy heritage, the south of the district offers a charming country atmosphere filled with orchards and green rolling pastures. Historic houses, rambling gardens, pools and tennis courts dot the area, which attracts residents because of its peaceful country environment, although it is located only minutes from a major city and international airport.

The area is also rich in Maori heritage. Tauwhare Marae contributes to this, and plays a vital part in the Matangi community.

With a growing population (approximately 1,935), Matangi offers visitors and residents a delightful gateway to the Waikato, with an unhurried rural feel of the south, where they can enjoy its warm friendly people and relish farm hospitality, private gardens, crafts and a range of local produce.

Making the most of the great lifestyle and location Matangi offers requires planning for the present and future - whilst preserving those elements of the past the community considers essential to its character and appeal.



A Plan for Matangi

Let's put Matangi in context

Matangi is all about people. It's about diversity and culture, and it's about history and heritage.

Although only minutes from a major city, it has a farming and dairy legacy that dates back to the 1800s.

It is worth noting, the two largest companies to come out of New Zealand, Fonterra and Glaxo Smith Kline, both have their roots in Matangi.

Once described as a 'world leader' by Prime Minister W. F. Massey in 1919, Matangi was heralded as proof that the people of the Waikato had confidence in themselves, their district and their great dairying industry. He said 'the lives of the people in the Waikato were cast in pleasant places.'

And he was not wrong! Talk to anyone who lives in the community and they'll agree that Matangi not only has the best of both worlds ... it has it all!

So why have a plan?

A community plan is the vehicle for community discussion, on which future outcomes for Matangi can be determined.



As more people realise the quality lifestyle Matangi can generate, it will inevitably continue to grow and develop. This plan represents the community's view on Matangi's future.

Remember, this is not a Council plan. This plan is for the whole of Matangi, and is owned by the community.

What will this plan achieve?

A community plan for Matangi enables current and potential residents, visitors and investors to guide, and benefit from, the inevitable growth and development that will occur in this area.

This plan is a collection of ideas for action. It is a priority list of desired works and activities that the community has identified. Considering the social, cultural, economic and environmental well-being of the people and the community, the plan gives voice to local aims and aspirations and provides an opportunity for involvement by people who are interested in the future of this area.

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

As well as focusing community debate, getting people involved in the future of their community, and avoiding haphazard development, the plan will help influence Waikato District Council's programme of works during its annual and long-term planning processes. The Committee will promote this plan to Council to provide clear direction for the future development of Matangi. The plan is a living document and will undergo a regular monitoring and reviewing process.

Read on and discover how we can participate in the future growth and development of Matangi, to make it an even better place for living, working, investing and visiting!



Your Community Committee

The Initial Community Committee
consisted of:

Graham Membery (Chairperson)
Wayne Brocket (Deputy Chairperson)
Elaine Hunt (Secretary)
Ian Wallace
Marg Blackie
John Sharp
Mike Saes
Anne Bennett
Trevor Hotene
Shane Raupita
Harry Mowbray
Bruce Weir

Membership of the Matangi Community
Committee will be reviewed each year at the
Annual General Meeting.



Key Issues and Projects

Link to Community Outcomes

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

- Accessible Waikato
- Active Waikato
- Educated Waikato
- Green Waikato
- Safe Waikato
- Sustainable Waikato
- Thriving Waikato
- Vibrant Waikato
- Well Waikato



Specific Issues and Projects

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

Traffic Calming

links to Accessible and Safe Waikato

Road safety and speed reduction have been identified as the most pressing priorities for Matangi.

- Review of speed limits in and around Matangi.
- Traffic islands suggested at both Tauwhare Marae, and Matangi Village entrances.
- Railway Crossing (Tauwhare Road)
 - Remove all obstructions of visibility to track.
 - Repair and reseal tracks at road crossing.
 - Provide crossing lights either side of tracks.

Refuse/Recycling

links to Green Waikato

- Extend recycling service to accept additional materials.
- More rubbish receptacles needed by shopping area.

Transport/Roading

links to Accessible and Safe Waikato

- Improve public transport options for Matangi residents.
- Further development in the Matangi area of:
 - Pedestrian crossings
 - Footpaths
 - Cycle lanes
 - Bridle paths
 - Street lighting
 - Turning bays
- Review parking situation outside shopping area and factory, to improve safety.

Wastewater/Stormwater

links to Well Waikato

- Further work on kerb and channelling required at Matangi Road in the vicinity of the school.
- Further improvement of water reticulation system, and availability to all landowners.
- Review stormwater requirements for Matangi.
- Look at potential upgrade of wastewater system.

Recreation

links to Active Waikato

- Support recreation facilities. Ensure facilities have broad appeal for the community.
- Review reserve land in the area.

Community Development

links to Vibrant and Thriving Waikato

- Build on the strong Matangi community spirit by supporting the development of an ongoing and regular Matangi Community Newsletter.
- Support and develop local businesses.
- Review potential areas for business development.
- Investigate the fire safety options for the town.
- Continued commitment to Matangi Hall.
- Retain rural feel of Matangi.



Subdivision/Industrial Expansion

links to Sustainable Waikato

- Ensure subdivision does not jeopardise existing infrastructure.
- Protect against unco-ordinated residential and commercial development - maintain rural image and minimise urban sprawl.
- Identify areas for potential future residential growth.

Cultural Promotion and Development

links to Vibrant Waikato

- Encourage cultural diversity.
- Recognise and celebrate the area's Maori heritage, particularly Tauwhare Marae.
- Promote Matangi as a cultural destination and a 'Lifestyle Living' area.
- Preserve and promote the historic 'Seven Sisters' in the District Plan.
- Build upon existing links with Art Waikato, and promote Matangi on Waikato's Tourism trail.



Development of the School

links to Educated Waikato

- Recognise, support and plan for Matangi School centenary.
- Pedestrian crossing required outside school.
- Assist with the development and maintenance of the school swimming pool as a community facility.

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.

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

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