

# Tauwhare Community Blueprint

## Snapshot

Tauwhare covers an area of approximately 6,333 ha with a population (based on the 2018 census) of approximately 1,077. Tauwhare village is located at the intersection of Tauwhare Road and Scotsman Valley Road, and historically has been a resting place for Māori and Pākehā travellers. The village is centred around Tauwhare school, which was first established in 1884 and currently has 6 classrooms. The Community Hall and St Andrew's church are also located in the village.

## Consultation feedback

The Tauwhare Community Committee met in February 2023 to brainstorm and prioritise issues for inclusion in the local area blueprint. A community consultation meeting held in May 2023 was well attended, enabling further discussion of the key issues:

- The footpath network needs improving as there are areas where people are walking that are not safe or have uneven surfaces. Children need to walk on the road to avoid open drains.
- Tauwhare Road can be very busy at times and frequently has speeding traffic, with many instances of cars overtaking in the 50 km/h zone reported by residents. Children need to cross the road to attend Tauwhare School at busy times of day. Traffic calming is required.
- There is a lack of a community centre and no playground or recreational area for children, especially teenagers.
- There is no commercial centre zoning to allow for a shop, or cafe or other enterprise. The zoning is all Country Living with no future zoning identified for residential growth. Some residents would like to subdivide to 2,500 m<sup>3</sup>, but acknowledged not all would be able to do this due to the position of the existing home on the section.

- Village beautification is considered important with positive comments about the cherry blossom trees. It was suggested that more cherry blossom trees could be planted in other parts of the village. Signs at the three entrances to the village to enhance the attractiveness were strongly supported.
- Predator Free Tauwhare was a concept that people generally supported and there was acknowledgment that this would be a community project.
- Community Emergency planning was needed with ideas discussed for how the community might improve its resilience in response to natural disasters.
- Increase the connection with Tauwhare Pā community and Ngāti Hauā. Together the two localities can achieve more change. This was supported by a representative from the Pā.
- Maintenance of the village is important to keep the streets clean, the trees trimmed, and all roadsides to be regularly kept mowed.
- There is a desire to improve public transport links, although the level of support is uncertain.

## Top Priority Initiatives

The top priority initiatives for Tauwhare:

- Extend the footpath network to ensure safe walking throughout the village.
- Calm the traffic through the village to reduce speed and improve safety.
- Increase beautification of the village to enhance its appeal.



Tauwhare Village



Tauwhare School



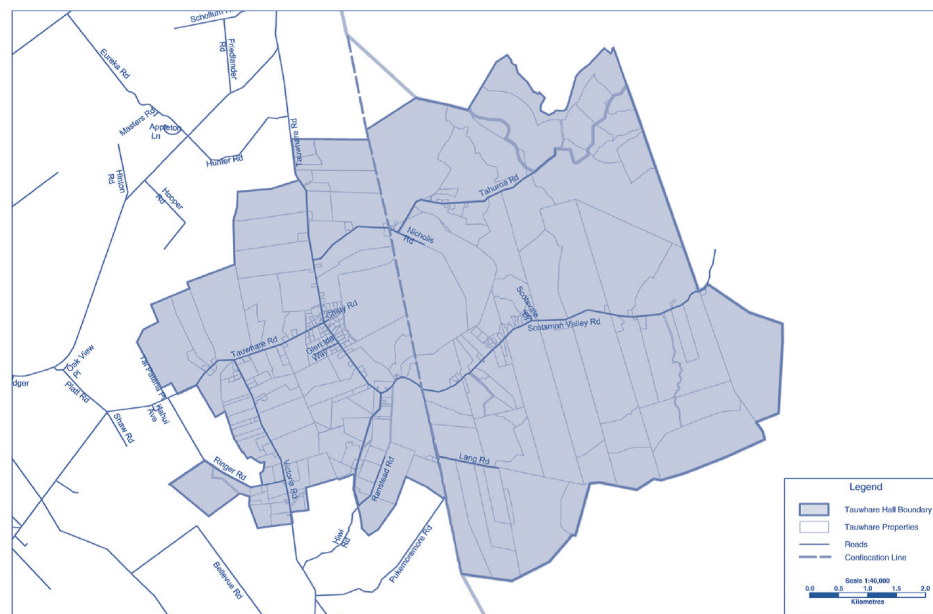
St Andrew's Church



Tauwhare Hall

## Proposed initiatives for Tauwhare

Community Goals	Action	Priority
<b>Supporting our Communities</b>	Extend footpaths throughout the 40 and 50 km/h speed zones on Tauwhare Road, and Scotsman Valley Road which would improve safety for children and other residents.  Road safety improvements along Tauwhare and Scotsman Valley Roads to reduce and calm traffic speed, prevent unsafe overtaking. Tauwhare Road is classified as an Arterial Road.	<b>Top</b>
	Work with Waikato District Council to produce a community growth plan for Tauwhare for the next 30 years.	<b>Top</b>
<b>Sustaining our Environment</b>	Village beautification by creating artistic signs and gardens for the three entrances. Erect heritage signs telling the history of the area. Cover open drains. Continue cherry trees along Tauwhare Road and Scotsman Valley Road.	<b>Top</b>
	Predator-free Tauwhare - support a community group with expertise, equipment and funding.	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Building our economy</b> <b>Supporting our Communities</b>	Create a hub for the community by providing improved hall facilities and a playground / recreational area for children and teenagers.  Allow for growth of the village and small-scale retail/commercial development.	<b>High</b>
<b>Working together with you</b>	Community Emergency Planning support and equipment to improve the hall facilities for a large scale event.	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Providing value for money</b>	Maintenance of the appearance of the village area by trimming cherry trees, road sweeping, mowing roadsides.	<b>High</b>
	Provide a public transport link to Morrinsville/ Cambridge/Hamilton.	<b>Low</b>



Tauwhare Hall Boundary

