

KAITAKE COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN 2023-2026



The Kaitake Community Board Plan sets out the visions and aspirations of the Kaitake Community Board. This plan has been reviewed with input from the community via a survey, consultation and discussions. The plan provides the New Plymouth District Council with an insight about the matters that are important to the Kaitake Community Board area, and where investment and action is needed.



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

**New Plymouth
District Council**

From the Chair

The Kaitake Community Board Plan is the culmination of work undertaken through community engagement conducted over the past two decades, or more. It also contains the results of more recent consultation that has taken place via surveys, social media, public meetings and face to face interactions. It has built upon the foundations of past plans to ensure that unresolved issues are not lost or overlooked, to identify ongoing challenges, and to ensure newer more recent challenges are acknowledged, quantified, and addressed.

This is a plan that acknowledges the observations and aspirations of the various segments of our community, including youth, business and the rural sector, and it also includes recommendations from others who have provided an "outside in" look across our rohe. This collaboration has provided the opportunity to embrace a holistic approach to planning for the future; an approach that attempts to ensure all aspects of wellbeing, in how future growth is managed, are considered. Assessment of social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing will assist in delivering key outcomes and priorities in a sustainable, unified and considered manner.

A common thread throughout our recent community consultation has been a sense of resignation and a resultant air of apathy, stemming largely from the many significant issues that have never been addressed over past years; and while I cannot promise that all, or even any, of the aspirations or issues contained within this plan will make it into NPDC Plans, via the LTP processes, and be actioned, what can be stated with absolute conviction is, if we do not identify our issues and detail them in this Board Plan there is little chance of the voice of our community ever being heard by this Council.

As was stated in the 2020-2023 KCB Plan, a Community Plan serves to *"provide Council with a basis to understand who we are, and to respond meaningfully, through policy and investment, to the opportunities and challenges as they arrive."*

The Kaitake Community Board has been tasked with representing you as the New Plymouth District Council sets its future direction for the next ten years and beyond, and we will influence and improve what we can, we will endeavour to advocate on matters that concern us but that are out of our control, and we are here to listen and be your voice when it's needed. This is *your* plan, containing *your* issues and *your* aspirations, and it is now up to us, as your elected representatives, to support and action this plan.

Graham Chard
Chair
Kaitake Community Board

Meet the Kaitake Community Board Members 2022-2025

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About Community Boards

The Community Boards are elected bodies that are both a community voice and a mechanism for decentralising local services.

Not only do the New Plymouth District Council Community Boards ensure better representation, but they also promote stronger community wellbeing for all the diverse communities that exist in the New Plymouth District.

Community boards are unincorporated bodies which are not committees of the New Plymouth District Council. They provide a voice for specific communities outside of the New Plymouth City area, acting as representatives, advocates and connectors of those communities.

The Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 sets out the role and powers of community boards, including things they may not do (like acquire, hold or dispose of property; appoint, remove or suspend staff). It also provides the statutory framework within which boards must operate, including particular rules and processes which govern how they work.

Role of a Community Board and its members

The role of a community board member is varied and focuses mainly on providing a voice for distinct community groups (be it geographic or demographic) and acting as a bridge between the community and the Council. When compared to the role of councillors, Community Board members spend a greater proportion of their time on representation matters and proportionally less on governance.

The role of a community board is set out in section 52 of the LGA:

- ◆ To represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community
- ◆ To consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board
- ◆ To maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community
- ◆ To prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community
- ◆ To undertake any other responsibility that the Council delegates to the Board.

A community board must consider the wellbeing of its community at all times when making decisions and carrying out its responsibilities on behalf of its community.

Representation and advocacy

Community board roles in relation to representation and advocacy are driven by the need to promote wellbeing across all aspects of a community – social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing. Representation and advocacy also apply to specific issues, like providing community responses to Council policies, plans and bylaws, processes and procedures, including the way Council decisions are made and the allocation and distribution of resources.

There are some constraints on advocacy. For example, boards must act within budgetary constraints set by the Council, and they may need to rely on the Council staff for support helping to prepare documents, submissions or analysis of issues.

Advice and Communication

Community Boards act as a bridge between Council and the community, providing information and advice to the Council about local needs, issues and matters of concern; at the same time, conveying information and advice back to the community from the Council. Community boards can be a very effective mechanism for sharing critical information with the community.

Decision-making and delegations

New Plymouth District Council has delegated the following authority to community boards: Determine parking prohibitions and restrictions within the relevant community board area.

- a) Determine Temporary Road Closure applications under Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974 where the area of the closure is within a community board area.
- b) Determine applications for non-commercial Licences to occupy and encroachment licences within the relevant community board area and not within the delegation of a Council Officer. In the case of a reserve, the application must be consistent with the relevant reserve management plan and the delegation is subject to the Reserves Act 1977. (Noting that any decisions made by Council as delegatee of the Minister for any decisions under the Reserves Act 1977 must be made by full elected Council and may not be delegated).
- c) Fund minor projects (with the exclusion of roading projects) from the Community Boards Discretionary Fund and in line with the Community Boards Discretionary Funding Framework.

Appointed members to the Community Board

New Plymouth District Councillors are appointed to each of the Community Boards. The mechanism for appointment results from the six-yearly Representation Review. The most recent review (2021) determined that one Councillor would be appointed to each of the community boards. Only ward councillors can be appointed, and the mayor and councillors who stood "at large" are ineligible for appointment to a community board.

For the Kaitake Community Board, the appointee to the Community Board is Cr Anneka Carlson from the Kaitake-Ngāmotu Ward.

The Councillor appointees are determined by the Council. Only Ward Councillors can be appointed, i.e., the Mayor and Councillors who stood "at large" are ineligible for appointment to a Community Board. Council cannot appoint representatives (such as mana whenua representatives) with full voting rights.

Relationship between the Council and Community Boards

The effectiveness of community boards will largely depend on their relationships with their Council and their community.

The relationships need to be open and respectful, acknowledging the importance of the different roles each plan, including the role of Council staff.

About Community Board Plans

The New Plymouth District Community Board Plans are strategic three-year plans that are developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the community board area that reflects community aspirations and priorities. The plans guide the Community Board, and the Council, in:

- ◆ Decisions on local activities, projects and facilities
- ◆ Input into the council's regional strategies and plans
- ◆ How the Community Board will interact with other agencies, including community groups and central government agencies
- ◆ Funding and investment decisions

Community board plans are inclusive and connected; they don't operate in isolation. They support the following:

- ◆ Council's Long-Term Plan – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards.
- ◆ Council's annual Plan – funding for the coming financial year of the Long-Term Plan.

Developing our plan

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we want the Council to undertake for our communities.

In preparing the 2023-2026 Kaitake Community Board Plan we have:

- ◆ reviewed our 2020-2023 plan
- ◆ considered feedback from an online survey
- ◆ conducted community consultation via public meetings
- ◆ maintained a focus on our responsibilities regarding Mana Whenua standing and status
- ◆ The plan was also developed by considering what we, as community board members, know about our community, having worked closely with you and heard your views on a wide range of topics.

The issues and priorities that our community has raised have helped in finalising this plan.

Carrying out our plan

Turning plans into reality takes many people working together – the community, the community board and the wider Council family.

To deliver against the outcomes in this community board plan, we will:

- ◆ Prioritise our requests for projects (and budget) and advocate to Council for approving and funding delivery of those projects. Making community views and preferences known to Council to assist them in their decision-making processes is a key role for the New Plymouth District Council community boards.
- ◆ Work with Council staff, community groups and partners to support delivery of projects.

Working with Mana Whenua

The Kaitake Community Board will endeavour to develop a mutual dialogue with Māori of the Kaitake Board rohe to increase our understanding of the history of the area, be informed about the views of Māori and to enable better decision making.

Turning our Plan into Action

Turning plans into reality takes many people working together – the community, the community board and the wider Council family.

To deliver against the outcomes in this community board plan, we:

- ◆ Have prioritised our requests for projects (and budget)
- ◆ Will advocate to Council for these projects to be included in the Long-Term Plan and/or Annual Plans
- ◆ Will make community views and preferences known to Council to assist them in their decision-making.
- ◆ Work with Council staff, community groups and partners to support delivery of projects.

Indicative Budget and Funding Sources

There are a number of ways that community board initiatives can be funded:

- ◆ Council is the decision-maker on investment in new facilities and major upgrades of facilities. This includes any major projects that have been submitted by community boards. Major projects require planning and design, and these are primarily funded through general rate funding.
- ◆ In 2021 Council established a Community Boards Discretionary Fund and delegated authority to the community boards to allocate funding for minor local projects for 2021-2024. **The Community Boards are advocating for the continuation of this fund and for the fund to be reinstated to \$100k per Community Board, to be included in the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan.**
- ◆ Some projects may require external funding assistance. Council officers will assist the Community Boards with applications to external funders.

New Plymouth District Council's Strategic Framework

New Plymouth District Council's Strategic Framework sets the Council's vision, mission and goals. The goals are Council's community outcomes.

The Strategic Framework is widely used across the organisation, and a critical tool for setting the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034. Community Board projects and initiatives must therefore align with Council's Strategic Framework.

Vision: Sustainable Lifestyle Capital

Mission: Ensuring Taranaki is a place of opportunity where people want to live, learn, work, play and invest now and into the future with a focus on kaitiakitanga.

Goals (Community Outcomes)	
Trusted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Te Tiriti partnerships with hapū and iwi to improve well-being. Building trust and credibility with community, business, fellow Councils, and government. Demonstrating leadership and striving for operational excellence.
Thriving Communities and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connected and engaged communities. Safe and active communities. An equitable and inclusive approach to delivering for all our people and communities. Communities that embrace Te Ao Māori.
Environmental Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoring our ecosystems. Mitigating further environmental impacts. Tackling the challenges of climate change. Delivering resilient infrastructure efficiently.
Prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing and supporting initiatives to achieve a diversified high-performing economy. An equitable economy where people have access to quality employment and opportunities to build wealth. Contributing to NZ Inc’s environmental sustainability and economic performance.

Kaitake Community Board Vision:

To create a strong and sustainable community that grows at a rate that is appropriate and practicable, and that improves the quality of life for all, within the carrying capacity of our community and environment.

Kaitake Community Board Mission:

To advocate on behalf of Kaitake residents and businesses to provide a safe, healthy and vibrant community; and to protect our environment and assets to ensure community resilience for future generations

Kaitake Community Board Values:

<i>Māori Identity and Wellbeing</i>	Recognise and provide for Te Tiriti O Waitangi outcomes, support and showcase our local Māori identity and culture, and advance Māori wellbeing from a rangatiratanga centric, holistic perspective.
<i>Culture and Heritage</i>	Protect our areas cultural integrity and historic heritage for current and future generations
<i>Environment</i>	Protect, enhance and understand our unique natural environment.
<i>Neighbourhoods & Community Wellbeing</i>	Create and maintain safe, balanced, affordable, diverse, liveable and environmentally sustainable neighbourhoods which retain the character of our style of living, and encourage connected, socially active and resilient residents.
<i>Recreation & Open Space</i>	Provide sufficient and useable reserve and open space amenities which encourage active and fulfilled residents and visitors.
<i>Economic Resilience</i>	Encourage vibrant events and viable businesses and services which strengthen social, cultural and financial resilience

Community Board Area

Five distinct communities have been identified within the Kaitake rohe, each possessing their own very different characteristics, wants and needs.



Ōkato

Ōmata

Located at the fringes of central New Plymouth, Ōmata is the gateway to the rural area, Back Beach and the Sugar Loaf Islands. Ōmata is nestled in a stunning physical environment and is home to a rich heritage due to its role in the Taranaki wars. The close proximity to New Plymouth and Ōākura makes Ōmata a perfectly placed community that offers it all – ease of access to New Plymouth’s community services and supports, and a quick getaway to the beach. Whilst this is its strength, it is also its vulnerability, and the risk of overdevelopment could result in the loss of this rural township and the blending of the community into the city. Protecting the rural character of Ōmata is the message the community brings to the Council.

Ōākura

There is a strong sense of growing Ōākura in a sustainable way, through improving linkages between the beach, urban and rural areas and to the National Park, and by retaining the unique character and pristine environment of Ōākura, its beaches and the Kaitake Range that are so well enjoyed by residents, visitors and tourists alike. The central message to the Council is that the village requires managed, staged and targeted growth. Rapid and widespread expansion would negatively affect the special character of Ōākura and adversely impact on the education services, traffic and parking, access to affordable homes, and recreation and environmental assets.

Ōkato

Ōkato has its own unique characteristics and potential for development, including natural and cultural resources as well as the skills, knowledge and experience of local people. Understanding how the Ōkato community operates not only within its urban boundaries, but also over the wider rural area that the town serves is a fundamental cornerstone of Council planning processes. Water security, responsible water and waste management, safe roads and controlled and managed growth are essential to ensuring that character, and social amenity of the township are maintained.

Rural Community

Outside of the three principal population concentration centers in the Kaitake area, we are home to a large number of rural dwellings that operate within the agricultural and horticultural sectors, are run as lifestyle blocks, or are those who just want to get away from it all.

This sector largely feels overlooked or forgotten, and they feel they have needs that are completely different than those close to built-up areas. They often do not necessarily benefit from many of the services that the General Rating assessment contributes towards.

Tangata Whenua: Ngāti Tairi and Ngā Māhanga

The tribes of Ngā Māhanga and Ngāti Tairi maintain mana whenua and tribal rights over rohe which fall within the Kaitake Community Board area that includes part of New Plymouth, the Ōmata, Ōākura and Ōkato areas.

With the completion of the Taranaki Iwi Treaty claim the New Plymouth District Council has a responsibility in its processes and plans to uphold the mana of the Treaty of Waitangi and engage in meaningful consultation and engagement with Ngā Māhanga and Ngāti Tairi. As tangata whenua and kaitiaki of their respective rohe both Ngāti Tairi and Ngā Māhanga continue to work alongside local groups and the wider New Plymouth District community to enhance better understanding of the issues that impact on the environment, and cultural values of Ngāti Tairi and Ngā Māhanga.

With increasing growth and development within the area of the Kaitake Community Board, it is important that the historic heritage and cultural integrity of Ngā Māhanga and Ngāti Tairi are protected for current and future generations.



Ōākura Pā



Puniho Pā (Tarawainuku)

Our Key Focus Areas

Focus Area 1: Environment

- ◆ Enhance the natural environment with biodiversity links and clean waterways.
- ◆ Encourage ongoing community stewardship of the local environment and its biodiversity in partnership with mana whenua and territorial authorities to restore and maintain natural habitats, ecosystems and viable populations of native species.
- ◆ Expand kerbside waste collection services, provide re-use and locally based transfer stations, and provide re-cycling receptacles in CBD areas and public places at key locations.
- ◆ Recognise, protect and tell the stories of sites of cultural significance and historical heritage



Weld Road Dune planting

Focus Area 2: Communities and Citizens

- ◆ Strengthen and connect local communities.
- ◆ Upgrade and enhance community halls.
- ◆ Provide for enhanced recreational assets
- ◆ Acknowledge the importance of primary industries in our community and support their work caring for our natural environment.
- ◆ Develop township plans that programme upgrades and enhancements that maintain social amenity and rural character

Focus Area 3: Growth supported by quality infrastructure

- ◆ Implement a cohesive growth strategy that strengthens our townships and supports our rural sector.
- ◆ Maintain rural character and village feel of the townships.
- ◆ Maintain and enhance a network of quality, environmentally sustainable, resilient and fit for purpose fresh water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructures.
- ◆ Restrict large scale industrial activity and support small scale 'cottage' industry developments.
- ◆ Supporting appropriate mixed housing development opportunities appropriate to location (rural to higher density) and community demographics.



Ōkato Water Treatment Plant

Focus Area 4: Traffic and Movement

- ◆ Expand and upgrade footpaths for increased pedestrianisation.
- ◆ Traffic changes within the Kaitake Ward to increase the wellbeing of all residents in the district.
- ◆ Review beach access, and the public right to use and access beaches to ensure it is appropriate for the protection of the environments and is respectful of Mana Whenua tikanga.
- ◆ Enhance parking in CBD sections of villages
- ◆ Expand and upgrade walkway, cycleway and bridle path networks
- ◆ Review speed limits and implement traffic calming measures



Oākura SH3

Our Priorities

The priorities that the Kaitake Community Board would like to see furthered as part of the Long-Term Plan commitments are detailed below.

<i>ASPIRATION/ISSUE</i>	<i>KEY INITIATIVE</i>	<i>KEY FOCUS AREA</i>	<i>COMMUNITY OUTCOMES</i>
YEARS 1-3			
Connectivity of sustainable and safe recreational walking, trails, cycling ways and bridle paths throughout the Kaitake Ward	<p>Council to facilitate the development of connected trail, pathway, cycle way, and bridle paths throughout the Kaitake Ward.</p> <p>The following projects have been identified as important to this network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand and upgrade footpaths and cycleways for increased safety and pedestrianisation, especially to and from the Ōmata School. • Complete the linking of footpaths in and around Ōākura, in particular to eastern side of lower Wairau Road. • Complete the linking of footpaths in and around Ōkato – in particular Carthew Street to Hampton Road, Hickford Place to the Oxford Road pedestrian crossing. • Provide an all-weather hard surface walkway/ cycleway through Matekai Park, Ōākura. 	Traffic & Movement	<p>Trusted</p> <p>Thriving Communities and Culture</p> <p>Environmental Excellence</p> <p>Prosperity</p>

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YEARS 1-3			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the foot paths to be installed or completed are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oxford Road Ōkato, from Hickford Place to Oxford Road pedestrian Crossing - Wairau Road Ōākura, from South Road to Telford Terrace - Holloway Road Ōmata, from South Road to Waireka Road East • Design and complete the walkway/cycleway access connection between the Whenuariki Stream and Timaru Stream footbridges. • Complete the Pukeiti to Ōākura trail with emphasis on parking provision for visitors. • Complete the coastal trail from the Timaru Stream to Fort St George. • Investigate the establishment of more trails on the paper roads on Hampton and Leith Roads. • Carry out a feasibility study to re-establish the Stony River walkway loop track and upper bridge. 		

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YEARS 1-3			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and upgrade the beach trail between Oākura Holiday Park and the footbridge over the Whenuariki Stream. • Develop a path to link up both sides of Waireka Road, West and East. This would enhance safety of cyclists by avoiding the piece of road past Hurford Road corner. <p>Development of these facilities will promote community well-being, connectivity and opportunities for our young, elderly and families, within the Kaitake Ward and will contribute to tourism opportunities.</p>		

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YEARS 1-3			
Ahu Ahu Bridge Replacement and Weld Rd/ Hauranga Pa Pathway projects.	<p>The Board will work with Council to keep the community informed of progress and plans of the Ahu Ahu Bridge replacement and Weld Road/ Hauranga Pa Pathway projects, and to work collaboratively with Council officers on delivery.</p> <p>The Ahu Ahu Bridge replacement, and the Weld Rd/ Hauranga Pa Pathway projects have been budgeted for and have an expected completion date of March 2024.</p> <p>Council officers are requested to provide monthly updates to the Board Chair.</p>	<p>Traffic & Movement</p> <p>Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture</p> <p>Environmental Excellence</p>
Facilitate a resolution to opposition to the Kaitake Trail and allow access to and from the Pouākai Crossing.	<p>Develop resolutions with Mana Whenua and affected parties to alleviate concerns regarding the Kaitake Trail, and allow access to and from the Pouākai Crossing</p> <p>This project would enhance the popularity of the trail regionally and nationally.</p>	<p>Traffic & Movement</p>	<p>Trusted</p> <p>Thriving Communities and Culture</p> <p>Environmental Excellence</p> <p>Prosperity</p>

Commuter safety	Address the need for significant non-vehicular connections north to New Plymouth, south to Ōkato and to Taranaki Maunga.	Traffic & Movement Growth and infrastructure Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Safety markings on the roads that lead to the mountain	<p>The Board to work with NPDC’s Transport team to implement and extend painted white lines on corners on Upper Pitone, Dover and Oxford Roads, all the way to Carrington Road.</p> <p>The community is concerned about the safety of these roads, especially during foggy winter weather conditions.</p>	Traffic & Movement	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Mountain Bike and Pump Track at Oākura	<p>Complete the mountain bike and pump track in Shearer Reserve.</p> <p>Completion of this project will provide a needed recreational facility for youth in the region</p>	Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence

<p>Improve accessible Beach access and enhanced public facilities</p>	<p>Formed beach access for the public to be reviewed and accessible facilities introduced, while maintaining the protection of the environments and respectful of mana whenua. The following improvements are required, beginning with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve public access to Ōākura Beach with the installation of a sand ramp, accessible from the point across from the Shearer Reserve Car Park entrance. • Construction of changing shelters at Ōākura beach • Improve the car parking surface at Ōākura Beach, from the surf club and south beach front, to allow usability by 2-wheel drive vehicles • Improved accessible beach access. 	<p>Traffic & Movement Environment Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Road Maintenance</p>	<p>Repair the closed lane section of road at the first bend on Surrey Hills Road to provide safe access to residents and businesses at the top of Surrey Hills Road</p>	<p>Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Trusted Thriving Communities & Culture</p>

<p>Corbett Park road stopping and parking upgrade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corbett Park road to be incorporated into the reserve, with a view to stopping the road over night as required, to enable implementation of security measures to minimise antisocial and errant behaviour at this location. • Upgrade Corbett road and parking. 	<p>Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Matekai Park Bridge Replacement</p>	<p>Replace and/or upgrade the two bridges in Matekai Park</p> 	<p>Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Thriving Communities & Culture Environmental Excellence</p>

<p>Ōkato Water supply and quality</p>	<p>Ongoing assessment, management and treatment of nitrate levels in the current Ōkato fresh water supply.</p> <p>Investigate the feasibility of establishing an additional water source to improve the resilience of the Ōkato water supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement to be included as part of the Ōkato water conservation and supply investigation • Water shortages have escalated in recent years, due to inefficient water use, increased housing development, agriculture demands and climate change. • Residents to be educated on using this water resource more efficiently, for example not flushing toilets with reticulated, drinking water. • Council to provide support/ incentives for householders to implement rainwater tank and greywater reuse systems. 	<p>Growth and Infrastructure Environment</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Ōākura Water supply and quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve water quality by reducing silica/ calcium levels in the Oākura water supply 	<p>Growth and Infrastructure Environment</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture</p>

<p>Waste Management</p>	<p>Upgrading of the Hampton Road transfer station and engage the community in waste minimisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of improved recycling facilities and education to the community on composting. • Create a network of resource recovery facilities which all link back to The Junction with rural sites capturing reusable items that could be sold at the shop. <p>The above improvements would allow the Kaitake community to progress towards the Zero Waste 2050 vision.</p>	<p>Environment Growth & Infrastructure Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Wastewater in the Ōkato area</p>	<p>The Ōkato residential area is in a high-water table environment. Many of the household septic tanks are old and compromised, threatening the environment and human health. Such threats are growing over time and with population growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to carry out an Ōkato wastewater management review and feasibility study to understand the current situation and its environmental impact. • A comparative study be conducted on alternatives that are local and environmentally responsible, with discussions on potential Council support and investment. 	<p>Growth and infrastructure Environment</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>

<p>Develop an Ōākura stormwater network management plan</p>	<p>Work with mana whenua to develop an Ōākura stormwater catchment plan to protect waterways from sewage outflows.</p> <p>There is no stormwater catchment management plan for Ōākura, therefore there is insufficient information to manage the results of stormwater through future urban development.</p> <p>The community experiences flooding issues resulting from urban development of upstream areas.</p> <p>Poor stormwater management leads to environmental degradation of the three water courses that are used for drainage (Matekai, Wairau, and Waimoku Streams).</p> <p>There is a lack of engagement with mana whenua regarding the environmental impacts of stormwater on what native species (fish, bird species, insects with aquatic larval stages) are established and depend on these streams for feeding, dispersal, breeding, or over-wintering to complete important parts of their life history.</p>	<p>Growth and Infrastructure</p> <p>Environment</p>	<p>Trusted</p> <p>Thriving Communities and Culture</p> <p>Environmental Excellence</p>
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<p>Waste Minimisation</p>	<p>Enhance Kaitake-wide waste management and minimisation processes to enable achievement of Zero Waste 2050 in the Kaitake Ward, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the current review of the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023, including organic waste from households, commercial/ industrial premises and public lands, recyclables, hazardous wastes and others. • Develop local and environmentally friendly organic waste management systems, possibly involving community composting initiatives and/or biogas generation. • Review the rural Ōkato transfer station service in terms of accessibility and customer experience. • Improve services for diverting waste back to the New Plymouth base through a rural recovery plan. • Develop programmes to substantially reduce plastic packaging including single-use drink bottles and promote zero packaging. • The Board will engage with the Kaitake rural community to identify where rural waste services can be expanded. 	<p>Environment Growth and Infrastructure Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
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<p>Illegal Dumping strategy</p>	<p>Council to develop a strategy to effectively address the practice of illegal dumping.</p> <p>This is an ongoing issue, particularly for Pitone Road/ SH 45 corner, Greenwood Road (beach end), Carrington Road/ Ōākura River Bridge, Carrington Road/Timaru Stream Bridge and the beach end of Timaru Road.</p>	<p>Environment Growth and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Landfill stations</p>	<p>Put in place regular inspections of the Ōākura closed landfill site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve public access for two wheel-drive vehicles to the Ōkato transfer station with the provision of access outside normal business hours. • Improve public access to the Ōkato transfer station, including self-service access outside normal business hours, to alleviate the issue of fly-tipping. 	<p>Environment Growth and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Develop an Ōkato Community Emergency Response Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an Ōkato Community Emergency Response Plan. <p>The Ōkato community has requested this and the KCB made submissions (2012/22 LTP and 2016/17 AP). It remains a priority for the community.</p>	<p>Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>

<p>Review and update the Ōākura Community Emergency Response Plan</p>	<p>Council to review and update the Ōākura Community Emergency Response Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change induced sea-level rise, increased frequency of storms and coastal erosion issues place public and private infrastructure at risk, requiring an in-depth response to develop solutions. • With increasing risks from natural disasters, pandemic and growing population, it is critical that the Ōākura emergency response plan is valid, current and applicable to the community’s needs. • In the event that multiple bridges are breached the region would be cut off without access to emergency response. • The Board request opportunity to provide submissions to the proposed district-wide Adaptation Plan. 	<p>Communities & Citizens Growth and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
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<p>Develop the Ōkato pool facility</p>	<p>Undertake a feasibility study of the pool facility and implement solutions to staffing, events, opening hours, fees, facilities and required accessible access. This seasonal pool is not compliant to the required accessibility standard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ōkato pool is the only public swimming pool between Opūnake and New Plymouth and is 28km distant from the NP Aquatic Centre. • Supporting current inclusion in the LTP/ Annual Plan. 	<p>Communities & Citizens Growth and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture</p>
<p>Rural and Urban Planning</p>	<p>Develop an Ōākura CBD Master Plan through a feasibility study to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the future hall/community centre requirements of the community, as the social hub of the community. • Opportunities to improve CBD vehicle parking • Additional seating at parks (Shearer Reserve, Corbett Park, Matekai Park, Ōkato Community Park) including provision of shade areas to protect visitors from sun and rain. 	<p>Growth and infrastructure Environment Traffic & Movement</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>

<p>Ōākura Hall improvements</p>	<p>Council to respond to safety, maintenance and resource issues affecting the Ōākura Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ōākura Hall seismic strengthening is required. • A refrigerator and oven upgrade are required for the Ōākura Hall. • Replace the heavy stage access stairs with a lighter weight, safe, manoeuvrable stairs. 	<p>Communities and Citizens Growth and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Protection of significant cultural and heritage sites throughout the Kaitake Ward.</p>	<p>As our population and tourist numbers increase, and public interest grows, all known sites of cultural significance and historical heritage need to be recognised, protected, and their stories told.</p> <p>Engage with mana whenua, and with heritage organisations, to ensure appropriate access and signage, with relevant heritage information are provided, along with realistic protection measures to sites such as Koru Pā, Hangatāhua, Lucy’s Gully, Gairloch Wreck, Wāhi Tapu sites.</p>	<p>Environment Communities & Citizens</p>	<p>Trusted Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Protection of beach breeding areas and species</p>	<p>Ensure sensitive beach breeding areas and species (e.g., NZ dotterel/ tūturiwhatu) that are under threat, due to uncontrolled beach access, quad bikes and dogs are fully protected.</p>	<p>Environment</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence</p>

<i>ASPIRATION/ISSUE</i>	<i>KEY INITIATIVE</i>	<i>KEY FOCUS AREA</i>	<i>COMMUNITY OUTCOMES</i>
<i>ASPIRATION YEARS 4-10</i>			
Non-motor vehicle access to Kaitake Golf Club	Council to build a footpath/shared pathway from the Kaitake Golf Course to Wairau Road to provide safe non-motor vehicle access to the Kaitake Golf Course.	Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities & Culture Environmental Excellence



Shearer Reserve, Ōākura

<i>ASPIRATION/ISSUE</i>	<i>KEY INITIATIVE</i>	<i>KEY FOCUS AREA</i>	<i>COMMUNITY OUTCOMES</i>
ADVOCACY YEARS 1-3			
Advocacy Ongoing as required - The community board will continue to advocate on behalf of the Kaitake Community on the following issues as and when required.			
Taiao, Taiora Environmental Management Plan for Taranaki Iwi	The Kaitake Community Board will support Taranaki Iwi expectations with respect to the wider community, including local and central government, and people or groups wanting to undertake activities in the rohe that may have an impact on the environment, to have the provisions of Taiao, Taiora complied with.	Environment Growth & infrastructure Communities and Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Traffic changes within the Kaitake Ward to increase the wellbeing of all residents in the district	Council to work with Waka Kotahi on implementing solutions for the following traffic management issues to alleviate significant road safety risks that exist on the section of SH45 that dissects the Kaitake rohe that need to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move the Southern Ōkato 50kph speed restriction around the corner to the South Taranaki side of the Kaihihi Bridge. • A reduced speed zone to 40km in the Ōkato “CBD” area, between 20 metres on the New Plymouth side of the roundabout and the Gosling Street/Carthew Street intersection. 	Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence

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ADVOCACY YEARS 1-3			
Advocacy Ongoing as required - The community board will continue to advocate on behalf of the Kaitake Community on the following issues as and when required.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move the Northern Ōākura 50kph to 100kph speed restriction transition to north of the Victoria R Introduce a 60kph speed restriction at the Tataraimaka bends on SH45, between 20 metres south of the Tataraimaka bridge and 40 metres south of the Weld Road/SH45 intersection. • Reduce the speed limit to 40kph (preferably 30kph) in the Ōākura “CBD” area, between the Donnelly Street-The Outlook/SH45 intersection and the Dixon Street-Butlers Lane/SH45 intersection. <p>The Board request the support of Council officers in working with Waka Kotahi on these matters.</p>		

<p>Kaitake-wide distributed renewable energy system</p>	<p>Develop a Kaitake-wide distributed renewable energy system.</p> <p>Just transition to a zero-carbon economy has become a central and regional government policy. Renewable energy generation and distribution at household and community levels can play a key role, especially when smart grids, battery storage and electric vehicles are incorporated into the system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support reviews of rules and regulations to create an enabling regulatory environment. • Consider financial incentives to remove financial barriers to alternative energy sources. 	<p>Growth & Infrastructure</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture</p> <p>Environmental Excellence</p>
<p>Establish regular and reliable public transport options</p>	<p>Council officers to consult with Taranaki Regional Council to find a way to establish improved transport links from Ōkato through to New Plymouth</p>	<p>Growth & infrastructure Transportation</p>	<p>Thriving Communities and Culture</p>

Community Board Discretionary Fund Aspirations

<i>DISCRETIONARY FUND ASPIRATIONS</i>	<i>KEY INITIATIVE</i>	<i>KEY FOCUS AREA</i>	<i>COMMUNITY OUTCOME</i>
YEARS 1 – 3			
Hempton Hall dishwasher	Upgrade the domestic dishwasher to a pull through commercial model		
Basketball Half court	Install at the Ōkato Community Park		
Green Waste Subsidy	Provide a subsidy for domestic green waste dropped off at the Hampton Road Transfer Station		
P/A Sound System	Install into the Ōākura Hall		
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Bike stands	Install outside the Ōākura Four Square		
Modular Pump Track	Install at Shearer Reserve		
Seating at all local Parks	Installation of bench seating		
Changing shelters at Ōākura beach	Construction of Changing pods at Ōākura beach		
Dog Poo Bins	Install bins around Ōākura village/ funding of the annual OPEX		

Consultation with the Community

The results of the Kaitake Community Board Plan Survey can be found Appendix 2.

How to submit a Service Request or Report an Issue

To report any issues relating to Council facilities and assets, Service Requests can be submitted by the following means stating the issue, location and, if possible, a photo.



PHONE US

06 759 6060 (available 24/7)



EMAIL US

enquiries@npdc.govt.nz



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.npdc.govt.nz

Report an Issue



WRITE TO US

New Plymouth District Council
Private Bag 2025,
New Plymouth 4342

Reporting State Highway Issues

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (available 24/7)

Call on 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49)

Send a request www.nzta.govt.nz/contact-us/feedback-or-comments/



Ōākura Beach

Concluding Remarks

It remains clear that residents of the Kaitake Community Board area choose to live here because of the lifestyle they have, value and wish to preserve.

Residents want to stay connected to each other and be engaged as builders of our future community rather than just consumers and critics.

Residents have a clear understanding of the bigger picture and recognise growth as inevitable; it will happen whether we are ready or not, but it won't necessarily lead to satisfactory sustainable community outcomes if the community are not engaged in meaningful processes about how that growth is managed.

The issues outlined in this plan are issues right now, not potential issues that may become symptomatic over time, therefore development that is not guided by appropriate, concise and well-informed decision makers will not only exacerbate these issues but may general further problems as a result.

The issues and opportunities for our Board area extend beyond the scope of New Plymouth District Council operations, and as a Community Board it behoves us to work closely with Mana Whenua, the Taranaki Regional Council, Venture Taranaki Trust, the Department of Conservation, Te Whatu Ora Taranaki, the South Taranaki District Council and a range of other community partners.

A cohesive, collaborative, planned approach to Kaitake's development is required and an approach that puts local community values first must be embedded in the district and regional Councils' policy planning processes and investment decisions.

A strong and sustainable community is one that grows at a rate that is appropriate and practicable; it must improve the quality of life for all within the carrying capacity of our community and environment.

This is the future that we want for the Kaitake Community Board area.

Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many

Appendix 1: Connecting to Relevant Plans and Strategies

Long-Term Plan (LTP)

Council's current Long-Term Plan (LTP 2021-2031) is a 10-year investment programme. Council's investment in new water infrastructure, for instance, will continue to allow the community to prosper and grow through the provision of clean, drinkable water to households and businesses. Council's parks investments will provide for improvements to our environment, opportunities for people for recreation and fun, and continue to provide tourism opportunities to grow and prosper.

In implementing the vision and outcomes over the next 10 and 30 years, the Council needs to consider the future direction of the New Plymouth District. These are based on the trends seen in the community. Some of the forecasts act as the baseline compared to our aspirations for building a sustainable lifestyle capital, while others represent business-as-usual approaches or show the risks and challenge faced by our community.

The Council's LTP is currently under review in preparation for adoption on 30 June 2024 for the period 2024-2034. The community boards have an opportunity to have input into the Long-term Planning at the beginning of the process. The community board has presented its priorities for the next three years and ten years to the Long-term Planning team and will have another opportunity through its submission to the Long-Term Plan community consultation which will be held in March/April 2024.

Infrastructure Strategy



The Infrastructure Strategy identifies the significant infrastructure issues the New Plymouth District is likely to face over the next 30 years.

It takes a long-term view of the infrastructure and services the New Plymouth district will need over time, and how the Council might provide them.

The Infrastructure Strategy details the implications of the options Council has for managing infrastructure

issues, including likely costs.

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In developing the Infrastructure Strategy, the Council considered:

- ◆ The infrastructure required to implement the strategic vision;
- ◆ How much the district will grow and where and when that growth will occur;
- ◆ The current state of the district's assets and the issues likely to arise over the next 30 years;
- ◆ The possible solutions to these issues and estimate of how much they are likely to cost; and
- ◆ The impact of any decisions on levels of service, rates and debt.

District Plan

Council released its District Plan on 13 May 2023.

The New Plymouth District Plan (the District Plan) assists Council to meet its obligations under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act). The Act provides the regulatory framework which manages the use, development and protection of land and other natural and physical resources in New Zealand.

The purpose, function and contents of the District Plan are directed towards achieving the purpose of the Act which is 'to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources'.

The District Plan contains objectives, policies, rules and standards about how the people of the New Plymouth District can use, develop and subdivide their land. The key function of the district council is the integrated management of the use, development, or protection of land and associated natural and physical resources of the district. The District Plan therefore seeks to manage and protect the natural and physical resources that are important to the community, and to ensure that environmental qualities and values are safeguarded for future generations to enjoy.

The rules of the District Plan set out the activities that you are allowed to do as of right (permitted activities) and the types of activities that require a resource consent.

The District Plan is available electronically on Council's website.

Appendix 2: Community Survey Outcomes
(separate document ECM 8979444)

Appendix 3: Census 2018
(separate document ECM 9011031)

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