



TAKAPAU

COMMUNITY PLAN 2020

With the basics right, we embrace growth for a future Takapau that is a safe and vibrant community, acting as Kaitiaki for our environment.

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1. Foreword

Kōrero Whakamōhio

Tena tātou e te iwi o Takapau
Nau mai Haere mai ki o tātou mahere o Takapau
Ngā mihi mahana huri noa i te hapori, Mauri Ora
Nā tātou noa
Nā Takapau whānau whānui

This community plan represents a summary of outcomes from a community planning workshop and a number of subsequent meetings and conversations to develop a plan to deliver on the shared vision of the Takapau Community.

Facilitated and brought together with the support of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council, the plan is not that of Councils. The plan has been developed by the Takapau community, for the Takapau Community.

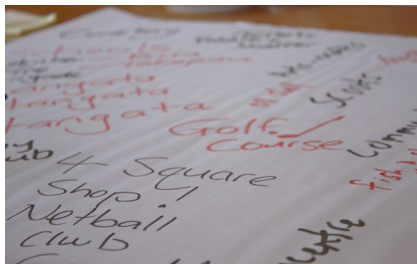
Takapau has witnessed a colourful history extending back for several centuries before the township was officially formed in 1876. The district is steeped in cultural heritage with Maori inhabiting the area since 1525. From there, history has seen Takapau change and evolve through the decades, with it now home to more than 500 people. It has a strong heart and is positive about its future.

This community plan articulates the vision of the community for the future of Takapau through six key goals. These goals have actions and priorities to deliver on the communities' vision for Takapau now and into the future.



2. What's great about Takapau

Ngā Mea Rawe O Takapau





3. Takapau History

Te Tāhuhu Kōrero O Takapau

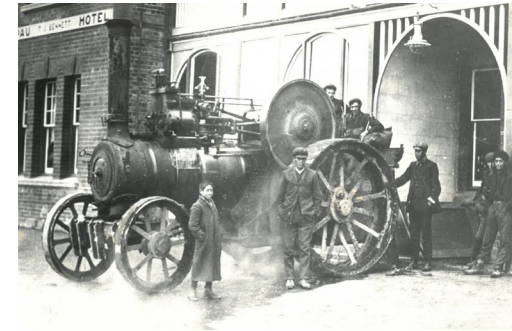
Takapau is a small rural community located off State Highway 2, 20 kilometres west of Waipukurau and has a population of more than 500.

Takapau has been inhabited since about 1525, when the Ngai Tahu people came from Tauranga-nui-a Rua in Poverty Bay and settled on the limestone ridge behind Takapau on a range named Ngā Kaihinaki O Whata. In about 1675, the Horehore Pa was built to live in and earthworks of this can still be seen on the centre one of the three hills behind the township. The first recorded European journey in the vicinity of Takapau was that of Bishop Selwyn and party in 1842. In the 1850's Land commissioner Donald McLean made several journeys through the district.

At this time several separate Maori communities existed at the edge of the bush, and the first large tracts of land were being taken up for grazing, namely Oruawharo, Ashcott, Burnside and Lambertsford.

In 1876, Sydney Johnston employed James Rochfort to survey a township of a part of Oruawharo, providing both quarter acre town sections and larger suburban sections for small farmers. The following year a hotel and store opened but the establishment of Takapau became a drawn out process. By 1879 there were only twelve land-owners in the Takapau Highway District. In 1881 the population had reached 100 but the town was not really well established until the early 1900's when most of the suburban sections had been sold and the large runs were being sub-divided. Johnston's family donated land for a school and churches and built the local library, public hall and later, Plunket rooms. Many current day streets are named after members of the family.

The community supports a number of thriving sports clubs, including tennis, rugby, and Pony Club and, alongside thriving local business and a Health Centre.





Original Oruawhoro homestead built



Township of Takapau surveyed by Sydney Johnston



WW2 Memorial erected



Hawke's Bay Farmer's Meat Company, now known as Silverfern Farms, opens

- 1525 Early inhabitant settled on Nga kaihinaki O Whata limestone ridge behind Takapau
- 1675 Horehore Pa built
- 1842 First recorded European journey in vicinity of Takapau
- 1865 Four large sheep runs, sawmill and flaxmill operating
- 1870's
- 1876
- 1877 First train arrives in Takapau
- 1914 Territorial Army Camp held
- 1945 Takapau Fire Brigade formed
- 1957 Takapau was booming with large population and business growth
- 1970's
- 1976 100 years Centenary celebrated
- 1981
- 1989 Takapau Health Centre opens
- 2004 Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Takapau opens
- 2019 Intercity bus stop comes back to Takapau

4. Words of the Future!



POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES SAFETY **Inclusive Community**
COMMUNITY GROUPS MOWING OF THE BERMS
KEEP HEALTH CENTRE OPEN **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**
GROW THE GOLF CLUB **Decent Water**
STRONG CLUBS
GROWTH ROAD SAFETY

Town beautification
 SKATE PARK
 BETTER ANIMAL CONTROL
GROW THE GOLF CLUB
 Safe for elderly and disabled
 ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
Greater investment in reserves
 NEW TENNIS COURTS WITH 24/7 ACCESS
 NEW FOOTPATHS

New Businesses
 MARAE BEING BUILT
 SAFE ENVIRONMENT
 PROVISION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT
 COMMUNITY BOARD
 VIBRANT TOWNSHIP



5. Community Planning

Kei Te Mahere Hapori

Community Planning was a key project identified by the Community in the development of Project Thrive. Project Thrive was a major community engagement and planning exercise for all of Central Hawke's Bay, that involved over 4,000 individual pieces of information and wide community feedback.

Community plans provide a united voice to advocate and promote initiatives and ideas of a community, to Councils, businesses, funders and other organisations. They represent a collective voice of the people, with clear priorities and actions for delivery.

This Community Planning process has been facilitated by Central Hawke's Bay District Council, with Council's role now shifting to a supporting and advocating role for the Takapau community to achieve their aspirations.

Community Plans are just that—plans developed by the community for the community. They represent their aspirations and the community they want for their future.



6. The Day

Ko Te Rā

Takapau's Community Planning began with a community workshop early in 2019, in the Takapau Town Hall. The Community Workshop focused on establishing a shared Vision for what we want Takapau to be in the future. We discussed some of the current issues and constraints but also focused on opportunities for improvement and growth. This information has informed our draft Community Plan.

Over 60 community members came together to enjoy a shared lunch followed by an afternoon workshop. Residents were seated at tables and given the following questions to work through in groups:

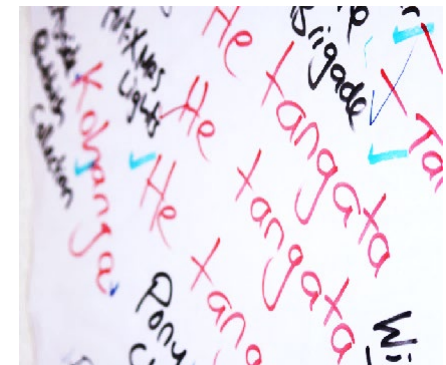
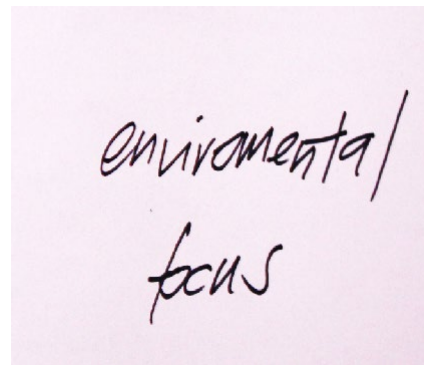
What things do you like most about Takapau?

What are you most excited about for the future of Takapau?

From there, each person decided on their top ten ideas for what they believed would make Takapau an even better community. This was then narrowed down to a top three before each table put their heads back together to work out their group's all up top five suggestions for their Community Plan.

The workshop concluded with all of the group's top five suggestions being shared and discussed. From there a number of participants volunteered to be part of a working group to continue to develop and progress the community plan. This group met a number of times to discuss all of the material from the workshop and form the draft community plan that was taken back out to the community for feedback prior to its adoption.

The Community Plan is intended to summarise the vision and aspirations we have for our Village. It also includes a list of actions that we feel are important to the whole community, some of which may be easy, other's may be harder and more longer term.



7. Vision Statement

He Tauākī

Our vision is:

With the basics right, we embrace growth for a future Takapau that is a safe and vibrant community, acting as Kaitiaki for our environment.





Renewing our Identity

Whakahoua To Tātou Tuakiri

We want to build on our current open space, building on our heritage and history while exploring and identifying new opportunities.

Strong proud connections with our two marae.



GOAL ONE - Renewing our Identity

Whakahoua To Tātou Tuakiri

Actions	Who to Involve	First Steps	Priority			
			<1 year	1 – 3	3 – 5	5 + y.
Identify opportunities for Takapau to be recognised as motorhome friendly.	Hawke's Bay Tourism, Central Hawke's Bay District Council (CHBDC)	Organise a meeting with Councils Economic Development Team on this opportunity and other similar initiatives.		✓		
Explore opportunities to tell the historic stories of Takapau's heritage and history through signage, static open space displays and murals, working with other group.	CHBDC	Engage in the project "Nga Ara Tipuna" to explore what opportunity exists for Takapau		✓		
Work with Council to develop an Open Space Master Plan for Takapau, identifying areas for Reserve Development, streetscaping and beautification that will create an atmosphere and feeling of a future Takapau, based on the new long term identity.	CHBDC	Advocate for Council to prioritise funding for this project to be commenced.	✓			
Celebrate and share the importance of building of the Rongo A Tahu Marae.	Marae committee	Engage with the committee that is developing the Marae.				✓
Work with Council to explore the opportunities to encourage new business and families to establish in Takapau as a location.	CHBDC	Organise a meeting with Councils Economic Development Team on this opportunity and other similar initiatives.		✓		
Explore opportunities that the gas-line creates for Takapau.	CHBDC	Organise a meeting with Councils Economic Development Team on this opportunity and other similar initiatives.			✓	
Initiate opportunities for pop-up businesses and cafes.	CHBDC	Committee to approach potential vendors. Promote Takapau as a place to do business.		✓		

GOAL TWO

Staying Connected

He Herenga Whakapiri

We want to be a connected community that builds on its successes and celebrates its history.



GOAL TWO - Staying Connected

He Herenga Whakapiri

Actions	Who to Involve	First Steps	Priority			
			<1 year	1 – 3	3 – 5	5 + y.
Keep building on the great stuff we are already doing!	Everyone	Continue supporting existing events and activities.				✓
Make Matariki Takapau’s showcase event of the year.	Matariki organizing group, HB Tourism, key community organisations	Arrange a hui to plan ways to boost the event for 2021 and explore option of forming a trust for Matariki organizing group.	✓			
Of the newsletters distributed, identify a single newsletter as the primary source of written information for Takapau to build upon its success, distribution and readership.	Newsletter publishers.	Identify all of the current newsletters and invite the creators to a meeting to discuss collaboration and sharing.		✓		
Continue to encourage regular updates and sharing on the Takapau Facebook pages to know what’s going on.	Page administrators – Takapau Heartbeat, community groups	Do a local promotion of the Takapau Heartbeat page	✓			
Provide regular updates on activities and events to the CHB Mail for print.	CHB Mail editorial team	Regularly send updates on community activities and initiatives.		✓		
Work together to identify how our Community Plan will be implemented.	Wider community	Hold initial meeting to look at how the plan will be implemented and monitored by the community, and how the wider community will be informed about progress.	✓			

GOAL THREE

Progressing Our People

Mā Tātou E Anga Whakamua

We want to continue to work together and identify and build on opportunities to progress our community and its people.



GOAL THREE – Progressing our people

Mā Tātou E Anga Whakamua

Actions	Who to Involve	First Steps	Priority			
			<1 year	1 – 3	3 – 5	5 + y.
Seek to understand the local barriers people face, to inform how best to progress opportunities for young people.	School, social service providers, Oranga Tamariki, CHBDC	Organise a hui with local youth and key organisations to identify the challenges and opportunities	✓			
Identify opportunities for people to get involved within the community in projects and activities, to create leadership, coaching and succession.	School, sports clubs, EIT	From the opportunities above, and other initiatives, develop a list of the opportunities available.		✓		
Understand what classes/learning opportunities exist already within Takapau and explore ways of effectively communicating these to all	Art Centre, Rock 'n' Roll Club, Cake Making (Amanda)	Identify a list of the programmes and work with Takapau Heartbeat, library and CHB Mail to see them promoted.		✓		
Explore opportunities for collaboration with existing services and groups.	Tennis Club, RSA, Rugby Club, Squash Club, Health Centre, EIT, Pony Club, Rock 'n' Roll Group, Play Centre.	Hold a club and services annual open day for groups and community to understand what they are collectively up to.		✓		
Build on the Christmas Lights event, e.g. with pop-up night market, coffee cart, craft stalls, face painting, music.	Christmas Lights organisers, working group.	Discuss possibilities for 2021	✓			
Add scooter track and basketball hoop to the skate bowl	Working group, school families	Consider what is already around.		✓		

**GOAL
FOUR**

Keeping our Community Safe

Tiakina To Tātou Hapori

Supported by Central and Local Government, we want to be a community that takes ownership of the safety of its people and places.



GOAL FOUR – Keeping our Community Safe

Tiakina To Tātou Hapori

Actions	Who to Involve	First Steps	Priority			
			<1 year	1 – 3	3 – 5	5 + y.
Take community ownership on safety issues, seeking to resolve these amongst ourselves.	Working group	Organise a community hui to establish a neighbourhood watch or similar community network to collaborate on key issues		✓		
Build relationships with the local Police and others to establish a local community patrol.	NZ Police, Waipukurau Community Patrol, UVT Trust, Safer CHB	Organise meeting with local Police			✓	
Explore Installing a judder bar on Sydney Street near the school.	CHBDC, Takapau School, Kohanga Reo.	Invite Council's Land Transport team to a meeting to view areas of concern and identify possible solutions.	✓			
Work with Councils Land Transport Team to create an audit of road safety issues in Takapau and develop an implementation plan to address these	CHBDC	Invite Council's Land Transport team to a meeting to view areas of concern and identify possible solutions.		✓		
Advocate with council for improved Animal Control Services in the village.	CHBDC	Invite Council's Animal Services team to a community meeting regarding animal control.	✓			
Continue to advocate for safe footpaths and improve water quality.	CHBDC	Invite Council's Land Transport team to a meeting to view areas of concern and identify possible solutions.		✓		

GOAL FIVE

Health and Wellbeing To Tātou Oranga Tonutanga

We want to promote and encourage wellbeing, building on the base of local clubs and groups.



GOAL FIVE– Health and Wellbeing

To Tātou Oranga Tonutanga

Actions	Who to Involve	First Steps	Priority			
			<1 year	1 – 3	3 – 5	5 + y.
Engage with Sport Hawke’s Bay to ensure our clubs are future focused and sustainable for the future and to promote and encourage community ownership and support for clubs	Sport Hawke’s Bay	Organise meeting with Sport HB to discuss what services and support could be offered to Takapau.		✓		
Promote awareness in the village, locally and regionally of the importance of the Health Centre for Takapau and encourage use of this community facility.	Other rural Health Centres.	Meet with the Health Centre to support the development of a communications plan.	✓			
Work with Council to identify community solutions for transport options to Waipawa and Waipukurau.	CHBDC	Connect with Council’s Land Transport team and Community Development team to identify transport opportunities.		✓		
Advocate for regional opportunities for the railway to be a primary transport link to northern Hawke’s Bay Centres.	CHBDC, HBRC, NZTA	Advocate to Council for inclusion of the concept in the Regional Land Transport plans.			✓	

**GOAL
SIX**

Environmental Focus

Aronga | Te Taiao

We want to
celebrate and
protect our unique
natural
environment.



GOAL SIX – Environmental Focus

Aronga I Te Taiao

Actions	Who to Involve	First Steps	Priority			
			<1 year	1 – 3	3 – 5	5 + y.
Work with partners to improve the Makaretu River	HBRC, CHBDC, Community groups, land owners, existing catchment group, School, Marae,	Organise a hui of interested parties on the opportunities around the Makaretu River, with a view to establishing a catchment or project group (or supporting an existing one)		✓		
Identify local opportunities to recycle more including working with Council to further improve the recycling station.	Local businesses	Organise for CHBDC's Solid Waste team to identify opportunities to support waste minimization efforts in Takapau. Local businesses leading by example (e.g. recycling areas, packaging).	✓			
Continue to engage with Council on wastewater projects	CHBDC	Connect with Council to seek an update on the project and opportunities for the community to be engaged.		✓		



ANSO