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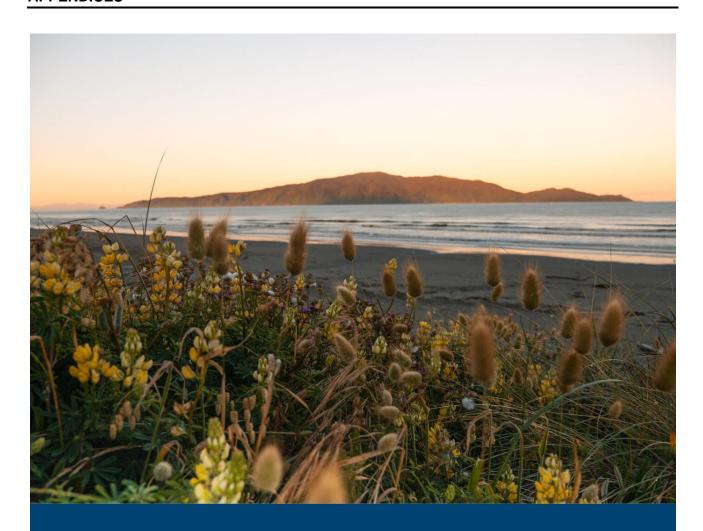## DISTRICT COUNCIL
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A clear district-wide vision will help guide planning, decision making, programmes, services, and advocacy, for decades to come.

Elected members want to hear from their communities, about what matters most, what change people want to see and their aspirations for the future of our district.

The first stage is to develop a Vision for the district and its underlying communities.

This will be followed by two further stages:

- Identifying and testing pathways and priorities for achieving our Vision; and finally
- Developing a blueprint for action, mapping out our key steps and moves to realise our Vision.

Once complete, the Vision and blueprint will outline what things will be prioritised over the next 30 years (to 2060), and how Council will work with its iwi partners, central and local government, and key stakeholders to collectively achieve the Vision.

The districtwide Vision for Kāpiti was developed concurrently with local visions for Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, Raumati, and Paekākāriki. The local Visions will update and replace the previous Local Outcome Statements and feed into the districtwide Vision, to deliver a cohesive and overarching Vision for Kāpiti.

When we set out on this engagement journey we aimed to hear from a representative sample of our community. We aimed to hear from about 2,500 people, which represents about 5% of our community. We heard from about 2,775 people with direct feedback, and incorporated insights from other engagements that included feedback from a further 5,510 people. We are confident our goal of incorporating a representative sample of the views of our community has been met.

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1.2 Overview of Vision Kāpiti engagement and feedback

Feedback from engagement has been captured through two phases of engagement. This is summarised below.

Phase One: Gathering initial views

Between August 2023 and April 2024, qualitative information was gathered through a range of engagement activities.

We received feedback from about 2,284 people across our district in this phase of engagement. A summary of response numbers in phase one is in the table below.

• An online feedback platform on the following topics:
    o Councillors' 10 strategic priorities
    o Haumaru | Safety
    o Kainga | Housing
    o Landing a vision for Kāpiti together
    o Te Mahi me te whai moni | Employment and income
    o Nga hononga | Networks and connections
    o Te Matauranga | Education
    o Te Tapoi | Tourism
    o Hauora | Health
    o Taiao | Environment
    o Te whakamahinga whenua | Land use
    o Pūngao | Energy
    o Kai | Food
	320 contributors with 538 responses and 967 feedback points

• Local surveys led by Community Boards	About 656 contributors with 4,449 feedback points
• Feedback at the Engagement Hubs as part of Vision Kāpiti	About 1,089 contributors with 1,262 feedback points
• Feedback from pop-up engagements and events	About 183 contributors with 313 feedback points

This feedback was summarised and presented to local communities for further testing as part of Phase Two. This included a detailed report which summarised feedback from all sources, and feedback received on local survey questions.

Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

Between May and July 2024, Council shared the summary of feedback received during Phase One with the community to test whether what had been captured so far reflected what was important to people and if there was anything missing.

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We received feedback from about 451 people in this round of engagement.

A summary of response numbers in phase two is in the table below.

• An online survey capturing if what is captured so far reflects what's important and if there is anything missing.	238 contributors with 323 responses with 824 feedback points
• Vision Kāpiti Engagement Hubs - boxes at our local libraries in Ōtaki, Waikanae and Paraparaumu, and displays and feedback boxes in our Paraparaumu Service Centre and Coastlands Aquatic Centre.	41 contributors with 72 feedback points
• Gathering information at the Kāpiti Coast District Council table at the Ki te Āpōpō Rangatahi Expo on 21 June 2024	49 contributors' responses with 52 feedback points
• Feedback from Coastlands Mall over 14 and 15 June 2024	61 contributors' feedback forms submitted with 169 feedback points
• An evening webinar session on 2 July	7 contributors' feedback points
• Other events/engagement by community boards; Paekakariki Community Board workshop, additional Raumati engagement	About 138 contributors

In addition to the above engagements, Elected Members sought to engage and seek feedback with local residents through a number of other ways to encourage them to provide input, but also to hear people's thoughts directly and ensure the final Vision reflected what they have been hearing. This has included:

- Discussion at pop-up engagements and events like the Kāpiti food fair, Coastlands, Youth Council sessions
- Discussion with Council advisory groups
- Flyer Drops at train stations
- Newspaper, social media and radio ads
- Targetted messaging to special interest groups such as dog owners and those interested in the arts through Council's mailing lists
- Displays in parks

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- Discussion with local schools, churches, business forums, retirement village groups, and other interest groups and organisations.
- We also thank Capable Sector Project participants for their input, representing:
  - Age Concern Kāpiti
  - Benefit Advocacy Kāpiti
  - Cancer Society Wellington Division
  - Citizens Advice Bureau Kāpiti
  - Citizens Advice Bureau Ōtaki
  - Coast Access Radio Trust
  - Dementia Wellington
  - Energise Ōtaki Charitable Trust
  - Hora Te Pai
  - Kaibosh Food Rescue
  - Kāpiti Impact Trust
  - Kāpiti Meals on Wheels (Red Cross Group)
  - Kāpiti Youth Support – KYS
  - Kāpiti Women's Health Collective Inc
  - Menzshed Kāpiti
  - Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki
  - Ōtaki Community Network Forum
  - Ōtaki Health and Wellbeing Advisory Group
  - Society of St Vincent de Paul, Kāpiti Conference
  - Te Ara Korowai
  - Te Puna Oranga o Ōtaki
  - The Road Forward
  - The Salvation Army
  - Volunteer Kāpiti

You can also read more about how our Community Boards supported engagement in our local communities across Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, Raumati and Paekākāriki in our local reports.

Other community feedback included

In addition to feedback on the Vision process, a number of recent community engagements have provided feedback on what's important for Kāpiti residents. We have incorporated relevant feedback from the following engagement projects.

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• Long -Term Plan 2024-2034 feedback	Key insights identified from the full set of feedback (371 responses with 1,598 feedback points)
• Engagement on the Waikanae Library project	1,997 responses with 4,784 feedback points
• A youth needs survey received from Zeal	Key insights from 94 responses
• Engagement on community needs related to the Te Newhanga community centre project	Key insights from 743 responses with 3,099 feedback points
• Feedback on values received in the Takutai Kāpiti Project	Key insights from 2,261 responses with 3,994 feedback points
• Paekākāriki: What next? feedback	26 qualitative, semi-structured interviews, 2 focus groups with primary school children, and 2 participatory development workshops.
• Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity feedback	18 responses
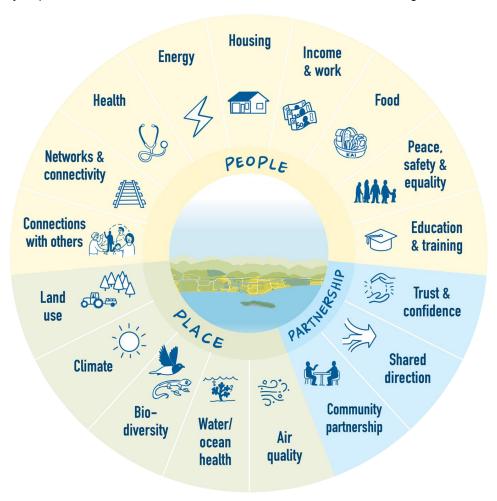
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2 Central Themes

This section summarises the central themes that emerged from the community engagement process. It highlights the dominant priorities and aspirations expressed by Kāpiti Coast residents across various domains of the economic doughnut model.

The themes presented here synthesise feedback from multiple engagement channels, including the targeted Vision Kāpiti surveys and workshops, as well as insights from recent community consultations such as the Long-Term Plan 2024-34, Waikanae Library project, youth needs assessment, Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre social needs study, Takutai Kāpiti coastal adaptation initiative, Paekākāriki: What next? project, Friends of Te Horo Beach participatory mapping activity, and Kāpiti Impact Trust vision workshops. By incorporating these supplementary sources, we gain a more comprehensive understanding of community priorities and

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concerns. This multi-faceted approach allows us to identify recurring themes across different engagement processes, providing a robust foundation for Kāpiti's future vision.

The inclusion of Long-Term Plan insights offers valuable context on infrastructure priorities, financial considerations, and community initiatives. The Waikanae Library consultation and Te Newhanga needs assessment highlight the importance of accessible, multi-purpose community spaces and amenities. The youth needs assessment and Paekākāriki project provide crucial perspectives on the aspirations and challenges faced by specific demographics. The Takutai Kāpiti and Te Horo Beach engagements emphasise environmental priorities and community assets. The Kāpiti Impact Trust workshops offer a social sector lens on key values and principles. Together, these additional sources enrich and validate the themes identified in the primary Vision Kāpiti engagement, ensuring a holistic view of community aspirations across the district.

2.1 Place

Āhurangi | Climate: The community emphasises the importance of adopting a comprehensive approach to tackle climate change, focusing on adaptation and mitigation strategies, efficient waste management and recycling systems, and improving sustainable transport options.

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health: The community places great importance on environmental conservation, particularly regarding water bodies. Proximity to rivers, estuaries, beaches, and the ocean is highly valued, with residents expressing a strong commitment to preserving and maintaining the quality of our aquatic environments.

Kanorau Koiora | Biodiversity: The community highly values the Kāpiti Coast's natural environment, advocating for rewilding and regeneration to support native biodiversity. Enhancing and protecting natural spaces, pest control programs, and predator-free zones are vital priorities.

Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality: The community recognises the need for strategic growth that accommodates new housing developments while also preserving the area's unique character. Key priorities are providing a balanced mix of housing options, protecting valuable agricultural land, and ensuring infrastructure supports new housing while addressing flood risks.

Wai | Water: The community expressed concern about overall water quality (both in natural bodies and water supply) and three waters management, signalling a perceived need for improvements in water services, particularly stormwater networks as well as a desire for Kāpiti to protect water sovereignty.

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2.2 People

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety: Residents highly value the area's relaxing and peaceful atmosphere, appreciating its safety and security. Suggestions for improvement include addressing pedestrian safety, animal control, and improving overall security through increased police presence and neighbourhood watch programs.

Hanga Whare | Housing: The community expressed their desire for a multifaceted approach to housing challenges, which balances the need for densification with character preservation and the provision of diverse housing options. Affordability, improved infrastructure, and housing accessibility for the elderly and those with health issues are key concerns.

Hauora | Health: Residents value access to activities and facilities that promote and enable healthy lifestyles. Key priorities include improved access to healthcare services and local facilities, particularly for the elderly and those with disabilities.

Kai | Food: Residents have a keen interest in supporting local food systems and ensuring access to diverse dining options. There is strong community support for the development of community gardens and urban agriculture. There is a clear call for increased competition in the food retail sector to benefit consumers and support local producers. Community members express concerns about the use of arable land for housing developments.

Mātauranga | Education & Training: Expanding educational opportunities through adult education, environmental learning, and history trails, is a key focus for the community, emphasising a desire to see innovating education and employment pathways. Increasing school capacity and updating infrastructure are also important priorities.

Ohunga | Income & Work: Residents expressed a need to revitalise the Kāpiti Coast by transforming vacant properties, as well as supporting local businesses and tourism operations. Supporting higher-value employment and flexible workspaces are also key priorities.

Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity: The community feedback highlights the demand for improved and sustainable transportation options, including better public transport services, and enhanced cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. Road safety, lighting, and internet connectivity are also key concerns.

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Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others: Residents in Kāpiti envision a thriving and inclusive community. They value a strong sense of belonging and prosperity for all ages. The community feedback places strong emphasis on equity, particularly for Māori, fostering kindness and friendliness. Collaborative spirit in cultural spaces is cherished and crucial for communal well-being and interconnectedness. There is a strong focus on supporting young people. The community strongly values inclusivity and belonging and prioritises enhancing local arts, culture, and heritage through collaborative initiatives and new facilities. Upgraded public amenities, youth-focused activities, and communal housing are key priorities to foster a thriving, supportive environment.

Hihiri | Energy: The community feedback indicates strong support for the shift towards renewable energy, with repeated calls to increase support for solar energy, and adopt solar PV for local council infrastructure, although there's opposition to wind turbines. The community supports adoption of hybrid and electric vehicles, as well as increasing access to EV chargers. Concerns were raised about rising energy costs, and suggestions include requiring solar panels on new builds, reducing petrol prices, and encouraging competition among energy suppliers.

2.3 Partnership

He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership: The community calls for a connected and inclusive environment with improved governance and democratic engagement that prioritises transparency and accountability within the Council. Environmental stewardship, and fostering community spirit through events, arts, and cultural activities are key focus areas.

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3   Key findings

This section presents an overall summary of the insights and themes from the Vision Kāpiti engagement process. It synthesises the feedback received across all the questions and topics covered during the engagement, providing an overview of the community's aspirations, concerns, and priorities for the future of Kāpiti. The summary is split into the three broad categories of Place, People and Partnership.

To facilitate a holistic understanding of the community's needs and desires, the findings have been organised and analysed through the lens of the economic doughnut model.[1]

The summary is structured around the key community needs, highlighting the dominant themes, sub-themes, and specific suggestions that emerged under each category.

3.1   Place

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Place'.

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☀ Āhurangi
Climate

Āhurangi | Climate feedback emphasises the community's diverse views on environmental issues, particularly climate change. Some voice concerns about sea level rise, extreme weather, and erosion, calling for adaptation strategies and enhanced emergency preparedness. Others are sceptical of climate change or scientific modelling. Environmental quality is a key focus, with residents highlighting air and water quality, waste management, and ecosystem health. Many appreciate local natural assets and advocated for their protection. Sustainability initiatives, including improved recycling, sustainable transport, and energy projects, are supported. The community shows varying levels of concern about climate impacts, with some prioritising mitigation efforts and others focusing on immediate environmental issues.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Efficient Waste Management & Recycling Systems

Residents express a strong desire for improved waste management and recycling systems in Kāpiti. Suggestions include implementing kerbside recycling collection, providing more recycling bins in public areas, and establishing green waste facilities in each township. There are calls for a council-managed, unified rubbish collection system to reduce the number of lorries on roads. Many want to see a return of recycling stations, particularly in Waikanae. Residents emphasise the need for better education about recycling and waste reduction. Some propose initiatives like repair cafés, community composting, and food waste collection. Overall, there's a clear focus on creating more efficient and environmentally friendly waste management practices.

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Enjoy The Local Climate & Weather

Residents of Kāpiti consistently praise the area's favourable climate and weather as a key attraction. Many appreciate the mild temperatures, abundant sunshine, and cooling sea breezes, noting that the region is often warmer and more pleasant than nearby Wellington. The microclimate is seen as ideal for outdoor activities, gardening, and general well-being. Some mention the area's suitability for growing food and its positive impact on lifestyle. While a few express concerns about changing weather patterns due to climate change, most view the local climate as a significant asset, contributing to the region's appeal as a place to live and visit.

Focus On Climate Change

Residents express a range of views on climate change, with many calling for increased action and resilience planning. There's a strong desire for initiatives to reduce carbon emissions, such as improving public transport, promoting electric vehicles, and increasing renewable energy use. Some advocate for nature-based solutions, including wetland restoration and tree planting. However, there's also scepticism from some residents about the severity of climate change impacts. In addition, the community considers these solutions part of "business as usual" for Council rather than introducing a new targeted climate action rate based on property capital value to fund these initiatives. Many want the council to prioritise climate considerations in all decision-making, particularly regarding coastal management and infrastructure development. Overall, there's a clear call for a balanced, informed approach to addressing climate change challenges.

Other key themes included:

- Enhance natural spaces (i.e. bike path)

- Focus on food resilience

- Importance of coast for protection and benefits

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Hauora Awa/Moana River/Ocean Health

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health related feedback demonstrates the community's appreciation of its proximity to beaches, rivers, and wetlands. There's strong support for improved coastal defences, including seawall maintenance and stormwater management. Concerns are raised about erosion, flooding, and water quality in various waterways. Residents appreciate clean beaches and seek better waste management. Some worry about human interference with natural processes, while others support traditional coastal defences. Specific local issues include the Waimeha stream, Raumati South seawall, and inland water table. Overall, there's a call for balanced coastal management, improved waterway maintenance, and enhanced monitoring to ensure safe, clean aquatic environments while addressing erosion and flooding risks.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Proximity & Access To The Seaside, Beaches & The Sea

Residents overwhelmingly value Kāpiti's coastal location and easy access to beaches. The seaside is seen as central to the area's identity and lifestyle, offering numerous recreational. Many appreciate the ability to walk from their homes to the beach. Residents emphasise the importance of maintaining and improving beach access, including walkways and seawalls. There are concerns about erosion and flooding affecting beach access in some areas. Overall, proximity to the sea is considered a key attraction and integral to Kāpiti's character and community wellbeing.

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Proximity To Rivers

Residents highly value Kāpiti's rivers, particularly the Waikanae and Ōtaki rivers, as significant natural assets. Many appreciate the easy access to river walks and cycleways, which provide recreational opportunities and connect communities. The rivers are seen as important for wildlife, especially birdlife, and contribute to the area's biodiversity. Some residents express concerns about flooding and erosion along riverbanks, calling for better maintenance and management. There's a desire to protect and enhance river environments, including improving water quality and restoring wetlands. Overall, proximity to rivers is viewed as a key feature of Kāpiti's natural landscape and lifestyle.

Other key themes included:

- Support for improved stormwater management
- Concern about beach shape and sand movement
- Support for improved and additional coastal

Support For Improved & Additional Seawalls

Many residents express support for improved and additional seawalls as a primary defence against coastal erosion and flooding. There's a strong desire for well-designed, professionally engineered seawalls along vulnerable coastlines. Some advocate for curved designs or mixed systems incorporating revetments and groynes. Residents emphasise the need for proactive maintenance and upgrades of existing seawalls. There's a call for a coordinated, district-wide approach rather than disjointed private efforts. Some view seawalls as essential for protecting properties and infrastructure, while others express concerns about potential environmental impacts. Overall, there is a significant demand for robust coastal protection measures, with seawalls seen as a key component.

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Kanorau Koiora Biodiversity

Kanorau Koiora | Biodiversity related feedback shows that residents deeply value their natural environment, including beaches, waterways, parks, and proximity to Kāpiti Island and the Tararua Ranges. There is strong support for environmental conservation, with emphasis on dune restoration, increased planting, and wildlife protection. Concerns were raised about habitat preservation, pest control, and the impact of development on green spaces. The community advocates for biodiversity regeneration, wetland expansion, and improved ecological corridors. Specific issues include dune maintenance, tree felling, and invasive species management. Residents seek a balance between development and environmental protection, calling for more green spaces, community gardens, and sustainable practices like reduced pesticide use and native tree preservation.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Protect Beaches & Waterways & Green Kāpiti

The feedback strongly emphasises the need to protect Kāpiti's natural environment, particularly its beaches, waterways, and green spaces. Key priorities include preserving and enhancing coastal dunes, wetlands, and river mouths; restricting vehicle access on beaches; increasing native planting and restoring biodiversity; managing pests and weeds; and mitigating the impacts of climate change and sea level rise. Maintaining access to nature are also highlighted as important. Overall, the feedback calls for a proactive, long-term approach to environmental protection and sustainability, balancing development with preserving Kāpiti's unique natural assets.

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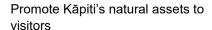
Proximity To Nature

The feedback clearly highlights the high value placed by the Kāpiti community on their proximity to nature. Residents deeply appreciate the easy access to a diverse range of natural environments, from the beaches and coastal dunes to the hills, rivers, and native forests. This proximity to the great outdoors provides ample opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and appreciating wildlife, all of which contribute immensely to the wellbeing of the local population. Leveraging natural assets could also promote sustainable living, education and nature-based tourism, while strengthening community appreciation.

Other key themes included:

Promote Kāpiti's natural assets to visitors

Support for dune restoration and management

Proximity to Kāpiti Island

Enjoy Visiting Local Parks & Reserves

The Kāpiti community deeply values the local parks, reserves and natural spaces throughout the region, which are seen as essential to quality of life. Residents thoroughly enjoy being able to easily access and spend time in these areas, whether for recreation, relaxation or appreciating the local flora and fauna. Maintaining and enhancing these natural assets is therefore a top priority, with suggestions including improving trail networks, increasing native plantings, controlling pests and weeds, and ensuring sufficient parking and amenities. Improving accessibility, particularly for those with limited mobility, is also important.

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Wai
Water

Wai | Water related feedback highlights significant concerns about water management in Kāpiti. Key issues include water quality and supply, sewage system vulnerability, and the impact of development on rivers and wetlands. Residents call for improved water services, better infrastructure, and increased public access through more water fountains. Environmental concerns also mention chemical runoff as a key issue. Some support water fluoridation and maintaining council control of water services. Overall, there's a strong emphasis on enhancing water management, preserving wetlands and waterways, and ensuring sustainable practices, with particular focus on stormwater and wastewater systems maintenance.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Improve Water Services

The community feedback highlights several key concerns and priorities regarding water services in Kāpiti. Residents are worried about water supply security and quality, particularly in light of population growth and the potential impacts of climate change. There are calls to address infrastructure deficiencies, including upgrading ageing wastewater and stormwater systems to prevent issues like flooding and contamination. Improving water management through measures such as wetland restoration, reducing chemical use, and promoting water conservation are also seen as important. Ensuring equitable access to reliable, safe drinking water is a strong theme, with some questioning the ongoing fluoridation of the supply. The funding of improvements to water services, is also a topic of debate, with residents generally favouring an increase in rates over taking on additional debt to fund the increased costs. Overall, the feedback emphasises the need for the council to take a proactive, holistic approach to strengthening Kāpiti's water services to safeguard community wellbeing and the local environment.

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Concern About Sewage System Vulnerability

The community has significant concerns about the vulnerability of Kāpiti's sewage infrastructure, particularly considering population growth, environmental pressures and extreme weather events. Residents are worried about the potential for wastewater contamination, especially of waterways and coastal areas, due to ageing or inadequate sewerage systems. There are calls for the council to prioritise upgrading and maintaining these essential services to ensure they can cope with increased demand and the impacts of climate change. Improving sewage treatment and disposal is seen as crucial for protecting public health, ecosystems and the overall quality of the local environment. Some feedback also suggests exploring innovative, sustainable solutions such as decentralised systems or nature-based approaches. Overall, the community is seeking proactive, long-term planning and investment to strengthen the resilience of Kāpiti's sewage infrastructure.

Other key themes included:

- Improved water management and quality

- Concern about water quality and supply

- Increase the number of water fountains

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Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua Land Use & Quality

Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality related feedback stresses the community's diverse views on coastal management and urban development. Opinions on erosion and flooding risks vary, as do attitudes towards managed retreat. Many emphasise the coastline's importance to Kāpiti's identity, calling for its protection. Development concerns include building in high-risk areas, coastal intensification, and urban sprawl. There's a desire to balance character preservation with necessary growth, favouring low-rise and medium-density options. The debate between coastal protection and retreat underscores the need for case-by-case approaches. Overall, the community seeks a balanced strategy addressing flood mitigation, infrastructure needs, and preservation of local character.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Balance Intensification With Character Preservation

The community feedback emphasises the need to strike a careful balance between housing intensification and preserving the unique character of Kāpiti's towns and villages. While acknowledging the need for more affordable and diverse housing options, particularly near public transport hubs, residents are adamant that development should not come at the expense of the region's distinctive small-town feel, green spaces, and heritage. Concerns are raised about the impacts of high-density, cookie-cutter housing on Kāpiti's charming, low-rise and coastal aesthetics. The feedback calls for thoughtful, context-sensitive urban design that enhances rather than detracts from the community's sense of place. Maintaining the walkable, family-friendly, and environmentally-conscious nature of Kāpiti's settlements is seen as critical. The Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity highlighted additional themes, including a desire for minimal built environment and self-reliance, a preference for no further building but improvements in community amenities, and the importance of parks and reserves with a preference for native vegetation to be considered in planning.

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Mixed Concern About Erosion & Flooding

The community expresses mixed levels of concern regarding coastal erosion and flooding in Kāpiti. While some residents are highly worried about the threats posed by these natural processes, exacerbated by climate change, others feel the risks have been overstated or are simply part of living in a dynamic coastal environment. Some point to evidence of long-term accretion rather than erosion, questioning the need for drastic interventions. There are calls for a nuanced, case-by-case approach to assessing hazards and responding appropriately, potentially using a combination of protective measures like seawalls, dune restoration, and managed retreat in the most vulnerable areas. Concerns are also raised about the financial and social impacts of relocating homes and infrastructure. Overall, the community seeks a balanced and evidence-based strategy that safeguards public and private assets without compromising the character and accessibility of Kāpiti's coastline.

Other key themes included:

- Concern about building in high-risk areas
- Reduce urban sprawl
- Implement low rise buildings

Importance Of The Coastline In Defining Kāpiti's Geography

The community overwhelmingly views Kāpiti's coastline as a defining and invaluable feature of the region's geography and identity. The beaches, dunes, estuaries, and islands are seen as integral to the area's natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and environmental diversity. Residents express a deep personal connection to the coast, with many choosing to live in Kāpiti specifically for its proximity to the ocean. The Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity highlighted several key themes regarding the natural environment in the area, including the beach as a focal point with recreational, cultural, and ecological importance.

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3.2 People

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'People'.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata
Peace & Safety

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety related feedback demonstrates the high value placed on Kāpiti's safe and peaceful atmosphere. Residents appreciate the low crime rate, quiet living, and absence of heavy traffic. Safety is a key priority, particularly for children and the elderly, with calls for increased police presence, enhanced community safety measures, and improved animal control. There is support for creating safe pedestrian environments and maintaining safe driving speeds. The community desires effective local governance and the ability to have a say in matters. Some concerns are raised about potential increased crime and the need for better emergency preparedness. Overall, residents cherish the area's natural beauty and sense of space, while seeking to maintain and enhance safety measures.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Improve Safety

The community feedback highlights a strong desire to enhance safety and security across Kāpiti, especially for vulnerable groups like children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Residents seek improvements to both physical infrastructure, such as better lighting, speed limits, and pedestrian crossings, as well as increased community engagement, neighbourhood watch programmes, and a more visible police presence. There are calls for safer public spaces, with improved accessibility, lighting, and CCTV coverage to deter antisocial behaviour. Ensuring schools and routes to them are safe for students to walk or cycle is another key priority. Additionally, there are calls to increase alcohol licensing fees to address alcohol-related social harms. Overall, the feedback emphasises the need for a multi-faceted, community-focused approach to improving safety and security, underpinned by close collaboration between local authorities, law enforcement, and residents. Achieving a safe, connected, and welcoming environment for all is seen as crucial to Kāpiti's long-term prosperity and wellbeing.

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Enjoy The Relaxing & Peaceful Atmosphere

The community consistently praises the relaxed, peaceful, and laidback atmosphere that defines Kāpiti's towns and villages, particularly the coastal areas. The sense of community, friendly neighbours, and lack of traffic and congestion all contribute to the overall tranquil vibe that attracts many to the region. Preserving this relaxed, unhurried ambience, with its small-town charm, is seen as vital to Kāpiti's identity and appeal as a place to live, work and visit. Balancing growth and development with retaining the area's peaceful character is a key priority, ensuring Kāpiti remains a sanctuary from the stresses of modern life.

Recognition Of Natural Beauty & Views

The community overwhelmingly values Kāpiti's natural assets and breathtaking scenery as defining features of the region. Residents take great pride in the pristine beaches, lush green spaces, meandering rivers, and panoramic vistas that form the backdrop to daily life. Easy access to these natural wonders, whether for recreation, relaxation or simply admiring the view, is seen as integral to wellbeing and community identity. Safeguarding the area's environmental treasures, from the iconic Kāpiti Island to the coastal dunes and native bush, is a top priority.

Other key themes included:

- The area is safe and secure
- Increase police presence
- Improve animal safety and control

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Te hononga ki ētahi atu
Connections

Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others feedback demonstrates that Kāpiti residents value their thriving, connected community with its small-town character and village atmosphere. They emphasise the importance of inclusive spaces, diverse cultural events, and youth-focused activities. There's strong support for upgrading public amenities, improving accessibility, and developing spaces for community gatherings. Residents appreciate the area's artistic culture, recreational opportunities, and family-oriented environment. The community seeks to balance preserving its relaxed lifestyle with fostering growth, calling for enhanced facilities like libraries, community halls, and sports hubs. There's also a focus on embracing diversity, supporting vulnerable groups, and respecting Māori culture and history.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Create & Maintain Inclusive Spaces

The community feedback highlights the critical need for Kāpiti to have a variety of accessible, affordable, and welcoming public spaces that serve all residents, regardless of age, ability, or background. There are calls for multi-purpose community centres, halls, and meeting rooms that can host a diverse range of activities, from youth programmes and adult education to support groups and community events. Ensuring these spaces are inclusive, safe, and free from stigma is seen as essential. Additionally, enhancing public spaces, such as Beach Road, to become welcoming social hubs is mentioned as a way to restore Māori identity and empower underrepresented groups. Beyond physical infrastructure, the community wants to see more council-led initiatives that bring people together, foster connections, and promote a shared sense of belonging. Dedicated effort is needed to engage with marginalised groups and design spaces that meet their unique needs. Overall, the feedback emphasises the fundamental role of inclusive community hubs in enhancing wellbeing, strengthening social cohesion, and providing equal opportunities for all.

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Thriving Connected Community & Supportive Of Others

The community feedback reflects a strong desire for Kāpiti to be a thriving, connected place where people support one another. Residents value the friendly, caring spirit within many neighbourhoods and want to see this sense of community enhanced through more opportunities for social interaction, learning, and shared experiences. Ideas include expanding community events, clubs, and activities that bring together diverse groups, as well as creating accessible, affordable spaces for these to take place. Improving information-sharing about local services, support networks, and volunteering opportunities is also seen as key to fostering a truly supportive community. Overall, the feedback highlights the community's belief that by strengthening connections, promoting inclusivity, and looking out for one another, Kāpiti can become an even more vibrant, resilient place to live.

Development Of Youth-Focused Activities & Facilities

The community feedback, including insights from the Kāpiti Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti Young People, expresses a need for more youth-focused activities, facilities, and spaces across Kāpiti. Residents feel there is a lack of affordable, engaging options for children, teenagers, and young adults, particularly during school holidays and on rainy days. Ideas include indoor recreational facilities like sports courts and gaming centres, outdoor facilities such as skateparks, as well as creative hubs, music venues, and youth-led community spaces. Improved access to counselling, health, and career support services for young people is also seen as crucial. Overall, the feedback suggests the community wants to see Kāpiti invest in infrastructure and programming that caters to the social, recreational, and developmental needs of its younger residents, helping them feel valued, connected, and empowered to thrive.

Other key themes included:

- Upgrade public amenities (i.e. parks, library)

- More cultural events, activities and promotion

- Fond of small-town character

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Hanga Whare Housing

Hanga Whare | Housing feedback indicates that Kāpiti faces diverse housing challenges, with residents expressing concerns about affordability, accessibility, and supply. There's debate over housing density, with some supporting high-density options and others preferring low-density developments. Many call for increased housing variety, including social housing, retirement homes, and accessible options for elderly and disabled residents. Concerns were raised about property values, insurance, and the impact of coastal erosion and flooding. The community seeks balanced development that considers climate resilience, green spaces, and transport links. There's a call for streamlined consenting processes, reduced rates, and policies to ensure long-term housing accessibility and affordability across various demographics.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Strategies To Ensure Housing Is Affordable

The feedback highlights the community's strong desire for Kāpiti to have a diverse range of affordable housing options, catering to different ages, incomes and lifestyles. Suggestions include incentivising the development of smaller, more sustainable homes, as well as enabling secondary dwellings and intergenerational living. There are calls for the council to take a more active role, such as rezoning land, facilitating public-private partnerships, and providing its own social housing stock, especially for the elderly and those on lower incomes. The community also supports the transfer of council housing for older people to a new Community Housing Provider, with less management from Council.

Ensuring new housing is well-integrated into existing neighbourhoods, with good access to transport and amenities, is seen as crucial. Overall, the feedback emphasises the need for a multi-faceted, holistic approach to improving housing affordability and diversity, while also preserving Kāpiti's distinctive character.

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Concern Regarding High-Density Housing

The community feedback expresses significant concern about the prospect of high-density housing developments in Kāpiti, fearing they could undermine the region's distinctive character and quality of life. Residents are worried that large-scale, multi-unit buildings and subdivisions, particularly in previously low-density areas, will erode the area's small-town feel, increase traffic congestion, and put pressure on already strained infrastructure and services. There are calls to limit building heights, preserve green spaces, and integrate any new housing sensitively within existing neighbourhoods. The feedback suggests a preference for more moderate, sustainable approaches to growth that enhance rather than diminish Kāpiti's natural assets and community-oriented atmosphere.

Concern About Property Value & Insurance

The community feedback expresses significant concern about the potential impacts of coastal erosion and climate change on property values and insurance costs in Kāpiti. Residents are worried that the council's climate adaptation strategies, such as managed retreat, could lead to a devaluation of coastal properties and make it increasingly difficult to obtain affordable mortgages and insurance coverage. There is a sense of anxiety that homeowners may become "trapped" in vulnerable areas, unable to sell or protect their assets. The feedback suggests the community feels the council is not doing enough to safeguard private properties, with calls for a more balanced approach that prioritises protecting existing homes and infrastructure, rather than focusing solely on long-term retreat.

Other key themes included:

- Focus on increasing housing supply
- Reduce costs associated with housing development
- Increase accessibility to housing

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Hauora Health

Hauora | Health feedback shows that residents value access to activities and facilities that promote and enable healthy lifestyles. Key concerns include accessibility of healthy food options, the need for alcohol harm reduction, and education to promote healthy living. There is a clear demand for improved healthcare services, particularly for the elderly and those with disabilities, alongside the establishment of local healthcare facilities. Improving access to both hospitals and general practitioners is viewed as vital for the community. The importance of community connection through group activities, sports clubs, and family-friendly entertainment is highlighted, as well as the need for policies that discourage unhealthy habits like junk food consumption and vaping. The feedback identifies the need for improved mental health services, emergency care, and support for disabled individuals.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Establish Local Healthcare Facilities

The community feedback highlights a pressing need to improve access to quality healthcare services within the local area. Key themes include calls for a new hospital or medical centre in Kāpiti to reduce the need for long-distance travel, as well as requests for a wider range of specialist services and better-resourced existing facilities. Suggestions also focus on creating healthcare 'hubs' to enhance coordination, and establishing additional community support programs, particularly for vulnerable groups. Collectively, the feedback reflects a strong desire to ensure equitable, comprehensive, and conveniently located healthcare options that can sustainably support the area's growing population.

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Improvements In Mental Health & Wellbeing

The community feedback emphasises the critical role the coastline plays in supporting mental health and overall wellbeing. Key themes include descriptions of the coastline as a place of peace, tranquillity and rejuvenation that helps alleviate stress and nourish the soul through regular activities like beach walks and swimming. There are also perspectives that the coastline is essential for physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing, deeply connected to community identity and providing an inclusive, low-cost space for wellness activities and family time. Collectively, the feedback reflects a deep, multifaceted appreciation for the coastline's position as a cornerstone of community health, with desires to ensure it remains accessible and in a pristine, supportive condition.

Other key themes included:

- Exercise and fitness classes
- Improve access to GP services
- Concern regarding lack of hospital services

Improve Access To Hospital Services

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need to improve access to hospital and emergency medical services within the Kāpiti region. Key themes include calls for the establishment of a new local hospital or centralised 'health hub' to reduce travel times and costs, and connect all residents - including in Ōtaki - to quality, integrated healthcare infrastructure. There are also desires to see upgrades and expansions to existing medical centres, integrating a wider range of services, and enhancing the overall quality, variety and after-hours availability of care options. Collectively, the feedback reflects a strong community commitment to ensuring equitable, accessible and high-quality healthcare that can effectively support the region's growing and aging population.

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Kai
Food

The feedback on Kai | Food shows that Kāpiti residents value their diverse culinary scene, enjoying local cafés and restaurants. There is strong support for community gardens, urban food production, and locally grown produce to enhance food security and sustainability. Residents advocate for food-related programmes, community initiatives like food banks and soup kitchens, and events such as food fairs and festivals. Concerns are raised about access to healthy food, supermarket competition, and the preservation of arable land. The community seeks to simplify processes for food stalls and support local growers and marketers. Overall, there's a desire to foster a resilient, locally-focused food system that caters to diverse needs and promotes community engagement.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Enjoy The Variety Of Cafés & Restaurants

The community consistently praises the wide array of cafés and eateries available across Kāpiti, which are seen as integral to the region's character and appeal. Residents enjoy the laidback, "beachy" atmosphere fostered by the many casual cafés and restaurants, often located within easy walking distance of the coast. The variety of culinary offerings, from casual beach-side fish and chips to more upscale dining, is also highlighted as a major draw for both locals and visitors alike. Maintaining this vibrant café culture, while ensuring new development is sensitively integrated, is viewed as crucial to preserving Kāpiti's distinctive small-town charm. The community feedback suggests the cafés and restaurants play a key role in creating a welcoming, social environment that complements the area's natural assets.

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Encourage Investment In Local Shopping & Dining

The community feedback advocates for greater investment and support to enhance Kāpiti's local shopping and dining offerings. Residents want to see measures that attract new, independent businesses and revitalise existing commercial areas like Mahara Place. Ideas include streamlining consent processes, providing incentives for sustainable development, and promoting local producers and artisans. Improving the vibrancy and diversity of retail and hospitality options, particularly in town centres, is seen as crucial to making Kāpiti more appealing for both residents and visitors. The community envisions lively, pedestrian-friendly hubs with a mix of specialty shops, vibrant cafés and eateries that showcase the region's unique character. Overall, the feedback emphasises the role of a thriving local economy in bolstering Kāpiti's appeal and community spirit.

Other key themes included:

- Access to locally grown food
- Support garden production in community and urban areas
- Concern regarding development on arable land

Community Food Projects, Such As Food Banks & Soup Kitchens

The community feedback highlights the need for more accessible, community-oriented food initiatives in Kāpiti, such as food banks, soup kitchens, and community gardens. Residents recognise the importance of providing free or low-cost food options for those experiencing hardship, especially in the face of the rising cost of living. The feedback suggests these projects could serve as inclusive hubs, fostering a sense of community while also addressing food insecurity. Establishing permanent, well-equipped spaces for food-related activities and mutual aid is viewed as preferable to the current more informal, scattergun approaches. Overall, the community seeks to leverage food as a means of bringing people together, supporting vulnerable groups, and building a stronger, more connected Kāpiti.

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Mātauranga
Education & Training

Mātauranga | Education & Training related feedback indicates a focus on improving access and equity in education, with efforts to ensure all have access to schools, address bullying/violence, and provide alternative options. The curriculum is being expanded to strengthen civics, cultural, environmental and career education, alongside language and history. System-wide improvements are underway, including new facilities, staff training, and reducing student costs. The aim is to create an inclusive, engaging education system to serve diverse needs.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Community Education Classes

Community feedback highlights a strong desire for a range of adult education and community learning opportunities to be offered. Residents suggest classes and workshops covering topics such as arts, crafts, languages, gardening, cooking, budgeting, technology, and personal development. Many see the community centre as an ideal location to host these types of educational and skill-building programs, making them accessible and affordable for locals. The comments emphasise that these classes and activities would not only provide valuable learning experiences, but also help bring the community together, foster connections, and combat isolation. Overall, there is a clear call for resources to be allocated towards adult and community education initiatives.

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More Educational Courses & Facilities

Community feedback highlights strong support for expanded educational opportunities and facilities in Kāpiti. The community emphasise the need for improved access to tertiary education in Kāpiti, potentially through a satellite university or polytechnic campus. This is seen as key to retaining young people, providing local study options, and ensuring businesses have a skilled workforce. Overall, education is viewed as critical for Kāpiti's future development and resilience.

New Schools & Education Facilities

The Kāpiti community express a clear desire for new and expanded educational facilities and schools in the Kāpiti area, particularly in Waikanae. There are calls for a new primary school to serve the Waikanae Beach area, as well as the establishment of a local secondary school or college in Waikanae to cater for the growing population. Residents suggest the existing primary schools have sufficient roll numbers to justify a dedicated Waikanae college, to reduce the need for students to travel outside the area. Beyond just new schools, the comments highlight the need for more diverse educational options, such as Māori medium, Steiner, and vocational programmes. Improved access to quality education at all levels is seen as crucial for supporting Kāpiti 's future growth and development.

Other key themes included:

- Adult education programs
- Encourage youth programs and initiatives
- Language and te reo Māori classes

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Ohunga
Income & Work

Ohunga | Income & Work related feedback highlights a desire for balanced economic development in the Kāpiti Coast region. Key priorities include attracting new businesses, creating higher-value jobs and educational opportunities, while also supporting existing local shops, restaurants, and tourism operators. There are concerns about the impacts of vacant properties, rising costs, and overdevelopment, with a focus on maintaining the area's character and appeal. The community seeks to enhance tourism offerings, improve promotion and branding, provide more flexible workspaces, and ensure the benefits of growth are felt broadly. Underlying these themes is a call for a sustainable approach that supports the local economy and livelihoods, while preserving Kāpiti Coast's unique identity and liveability.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Encourage Investment In Local Shopping & Dining

Kāpiti residents express a strong desire for more diverse and thriving local shops and eateries in community centres. They wish to see the empty shops filled with unique, independent businesses such as boutiques, bookshops, art galleries, and speciality food stores like bakeries, greengrocers, and delis. Residents also crave more dining options, particularly family-friendly cafés, restaurants offering various cuisines, and potentially a pub. Developing the village as an appealing destination for visitors is seen as key to supporting local businesses.

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Enjoy Visiting Local Shops

Kāpiti residents greatly appreciate and enjoy visiting the local shops in the various village centres. They value the friendly, personable service provided by the shopkeepers and the sense of community that comes from running into neighbours and acquaintances while out shopping. The boutique feel of the independent shops is cherished, as is the convenience of having essential amenities within walking distance. Residents specifically mention frequently visiting the dairy, cafés, pharmacy, and other services like the bike shop, dentist and vet. Supporting these small local businesses is important to the community.

Other key themes included:

- Maintain affordable rates
- Support for local businesses and groups
- Promote employment and jobs

Address Vacant Properties & Improve Town Appeal

Kāpiti residents express strong concerns about the number of vacant shops and buildings in the village centre, which detract from the town's appeal and vibrancy. They want to see these empty properties occupied by thriving businesses to revitalise the area. Suggestions include reducing rents to attract tenants, implementing bylaws to prohibit long-term vacancies, and even having the council purchase and repurpose key sites like the old post office. Residents also call for general improvements to the appearance of the village, such as refurbishing tired-looking shopfronts, adding more colour and art, and creating inviting outdoor dining spaces.

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Ngā Hono
Networks & Connectivity

Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity related concerns around ensuring accessibility and reliable public transportation options, with a focus on improving cycling and walking infrastructure, increasing EV charging points, and enhancing public transit services. There are also worries about the impact of flooding and erosion on roads, bridges, and coastal access points. The community seeks proactive infrastructure maintenance, traffic calming measures, and better connectivity between different modes of transport and amenities. Specific requests include extending cycleways, improving parking, investing in a tramline to Mackays, and addressing accessibility issues in areas like Ames Street and The Parade. Overall, the feedback highlights the importance of inclusive, well-connected, and resilient transportation and infrastructure for the community.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre Provides A Needed Community Space

There's strong support for a central community space offering diverse facilities. Residents emphasise the need for affordable, accessible meeting rooms of various sizes, equipped with modern technology. Many call for a multi-purpose venue that can host classes, workshops, community events, and provide space for local organisations. There's particular emphasis on facilities for youth activities, elderly support, and spaces for arts and crafts. A community kitchen, drop-in centre, and information hub are frequently mentioned. Overall, there's a clear desire for a centralised, welcoming space that fosters community connections and supports local initiatives.

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Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre Provides A Central Hub With Easy Access

Many residents emphasise the importance of a centrally-located community hub that's easily accessible to all. The current location near Coastlands, the library, and public transport is seen as ideal. Ample parking is frequently mentioned as crucial. The centre is envisioned as a one-stop-shop for community services, information, and activities. Its central position is viewed as key to fostering community connections and providing a visible, recognisable focal point for local events and services. Accessibility for elderly and disabled users is highlighted as essential.

Accessible & Reliable Public Transport

Kāpiti residents appreciate the village's excellent public transport links, particularly the convenient rail connection to Wellington, which enables commuting and access to the city. The train station's central location within the village is highly valued. Buses and cycle paths further contribute to accessibility. The transport options, combined with the proximity to the beach, river, and natural surroundings, allow residents to enjoy the area's amenities without relying on cars.

Other key themes included:

- Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre offers affordable venue options

- Proximity and access to amenities and services

- Support for improved access to beach and ocean

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Hihiri
Energy

Hihiri | Energy feedback indicates a strong focus on renewable energy adoption, particularly solar photovoltaic (PV) for KCDC infrastructure, with concerns about the impact on gasoline and power supply as well as increasing energy costs. The community is also interested in promoting hybrid and electric vehicles, increasing access to EV chargers, and supporting renewable energy initiatives like requiring solar panels on new builds. However, there is opposition to wind turbines, and a desire to reduce the price of petrol while increasing competition among energy suppliers.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Focus On Renewable Energy

There's significant interest in renewable energy projects, particularly solar power. Residents suggest installing solar panels on individual homes and public buildings, as well as creating community solar farms. Some propose a shared electricity generation system with community batteries to store excess power. There's also mention of wind power, with a specific suggestion for a windmill on Paekākāriki Hill. Overall, there's a desire for energy-efficient homes and infrastructure, with calls for the council to support and incentivise sustainable energy solutions for the community.

Other key themes included:

- Adopting solar PV for KCDC infrastructure
- Concern about the impact on power supply
- Concern regarding increasing energy costs

Increase Solar Energy Support

There's a clear call for the council to actively promote and support solar energy adoption. Residents want encouragement and assistance for homeowners to install solar panels, potentially through incentives or access to resources. There are suggestions to make solar installations a standard feature in new building projects, both private and municipal. The concept of community power cooperatives utilising public and commercial roof spaces for solar generation is proposed. Additionally, there's interest in developing micro-grids for local solar power distribution.

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Ora Rite
Equality

Ora Rite | Equality feedback. highlights concerns over the distribution of protection costs, risks to vulnerable groups, and debates on protecting private vs public assets. There is a desire for an equitable, inclusive approach that supports accessibility for all genders, races, religions, and the elderly/disabled. The focus is on preserving assets for future generations through a targeted, supportive funding model that ensures inclusivity and accessibility for the diverse community.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Inclusivity & Accessibility For The Elderly & Disabled

The community feedback highlights the importance of ensuring that community facility in Kāpiti are inclusive and accessible for all, with a particular emphasis on the needs of elderly and disabled residents. Respondents express a desire for community centres to provide dedicated spaces, activities and support services tailored towards older people, such as social gatherings, exercise classes, and drop-in services to combat loneliness. There are also calls for full accessibility, including wheelchair-friendly layouts, sensory rooms, and provision for mobility aids. Beyond the physical design, commenters stress the need to foster a genuinely welcoming and inclusive environment for diverse groups, to enable all community members to feel comfortable accessing community facilities and programmes.

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Concern About Distribution Of Protection Costs

The Kāpiti community express significant concern over who should bear the financial burden of coastal protection measures in Kāpiti. Many argue that homeowners in vulnerable coastal areas should fund any necessary defences, rather than the wider community through rates. There is a view the risk was foreseeable, and new owners have made a choice to live in high-risk areas. Suggestions include targeted rates for affected homeowners, or public funding being contingent on managed retreat plans. Overall, there is strong opposition to general ratepayers covering the costs of protecting private coastal properties, with calls for more equitable funding models that place responsibility on the benefiting landowners.
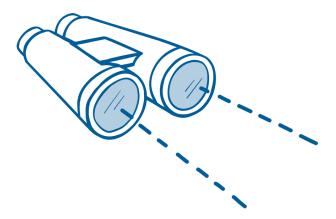
Inclusive Of Diversity

The Kāpiti community emphasise the importance of fostering an inclusive and diverse community. Respondents express a desire for the area to be open-minded, tolerant and supportive of people from all backgrounds, ages and abilities. There is a call for the community to actively work towards acceptance and integration, providing facilities and activities that cater to the needs of the diverse local population. Maintaining the friendly, unpretentious village atmosphere and sense of community spirit is seen as crucial, ensuring Kāpiti is a place where everyone feels welcome, valued and able to participate. Overall, the feedback highlights the need for Kāpiti to embrace its diverse population and promote an inclusive vision for the future.

Other key themes included:

- Preservation for future generations
- Supports accessibility for all race/religion
- Supports accessibility for all genders

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3.3 Partnership

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Partnership'.

He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka Community Partnership

The feedback on He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership highlights several concerns and priorities regarding access to information, support services, and community engagement on the Kāpiti Coast. There are calls for the council to improve affordability, transparency, and communication, while addressing issues around council spending, debt, and coastal adaptation planning. The community emphasises the need for a more inclusive, science-based, and holistic approach that incorporates local knowledge and supports vulnerable members. They desire stronger community-led initiatives, decision-making, and capacity-building, as well as more accessible community spaces, information, and volunteer opportunities. Overall, the community is seeking a more effective, accountable, and collaborative partnership with the council to address their needs and priorities.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Support For Community Organisations & Events

There's strong support for diverse community initiatives and events, including markets, fairs, street parties, and cultural celebrations. Residents value organisations that foster neighbourhood connections, support vulnerable groups, and promote environmental awareness. Many call for council backing of volunteer activities, community gardens, and local charities. Suggestions include a community connector role, better advertising of existing groups, and reducing barriers for community organisations. Overall, there's a desire for a connected, supportive, and vibrant community spirit.

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Concern About Inadequate Council Planning & Action

Many residents express frustration with perceived lack of council action and planning regarding coastal hazards. Concerns include insufficient maintenance of waterways, inadequate stormwater management, and slow response to erosion issues. Some criticise the council for approving developments in vulnerable areas and then failing to protect them. There's scepticism about the consultation process, with claims it lacks transparency and genuine community input. Residents want clearer, more proactive strategies for addressing coastal risks, better coordination between agencies, and faster implementation of protective measures like seawalls where needed.

Other key themes included:

- Strengthen community input and decision making
- Support for more inclusive and transparent engagement
- Concern about governance by CAP

Maintain Affordable Rates

Many residents express strong concern about rising rates, with frequent calls to reduce or freeze rates. There's widespread criticism of perceived council overspending on non-essential projects and consultations. Ratepayers want the council to focus on core services and infrastructure maintenance rather than 'vanity projects'. Some suggest selling assets or cutting staff to reduce costs. There are fears that continued rate increases will force long-term residents, especially pensioners, out of the area. Furthermore, residents favour low average annual rates increases, due to affordability, while believing this is sufficient to allow reasonable debt reduction. Concern is also raised that rates increase may be greater than the level of inflation.

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3.4 Comparison of District Vision engagement results and Vision follow up results

This section presents the key similarities and differences between the District Vision Survey and the Vision follow up survey.

3.4.1 Key Similarities

Community Spaces — Both surveys emphasise the importance of community spaces and facilities. Additionally, they highlight the importance of community spirit and inclusivity.

Youth Focus — Both surveys mention the need for youth-focused activities and facilities. This was a key theme in the follow-up survey and equally present in the initial survey.

Infrastructure Concerns — Both surveys touch on infrastructure issues and indicate a desire for enhanced public amenities, improved transportation options, and better infrastructure.

*Economic Development —*Both surveys show support for local businesses and encouraging investment in local shopping and dining options*.*

3.4.2 Key Differences

Environmental Focus — The initial survey had a strong emphasis on climate change adaptation strategies, biodiversity, and environmental protection. This was less prominent in the follow-up survey.

Economic Aspects — The initial survey included more discussion on supporting local businesses and economic development. This was less evident in the follow-up survey.

Healthcare — While both mention healthcare concerns, feedback from the follow up survey placed more emphasis on improving healthcare access and facilities.

Specific Facilities — The follow-up survey introduced more specific requests for facilities like indoor sports centres, cultural spaces, and dog parks, which weren't as detailed in the initial survey.

Housing Issues — Both surveys address housing concerns, however areas including affordability and balancing development with character preservation are more prominent in the initial survey.

Council Actions — The follow-up survey placed more emphasis on concerns about Council spending and rates increases and the desire for transparency and accountability in council decisions. This was less prominent in the initial survey.

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3.4.3 Implications for District Vision Refinement

Maintain Core Themes — Retain and strengthen language around community spaces, inclusivity, youth engagement, infrastructure development, and economic growth.

Articulate Community Spaces — Emphasise creating inclusive, accessible spaces that foster social connections and cater to diverse community needs.

Strengthen Youth Focus — Include clear commitments to youth development, outlining plans for dedicated spaces, programmes, and initiatives.

Address Infrastructure Comprehensively — Outline a balanced approach to infrastructure improvement, covering both maintenance and new development, whilst also demonstrating adaptability to changing needs and priorities.

Emphasise Sustainable Transportation — Highlight the importance of accessible, sustainable transportation options connecting the community.

Emphasise Economic Growth — Articulate strategies for supporting local businesses, attracting investment, and creating a diverse economic base.

Maintain Environmental Commitment — Keep strong language around environmental stewardship and climate change adaptation, framing these in terms of community resilience.

Prioritise Health Services — Address growing healthcare concerns by outlining plans for improving local facilities and attracting healthcare professionals.

Include Specific Local Priorities — Where appropriate, reference specific community-driven projects or concerns to demonstrate responsiveness to evolving local priorities.

Refine Housing and Development Goals — Articulate a balanced approach to housing that addresses affordability, sustainability, and preservation of community character.

Address Fiscal Responsibility — Include commitments to transparent decision-making, fiscal responsibility, and regular community engagement on budgetary matters.

Increase Specificity — Where appropriate, refine broader vision statements to reflect more specific community needs and desires identified in the follow-up survey.

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3.5 Comparison of District Vision engagement results and Vision follow up results across the different local areas

This section of the report presents a summary of the key similarities and differences of the results for each of the local communities.

3.5.1 Key Similarities Across All Communities

Natural Environment — All communities, including Ōtaki, highly value their natural surroundings, including beaches, rivers, parks, and green spaces. There's a strong emphasis on protecting and enhancing these assets.

Community Spirit — Residents across all areas appreciate the friendly, close-knit community atmosphere and village-like character of their respective areas. Ōtaki particularly emphasises its strong Māori culture and heritage.

Infrastructure Concerns — All communities express a need for improved infrastructure, particularly regarding pedestrian and cycling paths, road safety, and public transport. Ōtaki strongly emphasises the need for better public transport connections to Wellington and Palmerston North.

Local Businesses — Support for local businesses and a desire for diverse shopping and dining options are common to all areas. Ōtaki specifically mentions the need to address vacant properties and improve town appeal.

Climate and Coastal Concerns — All communities show awareness of climate change impacts and coastal hazards, though with varying degrees of concern and scepticism. Ōtaki emphasises food resilience and sovereignty in this context.

3.5.2 Key Differences

Development Approach

- Ōtaki: Focuses on balancing growth with maintaining small-town character and Māori heritage.

- Waikanae: Emphasises balancing development with character preservation.

- Raumati: Stronger focus on maintaining the existing character and resisting significant changes.

- Paraparaumu: Seeks to revitalise the town's appeal while preserving its character.

- Paekākāriki: Strong emphasis on preserving village character and resisting over-development.

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Healthcare

- Ōtaki, Waikanae and Paraparaumu: Stronger calls for improved healthcare facilities, including local hospital or emergency services.
- Raumati & Paekākāriki: Less emphasis on healthcare improvements in the main findings.

Education

- Ōtaki: Strong emphasis on diverse educational opportunities, including Māori education and courses leading to local job opportunities.
- Waikanae and Paraparaumu: More mentions of the need for new schools and educational facilities.
- Raumati and Paekākāriki: Less focus on educational infrastructure in the key findings.

Coastal Management

- Ōtaki: Focus on protecting beaches and rivers, with emphasis on tsunami preparedness.
- Waikanae and Raumati: More divided opinions on coastal management strategies.
- Paraparaumu: Focus on balancing coastal protection with development.
- Paekākāriki: Strong emphasis on protecting the coastline and scepticism towards managed retreat strategies.

Community Spaces

- Ōtaki: Strong focus on youth-focused activities and facilities, and spaces that celebrate Māori culture.
- Waikanae: Calls for new community facilities like a hall and library upgrades.
- Raumati: More focus on enhancing existing spaces and creating inclusive areas for various age groups.
- Paraparaumu: Emphasis on revitalising existing spaces and creating new community hubs.
- Paekākāriki: Strong focus on maintaining existing community spaces and their historical significance.

Economic Development

- Ōtaki: Emphasis on supporting local and Māori businesses, addressing vacant properties, and promoting employment opportunities.
- Waikanae and Paraparaumu: Stronger emphasis on attracting new businesses and addressing vacant properties.

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- Raumati: More focus on supporting existing local businesses and maintaining the current character.
- Paekākāriki: Emphasis on small-scale, local economic development that preserves village character.

Housing

- Ōtaki: Focus on affordable housing and diverse housing types to cater to different demographics.
- Waikanae and Paraparaumu: More open to managed growth and diverse housing options.
- Raumati: Concerns about high-density housing impacting community character.
- Paekākāriki: Strong focus on affordable housing and maintaining community diversity.

Cultural Emphasis

- Ōtaki: Stands out with its strong focus on Māori culture, heritage, and te reo Māori promotion.
- Other communities: Less emphasis on specific cultural aspects in their key findings.

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4 Data analysis methodology

4.1 Survey data analysis

PublicVoice used a step-by-step method called thematic analysis to review the open-ended responses from the Vision Kāpiti engagement feedback. This method follows five main steps:

1. Understanding the Data: Analysts read the survey data multiple times to grasp its content.

2. Initial Coding: The survey data was sorted into labelled segments highlighting key points.

3. Identifying Themes: These segments were then grouped into broader themes specific to the survey questions.

4. Refining Themes: Themes were checked for relevance and clarity.

5. Finalising Themes: Each theme was carefully defined to represent the feedback accurately.

4.2 Key findings analysis

To generate the key findings, PublicVoice analysed all the feedback from the Vision Kāpiti engagement along with the Vision Raumati, Vision Paraparaumu, Vision Waikanae, Vision Ōtaki , and Vision Paekākāriki engagements. The analysis of the combined data was structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model, which provides a holistic view of the community's well-being by considering social, environmental, and economic factors.

The key findings were organised into themes that align with the'various dimensions of the doughnut model. This approach allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the community's values, priorities, and concerns, extending beyond the specific questions asked in the survey.

4.3 Reporting

For the feedback data, tables illustrating the frequency of the key themes have been included to demonstrate the significance of each theme. Only descriptions of the most frequent themes have been included in Section 3, "Key Findings" to highlight the main points expressed by respondents.

Sections 5 to 27 are summaries of all the data received related to each question.

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5 Councillors' 10 strategic priorities

5.1 Have we got them right?

Respondents were asked whether Councillors' have got the 10 strategic priorities right. Table 1 details respondent feedback in relation to these priorities.

Overview of responses

Connected Communities — Respondents mention the need for a weatherproof area for skating, more activities for couples without children, and indoor facilities for families and children on rainy days. They also highlight the importance of improving accessibility to amenities such as pools and healthcare services. Improvements in traffic management, sustainable transport, and walkability are also emphasised.

Climate & Change — Respondents emphasise the importance of nature-based solutions and risk screening processes to address climate change impacts, rather than solely relying on infrastructure solutions. They advocate for prioritising adaptation efforts alongside mitigation, focusing on reducing emissions, and protecting the environment for the long-term viability of the community.

Engaging & Delivering — Respondents highlight the importance of accountability and transparency and better communication with the local community. There is also a call for adopting a Tiriti-partnership lens, and the connection of people and place to be considered in all council decision-making. Realistic communication, inclusion of Māori views, and addressing the balance of power between council staff and councillors are additional concerns.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTED COMMUNITIES		40
	Improve transport connections	11
	Increase youth programs and facilities	9
	Improve facilities	8
	Improve recreational opportunities	8
	Extend and maintain footpaths	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
GENERAL COMMENTS		30
	Consultation document is difficult to comprehend	10
	General support for priorities	7
	Improve roads	6
	Concern regarding Council costs	4
	Focus on core Council functions	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		27
	Focus on climate change	15
	Consider all hazards	5
	Improve waste reduction and recycling	4
	Improve train service	3
ENGAGING & DELIVERING		14
	Improve communication and reporting	9
	Improve Māori representation	5
INVOLVED COMMUNITIES		5
	Improve youth representation	5
HOUSING ACCESS		4
	Improve access for those with health issues	2
	Improve access to affordable housing	2
THRIVING ECONOMY		4
	Improve promotion of region	4
HEALTH ACCESS		3
	Improve support for disabled	2
	Policies to attract/retain medical professionals	1
ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE		3
	Balancing development and environment	3
RESILLIENT WATERS		2
	Ensure fish are able to migrate	1
	Maintain stormwater and wastewater systems	1
NEW PRIORITIES		1
	Support arts and culture	1

Table 1: Have we got them right?

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Selected Responses

> "Ensure longterm viability of Kāpiti by zoning every possible flood area as non-housing (E.g. zone as wetlands, walk areas, cycling Etc) - Zone any an all possible flood areas as non-housing."
>
> **Have we got them right?**

> "Need to focus on climate action - it's a pressing issue, science is already there to prove it."
>
> **Have we got them right?**

> "On improving healthcare services - one under resourced after hours clinic doesn't seem adequate for the population here - Always massive wait times at the after hours clinic and exorbitant cost for barely 5 rushed minutes with a doctor. Anything significant requires going all the way into Wellington hospital."
>
> **Have we got them right?**

> "We must focus on economic opportunity and creating reasons for you people to stay in Kāpiti!"
>
> **Have we got them right?**

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5.2　What actions can we take?

Respondents were asked what actions Council can take. Table 2 is a summary of actions the Council should take.

Overview of responses

Connected Communities — Respondents express the importance of taking a holistic approach to improving facilities such as parks, emphasising the need for nature and restoration of dunes to enhance the park experience. They also suggest that park spaces should serve multiple groups in the community and offer a range of activities to appeal to a larger audience. There is also a call for more welcoming ethnic diversity, and collaboration with government and community groups to address key challenges and provide integrated solutions. Strengthening partnerships with iwi and promoting unity with diversity are also highlighted.

Climate & Change — Respondents are concerned with the need for long lasting seawalls and coastal adaptation strategies. They want the stormwater network to be enhanced and its capacity increased. The council's managed retreat plan is questioned, specifically regarding the lack of information from the council.

Engaging & Delivering— Respondents expressed the need for less talk and more action, as well as increased accountability and evidence-based decision-making. They also highlighted the importance of, being more accessible to the public, and creating masterplans for key areas. Additionally, concerns were raised about the lack of consultation, and the need for clear decision-making processes. Finally, respondents emphasised the importance of in-person engagement and clarity on funding sources for coastal protection work.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTED COMMUNITIES		22
	Improve facilities	8
	Increase youth programs and facilities	6
	Partnership with organisations	5
	Improve Māori representation	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		11
	Focus on climate change	7
	Consider all hazards	4
ENGAGING AND DELIVERING		10
	Improve communication and reporting	10
GENERAL COMMENTS		9
	Beautify Kāpiti Coast	3

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Concern regarding Council costs	3
	Night lights (at courts, village, skate park)	3
BIODIVERSITY		5
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	5
HEALTH ACCESS		4
	Improve support for disabled	4
THRIVING ECONOMY		4
	Improve promotion of region	4
HOUSING ACCESS		3
	Increase access to affordable housing	3
NEW PRIORITIES		3
	Support arts and culture	3

Table 2: What actions can we take?

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6 Haumaru | Safety

6.1 What are your safety concerns?

Respondents were asked if they had any safety concerns within Kāpiti. Table 3 details respondents' safety concerns.

Overview of responses

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents are concerned about the dangers posed by red-light runners and speeding on Kāpiti Road, suggesting the installation of cameras as a solution. They also emphasise the need for bike lanes on Te Moana Road to promote safer biking for children going to school and to increase overall biking in the area. Additionally, there are requests for better roads, footpaths, street lighting, and accessibility features like wheelchair access in public places to improve road safety.

Peace & Safety — Respondents mentioned the importance of having more police presence at the train station and better policing of high-speed driving. They also mentioned having concerns about kids feeling unsafe at college, suggesting the need for police visibility in the community. Concerns were also raised about privacy and surveillance in 15-minute neighbourhoods, and the need for more street lighting.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		31
	Quality of roads/footpaths/street lighting	11
	Traffic/dangerous driving	11
	Extend and maintain cycleways	6
	Improve accessibility/usage	3
PEACE & SAFETY		8
	Increase police presence	4
	Safety of children/elderly	4
HOUSING		2
	Accessibility to emergency housing	2
INCOME & WORK		2
	Attitude towards lower income	1
	Employment/jobs	1
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		1
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	1

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH		1
	Mask wearing (covid)	1
CLIMATE & CHANGE		1
	Climate change/weather hazards	1

Table 3: What are your safety concerns?

Selected Responses

"Not many lights when walking from train station to mall or side streets.
Youth- Car racing- Hanging around"

What are your safety concerns?

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6.2 How could safety in the district be improved?

Respondents were asked how safety within Kāpiti could be improved. Table 4 details how the Council could improve safety within the district.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents mentioned the need for more youth programs, lighting, and engagement with young people. They also highlighted the importance of having activities to keep young people busy and addressing the issues faced by students who don't fit in at schools. Additionally, they emphasised the need to make Maraes available for community emergency response. Some respondents also suggested having more cameras, along with the importance of having safe places for young people to go.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents advocated for buses to meet the trains in the evenings, lower speed limits, and making Maclean Park pedestrian-only with clearer signage. Additionally, there were concerns raised about the poor lighting in the Civic Centre, the need for traffic light timing adjustments on Kāpiti Road and replacing pavers around the Amphitheatre and trees on the Marine parade footpath for safety reasons.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		8
	Increase youth programs and facilities	5
	Improve accessibility/usage of public spaces	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		6
	Extend and maintain footpaths	3
	Improve lighting	3
PEACE & SAFETY		4
	Installation of cameras	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		2
	Climate change/weather hazards	1
	Signage for Tsunami safe zones needed	1
HOUSING		1
	Develop more social housing	1
LAND USE & QUALITY		1
	Implement flood mitigating infrastructure	1

Table 4: How could safety in the district be improved?

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Selected Responses

"More for young people to engage in. Places to go where it's safe"

How could safety in the district be improved?

"Beach access for people with disabilities otherwise we get stuck"

How could safety in the district be improved?

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7 Kainga | Housing

7.1 Your concerns about housing in Kāpiti?

Respondents were asked what worries them about housing in Kāpiti. Table 5 respondent concerns regarding housing in Kāpiti.

Overview of responses

Policy & Planning — Respondents express concerns about utilising arable land for housing and emphasise the importance of protecting valuable farmland. There is a need for more accessible and affordable housing options, particularly for vulnerable populations such as those with disabilities and older individuals. Many respondents highlight the lack of housing availability, rising costs, and inadequate social housing as significant issues.

Affordability — Respondents expressed concerns about the affordability of housing, with mentions of increasing rates making homeownership and renting more unaffordable, the high cost of housing, and the lack of affordable options for various demographics, including young families, the elderly, and those who cannot or do not want to own a home.

Housing Diversity & Design — Respondents expressed concerns about downsizing, with respondents noting that high-density housing should be well-designed and include open spaces. They also emphasised the importance of incorporating eco-friendly and sustainable features in new housing, such as solar panels and green spaces. Additionally, there were complaints about the lack of consideration for accessibility and overcrowding in housing designs.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
POLICY & PLANNING		42
	Concern regarding low housing standards	12
	Not enough housing	10
	Concern regarding lack of focus on climate change	5
	Not enough social housing	5
	Concern regarding development on arable land	4
	Concern regarding laws around zoning and land use	3
	Need for development of housing policies	3
AFFORDABILITY		35

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Concern housing is not affordable	28
	Concern regarding high rates costs	7
HOUSING DIVERSITY & DESIGN		31
	Lack of development around transport/amenities	7
	Not enough variety of housing types/sizes	7
	Not enough access to green space	6
	Concern regarding high density housing	4
	Concern regarding lack of medium density housing	4
	Concern regarding lack of sustainable housing	3
ACCESSIBILITY		20
	Not enough accessible housing for elderly	7
	Concern regarding focus around cars	6
	Not enough accessible housing	4
	Concern regarding lack of cycling infrastructure	3
COMMUNITY		6
	Concern regarding increase in population	3
	Concern regarding lack of community living	3

Table 5: Your concerns about housing in Kāpiti?

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7.2   What should we focus on?

Respondents were asked what to focus on to ensure appropriate housing. Table 6 details what respondents would like Council to focus on.

Overview of responses

Policy & Planning — Respondents emphasise the need for policies that allow for affordable housing and facilitate coordination between housing providers and those in need. They suggest changing zoning areas to residential, opening up land and providing infrastructure, and rezoning greenfield land. Additionally, there is a call for warmer, safer, and affordable housing options, as well as measures to protect land and housing from market forces.

Housing Diversity & Design — Respondents express the need for a variety of housing options, including medium density housing, tiny houses, and intergenerational living arrangements. They emphasise the importance of housing that encourages less reliance on cars and is accessible and suitable for different needs and age groups. There is a desire for higher density housing near public transportation and a call for sustainable and affordable housing options.

Affordability — Respondents emphasise the need for affordable housing options in Ōtaki, including tiny houses for cheap student rentals and intergenerational living to share costs. They also call for more community housing for those who cannot afford to buy, as well as affordable housing options for older people. In addition, respondents mention the importance of affordable house insurance and the need to lower compliance and subdividing costs.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
POLICY & PLANNING		66
	Development of housing standards	17
	Develop more social housing	12
	Zoning and land use changes for development	6
	Development and implementation of housing policies	5
	Focus on climate change/adaptation	5
	Ensure empty houses are used	4
	Housing is outside scope of Council	4
	Open up land for development	4
	Develop more housing	3
	Streamline regulatory reviews	3
	Streamline consenting process	3

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HOUSING DIVERSITY AND DESIGN		40
	Development of various housing types/sizes	24
	Development around transport hubs	9
	Implement high density housing/apartments	7
AFFORDABILITY		35
	Strategies to ensure housing is affordable	29
	Long term rental options	6
ACCESSIBILITY		22
	Ensure accessibility for elderly	11
	Increase accessibility to/accessible housing	11
COMMUNITY		10
	Improve safety and drug testing of homes	4
	Develop communal/community housing	3
	Public parks, pools, community hubs etc.	3

Table 6: What should we focus on?

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8 Landing a vision for Kāpiti together

8.1 What makes Kāpiti feel like home?

Respondents were asked to describe what makes Kāpiti feel like home.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		330
	Proximity to seaside and beaches	200
	Proximity to local rivers	70
	Proximity to the ocean/sea	60
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		319
	A sense of belonging in the community	133
	Friendly community	89
	Family-oriented Environment	32
	Community diversity	16
	Growing Māori community/identity	15
	Longtime resident/resident	14
	Proximity to friends	10
	Community spaces	7
	Community gardens	3
BIODIVERSITY		246
	Proximity to nature	102
	Enjoy visiting local parks/reserves	53
	Proximity to mountains/hills	35
	Enjoy marine and fresh-water bird life	21
	Proximity to Kāpiti Island	14
	Proximity to wetlands	14
	Proximity to forests	7
NETWORK & CONNECTIVITY		147
	Proximity to facilities	41
	Enjoy the walkways	33
	Accessible and reliable public transport	30
	Enjoy the cycleways	23
	Appreciate the architecture	11
	Easy to get to Wellington	3
	Proximity to the motorway	3

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Services are close in proximity	3
LIFESTYLE		139
	Fond of small-town character	57
	Appreciate the village feel	44
	Rustic/rural appeal of the town	24
	Appreciate the slower lifestyle	14
SUGGESTIONS		131
	Support for recreational activities	20
	Reduce rates	12
	Support local businesses	9
	Concern regarding high density housing	8
	Create indoor recreation centre	7
	Increase youth programs and facilities	7
	Create more green spaces/parks	6
	Later school starts and longer holidays	6
	Create more pools	5
	Improve of public transport options/access	5
	Build more public toilets at walking tracks	4
	Develop sustainable infrastructure	4
	Efficient waste management/recycling systems	4
	Market days	4
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	3
	Build community hub	3
	Build more retirement homes	3
	Climate adaption/mitigation strategies	3
	Concern regarding traffic/roads	3
	Concern regarding tree felling	3
	Extend and maintain cycleways	3
	Include waste collection in Council service	3
	Reduce cost/use of school uniforms	3
	Tree planting	3
PEACE & SAFETY		105
	Enjoy the relaxing/peaceful atmosphere	80
	The area is safe	25
RECREATION & LEISURE		99
	Walking	32

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Activities catering to all people	13
	Playgrounds	10
	Outdoor activities	9
	Queen Elizabeth Park	9
	Dog-friendly community	6
	Pools	6
	Activities available at libraries	4
	Sports/play	4
	Active club communities	3
	Fishing	3
INCOME & WORK		71
	Enjoy visiting local shops	46
	Business networks/community	10
	Schools	6
	Tourism	5
	Local employment opportunities	4
CULTURE		52
	Appreciate the diversity in local arts and culture	23
	Support for the arts and culture	12
	Appreciate the local/iwi history	9
	Creative culture	8
LAND USE & QUALITY		47
	Low rise buildings	21
	The location	14
	Enjoy and take pride in gardens	12
CLIMATE & CHANGE		30
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	30
FOOD		29
	Enjoy the variety of cafés/restaurants	29
HOUSING		9
	Home ownership	9
AIR QUALITY		1
	Appreciate the sunsets	1

Table 7 summarises the reasons why respondents feel like Kāpiti is home.

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Overview of responses

River/Ocean Health — Respondents say that they love the beaches and the relaxed lifestyle in the area. They also appreciate the proximity to rivers, and the ocean, as well as the sense of community and the village atmosphere.

Connections With Others — Respondents emphasise the importance of friendly and connected communities and sense of belonging in the area. They the close-knit community and the sense that everyone knows each other well. The slower pace of life, sense of safety, and various outdoor activities are also praised.

Biodiversity — Respondents express a deep appreciation for the biodiversity and natural environment of Kāpiti. They value having nature on their doorstep. Many emphasise the importance of trees, open spaces, and wetlands for environmental services, climate change resilience, and overall beauty. There is a desire to protect and increase the extent of canopy cover, retain mature trees, and promote urban biodiversity.

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	Proximity to facilities	41
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	Enjoy the cycleways	23
	Appreciate the architecture	11
	Easy to get to Wellington	3
	Proximity to the motorway	3
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LIFESTYLE		139
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	Efficient waste management/recycling systems	4
	Market days	4
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	3
	Build community hub	3
	Build more retirement homes	3
	Climate adaption/mitigation strategies	3
	Concern regarding traffic/roads	3
	Concern regarding tree felling	3
	Extend and maintain cycleways	3

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	Include waste collection in Council service	3
	Reduce cost/use of school uniforms	3
	Tree planting	3
PEACE & SAFETY		105
	Enjoy the relaxing/peaceful atmosphere	80
	The area is safe	25
RECREATION & LEISURE		99
	Walking	32
	Activities catering to all people	13
	Playgrounds	10
	Outdoor activities	9
	Queen Elizabeth Park	9
	Dog-friendly community	6
	Pools	6
	Activities available at libraries	4
	Sports/play	4
	Active club communities	3
	Fishing	3
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	Enjoy and take pride in gardens	12
CLIMATE & CHANGE		30
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	30
FOOD		29
	Enjoy the variety of cafés/restaurants	29

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HOUSING		9
	Home ownership	9
AIR QUALITY		1
	Appreciate the sunsets	1

Table 7: What makes Kāpiti feel like home?

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8.2   What changes do you want to see in Kāpiti now?

Respondents were asked what changes they would like to see in Kāpiti in the near future. Table 8 summarises these changes.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express a need for more connections with others in various ways. These include creating spaces for meeting new people and making friends, providing more activities for youth and teens, improving community facilities like libraries and community centres, and promoting cultural celebrations and diversity. The focus is on fostering a sense of community and providing opportunities for social interaction and engagement.

Network & Connectivity — Respondents are concerned about the busy traffic on Kāpiti Road and the need for improved roading and speed limits in various areas. They also want better public transport options, especially for youth, and the need for more parking spaces and infrastructure improvements. Overall, there is a focus on improving connectivity, safety, and accessibility in the region.

Income & Work — Some important aspects highlighted by respondents included the need for improved roading options for businesses to thrive, the desire for a vibrant town centre, and the need for more jobs. There are also suggestions for improving infrastructure, attracting tourists, and supporting local businesses.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		407
	Create and maintain inclusive spaces	112
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	98
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	57
	More cultural events/activities/promotion	39
	More/maintain recreational areas for all ages	38
	Develop spaces for gatherings/events	23
	Improve accessibility/usage of public spaces	20
	New/improve Waikanae library	10
	Concern regarding rapid community growth	5
	New/improve community hall	5
NETWORK & CONNECTIVITY		240
	Extend public transport network	72
	Improve traffic management for increased cars	48

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	39
	Extend and maintain cycleways	28
	Extend and maintain footpaths	25
	Infrastructure investment	15
	Improve roads	13
INCOME & WORK		142
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	44
	Support for local businesses/groups	25
	Promote employment/jobs	22
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	18
	Enhance tourism industry/new branding	15
	Improve visual appeal/character of businesses	12
	Stop commercialising/development	6
HOUSING		122
	Strategies to ensure housing is affordable	27
	Focus on housing development	24
	Maintain affordable rates	17
	Reduce costs associated with housing development	15
	Concern regarding high density housing	14
	Increase accessibility to/accessible housing	8
	Infrastructure development for new housing areas	7
	Balance intensification with character preservation	5
	Reduce urban sprawl	5
PARTNERSHIP		96
	Thriving connected community/supportive of others	32
	Strengthen community input/decision making	20
	Focus on core Council functions	15
	Incorporate info boards/signage	13
	Enhance communication (e.g. local papers)	10
	Only consult with rate payers	3
	Reduce Council expenditure	3
PEACE & SAFETY		89

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Improve safety	50
	Increase police presence	18
	Signage for Tsunami safe zones needed	11
	Improve animal safety/control	10
HEALTH		80
	Establish local healthcare facilities	49
	Improve access to GP services	13
	Improve access to hospital services	13
	Improve access to mental health services	5
BIODIVERSITY		74
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	74
CLIMATE & CHANGE		52
	Efficient waste management/recycling systems	27
	Focus on climate change/mitigation	18
	Focus on food resilience	7
LAND USE & QUALITY		40
	Concern regarding high density housing	13
	Infrastructure development for new housing areas	9
	Protect the airport	8
	Balance intensification with character preservation	7
	Reduce urban sprawl	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		31
	More educational courses/facilities	17
	New school/s	14
WATER		23
	Improve water services	12
	Address concerns around water quality/waste	11
RECREATION & LEISURE		3
	Increase number of playgrounds	3
CULTURE		3
	Improve Māori support	3

Table 8: What changes do you want to see in Kāpiti now?

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8.3 What change do you want to see in Kāpiti in our next generation?

Respondents were asked about what changes that they want to see in Kāpiti in the next generation.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		508
	Upgrade public amenities (i.e. parks, library)	88
	Create and maintain inclusive spaces	83
	Thriving connected community/supportive of others	79
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	53
	More cultural events/activities/promotion	49
	Maintain small-town character/status quo	42
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	38
	More recreational areas for various age groups	27
	Improve accessibility/usage of public spaces	20
	New/improve Waikanae library	17
	Increase use of te reo Māori/focus on local Māori	6
	Support for vulnerable/homeless/sick	6
NETWORK & CONNECTIVITY		248
	Improve traffic management for increased cars	51
	Extend public transport network	44
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	44
	Extend and maintain footpaths	35
	Extend and maintain cycleways	26
	Infrastructure investment	26
	Restrict and monitor vehicles on beaches	10
	Focus on renewable energy	9
	Improve horse access	3
INCOME & WORK		222
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	73

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	50
	Support for local businesses/groups	31
	Promote employment/jobs	18
	Maintain affordable rates	11
	Enhance tourism industry/new branding	10
	Stop commercialising/development	10
	Strengthen community input/decision making	9
	Enhance communication (e.g. local papers)	5
	Improve visual appeal/character of businesses	5
HOUSING		136
	Strategies to ensure housing is affordable	30
	Focus on increasing housing supply	29
	Balance intensification with character preservation	24
	Concern regarding high density housing	14
	Infrastructure development for new housing areas	13
	Reduce urban sprawl	8
	Implement high density housing/apartments	7
	Reduce costs associated with housing development	7
	Increase accessibility to/accessible housing	4
BIODIVERSITY		120
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	106
	Upgrade/build seawalls	14
LAND USE & QUALITY		83
	Balance intensification with character preservation	28
	Concern regarding high density housing	14
	Infrastructure development for new housing areas	14
	Reduce urban sprawl	8
	Implement high density housing/apartments	7
	Reduce costs associated with housing development	7
	Protect the airport	5
CLIMATE & CHANGE		63
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Efficient waste management/recycling systems	35
	Focus on climate change	16
	Focus on food resilience	12
PEACE & SAFETY		61
	Improve safety	46
	Improve animal safety/control	10
	Increase police presence	5
HEALTH		45
	Establish local healthcare facilities	35
	Improve access to hospital services	7
	Improve access to GP services	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		38
	New school/s	20
	More educational courses/facilities	18
WATER		35
	Address concerns around water quality/waste	30
	Improve water services	5
PARTNERSHIP		34
	Incorporate Waikanae Futures Document	22
	Focus on core Council functions	6
	Reduce costs	6

Table 9 details proposed changes.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express a strong desire for stronger connections with others in the community. They emphasise the importance of community spaces, such as a new community hall or library, where people can gather and engage in activities. Additionally, there is a focus on improving infrastructure, healthcare, and recreational facilities to create a more inclusive and vibrant community.

Network & Connectivity — Respondents highlighted the need for improved public transport, including better bus services and more frequent trains. They also expressed a desire for safer roads and lower speed limits, particularly in busy areas.

Income & Work — Respondents express a variety of opinions about income and work. Some suggest increasing affordable housing options and promoting mixed-use higher-rise buildings in town centres to provide more affordable housing without affecting retail space. Others emphasise the need for more job opportunities, support

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for local businesses, and fair wages. There is also a focus on preserving the character of the community and creating a diverse and vibrant local economy.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		508
	Upgrade public amenities (i.e. parks, library)	88
	Create and maintain inclusive spaces	83
	Thriving connected community/supportive of others	79
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	53
	More cultural events/activities/promotion	49
	Maintain small-town character/status quo	42
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	38
	More recreational areas for various age groups	27
	Improve accessibility/usage of public spaces	20
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Table 9: What changes would you like to see in Kāpiti in the next generation?

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9 Te Mahi me te whai moni | Employment and income

9.1 How can council and government better support business?

Respondents were asked how council and government could better support business.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
BUSINESS SUPPORT IDEAS		31
	Support for new businesses	15
	Flexible workspaces i.e. co-spaces	6
	Improve promotion e.g. advertising	5
	Increase access to affordable business premises	5
COUNCIL ROLE		27
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	12
	Infrastructure investment	7
	Engagement with local businesses	4
	Reduce Council Imposed Barriers To Success	4

Table 10 details suggested actions to improve business support.

Overview of responses

Business Support Ideas — Respondents are calling for various business support ideas such as providing hot desk facilities locally for remote workers, supporting the creation of small business workspaces, and creating a free advertisement area for small businesses.

Council Role — Respondents highlighted various aspects related to the council role. Some mentioned that the council should focus on providing top-class infrastructure and have a bigger picture approach in supporting new businesses, while others emphasised the need to reduce rates and make it easier for businesses to operate by reducing red tape. There was also a call for the council to revamp and upgrade amenities, attract more businesses to the area, and support the local community and retailers. Improving parking areas around transportation hubs was also mentioned as a priority.

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Table 10: How can council and government better support business?

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9.2　What needs to happen to improve opportunities?

Respondents were asked what could be done to improve opportunities. Table 11 details the most frequently mentioned suggestions.

Overview of responses

Policy & Planning — Respondents express a desire for less bureaucracy and quicker consent processes. They also suggest incentivising and attracting larger businesses and government departments, as well as creating opportunities for potential employers and employees to connect through events. Additionally, there is a call for the council to focus on creating a favourable environment for businesses to develop, including reliable infrastructure and good communication.

Community Engagement — Respondents emphasise the importance of collaboration between Energise Ōtaki initiative and local iwi and hapu in community engagement. They show support for kaumatu services being offered freely but question how this can be appropriately reimbursed. The respondents also suggest the implementation of more opportunities for food swap, pātaka, and trading with free access to Council facilities.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
POLICY & PLANNING		21
	Attract business/govt employers	12
	Employment initiatives	9
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		6
	Engagement with Māori communities	2
	Support for community organisations, events	2
	Citizens' assemblies	1
	Community meetings	1
EDUCATION & TRAINING		3
	Education and training are required	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		1
	Extend public transport network	1
ENVIRONMENT		1
	Tree planting programs	1

Table 11: What needs to happen to improve opportunities

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Selected Responses

"Less red tape and faster consenting processes so people can act on initiatives to improve the community."

What needs to happen to improve opportunities?

"Employment isn't a problem in this district. Spend the money on other things"

What needs to happen to improve opportunities?

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10 Nga hononga | Networks and connections

10.1 What more can we do?

Respondents were asked what more Council could do.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		230
	Improve public transport/hubs	88
	Development of walkable/bike-friendly paths	54
	Improve roads	43
	Nothing more needs doing	18
	More accessible commercial services/retail areas	12
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	7
	Improve public amenities (i.e. toilet facilities)	4
	Improve public facilities	4
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		135
	Support for community organisations, events	53
	Fostering connections between diverse groups	22
	Inclusivity/accessibility for elderly/disabled	15
	Thriving connected community/supportive of others	15
	Friendly community	13
	Encourage youth programs/initiatives	9
	Welcoming community	8
PARTNERSHIP		40
	Emphasis on democratic inclusivity/collaboration	26
	Enhance communication/education	9
	Focus on district's strength/branding	5
CLIMATE & CHANGE		27
	Enhance natural spaces (i.e. bike path)	15
	Encourage sustainable practices	6
	Enhance resilience/emergency preparedness	6
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH		25
	Support for recreational activities	17
	Enhance parks (i.e. water fountains)	8
LAND USE & QUALITY		8
	Improve housing solutions	8
PEACE & SAFETY		5
	Policies for healthier food/drink options	5

Table 12 details suggestions made by respondents.

Overview of responses

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents highlight the need for improved connectivity through better bike paths in general, bike and pedestrian paths along streams. There is also a desire for improved public transportation options, including more train services, regular bus services, and extended rail electrification to Ōtaki.

Connections With Others — Respondents emphasise the importance of connections with others in the community. They suggest encouraging residents to take in boarders or create tiny houses for older residents to combat loneliness and solve the accommodation problem. Additionally, respondents want to see better connection and accessibility to community spaces like Community Halls, Museums, and Libraries.

Partnership — Respondents express a desire for collaboration, respect, inclusivity, and effective communication with all members of the community, as well as recognising and valuing the contributions of different groups, such as social entrepreneurs and Māori.

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LAND USE & QUALITY		8
	Improve housing solutions	8
PEACE & SAFETY		5
	Policies for healthier food/drink options	5

Table 12: What more can we do?

Selected Responses

"Those with hidden disabilities are getting left behind & don't have a voice. Better access to education, jobs, housing that is appropriate."

What more can we do?

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"Regular commuter trains between Levin and Wellington stopping at all stations would grow Ōtaki amazingly."

What more can we do?

"I normally drive but would love to take the train more often. Direct bus routes from Paraparaumu to Waikanae using the expressway."

What more can we do?

"My son could have studied at Palmerston ucol through college while still studying a few subjects. However ucol not providing transport for some options. Zero public transport available that way means no access to ucol up there. Roads are so shocking for an inexperienced driver means he'll be risking too much to commute there. Hence that is no longer an option for him. Now need to go to Wellington and he'll have to pay for his first year of tertiary instead. Very sad that being from a deprived area means just that. Deprived of opportunities due to lack of public transport etc.."

What more can we do?

"Direct bus routes from Paraparaumu to Waikanae using the expressway."

What more can we do?

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11 Te Matauranga | Education

11.1 What needs to change in terms of education services?

Respondents were asked what needed to change in terms of education services. Table 13 details the most requested changes.

Overview of Responses

Education — Respondents are expressing the need for new schools, specifically a high school and an intermediate school, to address the increasing student population and relieve pressure on existing schools. They also highlight the importance of updating the school system to better prepare students for real-life skills and introduce new ways of learning. Additionally, there are suggestions for expanding educational opportunities, such as apprenticeship programs and cultural education, and utilising libraries as hubs for educational programs.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
EDUCATION		45
	New schools/education facilities	22
	Support education providers	6
	Provide pathways/courses to enter employment	4
	Relieve pressure on schools	4
	Alternative schooling opportunities	3
	Health and fitness education	3
	Te Reo Māori education	3
INFRASTRUCTURE		4
	Improve public transport options/access	4
STAFF		3
	Increase number of teachers	3
GENERAL COMMENTS		3
	Address road safety around schools	1
	Further information needed	1
	Not a core function of Council	1

Table 13: What needs to change in terms of education services

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Selected Responses

> "Education comes in so many forms - and we all need more of it in so many ways!"
>
> **What needs to change in terms of education services?**

> "Build a new high school - With all of the growth happening, we should start planning for a new high school to be built in Waikanae."
>
> **What needs to change in terms of education services?**

11.2 What more can be done to strengthen pathways?

Respondents were asked what more council could do to strengthen career pathways. Table 14 details these suggestions.

Overview of responses

Education — Respondents emphasise the importance of affordable regular transport for children to safely and promptly reach school. Additionally, there are suggestions to provide more information on university course selection, improve sex education and facilities, support ADHD and ADD students, and enhance opportunities for employment through services, internships, and trades training.

Employment — Respondents highlight the importance of facilitating older workers into the workforce and suggest that it requires consideration and effort. Additionally, there is a call for the council to play an active role in encouraging youth employment through internships and apprenticeship programs, while also recognising and utilising the skills of older people. The Youth Council emphasises the need for work experience opportunities and suggests involving employers and internship programs in schools.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
EDUCATION		10
	Focus on career education	2
	Improve public transport options/access	2
	Adult education programs	1
	Continue sex education in schools	1
	Provide pathways/courses to enter employment	1
	Support for ADD/ADHD/neurodiverse learners	1
	Support for entry into tertiary studies	1

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Sustainability education	1
EMPLOYMENT		8
	Focus on internships for the youth	4
	Support older workers	4
VOLUNTEERING		1
	Support volunteers	1
COUNCIL		1
	Focus on core Council functions	1
INFRASTRUCTURE		1
	Improve toilet facilities in schools	1

Table 14: What more can be done to strengthen pathways?

Selected Responses

"Council could have a policy, perhaps, of actively encouraging youth employment through internships and apprenticeship programmes. - Council could be an example for other employers. At the other end of the age continuum, could also actively seek ways of using the skills of older people."

What more can be done to strengthen pathways?

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12 Te Tapoi | Tourism

12.1 What more can be done?

Respondents were asked what more could be done for tourism in Kāpiti. Table 15 details these suggestions.

Overview of responses

Cultural Tourism — Respondents say that engaging with local artists and promoting art walks and installations can encourage visitors to explore the region. They also suggest incentivising developers to incorporate art into buildings and promoting sustainable and innovative practices. Overall, respondents highlight the cultural and artistic aspects of the region and its commitment to diversity and sustainability.

Environmental Tourism — Respondents highlight several important aspects of environmental tourism in the area. The idea of creating a central park on restored wetlands, with cultural connections and storytelling, is also mentioned as a unique opportunity. Additionally, there is a focus on the potential for Kāpiti to become a nature destination, highlighting the existing natural environments and biodiversity that can be protected and enhanced through tourism.

Recreational Activities — Respondents mentioned various aspects related to recreational activities. Some highlighted the need for upgrading existing facilities, such as the Raumati splash pad and the old Raumati pool area. Others suggested the establishment of a "Brewtown"-style attraction in Kāpiti, which would cater to different age groups with various activities, restaurants, and bars. The reopening of the Ōtaki Gorge Road and its campground was also mentioned as a priority, along with the development of more family-friendly rainy-day options and child-friendly landmarks and activities for Kāpiti.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CULTURAL TOURISM		100
	Promote as friendly village destination	62
	Promote and host local events	17
	Collaborate with Tangata Whenua	8
	Collaborate with local artists	8
	Create art walks	5
ENVIRONMENTAL TOURISM		41
	Promote natural assets	35
	Pest control/predator free zones	3
	Regenerate native biodiversity	3
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES		29
	Indoor recreation centre	8
	Activities catering to all people	6
	Family recreation	6
	Open up areas for camping	5
	Reopen Ōtaki Gorge Road	4
NETWORK & CONNECTIVITY		14
	Extend and maintain cycleways/footpaths	9
	Improve public transport options/access	5
HOSPITALITY		14
	Promote dining options	10
	Improve and promote shopping	4
EDUCATIONAL TOURISM		11
	Develop more history trails	4
	Use of green architecture	4
	Environmental education	3
TOURISM STRATEGY & MANAGEMENT		9
	Management needed to protect beaches	5
	Advertise Kāpiti Coast	4
EVENTS		6
	Host open air concerts	3
	Host sporting events	3

Table 15: What more can be done?

Selected Responses

"Erect a #lovekapiti sign like the Lake Taupo sign , with the backdrop of Kāpiti Island and the South Island, this would be a big attraction and provide global exposure through person al social media."

What more can be done?

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"The marketing of the whole region needs improvement. With better access to the beach at the village end and a better Waterfront walkway such as at Param people would come to enjoy the café culture art gallery and beach."

What more can be done?

"Promote the Ōtaki market days more. Have more markets or concerts to encourage entertainment visitors."

What more can be done?

"I think we should put more energy towards promoting our nature... such as our beaches and bush by taking care of our coasts and running tour groups and experiences."

What more can be done?

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13 Hauora | Health

13.1 What are you most concerned/worried about in terms of provision of health care in Kāpiti?

Respondents were asked what concerned them the most about provision of health care in Kāpiti. Table 16 details respondent concerns.

Overview of responses

Health Services & Accessibility — Respondents expressed concerns about the lack of doctors, emergency care, and specialist services in their area. They emphasised the need for better accessibility to healthcare, including GP services, mental health support, and medical centres. Many also advocated for the establishment of a local hospital to cater to the growing population and to address the difficulties of traveling to Wellington or other distant locations for medical care. The distance to existing hospitals, long wait times, and the need for after-hours care were major issues raised by the respondents. Additionally, there were calls for improved support services, including home help and disability care, as well as better access to prescriptions and GP appointments.

Community & Social wellbeing — Respondents emphasise the importance of a diverse, safe, healthy, well-connected community in tune with nature in promoting overall wellbeing. Respondents also highlight the need for cultural inclusivity and access to services that are responsive to the needs of Māori communities in order to address existing health inequities.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH SERVICES/ACCESSIBILITY		96
	Concern regarding lack of hospital services	37
	Concern regarding limited access to GP services	24
	Concern regarding access to mental health services	10
	Care/services for elderly/people w/ disabilities	9
	Concern regarding lack of emergency care services	7
	Concern regarding lack of after-hours care	6
	Concern regarding access home support services	3
COMMUNITY/SOCIAL WELLBEING		16

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Concern with lack of community connection/support	11
	Engagement with Māori communities	5
HEALTHY LIVING/EDUCATION		12
	Activities/facilities promoting healthy living	12
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE		7
	Concern regarding transportation and traffic	7

Table 16: What are you most concerned/worried about in terms of provision of health care in Kāpiti?

Selected Responses

"Kāpiti Coast should have an A+E/urgent care hospital - start planning this now!"

What are you most concerned/worried about in terms of provision of health care in Kāpiti?

13.2 What should we focus on to help people in Kāpiti lead healthy lives?

Respondents were asked what Council should focus on to help the community of Kāpiti lead healthy lives.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH SERVICES/ACCESSIBILITY		98
	Improve access to hospital services	33
	Improve access to GP services	29
	Improve access to pharmacies	9
	Elderly care and dementia services	6
	Improve access to mental health services	6
	Increase home support services	6
	Support ambulance services	6
	Improve access to dental care	3
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE		46

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Public parks, pools, community hubs/gardens etc.	16
	Improve transportation and traffic issues	11
	Extend and maintain cycleways/footpaths	8
	Increase community outdoor gyms	5
	Focus on water quality (do not fluoridate)	3
	Indoor & outdoor playgrounds (e.g. shaded, fenced)	3
HEALTHY LIVING/EDUCATION		37
	Education on healthy living	13
	Focus on youth activities	9
	Correlation between environmental/public health	6
	Exercise equipment/facilities for all ages	6
	Support/education of sports teams	3
POLICY/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH		16
	Policies to attract/retain medical professionals	12
	Smoke-free/vape-free policies	4
COMMUNITY/SOCIAL WELLBEING		9
	Community connection through group activities	9
HOUSING		4
	Quality housing	2
	MSD housed in each ward	1
	Support boarding as an accommodation option	1

Table 17 details respondent suggestions.

Overview of responses

Health Services & Accessibility — Respondents have expressed the need for improved access to health services in the Kāpiti district, including the establishment of a hospital, more doctors and nurses, and additional medical clinics. They have also highlighted the importance of support for elderly individuals, including better rehabilitation facilities and aftercare day facilities. Additionally, they have emphasised the need for services such as community midwives and an increase in home support services.

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Amenities & Infrastructure — Respondents are calling for more free outdoor gyms, covered outdoor gyms, and grants for sports clubs. They also want better playgrounds that are shaded and fenced, more dog off-lead places, and extended cycleways and walkways. Other suggestions include community veggie gardens, reduced pollution from road traffic, and increased access to mental health services and outdoor recreational areas.

Healthy Living & Education — Respondents mention the need to prioritise education in the home and school and expressed opposition to the presence of vape shops. They also call for policy changes related to protecting children from junk food marketing and creating healthier public spaces.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH SERVICES/ACCESSIBILITY		98
	Improve access to hospital services	33
	Improve access to GP services	29
	Improve access to pharmacies	9
	Elderly care and dementia services	6
	Improve access to mental health services	6
	Increase home support services	6
	Support ambulance services	6
	Improve access to dental care	3
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE		46
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	Policies to attract/retain medical professionals	12

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Smoke-free/vape-free policies	4
COMMUNITY/SOCIAL WELLBEING		9
	Community connection through group activities	9
HOUSING		4
	Quality housing	2
	MSD housed in each ward	1
	Support boarding as an accommodation option	1

Table 17: What should we focus on to help people in Kāpiti lead healthy lives?

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14 Taiao | Environment

14.1 What are you most concerned/worried about in terms of our natural environment?

Respondents were asked what concerns them the most with respect to the natural environment. Table 18 summarises these concerns.

Overview of responses

Biodiversity — Respondents emphasise the importance of shade and the need for a more strategic approach in providing green spaces and protecting the environment. They express concerns about the loss of trees and biodiversity due to housing intensification and a lack of recognition of the importance of trees and wetlands.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
BIODIVERSITY		5
	Concern regarding lack of greening	5
HOUSING		3
	Concern regarding intensification of housing	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		3
	Concern regarding intensification of housing	3
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		3
	Concern regarding loss of wetlands	3
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		2
	Concern for future generations	1
	Concern regarding impact of freedom camping	1
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		2
	Restrict and monitor vehicles on beaches	2
CLIMATE & CHANGE		1
	Concern regarding sea level rise	1
PARTNERSHIP		1
	Concern with lack of support for volunteer groups	1

Table 18: What are you most concerned/worried about in terms of our natural environment?

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Selected Responses

> "Need for a more strategic approach re green space provision + good design."
>
> "Loss of trees and biodiversity due to housing intensification and general lack of recognition of importance of trees and wetlands - Pockets of native trees are being retained but not ecological corridors."
>
> **What are you most concerned/worried about in terms of our natural environment?**

14.2 What should we focus on to help improve the condition, health and resilience of our natural environment?

Respondents were asked what the council should focus most on to improve the sustainability of the natural environment. Table 19 details what respondents feel the council should focus on.

Overview of responses

Land Use & Quality — Respondents stress the importance of incorporating solar power as a standard feature for new homes. Preserving rural areas between towns like Paekākāriki, Paraparaumu, Waikanae, and Ōtaki is highlighted as a crucial measure to protect these communities. They also express concerns about continuing housing developments in flood-prone areas and along the beach front and Kāpiti Road.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
LAND USE & QUALITY		4
	Require solar panels on new builds	2
	Conserve and protect open spaces/rural areas	1
	Prohibit development on flood prone land	1
BIODIVERSITY		3
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3
	Restrict and monitor vehicles on beaches	3
HOUSING		2

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Require solar panels on new builds	2
CLIMATE & CHANGE		2
	Climate adaption strategies	1
	Focus on emissions reduction	1
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	Environmental education	1
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		1
	Focus on impact of development on rivers	1

Table 19: What should we focus on to help improve the condition, health and resilience of our natural environment?

Selected Responses

" Adopt the 3,30,300 rule. - This requires every householder to be able to see 3 good sized trees, and 30% of urban areas with tree canopy, and every household to be within 300 metres of an open space.."

What should we focus on to help improve the condition, health and resilience of our natural environment?

"Restrict vehicle access to the beaches - sand dunes and vulnerable areas that support our native menu and shell fish."

What should we focus on to help improve the condition, health and resilience of our natural environment?

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15 Te whakamahinga whenua | Land use

15.1 How could we better use land and public spaces in Kāpiti?

Respondents were asked to describe how council could make better use of land and public spaces. Table 20 details respondent feedback.

Overview of responses

Land Use & Quality — Respondents value the small town feel and access to nature in Kāpiti and do not want the area to be overly developed. They also emphasise the need for better controls on forestry slash to protect waterways and beaches. Additionally, they suggest building up instead of out to manage development. The protection and preservation of green spaces and suburban villages are important aspects mentioned by the respondents.

Housing — Respondents emphasise the importance of housing that is suitable for different needs and disabilities, including features like showers, kitchens, doorways, and accessibility. They express concern about an approaching housing crisis and suggest including older people with disabilities and retirees in housing provisions. There is a suggestion that tenants should contribute up to 50% of their income towards housing instead of the current 30% to cover council maintenance, rates, and insurance. Additionally, there is a significant shortage of single-level homes with 1-2 bedrooms.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
LAND USE & QUALITY		7
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	4
	Reduce urban sprawl	3
HOUSING		5
	Increase accessibility to/accessible housing	1
	Increase number of small bedroom houses	1
	Reduce eligible retirement age	1
	Strategies to ensure housing is affordable	1
	Tenants in social housing should pay 50% of wage	1
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3
	Infrastructure investment	2
	Improve transport connections	1
PUBLIC SPACES		3

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Introduce community gardens in public spaces	1
	Monitor the impact of freedom camping	1
	More cultural events/activities/promotion	1
GENERAL COMMENTS		1
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	1

Table 20: How could we better use land and public services in Kāpiti?

Selected Responses

> "Better controls on forestry slash to keep it out of our waterways + beaches."
>
> **How could we better use land and public spaces in Kāpiti?**

15.2 What else could Council do to enable our community to grow and flourish?

Respondents were asked what else the council could do to further enable the Kāpiti community to flourish. Table 21 details their suggestions.

Overview of responses

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents express the opinion that fancy cycleways only benefit a few individuals, highlighting the need for infrastructure improvements that cater to the housing demands. They also mention the absence of toilets on nature walks, suggesting the implementation of compostable toilets. Additionally, improving cycleway connections and introducing more Lockydocks in communities are suggested for better transportation options.

Housing — Respondents emphasise the need for more leniency in regulations regarding building and converting properties, as the current processes are costly. They also propose implementing bylaws to prevent empty houses, suggesting utilising them for other purposes. Lastly, they suggest exploring housing options specifically tailored for older individuals that do not necessarily involve retirement homes.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		6
	Improve transport connections	2
	Build more public toilets at walking tracks	1
	Extend and maintain cycleways	1
	Increase the number of Locky Docks	1
	Lessen focus on cycleways	1
HOUSING		3
	Ensure empty houses are used	1
	Not enough accessible housing for elderly	1
	Promote intensification	1
INCOME & WORK		3
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	2
	Enhance tourism industry/new branding	1
LAND USE & QUALITY		3
	Fond of small-town character	2
	Promote intensification	1
GENERAL COMMENTS		1
	Not a core function of Council	1
PEACE & SAFETY		1
	Improve safety in public areas	1
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		1
	More recreational areas for various age groups	1
CLIMATE & CHANGE		1
	Concern regarding increasing floods/preparedness	1
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	More educational courses/facilities	1
PUBLIC SPACES		1
	Introduce community gardens in public spaces	1

Table 21: What else could Council do to enable our community to grow and flourish?

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16 Pūngao | Energy

16.1 Do you have concerns about access to affordable, sustainable energy in our district?

Respondents were asked to suggest concerns they may have about sustainable and affordable energy in the Kāpiti district. Their responses are summarised in Table 22.

Overview of responses

General Comments — Respondents mentioned the need to address water leaks and manage the impact of sea levels and climate change. They also suggested considering the use of solar PV to power more KCDC infrastructure and increase resilience by installing solar panels on Council infrastructure.

Affordability — Respondents mentioned that the increasing cost of petrol and gas is causing financial difficulties for families, resulting in some people being unable to attend school. They express concern that access to affordable renewable energy is limited to those who can afford it, while those who are struggling financially have no options available to them. They suggest measures such as subsidies for solar panel installation and a rebate scheme to encourage the use of renewable energy.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
GENERAL COMMENTS		3
	Adopting solar PV for KCDC infrastructure	2
	Focus on core Council functions	1
AFFORDABILITY		3
	Implement rebate/subsidy scheme	3
ACCESSIBILITY		1
	Increase access to EV chargers	1

Table 22: Do you have concerns about access to affordable, sustainable energy in our district?

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16.2 What else could Council do to support access to energy?

Respondents were asked what else the Council could do to further support energy access. Table 23 details their responses.

Overview of responses

Accessibility Support — Respondents are advocating for increased EV charging stations, facilitating micro-grids for solar generation, and encouraging the use of solar panels and windmills on new building projects.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT		4
	Increase solar energy support	4

Table 23: What else could Council do to support access to energy?

Selected Responses

" Facilitating micro-grids for solar generation."

What else could Council do to support access to energy?

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17 Kai | Food

17.1 Do you have concerns about food supply or production in our district?

Respondents were asked to describe any concerns they may have with regards to food supply or production in Kāpiti. Table 24 summarises these concerns.

Overview of responses

Production — Respondents emphasise the need to preserve productive soil and express concerns about the loss of good quality land for housing development.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
PRODUCTION		3
	Concern regarding development on arable land	3
SUPPLY		1
	Concern regarding difficult access to healthy food	1

Table 24: Do you have concerns about food supply or production in our district?

17.2 What else could Council do to support safe and sustainable food supply, production, and sale?

Respondents were asked to suggest ways in which the Council could support safe and sustainable food supply, production, and sale. Table 25 details these suggestions.

Overview of responses

Production & Supply — Respondents express support for the establishment of community gardens and suggest utilising underutilised spaces for growing food. They also emphasise the need to support local growers and marketers by streamlining consent processes. Some respondents mention the need to improve care for Mahara gardens and call for more food gardens in urban areas and town centres. Collaboration and community sharing initiatives are also suggested, such as crop swaps and developing allotments for growing vegetables and fruits.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
PRODUCTION & SUPPLY		4
	Support garden production in community/urban areas	4
SALE		2

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Introduce local competition against supermarkets	1
	Simplify/make cheaper consent process for stalls	1
GENERAL COMMENTS		1
	Not a core function of Council	1

Table 25: What else could Council do to support safe and sustainable food supply, production and sale?

Selected Responses

"Support establishment of community gardens. Allow usage of underutilised berms/roadside verges for growing food for shared use as in Melbourne."

What else could Council do to support safe and sustainable food supply, production, and sale?

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Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

18 Vision follow up survey

This section of the report summarises community feedback received as part of KCDC's Vision follow up survey. The community was provided with a summary of the feedback received from the initial engagement for reflection and refining.

18.1 Does this reflect what's important to you?

Respondents were asked whether the feedback received reflected what was important to them. Table 26 is a summary of the feedback received.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others **—** Respondents express a mixed sentiment towards the topic of connections with others. Positive aspects highlighted include the sense of community, access to activities, and the beauty of the environment. However, there are also concerns raised about affordability, gentrification, and the need for better facilities and services for young people, special needs individuals, and the wider community. Some respondents express a desire to keep the village's charm and unique character intact.

Networks & Connectivity **—** Respondents are mostly in agreement about the need for better bus connections in Peka Peka and Te Horo and express frustration over the lack of public transport options. They also express a desire for improved walking and cycling paths. Some specific suggestions include extending the Waikanae River walkway, adding a railway station in Te Horo, and implementing traffic lights and pedestrian crossings in various locations.

Community Partnership **—** Respondents have mixed opinions about community partnership. Some feel that the council should focus on addressing the cost of living crisis and providing core services, while others appreciate the council's efforts and want more opportunities for participation. Some respondents express concerns about spending, lack of transparency, and the council's handling of projects. Some respondents also mention the importance of preserving the environment and involving the Māori community.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		155
	General agreement without specifics	68
	Development of culture/history of the area	11
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	11

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Improve access to/upgrade public facilities	11
	General disagreement without specifics	9
	Facilities for different age groups	7
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	6
	Preserving village/community atmosphere	5
	Support for community events and activities	5
	Support for library in Paekākāriki	5
	Improve access to natural/public spaces	4
	Integration of Māori culture/identity	4
	Image of Paekākāriki as gateway to Kapiti	3
	Rejuvenation/development of existing areas	3
	Support for the arts/culture/media	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		40
	Improve/expand cycling and walking paths	13
	Traffic management and road safety	13
	Improved public transport	7
	Improve roads	4
	Improve parking	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		26
	Criticism of consultation process	10
	Concern about council spending and debt	7
	Community involvement in decision-making	6
	Concern about neglected regions in report	3
BIODIVERSITY		19
	Tree planting and green space preservation	9
	Protection of wildlife/natural spaces/waterways	5
	Removal of non-native species/pests	5
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		13
	Concern about coastal erosion	5
	Improvements to waste management	5
	Improvements to stormwater systems	3
HOUSING		12
	Support for affordable/more housing	9
	Concern about housing regulations	3
OTHER		10
	Concern about rates increases	10
HEALTH		8
	Improved access to healthcare facilities	5

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Desire for local hospital/emergency services	3
INCOME & WORK		7
	Support for tourism industry	4
	Desire for more diverse shopping options	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		7
	Address land restitution claim of Miriona Budge	2
	Balancing development with character preservation	2
	Concern about aesthetic of new developments	1
	Concern about relocations	1
	Support for restrictions to beachfront development	1
PEACE & SAFETY		4
	Maintaining safe community spaces	2
	Concern about potential increased crime	1
	Improving intra-community relationships	1
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Focus on climate change mitigation	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		3
	Support for new primary schools	3
WATER		2
	Concern about water quality and supply	2
FOOD		2
	Support for food fairs/festivals	2
EQUALITY		1
	Desire for improved diversity	1
ENERGY		1
	Support for renewable energy	1

Table 26: Does this reflect what's important to you?

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18.2 Is there anything missing?

Respondents were asked whether there is anything missing.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		105
	Indoor sports and recreational facilities	18
	Fenced in dog parks needed	17
	Outdoor sports and recreational facilities	15
	Cultural and arts facilities and events	10
	Support for Māori culture and heritage	8
	Youth-focused activities and facilities	8
	A community owned hall	7
	Increase the number of lifeguards	6
	Increase the number of marae	6
	Increased regulation and monitoring of dogs	6
	Accessibility improvements for disabled and elderly	4
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		59
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	13
	Improved waste management and recycling	11
	Enhanced public transport services	9
	Extend cycleways/walkways	7
	Increase parking lots	5
	Extend and maintain footpaths	4
	Improved road infrastructure and connectivity	4
	Invest in E Scooter service	3
	Public transport services needed in Te Horo	3
BIODIVERSITY		37
	Focus on environmental conservation	20
	More green spaces and parks	9
	Pest control and management	8
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		32
	Concern about council spending and rates increases	17
	Focus on core council services	5
	Improve Council governance	4
	Include the Wainuiwhenua Project in the vision	3
	Requests for more community input in decision-making	3
HOUSING		24
	Maintain affordable rates	13

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Build more retirement homes	6
	Increased housing density and options	5
CLIMATE & CHANGE		19
	Focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation	14
	Sustainable energy initiatives	5
INCOME & WORK		16
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	7
	Support for local businesses and economy	5
	Tourism development initiatives	4
HEALTH		15
	Improved healthcare facilities and services	15
LAND USE & QUALITY		12
	Concerns about urban development impacts	5
	Preservation of local character and heritage	4
	Address land restitution claim of Miriona Budge	3
FOOD		12
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	12
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		11
	Maintain stormwater and wastewater systems	7
	Improve septic tank system	4
PEACE & SAFETY		10
	Enhanced community safety measures	7
	Address crime in the community	3
WATER		9
	Improved water management and quality	5
	Increase the number of water fountains	4
EDUCATION & TRAINING		8
	New schools/childhood centres	5
	Upgrade school playground	3
OTHER		1
	Suggestions for specific local projects	1

Table 27: Is there anything missing?
Selected Responses

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> "Maintaining & improving safe cycle connections through the village. One can go from Porirua to Ōtaki off road except for Paekākāriki. The sea wall will eventually have a cycle way along it but something like a village wide speed reduction to 40km would help. Also, stronger links with Whareroa Farm Reserve.- via Workshop Session."
>
> **Is there anything missing?**

provides an overview of what respondents feel is missing.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents expressed the need for various improvements and facilities related to connections with others. Some of the important aspects highlighted include the need for a community centre and recreational venues, such as a music venue and indoor sports complex, to foster community cohesion and provide entertainment options. There is also a demand for dog parks and better management of dog control to ensure safety for all users of recreational areas. Overall, the responses indicate a desire for more inclusive and accessible spaces that promote interaction and support the diverse needs of the community.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents highlight the need for improved public transport services, including more buses and clearer information about services, to reduce reliance on cars. They also emphasise the urgent need for transportation connections to connect different areas, such as Te Horo Beach with Paraparaumu and Kapiti College. They also highlight the issue of speeding on residential streets and the need for traffic calming measures, such as slower speed zones. They also mention the importance of improving bike lane connections, pedestrian crossings, and cycle paths. Additionally, there is concern about the need for improved waste management and recycling in the area.

Biodiversity — Respondents emphasise the importance of protecting the environment and increasing biodiversity. They suggest measures such as planting indigenous species, implementing predator control, and protecting mature trees. They also call for more pest control to address rabbit populations and expressed the need for more green spaces and parks, including longer grass areas for insects and birdlife.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		105
	Indoor sports and recreational facilities	18

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Fenced in dog parks needed	17
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	Build more retirement homes	6
	Increased housing density and options	5
CLIMATE & CHANGE		19
	Focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation	14
	Sustainable energy initiatives	5
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
INCOME & WORK		16
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	7
	Support for local businesses and economy	5
	Tourism development initiatives	4
HEALTH		15
	Improved healthcare facilities and services	15
LAND USE & QUALITY		12
	Concerns about urban development impacts	5
	Preservation of local character and heritage	4
	Address land restitution claim of Miriona Budge	3
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	Enhanced community safety measures	7
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EDUCATION & TRAINING		8
	New schools/childhood centres	5
	Upgrade school playground	3
OTHER		1
	Suggestions for specific local projects	1

Table 27: Is there anything missing?

Selected Responses

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Is there anything missing?

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19 Ki te Āpōpō Rangatahi

Feedback was gathered at the Kāpiti Coast District Council table at the Ki te Āpōpō Rangatahi Expo on 21 June 2024. The aim was to understand the views of Rangatahi to help shape Kāpiti's Vision The efforts resulted in 49 responses with 52 feedback points.

19.1 What's your wish for Kāpiti?

Respondents were asked what their wish for Kāpiti was. Table 28 summarises these wishes.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express a desire for more Māori people to embrace their culture, with a focus on increasing the use of the Māori language. They also mention a need for more activities and places to go, especially during rainy days. There is a positive sentiment towards embracing diversity and different cultures, as well as compassion for others.

Income & Work — Respondents express a desire for more opportunities, growth, and options related to income and work. They hope for increased support for Rangatahi and aspirations to see personal channels grow. Additionally, they emphasize the importance of creating equal opportunities for all cultures and reducing societal tendencies towards tall poppy syndrome.

Food— Respondents suggest assistance for people in need of food and housing, highlighting the importance of helping those who are vulnerable. The respondents also mention the provision of free food and the need for increased food supply in homeless shelters.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		23
	Dedicated spaces for rangatahi to socialise	5
	More rangatahi focused events and activities	5
	More Te Reo Māori usage	4
	Embracing Māori culture	3
	Indoor activities for rangatahi on rainy days	3
	More diversity and inclusivity	3
INCOME & WORK		5
	More opportunities for rangatahi	5
FOOD		5
	More food assistance for those in need	5

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
PEACE & SAFETY		4
	Address and reduce violence in the community	2
	Maintaining safe community spaces for rangatahi	2
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3
	Restore Khandallah pool	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		2
	Social support for vulnerable community members	2
HEALTH		2
	Better access to mental health services for youth	1
	Reduction of drug use in teens	1
HOUSING		2
	Support for affordable/more housing	2
WATER		1
	Increase the number of water fountains	1
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		1
	Restore Horowhenua Lake	1

Table 28: What's your wish for Kāpiti?

Selected Responses

" More expo's like this for rangatahi <3."

What's your wish for Kāpiti?

" More Te Reo around Kapiti/Horowhenua."

What's your wish for Kāpiti?

" To have a safe space for rangatahi everywhere !! Thank you :)."

What's your wish for Kāpiti?

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Broader community engagement

In addition to the targeted Vision Kāpiti surveys and workshops, several other community engagement initiatives have provided valuable insights into the priorities, concerns, and aspirations of Kāpiti Coast residents. These broader engagement efforts have captured a wide range of perspectives on various aspects of community life, from long-term planning to specific local projects.

The following sections summarize key findings from:

- The Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 consultation process

- The Waikanae Library consultation

- Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people (ZEAL)

- Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre social and community needs assessment

- Takutai Kāpiti coastal adaptation engagement

- Paekākāriki: What next? project

- Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity

- Kāpiti Impact Trust (KIT): Vision Workshops

These additional sources of community feedback complement and enrich the Vision Kāpiti engagement, offering a more comprehensive understanding of the community's vision for its future. By considering these diverse inputs, we can ensure that the Vision Kāpiti reflects a broad spectrum of community voices and addresses both immediate concerns and long-term aspirations.

The insights gathered from these broader engagement initiatives align with and expand upon many of the themes identified in the Vision Kāpiti process, providing a robust foundation for future planning and decision-making in the district.

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20 KCDC Long-term Plan 2024–34

This section of the report provides an overview of the public consultation process for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's Long-term Plan 2024-34. The consultation presented key challenges and proposals for the Kāpiti Coast district, including funding for water services, debt reduction, housing for older people, and a new climate action rate.

Data was collected through three methods:

- Written submissions: Received from community members.
- Online input: Gathered through digital platforms.
- In-person presentations: Conducted with local residents.

The combined efforts yielded 371 submissions with 1598 feedback points during the consultation period, providing valuable insights into residents' preferences and concerns about the proposed changes. Feedback from these submissions is summarised here.

20.1 What is your preferred option for how the council fund the increased cost of three waters services?

Respondents were presented with two options for how the council could fund the increased cost of three waters services. These were:

- **Option 1 (Council's Preferred Option):** Rates fund the $4.7 million operating cost shortfall for three waters services in 2024/25.
- **Option 2**: Debt fund the $4.7 million operating cost shortfall in 2024/25.

Most respondents **(60.3% support)** chose **Option 1** as their preferred option.

> "Rates are the best option to recover the extra cost but there should be consideration for pulling levers outside of land/property-based rates. KCDC is one of the few councils in the region that has water meters so we should be using targeted increases to these charges for ongoing maintenance related to water assets especially potable and wastewater that is charged on a volumetric rate. I also question the ability of the council to deliver large scale projects in the water space after spending much of 2021 involved in the preplanning of the Waikanae WTP upgrades and then project only starting 18-24 months later over which time costs would have gone through the roof."

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| Option 1 | Fund $4.7 million shortfall with an additional 5% rates increase in Year 1 |
| Option 2 | Fund $4.7 million shortfall by taking on debt each year |

Option 2
n = 87 (39.7%)

Option 1
n = 132 (60.3%)
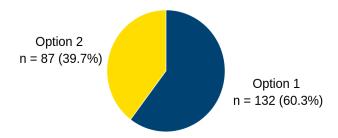
Figure 1: What is your preferred option for how we fund the three waters services?

Reasons for Choosing Option 1:

- Inability to afford debt
- Preference for rates funding
- Ensuring intergenerational equity

Additional Concerns:

- Ability to manage three waters
- Need for rates remission/assistance
- Clarity on rate increases

Alternative Options Proposed:

- Reduce overall council expenditure
- Targeted funding through water usage/metering
- Focusing on core services

> "Households are already under extreme pressure due to rising costs across the board, they cannot afford to fund this shortfall through rates."
>
> "We need to pay our share even when times are tough. It's unfair to dump on our future selves or future communities."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how the council fund the increased cost of three water services?**

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20.2 What is your preferred option for rate increase to reduce council debt?

Respondents were presented with three options for rate increases to reduce council debt. These were:

- **Option 1:** Apply average rates increases of 8% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34 to build a resilient future and reduce debt.

- **Option 2 (Council's Preferred Option):** Apply average rates increases of 7% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34 to build a resilient future and reduce debt.

- **Option 3:** Apply average rates increases of 6% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34 to build a resilient future and reduce debt.

Most respondents **(52.3% support)** chose **Option 3** as their preferred option.

Option 1	Apply average rates increases of 8% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34
Option 2	Apply average rates increases of 7% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34
Option 3	Apply average rates increases of 6% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34
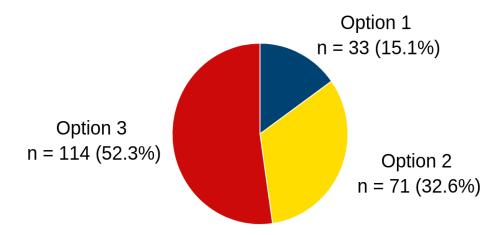
Figure 2: What is your preferred option for rate increase to reduce council debt?

Reasons for Choosing Option 3:

- Residents cannot afford a rates increase
- Allows for debt reduction over reasonable period

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- Increasing rates would deter future residents

Alternative Options Proposed:

- Prefer Council reduce overall expenditure
- Prefer Council focus on core services only
- Prefer Council seek alternative means of funding

Additional Concerns:

- Rates increase should match inflation
- Funding shortfalls are a result of poor planning

Selected Responses

> "I don't like this, but it's going to be important to have access to debt in the future. The less debt that exists, the easier (and cheaper) future borrowing will be."

> "Whilst balancing budgets is a laudable aim, front loading rate increases is a poor option. With Kāpiti now being appealing as a commuter town to Wellington ramping up rates may discourage further local migration to this area, aiming to make Kāpiti an appealing place to live and work, would grow the rate payer base and be a better long-term source of revenue."
>
> **What is your preferred option for rate increase to reduce council debt?**

> "I disagree with all options. Any increases should be limited to rate of inflation, council should operate within their means, not further burden ratepayers."
>
> **What is your preferred option for rate increase to reduce council debt?**

> "I agree that Council debt levels are high and need to be reduced. The proposal is a well-balanced response."
>
> **What is your preferred option for rate increase to reduce council debt?**

> "We're a coastal community with people who are struggling. We must invest in our communities and yes, that means paying into our collective coffers - that's what Council is for."
>
> **What is your preferred option for rate increase to reduce council debt?**

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20.3 What is your preferred option for how we manage council housing for older people?

Respondents were presented with three options for how to manage council housing. These were:

Option 1 (Council's Preferred Option): Transfer Council's older persons' housing assets to a new Community Housing Provider.

Option 2: Older persons' housing is delivered by an existing Community Housing Provider with less influence from Council.

Option 3: Older persons' housing continues to be delivered by Council with no option to grow the portfolio.

Most respondents **(59.7% support)** chose **Option 1** as their preferred option.

Option 1	Transfer our older persons' housing assets to a new Community Housing Provider
Option 2	Older persons' housing is delivered by an existing Community Housing Provider with less influence from Council
Option 3	Older persons' housing continues to be delivered by Council with no option to grow the portfolio

Option 3
n = 28 (12.4%)

Option 2
n = 63 (27.9%)

Option 1
n = 135 (59.7%)
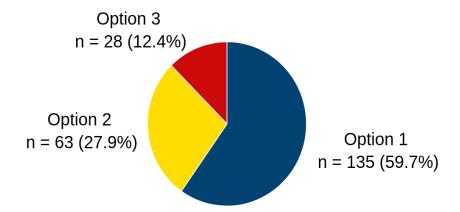
Figure 3: What is your preferred option for the way council manages council housing for older people?

Main reasons for supporting Option 1 were:

- Housing should not be managed by Council
- Support continued Council influence

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- CHPs have expertise in housing management

Alternative Options Proposed:

- Responsibility for older persons housing belongs to central government
- Prefer properties be sold to fund debt
- Finance through the sale of some houses

Additional concerns:

- Scope of housing should extend beyond elderly
- Concern regarding changes to central funding

Selected Responses

> "Community Housing Provider - the only way for growth! This is vital that we grow the availability of (older people and/or disability) housing options - the waiting list in the future will only get bigger if we fail to get this right."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how we manage council housing for older people?**

> "Whilst offloading property assets is generally a bad idea, if it includes transfer of liabilities and costs of providing housing for older persons with the possibility of increased funding from other government sources then this seems sensible."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how we manage council housing for older people?**

> "Council employs people to manage the housing community. Do not outsource. It will be unattainable."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how we manage council housing for older people?**

> "Don't think this is the council's remit and rather should be focus central government. What about housing for young families with kids who have lower home ownership rates plus dependents. Council should instead zone lots of land for construction of mixed use residential including units for elderly and flood market with supply to improve affordability."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how we manage council housing for older people?**

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20.4 What is your preferred option for how the council funds climate-related activities?

Respondents were presented with two options for Council should fund climate related activities. These were:

- **Option 1 (Council's Preferred Option**): Introduce a new climate action rate based on a property's capital value rather than the current land-value based general rate.
- **Option 2:** Make no changes to how Council allocates funding for climate change activities.

Most respondents chose Option 2 **(57.3% support)** as their preferred option.

Option 1	Introduce a new targeted climate action rate based on a property's capital value rather than the current land-value based general rate
Option 2	Make no change to how we allocate funding our climate change activities

Option 2
n = 129 (57.3%)

Option 1
n = 96 (42.7%)
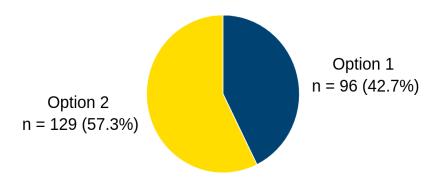
Figure 4: should the council introduce a new climate action rate?

Main Reasons For Supporting Option 2 Were:

- Climate change is business as usual/no separation needed
- Opposed to rating based on property value
- Residents cannot afford rates increase

Alternative Options Proposed:

- Climate change is not a concern/no rates needed
- Prefer Council reduce overall expenditure
- Climate change is not a core function of Council

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Additional Concerns

- Concern proposal is means to increase future rates
- Concern with ability to manage climate change

Selected Responses

> "Many land owners who are at risk from climate issues have made significant capital gains on their investments because of their location which there property is located this making it fairer to charge them for their ongoing protection."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how the council funds climate-related activities?**

> "Dealing with climate change IS business as usual. Nearly every aspect of council operations is affected directly or indirectly. No need to add to the bureaucracy by adding a new rate. Unimproved properties should still pay their share, it affects them too."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how the council funds climate-related activities?**

> "Managing climate change is just another cost that needs to be covered by rates. Having separate rating structures creates complexity, complexity adds cost. Council can report the spending in the accounts."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how the council funds climate-related activities?**

> "If changing our climate change policy is going to cost more in rates, don't change it - we can't afford the rates as it is!"
>
> **What is your preferred option for how the council funds climate-related activities?**

> "A capital-value based rate for climate action better reflects the value of the assets being protected, so should better align the incidence of costs and benefits. I'm not convinced by the transparency argument as clarity on what rates are spent on can be achieved in other ways, without changing how rates are calculated."
>
> **What is your preferred option for how the council funds climate-related activities?**

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20.5 Public Feedback on Updated Council Policies

Council has reviewed and updated several key policies. The feedback received in relation to each of these policies is outlined below.

Revenue Policy:

Respondents oppose rate increases due to cost of living pressures. They want the council to reduce costs, focus on essential services, and increase transparency in spending and staffing.

Development & Contributions:

Respondents want development contributions to fully cover infrastructure costs, object to using public money for private businesses, and call for more transparency and consideration of impacts on existing areas.

Significance & Engagement:

Respondents demand better communication from the council, more community consultation, public voting on significant decisions, greater developer responsibility for infrastructure costs, and increased council accountability.

Rates Remission:

Respondents suggest more concessions for older residents, increased deductions, and delayed reimbursement for rates relief.

Selected Responses

> "Development contributions, it is important that all developments pay something towards the impact on our infrastructure. Consultation with the community is very important and should not decrease."
>
> **Public Feedback on Updated Council Policies**

> "Significance and engagement. If something directly affects a rate payers property, the council should notify them. For example, LIM report alterations. Very disappointed by the councils actions and lack of transparency."

> "I am impressed by the scope of the Rates Remission draft and urge it to be adopted as is. Please keep up the engagement - Everything Kāpiti is a great thing on the go already!"
>
> **Public Feedback on Updated Council Policies**

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20.6 Council Fees, Alcohol Licensing Fees Bylaw, and Democratic Processes

Through the LTP process Council also sought public feedback on fees and charges, a proposed alcohol licensing fees bylaw and how democracy could be enhanced. Below is a summary of the feedback received on these topics.

Alcohol Licensing:

Respondents support shifting alcohol licensing costs from ratepayers to licensees. They call for simplifying the licensing process, implementing a nuanced fee structure based on business size and nature, and increasing fees to address alcohol-related social harms. There's also a desire for more community input in alcohol licensing decisions.

Fees & Charges:

Opinions on fees and charges vary, with some supporting increases and others advocating for reductions. Respondents want more transparency in fee structures and support user-pays systems. There's opposition to specific fee increases and concerns about fairness. Many emphasise the importance of keeping community hall fees accessible.

Enhancing Democracy:

Respondents criticised the council for undemocratic practices, such as ignoring public votes and implementing policies without proper consultation. They call for increased transparency, better consultation processes, and reducing staff who don't support democratic changes.

Selected Responses

> "Please do the enhancing democracy! It would be wonderful to have more sessions and activity outside of work hours. Especially for people who commute to wellington for work."
>
> **Council Fees, Alcohol Licensing Fees Bylaw, and Democratic Processes**

> "If you want responsible owners and managers of stores and licences premises, make it cheap and easy for them to do the right thing and comply and fine them loads if they do not comply."
>
> **Council Fees, Alcohol Licensing Fees Bylaw, and Democratic Processes**

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> "I am fan of user pays for contributing to the costs of many 'premium' assets and services. I don't mind the graduated scales that help those in the community with the least resources. I expect financial penalties for poor form by a person to exceed the cost of policing that poor form so there is an incentive to perform better. Alcohol licensing should be cost neutral; rate payers should NOT subsidise this business sector. Property development related fees etc should exceed the costs for providing the service - this is a profit pursuing sector. Once land is re-zoned for the more profitable use by developers' council should introduce higher fees for them not starting with that development - bring financial benefits to the community if the developer doesn't deliver the property benefits."
>
> **Council Fees, Alcohol Licensing Fees Bylaw, and Democratic Processes**

20.7 Additional comments on the LTP

Respondents were asked if they have any additional comments they would like to make on the LTP.

Below is a summary of the most prevalent themes respondents mentioned.

Finances & Expenditure:

- Prefer Council reduce overall expenditure
- Residents cannot afford rates increase
- Council should prioritise debt reduction

Performance & Policy:

- Prefer Council focus on core services only
- Concern regarding Council performance
- Concern regarding evidence for debt reduction

Communities & Services:

- Council should prioritise support for community initiatives
- Improve safety as well as extend of footpaths
- Improve accessibility of public amenities
- Selected Responses

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Selected Responses

> "I believe coastal communities should pay an enhanced contribution towards costs that directly protect then – for example, sea walls and Waimeha stream mouth redirection. There is no need for a climate action rate – this is just playing with figures."
>
> **Additional comments on the LTP**

> "I believe Council should go back to basic's. In my opinion some of the grants and activities we fund are 'nice to have' but unnecessary spending. we need to reduce costs as people are really struggling."
>
> **Additional comments on the LTP**

> "The majority of Ratepayers cannot afford increases beyond CPI. I see no options to lower the level of services for instance what analysis has been done for Libraries to be opened 5 days a week, surely 2 days would be sufficient, reduce the open hours of the swimming pools etc. Commitment from KCDC that they will never again implement under the table decisions to use Ratepayers money to support private businesses - $1.3million to Air Chathams without any consultation - This is a disgrace."
>
> **Additional comments on the LTP**

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21 Waikanae Library

The Waikanae Library consultation process was a comprehensive six-week engagement initiative that ran from June 12 to July 22, 2023.

Data was collected through multiple methods:

- Community engagement hub: Open six days a week.
- Online engagement platforms: Facilitated digital participation.
- Local market stands: Provided in-person interaction.
- Targeted outreach: Focused on schools and community groups.
- Surveys and voting activities: Gathered structured feedback.
- Written feedback collection: Allowed for open-ended responses.

Promotion efforts included:

- Local media coverage
- Social media campaigns
- Posters and bookmarks distribution

The combined efforts yielded:

- Over 437 completed feedback forms and surveys

More than 3,000 individual comments

This section of the report will present a summary of the key findings from the consultation.

21.1 Current Use

Community members were asked how they currently use the library. The top three main uses for the library were:

- Borrowing books
- Accessing Council services and information
- Reading and leisure

Selected Responses

> "Rates & other queries essential for those unable to travel to Paraparaumu easily."
>
> **How do you currently use the library?**

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> "Hard copy books, chat to librarians to get book recommendations, take part in workshops offering e.g., computer expert session, seed swap etc."
>
> **How do you currently use the library?**

21.2 What is your preferred option for location of the new library?

Respondents were presented with three options for the location of the new library.

These were:

- **Option 1**: Refurbish and extend the former library
- **Option 2**: Refurbish both former and pop-up library buildings
- **Option 3**: Refurbish both buildings and extend former library

Most respondents **(50% support)** chose **Option 1** as their preferred option. Feedback on Option 1 included:
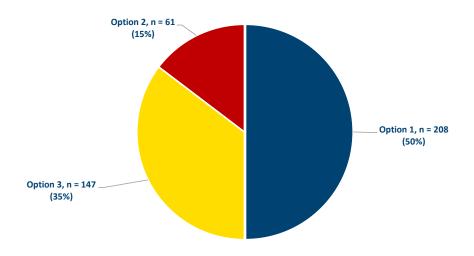
Figure 5: What is your option for location of the new library?

Reasons For Choosing Option 1:

- Cost-effectiveness and affordability
- Minimal disruption to the community and Mahara Place

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- No anticipated rate increases

Additional Concerns

- Long-term adequacy: Worries about the library's ability to meet future community needs

- Space constraints: Concerns about limited size and potential for future expansion

- Building quality: Some perceive it as a cold space with limited natural light

Alternative Options

- Utilising the existing Paraparaumu Library instead of expanding Waikanae's

- Creating a smaller library with mobile services

- Focusing on digital resources to reduce physical space needs

Selected Responses

> "Project objectives can be achieved in a smaller space. Lowest cost and most sustainable option. Reusing the old library will revitalise Mahara Place while keeping the library in scale without dominating the area."
>
> **What is your preferred option for location of the new library?**

> "We need to keep costs down for ratepayers. We have a main library in Paraparaumu, this should just be a small facility."
>
> **What is your preferred option for location of the new library?**

> "We need to consider the long term. No point cheaping out and then immediately having to plan an upgrade! Option 1 will already be at capacity!"
>
> **What is your preferred option for location of the new library?**

> "Waikanae needs a space that can grow with the community, while allowing the businesses in Mahara place to recover from the current construction project. Option one minimises disruption, allows for later expansion as needed, and minimises the need for earthquake strengthening."
>
> **What is your preferred option for location of the new library?**

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21.3 What are the most important aspects for Council to consider?

In the feedback form, community members were prompted to highlight what they believe to be the most crucial factors for the Council to consider when making the final decision. The analysis of responses to this query is detailed below.

- Creating a warm, welcoming, and inclusive space that serves as a multi-purpose community hub.

- Managing costs and evaluating financial impact to ensure fiscal responsibility and minimise rate increases.

- Future-proofing the facility to accommodate Waikanae's growing population and evolving needs.

- Balancing traditional library services with new amenities, including spaces for learning, working, and community activities.

- Ensuring the library is accessible and caters to all age groups, from children to seniors, reflecting the community's diverse needs.

21.4 Project Objectives

The Waikanae Library project objectives describe what the new facility aims to deliver for the community. These are:

- Support community connections

- Build healthy, resilient individuals and community

- Create a sense of place and belonging

- Provide opportunities for learning, working, and creating

- Support cultural identity and understanding

- Champion inclusivity

- Serve as an example of sustainable practices

The community was given the opportunity to vote for their preferred objectives and give feedback regarding each objective. The most popular objectives were:

- Providing opportunities to learn, work, and create

- Supporting communities to connect

- Creating a sense of place and belonging

The main themes mentioned by respondents relating to the objective of **Providing opportunities to learn, work and create** were:

- The library should have spaces for talks, classes, and the creative arts.

- The library should provide flexible spaces for studying, working, and meeting.

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- The library should give access to books, magazines, newspapers, and online resources.

Selected Responses

> " Workspaces for students to study. Meeting room(s) for WEA and other community. Learning - ancestry, computer access to Web etc."
>
> **Feedback on "Providing opportunities to learn, work and create"**

> "Would love language classes, painting classes - available afternoons, evenings dependent on who in community is ready to run them. Became hard when these stopped getting any funding years ago."
>
> **Feedback on "Providing opportunities to learn, work and create"**

The main themes mentioned by respondents relating to the objective of **Supporting communities to connect** were:

- The library should provide multi-purpose gathering and meeting spaces with technology. These spaces should be soundproof and private.
- The library should have book clubs and events for adults and children.
- The library should have children's spaces for playing and reading.

Selected Responses

> "Space for a range of activities including social, educational, entertainment for all people in the community."
>
> **Feedback on "Supporting communities to connect"**

> " Having 'spaces' that people can connect in, in a relaxed way e.g. in a 'coffee club'. Holding events /celebrations of different cultural Description: e.g., Matariki, Diwali "
>
> **Feedback on "Supporting communities to connect"**

The main themes mentioned by respondents relating to the objective of **Creating a sense of place and belonging** were:

- The library should provide a warm and welcoming space.
- The library should have gathering or social places for various different groups and activities

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- The library should be a space for diverse cultural and entertainment events

"Welcoming, warm, aesthetically pleasing environment. Community noticeboards etc. Destination for attending things you can connect to."

Feedback on "Creating a sense of place and belonging"

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21.5 Other Comments

Additional comments were provided by respondents, which fall outside of the Council options and objectives provided. These are outlined as:

- Keeping it small due to Paraparaumu Library's proximity
- Various expansion ideas (additional floors, new facility, mobile services)
- Focusing on books and research rather than entertainment
- Collaborating with Mahara Gallery
- Centralising services in Paraparaumu
- Cost-effective alternatives like pop-up libraries or expanding Paraparaumu Library
- Refurbishing Mahara Gallery or expanding the existing library

Selected Responses

> "It's disappointing that demolishing the old building isn't an option. It's pretty gross. I know that the new library will be refurbished, but it would be great to have something completely new in that space. Also, make sure you engage with your current librarians too, as librarians, not just members of the community. Most of them are pretty great and will have insights that library managers and the community won't have."
>
> **Additional comments**

> "What is it designed to do? How will it work? Too little information on what it is for in the brochure. Useful for elderly unable or unwilling to use technology."
>
> **Additional comments**

> "All of this is very positive, thank you."
>
> **Additional comments**

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22 Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people (ZEAL)

This section of the report presents a summary of the key insights gathered from the Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people. The assessment focused on young people who are or have been involved in Zeal's core programmes, such as afternoon hangs, creative programmes, events, and college representatives. In particular, it sought to understand the experiences, challenges and suggestions of young people from Ōtaki and Paraparaumu, as well as the impact of Zeal on participants and its ability to address their concerns.

The Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti Young survey collected data through two methods:

- Annual survey: Conducted over 12 months, with 74 participants.
- Follow-up survey: Completed by 20 respondents.

The combined efforts yielded feedback from 94 youth involved in Zeal's programmes, aiming to understand their experiences, challenges, and needs.

Key insights from the survey include:

- **Zeal's Impact:** Youth highly value Zeal as a safe, welcoming space for development and social connection. Popular activities include afternoon hangs, creative programmes, and events.

- **Challenges:** Mental health issues, school stress, and social concerns are primary challenges faced by Kāpiti youth.

- **Support Needs:** There's a strong desire for mental health support, safe spaces, and listening ears. Some prefer Zeal to remain an escape rather than an intervention point.

- **Community Connection:** Youth express a need for more opportunities to connect with peers, adults, and the wider community.

- **Skill Development:** There's demand for diverse courses and activities that build practical skills for future employment.

- **Spaces & Activities:** Youth want more dedicated spaces and activities designed specifically for teenagers, including outdoor and creative pursuits.

- **Transportation:** Improved transport options, especially for returning from events, are needed.

- **Stigma & Awareness:** There's a need to address negative perceptions about youth spaces and increase awareness of available services.

- **Staff & Support:** Zeal staff are viewed positively, with youth learning from interactions with them. There's a suggestion for more staff during busy times.

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- **Broader Changes:** Youth identified needs for systemic changes, including improvements in mental health services, education system, and societal attitudes towards young people.

Overall, the Needs Assessment highlights Zeal's positive impact while also pointing to areas for growth and improvement in youth services across Kāpiti. It underscores the importance of listening to youth voices in shaping services and policies that affect them.

> "I would like Zeal to keep all the bad stuff separate from our time there, and make it feel like an escape rather than an intervention or things like that."
>
> "More support for mental health, I think a room where you can talk it out privately with a staff member or your friend would be nice. For like any issues happening in your life. "
>
> **What support would you like to see from Zeal and your community with these challenges?**

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23 Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre

This section of the report presents a summary of the key insights gathered from the social and community needs assessment for Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre, focusing specifically on the perspectives and experiences of Kāpiti residents and community organisations. It summarises community survey feedback to gain an understanding of the importance of community spaces and the gaps in current facilities and services.

Data was collected through multiple methods:

- Desk research: Review of existing information.

- Interviews with Kāpiti Coast District Council staff: Across various departments.

- Community survey: Online participation.

- Intercept and in-depth interviews: With members of the Kāpiti community.

- Survey and interviews with social and community organisations.

- Workshop with Elected Representatives.

- Engagement with Te Ati Awa-ki—Whakarongotai: Workshop/hui and interviews.

The study focused on: Paraparaumu, Paraparaumu Beach, Raumati Beach, Raumati South, Waikanae, Waikanae Beach, PekaPeka and Paekākāriki.

Note: Ōtaki was excluded due to distance and lack of public transport access, but residents were not barred from participating in the community survey.

The combined efforts yielded:

- 615 community members participated in the online survey

- 58 intercept and in-depth interviews with community members

- 45 interviews with social and community organisations

- 25 social and community organisations provided feedback via a short online survey

23.1 What are at least three things that you would like to see offered at a community facility or space?

Respondents were asked what things they would like to see offered at a community facility or space. **Error! Reference source not found.** details what respondents most wanted to see offered.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents mention the importance of community spaces that encourage connections with others, such as meeting areas, drop-in centres and coffee/tea facilities. They stressed the need for these meeting areas to

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be both affordable and of various sizes and types. They also highlight the need for facilities that cater to different groups, including children, teenagers, and the elderly. In addition, they emphasise the need for accessible spaces, such as those suitable for people with disabilities, and the desire for a variety of social events, classes, workshops, and counselling services to support the well-being of the community.

Education & Training — Respondents mention the importance of community education and training programs, including classes, workshops, and presentations on various topics. They also emphasise the need for accessible facilities such as meeting spaces, internet access, and libraries. Additionally, they mention night classes and te reo Māori and other language classes as examples of the types of classes desired.

Health — Some respondents emphasised the need for counselling services, mental health support and health and wellbeing events. A few highlighted the desire for spaces specifically tailored to the needs of elderly individuals and those with disabilities. They also mentioned the importance of having space, both indoor and outdoor, for exercise classes.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		805
	Community events and social gatherings	80
	Meeting rooms/spaces of various sizes/types	79
	Kitchen facilities (including tea/coffee)	53
	Youth-focused activities	53
	Affordable/free bookable spaces	51
	Drop-in centre/social space	46
	Cultural activities and events	44
	Art and craft workshops	41
	Spaces for community organisations	38
	Children's play areas	33
	Indoor recreational activities	27
	Re-establish as community hub	23
	CAB/JP/legal advice	22
	Art exhibitions/spaces	21
	DIY/repair/sewing workshops	21
	Music and performance spaces	21
	Swapping (food/clothing/toys)	17

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	After-school/school holiday activities	15
	Free activities/classes	14
	Indoor sports facilities	14
	Comfortable/relaxing/quiet spaces	12
	Audiovisual facilities/sound systems	9
	Outdoor recreational spaces	9
	Intergenerational activities	8
	IT help/advice	7
	Multi-use venue	7
	Public toilet/shower facilities	7
	Evening/weekend access	6
	Dog/pet-friendly	5
	Maintenance/repair of current infrastructure	5
	Storage spaces	5
	Family-friendly	4
	Library services	4
	Special needs facilities/sensory spaces	4
EDUCATION & TRAINING		124
	Community education classes	63
	Adult education programs	26
	Language/te reo Māori classes	13
	Family support classes	10
	Business/financial education	9
	Health education	3
HEALTH		79
	Exercise/fitness classes	44
	Support services (counselling, advice)	21
	Health and wellness services	8
	Care/services for elderly/people w/ disabilities	6
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		61
	Information centre/community resources	29
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Community/council meetings and feedback	18
	Community staff/volunteers	9
	Collaboration with government/NGOs	5
EQUALITY		42
	Inclusivity/accessibility for elderly/disabled	33
	Inclusivity/accessibility for all genders	5
	Inclusivity/accessibility for all race/religion	4
BIODIVERSITY		33
	Community garden	18
	Environmental education programs	15
FOOD		33
	Add eatery/café	12
	Food-related activities (skills/programs)	11
	Food bank	7
	Soup kitchen	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		30
	Technology access (computers, WiFi)	19
	Online booking system/noticeboard	6
	Improve parking	5
INCOME & WORK		19
	Office/co-working spaces	19
PEACE & SAFETY		9
	Safe space	9
OTHER		4
	Maintain current level	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Reinstating recycling stations	3
WATER		2
	Water fountains/taps	2

Table 29: What are at least three things that you would like to see offered at a community facility or space?

"Predominantly activities aimed at teenagers. There is very little for them to do in Kapiti."

What are at least three things you would like to see offered at a community facility or space?

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23.2 How important are community spaces like the Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre to the community?

Respondents were asked how important community spaces like the Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre are to the community, whether they used them or not.

They gave their answers on a scale from 0-10, where 0 means not at all important and 10 means very important. **Error! Reference source not found.** details how important these community spaces are to the community, according to the respondents. The overwhelming majority of respondents reported that community spaces like Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre were of the highest importance to the community.
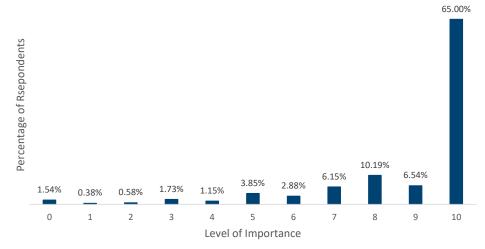
Figure 6: How important are community space like the Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre to the community?

23.3 Why do you say that?

Respondents were asked why they gave their answer to **Error! Reference source not found.**. **Error! Reference source not found.** details what respondents' reasons for answering that way were.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others —Respondents highlighted the need for spaces where people can meet and avoid loneliness, access safe facilities for community meetings, and have a central hub and meeting point. The community spaces were seen as crucial for building relationships, fostering understanding, and supporting well-being and health. There was also a call for more support for youth and less fortunate

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individuals, as well as the importance of inclusivity and accessibility in these community spaces.

Networks & Connectivity—Respondents emphasise the importance of having a central, affordable, and accessible community space for various activities, events, and meetings. They mention that there is a lack of such spaces in the area, and having a community centre can help support community needs, and build stronger communities.

Community Partnership—Respondents emphasise the importance of having a safe and accessible space for the community to meet, gather, and hold events. They mention that community groups often struggle to find affordable venues and that existing buildings should be audited to maximise occupancy. A community centre is seen as a hub for information, activities, and support for various groups, including the elderly and those in need. However, some respondents express concerns about the cost and prioritisation of a community centre.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		601
	Provides space for community gatherings and events	150
	Fosters social connections	132
	Supports community development	70
	Provides recreational activities/entertainment	35
	Provides accessible services and support	30
	Combats social isolation	26
	Provides a welcoming space for the community	24
	Supports diverse community needs	20
	Promotes community wellbeing	19
	Do not utilise community spaces	18
	Community has sufficient spaces and facilities	14
	Provides an identity/pride	14
	Fosters connections between diverse groups	10
	Provides space for youth activities	9
	Lack of public awareness	8
	Increase the number of community spaces	6
	Provides face-to-face connections	5
	Supports community resilience	5
	Community spaces remain underutilised	3
	Provides space for families	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		219
	Provides a needed community space	92
	Provides central hubs with easy access	64

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Offers affordable venue options	48
	Provides neutral, non-commercial space	11
	Importance determined by use	4
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		86
	Supports community groups and organisations	47
	Supports vulnerable community members	15
	Concerns about council spending/rates increases	9
	Offers information and resources	8
	Other more important priorities for Council	7
EDUCATION & TRAINING		34
	Offers educational opportunities	29
	Facilitates skill-sharing	5
PEACE & SAFETY		26
	Provides a safe space for the community	26
EQUALITY		26
	Supports accessibility for elderly/disabled	13
	Supports accessibility for all race/religion	7
	Supports accessibility for all genders	6
HEALTH		9
	Supports mental health	9
FOOD		1
	Helps alleviate rising food costs	1

> "A shared community space is the centre of any strong community. It brings together people and gives people an opportunity to socialise, learn and access key services from all backgrounds."
>
> **Why do you say that?**

Table 30: Why do you say that?

Selected Responses

> "Community Spaces allow more choice and more accessibility when it comes to event holding. Also, they provide a space where everyone in the community feels welcome and allows different groups and people to coexist, communicate, collaborate and create with one another. Also, derelict and empty buildings, especially community ones or council owned ones reflect negatively on a community. Look Good, Feel Good. Do Good, Be Good."
>
> **Why do you say that?**

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> "Because it is the heart of the community, and a place where people can go and feel visible, included, connected and productive"
>
> **Why do you say that?**

23.4 Please tell us the extent to which you disagree or agree that there is a good range of community facilities, social services, activities, programmes and events in the Kāpiti area.

Respondents were asked whether they thought there was a good range of community facilities, social services, activities, programmes and events in the Kāpiti area.

They gave their answers on a scale from 0-10, where 0 means strongly disagree and 10 means strongly agree. **Error! Reference source not found.** details whether the respondents thought there was a good range of community facilities, social services, activities, programmes and events in the Kāpiti area. There is a large spread in the views of respondents, with an overall level of indifference regarding the extent to which the range of community facilities, social services, activities, programmes and events in the Kāpiti is sufficient.
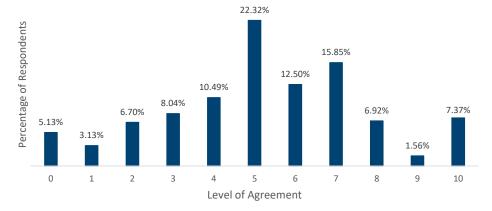
Figure 7:Extent to which you disagree/agree that there is a good range of community facilities in Kāpiti area.

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23.5 Why do you say that - and what, if anything, is missing?

Respondents were asked why they gave their answer to **Error! Reference source not found.**, and if what they thought, if anything, was missing. **Error! Reference source not found.** details what respondents' reasons for answering that way were, and what they thought was missing.

Overview of responses

What Is Missing? — Respondents believe that there is a lack of larger events centres for sports, a community centre in the middle of Paraparaumu, and facilities that are welcoming and accessible to everyone. There is also a need for more activities for young adults and playgroup facilities, as well as more support groups and activities for all age groups. Overall, respondents feel that there is a lack of coordination of services and communication about available activities in the community.

Connections With Others — Respondents say that there is a good range of activities and facilities available for families and older people, but not enough options for youth. Some feel that more activities should be provided for school-aged children and teenagers. Overall, there is a belief that the Kāpiti Coast has a variety of community events, clubs, and groups, although some feel that there is room for improvement and more offerings are needed as the population grows.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
WHAT IS MISSING		512
	Youth-focused activities and facilities	63
	A centralised/accessible community space	41
	More communication and advertising is required	30
	Access to information and support services	29
	Education facilities and programs	26
	Activities and spaces for young children	24
	Free or affordable activities	23
	Spaces for smaller group gatherings	23
	Affordable venues for hire	22
	Indoor sports and recreational facilities	21
	Activities and events generally	17
	Adult-focused activities and facilities	15
	A space for community gatherings and events	14
	Community centres	14
	Spaces for art and culture	14
	Variety and number of spaces	14

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Maintenance/repair of current infrastructure	12
	Accessibility improvements for disabled/elderly	11
	Venues available for booking	11
	A community centre in central Paraparaumu	8
	A welcoming space for the community	8
	Activities and spaces for families	7
	Community led initiatives	7
	Support for vulnerable community members	7
	After hours activities for working individuals	6
	Outdoor community events	6
	Outdoor sports and recreational facilities	6
	There are no or few facilities	6
	A community centre in Ōtaki	4
	Exercise/fitness classes	4
	Facilities and services for the elderly	4
	Healthcare facilities and services	4
	Multi-purpose community spaces	4
	Parking facilities	4
	Safe spaces and places	3
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		43
	Sufficient activities and events provided	11
	Good range currently provided	10
	Sufficient facilities provided	9
	Good range for the elderly	7
	Population trends should determine spaces	3
	Provides accessible services and support	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		4
	Other more important priorities for Council	4
FOOD		1
	Support for community gardens and local food prod…	1
HOUSING		1
	Maintain affordable rates	1

Table 31: Why do you say that - and what, if anything, is missing?

Selected Responses

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" Because we don't know what we don't know. We often have to make hundreds of calls or be lucky to speak to someone who can offer the correct assistance."

Why do you say that - and what, if anything, is missing?

"Most things are aimed at the very young (under 5) or the over 65s and barely anything for do on a wet or cold day. People complain about our young people but they have very few places to go. No indoor bowling, mini golf, paintball, skate park (indoor) and the council have indoor spaces going to waste."

Why do you say that - and what, if anything, is missing?

" It's missing a hub/drop in community centre, so activities are often spread around the area and can easily be missed/people not be aware that they're happening. There's a gap for night classes. There's no local low cost or free te reo classes (nearest is Ōtaki or Porirua)."

Why do you say that - and what, if anything, is missing?

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23.6 Do you have any other comments or suggestions about community spaces in the Kāpiti area?

Respondents were asked if they had any additional comments or suggestions about community spaces in the Kāpiti area. **Error! Reference source not found.** details the suggestions that respondents had.

Overview of responses

*Connections With Others —*Respondents expressed the need for more community spaces, particularly centres that cater to different communities and age groups. Others emphasised the importance of maintaining and improving existing facilities and that refurbishment should be a top priority. Accessible and inclusive spaces that offer activities for youth, families, and different cultures were also highlighted. Overall, there was a strong sentiment for the council to prioritise the rebuilding and maintenance of community centres.

*Community Partnership —*The respondents emphasise the importance of community involvement in running the community centre, with the Council facilitating the space. They also emphasise the need for a welcoming and inclusive space that caters to all cultures, abilities, and ages. The respondents also highlight the need for affordable and accessible contemporary spaces, prioritising input from different community groups, and the importance of community agency and management in community spaces.

*Networks & Connectivity —*Parking is a major concern, with some expressing the need for more spaces and easy accessibility. Some respondents mentioned the need for a centralised booking system and highlighted the importance of user-friendly and safe areas. There is also a strong emphasis on the importance of community spaces within reach, either through walking or public transport. Additionally, there are mentions of concerns about waiting areas and transportation access for the elderly.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		127
	Maintenance/repair of current infrastructure	22
	Increase the number of community spaces	21
	Need indoor sports and recreational facilities	13
	Need more outdoor recreational spaces	13
	Need more youth-focused activities and facilities	8
	Rebuild and reopen community centre	8
	Need activities and spaces for families	7
	Need activities and spaces for young children	6

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	A space for community gatherings and events	5
	Affordable venues for hire	5
	Need for covered outdoor spaces	5
	More cultural and arts spaces	4
	Need for a community centre in Ōtaki	4
	Need more public toilets	3
	Repurpose Raumati Beach pool building	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		57
	Need for centralised/accessible community space	17
	Concern about council spending/rates	12
	Improved consultation process	11
	Provision of accessible services and support	7
	Access to information and support services	5
	More communication and advertising is required	5
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		10
	Improve parking facilities	6
	Improved accessibility and transport options	4
BIODIVERSITY		5
	Include community gardens	5
PEACE & SAFETY		4
	Enhanced safety measures	4
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	Need enhanced education facilities and programs	1
HEALTH		1
	Establish local healthcare facilities	1
INCOME & WORK		1
	Better integration with local businesses	1
CLIMATE & CHANGE		1
	Sustainable facility design	1

Table 32: Do you have any other comments or suggestions about community spaces in the Kāpiti area?

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"It is really sad that it was not maintained properly and had to close. Please make sure that all facilities are well maintained from now on."

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about community spaces in the Kāpiti area?

"I believe that each of the different communities should have their own centre - with perhaps Paraparaumu having an even wider range of facilities for bigger events."

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about community spaces in the Kāpiti area?

"Be careful to collect youth voices, family voices to ensure a balanced. We know that certain groups tend to dominate community consultations due to their time and resources. I am very keen to hear what mana whenua have to say about how this space should be used and their feedback needs to be prioritised."

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about community spaces in the Kāpiti area?

"User-friendly. Safety of those using area crucial. Good lighting and parking."

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about community spaces in the Kāpiti area?

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24 Takutai Kāpiti

Takutai Kāpiti is KCDC's initiative to adapt to coastal changes. It focuses on how the community and Council can respond to sea level rise and its effects on the environment and infrastructure. This section summarises community feedback on coastal adaptation strategies for Kāpiti.

Data was collected through two methods:

- In-person Community Workshops: Held between June 2022 and November 2023 at various locations throughout Kāpiti, with 652 participants.
- Online "Have Your Say" (HYS) survey: Completed by 137 respondents.

The combined efforts yielded over 2626 responses to the survey questions.

24.1 What do you value most about living in this area?

Respondents were asked what they value most about living in Kāpiti. **Error! Reference source not found.** details what respondents most love about living in the area.

Overview of responses

Recreation & Leisure — Respondents mention various aspects about recreation and leisure in relation to access to the sea, dog walking, and a range of activities in Kāpiti. Living near the sea is seen as an advantage, especially with easy access to the beach and safe swimming for kids. Other highlights include MacLean Park's great facilities for all ages, the protection of the beach by Kāpiti Island, and the coastal living with its parks, beaches, and nature.

Connections With Others — Respondents spoke positively about their connections with others in the community, highlighting aspects such as friendly people, sense of community, family-friendly environment, and strong relationships within small local communities. They also mentioned the cultural diversity and inclusivity of the community, the access to beaches and outdoor spaces, and the supportiveness of the community. Overall, the respondents expressed a sense of belonging and pride in their community.

Climate & Change — Respondents expressed positive sentiments towards the climate and environment of the Kāpiti Coast. They valued aspects such as clean and natural living, sunsets, sea views, and proximity to the beach. Additionally, they appreciated the protection and access provided by seawalls and expressed a desire to preserve the coastline and restore the natural environment.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RECREATION & LEISURE		655
	Proximity/access to seaside and beaches	176
	Proximity to nature	121

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Proximity to the ocean/sea	83
	Recreational activities	75
	Hiking/walking access	44
	Proximity to Kāpiti Island	29
	Proximity to rivers	27
	Cycling access	21
	Proximity to mountains/hills	17
	Proximity to sandy beach	17
	Proximity to estuary	13
	Dog-friendly areas	12
	Proximity to QE Park	12
	Proximity to the Tararua Ranges	4
	Proximity to wetlands	4
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		171
	Community feel and initiatives	98
	Family-oriented environment	19
	Historical and cultural significance	19
	Māori community/identity	14
	Proximity to friends/family	8
	Arts/culture	6
	Progressiveness	4
	Development	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		128
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	40
	Importance of coast for protection and benefits	31
	Enjoy the views	21
	Protection of local flora/fauna	11
	Appreciate the sunsets	8
	Air quality	6
	Stormwater/waste water systems	6
	Lack of pollution	5
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		115
	Proximity/access to amenities/services	39
	Accessible and reliable public transport	27
	Proximity to Wellington	24
	Airport access	10
	Accessibility	8

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Proximity to nearby towns	7
PEACE & SAFETY		88
	Safe and secure	30
	Quiet, peaceful living	25
	Space/freedom	19
	Absence of traffic	10
	Ability to have say/vote	4
LIFESTYLE		67
	Fond of small-town character	21
	Appreciate slower lifestyle	20
	Uniqueness	8
	Appreciate the village feel	7
	Rustic/rural appeal of the town	4
	Village atmosphere	4
	Independent of Wellington	3
INCOME & WORK		40
	Enjoy dining experiences	14
	Enjoy visiting local shops	14
	Affordability of living	5
	Tourism	4
	Variety of shops	3
EQUALITY		19
	Inclusive of diversity	12
	Preservation for future generations	7
EDUCATION & TRAINING		14
	Access to schools	11
	Alternative schooling options	3
HEALTH		14
	Mental health/personal wellbeing	11
	Access to healthcare facilities	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		13
	Low density/lack of urban sprawl	13
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		10
	Concern regarding the consultation	10
FOOD		8
	Access to locally grown food	8
HOUSING		4
	Availability of housing	4

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Table 33: What do you value most about living in this area?

Selected Responses

"I moved here to be by family, by the beach and live in a beautiful community where we can trust the local council's to make good decisions."

What do you value most about living in this area?

"Access to the walking paths, beach, and down to the city. It's underdeveloped which means it's the original 5 min village."

What do you value most about living in this area?

"The environment - mountains to the sea. I can go mountain biking in Whareroa in the morning enjoying mountain forests and have a walk on the beach in the afternoon. I love the range of nature I can see here."

What do you value most about living in this area?

"Love the way the coast and beach and Kāpiti Island outlook supports our mental well being. Culturally, spiritually and with the multiple therapeutic sensory experiences provide with life on the coast."

What do you value most about living in this area?

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24.2 How important is our coastline to you?

Respondents were asked how important the coastline is to them. **Error! Reference source not found.** details how important the coastline is to respondents.

Overview of responses

Recreation & Leisure — Respondents expressed positive sentiments towards recreation and leisure activities on the beach, such as walking, swimming, cycling, sunbathing, and fishing. Other important aspects highlighted include the accessibility of Kāpiti Island for tourism, the wide sandy beach, and the value of the coastline for community gathering, exercise, relaxation, and connection to nature. Overall, the beach is seen as a valuable asset for the community, providing opportunities for various recreational activities and a sense of wellbeing.

Connections With Others — Respondents express a strong connection and love for the beach and coastline, highlighting its importance for physical and mental health, recreation, and community. They mention regular beach walks, swimming, and the enjoyment of nature. Access to the beach is considered vital and an essential part of their lifestyle.

Land Use & Quality — Respondents emphasise the importance of the coastline and its role in defining the landscape and protecting properties. They also highlight the further need for maintenance and protection of the coastline, including the development of seawalls and planting to enhance protection. The coastline is seen as a valuable community asset, integral to the identity and way of life in the Kāpiti Coast.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RECREATION & LEISURE		262
	Enjoyment of beach activities	99
	Enjoyment of water sports activities	71
	Value of fishing and boating opportunities	37
	Enjoyment of other recreational activities	36
	Proximity to sandy beach	10
	Significance of access to Kāpiti Island	9
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		155
	Importance of regular beach visits	82
	Consider the coastline home	34
	Benefits of social interactions and connections	24
	Emotional connection to coastline	12
	Significance of community events and gatherings	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		122
	Coastline defines the Kāpiti's geography	31
	Importance of protecting the coastline	28
	The coastline is very important	20

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Importance of coast for protection and benefits	19
	Issues with beach access points and maintenance	17
	Concern about erosion and property protection	7
HEALTH		63
	Improvements in mental health and wellbeing	63
PEACE & SAFETY		56
	Recognition of natural beauty and views	53
	Appreciate the safety of the coastline for kids	3
BIODIVERSITY		50
	Importance of wildlife observation/birdwatching	24
	Appreciation for coastal habitat	22
	Appreciation for native coastal plant species	4
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		44
	Concern regarding vehicle access	11
	Identification with coastal community character	8
	Amenities allow for disability access	7
	Appreciate the efforts to maintain the coastline	7
	High tide limits access	4
	Recognition of coastal tourism importance	4
	Support for local coastal businesses	3
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		26
	Concern regarding waste and water quality	18
	Appreciation for clean, unpolluted beaches	8
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		19
	Concern regarding the consultation	15
	Council regulations limit use and enjoyment	4
CLIMATE		8
	Concern with erosion due to climate events	5
	Necessity for climate change adaptation strategies	3
EQUALITY		7
	Issues with accessibility for elderly and disabled	7
EDUCATION & TRAINING		3
	Opportunities for coastal environmental learning	3
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HOUSING		3
	Appreciation for coastal living lifestyle	1
	Concern about coastal property values	1
	Managed retreat will be a barrier to access	1
INCOME & WORK		2
	Benefits of beach tourism on local economy	2
FOOD		1
	Concern about seafood sustainability	1

Table 34: How important is our coastline to you?

Selected Responses

> "Like our seawall. Provides protection. Allows wheelchair and high tide access and for elderly."
>
> **How important is our coastline to you?**

> "Very important. We are very concerned about protecting our sand dunes and the plant and animal ecosystem. We have already undertaken a couple of working bees where we have culled the lupins planted new grasses."
>
> **How important is our coastline to you?**

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24.3 How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

Respondents were asked how concerned they are about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding and why they were concerned about these hazards. **Error! Reference source not found.** provides an overview of the level of concern of respondents and the reasons for their concern.

Overview of responses

Community Partnership — Respondents express a range of concerns and frustrations about the community partnership regarding coastal hazards. They feel that people are being ignored and the council's approach of managed retreat is not satisfactory to safeguard the coastal lifestyle. There is a lack of transparency, inadequate planning, and a feeling that the process is predetermined. The use of flawed science and the exclusion of sea walls in the modelling are also criticised. There is a desire for more action, urgency, and consultation with the community.

Land Use & Quality — Respondents express varying levels of concern about land use and quality. Some are very concerned about erosion and coastal hazards, while others are not concerned at all. Concerns include the cost of managing retreat and protecting coastal communities, the impact of climate change, and the need for sustainable practices and planning.

River/Ocean Health— Respondents express concerns about the risks associated with changing currents, floods from rivers impacting beaches, stormwater erosion, and poor water management. They emphasise the importance of maintaining and improving seawalls, clearing waterways and drains, and addressing the impact of global warming and sea level rise. Concerns also include erosion, flooding, lack of maintenance, and the need for immediate action to protect coastal properties and infrastructure.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		156
	Concern about inadequate council planning/action	72
	Concern about lack of community consultation	26
	Concern about governance by CAP	20
	Concern about the reliability of Jacobs Report	14
	Concerned retreat is the predetermined outcome	8
	Concern about lack of risk notification	5
	Community building/collective response required	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Desire for proactive mitigation	4
	Concern about governance cohesion	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		155
	Concerned about erosion and flooding	56
	Not concerned about erosion and flooding	56
	Concern about building on inappropriate sites	18
	Concern about cost generally	16
	Concern about impact of increasing development	9
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		139
	Concern about lack of seawall maintenance/builds	32
	Concern about stormwater management	26
	Concern about beach shape and sand movement	20
	Concern about impact on groundwater	13
	Concern about human-induced damage and erosion	10
	Concern about lack of maintenance of waterways	8
	Concern about Waimeha stream	7
	Appreciation for sea wall protection	6
	Concern about accretion of Waikanae River	6
	Concern about higher tide lines	5
	Concern about flooding from rivers and storms	3
	Concern about increased accretion	3
HOUSING		90
	Concern about property value and insurance	36
	Concern about property loss or damage	21
	Concern about Council regulations for defence	15
	Concern about rising property rates	6
	New homes should be flood and climate resilient	5
	Concern about erosion impact on property	4
	Concern about flooding impact on property	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		64

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Scepticism of scientific modelling and scenarios	22
	Concern about extreme weather events	14
	Concern about the uncertainty of climate change	10
	Scepticism about sea level rise threat	7
	Concern about sea level rise	6
	Concern about tsunami	5
BIODIVERSITY		40
	Appreciation for dune protection	17
	Concern about wildlife habitat protection	12
	Concern about lack of dune maintenance/planting	5
	Concern about erosion of Waikanae dunes	3
	Concern about impact on Queen Elizabeth Park	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		36
	Concern about loss of infrastructure	14
	Desire for proactive infrastructure maintenance	9
	Concern about lack of maintenance generally	8
	Concern about cost of infrastructure generally	5
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		34
	Concern about beach access	11
	Concern regarding the impact on future generations	9
	Concern about impact on recreation	6
	Concern about impact on lifestyle	5
	Appreciation of coastline community identity	3
HEALTH		21
	Concern about community wellbeing	10
	Concern about impact on mental health	8
	Concern about social implications of retreat	3
WATER		13
	Concern about sewage system vulnerability	9
	Concern about impact on water supply	4
EDUCATION & TRAINING		3

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Need for coastal processes education	2
	Need for international management examples	1
INCOME & WORK		3
	Concern about impact on livelihood	3
ENERGY		3
	Concern about the impact on power supply	2
	Concern about the impact on gasoline	1

Table 35: How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

24.4 How do you think our coastline should be protected?

Respondents were asked how they thought the coastline should be protected. **Error! Reference source not found.** provides an overview of suggestions made by respondents.

Overview of responses

River/Ocean Health — Respondents express a preference for engineered solutions to protect rivers and oceans over retreating. They suggest implementing better stormwater management, preserving existing seawalls, and maintaining them to adapt to sea level rise. There is a desire to protect dunes, estuaries, and coastal wetlands through restoration and planting, and to prioritise the protection of public and private property. There is also a call for better integration between local and regional councils and a focus on natural solutions and maintaining the integrity of the coastline.

Community Partnership — Respondents express a desire for the Coastal Advisory Panel to be a true representation of the community and suggest the appointment of a non-biased chair. They also criticise the lack of consultation and communication from CAP and call for improved transparency and community involvement. Some respondents raise concerns about the use of flawed science and the high costs associated with consultants and reports.

Biodiversity — Respondents express the need for better planting and management of dunes to protect properties and the natural environment. They also advocate for the maintenance of seawalls and sea infrastructure and the protection and restoration of wetlands and other natural habitats. There is a call for a balance between property protection, environmental preservation, and long-term measures, as well as a focus on public education.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		268
	Support for improved/additional seawalls	81
	Support for improved stormwater management	37
	Support for river maintenance/pollution prevention	33
	Support for improved/additional coastal defences	21
	Support for improved waste management	18
	Support for traditional/natural coastal defences	17
	Concern about interference with natural process	12
	Maintain current level of coastal protection	10
	Support for R&D of new technology	10
	Support for improved enforcement of rules	8
	Restrict commercial and recreational fishing	6
	Support for general protection from erosion	5
	Concern about effectiveness of seawalls	4
	Support for addressing inland water table issues	3
	Support for greater measurement/monitoring	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		224
	Support for more inclusive/transparent engagement	54
	Support for medium/long-term plan	28
	Concern about governance by CAP	21
	Criticism of consultation process	21
	Support for learning from other examples	14
	Support for inclusion of local/expert knowledge	13
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	Concern about KCDC ability to have impact	11
	Support public-private collaboration in defence	11
	Concern about council spending/rates	8

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
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	Concern about inadequate council planning/action	5
	Concern about negative effects of bureaucracy	4
BIODIVERSITY		141
	Support for dune restoration and management	57
	Support for increased planting	42
	Support for improved protection of wildlife	20
	Support for protecting/expanding wetlands/reserves	19
	Support for balancing ecological needs with protection	3
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	Concern about building in high-risk areas	26
	Support for protection of public infrastructure	19
	Support for managed retreat	18
	Support for case-by-case approach	14
	Opposed to managed retreat	10
	Concern regarding high-density coastal development	6
	Concern about intensification	5
	Support for changing coastal building regulations	3
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	Support for improved access to beach/ocean	25
	Support for limiting vehicle access to beach	15
	Support for limiting access to restoration areas	12
	Support for improved roads	10
	Support for addressing The Parade access	5
	Support for addressing Ames St access	3
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Concern about distribution of protection costs	27
	Debate about protecting private vs public assets	5
	Equitable approach to protection	5
	Support for targeted approach to funding	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		28
	Concern about environmental health impacts	10
	Scepticism about sea level rise and climate change	9
	Concern about climate change fear-mongering	6
	Prefer a focus on mitigation	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		22
	Support for public information on coastal issues	13
	Support for improved education	9
HOUSING		21
	Support for protecting existing coastal properties	15
	Concern about impacts on insurance	3
	Concern about impacts on property value	3
PEACE & SAFETY		4
	Concern about peaceful living	2
	Support for improved road safety	1
	Support for improved sea safety	1
INCOME & WORK		1
	Concern about economic impacts	1
HEALTH		1
	Support for health benefits of beach access	1

Table 36: How do you think our coastline should be protected?

Selected Responses

> "Preference for engineered solutions over "retreat"
>
> **How do you think our coastline should be protected?**

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"We want to be protected from bad decisions e.g. Managed retreat for an accreting coastline when all that is needed is well-designed & maintained hard structures e.g. Seawalls, roads & replenishing sand dunes as needed."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"Not concerned about sea levels, more about fear mongering to make us worry which affects insurance, bank mortgage rates, etc.

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"[Need] Community feedback and information to flow both ways, not just on Facebook! Accessible to all or our community. Informing all of our community for all ages."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"Let the coastal ebb and flow of sand continue naturally."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"Difficulty with only maintaining public assets - need to co-ordinate /organised approach in conjunction with private landowners - otherwise if not done, can weaken parts already gone."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

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24.5 Who should pay?

Respondents were asked who should pay. **Error! Reference source not found.** provides a summary of who respondents feel should pay.

Overview of responses

Funding Sources — Respondents mention the importance of being reimbursed by the council and highlight that they cannot just be the consenter and then walk away. They express confusion about the question of how to fund, stating that they are going to pay. National funding is also mentioned as a source. The idea that in the end everyone pays indirectly through taxes and directly through rates is emphasised. Joint sources of funding, such as ratepayers, central government, and corporation tax, are suggested. The question of who should pay is raised, with the government, council, and residents listed as possible options. Taxes are mentioned but deemed inadequate, prompting the need for a discussion.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
FUNDING SOURCES		4
	Combination of rates and central funding	4
SHORT TERM SPENDING		1
	Opposed to short term spending	1

Table 37: Who should pay?

Selected Responses

"Yes, to be reimbursed by council. They can't be the consenter and then walk away."

Who should pay?

"In the end we all pay" - Indirectly - Taxes & Directly - Rates."

Who should pay?

"Joint Sources. e.g. Ratepayers + Central Govt?? + Corporation tax."

Who should pay?

"Taxes? Needs to be discussed. Rates inadequate."

Who should pay?

"National funding."

Who should pay?

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25 Paekākāriki: What next? Planning for vibrant, equitable and sustainable village life after the opening of Te Ara Nui Te Rangihaeata.

This section of the report provides an overview of the 2022 participatory project 'Paekākāriki: What next?'. The aim of the project was to understand local perspectives on the impact of the new road opening and future aspirations for Paekākāriki. The participatory project included 26 interviews, 2 focus groups with school children, 2 public workshops, and meetings with Ngati Haumia iwi representative Karl Farrell.

Key Changes Identified Since Te Ara Nui Te Rangihaeata Opened include:

- Quieter, more peaceful weekends without accident sirens
- Beach Road feels less like a passing place, has potential as a social hub
- Need to restore mana and mauri Māori, tell the place's story
- Easier, quieter access from SH59 but still some safety issues
- Less drop-in shoppers impacting local businesses
- Beach Road cafés crowded on weekends, locals avoiding the area
- Popular weekday destination for older visitors
- Opportunity to attract more families for weekend excursions
- Need to make village more welcoming for local children and youth

Four Key Shifts Defined:

- From diminishing social action to empowering autonomous youth action
- From retail strip to welcoming place of Ngati Haumia
- From each having land to all whakamana i te whenua (empowering the land)
- From lollies on a seat to barefoot independence to play
- From Pakeha leadership to Pakeha supporting sustainable Iwi

Strategies & Projects Proposed:

- Identify and enable community use of public spaces
- Develop child and youth vision through school projects and youth-led process
- Support Ngati Haumia leadership sustainably with design guides, naming, tikanga

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- Enhance Beach Road as a welcoming social hub for diverse groups, especially children and youth, through traffic calming, amenities, native planting, playable elements
- Consider 30 km/h speed zone village-wide for traffic safety

In summary, the report provides a community-informed vision and strategies for evolving Paekākāriki, especially the Beach Road area, to become a more vibrant, equitable, sustainable and welcoming place for all after the opening of the new road. It emphasises restoring Māori identity, empowering youth, and enhancing social and physical amenities to serve the whole community.

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26 Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity

The goal of the Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity was to identify and share the significant aspects of the local community and environment.

- Data was collected through a mapping activity:
- Participants: Friends of Te Horo Beach, approximately 18 members
- Facilitator: Liz Gibson from Mountains to Sea Wellington
- Method: Group mapping exercise

The activity was structured into four main tasks:

- Drawing boundaries: Defining the focus area for Friends of Te Horo Beach
- Adding key features: Marking roads, landmarks, property boundaries, and housing areas
- Identifying significance: Marking positive and negative aspects of the area
- Cataloging elements: Noting activities, natural features, resources, community assets, and wish list items

The participants were divided into three groups to complete these tasks.

Key findings from the activity included:

Identifying Focus Area Boundaries:

- Consensus on the Ōtaki River as the northern boundary and the ocean as the western boundary
- Minor differences in the southern and eastern boundaries

Key Themes - Natural Environment:

- The beach is a focal point with recreational, cultural, and ecological importance
- Concerns about dog control, removal of stones and woody debris, and vehicle access on the beach
- Desire for better pest plant management (boxthorn, gorse, pampas grass)
- The Mangaone stream is important but has water quality and human health issues due to farm contamination
- Positive views on the predator-free network and the need for a strategic approach to rabbit control

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Key Themes - Community & Services:

- Minimal built environment and self-reliance are valued
- Desire for no further building but improvements in community amenities
- Importance of parks and reserves, with a preference for native vegetation
- Lack of public transport and the need for a bus service to the beach community
- Concerns about low-lying roads and flood risks
- Appreciation for community security measures, public toilets, murals, and bench seats
- Importance of quietness and concerns about noise pollution from the flight path over the beach

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27 Kāpiti Impact Trust (KIT): Vision Workshops

The Capable Sector Project, co-lead by the Kāpiti Impact Trust (KIT) and Volunteerkapiti (VK) undertook a number of workshops with the goal of gathering input from over 100 organisations across Kāpiti and Ōtaki, including strong iwi voices through mana whenua, Atiawa ki whakarongotai Marae committee, and Ngā Hapu ō Ōtaki leads. The ultimate goal was to produce a collective submission to the Vision Kāpiti process that represented the views and aspirations of the community and social sector in the region.

The workshops were delivered through ā-kanohi (in person by trusted faces) approach involving iwi. This approach to creating the submission, is in respect to Mana whenua tikanga(protocols and standards) around wānanga (deep thinking and workshop type session).

The subsequent submission was endorsed by over 20 community organisations across Kāpiti and Ōtaki.

Key findings from the workshops included:

- Commending KCDC for taking a long-term view beyond typical planning cycles

- Emphasising the importance of keeping people and wellbeing at the centre of decision-making amid uncertainty and change

- Proposing core values to guide the vision and implementation:

    o Whakapapa (family, identity, land)

    o Whanaungatanga (connections, compassion, participation)

    o Ūkaipōtanga (belonging, nourishment, place to stand)

    o Wairuatanga (spirituality, life force, self-care)

    o Manaakitanga (enhancing mana, reciprocity, service)

    o Rangatiratanga (leadership, responsibility, wisdom)

    o Kotahitanga (unity, purpose, shared vision)

Areas for improvement:

- Honor Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- Recognise and support the critical role of the community/social sector

- Use evidence of these values enriching people's lives as measures of success

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Selected Responses

"When we do get to 2060, what will really matter is that people's lives are enriched by these values in action, and we will be well-able to continue to envision a healthy future."

Kāpiti Impact Trust (KIT)

"The way that KCDC, and the community at large, go about implementing a Vision towards 2060 will be as important as any of the strategies, goals, and measures."

Kāpiti Impact Trust (KIT)

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1.1 Why Vision Kāpiti 2060?

A clear district-wide vision will help guide planning, decision making, programmes, services, and advocacy, for decades to come.

Elected members want to hear from their communities about what matters most, what change people want to see and their aspirations for the future of our district.

The first stage is to develop a Vision for the district and its underlying communities.

This will be followed by two further stages:

- Identifying and testing pathways and priorities for achieving our Vision; and finally;
- Developing a blueprint for action, mapping out our key steps and moves to realise our Vision.

Once complete, the Vision and blueprint will outline what things will be prioritised over the next 30 years (to 2060), and how Council will work with its iwi partners, central and local government, and key stakeholders to achieve our collective Vision.

This process will replace the Local Outcomes Statements developed across the district from 2007 - 2017.

1.2 Overview of Vision Ōtaki engagement and feedback

The Community Board has worked to capture feedback from the Ōtaki to help shape and refine Vision Ōtaki. This has occurred in two phases of engagement.

Phase One: Gathering initial views

Between August 2023 and February 2024 feedback was captured from local Ōtaki residents through

An online survey gathering input from residents, workers and visitors on what makes Ōtaki special, current community needs, and aspirations for the future development of Ōtaki.	202 responses with 825 feedback points
Feedback at the Ōtaki Engagement Hub as part of Vision Kāpiti.	651 feedback points

This feedback was summarised and presented to local communities for further testing as part of Phase Two. This included a detailed report which summarised feedback from all sources, and feedback received on local survey questions.

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Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

From April to July 2024 the summary of feedback from Phase One was shared to test whether what had been captured so far reflected what was important and if there was anything missing.

Further feedback was captured from engagement during this period including:

• An online survey capturing if what is captured so far reflects what's important and if there is anything missing.	10 responses with 30 feedback points
• Feedback at the Ōtaki Engagement Hub.	8 contributors' items of feedback

Broader community engagement

In addition to the above engagements, the Community Board has sought to engage and seek feedback with local residents through a number of other ways including through:

- Engagement with Ngā Hapu o Ōtaki (Ngā purapura, wānanga, and rangatahi and kaumatua)
- Engagement with Ōtaki College – including the Manukura GPS group
- Facebook group information and discussion
- Newspaper columns
- Discussion with the local RSA and local businesses
- Discussion with train station commuters
- Workshop sessions and Tsunami walk out exercise
- Information at Ōtaki library and discussion with attendees at library hub sessions.

Other community feedback included

In addition to feedback on the Vision process, a number of recent community engagements have provided feedback on what's missing or important for the Ōtaki area. By incorporating these supplementary sources, we gain a more comprehensive understanding of community priorities and concerns. This multi-faceted approach allows us to identify recurring themes across different engagement processes, providing a robust foundation for Ōtaki's future vision. This includes:

• Long - Term Plan 2024-2034 feedback	Key insights identified from the full set of feedback (371 responses with 1,598 feedback points)
• A youth needs survey received from Zeal	Key insights from 94 responses

The inclusion of Long-Term Plan insights offers valuable context on infrastructure priorities, financial considerations, and community initiatives. Meanwhile, the youth

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needs assessment provides crucial perspectives on the experiences and aspirations of young people in Ōtaki. Together, these additional sources enrich and validate the themes identified in the primary Vision Ōtaki engagement, ensuring a holistic view of community aspirations.

This report

This report provides an overview of all feedback shaping Vision Ōtaki.

- This includes: Consolidated findings from all feedback relevant to Ōtaki.

- A summary of the 'Phase One' local survey results.

- A summary of 'Phase Two' feedback on what's important and gaps.

- A summary of what we heard from additional information sources, including:

  o Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation, which covered topics such as infrastructure priorities, financial management, housing, and community initiatives.

  o A needs assessment focused on young people in Kāpiti, conducted through Zeal, which provided crucial insights into the experiences, challenges and aspirations of local youth.

The analysis of the combined data has been structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model. This model provides a holistic view of the community's well-being, considering social, environmental, and economic factors. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model.

Figure 1: The Doughnut Economics Model

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1.3 Central Themes
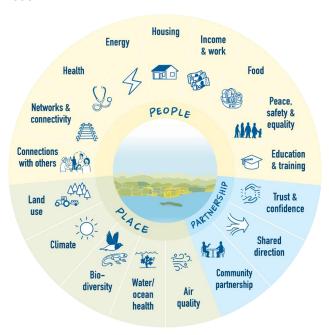
This section summarises the key findings that emerged from the community engagement process. It highlights the dominant priorities and aspirations expressed by the residents of Ōtaki across various domains of the economic doughnut model.

Āhurangi | Climate: The feedback emphasises a strong focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation, including efficient waste management, recycling systems, and enhanced community understanding of climate issues. There's a particular emphasis on food resilience and sovereignty, with calls for community gardens and support for local growers.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety: Residents value Ōtaki's relaxing atmosphere while prioritising improved overall security. Key suggestions include increased police presence, better public space lighting, and clear signage for tsunami safe zones. Animal safety and control were also highlighted as important issues.

Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others: The community emphasises developing youth-focused activities and facilities, fostering a strong sense of belonging, and supporting community sports and outdoor activities. There's a desire for more cultural events and promotion of Te Reo Māori within the community.

Hanga Whare | Housing: Key priorities include implementing strategies to ensure housing affordability, maintaining affordable rates, and developing various housing types to cater to different demographics. There's a strong focus on balancing intensification with character preservation.

Hauora | Health: Residents call for the establishment of local healthcare facilities, improved access to GP and hospital services, extended pharmacy hours, and better support for ambulance services. There's also emphasis on elderly care and dementia services.

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health: The community deeply values its proximity to the seaside, beaches, local rivers, and the ocean. There's a strong desire to protect and sustainably manage these natural assets, with particular concern for beach preservation.

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He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership: Residents envision a thriving, connected community that supports one another. There's emphasis on strengthening community input in decision-making processes, improving council communication, and supporting community organisations and events.

Konorau Koiora | Biodiversity: The community prioritises protecting beaches, waterways, and Kāpiti's green spaces. There's strong support for visiting local parks and reserves, and appreciation for proximity to nature, mountains, hills, and forests.

Mātauranga | Education & Training: Expanding educational opportunities is a key focus, including more courses, new schools and facilities, alternative schooling options, and supporting education providers. There's particular interest in courses that lead to local job opportunities.

Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity: Residents emphasise extending the public transport network, particularly regular train services to Wellington and Palmerston North. Improving road safety, traffic management, and maintaining cycleways and footpaths are also priorities.

Ohunga | Income & Work: The community seeks to encourage investment in local shopping and dining, support local and new businesses, address vacant properties to improve town appeal, and promote employment opportunities. There's a focus on balancing economic growth with maintaining Ōtaki's small-town charm.
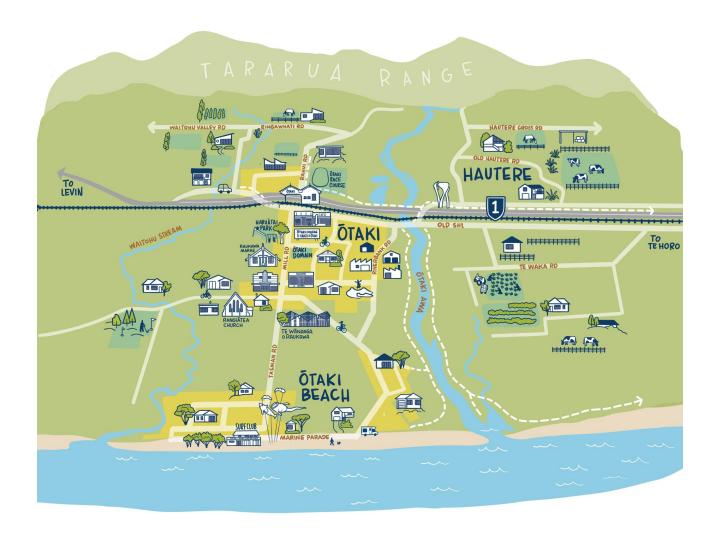
Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality: Balancing urban densification with character preservation is a key priority. Residents support reducing urban sprawl and developing infrastructure strategically for new housing areas, while maintaining Ōtaki's village feel.

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2 A summary of all feedback on Vision Ōtaki

This section provides more detail on views for areas of the doughnut model, representing key needs for the community. In this section, the most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme, along with supporting quotes or discussion points. These insights shed light on the Ōtaki community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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2.1 Place

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Place'.

**Āhurangi
Climate**

The feedback related to Āhurangi | Climate highlighted environmental concerns, chiefly climate change adaptation and mitigation. Issues raised included sea level rise, emissions reduction and food resilience. Participants emphasised efficient waste management, enhancing natural spaces and considering various hazards. Despite these worries, residents expressed fondness for the local climate and a desire to enjoy their surroundings.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Focus On Food Resilience

The community feedback emphasises improving local food resilience and sovereignty. Residents desire more community gardens, support for local growers, and better access to affordable, locally grown produce. There's strong interest in food education, preserving cultural food practices, and sustainable agriculture. The community wants to restrict building on arable land, promote market gardening, and maintain the ability to gather wild kai. Overall, there's a clear push for a more self-sufficient, community-centred food system that respects cultural heritage and environmental sustainability.

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Efficient Waste Management & Recycling Systems

The community feedback highlights a need for improved waste management. Residents want more rubbish bins in public areas, particularly for dog waste. There's strong support for free access to local recycling and refuse centres to prevent illegal dumping and accumulation of rubbish on private property. The community also desires waste reduction initiatives, such as clothing swap shops and repair cafes. Suggestions include better maintenance of public spaces, including the Main Street and cemetery, to keep areas clean and tidy.

Focus On Climate Change & Mitigation

The community feedback emphasises climate-conscious urban planning. Residents support the 3-30-300 rule for biodiversity, promoting tree cover and green spaces. There's strong advocacy for sustainable housing, including off-grid options with solar panels and water tanks. The community wants to avoid building in flood-prone areas and zones vulnerable to sea level rise. Improved public transport, particularly regular train services, is seen as essential for reducing carbon emissions. There's also support for community gardens and more frequent emergency evacuation drills.

Other themes included:

- Enjoyment of the local climate and weather
- Consideration needed for potential hazards
- Concern regarding sea level rise

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Hauora Awa/Moana River/Ocean

The feedback related to Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean highlighted the area's coastal and riverine assets. Residents valued their proximity to the seaside, beaches, local rivers and the ocean. However, there was a notable concern about beach preservation, with calls for improved management to protect these natural resources. This suggests a desire to balance the enjoyment of these water-based amenities with their long-term conservation and sustainability.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Proximity To Seaside & Beaches

The community feedback strongly emphasises the importance of Ōtaki's beach to residents. It's frequently described as beautiful and unspoilt, with many valuing its natural state. The beach is seen as a treasured asset, contributing significantly to the town's appeal and quality of life. The beach is also associated with the town's relaxed, welcoming atmosphere and sense of community, playing a key role in local identity and lifestyle.

Proximity To Local Rivers

The community feedback highlights the Ōtaki River as a significant feature of local life. Residents value the river for its natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and cultural importance. It's mentioned alongside the beach as a key element of Ōtaki's identity and appeal. For many, the river is integral to their sense of home and community, playing a role in both everyday life and cultural heritage.

Proximity to the ocean and sea

The community feedback reflects the importance of the sea to Ōtaki's residents. The sea is seen as an integral part of the local environment, alongside forests and rivers, contributing to the area's wildlife and natural beauty. For many, it's a key element of their sense of place and identity, with some viewing it as part of their ancestral heritage. The proximity to the sea appears to enhance the relaxed atmosphere that residents value.

Other themes included:

- Management needed to protect beaches

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Konorau Koiora Biodiversity

The feedback related to Konorau Koiora | Biodiversity centred on environmental conservation and green space management. Residents expressed concern over several issues, including the use of Roundup, campfires, insufficient urban shade, and tree lighting costs. There was a strong desire to protect and promote natural assets, including beaches, waterways, and forests. The community called for increased tree planting, green space preservation, and a ban on forestry slash. Residents valued their proximity to nature, mountains, and hills, and enjoyed visiting local parks and reserves. Overall, there was a clear push for a greener Kāpiti, with emphasis on environmental protection and conservation efforts.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Protect beaches, waterways and green Kāpiti

The community feedback strongly emphasises protecting and enhancing Kāpiti's natural environment. There's significant support for preserving beaches and dunes, with calls to restrict vehicle access and create reserves. Residents want to safeguard and improve waterways, particularly the Ōtaki River, ensuring they remain swimmable and ecologically healthy. There's a push for increased tree cover and green spaces, with many supporting the 3-30-300 rule for biodiversity. The community desires sustainable development that balances growth with environmental protection, including more native plantings and community gardens.

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Promote natural assets

The community feedback highlights Ōtaki's abundant natural assets as key attractions. There's a desire to better promote and develop these assets, including improving beach facilities and enhancing river areas. The community also emphasises the importance of walking and cycling trails, suggesting better promotion of routes like the Pipi Trail. Reopening access to Ōtaki Gorge is seen as crucial for showcasing the area's natural beauty.

Other themes included:

- Concern regarding lack of greening
- Enjoy visiting local parks and reserves
- Proximity to mountains and hills

Proximity to nature

The community feedback emphasises a strong connection to the natural environment as a key aspect of life in Ōtaki. Residents value their proximity to diverse landscapes, including forests, rivers, and the sea. There's a deep appreciation for local wildlife and natural rhythms. The community cherishes the ability to easily access and spend time in nature, seeing it as integral to their lifestyle and well-being. This connection to the environment is often linked to a sense of community and a relaxed pace of life, contributing significantly to Ōtaki's identity and appeal.

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Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua Land Use & Quality

The feedback related to Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality centred on housing development and urban planning challenges. Residents expressed concerns about high-density housing and intensification, highlighting the need to balance these with preservation of local character. There were worries about urban sprawl and its associated infrastructure requirements. The community also raised issues regarding flood risk in new developments. To address these concerns, suggestions included reducing costs associated with housing development, requiring solar panels on new builds, and improving infrastructure in new housing areas. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for thoughtful, sustainable urban growth that considers both housing needs and environmental factors.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Concern regarding high density housing

The community feedback expresses significant concern about high-density housing developments in Ōtaki. Residents worry that intensification is changing the town's character, particularly the loss of quarter-acre sections. There's apprehension about 'ghettos' forming and a preference for scattered single-housing developments. Many feel that infrastructure and services, especially healthcare, are not keeping pace with population growth from new subdivisions. Some oppose low-income housing projects, fearing negative impacts on the town. Overall, there's a desire to preserve open spaces and restrict housing development to maintain Ōtaki's current character.

Infrastructure development for new housing areas

The community feedback emphasises the need for balanced housing development with supporting infrastructure. There's a strong desire for more parks, both small and large, to accompany increased housing. The community wants better connectivity between different parts of Ōtaki, suggesting a coordinated urban design approach. Overall, there's a focus on creating liveable spaces with adequate amenities alongside new housing developments.
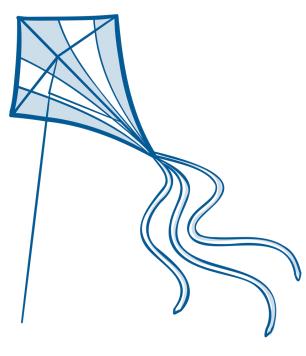
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Balance intensification with character preservation

The community feedback reflects a strong desire to maintain Ōtaki's small-town character while managing growth. Residents oppose urban sprawl and overcrowding of small streets, emphasising the importance of infrastructure that aligns with the village feel. There's concern about inappropriate housing developments, particularly near flood-prone areas like the river. Many prefer to preserve Ōtaki's friendly, close-knit community atmosphere. The community suggests stricter control over new developments and businesses, including eateries. There's also interest in repurposing existing spaces, like the racecourse and Byron Browns, rather than building new housing estates.

Other key themes included:

- Reduce costs associated with housing development

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2.2 People

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'People'.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata
Peace & Safety

The feedback related to Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety centred on safety and quality of life issues. Whilst residents generally felt the area was safe and valued its relaxing atmosphere, there were calls to improve overall safety and animal control. Suggestions included increased police presence, particularly around freedom camping areas, and improved lighting at public spaces such as courts and the skate park. The need for clearer signage for tsunami safe zones was also highlighted, indicating a desire for better emergency preparedness.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Improve Safety

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire for enhanced safety measures. Residents express concerns about youth crime, drug issues (particularly P/meth), and burglaries. There's a call for increased police presence and visibility. Road safety is a priority, with requests for better signage and speed control. The community wants safer public spaces, including well-lit streets and secure parks for children. Addressing roaming dogs is highlighted as a safety concern. There's also a focus on creating a safer environment for diverse groups, including LGBTQ+ individuals.

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Increase Police Presence

The community feedback strongly emphasises a desire for increased police presence and visibility in Ōtaki. Residents call for more police patrols, including on beaches and designated walks. There's a specific request for 24-hour policing and a local police station. The community wants better law and order, with mentions of addressing youth crime, car thefts, and gang-related issues. Some suggest community officers and anti-gang programmes. There's also a desire for monitored security cameras in town to enhance safety and deter criminal activity.

Signage For Tsunami Safe Zones Needed

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for improved tsunami safety signage in Ōtaki. There's overwhelming support for implementing a 'blue line' system on roads to mark the edge of tsunami safety zones. Residents also request clear, visible billboards at Ōtaki Beach and in the town, alerting both locals and visitors to tsunami risks. There are calls for easy-to-read signs accompanying the blue lines and informative noticeboards at beach access points providing tsunami advice and evacuation guidance.

Other themes included:

- Improve animal safety and control
- Enjoy the relaxing and peaceful atmosphere
- Night lights needed (at courts, village, skate park)

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Te hononga ki ētahi atu
Connections with others

The feedback related to Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others highlighted a strong appreciation for the area's small-town character, diversity, and sense of belonging. Residents valued the friendly, welcoming atmosphere and the rustic appeal. There was emphasis on fostering intergenerational connections, supporting Māori culture and heritage, and collaborating with local artists. Concerns were raised about rapid growth and its impact on the town's feel. The community called for improved and inclusive public spaces, recreational facilities, and youth-focused activities. They expressed a desire for more cultural events, sports facilities, and outdoor activities. Accessibility for the elderly and disabled was highlighted. Residents appreciated local events like the Ōtaki kite festival and Māoriland film festival. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire to maintain the area's unique character whilst enhancing community facilities and fostering inclusivity across all age groups and cultures.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Development Of Youth-Focused Activities & Facilities

The broader Ōtaki community advocates for expanded youth-oriented spaces and activities, including dedicated centres, diverse recreational facilities, and improved sports venues. They suggest after-school programs, job training, and cultural activities through marae and wānanga. The youth of Ōtaki specifically express desire for larger youth-oriented areas, spaces designed for teenagers, as they feel current facilities mainly cater to children or skaters, and more frequent Zeal days, particularly from the survey of those already involved with Zeal. Both young people and the wider community emphasise the need for more engaging and supportive environments for young people in the town.

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Thriving Connected Community, Supportive Of Others

The broader Ōtaki community emphasises creating a well-connected, inclusive town that maintains its small-town atmosphere while fostering growth. They suggest initiatives like street tea mornings, community cafes, and shared spaces to encourage local interactions. Residents advocate for affordable housing, promotion of Māori culture and te reo, sustainable living, and community events. They see these elements as crucial to Ōtaki's thriving future identity. The youth of Ōtaki specifically express a desire for more opportunities to connect with the wider community, including adults and older youth, citing Zeal as a positive example of such intergenerational engagement.
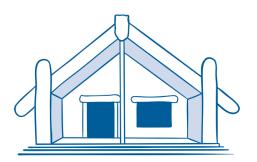
Other themes included:

- Create and maintain inclusive spaces
- More cultural events, activities and promotion
- Support for community sports and outdoor activities

Sense Of Belonging In The Community

The community feedback strongly emphasises a deep-rooted sense of belonging in Ōtaki. Residents value the strong community connections, describing a 'whānau vibe' and neighbourliness. The small-town feel is cherished, with many appreciating familiar faces and friendly locals. There's a strong emphasis on cultural identity, particularly Māori culture and education. Overall, Ōtaki is portrayed as a place with a warm, inclusive atmosphere.

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Hanga Whare Housing

The feedback related to Hanga Whare | Housing revealed a complex set of housing priorities and concerns. There was a call to balance housing intensification with character preservation, whilst addressing urban sprawl. Residents emphasised the need for diverse housing options, including retirement homes, social housing, and homes for younger people. Affordability was a key issue, with suggestions to reduce development costs, maintain affordable rates, and ensure empty houses are utilised. Some supported increasing housing supply and streamlining regulatory processes, whilst others opposed further development. There were concerns about high-density housing and its impact on local character. The community stressed the importance of accessibility for the elderly and called for long-term rental options. Climate change adaptation was highlighted as a consideration in housing development. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for a balanced approach to housing that addresses affordability, accessibility, and sustainability whilst preserving community character.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Strategies To Ensure Housing Is Affordable

The community feedback emphasises a strong need for affordable housing strategies. Suggestions include increasing council or government-owned rental properties, encouraging off-grid housing with solar panels, and allowing additional dwellings on existing properties without excessive fees. There's support for social housing scattered throughout the area to avoid creating 'ghettos'. Residents advocate for prioritising local people over holiday homes, with some suggesting regulations on Airbnb-style rentals. Many desire housing options that cater to all ages, incomes, and lifestyles, including affordable homes for larger whānau and students.

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Development Of Various Housing Types & Sizes

The community feedback emphasises a desire for diverse housing options to cater to different demographics. There's strong support for intergenerational and multi-generational living, with calls for less regulation to enable this on single titles. Residents want a mix of family homes, housing for older people, and options for young professionals. Many advocate for standalone houses with at least three bedrooms. There's also a focus on accessible housing design, particularly for the ageing population. Sustainable public housing of various sizes is suggested, with emphasis on robust construction and integrated amenities.

Maintain Affordable Rates

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire for stable and affordable rates. Residents express concern about potential rate increases, particularly for initiatives they feel haven't been adequately mandated by ratepayers. There's a call for the council to focus on essential projects and infrastructure maintenance, rather than 'vanity' projects, especially during economic downturns. Some suggest using any rate surplus to pay down debt rather than taking on new projects. There's also a request for clearer communication about how rates are spent and a desire for the council to prioritise what the majority of residents need and want.

Other themes included:

- Focus on housing development
- Development of housing standards
- Develop more social housing

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Hauora Health

The feedback related to Hauora | Health highlighted a strong desire for improved healthcare access and facilities. Key priorities included better access to GP services, hospitals, mental health support, and pharmacies. There was emphasis on enhancing elderly care, particularly dementia services, and increasing home support. Residents called for improved emergency care and ambulance services. The community also stressed the importance of preventative measures, including education on healthy living, support for recreational activities, and reducing fast food outlets. There were suggestions to establish local healthcare facilities and mobile health clinics. Engagement with Māori communities on health issues was highlighted. Overall, the feedback reflected a comprehensive approach to community health, balancing medical services with wellness initiatives and community facilities.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Establishment Of Local Healthcare Facilities

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for improved and expanded healthcare services. Residents call for additional medical centres, including a Māori health provider with multiple GPs. There's a desire for a comprehensive health hub offering pharmacy, radiology, and specialist services. Many highlight the need for better mental health support and addiction services. Extended hours for existing facilities, including weekend pharmacy access, are requested. Some suggest mobile health clinics to address capacity issues. Overall, there's a clear demand for more accessible, diverse, and locally based healthcare options to meet the growing community's needs.

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Improve Access To GP Services

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for improved GP access. Residents call for additional medical centres to meet growing demand, with many reporting long wait times for appointments. There's a desire for extended hours, including after-work, weekend, and urgent care services. Some suggest introducing new service providers to offer more choice and reduce pressure on existing facilities. The community wants local access to specialist services to avoid travelling out of town. There's also a call for more Māori health practitioners and culturally appropriate care options.

Improve Access To Hospital Services

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for better hospital access. Many residents call for a new hospital on the Kāpiti Coast, citing the growing population and demographics. There's frustration about being between Wellington and Palmerston North hospitals, with calls for consistent access to both. Some suggest upgrading Levin Hospital to reduce travel to larger cities. Some residents want Ōtaki to be included in Wellington's health region, with access to Wellington Free Ambulance. There are also calls for satellite day hospital services for assessments and minor surgeries locally.

Other themes included:

- Policies to attract and retain medical professionals
- Improve access to pharmacies
- Public parks, pools, community hubs and gardens etc

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Mātauranga Education & Training

The feedback related to Mātauranga | Education & Training emphasised a desire for diverse educational opportunities. There was strong support for alternative schooling options, adult education programmes, and apprenticeship pathways. Residents called for more educational facilities, including new schools, whilst stressing the importance of small classroom sizes. Specific educational focuses included environmental education, civics, health and fitness, and Te Reo Māori. There was interest in developing history trails and providing courses to enhance employability. Technical education was highlighted as a priority. The community also expressed a need for education around housing issues. Many want more Te Reo Māori education, both in schools and the wider community. The feedback highlights interest in courses on sustainable agriculture, local history, and traditional arts. There's also a focus on youth education and training, including sports coaching and entrepreneurship programmes. Overall, the feedback reflected a holistic approach to education, balancing traditional schooling with practical skills development and lifelong learning opportunities.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

More Educational Courses

The broader Ōtaki community advocates for diverse educational opportunities, including university-level courses, vocational training in skills like IT and food production, and Earn2Learn programmes. They emphasise increased Te Reo Māori education, courses on sustainable agriculture, local history, and traditional arts. The community focuses on education that leads to local job opportunities and enhances community resilience. The youth of Ōtaki specifically express a desire for in-school mentors to provide support during challenging times and demand diverse courses that build practical skills for future employment, such as the coffee course mentioned.

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New Schools & Education Facilities

The community feedback highlights a growing need for expanded educational facilities. Residents call for a new high school to alleviate pressure on Ōtaki College, which some feel is overcrowded and lacking in options. There's interest in diverse schooling models, including Māori medium education, Steiner methods, and Catholic options. Many suggest a polytechnic or university hub for local tertiary education. Improved early childhood education facilities are also requested. The community emphasises the importance of maintaining small class sizes and providing adequate infrastructure as the population grows. There's also a desire for better afterschool care options for working parents.
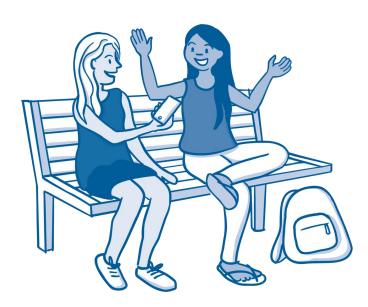
Support Education Providers

The community feedback presents mixed views on education provision. Some residents praise Ōtaki as a town of educational opportunities, calling for continued expansion and improvement. There's support for a Workers Educational Association to provide diverse classes for all ages. However, others suggest consolidating existing schools into fewer, better-resourced institutions. There's a call for more investment in rangatahi (youth) education. Overall, the community recognises the importance of education in various forms, emphasising the need for ongoing development and adaptation to meet changing needs.

Other themes included:

- Health and fitness education

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Ngā Hono
Networks & Connectivity

The feedback related to Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity centred on improving transportation and accessibility. A key priority was enhancing public transport services, with calls for more reliable and accessible options, including improved train services and extended networks. There was a strong emphasis on active transport, with requests to extend and maintain cycleways and footpaths. Road safety and traffic management were concerns, particularly with increasing car usage. Residents appreciated the area's walkways and proximity to nearby towns and facilities. Infrastructure investment was deemed important, including improving internet infrastructure and public amenities. There were specific requests to allow vehicle access to Ōtaki Forks and restrict vehicles on beaches. While some felt no changes were needed, most feedback indicated a desire for better connectivity and infrastructure to support the community's growth and needs.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Extend & Improve Public Transport Network

The broader Ōtaki community strongly emphasises the need for improved public transport, particularly regular commuter trains to Wellington and Palmerston North, with suggestions for electrifying the line to Ōtaki. Residents call for more frequent and reliable bus services, especially to Levin and Waikanae, and propose a local circular bus route within Ōtaki. They advocate for better integration between bus and train timetables, viewing improved public transport as crucial for employment opportunities and reducing car dependency. The youth of Ōtaki specifically request transport options for returning to Ōtaki after events, highlighting their need for increased mobility.

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Infrastructure Investment

The community feedback emphasises several key infrastructure priorities. Residents call for improved flood protection measures. Many want infrastructure that maintains Ōtaki's village character while accommodating growth. Suggestions include refreshing the old State Highway 1 route to attract businesses and visitors, creating covered areas for markets and food trucks, and improving parks and beach facilities. Healthcare infrastructure expansion is seen as crucial. Overall, there's a desire for infrastructure that balances development with community character and environmental protection.

Other themes included:

- Extend and maintain cycleways
- Extend and maintain footpaths
- Improve transportation and traffic issues

Improve Roads

The community feedback highlights several priorities for road improvements in Ōtaki. Residents call for better maintenance of existing roads, including regular tar sealing and fixing potholes. There's a desire for improved connectivity between different parts of Ōtaki, suggesting a coordinated urban design approach. Many support reopening Ōtaki Gorge Road to enhance access to the Tararua Ranges.

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Ohunga
Income & Work

The feedback related to Ohunga | Income & Work highlighted a desire to boost local economy and employment opportunities. There was a strong focus on supporting local businesses, attracting new employers, and promoting the Kāpiti Coast to investors and tourists. Residents called for addressing vacant properties to improve town appeal and enhance the visual character of businesses. The community emphasised the need for local employment initiatives, including support for older workers and a focus on liveable wages. There was interest in flexible workspaces and affordable business premises. Improving and promoting local shopping and dining options was seen as important. Some residents advocated for maintaining affordable rates and stopping excessive commercialisation. Overall, the feedback reflected a balance between economic growth and preserving local character, with emphasis on creating a vibrant, sustainable local economy.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Encourage Investment In Local Shopping & Dining

The community feedback emphasises a desire for a more vibrant town centre with diverse retail and dining options. Residents call for incentives to attract quality local businesses, particularly in Old Ōtaki. There's support for larger retailers like Farmers or Briscoes to keep shopping local. Many want more restaurants, cafes, and entertainment venues, including a cinema. The community also wants lower commercial rents to support small businesses and reduce empty shopfronts.

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Support For Local Businesses & Groups

The community feedback emphasises the need for stronger support of local businesses. There's a desire for incentives to attract and retain businesses, particularly in Old Ōtaki. Many suggest a startup incubator and funded coaching for local entrepreneurs. There's also interest in promoting local Māori businesses and the creative economy. Overall, there's a focus on balancing economic growth with maintaining Ōtaki's small-town charm.

More Educational Courses & Facilities

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire for expanded educational opportunities to improve employment opportunity. Residents call for more university-level courses and vocational training programmes, particularly in skills that lead to local job opportunities. There's support for Earn2Learn programmes and increased options to acquire credits. Overall, the community sees education as crucial for future resilience and economic development.

Other themes included:

- Promote employment
- Support for new businesses
- Address vacant properties and improve town appeal

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2.3 Partnership

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Partnership'.

He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka Community Partnership

The feedback related to He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership emphasised a desire for improved council communication and engagement. Residents called for better responsiveness from the Council and more inclusive decision-making processes, including citizens' assemblies and enhanced Māori and youth representation. There were concerns about council spending and rates increases, with some advocating for a focus on core council functions and services. The community stressed the importance of maintaining affordable rates and reducing council-imposed barriers. Improved engagement with local businesses and Māori communities was highlighted. Some suggested implementing rebate schemes and monitoring freedom camping impacts. There was support for community organisations and events, reflecting a desire for a thriving, connected community. Overall, the feedback indicated a need for a more transparent, responsive, and inclusive approach to local governance, balancing fiscal responsibility with community needs.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Support For Community Organisations & Events

The community feedback emphasises a desire for more diverse and frequent community events. Residents support expanding existing successful events like the Māoriland Film Festival and Kite Festival. There's interest in new initiatives such as crop swaps, food trading opportunities, and an annual community expo. Many call for better coordination among community groups, suggesting a centralised network or community connector role. The community wants more support for multi-generational activities and increased access to council facilities for events. There's also a focus on improving communication about local happenings and fostering collaboration between businesses and community organisations.

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Strengthen Community Input & Decision Making

The community feedback emphasises a desire for more local control and input in council decisions. Residents call for changes to the Local Government Act to give Community Boards more decision-making powers, particularly for smaller projects. There's strong sentiment against perceived overreach by both local and central government, with calls for more transparent community engagement on major initiatives. Some want less council interference in private property matters. Overall, there's a clear desire for a more democratic, bottom-up approach to local governance that truly reflects community wishes.
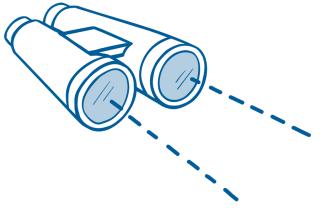
Other themes included:

- Council to focus on core functions
- Emphasis on democratic inclusivity/collaboration
- Reduce Council imposed barriers to success

Incorporate Info Boards & Signage

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for improved signage, particularly for safety and tourism. There's overwhelming support for implementing a 'blue line' system to mark tsunami evacuation zones, along with clear, visible billboards at Ōtaki Beach alerting visitors to tsunami risks. Residents call for more informative noticeboards at beach access points. There's interest in eco-tourism signage, including barcodes linking cyclists and tourists to local amenities. The community also wants more bilingual signage throughout the area, reflecting Ōtaki's cultural heritage.

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2.4 Comparison of Vision Ōtaki and Vision follow up survey results

This section presents the key similarities and differences between the Vision Ōtaki Survey and the Vision follow up survey.

2.4.1 Key Similarities

Community Connection — Both surveys highlight the importance of community spirit, inclusivity, and the desire for more youth-focused activities and facilities.

Environmental Concerns — Both sections emphasise the community's focus on environmental conservation, including concerns about protecting beaches, waterways, and green spaces.

Infrastructure Improvements — Both surveys indicate a desire for enhanced public amenities, improved transportation options, and better infrastructure, particularly regarding public transport and healthcare facilities.

Economic Development — Both sections show support for local businesses and the desire to encourage investment in local shopping and dining options.

2.4.2 Key Differences

Emphasis on Council Actions — The follow-up survey places more emphasis on concerns about council spending, rates increases, and the desire for transparency and accountability in council decisions.

Health Services — The follow-up survey appears to place more emphasis on the need for improved healthcare facilities and services, particularly mentioning the lack of a pharmacy open on Saturdays.

Housing Concerns — While both surveys mention housing, the follow-up survey seems to place more emphasis on issues like retirement homes and maintaining affordable rates.

Specific Project Mentions — The follow-up survey mentions specific issues like the development of Ōtaki Forks and potential higher density residential development at Te Horo, which weren't highlighted in the initial survey.

Māori Culture — The initial survey had more mentions of preserving and promoting Māori culture and heritage, while this was less prominent in the follow-up survey.

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2.4.3 Implications for Vision Ōtaki Refinement

Maintain Core Themes — Retain and potentially strengthen language around community connection, environmental conservation, infrastructure improvements, and economic development.

Incorporate Emerging Concerns — Update Vision to reflect new community priorities around council transparency, fiscal responsibility, and specific local issues.

Emphasise Health Services — Consider more specific language about improving local healthcare facilities and services, particularly pharmacy access.

Refine Housing Goals — Articulate a balanced approach to housing that addresses affordability, retirement options, and maintaining affordable rates.

Include Specific Local Priorities — Where appropriate, reference specific community-driven projects or concerns.

Maintain Cultural Focus — Keep strong language around preserving and promoting Māori culture and heritage.

Emphasise Economic Growth — Continue to focus on supporting local businesses and encouraging economic development.

Maintain Environmental Commitment — Keep strong language around protecting natural resources and green spaces.

Strengthen Transport Focus — Maintain or increase emphasis on improving public transport options.

Emphasise Ongoing Engagement — Highlight the commitment to continued community dialogue and responsiveness to evolving needs.

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3 Data analysis methodology

3.1 Survey data analysis

PublicVoice used a step-by-step method called thematic analysis to review the open-ended responses from the Vision Ōtaki community engagement survey. This method follows five main steps:

1. Understanding the Data: Analysts read the survey data multiple times to grasp its content.

2. Initial Coding: The survey data was sorted into labelled segments highlighting key points.

3. Identifying Themes: These segments were then grouped into broader themes specific to the survey questions.

4. Refining Themes: Themes were checked for relevance and clarity within the survey context.

5. Finalising Themes: Each theme was carefully defined, possibly with sub-themes, to represent the survey responses accurately.

3.2 Key findings analysis

To generate the key findings, PublicVoice combined the survey data with additional feedback points received from the Ōtaki Engagement Hub as part of Vision Kāpiti engagement. The analysis of the combined data was structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model, which provides a holistic view of the community's well-being by considering social, environmental, and economic factors.

The key findings were organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model. This approach allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the community's values, priorities, and concerns, extending beyond the specific questions asked in the survey.

3.3 Reporting

For the survey data, tables illustrating the frequency of the key themes have been included to demonstrate the significance of each theme. Only descriptions of the most frequent themes have been included in Section 4, "Key Findings from the Vision Ōtaki survey," to highlight the main points expressed by respondents.

In contrast, Section 3 reports the essential findings and presents the most common topics from the combined data, organised according to the doughnut model. This section provides a more detailed analysis, offering valuable insights and guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

By differentiating between the analysis and reporting approaches for the survey data and the key findings, the methodology section clarifies the distinct methods used to examine and present the community's feedback.

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Phase One: Gathering initial views

4 Vision Ōtaki survey

This section presents the key findings from the Vision Ōtaki community engagement survey which received 185 responses. The survey asked 15 questions.

Four general questions:

- What makes Ōtaki feel like home?
- What changes do you want to see in our community now?
- What aspirations do you have for future generations living in our community?
- Is there anything else you'd like to share about Ōtaki's future development that wasn't covered in the survey?

11 specific topic-based questions:

- How do we improve health and access to services?
- How do we enjoy and improve our natural spaces?
- What type of housing do we need?
- Do we get the education we need here?
- Can you get where you need to get. What options are missing?
- Can you get the work or workers you want in Ōtaki?
- What makes Ōtaki a great place to come to visit?
- How do we make Ōtaki a great place for businesses and shops?
- How do we stay safe and recover in an emergency?
- How do we stay connected - what could we improve?
- What are the most important places and spaces to protect for the future?

The analysis of survey data has been structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model. A subset of these questions were used for other stakeholder engagements listed in the front of this report resulting in higher numbers of responses and frequencies for those questions.

The most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme. These insights shed light on the Ōtaki community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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4.1 What makes Ōtaki feel like home?

Respondents were asked what makes Ōtaki feel like home. Table 1 details the various aspects identified by respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others – Respondents mentioned several aspects about their connections with others in the community. Important aspects highlighted include the sense of community and friendliness, the small-town atmosphere, the presence of Māori culture, and the strong whanau connections. Some respondents also expressed concern about the changing dynamics of the community and the loss of its original feel.

Biodiversity - Respondents mention the importance of the environment and highlight the beauty of the beach and the connection to the river and land.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		117
	Friendly, safe, community-oriented lifestyle	48
	Village feel, local events, tight-knit society	25
	Longtime resident/resident	20
	Growing Māori community/identity	8
	Quiet, peaceful living	5
	Recreational facilities for families etc.	5
	Community diversity	3
	Ōtaki no longer feels like home/has changed	3
BIODIVERSITY		32
	Beaches, rivers, bush and green spaces	32
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3
	Access to services (e.g. healthcare, shopping)	3

Table 1: What makes Ōtaki feel like home?

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4.2 What changes do you want to see in our community now?

Respondents were asked what changes they want to see in the community now. Table 2 details suggested changes from the community.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others - Respondents highlight the importance of community connection and relationships. They mentioned the need for more activities and facilities for youth, such as a dedicated youth centre and more parks. Additionally, the promotion of Te Reo Māori within the community was mentioned.

Networks & Connectivity - Respondents mentioned a variety of improvements they would like to see regarding networks and connections in Ōtaki. Transportation was a common theme, with requests for better public transport options, including more frequent train services to Wellington and a bus service to Levin. Other aspects mentioned included, better roads, improved bicycle, and pedestrian pathways along with increased traffic management.

Income & Work - Respondents have expressed various desires and concerns regarding income and work. Some important aspects include the need for more investment in the Māori economy, the desire for more business opportunities, and the request for lower rents and support for local businesses.

Peace & Safety - Respondents express the need for more police presence to enhance the safety and security of the community in Ōtaki. They also highlight the importance of addressing issues such as youth crime, addiction support services, and rogue roaming dogs. The installation of a blue line marking the tsunami evacuation zone and better signage for tsunami awareness are also mentioned as crucial safety measures.

Health - Respondents mention the need for better access to health facilities, including another medical centre and a pharmacy open on weekends. Some respondents emphasise the importance of providing healthcare services specific to Māori.

Biodiversity - Respondents mention the importance of preserving open spaces, such as small parks and the beachfront. Additionally, respondents suggest creating more playgrounds and green spaces, and taking care of the waterways to make the town more vibrant and family friendly.

Climate & Change - Respondents are calling for more investment in local kai resilience and sovereignty. Additionally, there are calls for a focus on the installation of solar panels on all new builds and implementing more community emergency evacuation drills.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		148
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	35
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	32
	Develop spaces for gatherings/events	20
	Create and maintain inclusive spaces	19
	Support arts and culture	15
	Retain small-town character	9
	Focus on te Reo Māori	8
	Provide more social support	7
	More recreational areas for various age groups	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		81
	Improvement of public transport options/access	46
	Bicycle/pedestrian path improvements	11
	Improve roads	10
	Road safety measures, traffic management	7
	Efficient waste management/recycling systems	4
	Restrict and monitor vehicles on beaches	3
INCOME & WORK		71
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	27
	Support for local businesses	11
	Addressing vacant properties/improve town appeal	10
	Local employment opportunities	9
	Commercial rent control	5
	Maintain affordable rates	5
	Enhance tourism industry/new branding	4
PEACE & SAFETY		47
	Improve safety	15
	Increase police presence	11
	Signage for Tsunami safe zones needed	11
	Animal safety/control	5
	Safety measures for both young and elderly	5
HEALTH		41
	Establishment of local healthcare facilities	26
	Improve access to GP services	10
	Extend pharmacy hours/open a second pharmacy	5
BIODIVERSITY		18
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Protection/enhancement of natural spaces	18
CLIMATE & CHANGE		14
	Focus on food resilience	9
	Enhanced resilience/emergency preparedness	5
HOUSING		8
	Improve access to affordable housing	8
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		6
	Improve Council governance	6
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		3
	Addressing concerns around water quality/waste	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		2
	Local university	1
	New school/s	1

Table 2: What changes do you want to see in our community now?

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4.3 What aspirations do you have for future generations living in our community?

Respondents were asked what aspirations they held for future generations in the community. Table 3 details the aspirations of the Ōtaki community.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents hope for a thriving town that values Māori culture and promotes connections with others. They emphasise the importance of maintaining a small-town atmosphere and a strong sense of community. Additionally, they hope for a sense of community pride, with support for the arts and cultural diversity.

Biodiversity — Respondents express a desire for a thriving town that promotes the preservation of biodiversity. They emphasise the importance of a clean and cared-for environment and development which is sustainable. Additionally, respondents highlight the need to protect natural assets such as beaches and rivers.

Peace & Safety — Respondents highlighted the importance of safe spaces in the community, with an emphasis on respect, and harmony.

Income & Work — Respondents express the importance of having a thriving town and emphasise the need for local employment opportunities.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		73
	Thriving connected community/supportive of others	29
	Retain small-town character	12
	Support arts and culture	10
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	9
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	5
	Develop spaces for gatherings/events	4
	Focus on te Reo Māori	4
BIODIVERSITY		20
	Protection/enhancement of natural spaces	20
PEACE & SAFETY		18
	Improve safety	18
INCOME & WORK		15
	Local employment opportunities	9
	Local shopping and dining options	6

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		9
	Improvement of public transport options/access	9
HEALTH		9
	Establishment of local healthcare facilities	9
EDUCATION & TRAINING		8
	More educational courses/facilities	8
HOUSING		8
	Improve access to affordable housing	8
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		5
	Improve Council governance	5
CLIMATE & CHANGE		4
	Enhanced resilience/emergency preparedness	2
	Focus on food resilience	2
WATER		1
	Address concerns around water quality/waste	1

Table 3: What aspirations do you have for future generations living in our community?

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4.4 How do we improve health and access to services?

Respondents were asked how improvements could be made to health and access to services.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH SERVICES/ACCESSIBILITY		73
	Improve access to hospital services	19
	Establishment of local healthcare facilities	18
	Extended pharmacy hours/open a second pharmacy	10
	Improve access to GP services	9
	Improve access to emergency care services	6
	Elderly care and dementia services	4
	Support ambulance services	4
	Improved access to dental care	3
POLICY		10
	Policies to attract/retain medical professionals	10
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE		7
	Traffic and transportation issues	7
HEALTHY LIVING/EDUCATION		2
	Education on healthy living	2

Table 4 details improvements mentioned by the respondents.

Overview of responses

Health Services & Accessibility — Respondents emphasise the need for improved access to health services in Ōtaki. They suggest increasing the number of staff, expanding the medical centre, and establishing a health hub with multiple services. Furthermore, they express the need for more doctors, nurses, pharmacies, and specialist health services to cater to the growing population. They also suggest bringing nurses training back to hospitals and providing more hands-on patient care, as well as opening satellite day hospital services for local health assessments and minor surgeries. Overall, the goal is to enhance accessibility and provide comprehensive, quality care to the community.

Policy — Respondents highlight the need for the government to allow specialised health workers to work and live in New Zealand. They also express dissatisfaction with the current state of GP care and suggest increasing employment of doctors, collaborating with health providers and government entities to ensure access to necessary services, and creating a health hub to attract more doctors and pharmacies.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH SERVICES/ACCESSIBILITY		73
	Improve access to hospital services	19
	Establishment of local healthcare facilities	18
	Extended pharmacy hours/open a second pharmacy	10
	Improve access to GP services	9
	Improve access to emergency care services	6
	Elderly care and dementia services	4
	Support ambulance services	4
	Improved access to dental care	3
POLICY		10
	Policies to attract/retain medical professionals	10
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE		7
	Traffic and transportation issues	7
HEALTHY LIVING/EDUCATION		2
	Education on healthy living	2

Table 4: How do we improve health and access to services?

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4.5 How do we enjoy and improve our natural spaces?

Respondents were asked how they enjoy their natural spaces and how they could be improved. Table 5 details responses from the community.

Overview of responses

Biodiversity — Respondents emphasise the importance of preserving and protecting natural spaces, such as beaches, riverbanks, and swamps, and advocate for measures such as restricting vehicle access, regulating camping, and preventing the removal of driftwood. They also highlight the need for river plantings, increased maintenance and cleanliness, the protection of biodiversity, and the promotion of education and awareness on important species and environmental issues.

Connections With Others — Respondents emphasise the importance of being responsible caretakers and taking measures to protect natural spaces. They highlight the need for education on environmental issues and promoting sustainable practices, such as composting and food growing. Other suggestions include managing pests, encouraging monitoring, and reporting by enthusiast clubs, and raising expectations for responsible behaviour to maintain cleanliness and protect flora and fauna. Additionally, there is a proposal to work with farmers to protect waterways and reduce pollution, as well as promoting Ōtaki as a certified International Dark Sky Community to preserve the night sky from light pollution.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
BIODIVERSITY		23
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	23
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		21
	Promoting environmentally responsible behaviour	9
	Support for recreational activities	9
	Toilets and bins needed on beaches and along river	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		6
	Efficient waste management/recycling systems	6
PEACE & SAFETY		1
	Improve safety	1

Table 5: How do we enjoy and improve our natural spaces?

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4.6 What type of housing do we need?

Respondents were asked what type of housing Ōtaki needs. Table 6 details the different types of housing mentioned by respondents.

Overview of responses

Housing Diversity & Design — Respondents express the need for more affordable rental properties, including pensioner flats, and advocate for less regulation to foster multi-generational living. They emphasise the importance of creating attractive and sustainable housing options to avoid future slums. Respondents also call for a balanced range of housing that accommodates various demographics near amenities. Additionally, there is a demand for social housing and off-the-grid housing with solar panels and water tanks, as well as a focus on ensuring public housing is well-managed.

Affordability — Respondents are emphasising the need for good quality but low-cost housing and the importance of affordable housing for residents. They also express concern about empty holiday homes for the wealthy and advocate for affordable and well-designed social housing that supports sustainable development. There is also a desire for affordable rentals and emergency housing for those experiencing homelessness.

Policy & Planning — Respondents emphasise the need for good planning and policies that will help with housing provision in Ōtaki. They express the need for housing standards that will ensure access to safe, warm, and sustainable homes. They also suggest implementing policies to prioritise homes for community members over Airbnb rentals and to address homelessness by utilising empty houses.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HOUSING DIVERSITY & DESIGN		19
	Development of various housing types/sizes	8
	Inter/multi-generational homes	4
	More affordable rental options	4
	Build more retirement homes	3
AFFORDABILITY		12
	Strategies to ensure housing is affordable	12
POLICY & PLANNING		10
	Development of housing standards	6
	Develop more social housing	4
ACCESSIBILITY		3
	Increase accessibility to/accessible housing	2
	Ensure accessibility for elderly	1
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE		1

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Public parks, pools, community hubs etc.	1

Table 6: What type of housing do we need?

4.7 Do we get the education we need here?

Respondents were asked if Ōtaki gets the education it needs. Table 7 details responses from the community.

Overview of responses

Education - Respondents express various sentiments regarding education in Ōtaki. Some highlight the need for grass roots programs, teaching civics and practical skills, and more options for secondary schooling. Others mention the importance of acknowledging and supporting Māori medium education. However, there are also concerns about funding, limited options and support at the college level, and the need for improvement in areas such as bullying and fitness.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
EDUCATION		17
	Yes, we get the education we need	7
	No, we do not get the education we need	6
	New schools/education facilities	4
INFRASTRUCTURE		3
	Provide necessary education infrastructure	3
GENERAL COMMENTS		1
	Central government funding required	1

Table 7: Do we get the education we need here?

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4.8 Can you get where you need to get. What options are missing?

Respondents were asked if they can get where they need to get and what travel options are missing for them. Table 8 details responses from the community.

Overview of responses

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents express the need for better public transportation options in Ōtaki, including a computer rail link and regular train services to Wellington and Palmerston North. They also mention the lack of connecting buses and the limited availability and reliability of buses. Overall, respondents believe that improving networks and connections is crucial for the community's accessibility and development.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		69
	Frequent train service from Ōtaki to Wellington	25
	Improved public transport/hubs	23
	Frequent train service to Palmerston North	9
	Bus service to Paraparaumu/Levin/Palmerston North	8
	More rideshare/taxi options needed	4

Table 8: Can you get where you need to get. What options are missing?

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4.9 Can you get the work or workers you want in Ōtaki?

Respondents were asked if they can get the work or workers that they want in Ōtaki. Table 9 details the responses from the community.

Overview of responses

Work Wanted — Respondents mention a range of sentiments regarding work availability in Ōtaki. Some express the need to travel to other areas for work, while others mention a lack of job opportunities in their professional fields. However, there are a few who believe that there are plenty of job options available. Some respondents suggest creating work hubs in the area as well as promoting larger businesses and more employment opportunities.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
WORK WANTED		21
	No, I am unable to get the work I want in Ōtaki	7
	Yes, I am able to get the work I want	7
	No, I travel outside of Ōtaki to get work I want	4
	More jobs needed	3
WORKERS NEEDED		3
	Education and training are required	3
GENERAL COMMENTS		3
	Support for local businesses needed	3

Table 9: Can you get the work or workers you want in Ōtaki?

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4.10 What makes Ōtaki a great place to come to visit?

Respondents were asked what makes Ōtaki a great place to visit. Table 10 presents a summary of respondent ideas about what makes Ōtaki a great place to visit.

Overview of responses

River/Ocean Quality — Respondents mention that the beach and river are important aspects of what makes Ōtaki a great place to visit. They also mention the natural resources and landscape in the area. Suggestions for improvement included investing in the beach pavilion and shopping area.

Connections With Others — Respondents highlight the warmth of the people and community events as important aspects of their connections with others. They also mention the significance of historical sites, the Māori character of the town along with the Te Reo speaking community as important aspects of Ōtaki.

Biodiversity — Respondents mention the natural beauty of the location, including the mountains and forests. They also highlight the importance of preserving biodiversity and promoting the town's natural assets for tourism.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RIVER/OCEAN QUALITY		22
	Proximity to seaside and beaches	16
	Proximity to local rivers	6
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		20
	Community events/festivals/Māoriland	9
	Friendly community	6
	Support for the arts and culture	5
BIODIVERSITY		11
	Proximity to nature	7
	Proximity to mountains/hills	4
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		9
	Enjoy the walkways	3
	Enjoy visiting local shops	3
	Proximity to Wellington	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		5
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	5

Table 10: What makes Ōtaki a great place to come to visit?

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4.11 How do we make Ōtaki a great place for businesses and shops?

Respondents were asked how to make Ōtaki a great place for businesses and shops.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT		41
	Support/incentivise local businesses	14
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	12
	Advertisements for local shopping area	10
	Ensure affordable leases	5
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		10
	Engagement with local businesses	4
	Maintain affordable rates	3
	Reduce Council imposed barriers to success	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		8
	Improve roads/access	5
	Upgrade public amenities	3

Table 11 provides respondent insights.

Overview of responses

Local Business Support — Respondents mention that to enhance Ōtaki's economy, there should be a vision for creating an indigenous economy and support for new businesses and ideas. They also suggest lower rents for retail areas and encouraging local enterprise. They emphasise the need for improvements in the main shopping area, better signage, and revitalising the town to attract visitors and support local businesses. There is a call for incentivising landlords to lease empty spaces for business opportunities. Overall, respondents stress the importance of community support and creating a welcoming destination for businesses.

Community Partnership — Respondents emphasise the need for engagement with local businesses to support the local economy in Ōtaki. They suggest implementing small business grants and a business hub to support individuals in getting their ideas off the ground. They also highlight the importance of reducing red tape and costs associated with starting and operating businesses to attract and retain businesses in the community along with maintaining affordable rates for businesses.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency

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LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT		41
	Support/incentivise local businesses	14
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	12
	Advertisements for local shopping area	10
	Ensure affordable leases	5
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		10
	Engagement with local businesses	4
	Maintain affordable rates	3
	Reduce Council imposed barriers to success	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		8
	Improve roads/access	5
	Upgrade public amenities	3

Table 11: How do we make Ōtaki a great place for businesses and shops?

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4.12 How do we stay safe and recover in an emergency?

Respondents were asked how the community will stay safe and recover in an emergency.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		17
	Increase Council engagement and communication	17
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		16
	Enhanced resilience/emergency preparedness	5
	Establish emergency hubs	4
	Promote safe on site water storage	4
	Safe accessible emergency shelters needed	3
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		12
	Promoting a helpful and supportive community	8
	Focus on food resilience	4
PEACE & SAFETY		2
	Increase police presence	2
ENERGY		1
	Develop a power plant	1

Table 12 lists the suggestions made by respondents.

Overview of responses

Community Partnership — Respondents emphasise the need for community outreach and the role of Māori leadership in community partnerships. There is a call for more information from the Council as well with a suggestion that this information be disseminated online. Respondents appreciate the initiatives taken by KCDC to promote community resilience and stress the need for connecting communities to aid in disaster recovery.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents express the need for more on-site water storage, safe spaces with housing in case of disasters, and sustainable options like solar panels and increased food production. They emphasise the importance of community centres, basic needs being supplied from renewable sources, and access improvement in towns. Connecting communities, having emergency hubs, and providing information for evacuations are also mentioned. Respondents emphasise the need to prepare for floods and avoid building on land at risk from rising sea levels. Furthermore, there is a call for clear markings of tsunami zones and for the expansion of local civil defence.

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Connections With Others — Respondents emphasise the importance of community connections and helping each other. They suggest initiatives such as community gardens and sharing resources to support the elderly and new parents. They highlight the need for community support groups and initiatives that promote a sense of community and connect communities together.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		17
	Increase Council engagement and communication	17
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		16
	Enhanced resilience/emergency preparedness	5
	Establish emergency hubs	4
	Promote safe on site water storage	4
	Safe accessible emergency shelters needed	3
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		12
	Promoting a helpful and supportive community	8
	Focus on food resilience	4
PEACE & SAFETY		2
	Increase police presence	2
ENERGY		1
	Develop a power plant	1

Table 12: How do we stay safe and recover in an emergency?

4.13 How do we stay connected — what could we improve?

Respondents were asked how the community stays connected and how this could be improved.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		16
	Hosting community focused gatherings/events	7
	Promoting a helpful and supportive community	5
	Develop accessible/welcoming community spaces	4
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3

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	Improve public transport	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		3
	Enhance communication (e.g. local papers)	3
INCOME & WORK		2
	Focus on building business networks	2
CLIMATE & CHANGE		1
	Focus on food resilience	1

Table 13 provides community insights into how they stay connected as well as how this could be improved.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express the importance of having an annual Expo event with diverse activities, accessible and welcoming community spaces, specific assistance for elderly individuals of all ethnicities, community services and events, prioritising Māori culture, revitalising neighbourhood support networks, increasing open spaces for social interactions, and providing a community connector to bring people together. Supporting outdoor events and festivals is also recommended.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		16
	Hosting community focused gatherings/events	7
	Promoting a helpful and supportive community	5
	Develop accessible/welcoming community spaces	4
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3
	Improve public transport	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		3
	Enhance communication (e.g. local papers)	3
INCOME & WORK		2
	Focus on building business networks	2
CLIMATE & CHANGE		1
	Focus on food resilience	1

Table 13: How do we stay connected — what could we improve?

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4.14 What are the most important places and spaces to protect for the future?

Respondents were asked what the most important places and spaces are to protect for the future. Table 14 provides insights into the places and spaces respondents would like protected for the future.

Overview of responses

River/Ocean Health — Respondents highlight the importance of access to rivers and the beach. They mention the significance of waterways, such as rivers and streams, as well as the need to protect and restore beach and river environments.

Biodiversity — Respondents mention the importance of access to natural areas such as native bush and parks. Some express concern about maintaining the spiritual and cultural connection to the land and the need for understanding and respect for tangata whenua rights.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents express various opinions about networks and connections in Ōtaki. The railway station is noted as a site in need of restoration. Other mentioned important sites include Ōtaki historical buildings such as Rangiātea Church, Pukekaraka, Ōtaki Museum, the beach pavilion, the Māoriland Hub, and the three remaining hotels.

Connections With Others — Respondents are emphasising the importance of protecting all hāpu and iwi sites of significance, including marae, beaches, rivers, swamps, streams, hills, and water bodies. Additionally, respondents mention culturally significant places like battle sites on Rangiuru road and request more information and signs to learn about these historical sites.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		53
	Protect rivers and waterways	24
	Protect Ōtaki beaches and ocean	22
	Protect the sand dunes	4
	Protect the gorge	3
BIODIVERSITY		23
	Protect parks and areas with native bush	13
	Protect the environment in general	10
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		20
	Protect heritage sites	6
	Protect the museum	5
	Protect Ōtaki railway station	5
	Protect local churches	4

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CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		15
	Protect all hāpu and iwi sites of importance	5
	Protect walkways/access	4
	Protect playgrounds	3
	Protect the village feel of the area	3

Table 14: What are the most important places and spaces to protect for the future?

4.15 Is there anything else you'd like to share about Ōtaki's future development that wasn't covered in the survey?

Respondents were asked if there was anything else they would like to share about Ōtaki's future development. Table 15 presents the ideas mentioned by respondents.

Overview of responses

Community Partnership — Respondents emphasise the need for the council to prioritise spending in Ōtaki and address the community's needs. They express frustration with the unequal distribution of resources between Ōtaki and other areas of the Kāpiti Coast, calling for a more equal spend throughout the region. The community also wants increased transparency in the council's decision-making process and more involvement of Māori in decision making.

Connections With Others — Respondents emphasised the need for the council to listen to the community's needs, such as a youth space and support for older people who are lonely. Respondents emphasised the need to focus on growth that is sustainable. Suggestions for sustainable growth included carefully planned expansion, preserving good growing soils, and developing Ōtaki as a destination with unique character and attractions.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		11
	Increase Council engagement and communication	6
	Increase Council spend in Ōtaki	5
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		10
	Focus on development that is sustainable	5
	Increase youth programs and facilities	5
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		6
	Extend public transport network	2

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Improve roads	2
	Develop a local airport	1
	Focus on infrastructure development	1
INCOME & WORK		6
	Local employment opportunities	2
	Address loss of business resulting from bypass	1
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	1
	Promote Māoriland	1
	Support for local businesses/groups	1
OTHER		5
	Addressing vacant properties/improve town appeal	5
PEACE & SAFETY		4
	Improve safety	2
	Improve animal safety/control	1
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	1
HOUSING		4
	Balance densification w/ character preservation	4
LAND USE & QUALITY		4
	Balance densification w/ character preservation	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Enhanced resilience/emergency preparedness	3

Table 15: Is there anything else you'd like to share about Ōtaki's future development that wasn't covered in the survey?

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Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

5 Vision follow up survey

This section of the report summarises community feedback received as part of KCDC's Vision follow up survey. The community was provided with a summary of the feedback received from the initial engagement for reflection and refining.

5.1 Does this reflect what's important to you?

Respondents were asked whether the feedback received reflected what was important to them. Table 16 is a summary of the feedback received.

Overview of responses

Community Partnership — The respondents mentioned that there was an issue with accountability to the ratepayers, as well as difficulties in the council's consent process which was described as being long and costly. On a positive note, one respondent expressed that the vision for Ōtaki aligns with their own priorities for the town and suggested that it would be beneficial to understand the steps involved in moving from vision to strategy, plan, and objectives.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		3
	Criticism of consultation process	2
	Desire for improved council communication	1
HOUSING		1
	Support for affordable/more housing	1
HEALTH		1
	Improved access to healthcare facilities	1
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		1
	Improved public transport	1
BIODIVERSITY		1
	Tree planting and green space preservation	1
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		1
	Facilities for different age groups	1
OTHER		1
	Concern about rates increases	1

Table 16: Does this reflect what's important to you?

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Selected quotes

> "The Vision expressed for Ōtaki does reflect what I see as important for the town. There are probably some areas that may be seen to have a higher priority (and I am sure there will be many different views on this) and so it would be useful to understand how we move from Vision to Strategy, Plan, and Objectives."
>
> **Does this reflect what's important to you?**

5.2 Is there anything missing?

Respondents were asked whether there is anything missing. Table 17 provides an overview of what respondents feel is missing or would like to emphasise.

Overview of responses

Health — Respondents raised concerns about the lack of a pharmacy open on Saturdays in Ōtaki, causing long queues and stressful conditions for staff. Locals also expressed worries about the management of the town's growth and the prioritisation of health provision alongside it. Additionally, there were suggestions to create a comprehensive health regime for the entire Kāpiti Coast and coordinate health facilities with transport infrastructure.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents emphasise the importance of infrastructure, such as transportation, housing, and health, in supporting the projected population growth of Ōtaki and urge the explicit inclusion of key requirements in the District Plan. They also call for a comprehensive health and well-being regime that includes coordination with transport infrastructure and parking provisions at the Ōtaki railway station. Lastly, respondents highlight the need for the development and easy access to Ōtaki Forks and the potential for higher density residential development at Te Horo.

Community Partnership — Respondents express concern for the lack of support for the elderly in Ōtaki, resulting in many having to leave their homes and support networks. They highlight the difficulties faced in finding suitable rest home care and the added challenges of transportation and limited public transport options for those left behind. They request that the Council take steps to encourage the provision of quality rest home facilities. They also emphasise the importance of a financially responsible council that prioritises core services.

> "A financially responsible council, we want core services done properly."
>
> **Is there anything missing?**

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH		4
	Improved healthcare facilities and services	4
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3
	Enhanced public transport services	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		3
	Concern about council spending and rates increases	2
	Focus on core council services	1
HOUSING		3
	Maintain affordable rates	2
	Build more retirement homes	1
BIODIVERSITY		2
	Focus on environmental conservation	2
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		1
	Support for Māori culture and heritage	1
WATER		1
	Improved water management and quality	1

Table 17: Is there anything missing?

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Broader community engagement

In addition to the targeted Vision Ōtaki surveys and workshops, several other community engagement initiatives have provided valuable insights into the priorities, concerns, and aspirations of Ōtaki residents. These broader engagement efforts have captured a wide range of perspectives on various aspects of community life, from long-term planning to specific local projects.

The following sections summarize key findings from:

- The Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 consultation process
- The Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people (ZEAL)

These additional sources of community feedback complement and enrich the Vision Ōtaki engagement, offering a more comprehensive understanding of the community's vision for its future. By considering these diverse inputs, we can ensure that the Vision Ōtaki reflects a broad spectrum of community voices and addresses both immediate concerns and long-term aspirations.

The insights gathered from these broader engagement initiatives align with and expand upon many of the themes identified in the Vision Ōtaki process, providing a robust foundation for future planning and decision-making in the area.

6 Relevant Insights from the Long-Term Plan Process

The Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation process yielded several relevant insights into Ōtaki's future development. This engagement captured a wide range of community perspectives on issues affecting the area's growth, infrastructure needs, and overall well-being.

Feedback covered topics such as water infrastructure upgrades, transportation improvements, support for local businesses and tourism, environmental protection, housing diversity, and community engagement in decision-making processes. These insights highlight the community's priorities and aspirations, providing valuable guidance for shaping Ōtaki's future.

The following subsections summarize the key themes that emerged from the LTP consultation, offering an overview of the community's views on Ōtaki's development over the next decade. These findings complement and reinforce the insights gathered through the Vision Ōtaki engagement, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of the community's vision for Ōtaki's future.

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6.1 Water Infrastructure

Strong calls to prioritise water infrastructure upgrades and renewals as a core council function. This aligns with the Vision Ōtaki feedback emphasising the importance of protecting waterways and improving water management.

6.2 Transportation

Roading — Some residents advocated for reopening Ōtaki Gorge Road to improve access to natural areas and promote local attractions.

Public Transport — Highlighted need for improved public transportation options, including better connections to Wellington and other nearby towns, echoing the Vision Ōtaki feedback.

6.3 Community Facilities & Economic Development

Ōtaki Market — Strong support for council purchase of the land where the Ōtaki Market is held to allow for improvements and expansion.

Local Economy — Emphasis on supporting local businesses and promoting tourism to benefit Ōtaki's economy.

6.4 Environmental Concerns

Climate Change Planning — Discussions about climate change planning and environmental protection align with Vision Ōtaki feedback on protecting natural spaces and preparing for climate-related challenges.

Biodiversity — Calls for increased tree planting and green space preservation, mirroring sentiments in the Vision Ōtaki feedback.

6.5 Housing & Development

Housing Diversity — Need for diverse housing options, including social housing and homes for older people.

Development Balance — Concerns about balancing development with character preservation, echoing Vision Ōtaki feedback.

6.6 Community Engagement & Governance

Māori Engagement — Calls for increased consultation with iwi and local groups, relevant for Ōtaki's significant Māori community.

Community Input — Desire for greater community involvement in decision-making processes.

6.7 Sports & Recreation

Waka Ama Facilities — Request from the Ōtaki Waka Hoe Charitable Trust for support in developing waka ama facilities at Ōtaki Lake, aligning with Vision Ōtaki emphasis on supporting community sports and outdoor activities.

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These insights from the LTP process reinforce many of the priorities identified in the Vision Ōtaki engagement, providing a strong foundation for future planning and decision-making in Ōtaki. They highlight the importance of balancing development with environmental protection, enhancing community facilities and services, supporting local businesses, and ensuring strong community involvement in shaping Ōtaki's future.

7 Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people (ZEAL)

This section of the report presents a summary of the key insights gathered from the Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people. The assessment focused on young people who are or have been involved in Zeal's core programmes, such as afternoon hangs, creative programmes, events, and college representatives. In particular, it sought to understand the experiences, challenges and suggestions of young people from Ōtaki, as well as the impact of Zeal on participants and its ability to address their concerns.

The Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti Young survey collected data through two methods:

• Annual survey: Conducted over 12 months, with 74 participants.

• Follow-up survey: Completed by 20 respondents.

The combined efforts yielded feedback from 94 youth involved in Zeal's programmes, aiming to understand their experiences, challenges, and needs. This survey was conducted by Zeal as part of requirements of its contract with Kāpiti Coast District Council. While other feedback did not reflect Zeal as strongly, there remained a theme of the importance of facilities for youth in Kāpiti.

The feedback provided indicated that Zeal Ōtaki is valued by young people as a welcoming and inclusive space that offers multiple benefits. It provides an opportunity to socialise and connect with friends outside the home environment. Youth appreciate it as a place free from family pressures and unrealistic responsibilities. The space offers activities and things to do, creating a fun and engaging atmosphere. Overall, Zeal Ōtaki serves as a positive, supportive environment for young people to gather, have fun, and receive help when needed.

Through the survey youth in Ōtaki have expressed several key desires for their future, these include:

• **Expanded Youth Spaces:** There's a call for larger youth-oriented areas and more frequent Zeal days in Ōtaki, building on the success of current offerings.

• **Community Connections:** Young people want more opportunities to connect with the wider community, including adults and older youth, with Zeal seen as a positive example of this.

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- **Outdoor & Active Pursuits:** There's interest in more groups organising active outdoor activities and fun trips to various locations.

- **Mentorship & Support:** Youth desire in-school mentors to provide support during challenging times.

- **Skill Development:** There's a demand for diverse courses that build practical skills for future employment, such as the coffee course mentioned.

- **Improved Transportation:** Better transport options for returning to Ōtaki after events are needed.

- **Peer and Community Engagement:** Activities that foster connections with peers and the broader community are desired.

- **Teen-Specific Spaces:** There's a need for more areas designed specifically for teenagers, as current parks mainly cater to children or skaters.

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1.1 Why Vision Kāpiti 2060?

A clear district-wide vision will help guide planning, decision making, programmes, services, and advocacy, for decades to come.

Elected members want to hear from their communities about what matters most, what change people want to see, and their aspirations for the future of our district.

The first stage is to develop a Vision for the district and its underlying communities.

Two further stages will follow this:

- Identifying and testing pathways and priorities for achieving our Vision; and, finally

- Developing a blueprint for action, mapping out our key steps and moves to realise our Vision.

Once complete, the Vision and blueprint will outline what things will be prioritised over the next 30 years (to 2060), and how Council will work with its iwi partners, central and local government, and key stakeholders to achieve our collective Vision.

This process will replace the Local Outcomes Statements developed across the district from 2007 - 2017.

1.2 Overview of Vision Waikanae engagement and feedback

The Community Board has worked to capture feedback from the Waikanae community to help shape and refine Vision Waikanae. This has occurred across two phases of engagement.

Phase One: Gathering initial views

From August to December 2023 feedback was captured from local Waikanae residents through:

- An online survey identifying the local areas people associate with, what makes Waikanae unique, and current and future improvements needed.   189 responses with 349 feedback points

- Feedback at the Waikanae Engagement Hub as part of Vision Kāpiti.   410 feedback points

This feedback was summarised and presented to local communities for further testing as part of Phase Two. This included a detailed report which summarised feedback from all sources, and feedback received on local survey questions.

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Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

From April to July 2024 the summary of feedback from Phase One was shared to test whether what had been captured so far reflected what was important and if there was anything missing.

Further feedback was captured from engagement during this period including:

• An online survey asking if what is captured so far reflects what's important and if there is anything missing.	60 contributors' responses with 218 feedback points
• Feedback from the Engagement Hub at Waikanae library and two drop-in sessions on 21 May 2024 and 18 June 2024.	20 contributors' responses with 44 feedback points

Broader community engagement

In addition to the above engagements, the Community Board has sought to engage and seek feedback with local residents through a number of other ways including:

- Train station flyer drop and discussion with commuters
- Posters at local businesses
- Facebook messaging
- Discussions with special interest groups such as Waikanae Lions, Waikanae Tennis club, Friends of Te Horo Beach, Waikanae residents society.

Other community feedback included

In addition to feedback on the Vision process, a number of recent community engagements have provided feedback on what's missing or important for the Waikanae area. By incorporating these supplementary sources, we gain a more comprehensive understanding of community priorities and concerns. This multi-faceted approach allows us to identify recurring themes across different engagement processes, providing a robust foundation for Waikanae's future vision. This includes:

• Long - Term Plan 2024-2034 feedback	Key insights identified from the full set of feedback (371 responses with 1,598 feedback points)
• Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity feedback	Key insights from 18 responses
• Engagement on the Waikanae Library project	Key insights from 1,997 responses with 4,784 feedback points

The inclusion of Long-Term Plan insights offers valuable context on infrastructure priorities, financial considerations, and community initiatives. The Friends of Te Horo

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Beach mapping activity provides crucial perspectives on environmental priorities and community assets. Meanwhile, the Waikanae Library consultation feedback highlights the importance of community spaces and amenities. Together, these additional sources enrich and validate the themes identified in the primary Vision Waikanae engagement, ensuring a holistic view of community aspirations.

This report

This report provides an overview of all feedback shaping Vision Waikanae. This includes:

- Consolidated findings from all feedback.
- A summary of the Phase One local survey results.
- A summary of Phase Two feedback on what's important and gaps.
- A summary of what we heard from additional information sources, including:
  - Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation, which covered topics such as rates affordability, infrastructure priorities, housing, transportation, and community facilities.
  - Friends of Te Horo Beach participatory mapping activity, which identified significant natural features, community assets, and environmental priorities.
  - Waikanae Library consultation, which gathered feedback on the library's current use, location preferences, project objectives, and community needs for the new facility.

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The engagement data analysis has been structured using the Council's economic doughnut model framework. This model provides a holistic view of the community's well-being, considering social, environmental, and economic factors. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model.

Figure 1: The Doughnut Economics Model

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1.3 Central Themes
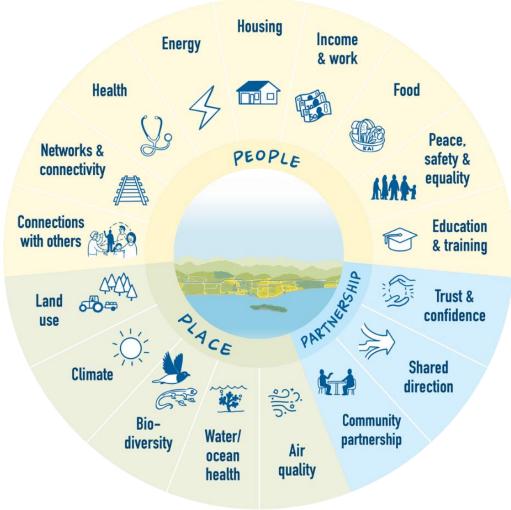
This section summarises the key findings that emerged from the community engagement process. It highlights the dominant priorities and aspirations expressed by the residents of Waikanae across various domains of the economic doughnut model.

Āhurangi | Climate: The community prioritises environmental stewardship, focusing on climate change adaptation, waste management, and preserving the local climate. There are concerns about the costs of climate adaptation planning and potential fearmongering, balanced with calls for mitigation efforts and sustainable practices.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety: Residents value the area's peaceful atmosphere and safety, with suggestions for improved animal control and increased police presence. There's a desire to maintain the safe, low-crime community feel while addressing emerging safety concerns.

Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others: The community emphasises the need for inclusive public spaces, upgraded amenities, and a new community hall to foster a sense of belonging and support diverse needs. There's a strong call for youth-focused activities and facilities for different age groups.

Hanga Whare | Housing: Key priorities include balancing urban intensification with character preservation, improving housing affordability, and developing infrastructure for new housing areas. There's a mix of support for and concern about high-density housing.

Hauora | Health: The community seeks better access to healthcare services, including hospitals, GPs, and home support, along with integrating health into everyday environments. There's a strong desire for local medical facilities and improved emergency services.

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health: Residents appreciate the proximity to rivers, beaches, and the ocean, highlighting the importance of protecting these natural assets. There are concerns about water quality, erosion, and the need for better management of these resources.

He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership: The community desires effective local governance, improved communication, and the incorporation of the Waikanae Futures Document into decision-making. There are concerns about council spending, rates increases, and the consultation process.

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Kai | Food: Residents enjoy the variety of cafés and restaurants in Waikanae and call for more diverse dining options. There's also interest in supporting local food production and businesses.

Konorau Koiora | Biodiversity: The community values the area's rich biodiversity and actively engages in preserving and enhancing natural spaces. There's a focus on environmental conservation, pest control, and increasing green spaces.

Mātauranga | Education & Training: Expanding educational opportunities and facilities, such as new schools and diverse learning programmes, is a priority for the growing community. There's support for new primary schools and expanded educational courses.

Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity: Improving public transport, road safety, and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists are key focus areas. There's also emphasis on better traffic management and infrastructure development to accommodate growth.

Ohunga | Income & Work: The community seeks to revitalise the local economy by addressing vacant properties, supporting local businesses, and promoting the region's appeal. There's a desire for more diverse shopping options and investment in local businesses.

Wai | Water: Residents prioritise water quality, waste management, and improving water services and infrastructure. There are concerns about stormwater management and the need for better water management systems.
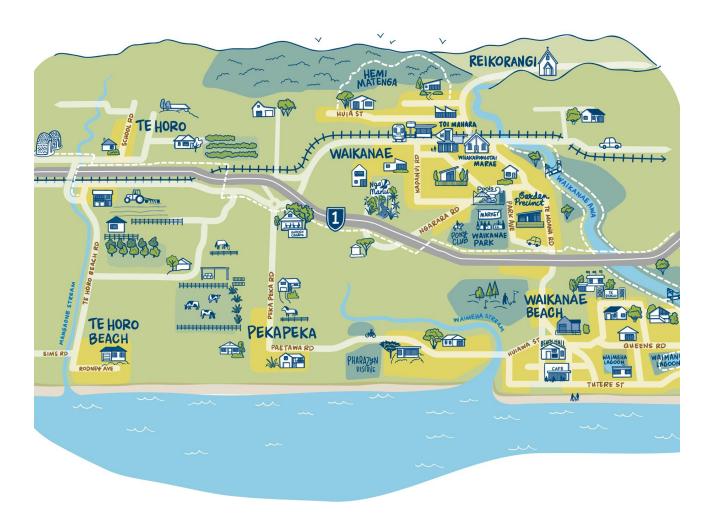
Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality: Balancing urban development with environmental preservation, affordability, and sustainable growth is crucial for the community. There's a focus on maintaining the area's unique character while accommodating necessary growth.

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2 A summary of all feedback on Vision Waikanae

This section provides more detail on views for areas of the doughnut model, representing key needs for the community. In this section, the most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme, along with supporting quotes or discussion points. These insights shed light on the Waikanae community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the KCDC's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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2.1 Place

Below is the summary of key findings related to 'Place'.

Āhurangi
Climate

Āhurangi | Climate feedback highlighted concerns about the costs associated with climate adaptation planning, as well as worries about potential climate change fearmongering. However, there was also a clear focus on the importance of climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, including enhancing emergency preparedness and investing in sustainable energy initiatives. Residents expressed a desire to see efficient waste management and recycling systems implemented as part of a comprehensive approach to addressing climate change challenges. Overall, the feedback indicated a recognition of the need to tackle climate change through a balanced, solution-oriented strategy that considers both mitigation and adaptation measures, while also addressing community concerns about the potential financial and psychological impacts.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Efficient Waste Management & Recycling Systems

The feedback indicates that residents of Waikanae are concerned about the lack of adequate waste management and recycling facilities in the area. Several comments highlight the need for better coordinated rubbish and recycling services, including the reinstatement of the Waikanae recycling station that was recently closed. Residents express frustration at having multiple private contractors providing these services, which is seen as confusing and inefficient. There are also calls for more hours of access to recycling facilities. Overall, the feedback suggests that improving the reliability, accessibility and sustainability of waste and recycling systems is a high priority for the Waikanae community, in order to support the area's environmental goals and quality of life for residents.

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Climate Change Concern

The feedback indicates a significant degree of concern among Waikanae residents about the impacts of climate change and the need for Council to take proactive measures in mitigation and adaptation. Residents emphasize the importance of ensuring infrastructure like stormwater management systems, wastewater treatment, and coastal protection are designed to be resilient in the face of sea level rise, flooding, and other climate-related threats. There are calls for the council to halt development in areas vulnerable to these impacts, and to prioritise nature-based solutions like wetland restoration over hard infrastructure. Residents express a desire for the council to adopt a more holistic, community-focused approach to climate adaptation, engaging with local knowledge and expertise. Overall, the feedback reflects a strong awareness of the climate emergency and a willingness within the Waikanae community to support bold, forward-thinking actions to protect the area's environment and the wellbeing of residents.

Enjoy The Local Climate & Weather

The feedback highlights Waikanae residents' appreciation for the local climate and natural environment. Many comments praise the area's warm, sunny weather, stunning coastal scenery, and proximity to beaches, lakes, and recreational spaces. Residents describe Waikanae as having a rewarding climate for gardeners, and note the community's casual, laid-back vibe enhanced by its coastal setting. Overall, the feedback underscores how Waikanae's pleasant climate and natural surroundings are seen as core assets that contribute greatly to the community's quality of life and appeal.

Other key themes included:

- Sustainable energy initiatives

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Hauora Awa/Moana River/Ocean Health

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health related feedback highlighted concerns about local water management, emphasising the need to improve water quality in the Waikanae lagoon and address issues like incomplete stopbanks and stormwater system shortcomings. Residents also expressed worries about the accretion of the Waikanae River and called for increased consultation around the development and protection of beaches and rivers. At the same time, the feedback underscored the community's deep appreciation for their proximity to the ocean, sea, local waterways and beaches, which they viewed as valuable natural assets. Overall, the input pointed to the importance of effective, sustainable water and environmental management that preserves the local area's cherished coastal and riverine attributes.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Proximity To Rivers

Feedback highlights Waikanae residents' appreciation for their proximity to the area's rivers and waterways, particularly the Waikanae River. Residents describe the river and its associated trails, reserves, and wetlands as key assets that contribute to the community's quality of life and natural character. The ability to easily access and enjoy these riverine environments for activities like walking, cycling, bird watching, and fishing is widely valued. Concerns are raised about ensuring the long-term health and accessibility of the river system, with calls for measures to address issues like erosion, sedimentation, and ecological restoration. Residents also see the river as an important connector, linking the coastal areas to the inland hills and providing a sense of the broader natural environment that surrounds Waikanae. Overall, the feedback underscores how the proximity to the Waikanae River and associated waterways is a defining feature of the community, shaping its identity, recreational opportunities, and connection to the local landscape.

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Concern About Accretion Of Waikanae River

The feedback expresses significant concerns among Waikanae residents about the accretion, or buildup of sediment, in the lower Waikanae River. This issue is seen as posing a serious flood risk, particularly in the event of major storm events like Cyclone Gabrielle. Residents note that the accumulation of gravel in the river's lower reaches has the potential to exacerbate the impacts of flooding, threatening homes, infrastructure, and the broader coastal environment. There are calls for the regional and local councils to take urgent action to address this problem, including through regular dredging and maintenance of the river mouth. Residents feel a lack of proactive management by the authorities has allowed the accretion issue to worsen over time. Overall, the feedback underscores the community's deep worry about the flood hazards posed by the Waikanae River's changing morphology, and a desire for decisive intervention to mitigate these risks before a major disaster occurs.

Proximity To The Seaside, Beaches & Ocean

The feedback highlights Waikanae residents' deep appreciation for their proximity to the coast, beaches, and ocean. Many comments praise the area's scenic beauty, tranquil atmosphere. Residents value the ability to enjoy natural amenities like the coastal reserves. Concerns, however, are raised about protecting these environmental assets from the impacts of development and climate change. Overall, the feedback underscores how the proximity to the ocean and coastline is a core part of Waikanae's identity and appeal, contributing greatly to residents' quality of life and the distinctive character of the community.

Other key themes included:

- Concern about incomplete stop banks in Waikanae

- Improve water quality of Waikanae lagoon

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Kanorau Koiora
Biodiversity

Kanorau Koiora | Biodiversity related feedback reflected a strong environmental focus, with calls for changes to gardening practices to use more permanent plants, reductions in roadside spraying, and the reinstatement of bylaws to protect native trees. Residents also expressed a desire for increased efforts to remove non-native species and pests, protect wildlife habitats and natural spaces, and enhance tree planting and green space preservation. They valued their proximity to natural assets like Kāpiti Island, forests, wetlands, mountains, and the coast, and enjoyed visiting local parks and observing marine and freshwater birdlife. Overall, the feedback emphasised the importance of environmental conservation and the protection of beaches, waterways and Kāpiti's green spaces for the benefit of the community.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Proximity To Nature

The feedback highlights how Waikanae residents deeply value the proximity to nature and natural environments that define their community. Descriptions of the area's scenic beauty, with its beaches, rivers, hills, and abundant wildlife, underscore how these natural assets are viewed as core to Waikanae's identity and quality of life. Residents express a strong desire to preserve the semi-rural, low-density character of the region, with its walking trails, wetlands, and green spaces. There is a sense that being surrounded by nature - whether it's the Waikanae River, Kāpiti Island, or the coastal dunes - provides a sense of peace, tranquillity, and connection to the environment that is highly prized. Overall, the feedback emphasises the vital importance of maintaining and enhancing Waikanae's natural character, which is seen as essential to supporting the community's wellbeing and distinctive identity.

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Protect Beaches & Waterways & Green Kāpiti

The feedback highlights residents' deep appreciation for Waikanae's natural environment, particularly the beaches, waterways, and green spaces that define the area. Residents express a strong desire to preserve and protect these assets, with concerns raised about issues like dune erosion, river sedimentation, and the loss of wetlands, with calls for more proactive council action to address these threats. Residents want to see greater efforts to maintain the health and accessibility of Waikanae's beaches, rivers, and natural reserves, including through measures like dredging, native planting, and traffic management. Protecting the distinctive "semi-rural" character of the region, with its low-density development and abundance of green spaces, is viewed as essential. Overall, the feedback emphasises the need to prioritise environmental stewardship and sustainability to safeguard Waikanae's natural treasures for current and future generations.

Enjoy Visiting Local Parks & Reserves

The feedback indicates that Waikanae residents highly value the area's network of parks, reserves, and natural spaces, and deeply enjoy being able to access and experience these environments. Residents praise Waikanae Park and other green areas as important community assets that support recreation, wildlife, and a sense of connection to the natural world. The ability to easily walk, cycle, or explore these spaces is seen as central to the community's quality of life. Residents express a desire to see continued investment in maintaining and enhancing these natural amenities, including through measures like improved trail systems, habitat restoration, and better management of issues like dune erosion and sedimentation. Overall, the feedback underscores how Waikanae's parks, reserves, and green corridors are highly valued as both community gathering spaces and gateways to the area's natural beauty and biodiversity.

Other key themes included:

- Proximity to mountains and hills
- Enjoy marine and fresh-water bird life
- Concern about erosion of Waikanae dunes

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Wai
Water

Wai | Water related feedback highlighted the importance of improved water management and quality as a key priority. Residents expressed concerns about water-related issues, including the need to address water quality and waste. There were calls for the council to take action to enhance water services and infrastructure in order to ensure reliable, sustainable and safe water supply for the community. Addressing these water-related challenges was seen as crucial for the wellbeing and long-term resilience of the local area.

The most common theme that emerged from community feedback was:

Address Concerns Around Water Quality & Improve Water Services

The feedback indicates that Waikanae residents have significant concerns around drinking water quality and the need for infrastructure improvements to the water system. Specific issues raised include problems with water pressure, as well as the need to extend drinking water and wastewater services to areas like Peka Peka that currently lack this infrastructure. There are calls for the council to prioritise upgrading and maintaining the drinking water network to ensure a reliable, high-quality supply for the community, especially as new housing developments put added pressure on the system. Residents express worries that water-related problems could negatively impact public health and the natural environment. Overall, the feedback suggests that ensuring safe, accessible drinking water is a key priority for Waikanae residents that the council should address through strategic planning and investment in the water infrastructure.

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No damage to the environment

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Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua Land Use & Quality

Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality related feedback expressed a desire to see development in the area balanced with the preservation of local character and heritage. Residents highlighted the importance of adhering to the Waikanae Beach Futures document and addressing concerns about the negative impacts of urban development on the area's unique identity. While some supported measures to promote intensification and reduce urban sprawl, there were also calls to maintain low-rise buildings and preserve the location's natural charm, including its gardens and scenic qualities. The feedback emphasised the need to carefully manage infrastructure investments for new housing areas to ensure the community's character and identity are not compromised. Overall, the input reflected a community seeking to strike a thoughtful equilibrium between necessary development and protecting the distinctive attributes that residents cherish.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Balance Intensification With Character Preservation

The feedback reflects a strong desire among Waikanae residents to balance any future development and intensification with preserving the area's distinctive community character, particularly in the Waikanae Beach neighbourhoods. Residents emphasise the importance of maintaining the Waikanae Beach area's wide grassy berms, lack of footpaths, and protection from wind by mature trees - elements that contribute to its unique "holiday vibe." Calls are made to restrict development to low-density housing and avoid introducing elements like high-rise apartments that could compromise the area's character. Overall, the feedback highlights the community's deep commitment to retaining Waikanae's small-town, semi-rural charm, and a willingness to accommodate growth only in ways that are compatible with the area's established identity and environmental assets.

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Infrastructure Development For New Housing Areas

The feedback indicates significant concerns from Waikanae residents around the impacts of new housing development on the community's infrastructure and services. There are calls for the council to ensure that any further residential growth, including new retirement villages, is accompanied by corresponding upgrades to water, wastewater, stormwater, and transportation networks. Residents express worries that without proactive infrastructure investment, additional housing could overload systems and lead to issues like water pollution, flooding, and traffic congestion. The view is that developers should not be allowed to proceed with projects until the necessary infrastructure is in place to support them sustainably. Overall, the feedback emphasises the need for the council to take a long-term, holistic approach to managing growth in Waikanae, ensuring new development aligns with the capacity and resilience of the community's underlying systems and services.

Other key themes included:

- Reduce urban sprawl
- Enjoy and take pride in gardens

Low Rise Buildings

The feedback highlights Waikanae residents' strong preference for preserving the area's low-rise, low-density built environment, particularly around Waikanae Beach. There is widespread opposition to allowing high-density or multi-story housing, which is seen as incompatible with the community's cherished "beach village" character. Residents emphasise the importance of maintaining features like wide grassy berms, lack of footpaths, and protection from wind by mature trees - elements that contribute to the area's distinctive "relaxed holiday vibe." Calls are made to restrict development to single-level or low-rise dwellings and avoid introducing high-rise apartments or multi-unit complexes that could dramatically alter the landscape. Others would like to see more implementation of higher density housing and apartments. Overall, the feedback reflects a deep-seated desire to retain Waikanae's small-town, semi-rural charm, with only limited, compatible forms of intensification considered acceptable.

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2.2 People

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'People'.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata
Peace & Safety

The feedback related to Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety touched on issues of crime, safety and noise control within the area. While some residents expressed concerns about crime and called for enhanced safety measures and increased police presence, others highlighted the low crime rate and relaxing, peaceful atmosphere of the local environment. Addressing noise concerns, particularly related to freedom camping, was also identified as an important priority. The feedback suggested a mixed perspective, with a desire to maintain the area's generally safe and tranquil character, while also implementing measures to address any emerging crime or public nuisance issues. Overall, the input indicated that community safety and security are important considerations, though the prevailing view was one of appreciating the safe and serene nature of the local surroundings.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Enjoy The Relaxing & Peaceful Atmosphere

The feedback highlights how Waikanae residents deeply value the area's relaxing, peaceful atmosphere and small-town character. Many comments describe the community as quiet, safe, and conducive to a laidback lifestyle, with a distinct "beach village" vibe, particularly in the Waikanae Beach neighbourhoods. Residents appreciate the lack of traffic, wide grassy berms, and absence of intensive development, which contribute to a sense of tranquillity and connection to nature. The ability to easily access green spaces, the river, and coastal areas is seen as central to the community's appeal and quality of life. Overall, the feedback underscores how Waikanae's peaceful, semi-rural atmosphere and village-like character are highly prized assets that residents are keen to preserve, providing a welcome respite from the stresses of urban living.

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The Area Is Safe

The feedback highlights how Waikanae residents view their community as a safe and secure place to live. Many describe the area as having a "feeling that it is a safe place to live," with quiet streets, low traffic, and a strong sense of community that contributes to a sense of safety and security. Residents appreciate being able to walk, cycle, and enjoy the natural environment without concerns about threats to personal safety. The relaxed, small-town atmosphere is seen as fostering a level of neighbourly care and mutual lookout that adds to the area's safety. Overall, the feedback underscores how Waikanae's reputation as a safe, low-crime community is a key part of its appeal and quality of life, particularly for families and those seeking a tranquil coastal lifestyle. Maintaining this is viewed as essential to preserving Waikanae's distinctive character, and improvements to safety measures to maintain this are called for by some.

Improve Animal Safety & Control

The feedback indicates some concerns from Waikanae residents around animal-related issues and a desire for improved safety and control measures. Specific concerns include the need for better enforcement of leash laws to prevent uncontrolled dogs on beaches and in public areas, and the negative impacts of wandering cats on local wildlife. There are calls for increased signage, policing, and regulations to address these problems. Additionally, residents express a wish for the council to take more proactive steps to manage the rabbit population, which is seen as creating hazards on cycling and walking paths. Overall, the feedback suggests a recognition that the safety and well-being of both people and local animal populations needs to be better balanced through a combination of education, enforcement, and targeted management initiatives.

Other themes included:

- Increase police presence

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Te hononga ki ētahi atu
Connections with others

The feedback related to Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others highlighted a strong appreciation for the local culture, history and diversity, with a desire to preserve the town's small-scale, family-friendly character and rustic appeal. Residents valued the availability of recreational spaces, parks and green areas that cater to all ages and abilities, supporting activities like fishing, sports, and open-air events. There were calls to improve the accessibility and inclusivity of public spaces, as well as to invest in new facilities like an indoor recreation centre and an upgraded Waikanae library. The community also expressed a fondness for the slower, more relaxed lifestyle and a sense of belonging fostered by the friendly, supportive environment. Overall, the feedback emphasised the importance of maintaining and enhancing the town's cultural, recreational and community-oriented assets to sustain its distinctive village-like character.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Create & Maintain Inclusive Spaces

The feedback highlights the need to create and maintain inclusive community spaces in Waikanae, with residents calling for upgrades or replacement of facilities like the Waikanae Community Hall to better serve the diverse population. Residents express a desire for more youth-oriented activities and spaces, believing this is crucial for engaging younger generations and ensuring the community remains vibrant and welcoming. Overall, the feedback emphasises the need for Waikanae to invest in flexible, accessible community hubs that bring people together, foster social connections, and reflect the area's diverse, multigenerational character.

More activity spaces

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Upgrade Public Amenities, Such As Parks & Library

The feedback indicates Waikanae residents desire upgrades and improvements to the community's public amenities, particularly the library and parks. There is a strong sentiment that the existing library is inadequate and in need of expansion and modernisation to serve as a true community hub, providing resources, programming, and gathering spaces for all ages. Additionally, there are calls to enhance local parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas to better cater to families, youth, and those seeking outdoor activities. Improving the maintenance and accessibility of these public spaces is viewed as crucial for fostering community engagement and supporting Waikanae's distinctive character. Overall, the feedback emphasises the need for strategic investment in upgrading the community's core public facilities and amenities to meet the evolving needs of residents.

A Sense Of Belonging In The Community

The feedback highlights the strong sense of community and belonging that Waikanae residents value about their town. Many describe the area as having a close-knit, friendly, and welcoming atmosphere, where people look out for one another. The availability of community spaces like the Waikanae Community Hall, local parks and reserves, and gathering events are seen as important contributors to this sense of unity and shared identity. Residents express a desire to preserve and enhance these elements. There is a belief that nurturing a strong community spirit and ensuring Waikanae remains an inclusive place will be crucial for retaining the town's unique character and appeal, even as it grows and evolves.

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Hanga Whare Housing

The feedback related to Hanga Whare | Housing highlighted a mix of perspectives on housing in the local area. While some residents expressed concern about housing regulations, there was also support for increasing housing density and options in Waikanae, including high-density developments and building housing above shopping centres. Residents emphasised the importance of ensuring housing affordability through targeted strategies, and called for a focus on increasing the overall housing supply to address needs. There were also specific requests for more retirement homes and accessible housing to cater to the community's diverse needs. However, some voiced concerns about the potential negative impacts of high-density housing. Overall, the feedback indicated a community grappling with the balance between increasing housing availability and affordability, while preserving the local character and quality of life.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Concern Regarding High Density Housing

The feedback indicates significant concerns from Waikanae residents about the prospect of high-density housing development in the community, particularly in the Waikanae Beach and surrounding areas. There is a strong preference to maintain the existing low-density, village-like character, with calls to restrict new construction to single-level or low-rise buildings that are compatible with the established built environment. Residents fear that permitting multi-unit complexes or high-rise apartments could fundamentally alter the town's distinctive charm. Some express worries that allowing more intensive development could price out long-time residents and create an enclave of the privileged. Maintaining the community's low-density character is viewed as essential to retaining its unique appeal and prevent the kind of overdevelopment seen in neighbouring communities.

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Focus On Increasing Housing Supply

The feedback indicates a range of perspectives regarding increasing Waikanae's housing supply. Some residents express a desire for more intensive development, including higher-density options like townhouses and low-rise apartments, particularly in the town center and near the train station. They see this as a way to inject more vibrancy and affordability into the community. Suggestions are made to encourage alternative housing types, like "tiny homes" and accessible units for seniors, as a way to increase supply while maintaining the existing built environment.

Other themes included:

- Increase accessible housing
- Develop housing above shopping centre

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Hauora Health

The feedback related to Hauora | Health emphasised a strong desire for improved healthcare services and accessibility. Residents called for better access to GP services and enhanced emergency care facilities, with some advocating for a local hospital. There was a particular focus on improving care and services for the elderly and people with disabilities. The community stressed the need for improved healthcare facilities overall, with calls to establish more local healthcare centres. Access to hospital services was highlighted as a key concern. Overall, the feedback reflected a community seeking comprehensive, locally available healthcare services that cater to all residents, with a particular emphasis on emergency care and support for vulnerable populations.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Establish Local Healthcare Facilities

The community feedback highlights a critical need for expanded healthcare services in Waikanae. Residents strongly advocate for a local medical centre. There's particular emphasis on improving care for the ageing population, including dementia services. The community sees local healthcare as crucial for supporting growth and reducing reliance on distant facilities. Overall, there's a clear desire for a more self-sufficient local health system.

Improved Healthcare Facilities & Services

The community feedback strongly emphasises the urgent need for improved healthcare services in Waikanae. Residents consistently call for more GP services, with many unable to register locally due to capacity issues. There's a significant push for a hospital or at least a 24-hour emergency facility on the Kāpiti Coast. Some suggest establishing an ambulance base in Waikanae.
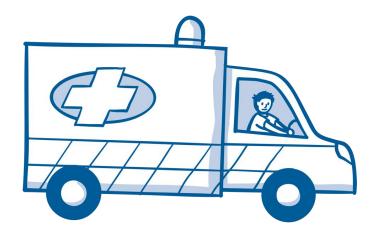
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Improve Access To Hospital Services

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for improved access to hospital services. Residents consistently call for a local hospital in the Kāpiti Coast area, citing the current hour-long drive to the nearest facility as a significant concern. There's a desire for a fully-serviced hospital capable of handling accidents, emergencies, maternity care, and specialised services for the ageing population. Many highlight the need for 24-hour emergency access. The community sees a local hospital as crucial for supporting Waikanae's growing population and ensuring timely medical care, particularly for elderly residents.

Other themes included:

- Care and services for elderly and people with disabilities

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Kai
Food
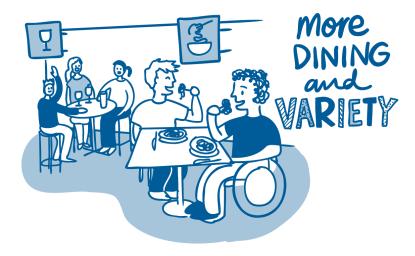
The feedback related to Kai | Food highlighted a strong interest in supporting local food production and businesses. Residents expressed concerns about development on arable land, suggesting a desire to protect local agricultural resources. There was support for local growers and marketers, with calls to simplify and reduce costs for market stall consents. The community showed enthusiasm for introducing local competition against supermarkets, potentially to promote more diverse and locally-sourced food options. Residents also expressed enjoyment of the variety of cafés and restaurants, indicating a desire to encourage investment in local dining establishments. Overall, the feedback reflected a community keen on fostering a vibrant, locally-focused food economy while preserving agricultural land.

The theme that emerged from community feedback is:

**Enjoy The Variety Of Cafés
& Restaurants**

The community feedback highlights a strong appreciation for Waikanae's café and restaurant scene. Residents value the diverse dining options, particularly in the beach area, which contribute to a vibrant local culture. Many enjoy the combination of quality eateries with the relaxed, beachside atmosphere. The cafés and restaurants are seen as important social hubs, enhancing the community feel and providing gathering spaces for both locals and visitors. Overall, the dining options are considered a key part of Waikanae's appeal, complementing its natural beauty and laid-back lifestyle.

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Encourage Investment In Local Dining

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need to revitalise Waikanae's shopping areas, particularly Mahara Place. Residents call for more diverse retail options, quality bars, and restaurants to create a vibrant town centre. There's a desire for evening dining options and wine bars to improve nightlife. Many suggest incentivising new businesses to fill empty shops and potentially developing accommodation above retail spaces. Some propose a new supermarket near the expressway off-ramp. Overall, there's a strong push to make Waikanae a dining destination with a village feel, attracting both locals and visitors.

Other themes included:

- Concern regarding development on arable land
- Simplify and make cheaper consent process for stalls
- Support local growers and marketers

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Mātauranga
Education & Training

The feedback related to Mātauranga | Education & Training centred on expanding and improving educational facilities and opportunities. Residents called for increased school capacity and the establishment of new schools, including primary schools and early childhood centres. There was support for developing more educational courses and facilities, with an emphasis on providing pathways to employment, including apprenticeship programmes. The community also highlighted the need for improved public transport options to access educational institutions. Some concerns were raised about the locations of new colleges. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for comprehensive educational infrastructure that caters to various age groups and supports career development, while ensuring accessibility for all students.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

New Schools

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for additional educational facilities to accommodate Waikanae's growth. Residents consistently call for a new primary school, particularly to serve the beach area. Many suggest a third primary school is necessary to prevent existing schools from becoming overcrowded. There's also significant support for a local secondary school or college, with some noting the current primary school population could sustain one. Some residents propose an intermediate school as well. Overall, the community sees new schools as crucial for supporting families and maintaining Waikanae's appeal to younger residents.

More Educational Courses & Facilities

The community feedback indicates a desire for expanded educational opportunities beyond traditional schooling. Residents call for more community spaces that could host various courses and activities. There's interest in developing community gardens, which could serve as educational resources. Overall, the community seems to want a broader range of learning opportunities that cater to different age groups and interests.

Other themes included:

- Improve public transport options to access education
- Provide pathways and courses to enter employment
- Concern about new college locations

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Ngā Hono
Networks & Connectivity
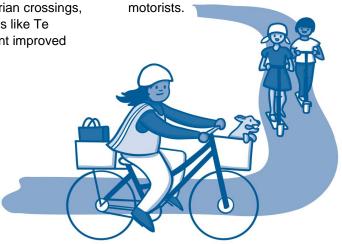
Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity feedback highlighted a strong focus on improving transportation and infrastructure. Key priorities included enhancing public transport services, extending cycling and walking networks, and addressing road safety and traffic management concerns. Residents called for better connectivity between areas, including specific infrastructure projects like bridges and extended bus routes. There was emphasis on sustainable transport options, balanced with the need to accommodate increased car usage. The community also expressed interest in developing tourist routes and improving access to commercial areas. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for a comprehensive, multi-modal transport system that improves accessibility while supporting the area's growth and tourism potential.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Improve Road Safety & Use With Increased Cars

The community feedback emphasises several key road safety concerns. Residents call for traffic calming measures, particularly in beach areas and residential streets, including speed bumps, planted roundabouts, and reduced speed limits. There's a strong desire for better pedestrian crossings, especially on busy roads like Te Moana Road. Many want improved cycle lanes and shared paths to separate cyclists from vehicles. Some suggest upgrading narrow roads like Ngarara Road to accommodate increased use. Overall, there's a focus on creating safer streets for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

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Improve Traffic Management For Increased Cars

The community feedback highlights the need for better traffic flow and infrastructure to accommodate increased vehicle numbers. Residents call for improved road layouts, particularly at key intersections like Te Moana Road and Rauparaha Street. There's support for additional access points to the expressway, including a full interchange at Peka Peka. Many suggest better public transport options to reduce car dependency, including on-demand services and improved bus routes. The community also wants better parking solutions, especially in the town centre and beach areas. Overall, there's a desire for a comprehensive traffic management plan that balances growth with maintaining Waikanae's character.
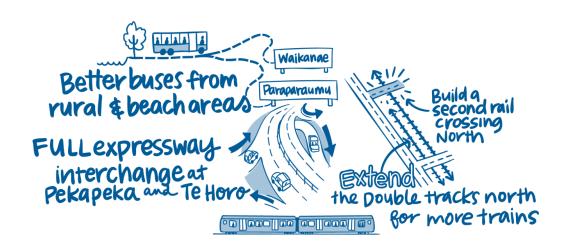
Residents Value Their Proximity To Facilities

The community feedback strongly emphasises appreciation for Waikanae's balanced lifestyle, offering both tranquillity and convenience. Residents value the easy access to natural amenities like beaches, rivers, and hills, alongside urban facilities. Many highlight the ability to walk or cycle to shops, cafés, and public transport. The proximity to Wellington for work, while maintaining a quieter lifestyle, is frequently mentioned. Local facilities like the pool, art gallery, and farmers' market are appreciated. Overall, the community cherishes Waikanae's unique blend of rural peace and urban accessibility.

Other themes included:

- Residents enjoy the walkways
- Extend public transport network
- Extend and maintain footpaths

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Ohunga
Income & Work

Ohunga | Income & Work feedback highlighted a strong desire to boost local economic vitality while maintaining the area's character. There was significant support for attracting new businesses and employers, promoting local job opportunities, and enhancing the tourism industry. Residents emphasised the importance of supporting existing local businesses and improving the visual appeal of commercial areas, including addressing vacant properties. The community showed interest in diverse shopping options and encouraged investment in local shops and dining establishments. However, some voiced concerns about over-commercialisation. There were calls for business networking opportunities and market days to promote local trade. Maintaining affordable rates was seen as crucial for supporting the local economy. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for a vibrant, diverse local economy that balances growth with preserving the area's unique appeal.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Address Vacant Properties & Improve Town Appeal

The community feedback strongly emphasises concerns about empty shops, particularly in Mahara Place and along the old SH1. Residents call for measures to fill these vacancies, including potential penalties for landlords leaving properties empty long-term. There's a desire to revitalise the town centre by attracting diverse businesses, especially cafés and evening venues. Many suggest improving the visual appeal of shop fronts and public spaces. Residents want a vibrant, attractive town centre that encourages community gatherings and supports local businesses. There's also interest in mixed-use developments and housing intensification near the town centre to increase foot traffic and support retailers.

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Support For Local Businesses & Groups

The community feedback emphasises the need for stronger support of local businesses. There's a desire for improved transport links to make local shopping more accessible. The community wants support for local markets and community-led exchanges. There's also interest in promoting Waikanae as a destination to attract visitors. Overall, residents see business growth as crucial for the town's vitality and want the council to actively encourage and support local enterprises.

Other themes included:

- Community members enjoy visiting local shops
- Stop commercialising and development
- Maintain affordable rates

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2.3 Partnership

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Partnership'.

He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka Community Partnership

The feedback related to He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership highlighted concerns about council governance, communication, and fiscal responsibility. Residents called for improved response times and better communication from the Council, including support for newsletters and local paper engagement. There was emphasis on focusing on core council functions and services, with calls to reduce expenditure and address concerns about spending, debt, and rates increases. The community stressed the importance of their involvement in decision-making processes, with criticism of current consultation methods. Specific projects, such as the Waikanae Futures Document, were mentioned for inclusion in the council's vision. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for a more responsive, fiscally responsible council that prioritises core services and meaningful community engagement in its governance approach.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Incorporate Waikanae Futures Document

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need to incorporate the existing Futures Document for Waikanae Beach, which was adopted in 2017. Residents consistently call for this document to be at the forefront of all discussions and decisions relating to the beach area. Many view it as a comprehensive vision that doesn't need reinventing. There's a desire for the council to formally adopt and integrate this document into long-term planning for Waikanae Beach. Residents see it as crucial for maintaining the area's unique character and guiding future development in line with community wishes.

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Concern About Council Spending & Rates Increases

The community feedback strongly criticises proposed rate increases, particularly a 17% hike. Residents express deep concern about the financial burden during a cost-of-living crisis. Many call for the council to focus on core services and reduce costs rather than pursue 'grandiose plans'. There's a demand for fiscal responsibility and abandonment of projects requiring significant additional funding. Some suggest the council should aim to reduce rates year-on-year. Specific criticisms include wasteful spending on temporary plantings, with suggestions for more sustainable, low-maintenance landscaping options. Overall, there's a clear call for financial prudence and prioritisation of essential services.

Strengthen Community Input & Decision Making

The community feedback emphasises a desire for more localised planning and increased engagement with the council. Residents call for greater say for full-time locals over weekend property owners. There's support for actively encouraging and supporting community groups and initiatives. The community desires more active involvement in decisions affecting their areas, including stormwater management and community facilities development.

Other themes included:

- Criticism of consultation processes
- Council to focus on core functions

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2.4 Comparison of Vision Waikanae and Vision follow up survey results

This section presents the key similarities and differences between the Vision Waikanae initial survey and the Vision follow up survey.

2.4.1 Key Similarities

Community Connections — Both surveys highlight the importance of community spaces and facilities. The initial survey emphasised creating inclusive spaces and upgrading public amenities, while the follow-up survey reiterated the need for facilities catering to different age groups.

Transportation and Infrastructure — Both surveys mention the need for improved public transport, traffic management, and road safety. The follow-up survey specifically mentions better bus connections in certain areas.

Housing Concerns — Both surveys touch on housing issues, including balancing intensification with character preservation and concerns about high-density housing.

Environmental Protection — Both surveys emphasise the importance of protecting beaches, waterways, and green spaces.

Healthcare — Both surveys mention the need for improved healthcare facilities and services, including better access to hospitals.

2.4.2 Key Differences

Economic Focus — The initial survey had a stronger emphasis on economic aspects like addressing vacant properties and supporting local businesses. This was less prominent in the follow-up survey.

Climate Change — The follow-up survey introduced new concerns about climate adaptation planning costs and climate change "fearmongering," which weren't explicitly mentioned in the initial survey.

Council Spending — The follow-up survey placed more emphasis on concerns about council spending, debt, and rates increases. This was less prominent in the initial survey.

Specific Facilities — The follow-up survey introduced new specific requests, such as a dedicated dog park for small dogs and indoor recreational facilities like trampoline parks and rock climbing walls.

Education — While both surveys mentioned education, the follow-up survey had more specific support for new primary schools.

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2.4.3 Implications for Vision Waikanae Refinement

Maintain Core Themes — Retain and potentially strengthen language around community connection, environmental stewardship, housing diversity and affordability, and infrastructure improvements.

Incorporate Emerging Concerns — Update the Vision to reflect new community priorities around specific amenities, safety measures, and quality of life issues.

Address Fiscal Responsibility — Include language that acknowledges the importance of responsible financial management and prioritisation of core services.

Reference Community Initiatives — Consider mentioning key community-driven projects to demonstrate responsiveness to evolving local priorities.

Increase Specificity — Where appropriate, refine broader vision statements to reflect more specific community needs and desires identified in the follow-up survey.

Balance Continuity & Evolution — Craft a vision that honours longstanding community values whilst also demonstrating adaptability to changing needs and priorities.

Emphasise Ongoing Engagement — Given the refinement of ideas between surveys, the vision could highlight a commitment to continued community dialogue and responsiveness to evolving needs.

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3 Data analysis methodology

3.1 Survey data analysis

PublicVoice used a step-by-step method called thematic analysis to review the open-ended responses from the Vision Waikanae community engagement survey. This method follows five main steps:

1. Understanding the Data: Analysts read the survey data multiple times to grasp its content.
2. Initial Coding: The survey data was sorted into labelled segments highlighting key points.
3. Identifying Themes: These segments were then grouped into broader themes specific to the survey questions.
4. Refining Themes: Themes were checked for relevance and clarity within the survey context.
5. Finalising Themes: Each theme was carefully defined, possibly with sub-themes, to represent the survey responses accurately.

3.2 Key findings analysis

To generate the key findings, PublicVoice combined the survey data with additional feedback points received from the Waikanae Engagement Hub as part of Vision Kāpiti engagement. The analysis of the combined data was structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model, which provides a holistic view of the community's well-being by considering social, environmental, and economic factors.

The key findings were organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model. This approach allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the community's values, priorities, and concerns, extending beyond the specific questions asked in the survey.

3.3 Reporting

For the survey data, tables illustrating the frequency of the key themes have been included to demonstrate the significance of each theme. Only descriptions of the most frequent themes have been included in Section 4, "Key Findings from the Vision Waikanae survey," to highlight the main points expressed by respondents.

In contrast, Section 3 reports the essential findings and presents the most common topics from the combined data, organised according to the doughnut model. This section provides a more detailed analysis, offering valuable insights and guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's (KCDC) decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

By differentiating between the analysis and reporting approaches for the survey data and the key findings, the methodology section clarifies the distinct methods used to examine and present the community's feedback.

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Phase One: Gathering initial views

4 Vision Waikanae survey

This section presents the key findings from the Vision Waikanae community engagement survey which received 179 responses.

The survey asked three questions:

- What part of the wider Waikanae area do you live in or associate with?
- What are the features of Waikanae you like, that make it unique?
- What could be improved to help support the community now and into the future?

The analysis of survey data has been structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model.

The most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme. These insights shed light on the Waikanae community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the KCDC's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

4.1 What part of the wider Waikanae area do you live in or associate with?

Respondents of the local survey were asked what part of the wider Waikanae area they lived in or associated with.

Localities identified by respondents included:

- Reikorangi
- Hemi Matenga, the Hill and Waikanae East
- Central Waikanae, Western Waikanae and Waikanae North,
- Waikanae River, Waikanae Garden Precinct and Waikanae Park
- Waikanae Beach and Old Beach
- Peka Peka
- Te Horo and Te Horo Beach

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4.2 What are the features of Waikanae you like, that make it unique?

Respondents were asked what they liked most about Waikanae, including what made it unique. Table 1 details the various aspects identified by respondents.

Overview of responses

River/Ocean Quality - Respondents express positive sentiments about river/ocean quality in Waikanae. They highlight features such as the beaches and the river. There is an appreciation for the natural beauty, proximity to waterways and parks, and the relaxed beach lifestyle.

Biodiversity - Respondents are positive about the biodiversity in Waikanae and value the beautiful natural environment, including the beaches, rivers, and hills. The proximity to green spaces, parks, and recreational activities such as walking and cycling also contribute to their positive sentiments.

Peace & Safety - Respondents highlighted the importance of peace and safety, emphasising the lack of crime and the feeling of being in a safe place. Overall, the respondents appreciate the area's safe and peaceful environment, amenities, and community atmosphere.

Networks & Connectivity - Respondents expressed positive sentiments about the network and connectivity in the area. Proximity to facilities such as the beach, river, and shops were highlighted, along with easy access to transportation links.

Lifestyle - Respondents appreciate the countryside and rural areas, as well as the sense of community and connection that comes with it. The village atmosphere, friendly people, and natural environment are important aspects of Waikanae's lifestyle.

Connections With Others - Respondents express positive sentiments about their connections with others in the community. They highlight the friendliness of the people, the sense of belonging, and the close-knit community.

Recreation & Leisure - Respondents express positive sentiments about recreation and leisure in Waikanae. They appreciate the new playground, access to community spaces, sports facilities, and the ability to walk and play in various areas. The natural environment, including the beach, river, hills, and bird life, is highly valued.

Land Use & Quality - Respondents appreciate the wide-open spaces, lovely gardens, and low-rise buildings contributing to a relaxed holiday vibe. The absence of high-rise buildings and high-density housing is crucial in maintaining the unique beach community and preserving the area's natural beauty.

Food - Respondents express positive sentiments about food in the Waikanae area, highlighting aspects such as the presence of cafés and restaurants.

Income & Work - Respondents mention that they enjoy the area's small businesses and amenities like shops and cafés that are easily accessible.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RIVER/OCEAN QUALITY		167
	Proximity to seaside and beaches	97
	Proximity to local rivers	52
	Proximity to the ocean/sea	18
BIODIVERSITY		117
	Proximity to nature	51
	Enjoy visiting local parks/reserves	25
	Enjoy marine, fresh-water and bird life	15
	Proximity to mountains/hills	15
	Proximity to wetlands	7
	Proximity to forests	4
PEACE & SAFETY		67
	Enjoy the relaxing/peaceful atmosphere	53
	The area is safe	14
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		65
	Proximity to facilities	24
	Enjoy the walkways	23
	Enjoy the cycleways	11
	Accessible and reliable public transport	7
LIFESTYLE		55
	Rustic/rural appeal of the town	17
	Fond of small-town character	15
	Appreciate the village feel	14
	Appreciate the slower lifestyle	9
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		54

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	A sense of belonging in the community	25
	Friendly community	22
	Family-oriented Environment	4
	Community spaces	3
RECREATION & LEISURE		31
	Walking	19
	Outdoor activities	5
	Activities catering to all people	4
	Dog-friendly community	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		27
	Low rise buildings	17
	Enjoy and take pride in gardens	7
	The location	3
FOOD		14
	Enjoy the variety of cafés/restaurants	14
INCOME & WORK		12
	Enjoy visiting local shops	12
CLIMATE & CHANGE		7
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	7
CULTURE		5
	Appreciate the diversity in local arts and culture	2
	Support for the arts and culture	2
	Appreciate the local/iwi history	1

Table 1: What are the features of Waikanae you like, that make it unique?

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Selected quotes

> "The beach, the river and trails, the village feel at the beach, the bird life and marine life, being able to walk my dog in so many areas. The peace."
>
> **What are the features of Waikanae you like, that make it unique?**

> "Slow beachside pace with incredible cafes. The wide Waikanae area has a strong creative focus. You never know who you're speaking to."
>
> **What are the features of Waikanae you like, that make it unique?**

> "Its quiet, safe but handy to most amenities. The beach and lagoons are very good places to enjoy with kids or just places to be. Its a lovely area to ride bikes."
>
> **What are the features of Waikanae you like, that make it unique?**

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4.3 What could be improved to help support the community now and into the future?

Respondents were asked what they wanted to see in Kāpiti in the next generation. Table 2 details what respondents wish to see.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others - The respondents express various concerns and desires regarding the topic of connections with others. Some key aspects mentioned include more community spaces and facilities, such as a new community hall and a state-of-the-art library. Respondents also expressed the need for more playgrounds and public spaces that cater to the diverse population.

Networks & Connectivity - Respondents emphasise the need for improved public transportation, including on-demand services, and better connectivity to other areas. There are calls for infrastructure upgrades, such as roads, footpaths, and a new community hall, and the preservation of the beachy character of the area.

Income & Work - Respondents mentioned several aspects regarding income and work in Waikanae. They highlighted the need for more shops and businesses in Mahara Place to attract customers and fill the empty buildings. There were also calls for better commercial opportunities and support for local businesses. Additionally, respondents mentioned the importance of job opportunities in the area to maintain a vibrant and unique community.

Housing - Respondents mention the importance of better housing and lower rates. They also emphasise the need for housing for all generations, including small-scale retirement villages, intergenerational living, and homes for the homeless.

Land Use & Quality - Respondents emphasise the importance of building infrastructure to cope with increased housing development and ensure proper waste management systems. Many respondents also stress restricting high-density housing and maintaining green spaces. The limiting of large-scale developments is mentioned as well. Additionally, maintaining the special beachside character of the area through planning regulations is highlighted as an important aspect of planning.

Biodiversity - Respondents emphasise the need for enhanced environmental protection, including preserving native trees and maintaining water quality. Many respondents also stress the importance of preserving the beach's natural beauty and avoiding overdevelopment. Respondents also desire to enhance, protect, and connect with the environment, including native flora and fauna.

Climate & Change – Respondents have expressed concerns about the impact of development on infrastructure, particularly regarding water and waste systems. Several respondents emphasise the importance of managing sea level rise and adapting to forecasts, while others mention the need for better stormwater management and maintenance. Additionally, there are calls for improved recycling facilities in Waikanae.

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Water – Respondents emphasise the need for infrastructure development to handle increased housing and avoid waste and sewerage issues. Additionally, there are calls for better stormwater management, addressing rising sea levels, and improving communication and consultation on infrastructure spending priorities.

Partnership - Respondents express the need for a positive narrative about the district and emphasise the importance of renewing and supporting core services, such as infrastructure and stormwater management. They also highlight the desire for a welcoming atmosphere, improved signage, an upgrade to the vegetation at the Park N Ride car park, and speedier responses from the council. Additionally, there is a strong call for a new community hall at Waikanae Beach and the incorporation of the existing Futures Document for Waikanae Beach, which was adopted in 2017.

Health - Respondents express the need for better health services, including hospitals and medical centres, closer to their community. They also highlight the need for more doctors. The community also emphasises the importance of improving access to healthcare and ambulances.

Education & Training - Respondents advocate for various improvements and additions to education and training in Waikanae, including establishing a new high school, primary school, and intermediate.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		152
	Create and maintain inclusive spaces	83
	New/improve Waikanae library	16
	Develop spaces for gatherings/events	15
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	9
	More recreational areas for various age groups	8
	Thriving connected community/supportive of others	6
	Improve accessibility/usage of public spaces	5
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	5
	More cultural events/activities/promotion	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		115

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Improve traffic management for increased cars	30
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	28
	Extend public transport network	18
	Extend and maintain footpaths	16
	Extend and maintain cycleways	9
	Restrict and monitor vehicles on beaches	8
	Infrastructure investment	6
INCOME & WORK		54
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	18
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	12
	Support for local businesses/groups	11
	Stop commercialising/development	7
	Strengthen community input/decision making	6
HOUSING		47
	Balance intensification with character preservation	13
	Infrastructure development for new housing areas	9
	Reduce urban sprawl	8
	Concern regarding high-density housing	6
	Focus on increasing housing supply	5
	Implement high-density housing/apartments	3
	Increase accessibility to/accessible housing	3
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
LAND USE & QUALITY		39
	Balance intensification with character preservation	13
	Infrastructure development for new housing areas	9
	Reduce urban sprawl	8
	Concern regarding high-density housing	6
	Implement high-density housing/apartments	3
BIODIVERSITY		33
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	33
CLIMATE & CHANGE		26
	Efficient waste management/recycling systems	21
	Climate change mitigation	5
WATER		25
	Address concerns around water quality/waste	20
	Improve water services	5
PARTNERSHIP		25
	Incorporate Waikanae Futures Document	22
	Focus on core Council functions	3
HEALTH		17
	Establishment of local healthcare facilities	13
	Improve access to hospital services	4
EDUCATION & TRAINING		15
	New school/s	12
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	More educational courses/facilities	3
PEACE & SAFETY		7
	Improve animal safety/control	7

Table 2: What could be improved to help support the community now and into the future?

Selected quotes

"Easier transport link to the town? A shopping - pickup van within the Waikanae district Also update in local papers re what the Waikanae Community Board actually do & what goals they are achieving."

What could be improved to help support the community now and into the future?

"Controlling building of new ugly homes in the old beach area. Slow down traffic on Rauparaha Street with speed bumps, planting areas in middle of road, new community hall."

What could be improved to help support the community now and into the future?

"Better healthcare - a hospital for Kapiti. Better children's play facilities and things for teenagers to do rather than tagging."

What could be improved to help support the community now and into the future?

"A more direct bus service to the beach. A new community hall near the beach. The incorporation of the Futures document for Waikanae beach."

What could be improved to help support the community now and into the future?

"Mahara Place is dying. Waikanae desperately needs a quality bar and food outlet."

What could be improved to help support the community now and into the future?

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Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

5 Vision follow up survey

This section of the report summarises community feedback received as part of KCDC's Vision follow up survey. The community was provided with a summary of the feedback received from the initial engagement for reflection and refining.

5.1 Does this reflect what's important to you?

Respondents were asked whether the feedback received reflected what was important to them. Table 3 is a summary of the feedback received.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express the need for support for all age groups, not just the elderly, emphasising the importance of age-appropriate facilities for families with children and teens. They also mention a lack of activities for teenagers, and the importance of preserving the town's unique character and community feel. Additionally, respondents express the need for accessible options and support services for vulnerable or isolated individuals of all ages.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents expressed a need for better bus connections in Peka Peka and Te Horo, specifically mentioning the inconvenience of the last bus stop in Waikanae Beach being too far away. Additionally, there were suggestions to extend the Waikanae River walkway and improve public transport options.

Community Partnership — Respondents express concern about the proposed 17% rate increase and the financial hardship it will cause. They want the council to focus on delivering current core services at a reasonable cost and reduce current expenses. Some respondents question the effectiveness of council hearings and meetings in encouraging community participation and suggest the need for more open briefings and workshops. There is also a desire for the council to be more aspirational and consider the views of different age groups in their plans.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		14
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	4
	Facilities for different age groups	4
	Preserving village/community atmosphere	3
	Rejuvenation/development of existing areas	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		13
	Improved public transport	5
	Traffic management and road safety	5
	Improve/expand cycling and walking paths	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		8
	Concern about council spending and debt	4
	Criticism of consultation process	4
HEALTH		5
	Desire for local hospital/emergency services	2
	Improved access to healthcare facilities	2
	Improve support for disabled	1
BIODIVERSITY		4
	Tree planting and green space preservation	4
INCOME & WORK		4
	Desire for more diverse shopping options	4
OTHER		4
	Concern about rates increases	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Concern about climate adaptation planning costs	1
	Concern about climate change fearmongering	1
	Focus on climate change mitigation	1
HOUSING		3
	Concern about housing regulations	1
	Support for affordable/more housing	1
	Support for high-density housing	1
EDUCATION & TRAINING		3
	Support for new primary schools	3
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		2
	Improvements to stormwater systems	2
LAND USE & QUALITY		1

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Balancing development with character preservation	1

Table 3: Does this reflect what's important to you?

Selected quotes

> "Somewhat, the public transport links between Waikanae and Paraparaumu are woeful. It takes a crazy amount of time to get from in Waikanae to anywhere in Paraparaumu."
>
> **Does this reflect what's important to you?**

> " We do need the 'on demand' bus particularly if elderly need to stay in their own homes. Transport and accessible options are important when we grow and develop. We need other support services for all ages particularly for vulnerable or isolated"
>
> **Does this reflect what's important to you?**

> "Yes, however we'd like to see some substantial environmental protection and rehabilitation at the river mouth of the Mangaone Stream at the Beach: non-native beachside plants etc removed/replaced. Also, the banning of vehicles at the Mangaone Stream lagoon and beachside mouth area (from corner of Te Horo Beach Road & Rodney Ave)."
>
> **Does this reflect what's important to you?**

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5.2 Is there anything missing?

Respondents were asked whether there is anything missing. Table 4 provides an overview of what respondents feel is missing.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express a desire for a dedicated dog park for small dogs, as there are safety concerns with large dogs at current parks. There is a need for more recreational facilities such as trampoline parks, rock climbing walls, mini golf, and bowling in Waikanae. Additionally, there is a call for a community centre that supports volunteer groups, a small performance space for cultural activities, and a purpose-built music venue to celebrate the town's talent.

Biodiversity — Respondents are concerned about the abuse of the Waikanae River and its surrounding environment, with issues such as littering, vandalism, and overcrowding at popular swimming holes. They highlight the need for signs, more rubbish bins, and strategies to reduce these impacts. There is also a call for a commitment to protecting the environment, increasing biodiversity, and addressing climate change by planting indigenous species and reducing emissions and plastic waste. However, some respondents feel that there is a lack of focus on these issues in the current plan*.*

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents express the need for better infrastructure for cyclists, including a new bridge and separate cycle paths to ensure safety. There is also a desire for improved signage, with English names prioritised, and the need for footpaths on both sides of certain roads for the safety of pedestrians, especially the elderly and young families

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		25
	Fenced in dog parks needed	6
	A community owned hall	5
	Cultural and arts facilities and events	5
	Indoor sports and recreational facilities	5
	Increased regulation and monitoring of dogs	4
BIODIVERSITY		10
	Focus on environmental conservation	7
	Pest control and management	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		8
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	8
HOUSING		8
	Build more retirement homes	4
	Maintain affordable rates	4
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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Improved healthcare facilities and services	7
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		5
	Concern about council spending and rates increases	5
INCOME & WORK		4
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		4
	Focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation	4
PEACE & SAFETY		3
	Enhanced community safety measures	2
	Address crime in the community	1
LAND USE & QUALITY		3
	Concern regarding high density housing	1
	Concerns about urban development impacts	1
	Preservation of local character and heritage	1
FOOD		3
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	3
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		2
	Improve water quality of Waikanae lagoon	1
	Increased consultation around beach and river	1
WATER		1
	Improved water management and quality	1
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	New kindergarten/childhood centre	1

Table 4: Is there anything missing?

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Broader community engagement

In addition to the targeted Vision Waikanae surveys and workshops, several other community engagement initiatives have provided valuable insights into the priorities, concerns, and aspirations of Waikanae residents. These broader engagement efforts have captured a wide range of perspectives on various aspects of community life, from long-term planning to specific local projects.

The following sections summarize key findings from:

- The Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 consultation process
- Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity
- The Waikanae Library consultation process

These additional sources of community feedback complement and enrich the Vision

Selected quotes

> "Great ideas have been put forward. A gravel (rural) cycling track along Te Horo Beach Road would add to the amazing cycle track network we already have. Te Horo Beach Road is quite narrow and this would make cycling a lot safer."
>
> **Is there anything missing?**

> "YES!! Where is the commitment to dealing with the effects of climate change, and reducing our climate-related impacts - reducing emissions and plastic waste, and increasing biodiversity. For example let's replace our exotic grasses and trees with indigenous species. What about a real commitment to "Protect our environment - Te Ao". Our dunes and reserves are our special places."
>
> **Is there anything missing?**

Waikanae engagement, offering a more comprehensive understanding of the community's vision for its future. By considering these diverse inputs, we can ensure that the Vision Waikanae reflects a broad spectrum of community voices and addresses both immediate concerns and long-term aspirations.

The insights gathered from these broader engagement initiatives align with and expand upon many of the themes identified in the Vision Waikanae process, providing a robust foundation for future planning and decision-making in the area.

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6 Relevant Insights from the Long-Term Plan Process

The Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation process gathered valuable community feedback on Waikanae's future development. This engagement captured a wide range of perspectives on issues affecting the area's growth, infrastructure needs, and community well-being.

Feedback covered topics such as rates affordability, stormwater management, housing development, transportation improvements, and community facilities. These insights highlight the community's priorities and concerns, providing important guidance for shaping Waikanae's future.

The following subsections summarize the key themes that emerged from the LTP consultation, offering an overview of residents' views on Waikanae's development over the next decade. These findings complement and reinforce the insights gathered through the Vision Waikanae engagement, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of the community's vision for Waikanae's future.

6.1 Rates and Affordability

Affordability concerns — Significant concern about the affordability of proposed rate increases, particularly given current economic challenges.

Cost Efficiency—Calls for the council to identify savings opportunities and justify its capital works programme.

6.2 Infrastructure & Flood Management

Stormwater Prioritisation—Prioritising stormwater and flooding issues in Waikanae.

Flood Prevention—Calls for improved stormwater management and regular maintenance of river control structures to prevent flooding.

Erosion Management—Addressing erosion concerns at the south side of the Waikanae River mouth.

6.3 Community Facilities

Community Hall Replacement—Advocacy for a $2 million council contribution towards replacing the Waikanae Beach Community Hall.

6.4 Housing

Older Persons' Housing—Strong support for transferring older persons' housing assets to a new Community Housing Provider.

Housing Services Improvement—Expectation that this approach will improve services for tenants and enable portfolio growth without burdening ratepayers.

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6.5 Urban Development & Growth

Rezoning Advocacy—Strong advocacy for rezoning land in Waikanae East and Waikanae North from rural to urban to enable residential development.

Infrastructure Studies—Requests for council support in infrastructure feasibility studies and collaborative plan change processes with landowners.

6.6 Transportation

Speed Concerns—Concerns about excessive vehicle speeds on Te Moana Road.

Traffic Calming Measures—Requests for traffic calming measures such as road markings, raised pedestrian crossings, and signage.

6.7 Environmental Concerns

Climate Action Rate—High opposition to introducing a new targeted climate action rate, reflecting scepticism about climate change initiatives.

Climate Action Funding—Preference for integrating climate action costs into regular budgetary processes.

6.8 Community Engagement

Improved Communication—Requests for improved engagement with the Waikanae community on council decisions.

Strategic Asset Consideration—Calls for the council to consider the potential of Kāpiti Airport as a strategic asset for future development.

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7 Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity

The goal of the Friends of Te Horo Beach: Participatory Mapping Activity was to identify and share the significant aspects of the local community and environment.

- Data was collected through a mapping activity:
- Participants: Friends of Te Horo Beach, approximately 18 members
- Facilitator: Liz Gibson from Mountains to Sea Wellington
- Method: Group mapping exercise

The activity was structured into four main tasks:

- Drawing boundaries: Defining the focus area for Friends of Te Horo Beach
- Adding key features: Marking roads, landmarks, property boundaries, and housing areas
- Identifying significance: Marking positive and negative aspects of the area
- Cataloguing elements: Noting activities, natural features, resources, community assets, and wish list items

The participants were divided into three groups to complete these tasks.

Key findings from the activity included:

Identifying Focus Area Boundaries:

- Consensus on the Ōtaki River as the northern boundary and the ocean as the western boundary
- Minor differences in the southern and eastern boundaries

Key Themes - Natural Environment:

- The beach is a focal point with recreational, cultural, and ecological importance
- Concerns about dog control, removal of stones and woody debris, and vehicle access on the beach
- Desire for better pest plant management (boxthorn, gorse, pampas grass)
- The Mangaone stream is important but has water quality and human health issues due to farm contamination
- Positive views on the predator-free network and the need for a strategic approach to rabbit control

Key Themes - Community and Services:

- Minimal built environment and self-reliance are valued

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- Desire for no further building but improvements in community amenities
- Importance of parks and reserves, with a preference for native vegetation
- Lack of public transport and the need for a bus service to the beach community
- Concerns about low-lying roads and flood risks
- Appreciation for community security measures, public toilets, murals, and bench seats
- Importance of quietness and concerns about noise pollution from the flight path over the beach

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8 Waikanae Library

The Waikanae Library consultation process was a comprehensive six-week engagement initiative that ran from June 12 to July 22, 2023.

Data was collected through multiple methods:

- Community engagement hub: Open six days a week.
- Online engagement platforms: Facilitated digital participation.
- Local market stands: Provided in-person interaction.
- Targeted outreach: Focused on schools and community groups.
- Surveys and voting activities: Gathered structured feedback.
- Written feedback collection: Allowed for open-ended responses.

Promotion efforts included:

- Local media coverage
- Social media campaigns
- Posters and bookmarks distribution

The combined efforts yielded:

- Over 437 completed feedback forms and surveys
- More than 3,000 individual comments

This section of the report will present a summary of the key findings from the consultation.

8.1 Current Use

Community members were asked how they currently use the library. The top three main uses for the library were:

- Borrowing books
- Accessing Council services and information
- Reading and leisure

> "To see if anyone I know is there. To check on magazines & publications - mainly non-fiction. To check notice boards & other sources of information. I go to Te Takere in Levin to perform music, to eat, to socialise, to see friends & musicians, to see art works of Art & Culture, to read.
>
> **How do you currently use the library?**

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8.2 What is your preferred option for location of the new library?

Respondents were presented with three options for the location of the new library.

These were:

- **Option 1**: Refurbish and extend the former library
- **Option 2**: Refurbish both former and pop-up library buildings
- **Option 3**: Refurbish both buildings and extend former library

Most respondents **(50% support)** chose **Option 1** as their preferred option. Feedback on Option 1 included:
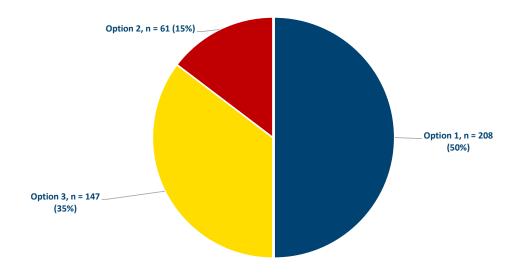
Figure 2: What is your option for location of the new library?

Reasons for choosing Option 1:

- Cost-effectiveness and affordability
- Minimal disruption to the community and Mahara Place
- No anticipated rate increases

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Additional concerns

- Long-term adequacy: Worries about the library's ability to meet future community needs

- Space constraints: Concerns about limited size and potential for future expansion

- Building quality: Some perceive it as a cold space with limited natural light

Alternative options

- Utilising the existing Paraparaumu Library instead of expanding Waikanae's

- Creating a smaller library with mobile services

- Focusing on digital resources to reduce physical space needs

> "Waikanae needs a space that can grow with the community, while allowing the businesses in Mahara place to recover from the current construction project. Option one minimises disruption, allows for later expansion as needed, and minimises the need for earthquake strengthening."
>
> **What is your preferred option for location of the new library?**

> "Project objectives can be achieved in a smaller space. Lowest cost and most sustainable option. Reusing the old library will revitalise Mahara Place while keeping the library in scale without dominating the area."
>
> **What is your preferred option for location of the new library?**

> "We need to keep costs down for ratepayers. We have a main library in Paraparaumu, this should just be a small facility."
>
> **What is your preferred option for location of the new library?**

> " We need to consider the long term. No point cheaping out and then immediately having to plan an upgrade! Option 1 will already be at capacity!"
>
> **What is your preferred option for location of the new library?**

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8.3 Most important aspects for Council to consider

In the feedback form, community members were prompted to highlight what they believe to be the most crucial factors for the Council to consider when making the final decision. The analysis of responses to this query is detailed below.

- Creating a warm, welcoming, and inclusive space that serves as a multi-purpose community hub.
- Managing costs and evaluating financial impact to ensure fiscal responsibility and minimise rate increases.
- Future-proofing the facility to accommodate Waikanae's growing population and evolving needs.
- Balancing traditional library services with new amenities, including spaces for learning, working, and community activities.
- Ensuring the library is accessible and caters to all age groups, from children to seniors, reflecting the community's diverse needs.

8.4 Project Objectives

The Waikanae Library project objectives describe what the new facility aims to deliver for the community. These are:

- Support community connections
- Build healthy, resilient individuals and community
- Create a sense of place and belonging
- Provide opportunities for learning, working, and creating
- Support cultural identity and understanding
- Champion inclusivity
- Serve as an example of sustainable practices

The community was given the opportunity to vote for their preferred objectives and give feedback regarding each objective. The most popular objectives were:

- Providing opportunities to learn, work, and create
- Supporting communities to connect
- Creating a sense of place and belonging

The main themes mentioned by respondents relating to the objective of **Providing opportunities to learn, work and create** were:

- The library should have spaces for talks, classes, and the creative arts.
- The library should provide flexible spaces for studying, working, and meeting.
- The library should give access to books, magazines, newspapers, and online resources.

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"Would love language classes, painting classes - available afternoons, evenings dependent on who in community is ready to run them. Became hard when these stopped getting any funding years ago."

Feedback on "Providing opportunities to learn, work and create"
What is your preferred option for location of the new library?

" Workspaces for students to study. Meeting room(s) for WEA and other community. Learning - ancestry, computer access to Web etc."

Feedback on "Providing opportunities to learn, work and create"

The main themes mentioned by respondents relating to the objective of **Supporting communities to connect** were:

- The library should provide multi-purpose gathering and meeting spaces with technology. These spaces should be soundproof and private.
- The library should have book clubs and events for adults and children.
- The library should have children's spaces for playing and reading.

The main themes mentioned by respondents relating to the objective of **Creating a sense of place and belonging** were:

- The library should provide a warm and welcoming space.
- The library should have gathering or social places for various different groups and activities
- The library should be a space for diverse cultural and entertainment events

"Space for a range of activities including social, educational, entertainment for all people in the community."

Feedback on "Supporting communities to connect"

"Welcoming, warm, aesthetically pleasing environment. Community noticeboards etc. Destination for attending things you can connect to."

Feedback on "Creating a sense of place and belonging"

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> " Having 'spaces' that people can connect in, in a relaxed way e.g. in a 'coffee club'. Holding events /celebrations of different cultural Description: e.g., Matariki, Diwali "
>
> **Feedback on "Supporting communities to connect"**

8.5 Other Comments

Additional comments were provided by respondents, which fall outside of the Council options and objectives provided. These are outlined as:

- Keeping it small due to Paraparaumu Library's proximity
- Various expansion ideas (additional floors, new facility, mobile services)
- Focusing on books and research rather than entertainment
- Collaborating with Mahara Gallery
- Centralising services in Paraparaumu
- Cost-effective alternatives like pop-up libraries or expanding Paraparaumu Library
- Refurbishing Mahara Gallery or expanding the existing library

> "It's disappointing that demolishing the old building isn't an option. It's pretty gross. I know that the new library will be refurbished, but it would be great to have something completely new in that space. Also, make sure you engage with your current librarians too, as librarians, not just members of the community. Most of them are pretty great and will have insights that library managers and the community won't have."
>
> **Additional comments**

> "All of this is very positive, thank you."
>
> **Additional comments**

> "What is it designed to do? How will it work? Too little information on what it is for in the brochure. Useful for elderly unable or unwilling to use technology."
>
> **Additional comments**

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1.1 Why Vision Kāpiti 2060?

A clear district-wide vision will help guide planning, decision making, programmes, services, and advocacy, for decades to come.

Elected members want to hear from their communities, about what matters most, what change people want to see and their aspirations for the future of our district.

The first stage is to develop a Vision for the district and its underlying communities.

This will be followed by two further stages:

- Identifying and testing pathways and priorities for achieving our Vision; and finally

- Developing a blueprint for action, mapping out our key steps and moves to realise our Vision.

Once complete, the Vision and blueprint will outline what things will be prioritised over the next 30 years (to 2060), and how Council will work with its iwi partners, central and local government, and key stakeholders to achieve our collective Vision.

This process replaces the Local Outcomes Statements developed across the district from 2007 - 2017.

1.2 Overview of Vision Paraparaumu engagement and feedback

The Community Board has worked to capture feedback from the Paraparaumu community to help shape and refine Vision Paraparaumu. This has occurred across two phases of engagement.

Phase One: Gathering initial views

From August 2023 to January 2024 feedback was captured from local Paraparaumu residents through:

• An online survey identifying the local areas people associate with, what makes Paraparaumu unique, and current and future improvements needed.	70 responses with 213 feedback points
• Feedback at the Paraparaumu Engagement Hub as part of Vision Kāpiti.	246 feedback points
• Submission from the Paraparaumu Beach Business Association identifying opportunities and improvements that could generate more visitors to the area and benefit the whole community.	1 response with a range of feedback points

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This feedback was summarised and presented to local communities for further testing as part of Phase Two. This included a detailed report which summarised feedback from all sources, and feedback received on local survey questions.

Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

From April to July 2024 the summary of feedback from Phase One was shared to test whether what had been captured so far reflected what was important and if there was anything missing.

Further feedback was captured from engagement during this period including:

• An online survey asking if what is captured so far reflects what's important and if there is anything missing.	27 contributors' responses with 84 feedback points
• Feedback from the Engagement Hub at Paraparaumu library and Coastlands	54 contributors' responses with 194 feedback points

Broader community engagement

In addition to the above engagements, the Community Board has sought to engage and seek feedback with local residents through a number of other ways including:

- Train station flyer drop and discussion with commuters
- Discussion with business owners
- Discussion with special interest groups such as Kāpiti WEA (education group), Kāpiti horticultural society, Kāpiti Rotary, retirement village groups
- Facebook messaging

Other community feedback included

In addition to feedback on Vision process, a number of recent community engagements have provided feedback on what's missing or important for the Paraparaumu area. By incorporating these supplementary sources, we gain a more comprehensive understanding of community priorities and concerns. This multi-faceted approach allows us to identify recurring themes across different engagement processes, providing a robust foundation for Paraparaumu's future vision. This includes:

1. Long - Term Plan 2024-2034 feedback	Key insights identified from the full set of feedback (371 responses with 1,598 feedback points)
2. A youth needs survey received from Zeal	Key insights from 94 responses

The inclusion of Long-Term Plan insights offers valuable context on infrastructure priorities, financial considerations, and community initiatives. Meanwhile, the youth

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needs assessment provides crucial perspectives on the experiences and aspirations of young people in Paraparaumu. Together, these additional sources enrich and validate the themes identified in the primary Vision Paraparaumu engagement, ensuring a holistic view of community aspirations.

This report

This report provides an overview of all feedback shaping Vision Paraparaumu.

- This includes:Consolidated findings from all feedback relevant to Paraparaumu.

- A summary of the 'Phase One' local survey results.

- A summary of 'Phase Two' feedback on what's important and gaps.

- A summary of what we heard from additional information sources, including:

    o Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation, which covered topics such as infrastructure priorities, financial management, housing, and community initiatives.

    o A needs assessment focused on young people in Kāpiti, conducted through Zeal Paraparaumu, which provided crucial insights into the experiences, challenges and aspirations of local youth.

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The analysis of the combined data has been structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model. This model provides a holistic view of the community's well-being, considering social, environmental, and economic factors. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model.
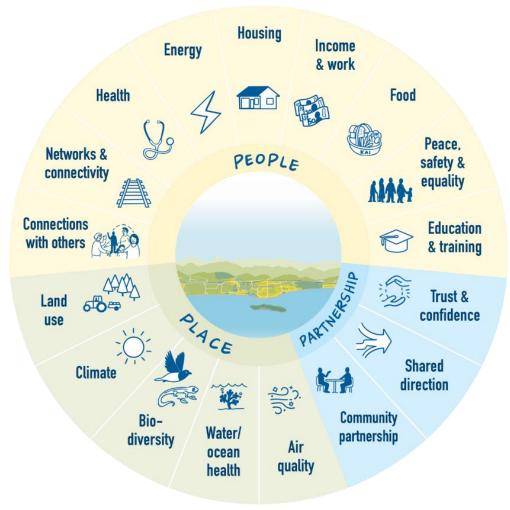

Figure 1: The Doughnut Economics Model

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1.3 Central Themes

This section summarises the key findings that emerged from the community engagement process. It highlights the dominant priorities and aspirations expressed by the residents of Paraparaumu across various domains of the economic doughnut model.

Āhurangi | Climate: The community prioritises environmental sustainability and climate resilience, focusing on adapting to climate change impacts, efficient waste management and recycling, and preserving the enjoyment of the local climate. There are also calls for sustainable energy initiatives.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety: Residents value enhancing safety while maintaining the area's peaceful atmosphere, with suggestions for improved public safety measures like increased police presence and initiatives for vulnerable groups. There are concerns about rising teenage crime and the potential increase in social problems due to high-density public housing.

Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others: The community emphasises preserving Paraparaumu's unique character, improving public spaces and facilities for diverse age groups, and fostering a family-oriented environment with cultural events and activities. There's a strong desire for more youth-focused activities and facilities.

Hanga Whare | Housing: Key priorities include balancing housing intensification with preserving the area's character, improving housing affordability, and developing infrastructure for new housing areas while considering community concerns. There's significant opposition to high-density housing developments.

Hauora | Health: The community seeks better access to healthcare services, including hospitals, GPs, and local healthcare facilities. There's a strong desire for establishing a local hospital or emergency services to reduce reliance on facilities in Wellington or Hutt Valley.

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health: Residents highly value the proximity to rivers, beaches, and the ocean, highlighting the importance of maintaining clean waterways and access to these natural assets. There are calls for improved stormwater and waste management systems.

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He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership: The community desires improved local governance, communication, and engagement, emphasising democratic inclusivity, collaboration, and strengthening community input in decision-making. There are concerns about council spending, debt, and potential rate increases.

Kai | Food: Residents enjoy the variety of cafés and restaurants in Paraparaumu and would like to encourage investment in both local dining and shopping options.

Konarau Koiora | Biodiversity: The community strongly values the natural environment and biodiversity, prioritising the protection and enhancement of beaches, waterways, wetlands, and green spaces. There's a call for more tree planting and preservation of green spaces.

Mātauranga | Education & Training: Expanding educational opportunities through more courses and facilities and establishing new schools is a priority to cater to the growing community's needs. There's also a desire for more vocational training options.

Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity: Key focus areas include improving public transport accessibility, extending and maintaining cycleways and footpaths, enhancing road safety, and addressing traffic management. There's a strong emphasis on developing sustainable transport networks.

Ohunga | Income & Work: The community seeks to revitalise the town's appeal by addressing vacant properties, encouraging investment in local shopping and dining, promoting employment opportunities, and enhancing the tourism industry. There's also interest in developing Kāpiti Airport into a multi-use precinct to boost economic opportunities.

Wai | Water: Residents prioritise addressing water quality issues and improving water services to ensure a safe and sustainable supply for the community. There are calls for better infrastructure in water management and flood protection.
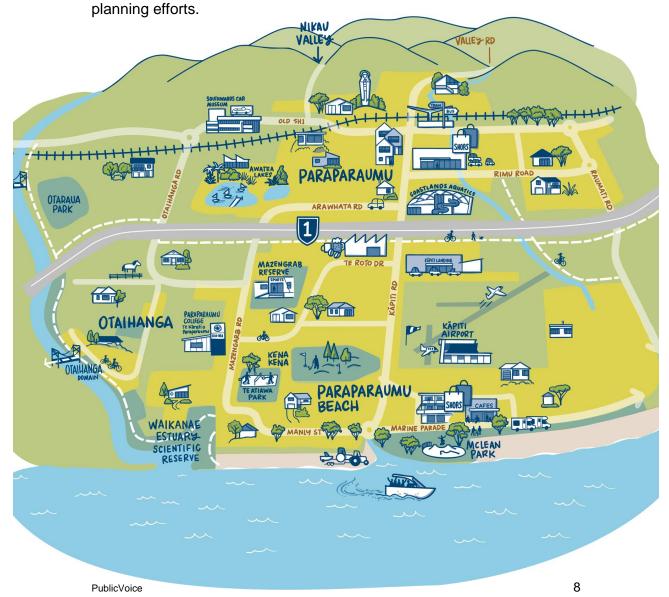
Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality: For sustainable growth, it is crucial to balance housing intensification with preserving the area's character, manage infrastructure development, and consider community concerns regarding high-density housing and urban sprawl. There's a need for thoughtful urban planning that respects the town's relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere.

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2 A summary of all feedback on Vision Paraparaumu

This section provides more detail on views for areas of the doughnut model, representing key needs for the community. In this section, the most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme, along with supporting quotes or discussion points. These insights shed light on the Paraparaumu community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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2.1 Place

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Place'.

Āhurangi
Climate

The feedback related to Āhurangi | Climate highlighted a strong focus on climate change and sustainability issues. Residents emphasised the need for both mitigation and adaptation strategies, while some expressed concern about climate change fearmongering. There was a call for efficient waste management and improved recycling systems. The community stressed the importance of sustainable practices, including enhancing natural spaces and improving sustainable transport options, particularly train services. Sustainable energy initiatives were also highlighted. Despite these concerns, residents expressed appreciation for the local climate and weather. There was a specific request for improved signage for tsunami safe zones, indicating awareness of climate-related risks. Overall, the feedback reflected a community keen on balancing environmental responsibility with quality of life, whilst preparing for potential climate-related hazards.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Enjoy The Local Climate & Weather

The community feedback highlights a strong appreciation for Paraparaumu's pleasant weather and climate in a general sense. Residents value the area's warmer temperatures, noting it's typically about 3 degrees warmer than Wellington. The favourable weather is often mentioned alongside other natural assets like beaches and rivers, contributing to the overall quality of life. Many appreciate the combination of a good climate with proximity to both coastal and rural environments. The weather is seen as an asset that enhances outdoor activities and contributes to the relaxed, enjoyable lifestyle that residents cherish.

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Focus On Climate Change

The community feedback emphasises a strong focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Residents call for more sustainable development practices, including higher density housing in less vulnerable areas and promotion of renewable energy, particularly community solar projects. There's support for the council's approach to coastal erosion risk assessment and a desire for enhanced resilience measures. Many want urban planning that prioritises pedestrian movement and green infrastructure to combat the urban heat island effect. The community also emphasises the need for adaptive governance and stakeholder collaboration in addressing climate challenges. However, others noted concern about climate change fearmongering.

Other themes included:

- Enhance natural spaces, including bike paths
- Encourage sustainable practices

Efficient Waste Management & Recycling Systems

The community feedback highlights a strong desire for improved waste management and recycling services. Residents express frustration with overflowing rubbish bins, particularly in public spaces like McLean Park, and call for more frequent collections. There's a demand for comprehensive recycling programmes and support for residents to be more sustainable. Some suggest offering discounts on native plants and assistance with setting up home vegetable gardens. The community emphasises the need for better rubbish services to help the environment and reduce costs for residents. Overall, there's a clear call for the council to prioritise waste reduction and recycling initiatives.

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Hauora Awa/Moana
River/Ocean Health

The feedback related to Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health highlighted the importance of water management and coastal proximity. Residents called for improvements to stormwater and waste management systems, emphasising the need for proper maintenance of these infrastructure assets. There was a clear appreciation for the area's natural water features, with residents valuing their proximity to local rivers, seaside, beaches, and the ocean. This suggests a community that is both aware of the need for effective water management infrastructure and deeply connected to its coastal and riverine environment. The feedback reflects a desire to balance urban water management with the enjoyment and preservation of natural water resources.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Proximity To The Seaside & Beaches

The community feedback strongly emphasises the importance of Paraparaumu's coastal environment. Residents highly value the beaches, highlighting their accessibility and natural beauty. Many appreciate the unobstructed views of Kāpiti Island and the relaxed, beachy atmosphere. The shoreline is seen as a hub for various activities, including walking, cycling, and water sports. Beachfront amenities like cafés and the Saturday Market are popular. The coastal area is often mentioned alongside other natural features like parks and reserves, contributing to the town's appeal and lifestyle.

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Proximity To The Ocean & Sea

The community feedback emphasises the significance of Paraparaumu's proximity to the ocean. Many appreciate the connection between the sea and other natural features like native bush and hills. The ocean is seen as a key part of the area's identity, contributing to its unique ecosystem and offering opportunities for recreation and innovation. The coastal location is often highlighted as a distinctive advantage, enhancing the quality of life and fostering a strong sense of place.

Proximity To Local Rivers

The Paraparaumu community value the river estuaries alongside the beaches, highlighting their contribution to the area's natural beauty. The streams are noted as enjoyable spaces for cycling and walking, adding to the relaxed atmosphere. One comment specifically mentions a "wonderful river" near the coastal area and retail centre. Overall, the waterways, including rivers and streams, are seen as integral parts of Paraparaumu's green and aquatic landscape, enhancing the town's appeal.

Other themes included:

- Improvements to stormwater systems

- Improvements to waste management

- Maintain stormwater and wastewater systems

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Kanorau Koiora
Biodiversity

The feedback related to Kanorau Koiora | Biodiversity emphasised a strong connection to the natural environment and a desire for its preservation. Residents expressed enjoyment of local parks, reserves, and wildlife, particularly marine and freshwater bird life. There was a clear focus on environmental conservation, with calls to protect beaches, waterways, and green spaces in Kāpiti. The community valued their proximity to nature, including Kāpiti Island, mountains, and hills. Tree planting and green space preservation were highlighted as priorities. Residents advocated for more parks and the preservation of open spaces. There was an emphasis on promoting natural assets whilst balancing development with environmental needs. Overall, the feedback reflected a community deeply invested in its natural surroundings and committed to their protection and enhancement.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Protect Beaches, Waterways & Green Kāpiti

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need to protect and enhance Paraparaumu's natural environment. Residents call for increased tree planting in green spaces, verges, and along waterways. There's a strong desire to keep vehicles off beaches and protect dunes. Many want to see improved management of rivers and streams, including cleaning and restoration efforts. The community supports creating more urban green spaces, wildflower meadows, and native plantings to increase biodiversity. There's also a focus on sustainable development that preserves wetlands and peatlands while maintaining the area's coastal character.

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Proximity To Kāpiti Island

The community feedback highlights Kāpiti Island as a significant asset to Paraparaumu. Residents value the unobstructed views of the island from the mainland, considering it an integral part of the local scenery. The island is often mentioned alongside other natural features like beaches and ranges, contributing to the area's overall appeal. There's appreciation for the island's ferries as a local attraction. Some residents express concern about potential development that might obstruct views or commercialise access to the island. Overall, Kāpiti Island is seen as a unique feature that enhances Paraparaumu's character and tourist appeal.

Proximity To Nature

The community feedback strongly emphasises Paraparaumu's close connection to nature as a key asset. Residents value the diverse natural environment, including beaches, native bush, and Kāpiti Island. Many appreciate the balance of "small town" living with easy access to outdoor activities. The area's natural beauty, including unobstructed views and green spaces, is frequently mentioned. There's a strong desire to preserve these natural features, with some concern about development potentially impacting the town's connection to nature. Overall, proximity to nature is seen as integral to Paraparaumu's character and quality of life.

Other themes included:

- Enjoy visiting local parks and reserves
- Proximity to mountains and hills
- Focus on environmental conservation

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Wai
Water

The feedback related to Wai | Water highlighted significant concerns about water management and quality. Residents expressed worries about both water quality and supply, calling for improved water services overall. There was a particular emphasis on addressing issues related to water quality and waste management. The community advocated for enhanced water management practices, reflecting a desire for more efficient and sustainable use of water resources. Overall, the feedback indicated that water quality and management are key priorities for the community, with a clear call for improvements in these areas.

The two themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Improve Water Services

The community feedback indicates a mixed view on water services in Paraparaumu. Some residents appreciate the existing water meter system, noting it has helped avoid problems faced by other councils. However, there's a call for prioritising spending on urgent infrastructure needs, including stormwater upgrades. Concerns are raised about substandard drainage in coastal areas. Some residents want the council to focus on basic services like water before non-essential projects.

Address Concerns Around Water Quality & Waste

The community feedback highlights concern about water quality and waste management. Residents call for better water testing of local waterways, particularly the Mazengarb and its tributaries. There's worry about potential sewage discharge into the sea due to increased housing development straining infrastructure capacity. There's also a desire for improved stormwater management, especially in coastal areas prone to flooding. Overall, residents want assurance that water and waste infrastructure can support current and future population growth.

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Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua Land Use & Quality

The feedback related to Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality centred on balancing land use for development with preserving environmental and aesthetic quality. Residents expressed concerns about high-density housing and urban sprawl impacting local character and natural areas, particularly wetlands. There was emphasis on protecting open spaces, including the airport and beachfronts. The community called for careful zoning and land use regulations to maintain the area's unique qualities. Whilst acknowledging the need for housing development, residents stressed the importance of implementing appropriate infrastructure and flood mitigation measures. The feedback reflected a desire for thoughtful land use planning that respects the local environment, balances housing needs, and maintains the area's cherished green spaces and gardens.

Much of this feedback is mirrored under feedback in Hanga Whare | Housing. This reflects the close relationship between land use and housing concerns, and the strong importance of housing issues to the community.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Concern Regarding High-Density Housing

The community feedback expresses significant concern about high-density housing developments. Many residents oppose the proliferation of such housing, arguing that land isn't a limiting factor in Kāpiti. There's worry about the creation of 'ghettos' or 'slum-like' conditions, particularly with large public housing projects. Residents prefer maintaining the town's seaside character with normal-sized sections and gardens. Some suggest limiting building heights to 2-3 storeys maximum. There's also concern about overcrowding, lack of parking, and reduced outdoor spaces for families and children.

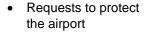Vision Paraparaumu — Final Summary Report
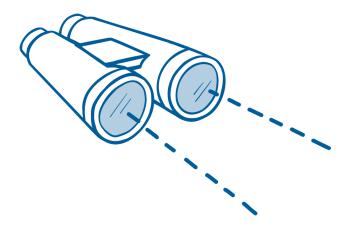
Balance Intensification With Character Preservation

The community feedback emphasises a desire to maintain Paraparaumu's unique seaside character while managing growth. Residents express concern about over-intensification, preferring thoughtful urban design that respects the town's relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. Many advocate for preserving green spaces, including wetlands and waterways, and ensuring new developments include gardens and outdoor areas. There's support for more thoughtful planning that allows for some density increase while avoiding monotonous suburbia. Overall, the community wants careful progress that retains Paraparaumu's coastal community feel and lifestyle.

Infrastructure Development For New Housing Areas

The community feedback reveals mixed views on housing development. Some residents welcome new housing, particularly affordable options for low-income families and the elderly. However, there's significant concern about infrastructure keeping pace with development. Many call for improved roads and facilities to support population growth, emphasising the need for future-proofing before approving new housing. Overall, there's a desire for thoughtful planning that balances housing needs with infrastructure capacity.

Other themes included:

- Requests to protect the airport

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2.2 People

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'People'.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata
Peace & Safety

The feedback related to Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety highlighted a balance between appreciating the area's peaceful atmosphere and addressing safety concerns. Residents generally felt the area was safe and valued its relaxing environment. However, there were calls for enhanced community safety measures, including increased police presence, improved animal control, and better lighting in public spaces such as courts and skate parks. Specific suggestions included installing cameras, establishing neighbourhood watch programmes, and requiring bells on bicycles. There was particular emphasis on ensuring the safety of children and the elderly. Some residents advocated for policies promoting healthier food and drink options. While privacy was mentioned as a concern, the overall sentiment reflected a desire to maintain the area's safe and tranquil character while implementing targeted safety improvements.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Improve Safety

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire for improved safety measures. Residents express concern about rising teenage crime. There's worry about the potential increase in social problems due to high-density public housing. Many want Paraparaumu to remain a safe, family-friendly town with properly fenced playgrounds and secure outdoor spaces. Some residents fear an increase in antisocial behaviour and drug-related issues. Overall, there's a clear desire for a community where all residents, particularly children and the elderly, feel safe and comfortable, with better recreational facilities to engage youth positively.

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Enjoy The Relaxing & Peaceful Atmosphere

The community feedback strongly emphasises appreciation for Paraparaumu's relaxed, laid-back atmosphere. Residents value the peaceful lifestyle, often citing it as ideal for raising children. The coastal environment, with its beaches and cycling paths, contributes significantly to this relaxed vibe. Many enjoy the quiet, underdeveloped nature of the area, contrasting it with more bustling urban centres. Overall, the community cherishes Paraparaumu's tranquil, beach-town character.

Increase Police Presence

The community feedback indicates a desire for increased police presence and effectiveness in Paraparaumu. Residents express concern about rising crime rates, particularly teenage-related offences. There's a call for empowering police to deal more effectively with criminals. Some suggest implementing community CCTV to address escalating assaults and property damage. Overall, the community wants closer collaboration between local authorities and police to address petty crime and ensure residents' safety.

Other themes included:

- Improve animal safety and control

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Te hononga ki ētahi atu
Connections with others

The feedback related to Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others emphasised a strong desire for inclusive, multi-generational spaces and activities. Residents appreciated the area's village feel, slower lifestyle, and friendly atmosphere, valuing the sense of belonging and diverse local culture. There were calls for improved and increased community facilities, including libraries, playgrounds, skate parks, pools, and spaces for gatherings and events. The community stressed the importance of catering to all age groups, with particular emphasis on youth-focused activities and facilities for the elderly and disabled. Outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities were highly valued, with requests for more sports facilities, walking areas, and dog parks. The integration of Māori culture and history was seen as important, alongside efforts to improve ethnic diversity. Residents advocated for better public transport and parking to improve accessibility. Overall, the feedback reflected a community keen on preserving its small-town character while enhancing public amenities and fostering social connections across diverse groups.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Create & Maintain Inclusive Spaces

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire for more diverse and well-maintained public spaces. There's significant interest in improving beach areas with facilities like picnic spots, BBQs, and playgrounds. The community supports the development of green spaces, such as a central park with flower gardens. There are also calls for more community gardens, a town square for markets and buskers, and library 'nooks' in neighbourhoods to foster connections.

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Development Of Youth-Focused Activities & Facilities

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for more youth-oriented spaces and activities. Residents call for additional skate parks, water parks, and indoor sports centres catering to various skill levels. There's a desire for better-equipped and fenced playgrounds, especially near the beachfront. The community wants more engagement opportunities for youth with marae structures and a greater variety of shops to attract younger generations. Overall, there's a clear demand for diverse, safe, and engaging facilities for children and teenagers.

Youth feedback also indicates that Zeal Paraparaumu is highly valued by young people as a social hub and safe space, helping them reconnect after COVID-19 lockdowns. It offers engaging activities and supportive staff, serving as a welcoming environment. The youth have expressed desires to improve it further, including better information about services and events, expanded staff support, more creative opportunities and improved art space, continuing popular activities with flexibility, addressing stigmas, increasing space and diversity of courses offered, and enhancing the exterior appearance to better reflect its purpose as a youth centre. Overall, Zeal Paraparaumu is seen as a crucial resource that could be further developed to better meet the needs and desires of local youth. It

should be noted that this feedback came through most strongly in the Zeal survey, which asked youth already connected with Zeal what they liked, or could be improved. However, good facilities to support young people was a theme of wider feedback as well.

Support For Community Sports & Outdoor Activities

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for diverse sports and outdoor facilities. Residents call for upgraded, year-round sports fields and more outdoor spaces for walking and cycling. There's significant interest in developing recreational centres with multi-purpose courts, roller skating rinks, and gym facilities. Many want improved skate parks and water parks for teens. The community also desires better cycling infrastructure and trail tracks for activities like kayaking. There's a focus on creating family-friendly outdoor spaces, including fenced playgrounds and areas for community events like markets.

Other themes included:

- Thriving connected community that is supportive of others

- Support for community sports and outdoor activities

- More cultural events, activities and promotions

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Hanga Whare Housing

The feedback related to Hanga Whare | Housing highlighted a complex set of priorities and concerns. Balancing housing intensification with character preservation emerged as a key issue, alongside worries about high-density housing. Affordability was a major concern, with calls for strategies to ensure accessible and affordable housing for all, including the elderly and those with health issues. Residents expressed interest in diverse housing options, from social housing to various density developments, while emphasising the need for appropriate infrastructure. The community sought a balance between addressing housing shortages, maintaining affordability, and preserving local character, reflecting the multifaceted nature of the area's housing challenges.

Much of this feedback is mirrored under feedback in Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality. This reflects the close relationship between landuse and housing concerns, and the strong importance of housing issues to the community.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Concern Regarding High Density Housing

The community feedback expresses significant concern about high-density housing developments. Many residents oppose the proliferation of such housing, arguing that land isn't a limiting factor in Kāpiti. There's worry about the creation of 'ghettos' or slum-like conditions, particularly with large public housing projects. Residents prefer maintaining the town's seaside character with normal-sized sections and gardens. Some suggest limiting building heights to 2-3 storeys maximum. There's also concern about overcrowding, lack of parking, and reduced outdoor spaces for families and children. Many want to preserve Paraparaumu's small-town, family-friendly atmosphere.

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Balance Intensification With Character Preservation

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire to maintain Paraparaumu's unique seaside character while managing growth. Residents express concern about over-intensification, preferring thoughtful urban design that respects the town's relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. Many advocate for preserving green spaces, including wetlands and waterways, and ensuring new developments include gardens and outdoor areas. There's support for some increased density in urban areas, but with better design that contributes positively to the streetscape. Overall, the community wants careful progress that retains Paraparaumu's coastal community feel, while providing modern amenities and housing options.

Maintain Affordable Rates

The community feedback expresses a strong sentiment that rates in the Kāpiti Coast district are too high and need to be kept affordable. Residents are calling for a reduction in rates, unnecessary spending cuts, increased transparency, and fiscal responsibility from the council. The recent 20% rates increase is seen as outrageous and unaffordable for many, and suggestions include stopping borrowing, holding councillors liable for budget blowouts, and selling assets to fund debts.

Other themes included:

- Infrastructure development for new housing areas
- Implement high density housing and apartments
- Focus on housing development

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Hauora | Health

The feedback related to Hauora | Health emphasises the desire for inclusive, multi-generational spaces and activities. Residents value the area's friendly atmosphere and wish to enhance public amenities, particularly healthcare services, recreational facilities, and support for the elderly and disabled. The integration of Māori culture and efforts to improve ethnic diversity are seen as important. The community also stresses the importance of public health policies that discourage unhealthy habits, and encourage healthy ones.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Establishment Of Local Healthcare Facilities

The community feedback indicates a need for establishing and improving healthcare facilities in the Kāpiti Coast district. Suggestions include collaborating with educational institutions like Whitireia Te Pūkenga to train and retain healthcare assistants and support workers in the area, ensuring easily accessible services for the elderly living alone, and providing more medical options such as a 24-hour medical facility. Additionally, there are calls for better infrastructure to support population growth.

Concern Regarding Lack Of Hospital Services

The community feedback highlights a significant concern about the lack of hospitals in the Kāpiti Coast district. Residents express frustration about having to travel to Wellington or the Hutt Valley for hospital services and to see certain specialists. There is a strong desire for a local hospital to be established, with some suggesting it

should be a small public hospital open 24/7. The need for a hospital is seen as increasingly urgent.

Improve access to hospital services

The community feedback emphasises the importance of improving access to hospitals and healthcare services in the Kāpiti Coast district. Some residents propose having the option to choose between Wellington or Lower Hutt hospitals based on proximity. Improving access to hospitals and healthcare is seen as a crucial aspect of supporting the community's well-being.

Other themes included:

- Improve access to GP services
- Support for healthy recreational activities and facilities
- Correlation between environmental and public health

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Kai
Food

The feedback related to Kai | Food highlights that residents enjoy the variety of cafés and restaurants in Paraparaumu and would like to encourage investment into both.

The two themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Enjoy the variety of cafés and restaurants

The community feedback highlights the enjoyment of the variety of cafés and restaurants in the Kāpiti Coast district. Residents appreciate the fantastic eateries available, with many mentioning the pleasure of cycling or walking along the beaches, streams, and trails, and then stopping for coffee, pies, or other refreshments at local cafés. The Kāpiti Food Festival is also noted as a drawcard. The combination of the coastal setting, relaxed atmosphere, and great dining options is seen as a significant asset for the area.

Encourage investment in local dining

The community feedback suggests a desire for encouraging investment in local dining options in the Kāpiti Coast district. Residents express an interest in having more vibrant restaurants, cafés, and eateries, particularly around the beach areas. Ideas include allowing cafés to have outdoor seating on pavements for alfresco dining, food caravans for easy access to refreshments near the waterfront and developing the tourist potential of Kāpiti Island with embarkation facilities at Paraparaumu. Encouraging a variety of dining establishments is seen as a way to enhance the area's appeal for both locals and visitors alike.

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Mātauranga
Education & Training

The community feedback related to Mātauranga | Education & Training. highlights the desire for inclusive, multi-generational spaces and activities, valuing the area's friendly atmosphere and diverse culture. Residents call for improved facilities catering to all ages, particularly youth and the elderly, as well as better recreational opportunities. The integration of Māori culture and ethnic diversity is seen as important. The community also emphasises the need for improved education support, courses, facilities, and pathways to employment. Overall, the feedback reflects a community seeking to preserve its character while enhancing amenities, fostering connections, and providing better educational and employment opportunities.

The two themes that emerged from community feedback are:

More educational courses and facilities

The community feedback emphasises the importance of providing more educational courses and facilities in the Kāpiti Coast district. Collaborating with institutions like Whitireia Te Pūkenga to offer programmes such as the NZ Certificate in Health & Wellbeing and work experience placements in aged care facilities is seen as a way to train and retain skilled workers in the area. There are also suggestions for developers of large projects to contribute to the extension of community services, including education, to support the needs of new residents. Providing health and education facilities, as well as employment opportunities, is considered crucial for keeping young people in the region. Additionally, there is a call for more books in libraries and computer classes to further support education in the community.

New schools

The community feedback highlights the need for new schools in the Kāpiti Coast district. There are suggestions for bringing an intermediate school into the Kāpiti area and returning to having separate schools for intermediate-aged students. Additionally, there is a desire for good schools and sporting opportunities for children in the region.

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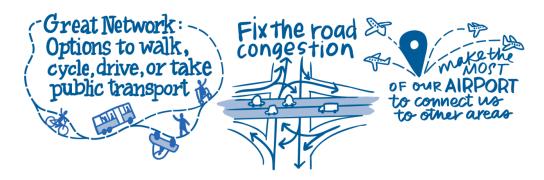
Ngā Hono
Networks & Connections

The feedback related to Ngā Hono | Networks & Connections highlights the need for accessible, reliable public transport, enhanced cycling and walking paths, and improved road safety and traffic management to accommodate growth and ensure accessibility for all. Residents advocate for infrastructure investment, including better lighting, public amenities, and parking facilities, as well as the development of sustainable transport networks and connections. The community also emphasises the importance of extending the public transport network, improving transport hubs, and enhancing connectivity to key facilities and areas such as the beach, airport and commercial areas. Overall, the feedback reflects a community seeking to improve transport infrastructure and services to meet the needs of a growing population while promoting sustainable and accessible modes of transportation.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Accessible, reliable and extended public transport network

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for improving public transportation in the Kāpiti Coast district, with a focus on cheaper, more reliable, and frequent train and bus services connecting to Wellington. Suggestions include advocating for better services, introducing direct bus routes using the expressway, ensuring buses meet trains in the evenings, and increasing car parks at transport hubs.

Innovative solutions such as tramlines and light rail are also proposed. Enhancing public transport is seen as crucial for reducing car dependency, supporting social connectivity, and addressing climate change concerns, while leveraging Kāpiti's strategic location as a hub for transport and logistics technologies.

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Improve traffic management for increased cars

The community feedback emphasises significant concerns about traffic management and congestion in the Kāpiti Coast district, particularly along Kāpiti Road. The introduction of numerous traffic lights, roundabouts, and slow zones is seen as unnecessary and contributing to delays and frustration. Residents suggest better road surfaces, spreading out on and off ramps, using cameras to enforce red light compliance, and setting time limits for car park users to ensure availability. Improving traffic management is considered crucial to accommodate the growing population and increased car usage in the district.

Other themes included:

- Improve road safety and maintenance with increased cars
- Extend and maintain footpaths
- Improve roads

Extend and maintain cycleways

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire for extending and maintaining cycleways in the Kāpiti Coast district, with residents expressing appreciation for the existing trails that connect the area and provide access to beaches, green spaces, and local amenities. However, there are concerns about the safety of cyclists and pedestrians on shared pathways, particularly regarding speeding e-bikes, cyclists, and e-scooters, as well as the lack of consideration some cyclists show towards pedestrians. Suggestions include clearer signage, educating cyclists, and potentially creating pedestrian-only zones in certain areas.

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Ohunga
Income & Work

The feedback related to Ohunga | Income & Work highlights the importance of supporting local businesses and the economy while preserving the area's unique character and appeal. Residents enjoy visiting local shops and emphasise the need to address vacant properties and improve the visual appeal of businesses to enhance the overall town atmosphere. The community also calls for the creation of hospitality hubs, the encouragement of investment in local shopping and dining, and the promotion of the region through targeted advertising and branding initiatives. Additionally, there is a desire to develop the tourism industry and support local business networks and community groups. Overall, the community seeks to strike a balance between economic development and maintaining the area's small-town charm, while fostering a supportive environment for local businesses to thrive.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Encourage investment in local shopping

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire for encouraging investment in local shopping options in the Kāpiti Coast district. Residents express the need for updating and modernising the Coastlands mall, suggesting the addition of a greater variety of shops such as Kmart, Chemist Warehouse, and Bunnings to cater to the younger generation and provide a better shopping experience. There are also calls for more boutique-style shops and a unique vision for the mall to create a distinct identity. Improving parking accessibility and safety around the growing shopping area is seen as crucial to accommodate the influx of new families in the region.

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Promote employment and jobs

The community feedback emphasises the need for promoting diverse employment opportunities in the Kāpiti Coast district, particularly for youth, to reduce commuting and retain local talent. Suggestions include collaborating with educational institutions to provide training, increasing business space, attracting government departments and new industries, and proactively working to make the district a destination for work and leisure. Creating varied job options is seen as crucial for the future of the community.

Support for local businesses and groups

The community feedback emphasises the importance of supporting local businesses in the Kāpiti Coast district. Residents highlight the need for the council to be more proactive in attracting new businesses, helping entertainment businesses succeed, and providing a point of difference to make Kāpiti attractive to tourists. Capitalising on opportunities like Transmission Gully and the airport to bring in industries and jobs is seen as crucial for the economic prosperity and future vibrancy of the area.

Other themes included:

- Enhance tourism industry and new branding
- Address vacant properties and improve town appeal

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2.3 Partnership

Below is as summary of the key findings related to 'Partnership'.

He Waka eke noa /A Shared Waka Community Partnership

The feedback related to He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership emphasises the importance of democratic inclusivity, collaboration, and community involvement in decision-making processes. Residents express concern about Council spending, debt, and potential rate increases, with a desire for improved communication, transparency, and a focus on core Council functions. The feedback suggests enhancing communication through various channels, incorporating information boards and signage, and strengthening community input in decision-making. There is also a call for improved Council governance, reduced expenditure, and better Māori representation. Overall, the community seeks a thriving, connected, and supportive environment with active engagement between residents and the Council.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Emphasis On Democratic Inclusivity & Collaboration

The community feedback emphasises the importance of democratic inclusivity and collaboration in the Kāpiti Coast district. Residents highlight the need for the council to respect people's skills and experience, not just those of employed staff, and to work alongside community groups, charities, and social sector organisations to support the community. Suggestions include lowering rates for charities, reducing barriers and costs, and being closely involved in understanding their purpose and mission. The council is encouraged to help community groups connect and collaborate to provide activities and support for residents. However, there is a cautionary note against taking a position that values the voices of one demographic over another, as this is seen as fundamentally anti-democratic. Overall, the feedback calls for empowering community responsibility and enabling people to engage with the council through various means.

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Improve Communication & Reporting

The community feedback emphasises the need for improved communication and transparency between the Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC) and residents. Key suggestions include clearer consultation processes, in-person feedback opportunities, realistic communication, involvement of local iwi, and better use of billboards and notice boards for public information. Concerns are raised about the lack of transparency and public awareness regarding the Coastal Adaptation Plan (CAP) and the enforcement of local rules.
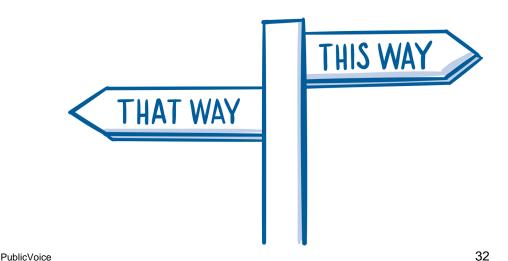
Other themes included:

- Concern about council spending and rates increases
- Focus on core Council functions
- Improve Māori representation

Strengthen Community Input & Decision Making

The community feedback emphasises the need for strengthening community input in decision-making processes within the Kāpiti Coast district. Residents express concerns about the lack of genuine consideration given to public feedback, calling for better transparency in council spending, decisions, and third-party interests. Some comments suggested holding councillors more strongly accountable for budget blowouts (with some comments suggesting more personal liability) and desire for a community-run council that is accountable and responsive to ratepayers' needs and opinions.

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2.4 Comparison of Vision Paraparaumu and Vision follow up survey results

This section presents the key similarities and differences between the Vision Paraparaumu initial survey and the follow up survey.

2.4.1 Key Similarities

Community Connection — Both surveys highlight the importance of community spirit, inclusivity, and the desire for more youth-focused activities and facilities.

Environmental Concerns — Both sections emphasise the community's focus on environmental conservation, including concerns about protecting beaches, waterways, and green spaces.

Infrastructure Improvements — Both surveys indicate a desire for enhanced public amenities, improved transportation options, and better infrastructure, particularly regarding road safety and cycling/walking paths.

Economic Development — Both sections show support for local businesses and the desire to encourage investment in local shopping and dining options.

2.4.2 Key Differences

Emphasis on Council Actions — The follow-up survey places more emphasis on concerns about council spending, rates increases, and the desire for transparency and accountability in council decisions.

Climate Change — The follow-up survey introduces concerns about climate change "fearmongering," which wasn't prominent in the initial survey findings.

Housing Concerns — While both surveys mention housing, the follow-up survey seems to place more emphasis on issues like housing regulations and the balance between development and character preservation.

Health Services — The follow-up survey appears to place more emphasis on the need for improved healthcare facilities and services, particularly mentioning the lack of a local hospital and 24/7 emergency services.

Specific Project Mentions — The follow-up survey mentions specific issues for facilities like indoor sports centres and skating rinks, which weren't highlighted in the initial survey.

Accessibility — The follow-up survey places more emphasis on accessibility issues for disabled and elderly residents.

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2.4.3 Implications for Vision Paraparaumu Refinement

Maintain Core Themes — Retain and strengthen language around community connection, environmental conservation, infrastructure improvements, and economic development.

Emphasise Community Engagement — Emphasise fostering a connected, inclusive community with a strong focus on youth engagement and intergenerational programmes.

Strengthen Environmental Commitment — Keep strong language around protecting natural assets, outlining specific conservation strategies and sustainable development practices.

Address Infrastructure Comprehensively — Articulate strategies for supporting local businesses, attracting investment, and creating a diverse economic base.

Emphasise Economic Growth — Continue to focus on supporting local businesses and encouraging economic development.

Improve Governance Transparency — Include commitments to fiscal responsibility, transparent decision-making, and regular community engagement on budgetary matters.

Refine Climate Change Approach — Maintain commitment to addressing climate change, focusing on practical, local-level actions and community resilience.

Refine Housing and Development Goals — Articulate a balanced approach to housing that addresses affordability, sustainability, and preservation of community character.

Prioritise Healthcare Access — Address growing healthcare concerns by outlining plans for improving local facilities, including hospital and emergency services.

Include Specific Local Priorities — Where appropriate, include a commitment to regular community consultations to identify and prioritise specific facility requirements.

Enhance Accessibility — Incorporate strong commitments to universal design principles and strategies for supporting elderly and disabled residents.

Ensure Flexibility — Create a vision that guides decision-making whilst allowing for adaptation as community needs evolve.

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3 Data analysis methodology

3.1 Survey data analysis

PublicVoice used a step-by-step method called thematic analysis to review the open-ended responses from the Vision Paraparaumu community engagement survey. This method follows five main steps:

1. Understanding the Data: Analysts read the survey data multiple times to grasp its content.

2. Initial Coding: The survey data was sorted into labelled segments highlighting key points.

3. Identifying Themes: These segments were then grouped into broader themes specific to the survey questions.

4. Refining Themes: Themes were checked for relevance and clarity within the survey context.

5. Finalising Themes: Each theme was carefully defined, possibly with sub-themes, to represent the survey responses accurately.

3.2 Key findings analysis

To generate the key findings, PublicVoice combined the survey data with additional feedback points received from the Paraparaumu Engagement Hub and Paraparaumu Library as part of Vision Kāpiti engagement. The analysis of the combined data was structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model, which provides a holistic view of the community's well-being by considering social, environmental, and economic factors.

The key findings were organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model. This approach allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the community's values, priorities, and concerns, extending beyond the specific questions asked in the survey.

3.3 Reporting

For the survey data, tables illustrating the frequency of the key themes have been included to demonstrate the significance of each theme. Only descriptions of the most frequent themes have been included in Section 4, "Key Findings from the Vision Paraparaumu survey," to highlight the main points expressed by respondents.

In contrast, Section 3 reports the key findings and presents the most common topics from the combined data, organised according to the doughnut model. This section provides a more detailed analysis, offering valuable insights and guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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Phase One: Gathering initial views

4 Vision Paraparaumu survey

This section presents the key findings from the Vision Paraparaumu community engagement survey which received 62 responses. The survey asked four questions:

- What makes Paraparaumu special?
- What is working well in Paraparaumu?
- How can things be improved in Paraparaumu?
- What is your vision for Paraparaumu?

The analysis of survey data has been structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model.

The most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme. These insights shed light on the Paraparaumu community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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4.1 What makes Paraparaumu special?

Respondents were asked what makes Paraparaumu special. Table 1 details the various aspects identified by respondents.

Overview of responses

Biodiversity - Respondents appreciate the natural environment, mentioning fantastic beaches and river estuaries as important aspects of biodiversity. However, some express concern about the negative impact of council decisions on the natural beauty and beachy vibe of the area.

Connections With Others - Respondents feel positively about their connections with others in the community. They highlight the support and unity among residents during tough times. They also mention the community's friendliness and note that the area is ideal for bringing up children.

Networks & Connectivity - Respondents appreciate the proximity to Wellington and the easy access to public transportation. They also appreciate the small town feel and the availability of various shops and services nearby without the parking issues of larger cities.

Climate & Change - Respondents appreciate the warm climate of Paraparaumu more than Wellington. The connection between the warmer weather and outdoor activities and locations was also positive.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
BIODIVERSITY		53
	Natural surroundings (beach, parks, hills)	39
	Kāpiti Island	14
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		48
	Relaxed lifestyle	10
	Recreational activities	9
	Community spirit and connectedness	8
	Personal connections and relationships	6
	Small town atmosphere	5
	Cycle trails	4
	Community initiatives and events	3
	Historical and cultural significance	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		35
	Access to amenities (shops, cafés, library)	13
	Access to public transport	10
	The location	8
	Proximity to Wellington	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		12
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	12

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	Schooling	1
PEACE & SAFETY		1
	Sense of safety and friendliness	1

Table 1: What makes Paraparaumu special?

Selected quotes

> "The people, community organisations and our well-known small business owners. Our natural resources - the beach, our beautiful island (thank you for saying no to the Gateway- we really didn't think it was appropriate timing or spending) - the climate when it's behaving itself; that we have rural, suburban and coastal environments each within a short journey of the other. People get stuck in and support each other and people going through tough events around the district and country - from kai cupboards to cyclone collections, and more. Love that we have everyone from young to old, lots of families shifting the demographic and hopefully young people who may leave for a short time but return home again."
>
> **What makes Paraparaumu special?**

> "Beach, proximity to Wellington, good public transport, great eateries, cycle trails, good climate, Kāpiti food festival, Kāpiti Island."
>
> **What makes Paraparaumu special?**

> "It's beaches, it's history, the Island. We need greater recognition of Māori/iwi history."
>
> **What makes Paraparaumu special?**

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4.2 What is working well in Paraparaumu?

Respondents were asked what is working well in Paraparaumu. Table 2 details responses from the community.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others - Respondents mention the sense of community and great schools as important aspects of their connections with others. They also appreciate the availability of outdoor spaces, such as parks and trails, and the abundance of activities and events happening in the area.

Networks & Connectivity - Respondents are pleased with the availability of an airport in the area but express the desire for more flights and a return of Air NZ. The wide streets and absence of parking meters are appreciated. There is a strong emphasis on the need for good public transport, emphasising increased rail linkages.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		36
	Access to amenities (shops, cafés, library)	13
	Cycleways	6
	Community events (e.g., markets, music)	5
	Playgrounds	5
	Access to outdoor activities	4
	Community spirit and connectedness	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		11
	Access to transport connections	6
	Trains	5
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		9
	Access to beach	9
EDUCATION & TRAINING		3
	Schools	3
WATER		3
	Water rates/meters	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		3
	Concern that nothing is working well	3
HOUSING		2
	Affordable housing	2
INCOME & WORK		2
	Employment opportunities	2
PEACE & SAFETY		1
	Sense of safety	1

Table 2: What is working well in Paraparaumu?

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4.3 How can things be improved in Paraparaumu?

Respondents were asked how things can be improved in Paraparaumu. Table 3 details ideas for improvement by the Paraparaumu community.

Overview of responses

Networks & Connectivity - Respondents mentioned various aspects related to networks and connections. Improving road infrastructure was a common concern, including improving road surfaces, reducing traffic lights, and adding roundabouts. Additionally, there are calls for the expansion of the cycle network, the utilisation of the airport and an increase in new public toilet facilities.

Income & Work - Some respondents mention the need for more tourist options at Paraparaumu Beach, such as fishing and boats, shops, cafés, and water slides, to attract visitors and bring money into the area. They also express a desire to improve the Coastlands mall and add popular stores like Woolworths, Bunnings, and Kmart.

Connections With Others - Respondents express the need for more recreational activities and amenities for young adults and children. In contrast, others mention the importance of cultural and historical storytelling in the community.

Housing | Land Use & Quality - Respondents express various opinions and concerns about housing, land use and quality. Some emphasise the need to prevent high-density housing, advocating for restrictions on the number of units per site and street. Others mention the importance of medium-density, more social, and accessible housing for the aging population. There are also suggestions to prioritise gardens and outdoor spaces when building new homes. Concerns about urban intensification, traffic congestion, and lack of town planning are also raised, with calls for better-quality townhouse development.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		24
	Improve traffic management	9
	Improve roads	7
	Focus on core infrastructure	5
	Improve cycleways	3
INCOME & WORK		22
	Enhance existing businesses	9
	Concern town centres are not appealing	5
	Retail/hospitality expansion (e.g., new shops)	4
	Support tourism	4
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		17
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	7

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	7
	Enhancements to parks (i.e., water fountains)	3
HOUSING		12
	Concern regarding high density housing	12
LAND USE & QUALITY		11
	Concern regarding high density housing	11
HEALTH		9
	Improve hospital services	5
	Improve access to GP services	4
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		7
	Focus on core services	7
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		4
	Better access to the beach	4
EDUCATION & TRAINING		2
	New schools/education facilities	2
PEACE & SAFETY		2
	Crime prevention (e.g., neighbourhood watch)	2
BIODIVERSITY		2
	Tree planting	2

Table 3: How can things be improved in Paraparaumu?

Selected quotes

> "We need a hospital & more doctors for starters. The road towards the mall is not working at all, too much congestion. The mall needs to be updated & we need a bigger variety of shops, e.g. KMart, Chemist Warehouse & Bunnings. If you want to attract younger generation, you need to upgrade and provide better shopping experience. Communications to the wider Paraparaumu community when planning to a bunch of two storey units in between a quiet neighbourhood. Work close with police to get on top of petty crime that is going on at the moment. Be open and share how our money are being spent and spent it wisely."
>
> **How can things be improved in Paraparaumu?**

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"More use of the airport. More hotels for visiting people. A hub for people heading out to the island. More doctors are needed. We need the infrastructure to support the population growth."

How can things be improved in Paraparaumu?

"Better public transport to Wgtn, more reliable and frequent. Trains too packed. Shopping precincts improved and modernised."

How can things be improved in Paraparaumu?

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4.4 What is your vision for Paraparaumu?

Respondents were asked what their vision was for Paraparaumu.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		55
	Thriving connected community/supportive of others	18
	Create and maintain inclusive spaces	8
	More cultural events/activities/promotion	7
	More recreational areas for various age groups	6
	Improve parking	5
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	4
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	4
	New/improve Waikanae library	3
INCOME & WORK		29
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	9
	Enhance tourism industry/new branding	6
	Promote employment/jobs	6
	Support for local businesses/groups	5
	Strengthen community input/decision making	3
PEACE & SAFETY		26
	Improve safety	14
	Maintain the lifestyle	9
	Increase police presence	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		19
	Extend and maintain footpaths	6
	Improve traffic management for increased cars	5
	Extend and maintain cycleways	4
	Extend public transport network	4
BIODIVERSITY		16
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	16
LAND USE & QUALITY		14
	Concern regarding high density housing	5
	Implement low density housing	3
	Planning strategic growth	3
	Protect the airport	3
HOUSING		10

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Concern regarding high density housing	4
	Climate adaption strategies	3
	Implement low density housing	3
HEALTH		5
	Establishment of local healthcare facilities	2
	Improve access to hospital services	2
	Improve access to GP services	1
PARTNERSHIP		4
	Focus on core Council functions	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Climate adaption strategies	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	New school/s	1

Table 4: What is your vision for Paraparaumu? details responses from the community.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others - Respondents want Paraparaumu to maintain its close-knit town feel, with more teenage opportunities. They also desire a thriving community with recreational activities for both young and old. Additionally, they envision a safe and connected place, welcoming to families and visitors.

Income & Work - Respondents highlight the importance of maintaining businesses and job opportunities, providing more shops and jobs for young teens. Additionally, there is a desire for a sustainable and thriving community, with vibrant cafés and hotels to make the area a bustling tourist destination.

Peace & Safety - Respondents express concerns about the impact of Kāinga Ora's housing plans on the community, including fears of increased crime rates, overcrowding, and the need for more infrastructure, such as a larger police station. They emphasise the importance of maintaining a safe, clean, and welcoming family environment. The desire for a peaceful and relaxed atmosphere is highlighted.

Biodiversity - Respondents express the need for a greener, more beautiful, and more diverse environment, emphasising protecting and nurturing existing trees, increasing biodiversity, and enhancing the overall beauty of the area. The respondents also raise concerns about the loss of dunes and nesting areas for birds and urge action to protect these valuable natural features.

Networks & Connectivity - Respondents mention a desire for improvements in infrastructure, such as better cycle lanes, roading and stormwater infrastructure, and better footpaths. They also mention the need for better parking and less road works.

Land Use & Quality - Respondents emphasise the importance of preserving the unique qualities of the area, including wetlands and open spaces, while improving infrastructure and amenities. There is a desire a variety of housing options, better transportation options, and facilities for recreation and entertainment. Additionally,

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there are suggestions for leveraging the airport as a catalyst for economic growth and job opportunities.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		55
	Thriving connected community/supportive of others	18
	Create and maintain inclusive spaces	8
	More cultural events/activities/promotion	7
	More recreational areas for various age groups	6
	Improve parking	5
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	4
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	4
	New/improve Waikanae library	3
INCOME & WORK		29
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	9
	Enhance tourism industry/new branding	6
	Promote employment/jobs	6
	Support for local businesses/groups	5
	Strengthen community input/decision making	3
PEACE & SAFETY		26
	Improve safety	14
	Maintain the lifestyle	9
	Increase police presence	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		19
	Extend and maintain footpaths	6
	Improve traffic management for increased cars	5
	Extend and maintain cycleways	4
	Extend public transport network	4
BIODIVERSITY		16
	Protect beaches/waterways and green Kāpiti	16
LAND USE & QUALITY		14
	Concern regarding high density housing	5
	Implement low density housing	3
	Planning strategic growth	3
	Protect the airport	3
HOUSING		10
	Concern regarding high density housing	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Climate adaption strategies	3
	Implement low density housing	3
HEALTH		5
	Establishment of local healthcare facilities	2
	Improve access to hospital services	2
	Improve access to GP services	1
PARTNERSHIP		4
	Focus on core Council functions	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Climate adaption strategies	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	New school/s	1

Table 4: What is your vision for Paraparaumu?

Selected quotes

> "A thriving beachside haven for residents and visitors."
>
> **What is your vision for Paraparaumu?**

> "A thriving community active community for old and young. On weekends I want to stay in our town, not having to drive to Porirua for shopping. This is my happy place - I want to spent every minute of my weekend here and not half of it having to drive somewhere."
>
> **What is your vision for Paraparaumu?**

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Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

5 Vision follow up survey

This section of the report summarises community feedback received as part of KCDC's Vision follow up survey. The community was provided with a summary of the feedback received from the initial engagement for reflection and refining.

5.1 Does this reflect what's important to you?

Respondents were asked whether the feedback received reflected what was important to them. Table 5 is a summary of the feedback received.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents generally agree with the feedback received from the initial survey but suggest a need for more community-oriented facilities and programmes. They mention the lack of spaces for young people to gather and be entertained, indicating a desire for better social connections among youth. The respondents also call for after-school programmes and youth career support, which would foster community engagement and mentorship. There's an emphasis on creating safe areas for community enjoyment, which could enhance social interactions and community bonds.

Community Partnership — The feedback emphasises a desire for greater community involvement in Council decision-making. Respondents suggest a new approach to project approval, including a ratepayer and business advisory group with a 60% support threshold. There are calls for more transparency in Council spending and target-setting, with concerns about rate increases and debt management. Some feel the Council isn't listening to ratepayers' wishes and want more accountability in spending and project implementation.

Health — The feedback strongly emphasises the need for improved healthcare access in Paraparaumu and the entire Kāpiti region, particularly highlighting the lack of local hospital and 24/7 emergency services. Residents express concerns about the high cost and difficulty of accessing emergency care in Wellington. There are calls for a local hospital, better ambulance services, and expanded healthcare infrastructure to support the growing population.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		19
	General agreement without specifics	12
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	4
	Improve access to/upgrade public facilities	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		12
	Concern about council spending and debt	6
	Community involvement in decision-making	3
	Criticism of consultation process	3
HEALTH		9
	Improved access to healthcare facilities	5
	Desire for local hospital/emergency services	4
BIODIVERSITY		9
	Protection of wildlife/natural spaces/waterways	5
	Tree planting and green space preservation	4
CLIMATE & CHANGE		6
	Concern about climate change fear-mongering	3
	Focus on climate change mitigation	3
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		6
	Concern about coastal erosion	3
	Improvements to waste management	3
HOUSING		5
	Concern about housing regulations	2
	Concern about high-density housing	1
	Preserving character while balancing development	1
	Support for affordable/more housing	1
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		5
	Improved public transport	5

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
INCOME & WORK		5
	Desire for more diverse shopping options	2
	Support for local businesses/economy	2
	Desire for economic growth	1
WATER		4
	Concern about water quality and supply	4
LAND USE & QUALITY		4
	Concern about aesthetic of new developments	1
	Concern about urban planning	1
	Concern about urban sprawl	1
	Support for restrictions to beachfront development	1
OTHER		4
	Concern about rates increases	4
PEACE & SAFETY		3
	Maintaining safe community spaces	2
	Concern about potential increased crime	1
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	Support for youth workers	1
FOOD		1
	Support for food donation	1

Table 5: Does this reflect what's important to you?

Selected quotes

"I think we need more entertaining places for kids to go to. Like a big event centre with an arcade laser tag. paintball., bowling, fun place. All our fun places have been taken away for housing but whats the point in more housing when theres nothing fun to do. Our Coastlands mall needs more teen shops like glassons, cotton on and mecca. Its not appealing to teens and kids anymore. Make Kapiti teen/kid fun and friendly."

Does this reflect what's important to you?

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"Yes, I agree with most of the points made in the summary of responses. I'm in favour of providing good alternatives to car use, like better walking and cycling connections, rather than needing to expand roading or increase speed limits. The walking and cycling path beside the expressway is a great asset and very popular - it's a pity central government has now taken such an anti-cycleway position, but the council can still work on providing better connections complementing this arterial cycleway to make cycling and walking more safe and convenient. For example, how about considering how walkers and cyclists can access the Nikau Reserve lookout? The access is pretty terrible, both unsafe feeling and ugly, if you aren't in a car."

Does this reflect what's important to you?

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5.2 Is there anything missing?

Respondents were asked whether there is anything missing. Table 6 provides an overview of what respondents feel is missing or wished to emphasise.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — The feedback highlights a need for diverse recreational facilities and activities, especially for youth and families. Suggestions include indoor sports centres, an indoor skating rink, event centres with diverse activities, and improved parks. Accessibility concerns are prominent, with calls for better mobility access on paths and public transport. There's a desire for more community spaces for various age groups. Fenced dog areas are requested. Overall, residents want more options to connect and engage within the community.

Networks & Connectivity — The feedback highlights concerns about road safety and infrastructure, with calls for improved road conditions, better parking, and traffic management. There's a strong emphasis on enhancing public transport, including more frequent and accessible bus services. Residents want better cycling and walking paths, with attention to accessibility for mobility scooters. Road safety issues, such as speeding e-bikes and dangerous crossings, are also mentioned. There are also requests for more parking, especially near shopping areas and beaches.

Biodiversity — The feedback emphasises the importance of green spaces and environmental conservation. Residents call for more parks and gardens, especially near high-density housing, recognising their value for mental health and community well-being. There's concern about tree removal and a desire for a comprehensive tree policy. The community wants to protect natural habitats, including beaches and seabird nesting sites, with suggestions for better enforcement of beach access rules and dog control in sensitive areas.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		37
	Indoor sports and recreational facilities	10
	Accessibility improvements for disabled and elderly	7
	Activities and attractions needed	5
	Cultural and arts facilities and events	5
	Fenced in dog parks needed	5
	Youth-focused activities and facilities	5
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		33
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	9

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Enhanced public transport services	7
	Improved road infrastructure and connectivity	5
	Extend cycleways/walkways	4
	Improved waste management and recycling	4
	Increase parking lots	4
BIODIVERSITY		13
	More green spaces and parks	7
	Focus on environmental conservation	6
HOUSING		11
	Maintain affordable rates	6
	Increased housing density and options	5
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		10
	Concern about council spending and rates increases	5
	Focus on core council services	5
CLIMATE & CHANGE		10
	Focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation	6
	Sustainable energy initiatives	4
FOOD		7
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	7
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		4
	Maintain stormwater and wastewater systems	4
INCOME & WORK		3
	Tourism development initiatives	3
PEACE & SAFETY		3
	Enhanced community safety measures	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		3
	Preservation of local character and heritage	2
	Concerns about urban development impacts	1
HEALTH		2
	Improved healthcare facilities and services	2
WATER		2

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Improved water management and quality	2
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	New schools/childhood centres	1
OTHER		1
	Suggestions for specific local projects	1

Table 6: Is there anything missing?

Selected quotes

"Because Kapiti is developing at quite a fast rate and the influx of new families to our region, I feel that the shopping area is growing fast There is a need to accommodate an area for more parking and easy access to the shopping area to accommodate more people to a high standard of safety thus making shopping in the centre a great experience for all."

Is there anything missing?

"I work with families and one of the things they find hardest is finding things to do with their children, especially if the weather is bad - so things such as the library are really important, but it would be great if we could foster more family friendly and budget friendly opportunities. With all the research showing the value of green space to mental health, I think it is vital for community well being to have green spaces within walking distance of high intensity housing. I also think that we need to be planning for alternative green and recreation spaces when sea level rise may mean the beach is less and less accessible."

Is there anything missing?

"Local rules for new housing to have solar panels on N/NW facing roofs, and pale colours for walls and roofs up to 12C cooling of urban area [along with occasional trees].Think about it: the Rates rise of nearly 20%, with threat of 7% of the accumulating total for the next 10 years. !!!"

Is there anything missing?

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Broader community engagement

In addition to the targeted Vision Paraparaumu surveys, valuable insights were gathered from other community engagement processes that took place in Paraparaumu. These broader engagements provide important context and additional perspectives on the community's priorities and concerns.

This section summarises key findings from two significant engagement efforts:

1. The Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation process, which yielded insights on economic development, infrastructure needs, financial management, community facilities, environmental protection, housing, and governance transparency.
2. A needs assessment focused on young people in Kāpiti, conducted through Zeal Paraparaumu, which provided crucial insights into the experiences, challenges and aspirations of local youth.

The feedback from these engagements complements and enhances our understanding of the Paraparaumu community's vision for the future, highlighting areas of alignment as well as additional considerations that may need to be incorporated into planning efforts.

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6 Relevant Insights from the Long-Term Plan Process

The Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation process gathered valuable community feedback on Paraparaumu's future development. This engagement captured a range of views on issues affecting the area's growth and community well-being.

Feedback covered topics including economic development, infrastructure needs, environmental concerns, and community services. These insights reflect community priorities and will help inform planning for Paraparaumu's future.

The following subsections summarise key themes from the consultation, providing an overview of community perspectives on Paraparaumu's development over the coming years.

6.1 Economic Development

Kāpiti Airport Development — Submissions emphasised the potential of developing Kāpiti Airport into a multi-use precinct with aviation, housing, technology businesses, and commercial activities to boost economic and employment opportunities.

Business Engagement — The Kāpiti Coast Chamber of Commerce urged more engagement with the business community on economic development activities.

6.2 Infrastructure & Asset Management

Water Infrastructure — Calls for improved infrastructure, particularly in water management, stormwater systems, and flood protection.

Equitable Funding — Respondents advocated for a more equitable approach to funding infrastructure projects.

Planning and Maintenance — Emphasis on better planning and maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Financial Management & Rates

Rates Increase Concerns — Significant worry about the proposed 17% rates increase for 2024/25, with Paraparaumu respondents among the least supportive of rates funding options.

Affordability — Strong emphasis on maintaining affordability for ratepayers, particularly those on fixed or low incomes.

Cost Savings — Calls for the council to find cost savings and prioritise core services.

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6.3 Community Facilities & Services

Support for local facilities such as mental health support, youth engagement programmes, sports and recreation facilities, and community halls. Emphasis on these services as crucial for fostering a strong and inclusive community.

6.4 Environmental Protection & Climate Change

Balanced Approach — Calls for a balanced approach to addressing climate change risks while considering financial implications for ratepayers.

Climate Action Rate — A proposal to introduce a new climate action rate based on capital value, with Paraparaumu respondents slightly more inclined to prefer no change to the status quo.

Housing & Land Use

Council Housing — Options presented for managing council housing for older people, including transferring to a new or existing community housing provider.

Urban Development — Some submissions called for rezoning land for urban development, which could impact future growth patterns in Paraparaumu.

6.5 Transparency & Consultation

Improved Process — Criticisms of the council's consultation process and decision-making, with calls for greater transparency and improved communication.

Community Engagement — Requests for more meaningful engagement with the community in planning processes.

Data Usage — Some respondents questioned the use of data and expert advice in planning processes.

These insights from the LTP process provide valuable information for future planning in Paraparaumu, highlighting the need to balance economic development, infrastructure improvements, environmental concerns, and community wellbeing while addressing issues of affordability and transparency in governance.

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7 Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people (ZEAL)

This section of the report presents a summary of the key insights gathered from the Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people. The assessment focused on young people who are or have been involved in Zeal's core programmes, such as afternoon hangs, creative programmes, events, and college representatives. In particular, it sought to understand the experiences, challenges and suggestions of young people from Paraparaumu, as well as the impact of Zeal on participants and its ability to address their concerns.

The Needs Assessment: Insights from Kāpiti young people survey collected data through two methods:

- Annual survey: Conducted over 12 months, with 74 participants.
- Follow-up survey: Completed by 20 respondents.

The combined efforts yielded feedback from 94 youth involved in Zeal's programmes, aiming to understand their experiences, challenges, and needs. This survey was conducted by Zeal as part of requirements of its contract with Kāpiti Coast District Council. While other feedback did not reflect Zeal as strongly, there remained a theme of the importance of facilities for youth in Kāpiti.

The feedback provided indicated that Zeal Paraparaumu is highly valued by young people as a social hub and safe space. It's seen as superior to the mall for connecting with friends and offers constant engagement through activities like cards and pool. The venue played a crucial role in helping youth re-socialise after COVID-19 lockdowns. It provides a safe alternative when young people don't want to go home. Youth report learning from conversations with the friendly staff. Overall, Zeal Paraparaumu serves as a welcoming, engaging, and supportive environment for local youth.

Through the survey youth in Paraparaumu have expressed several key desires for their future, these include:

- **Better Information:** More accessible information about services and events, possibly through a large notice board.
- **Expanded Support:** Utilising Zeal staff for broader support needs, as they are perceived as more approachable than formal services like KYS.
- **Creative Opportunities:** More creative challenges and activities.
- **Improved Art Space:** Making the art space more accessible and balancing noise levels.
- **Engaging Activities:** Continuing and expanding activities like pool competitions and table tennis, with an opt-in/opt-out system.

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- **Image Improvement:** Addressing negative stigmas about Zeal to attract more youth.

- **Increased Space:** More room for various activities.

- **Diverse Courses:** Offering additional courses in areas like hairdressing, makeup, and building.

- **Staffing:** More staff during hangs to assist new attendees.

- **Better Referral Information:** Improved information about other youth services.

- **Outreach:** Expanding awareness about Zeal to reach more youth who could benefit.

- **Exterior Appearance:** Modifying the building's appearance to look more like a youth centre.

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1.1 Why Vision Kāpiti 2060?

A clear district-wide vision will help guide planning, decision making, programmes, services, and advocacy, for decades to come.

Elected members want to hear from their communities, about what matters most, what change people want to see and their aspirations for the future of our district.

The first stage is to develop a Vision for the district and its underlying communities.

This will be followed by two further stages:

- Identifying and testing pathways and priorities for achieving our Vision; and, finally

- Developing a blueprint for action, mapping out our key steps and moves to realise our Vision.

Once complete, the Vision and blueprint will outline what things will be prioritised over the next 30 years (to 2060), and how Council will work with its iwi partners, central and local government, and key stakeholders to achieve our collective Vision.

This process will replace the Local Outcomes Statements developed across the district from 2007 - 2017.

1.2 Overview of Vision Raumati engagement and feedback

The Vision Raumati Project was initiated prior to the wider Vision Kāpiti process and has inspired some of its approach. The Community Board has worked to capture feedback from the Raumati community to help shape and refine Vision Raumati. This has occurred across two phases of engagement.

Phase One: Gathering initial views

From March 2022 to May 2024 feedback was captured from local Raumati residents through:

- An online survey gathering insights into what makes Raumati special and to identify the community's current and future needs and aspirations was undertaken from March – December 2022. The survey consisted of 10 questions and was advertised through local networks and social media to ensure broad participation. A summary of key themes from feedback was provided in 2023.

  73 responses with 708 feedback points

- An additional online survey was repeated from November 2023 – May 2024 to capture insights and feedback for Raumati South.

  59 responses with 510 feedback points

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The two surveys were administered to capture the unique perspectives of residents across the wider Raumati area. Both surveys featured identical questions to maintain consistency. The data and themes collected across this period, as well as previous data from earlier Kāpiti Coast District Council local community outcomes work (2007) and other recent local strategic work have been merged to provide a comprehensive overview of the Raumati community's feedback.

This feedback was summarised and presented to local communities for further testing as part of Phase Two. This included a detailed report which summarised feedback from all sources, and feedback received on local survey questions.

Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

From June to July 2024 the summary of feedback from Phase One was shared through the Council led process to test whether what had been captured so far reflected what was important and if there was anything missing.

Further feedback was captured from engagement during this period including:

• An online survey capturing if what is captured so far reflects what's important and if there is anything missing.	1 response with 1 feedback point
• Other Raumati Community Board engagement with the community	113 responses with 164 feedback points

Broader community engagement

In addition to the above engagements, the Community Board has sought to engage and seek feedback with local residents through a number of other ways including:

- Partnering with local groups such as Chamber of Commerce, Low Carbon Kāpiti, and Raumati Village.
- Collecting ideas and sparking conversations via a stand-alone website and Facebook page.
- Public meetings held at the Raumati Bowling Club (approximately 35 attendees), Weka Park (approximately 70 attendees), and Raumati South Residents' Association Annual General Meeting (about 30 attendees).
- Sessions with 2 year 9 classes at Kāpiti College
- Hosting of 'our vision for Raumati' event with over 600 attendees.

Many conversations with residents and stakeholders also helped inform the thinking for the Raumati Vision Project, even where feedback was not specifically captured.

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In addition to feedback on the Vision process, a number of recent community engagements have provided feedback on what's missing or important for the Raumati area. By incorporating these supplementary sources, we gain a more comprehensive understanding of community priorities and concerns. This multi-faceted approach allows us to identify recurring themes across different engagement processes, providing a robust foundation for Raumati's future vision. This includes :

• Long - Term Plan 2024-2034 feedback	Key insights from 371 responses with 1,598 feedback points
• Feedback on values received in the Takutai Kāpiti Project	336 responses with 1,758 feedback points

The inclusion of Long-Term Plan insights offers valuable context on infrastructure priorities, financial considerations, and community initiatives. Meanwhile, the Takutai Kāpiti feedback provides crucial perspectives on coastal management and environmental priorities. Together, these additional sources enrich and validate the themes identified in the primary Vision Raumati engagement, ensuring a holistic view of community aspirations.

This report

This report provides an overview of all feedback shaping Vision Raumati.
This includes:
- Consolidated findings from all feedback.
- A summary of the 'Phase One' local survey results.
- A summary of 'Phase Two' feedback on what's important and gaps.
- A summary of what we heard from additional information sources, including:
  - Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation, which covered topics such as infrastructure priorities, financial management, housing, and community initiatives.
  - Takutai Kāpiti coastal adaptation project, which focused on coastal hazards, community values related to the coastline, and preferences for coastal protection strategies.

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The engagement data analysis has been structured using the Council's economic doughnut model framework. This model provides a holistic view of the community's well-being, considering social, environmental, and economic factors. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model.
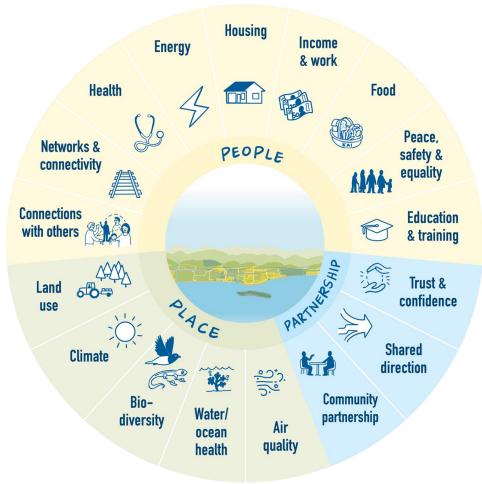

Figure 1: The Doughnut Economics Model

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1.3 Central Themes

This section summarises the key findings that emerged from the community engagement process. It highlights the dominant priorities and aspirations expressed by the residents of Raumati across various domains of the economic doughnut model.

Āhurangi | Climate: Residents appreciate Raumati's warm weather and sunshine, recognising the positive impact on outdoor experiences and overall lifestyle. However, there is a mix of views on climate change, with some expressing concern about future impacts and others sceptical of scientific projections and modelling.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety: The feedback emphasises fostering happiness and contentment by maintaining a cosy, inclusive environment. Residents prioritise pedestrian-friendly spaces, secure bicycle storage, safer road crossings (especially for children and the elderly), and reduced speed limits. They cherish the relaxed, village-like ambience close to nature and call for improved road safety measures.

Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others: Residents value Raumati's small size for its strong community spirit, safety, and access to amenities. They appreciate the friendly, close-knit atmosphere with locally owned shops. Community events like street BBQs and markets are pivotal for nurturing a supportive environment where everyone feels welcome. There's a desire for more inclusive spaces and activities that cater to diverse age groups.

Hanga Whare | Housing: Residents desire more affordable and accessible housing options while preserving the village feel. They prefer medium-density housing that maintains green spaces over high-density developments, which are seen as unfit for the village atmosphere. There are mixed views on intensification, with concerns about its impact on community character.

Hauora | Health: The community seeks better healthcare access, particularly for the elderly, including comprehensive services, improved infrastructure, and mental health support. There are strong calls for local healthcare facilities and services to meet the growing community needs. More funding for youth programs and enhanced social services are also prioritised.

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health: Residents highly value proximity to the beach and ocean, seeing it as central to Raumati's identity. There's strong support for maintaining clean waterways and beaches, with concerns about water quality and stormwater management.

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He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership: Feedback shows a strong desire to enhance community cohesion through communal activities and events. Residents want to preserve Raumati's charm, laid-back vibe, and low-density environment. Many prefer it remain relatively unknown to avoid over-commercialisation. There are concerns about governance and decision-making processes, particularly around coastal adaptation planning, with calls for more transparent and inclusive community engagement.

Konorau Koiora | Biodiversity: Residents deeply appreciate Raumati's natural surroundings, beaches, parks and close connection to the environment. They support urban beautification, community gardens, and tree planting to preserve natural charm and sustainability. There's particular emphasis on dune restoration and management, and protecting wildlife habitats.

Mātauranga | Education & Training: The community values its schools as integral to a family-friendly environment. Residents call for further educational enrichment through outdoor experiences and nurturing creativity. There's also interest in environmental education and learning about coastal processes.

Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity: Priorities include enhancing pedestrian accessibility, improving walking/cycling paths and infrastructure, and ensuring safer roads. Public transport enhancements and better connectivity between the village, beach, and other key areas are also important. There's a strong desire for a more integrated and multimodal transport network.

Ohunga | Income & Work: Residents want to expand retail and hospitality while preserving village charm. Key priorities include supporting local businesses, adding community events and markets, and developing Raumati as a unique tourist destination. There are calls to address vacant properties and improve the town's overall appeal to boost local economy.

Wai | Water: Residents prioritise addressing water quality issues and improving stormwater management. There's concern about the impact of development on water infrastructure and calls for better maintenance of waterways.
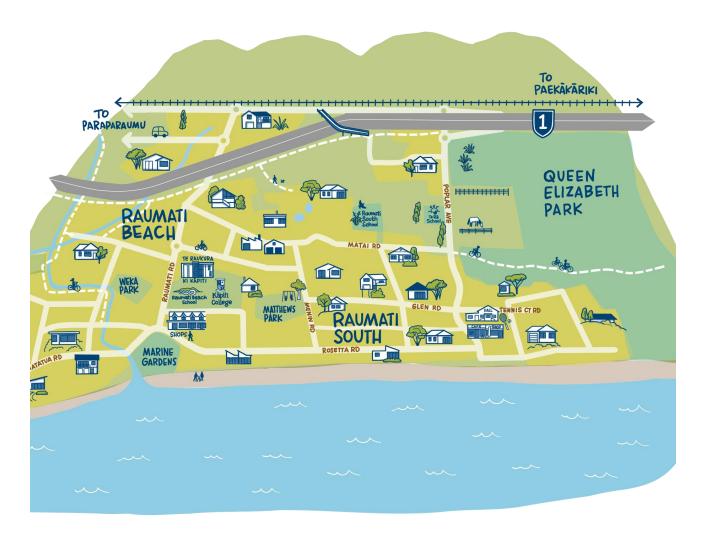
Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality: The community desires revitalising spaces like the old swimming pool building and waterfront into vibrant, multifunctional hubs. Residents prioritise sustainable development, climate change adaptation, and maintaining Raumati's visual appeal. There are ongoing debates about coastal protection measures, with mixed views on strategies like seawalls and managed retreat.

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2　A summary of all feedback on Vision Raumati

This section provides more detail on views for areas of the doughnut model, representing key needs for the community. In this section, the most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme, along with supporting quotes or discussion points. These insights shed light on the Raumati community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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2.1 Place

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Place'.

Āhurangi
Climate

Āhurangi | Climate feedback revealed diverse views on environmental and climate issues. Residents appreciated local natural assets but expressed varying concerns about climate impacts. Some emphasised adaptation strategies, whilst others were sceptical of scientific modelling. Environmental health, including air and water quality, was a recurring theme. Infrastructure needs, such as waste management and seawall upgrades, were noted. Biodiversity protection and food resilience also featured. The consultation highlighted a range of opinions on climate change, from prioritisation to scepticism.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Scepticism of scientific modelling and scenarios

Many residents express strong scepticism towards the scientific modelling and scenarios used to assess coastal hazards and climate change impacts. They criticise the use of what they perceive as "extreme" or "worst-case" scenarios, calling it scaremongering and implausible. Some argue that the models are uncalibrated, flawed, or ignore important factors like vertical land rise and existing seawalls. There are calls for more balanced assessments, consideration of alternative scientific views, and concerns that overestimating risks could unnecessarily harm property values and community well-being.

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Efficient waste management and recycling systems

Residents express a desire for improved waste management and recycling systems in Raumati. Suggestions include implementing streetside recycling bins, providing residential bins with lids to prevent rubbish from entering the sea, and organising community beach clean-ups. There's a call for more rubbish bins, particularly in areas like Queen Elizabeth Park and Rosetta Road. Some propose a unified rubbish collection system to reduce the number of lorries on the roads.

Enjoy the local climate and weather

The community highly values Raumati's pleasant microclimate, characterised by abundant sunshine, warm temperatures, and cooling sea breezes. Residents appreciate the area's stable weather patterns, which contribute to an enjoyable coastal lifestyle. Many express their love for the beautiful sunsets, clear sunny days, and overall favourable climate compared to nearby regions. Some concerns are raised about extreme weather events and climate change impacts, but overall, the local climate is considered a major asset of living in Raumati.

Other key themes included:

- Enhance natural spaces (eg though improved bike paths)

- Enjoy the views

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Hauora Awa/Moana River/Ocean Health

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health related feedback highlighted residents' strong connection to coastal and waterway areas. Many valued proximity to beaches, the ocean, and rivers. Concerns were raised about coastal protection, including seawall maintenance and effectiveness, alongside support for improved defences. Stormwater and waste management emerged as key issues, with worries about flooding, water quality, and pollution. Some residents expressed concern about human interference with natural processes and erosion. Specific local concerns included the Wharemauku Stream, Raumati South sea wall, and inland water table issues. Overall, the community emphasised the importance of maintaining safe, clean aquatic environments whilst balancing protection and natural processes.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Proximity to the seaside, beaches and the sea

Residents overwhelmingly value Raumati's coastal location, with easy access to beaches being a primary draw. The seaside lifestyle is cherished for its relaxing atmosphere, recreational opportunities, and positive impact on wellbeing. Many appreciate the ability to walk from their homes to the beach, enjoying activities like swimming, fishing, and coastal walks. The sandy, safe beaches are particularly valued for families. The sea views, sunsets, and connection to nature are frequently mentioned as key benefits. Overall, proximity to the sea is seen as central to Raumati's character and appeal.

Support for improved and additional seawalls

Many residents strongly support maintaining and improving seawalls as a primary defence against coastal hazards. There are calls for consistent, well-designed, and professionally engineered seawalls along the coast. Residents emphasise the need for proactive maintenance and upgrades, with some advocating for higher walls to accommodate future sea level rise. There's a desire for a coordinated approach rather than piecemeal private efforts, and for seawalls to incorporate public amenities like walkways where possible.

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Support for improved stormwater management

Residents express significant concern about stormwater management and advocate for improvements. Many call for better maintenance of existing infrastructure, including regular clearing of drains, streams, and waterways to prevent flooding. There's a desire for enhanced stormwater systems to cope with increased rainfall intensity and population growth. Some suggest considering the impact of new high-density developments on stormwater capacity. Residents emphasise the need for a holistic approach, addressing inland drainage issues as well as coastal defences. Overall, there's a strong push for proactive stormwater management to improve flood resilience.

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Kanorau Koiora
Biodiversity

Kanorau Koiora | Biodiversity related feedback shows that the community highly values Kāpiti's natural environment, emphasising proximity to beaches, waterways, Kāpiti Island, mountains, and wetlands. There's strong support for protecting and enhancing these assets, including dune restoration, increased planting, and wildlife habitat preservation. Residents enjoy local parks, reserves, and birdwatching opportunities. Concerns were raised about current planting processes and impacts on specific areas like Queen Elizabeth Park and dunes. The community seeks a balance between ecological preservation and protection measures, highlighting the importance of regenerating native biodiversity and appreciating coastal habitats and plant species.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Protect beaches and waterways and green Kāpiti

Residents highly value Kāpiti's natural environment, including beaches, waterways, parks, and green spaces. There's strong support for protecting and enhancing these areas through dune restoration, native planting, and ecological corridors. Many emphasise the importance of Queen Elizabeth Park and wetlands for biodiversity and community wellbeing. Residents want to preserve the area's coastal character and connection to nature, with calls for more tree planting, fruit trees, and community gardens. There's a desire to balance development with environmental protection, maintaining green spaces and wildlife habitats whilst improving sustainable access and enjoyment for all.

Proximity to nature

Residents deeply value Kāpiti's proximity to nature, highlighting the area's unique blend of coastal, bush, and mountain environments. The easy access to beaches, Queen Elizabeth Park, wetlands, and the Tararua Range is frequently cited as a key attraction. Many appreciate the abundance of wildlife, particularly birds, and the opportunity for outdoor activities like walking, cycling, and swimming. The natural surroundings are seen as crucial for mental wellbeing and quality of life.

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Promote Kāpiti's natural assets to visitors

Residents envision Kāpiti as a destination that showcases its natural beauty and relaxed coastal lifestyle. They want to promote the area's beaches, parks, and Kāpiti Island as key attractions for visitors. Many suggest highlighting the region's outdoor activities, such as swimming, cycling, and walking trails. Residents see potential in promoting Kāpiti as an eco-friendly destination, leveraging its unique blend of seaside charm and natural landscapes to attract tourists.

Other key themes included:

- Enjoy visiting local parks and reserves

- Support for dune restoration and management

- Importance of wildlife observation and birdwatching

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Wai
Water

Wai | Water related feedback highlighted significant concerns regarding water quality and supply. Residents expressed a desire for improved water services, emphasising the need to address existing issues affecting water quality. The impact on water supply was a notable worry, suggesting potential challenges in meeting community needs. Overall, there's a clear call for authorities to enhance water management practices, ensuring safe, reliable access to clean water for all residents whilst addressing any current or anticipated problems with water infrastructure and quality.

The most common theme that emerged from community feedback were:

Address concerns around water quality

Residents express significant concerns about water management and quality in Raumati. There are worries about potential pollution of the water supply and the need for improved sewerage systems. There's particular mention of addressing issues with a sewerage pipe along the beach. Additionally, there's a call for better maintenance of water infrastructure and upgrading of core water services. Residents also desire more water fountains the beach and shops. Overall, there's a strong emphasis on the need for clean, well-maintained water systems to support the community.

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Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua Land Use & Quality

Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality related feedback indicates that the community expressed varied views on coastal management and urban development. While some were unconcerned, many worried about erosion, flooding, and property protection. The coastline's importance to Kāpiti's identity was emphasised. Opinions on managed retreat were divided, with some favouring coastal defence. Development concerns included high-density housing, particularly in coastal areas, and building in high-risk zones. The need to balance intensification with character preservation was noted. Overall, there's a call for a balanced, case-by-case approach to coastal protection and development, considering infrastructure needs and appropriate land use.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Mixed concern about erosion and flooding

Residents express a wide range of views regarding coastal erosion and flooding in Raumati. Some are extremely concerned about the potential impacts on property and infrastructure, citing visible changes to beach levels and access. Others are less worried, believing natural processes will maintain the coastline or that their properties are sufficiently elevated or set back. Many emphasise the need for well-designed seawalls and other protective measures. There's significant scepticism about the severity of threats, with some residents questioning the scientific basis for concerns and others viewing earthquakes or tsunamis as greater risks.

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Concern regarding high density housing

Residents express significant concern about potential high-density housing developments in Raumati. Many emphasise the importance of maintaining the area's village atmosphere and low-rise character, fearing that multi-storey or high-density builds could erode the community's charm. There's a strong desire to preserve green spaces and avoid 'cookie-cutter' developments. While some acknowledge the need for more affordable housing, most prefer sensitive, well-considered medium-density options that fit with the existing character. Concerns are raised about the impact of intensification on infrastructure, particularly stormwater systems, and the potential loss of the area's coastal aesthetic.

Balance intensification with character preservation

Residents express a desire to balance potential intensification with preserving Raumati's unique character. They stress the need to protect green spaces and avoid overdevelopment. Some suggest focusing intensification around transport hubs or specific areas while preserving the coastal village feel. Overall, there's a call for careful urban planning that respects Raumati's identity while addressing housing needs.

Other key themes included:

- Opposition to managed retreat

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2.2 People

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'People'.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata
Peace & Safety

The feedback related to Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety emphasised Kāpiti's peaceful, relaxing atmosphere and natural beauty as important to the community. Safety is a key priority, with appreciation for the secure environment, particularly for children along the coastline. There's a desire to maintain and enhance safety through improved animal control, safe driving speeds, and a pedestrian-friendly environment. The community cherishes the quiet lifestyle, absence of heavy traffic, and sense of space and freedom. Some concerns were raised about maintaining this peaceful living, with calls to increase police presence and address issues like drug use and vape sales. Overall, residents appreciate their ability to have a say in local matters.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Relaxed and peaceful living

Residents consistently highlight Raumati's relaxed and peaceful atmosphere as a key attribute. Many describe feeling as if they're on holiday at home, appreciating the quiet, laid-back lifestyle. The area is valued for its sense of calm, connection to nature, and escape from city bustle. Residents enjoy the slower pace, lack of congestion, and the ability to easily access amenities while maintaining a peaceful environment. The combination of beach proximity, green spaces, and village ambiance contributes to a sense of tranquillity and well-being that residents highly prize.

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Safety and security

Residents frequently mention safety and security as key aspects of life in Raumati. Many feel the area offers a safe environment for families, children, and the elderly. There are calls for improved pedestrian and cycling safety, particularly around the village centre and near schools. Some express concerns about traffic speeds and road safety. Residents desire well-lit, accessible pathways and community spaces. While generally feeling secure, there are mentions of addressing petty crime and vandalism. Overall, maintaining and enhancing safety is seen as crucial to preserving Raumati's community-oriented, family-friendly character.

Other key themes included:

- Improve animal safety and control
- Ability to have say and vote
- Absence of traffic

Recognition of natural beauty and views

Residents of Raumati deeply appreciate the area's natural beauty and stunning views. Many highlight the picturesque sunsets, vistas of Kāpiti Island, and the scenic coastline as significant attractions. The beach is valued not only for recreation but also for its aesthetic qualities, including beautiful shells and driftwood. The raw, unspoiled beauty of the area is cherished, with many expressing a desire to preserve these natural assets and the positive impact they have on quality of life.

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Te hononga ki ētahi atu
Connections with others

Feedback related to Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others highlighted that residents cherish their thriving, connected community with its small-town character and village atmosphere. They value the friendly, welcoming environment and strong sense of belonging. The community appreciates local events, cultural activities, and recreational opportunities, including beach visits, water sports, and outdoor activities. There's a desire for more inclusive spaces, youth-focused facilities, and improved public amenities. Residents emphasise the importance of maintaining the area's unique identity, historical significance, and artistic culture. The community seeks a balance between preserving its relaxed lifestyle and fostering progress, with calls for enhanced recreational areas, community hubs, and cycleways to cater to diverse age groups and interests.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Community spirit and connectedness

Residents of Raumati highly value the strong sense of community and connectedness in the area. Many describe a friendly, welcoming atmosphere where neighbours know each other and support local businesses. There's a desire for more community events, gathering spaces, and opportunities for intergenerational interactions. Residents appreciate the village feel and the mix of people, from young families to retirees. They emphasise the importance of inclusivity, diversity, and supporting one another. Many see the community spirit as a key factor in their quality of life and want to preserve and enhance this aspect of Raumati's character.

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Village character and small size

Residents consistently praise Raumati's village character and small size as key attributes. They value the intimate, laid-back atmosphere and the ability to access amenities within walking distance. The compact nature of the village centres is seen as fostering community connections and a holiday-like feel. Many express a desire to maintain this small-scale charm, resisting over-development or high-rise buildings. The blend of local, independent shops and cafes is highly appreciated. Overall, the village atmosphere is viewed as central to Raumati's identity, providing a welcome contrast to more urban environments.

Other themes included:

- More cultural events, activities and promotion
- Upgrade public amenities (eg parks, libraries)
- Enjoyment of beach activities
- Support for community organisations and events

Promote as friendly village destination

Residents envision promoting Raumati as a friendly, welcoming village destination with a unique coastal charm. They emphasise the area's relaxed, holiday-like atmosphere, boutique shops, and cafes. Many suggest highlighting the natural beauty, including beaches and Queen Elizabeth Park, as key attractions. There's a desire to showcase Raumati's artistic and creative side, with proposals for markets, festivals, and cultural events. Residents want to present Raumati as a place for visitors to unwind, enjoy nature, and experience a strong sense of community, while maintaining its small-town character and family-friendly appeal.

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Hanga Whare Housing

The community feedback highlighted complex housing concerns in relation to coastal challenges. Residents emphasised the need to balance housing development with character preservation, while expressing concerns about high-density housing. Property-related worries were prominent, including impacts on property values, insurance, and potential loss or damage due to coastal hazards. There was significant concern about flooding impacts and rising property rates. The community called for affordable housing strategies and climate-resilient new homes. Some supported protecting existing coastal properties, while others focused on increasing housing supply and development. Managed retreat was seen as a potential barrier to housing access by some. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for sustainable, affordable housing solutions that address both current needs and future coastal risks, while maintaining the area's coastal living lifestyle.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Concern regarding high density housing

The community feedback expresses significant concern about high-density housing in the Kāpiti Coast district, fearing it would negatively impact the village-like character of their communities. While acknowledging the need for affordable housing, many believe medium to high-density developments are not suitable. Well-considered medium-density housing with sustainability, adequate parking, and green spaces may be acceptable. Concerns also exist about the impact on infrastructure and the need for more expertise in decision-making.

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Balance intensification with character preservation

The community feedback emphasises the importance of balancing intensification with character preservation in the Kāpiti Coast district, particularly in Raumati South. While acknowledging the need for affordable housing, residents believe medium to high-density developments should be carefully considered to maintain the village-like feel and low-key aesthetic. Suggestions include pedestrian-only areas, bike lanes, planting, and design elements to enhance the coastal town feel, along with sensitive development that fits the village character.

Concern about property value and insurance

The community feedback highlights significant concerns about the potential impact of coastal hazard management plans on property values and insurance costs in the Kāpiti Coast district. Residents fear that the Takutai Kāpiti process and the council's actions may adversely affect their mortgages, insurability, and property values. They emphasise the need for clarity on defence measures, question sea-level rise estimates, and call for action plans that protect homeowners from scare-mongering tactics and financial disruption.

Other themes included:

- Strategies to ensure housing is affordable

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Hauora
Health

The feedback related to Hauora | Health emphasised the importance of accessible healthcare and support for overall wellbeing. Residents called for improved access to various health services, including GPs, hospitals, and mental health support. There was a particular focus on care for the elderly and people with disabilities. The community expressed concerns about the potential mental health impacts of coastal changes and the social implications of retreat strategies. Improved public amenities and support for recreational activities were seen as important for community wellbeing. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for comprehensive, locally available health services and initiatives that support both physical and mental wellbeing across all segments of the community.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Improvements in mental health and wellbeing

The community feedback strongly emphasises the positive impact of Raumati's coastline on mental health and wellbeing. Residents consistently describe the beach as vital for their emotional and psychological health, citing its therapeutic qualities. Many value the coastline for relaxation, stress relief, and rejuvenation.

Activities like walking, swimming, and simply enjoying the sea view are seen as crucial for maintaining good mental health. The beach is frequently described as a place for solitude, reflection, and grounding. Overall, the community views access to the coast as essential for their overall wellbeing and quality of life.

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Support for recreational activities

The community feedback highlights strong support for diverse recreational activities that promote health and wellbeing. There's enthusiasm for organised fitness activities like local walking groups, orienteering, and regular 5km runs. Many emphasise the importance of social gatherings that foster community connections, such as picnics, barbeques, and cultural celebrations. The community values outdoor activities that encourage children's play and active transport. Overall, there's a clear desire for inclusive, multigenerational events that promote physical activity and social interaction, contributing to the community's overall health.

Establish local healthcare facilities

The community feedback emphasised a strong desire for comprehensive local healthcare and wellness facilities. Residents called for accessible medical, dental, and pharmaceutical services within the village, allowing easy access for all, especially the elderly. There was support for a mental health hub and creative spaces that could serve as therapy centres and foster community connection. Overall, the feedback reflected a vision for a self-contained community with a focus on physical and mental wellbeing, combining healthcare facilities with recreational and social spaces to enhance overall quality of life.

Other themes included:

- Concern about impact on mental health
- Improve access to GP services
- Improve access to hospital services

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Kai
Food

The feedback on Kai | Food emphasised the value of local food initiatives, highlighting community food gardens, food stores, and seed libraries. These resources are cherished for promoting sustainability, self-sufficiency, and community engagement, helping residents connect over shared interests in gardening and local food production. In conjunction with this local community members enjoy both the variety and availability of local cafés and restaurants on offer in Raumati.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Enjoy the variety of cafés and restaurants

The community feedback highlights a strong appreciation for Raumati's diverse dining scene. Residents value the range of cafés, restaurants, and eateries, often describing them as key elements of the village's character. Many enjoy the beachside dining options and the relaxed, community-oriented atmosphere of local cafés. The proximity of these establishments to the beach and residential areas is seen as a significant plus. Cafés are frequently mentioned as social hubs, contributing to the area's friendly, village-like feel. Overall, the variety and quality of dining options are viewed as integral to Raumati's appeal, enhancing its reputation as a desirable seaside destination.

Access to community gardens

Raumati community members express a strong interest in enhancing access to community food gardens and leveraging the area's natural environment for sustainable living. Initiatives such as planting more fruit trees and fostering the growth of berries in parks like Queen Elizabeth are popular. There's a call for transforming underutilised areas into vibrant spaces that integrate mara kai (community gardens), where residents can collectively grow food. Proposals suggest making these spaces integral to community identity, similar to local landmarks and parks, enhancing food security and fostering a connection with nature.

Access to seed libraries and food stalls

The comments on accessing seed libraries and food stalls highlight a strong community focus on resource sharing and sustainable living. Residents express enthusiasm for seed pods, which enable the sharing of gardening resources, potentially boosting local food production and gardening activities

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Mātauranga
Education & Training

The community feedback highlighted a desire for diverse educational opportunities and improved access to schools. Residents called for more educational courses and facilities, including alternative schooling options and potentially new schools. There was a specific emphasis on coastal education, with support for learning about coastal processes, environmental issues, and international coastal management examples. The community expressed interest in public information on coastal issues, suggesting a desire for broader community awareness and engagement. Overall, the feedback reflected a need for both general educational improvements and specialised coastal-related learning opportunities to foster a well-informed community.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

More educational courses and facilities

The community feedback indicates a desire for expanded educational opportunities beyond traditional schooling. Residents suggest a range of classes and experiences, including arts, crafts, and outdoor education focusing on local flora and fauna. There's interest in utilising community spaces like halls for classes catering to various age groups. Some propose repurposing existing structures, such as turning the old pools into a marine aquarium education centre. The community wants venues that can host skills training and interest groups. There are also calls for more practical education, such as surf schools and apprenticeships linked with local businesses. Overall, there's a clear appetite for diverse, community-oriented learning opportunities that cater to all ages and interests.

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Access to schools

The community feedback consistently highlights the quality of schools as a key asset in Raumati. Residents appreciate the range of educational options, from early childhood facilities to secondary education, with Kāpiti College frequently mentioned. The proximity of schools to the beach and village centre is seen as a positive feature, contributing to the area's family-friendly atmosphere. Many note the ease and safety for children walking or cycling to school. Overall, the educational facilities are viewed as integral to Raumati's appeal, supporting a thriving community for families and contributing to the village's relaxed, inclusive vibe.

Desire for community environmental education

The community feedback highlights a need for improved environmental education across all age groups. Residents call for better information sharing about engineering options and ecological changes related to climate and coastal issues. There's a desire for comprehensive presentation of all potential solutions, drawing on examples from New Zealand and abroad. The community wants this information to be accessible to everyone, not just those on social media. Overall, there's a clear demand for more transparent, inclusive environmental education that informs all community members about local ecological challenges and potential responses.

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Ngā Hono
Networks & Connectivity

The feedback related to Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity highlighted a strong focus on improving accessibility and infrastructure while preserving coastal character. Key priorities included enhancing public transport, extending and maintaining cycleways and footpaths, and improving road safety and traffic management. Residents valued their proximity to amenities and nearby towns, including Wellington, but called for more accessible commercial areas and improved public facilities. There were concerns about coastal erosion, flooding in specific areas, and the general maintenance of infrastructure. The community emphasised the importance of disability access and proactive infrastructure maintenance. Some residents supported limiting vehicle access to beaches and restoration areas, while there was a desire to improve pedestrian access to the beach . The feedback also touched on the significance of coastal tourism and local businesses. Overall, the community sought a balance between improving accessibility and infrastructure while protecting the coastal environment and character.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Development of walkable and bike-friendly paths

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for improved pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. Residents call for wider, well-maintained footpaths throughout the area, particularly along busy roads and near schools. There's significant support for dedicated cycleways, with many suggesting a network connecting the village, beach, and surrounding areas. Many want to see Margaret Road pedestrianised or made one-way to create more space for walking and cycling. There's also a desire for better connections between the village and the beach, including an extended coastal walkway. Overall, the community seeks safer, more accessible routes for active transport.

Connect up our cycle & walkway network across our region

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Improve roads

The community feedback highlights a desire for improved road infrastructure and network in Raumati. Residents call for better connections between different areas, particularly linking the village, beach, and surrounding neighbourhoods. There's support for reconfiguring key intersections, with suggestions for roundabouts at busy junctions like Raumati Road and Alexander Road. Some residents request better on and off-ramps to the expressway, especially northbound access. Overall, there's a push for a more cohesive, efficient road network that balances local needs with through-traffic management.

Improve road safety and use with increased cars

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire for improved road safety measures. Residents call for lower speed limits, particularly around schools and in the village centre, with many suggesting 30km/h zones. There's significant support for traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, particularly on busy roads like Poplar Avenue and Rosetta Road. Many want safer pedestrian crossings, especially near schools and beach access points. Overall, there's a clear focus on creating a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly children and the elderly.

Other themes included:

- Improve traffic management for increased cars
- Improve public transport and transport hubs
- Extend the public transport network

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Ohunga
Income & Work

The feedback related to Ohunga | Income & Work highlighted a desire to boost the local economy while maintaining the area's character. Residents emphasised the importance of supporting local businesses, improving the visual appeal of commercial areas, and addressing vacant properties. There was strong interest in enhancing tourism, including beach tourism and planned tours from cruises, while some cautioned against over-commercialisation. The community called for improved shopping and dining options, with suggestions for hospitality hubs and market days. Concerns were raised about the impact of economic changes on local livelihoods and businesses. Residents stressed the need for local employment opportunities and affordable living. The feedback also touched on improving road infrastructure to support economic growth. Overall, the community sought a balanced approach to economic development, focusing on local business support, tourism enhancement, and maintaining affordability for residents.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Retail and hospitality expansion

The community feedback strongly emphasises a desire for a more diverse and vibrant retail and hospitality scene. Residents call for more cafés, restaurants, and bars, particularly those open in the evenings. There's interest in attracting unique, boutique shops and reducing the number of hairdressers and estate agents. Some suggest adding a butcher, deli, and fruit and vegetable shop to enhance daily shopping options. There's also support for occasional markets, food trucks, and outdoor dining spaces. Overall, the community wants Raumati to develop as a destination for both locals and visitors, with a focus on quality food, drink, and shopping experiences that complement the beach town atmosphere.

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Enjoy visiting local shops

The community feedback strongly emphasises appreciation for Raumati's unique shopping experience. Residents value the village-like atmosphere and the variety of locally-owned, boutique shops. Many enjoy the personal service and friendly interactions with shopkeepers. The mix of cafés, bakeries, and speciality stores is seen as a draw for both locals and visitors. People appreciate being able to walk to shops for daily needs and enjoy the relaxed, beachy vibe while shopping. Overall, the local shopping scene is viewed as an integral part of Raumati's charm and community feel.

Improve visual appeal and character of the town

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire to enhance Raumati's visual appeal and functionality. Residents call for a general facelift of shop fronts, improved streetscapes with more greenery, and better pedestrian spaces. Some suggest adding hanging flower baskets, fairy lights, and public art to create a more inviting atmosphere. There's support for developing underutilised areas, particularly near the beach, to create vibrant public spaces. The community wants to see a more cohesive village feel, with suggestions for paved streets, underground utilities, and a consistent design theme. Overall, there's a push to modernise while maintaining Raumati's coastal charm.

Other themes included:

- Improved road infrastructure and connectivity

- Support for local businesses and groups

- Enhance tourism industry, potentially using new branding

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Ora Rite
Equality

Ora Rite | Equality feedback highlighted concerns about fairness and inclusivity in coastal management. Key issues included the distribution of protection costs and the debate over prioritising private versus public assets. Residents emphasised the importance of inclusivity, particularly regarding accessibility for the elderly and disabled. There was also a focus on preserving coastal assets for future generations. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for equitable, accessible, and sustainable coastal management that considers the needs of all community members, both present and future.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Concern about distribution of protection costs

The community feedback reveals significant concern about how coastal protection costs will be distributed. Residents question the potential costs of managed retreat, with estimates ranging into billions for relocating homes. There's debate over who should bear these costs - central government, local government, or property owners. Some suggest partial cost-sharing for defending private property. Others argue that recent coastal property buyers should bear more responsibility, given their awareness of climate change risks. Overall, there's a call for transparency in costing and a fair approach that doesn't overly burden the wider community for protecting specific coastal areas.

Issues with accessibility for elderly and disabled

The community feedback highlights concerns about accessibility to the beach and coastline for elderly and disabled residents. There's a noted lack of disabled access to these areas, which prevents some community members from fully enjoying coastal spaces. Some residents suggest that car access should be maintained for those with disabilities, though this view is not unanimous. The feedback indicates that high tides can further limit accessibility. Overall, there's a call for improved infrastructure and access points that would allow elderly and disabled residents to better enjoy Raumati's coastal areas, balancing this need with other community priorities.

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Preservation for future generations

The community feedback emphasises a strong desire to preserve Raumati's beach for future generations. There's a clear sentiment that the beach is a crucial recreational asset that should be protected. Some express concern that current council and Coastal Adaptation Panel (CAP) actions might negatively impact this legacy, potentially affecting property values and children's futures. Overall, there's a strong focus on maintaining the beach's accessibility and safety for families, ensuring it remains a cherished resource for generations to come.

Other key themes included:

- Inclusive of diversity
- Debate about protecting private vs public assets

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2.3 Partnership

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Partnership'.

He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka Community Partnership

The feedback related to He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership highlighted diverse concerns and suggestions. Key issues included the need for a science-based, tailored approach to CAP, improved consultation processes, and greater community involvement in decision-making. Residents called for proactive mitigation strategies and consideration of various hazards. Fiscal responsibility was emphasised, with concerns about council spending and rates. There was support for both immediate solutions and long-term planning, with a focus on transparency and inclusion of local expertise. Overall, the feedback reflected a desire for a more inclusive, scientifically grounded approach to coastal adaptation, balanced with effective governance and fiscal prudence.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback are:

Concern about inadequate council planning and action

The community feedback expresses significant concern about the council's approach to coastal hazards and planning. Residents criticise the lack of consultation and transparency in decision-making processes. Many feel the council's response is too slow, particularly regarding seawall maintenance and construction. There's frustration about the perceived lack of a clear, community-led action plan to address coastal changes. Some residents worry about the council's use of what they consider flawed data or extreme scenarios. Overall, there's a strong desire for more proactive, transparent, and community-oriented planning from the council.

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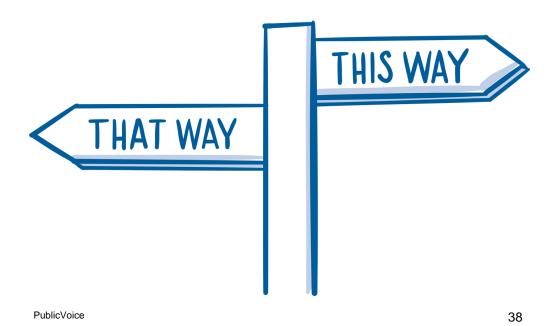
Support for more inclusive and transparent engagement

The community feedback strongly emphasises the need for more inclusive and transparent engagement processes. Residents call for genuine consultation, rather than what some perceive as predetermined outcomes. There's a desire for better representation of community views in decision-making bodies like the Coastal Advisory Panel used for Takutai Kāpiti. Many want improved communication, including accessible summaries of meetings and clear explanations of data used for projections. Some suggest a referendum on coastal issues. Overall, there's a strong sentiment that the community should have a more direct role in shaping plans for Raumati's future, with emphasis on diverse age representation and two-way information flow.

Other themes included:

- Concern about lack of community consultation or inadequate consultation processes

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3 Data analysis methodology

3.1 Survey data analysis

PublicVoice used a step-by-step method called thematic analysis to review the open-ended responses from the Vision Raumati community engagement survey. This method follows five main steps:

1. **Understanding the Data:** Analysts read the data multiple times to grasp its content.
2. **Initial Coding:** The data was sorted into labelled segments highlighting key points.
3. **Identifying Themes:** These segments were then grouped into broader themes.
4. **Refining Themes:** Themes were checked for relevance and clarity.
5. **Finalising Themes:** Each theme was carefully defined, possibly with sub-themes.

3.2 Key findings analysis

The analysis of the combined data was structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model, which provides a holistic view of the community's well-being by considering social, environmental, and economic factors.

The key findings were organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model. This approach allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the community's values, priorities, and concerns, extending beyond the specific questions asked in the survey.

3.3 Reporting

For the survey data, tables illustrating the frequency of the key themes have been included to demonstrate the significance of each theme. Only descriptions of the most frequent themes have been included in Section 4, "Key Findings from the Vision Raumati survey," to highlight the main points expressed by respondents.

In contrast, Section 3 reports the key findings and presents the most common topics from the combined data, organised according to the doughnut model. This section provides a more detailed analysis, offering valuable insights and guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

The methodology section clarifies the distinct methods used to examine and present the community's feedback by differentiating between the analysis and reporting approaches for the survey data and the key findings.

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Phase One: Gathering initial views

4 Phase 1 - Vision Raumati survey

This section presents the key findings from the Vision Raumati community engagement survey which received 132 responses. The survey asked ten questions:

1. Why Raumati? What's your connection to Raumati?

2. How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?

3. How do you get to/around Raumati? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?

4. What do you love most about Raumati?

5. What do you see as being most distinctive about the village?

6. How would you like Raumati to look and feel?

7. How do you want Raumati to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?

8. What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?

9. What would you love for children? For elderly?

10. If you had a generous pot of money, what is it that would make all the difference?

The analysis of survey data has been structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model. A subset of these questions were used for other stakeholder engagements listed in the front of this report resulting in higher numbers of responses and frequencies for those questions.

The most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme. These insights shed light on the Raumati community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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4.1 Why Raumati? What's your connection to Raumati?

Respondents were asked to describe their connection to Raumati. Table 1 details the various connections provided by respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express positive sentiments about their connections with others in Raumati. They mention the friendly, close-knit community, the ability to form relationships and connections within the village, and the convenience of having friends, amenities, and schools within walking or biking distance.

Biodiversity — Respondents expressed positive sentiments about the biodiversity in their area, particularly highlighting the beach and its close proximity. Additionally, access to nature, and the peaceful atmosphere were mentioned as key aspects of their environment.

Peace & Safety — Respondents express a strong desire for peace and tranquillity in their community, emphasising the importance of a quiet and safe environment for their families to grow up in.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents mention the proximity of Raumati to State Highway 1, Queen Elizabeth Park, local shops, and public transportation as a positive aspect of living in the area.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		145
	Resident of Raumati	63
	Community feel and initiatives	25
	Village atmosphere	22
	Family ties to Raumati	12
	Local shopping and businesses	10
	Dining experiences e.g. café, restaurants	6
	Family friendly village	4
	Recreational activities	3
BIODIVERSITY		39
	Proximity to nature	39
PEACE & SAFETY		16
	Quiet, peaceful living	16
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		13
	Access to amenities	8
	Access to transport connections	5
EDUCATION & TRAINING		5
	Access to schools	5
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	3
HOUSING		2
	When purchased home it was affordable	2
INCOME & WORK		2
	Cheaper in comparison to other areas	1
	Work in Raumati	1
HEALTH		1
	Access to dyslexia support	1

Table 1: Why Raumati? What's your connection to Raumati?

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4.1 How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?

Respondents were asked to describe their feelings when returning home to Raumati. Table 2 details the various feelings provided by respondents.

Overview of responses

Peace & Safety — Respondents express positive sentiments about the peaceful nature of Raumati. Important aspects highlighted include feeling safe, along with the relaxed and peaceful atmosphere of the village.

Connections With Others — The respondents express positive sentiments about their connections with others in Raumati. They describe the village as having a great local vibe where people care for each other, a place that feels like home, welcoming, and familiar. They appreciate the sense of community and belonging that the village provides.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents have mixed opinions about the networks and connections in Raumati. Some appreciate the convenience and proximity of amenities, such as shops and services, while others express disappointment in the lack of visual appeal and limited offerings. There is a desire for better connections to the beach and other areas, as well as a need for improvements in pedestrian safety and planning. Additionally, some respondents feel that the village could benefit from more shops, restaurants, and a stronger sense of community.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
PEACE & SAFETY		84
	Feelings of happiness and contentment	44
	Relaxed and peaceful	31
	Safe and secure	9
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		63
	Identify the area as 'home'	24
	Friendly and welcoming community	14
	A sense of belonging	11
	Appreciation for the vibrancy of the village	8
	Sense of being on holiday	6
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		27
	Needs are met with local shops and businesses	13
	A sense of lackluster and stagnation	11
	Investment in paths and cycleways needed	3
BIODIVERSITY		9
	Appreciation for nature	9
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		2

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	Concern with wasteful rates spend	2

Table 2: How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?

Selected quotes

> "It's got a great local vibe. People really seem to care for each other."
>
> **How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?**

4.2 How do you get to/around Raumati? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?

Respondents were asked to articulate their modes of transportation to and within Raumati and to consider how these preferences might differ in an ideal world. Table 3 shows the current transportation preferences of the respondents, as well as their ideal world transportation choices.

Overview of responses

Current Networks & Connectivity — Respondents mentioned various modes of transportation including walking, driving, cycling, and using public transport. Some expressed a preference for walking more or using alternatives to cars to reduce their environmental impact.

Ideal Networks & Connectivity — The respondents have various modes of ideal transportation, including walking, driving, cycling, and using public transport. Many express a desire for improved infrastructure for cycling and walking, such as bike lanes and paved walkways. Some suggest the need for more frequent bus services or better public transportation options.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CURRENT NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		267
	Car	104
	Walk	91
	Cycle/e-bike	65
	Bus	7
IDEAL NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		104
	Cycle/e-bike	26
	Walk	20
	Car	17
	Bus	11
	Extend bike lanes and make them safer	11
	No difference	9

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Reduced reliance on car	4
Public transport	3
Safe bike lock-ups needed	3

Table 3: How do you get to/around Raumati? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?

Selected quotes

> "Bike or car. Ideally would prefer to bike (weather permitted), but the roading and places to lock up bikes is not always easy!"
>
> **How do you get to/around Raumati? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?**

> "At the moment I walk about half the time, drive the other half. Would love to be closer to 95% walking."
>
> **How do you get to/around Raumati? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?**

4.3 What do you love most about Raumati?

Respondents were asked what they love most about Raumati. Table 4 details the various answers provided by respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express positive sentiments about their connections with others regarding the local feel, kind people, beachy village atmosphere, supportive community, friendly neighbours, and sense of community. Some emphasise the village vibe and the close-knit community, while others highlight the diversity of people and the artistic, creative, and musical atmosphere. Overall, they value the connections they have with the people and the community in the area.

Networks & Connectivity —Respondents expressed positive sentiments about the networks and connections in Raumati. Important aspects highlighted include the proximity to the beach, the accessibility of essential services, and convenience of the area. Some respondents suggested the need for more variety and entertainment options in the village.

Biodiversity —Respondents emphasise the importance of the beach and community aspect of the area. They also appreciate the access to nature and the peaceful atmosphere. Overall, the respondents have a positive sentiment towards the biodiversity in the region.

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Peace & Safety — Respondents highlight the importance of maintaining a quiet and peaceful atmosphere in the village. They appreciate the sense of community and the safety it provides for their children.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		115
	Village atmosphere and small size	43
	Community spirit and connectedness	32
	Personal connections and relationships	20
	Diversity and creativity	7
	Family friendly village	5
	Raumati Social Club	5
	Recreational activities	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		82
	Dining experiences e.g. café, restaurants	28
	Local shopping and businesses	26
	Accessible and walkable village	14
	Marine Gardens	4
	More attractions needed	4
	Access to amenities	3
	Access to transport connections	3
BIODIVERSITY		63
	Natural surroundings (beach, parks, hills)	63
PEACE & SAFETY		26
	Relaxed lifestyle	13
	Quiet, peaceful living	7
	Safe and secure	6
CLIMATE & CHANGE		5
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	5
EDUCATION & TRAINING		5
	Schooling	5

Table 4: What do you love most about Raumati?

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4.4　What do you see as being most distinctive about the village?

Respondents were asked what they see as being most distinctive about the village in Raumati. Table 5 displays the various opinions of the respondents.

Overview of responses

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents highlight the presence of boutique shops and cafés, the mix of retail and hospitality establishments within the area as important. Respondents highly praise the proximity to Marine Gardens and the beach, emphasising the convenience and accessibility it offers. Some respondents feel that the area has a laid-back and seaside vibe, but there is also room for improvement in terms of footpaths and shopfronts

Connections With Others — Respondents express positive sentiments about their connections with others in Raumati. They mention the small town, old-school community feel, where people know each other and care about each other. They appreciate the friendly and relaxed vibe, as well as the sense of community and the mix of small businesses owned by locals.

Biodiversity — Respondents highlight the great location near the beach, the proximity to nature, including nearby parks, is also mentioned positively. Overall, there is a positive sentiment regarding biodiversity and the surrounding environment.

Peace & Safety — Respondents highlighted the friendly and relaxed vibe of the area, along with the safe beach and peaceful atmosphere.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		86
	Local shopping and businesses	33
	Dining experiences e.g., café, restaurants	26
	Marine Gardens	11
	Accessible and walkable village	6
	Architecture	4
	Access to amenities	3
	Hanging baskets	3
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		71
	Village atmosphere and small size	30
	Community spirit and connectedness	12
	Personal connections and relationships	10
	Village is no longer distinctive or charming	8
	Diversity and creativity	6
	Unique character and charm	5

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BIODIVERSITY		35
	Natural surroundings (beach, parks, hills)	35
PEACE & SAFETY		13
	Relaxed lifestyle	13
CLIMATE & CHANGE		3
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		2
	Schooling	2
HOUSING		2
	Good mix of housing	2

Table 5: What do you see as being most distinctive about the village?

4.5 How would you like Raumati to look and feel?

Respondents were asked how they would like Raumati to look and feel. Table 6 shows the various opinions and desires expressed by respondents under multiple categories.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents expressed a desire to maintain the village feel of Raumati. Some respondents emphasised the importance of community support and the desire for more social events and activities. Overall, the respondents expressed a desire for a welcoming, lively, and connected community that embraces diversity and maintains its character.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents expressed a desire for a roundabout at the end of Raumati Rd to alleviate traffic congestion. Further important aspects highlighted include the desire for pedestrian-friendly areas, better walking and cycling infrastructure, improved traffic management for safety, the need for more diverse shops and eateries, connectivity between the village and the beach. Additionally, respondents expressed a desire for better maintenance of footpaths and less car dominance.

Income & Work — Respondents are generally positive about supporting local businesses. Important aspects include the desire for a vibrant restaurant and café scene and the desire for more diverse businesses and job opportunities. Overall, there is a focus on creating a welcoming and lively village that meets the daily needs of the community while also attracting visitors.

Biodiversity — Respondents expressed various sentiments about biodiversity in the area. Some wanted to see more flowers, garden boxes, and native trees planted, while others emphasised the need for maintenance and upkeep. The overall desire was for an environmentally friendly community that prioritises green spaces, and natural habitats for wildlife.

Land Use & Quality — Respondents expressed a desire utilising the old swimming pool area for community purposes. They also mentioned the need for more

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pedestrian-friendly spaces and a stronger emphasis on inclusivity and amenities for young families. The importance of environmental sustainability was also highlighted.

Other — Respondents express a strong desire for the town to maintain its character and remain unchanged, emphasising that it is already perfect and does not need any major changes.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		130
	Retain village atmosphere	32
	Friendly/vibrant community	17
	Improve recreational facilities	12
	Community events	8
	Keep the village community well connected	8
	Relaxing	8
	Safe and secure	8
	More entertainment venues	6
	Community creativity	4
	Diverse community	4
	Keep the character and charm	4
	Keep the village small	4
	More community spaces	4
	More recreational options	4
	Quirky	4
	Improve activities for teenagers	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		107
	Improve pedestrian access	29
	Improve walking and cycling trails	21
	Reduced traffic/car usage	12
	Improve road safety	11
	Improve footpaths	8
	Reduce speed limits	8
	Link between beach and village/shops	5
	Beachfront cycle lane	4
	Improve cycle access	3
	Improve public transport	3
	Invest in open spaces and parks	3
INCOME & WORK		61
	Business and Retail Development	18
	Expand café culture	13
	Support for local art	11
	Community markets	6
	Increase number of eateries	5
	Increased outdoor dining	5

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	A destination village for tourists	3
BIODIVERSITY		24
	Greening of public spaces	11
	Increase animal biodiversity	5
	Plant more trees	5
	Safe from the impacts of climate change	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		22
	Keep village clean and attractive	7
	Improve old swimming pool building	5
	Sustainable development	4
	Make village Margaret Road pedestrian only	3
	Picnic areas along beachfront	3
OTHER		16
	Prefer status quo	16
HOUSING		8
	More affordable housing	8

Table 6: How would you like Raumati to look and feel?

Selected quotes

> "Keep its village feel. Independent shops and cafes, plenty parks and green spaces. Careful consideration for planning. I'd love for more affordable housing to be available yet medium to high density options aren't a good fit for the village."
>
> **How would you like Raumati to look and feel?**

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4.6 How do you want Raumati to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?

Respondents were asked how they want Raumati to be known by those who don't live there. Table 7 shows the various answers provided by respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents would like Raumati to be known as friendly, inclusive, and welcoming. The community should be characterised as a place where people of all ages can come together, with a focus on family-cantered activities. Ideally, the village should be seen as a hub for arts, music, and creativity, fostering a sense of connectedness among its residents.

Peace & Safety — Respondents would like Raumati to be known for being a safe and friendly place to visit and live, with a focus on the beach-side, relaxed atmosphere and inclusive community.

Biodiversity — Respondents describe Raumati as a beautiful, friendly, beachside location and would like the area to be known for this. The community would also like to be described as one that values nature and the well-being of its residents and visitors, and one that maintains it commitment to being environmentally friendly.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents would like Raumati to be known as a destination that is accessible, with great shops and services. They also highlight the importance of Raumati having easy access to transport options and being known as a place where people can safely walk and bike.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		101
	Visitor friendly	27
	Village atmosphere and small size	19
	Community spirit and connectedness	13
	Artistic and creative community	11
	Unique character and charm	9
	Ideal weekend getaway or holiday destination	8
	Family friendly	7
	Vibrant place to visit or live	4
	Recreational activities	3
PEACE & SAFETY		52
	Relaxed lifestyle	20
	Warm and welcoming	15
	Safe and secure	11
	Quiet, peaceful living	6
BIODIVERSITY		43
	Ideal beach location	32
	Natural surroundings (beach, parks, hills)	7
	Environmentally friendly	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		41
	Destination shopping and dining	25
	Walking and cycling location	7
	Accessible	6
	Pedestrian friendly	3
CLIMATE & WEATHER		8
	Sunshine and warm weather	8
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		5
	Prefer it remain unknown	5
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	Great schools	1
INCOME & WORK		1
	Affordable	1

Table 7: How do you want Raumati to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?

Selected quotes

"Raumati in te reo Māori means Summer. So it needs to known as a family friendly, beach suburb for all year round living."

> **How do you want Raumati to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?**

"Sunny, beachside suburb with a relaxed vibe. A place where anyone is welcome and everyone can fit in. I would like to see kids playing on the street and lots of people walking around the streets."

> **How do you want Raumati to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?**

"Nice place they can come for a day. Head to marine gardens/beach, watch a show at Te Raukura, shop in various clothing shops and have dinner at one of the restaurants."

> **How do you want Raumati to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?**

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> "As a gorgeous friendly place to visit. Friendly locals. Great place to swim, fish, eat and drink."
>
> **How do you want Raumati to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?**

4.7 What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?

Respondents were asked what kind of community spirit they would like to see and how they would like this to manifest. Table 8 shows the variety of responses.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents would like to foster a community spirit that includes the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusivity towards all residents and visitors. They also emphasise the need for community support and fostering a spirit of helpfulness and looking out for one another in the community.

Community Partnership — Respondents express a desire for more community events such as street parties, festivals, cultural events and opportunities for socialising. Additionally, respondents emphasise the importance of a strong democracy spirit and community involvement through various activities such as community consultation meetings, beach clean-up, and neighbours BBQs.

Equality — Respondents highlighted the importance of inclusivity for age, gender, and race, as well as the acceptance and generosity towards all regardless of income or status. They also emphasised the need for a welcoming and friendly community, where different cultures and identities are celebrated through cultural events and community gatherings. Lastly, respondents expressed a desire for more diversity in the community, with a greater range of people from different cultures and demographics, and a more accepting tone towards all.

Income & Work — Respondents emphasise the need for more community events and activities such as outdoor markets, festivals, food trucks, and street markets in the area. They also express a desire for a sense of community and identity, with an emphasis on supporting local businesses and producers. There is a suggestion to make the streets more business-friendly and pedestrian-friendly.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		112
	Friendly community	31
	Welcoming and open to all	29

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Mutual aid and looking out for each other	26
	Retain the current spirit	10
	Feeling connected	6
	A community of kindness	5
	Calm and relaxed	5
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		43
	Encouragement for communal activities and events	40
	Spirit of democracy	3
EQUALITY		29
	Tolerance/acceptance of different views/values	12
	Honouring/celebrating cultures	5
	Respectful of everyone	5
	Diverse population	4
	Focus on caring for elderly/less abled	3
INCOME & WORK		13
	Support for a community market	6
	Vendor and business friendly	4
	A community that buys and supports local	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		5
	People connecting at local spaces/eateries	5
PEACE & SAFETY		5
	Safe and secure	5
BIODIVERSITY		3
	Ecological mindfulness/green initiatives	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		2
	Increased involvement with schools	1
	Nurture creativity	1
HEALTH		1
	Promoting healthy living/wellbeing	1
HOUSING		1
	Concern regarding high rise/infill housing	1

Table 8: What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?

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Selected quotes

> "Friendly and welcoming. Lots of places to commune and do things - activities to join in - some could be free but most user pays. Aimed to enable kids and young adults to join in with community."
>
> **What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?**

> "I would like to see a spirit of kindness and caring and inclusivity. Currently the feeling is fear, especially in the elderly. Very sad to see."
>
> **What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?**

> "With a strong democracy spirit and community involvement: community consultation meetings, beach clean-up, neighbours bbq, music and art festival, seeds saver exchange, etc."
>
> **What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?**

> "Helping each other out- the free roadside stuff. Less self proclaimed experts telling experts how to do stuff. Less tolerance for speeding and crime."
>
> **What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?**

4.8 What would you love for children? For the elderly?

Respondents were asked what they would love for children and older people. Table 9 shows the various answers. Some responses were general in nature and not specific to children or the elderly. These have also been included here.

Overview of responses

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents have highlighted the importance of safe and accessible infrastructure such as footpaths, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings. They also mention the need for facilities that are easy to access.

Children — Respondents mention the need for more activities for children, such as classes for arts and crafts and outdoor adventures. They also emphasise the

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importance of safe roads and access to parks and beaches for children. Additionally, respondents mention the need for more activities and funding for teenagers as well.

*Connections With Others —*Respondents mention the need for more community facilities generally, with increased activities, and events to strengthen connections with others. There is a desire for social activities and events for young people, as well as intergenerational hangouts. Overall, the focus is on creating safe, accessible, and inclusive spaces that fosters social interaction and a sense of belonging.

*Older Persons —*Respondents mention the need for a safe and accessible area for older persons, with ease of access for those with disabilities. They also emphasise the importance of affordable housing to ensure older residents can continue to live in Raumati. They suggest providing social gatherings and fun events for the elderly, as well as safe roads and access to village shops. There is also a suggestion to install 'happy to chat' benches to address loneliness and foster intergenerational interaction.

Peace & Safety — Respondents are expressing the importance of safety in their community, specifically in terms of accessibility for those with disabilities, freedom from fear, safe parks and walking/cycling paths, and the need for children to have a safe and enjoyable environment. Overall, the focus is on creating a safe and inclusive community where everyone feels valued.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		95
	Improved and safe footpaths	20
	Road safety/safety	19
	Improved and safe cycleways	16
	Increased accessibility around Raumati	9
	Reduce speed limit	9
	Public seating	8
	Improve public transport	5
	Improved/more facilities, amenities and retail	3
	Pedestrian friendly	3
	Reduced traffic/car usage	3
CHILDREN		30
	Better playgrounds and parks	7
	More activities for teens	7
	Better access to the beach	5
	More indoor activities on cold days	4
	Safe spaces to play	4
	Sport activities for children	3
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		26
	Spaces that facilitate social connections	12

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Community center	5
	More events	5
	Outdoor/indoor entertainment	4
OLDER PERSONS		23
	Events and activities for older persons	8
	Community support and inclusion	6
	Access to healthcare	3
	More accessible parking	3
	Well maintained coastal walkway	3
PEACE & SAFETY		16
	Feeling of safety and security	16
OTHER		7
	Status quo	7
BIODIVERSITY		2
	Natural green spaces	1
	Plant trees	1
HOUSING		1
	Affordable housing for families	1
INCOME & WORK		1
	Employment opportunity for school kids	1

Table 9: What would you love for children? For elderly?

Selected quotes

"I'd like better street lighting for walking at night and for the footpaths to be cleared to be push chair and wheel chair friendly. Theres a lot of grass or people's hedges growing over the footpath and its especially inaccessible on bin day."

What would you love for children? For the elderly?

"The speed limits to be recognised, too many cars travel at speed through the village, children and elderly are at risk. Perhaps speed bumps need to be put in place."

What would you love for children? For the elderly?

"Safer intersections to cross (Margaret/raumati rd's). More encouragement to use and enjoy the beach.) develop the Wharemauku stream entrance to the sea, so kids can play and enjoy that area."

What would you love for children? For the elderly?

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4.9 If you had a generous pot of money, what is it that would make all the difference?

Respondents were asked what they would do with a generous pot of money to make the most difference. Table 10 shows the various opinions and desires expressed by respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents envision a variety of improvements and additions to enhance connections with others in Raumati. Some suggestions include outdoor dining options, hosting regular community events, creating a community hub or creative space, supporting local businesses and artists, and promoting community spirit and inclusivity. Many emphasise the importance of preserving the village's unique atmosphere and natural beachy vibe while making these changes.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents express a desire to pedestrianise Margaret Road and create a more café-like atmosphere. Safety measures, such as safer road crossings, roundabouts, and reduced speed limits, are also mentioned. Respondents are requesting various infrastructure upgrades for networks and connections, such as upgrading or maintaining pavements and crossings for safer cycling, improving footpaths, and cycle lanes.

Income & Work — Respondents suggest improving the waterfront area by developing it into a drawcard, removing shops targeted at only the wealthy elderly, and creating outdoor spaces for cafés and bars. Other ideas include hosting regular events, opening a community hub, and beautifying the village with better roadways and aesthetic features.

Land Use & Quality — Respondents mention reopening and developing the old pool area for various purposes, such as a marine aquarium education centre, live music venue, or fun holiday activities. Enhancing the waterfront area by developing it into a more attractive and functional space, including better road crossings, improved views, and the creation of outdoor spaces for cafés and bars.

Biodiversity — Respondents mentioned various ideas to improve biodiversity in the area, including planting more trees, beautifying the outdoor spaces with plants and flowers, and promoting the growth of fruit trees and berries. They also suggested making the village more aesthetically pleasing, with features like hanging pots and outdoor dining areas. Some respondents also emphasised the importance of cleaning up storm-related damage.

Housing — Respondents mentioned the need for more housing in the area with supporting infrastructure, emphasising the importance of affordable housing and social care. They also expressed a desire for better housing conditions, such as decent heating, and called for sensitive development that fits the village and is affordable for residents.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		61
	Improve art culture	12
	Implement community hub	11
	Festivals and events	9
	Increase number of eateries	7
	Maintain village feel/status quo	6
	Community activities	5
	Implement live music venue	4
	Outdoor eating	4
	More outdoor activities	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		59
	Make Margaret Road pedestrian only at the shops	10
	Infrastructure upgrades (e.g. sewage/footpaths)	8
	Beachfront walk	7
	Public transport enhancement (e.g. tram line built)	7
	Improved pedestrian access	6
	Traffic and road improvements	6
	Make Margaret Road one way	5
	Link between beach and village/shops	4
	Implement pedestrian crossings	3
	Implement speed bumps	3
INCOME & WORK		39
	Retail/hospitality expansion (e.g. new shops, cafés)	20
	Enhance existing businesses (e.g. rebuild, beautify	9
	Support for local businesses & social enterprises	7
	Community market	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		27
	Improve old swimming pool building	11
	Develop waterfront	9
	Adaptation to sea level rise (e.g. sea wall)	4
	Sustainable developments	3
BIODIVERSITY		18
	Urban beautification (e.g. landscaping, planting)	11
	Community food gardens	7
HOUSING		10
	Affordable and eco-friendly housing	6
	Increase housing	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
PEACE & SAFETY		8
	Safety improvements (e.g. cycle paths)	8
HEALTH		6
	Access to healthcare (e.g. local doctor's surgery)	3
	Access to social services	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		4
	Education facilities	4
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		3
	Support for local groups (e.g. arts, surf club)	3

Table 10: If you had a generous pot of money, what is it that would make all the difference?

Selected quotes

> "Put a roundabout in for traffic safety, add in more restaurants to increase the vibe, increase the art culture, pop up gallery spaces or art installations, community hub area, putting something in place that actually talks about the history of Raumati."
>
> **If you had a generous pot of money, what is it that would make all the difference?**

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Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

5　Phase 2 - Vision follow up survey

This section of the report summarises community feedback received as part of Council's Vision follow up survey. The community was provided with a summary of the feedback received from the initial engagement for reflection and refining.

5.1　Does this reflect what's important to you?

Respondents were asked whether the feedback received reflected what was important to them. No responses were received from the Raumati community for this question.

5.2　Is there anything missing?

Respondents were asked whether there is anything missing. Table 11 provides an overview of what respondents feel is missing.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		1
	Outdoor sports and recreational facilities	1

Table 11: Does this reflect what's important to you?

Selected quotes

> "Possibly the development of extra multiuse tracks 1. Nikau valley to Waikanae 2. Raumati Escarpment 3. Mangakotukutuku Valley to Nikau Valley."
>
> **Is there anything missing?**

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Broader community engagement

As part of developing the Vision for Raumati, the Kāpiti Coast District Council sought to gather insights from broader community engagement processes beyond the direct Vision Raumati survey. This approach allows for a more comprehensive understanding of community priorities and concerns by incorporating feedback from related consultations.

The following sections summarise key findings from two significant engagement activities that have relevance for Raumati's future development:

- The Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation process
- The Takutai Kāpiti coastal adaptation project

By considering these additional sources of community input alongside the Vision Raumati survey results, we can develop a more nuanced and holistic view of the community's aspirations and needs. This multi-faceted approach to engagement ensures that the resulting vision for Raumati is well-informed and truly reflective of diverse community perspectives.

6 Relevant Insights from the Long-Term Plan Process

The Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation process gathered valuable community feedback on Raumati's future development. This engagement captured a range of views on issues affecting the area's growth and community well-being. Feedback covered topics including the Raumati Village Refresh project, infrastructure and maintenance needs, stormwater management, financial considerations, and community initiatives. These insights reflect community priorities and will help inform planning for Raumati's future. The following subsections summarise key themes from the consultation, providing an overview of community perspectives on Raumati's development over the coming years.

6.1 Raumati Village Refresh Project

There is strong community support for reviving the Raumati Village refresh project, which was previously initiated but halted due to budget reallocations. The Long-Term Plan proposes a phased approach to implement this project, with the Raumati Community Board playing a significant role in coordination.

6.2 Infrastructure and Maintenance

Seawall — Ensuring the planned seawall is built and properly maintained is a priority.

Signage and Speed Limits — There are calls to install proper signage on the former State Highway 1 and consider raising speed limits in certain areas.

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Old Pool Building — Finding a suitable tenant for the old pool building to revitalise the area and make it accessible to the broader community is seen as important.

6.3 Stormwater Management

Issues along Rata Road, exacerbated by expressway development, need addressing. There's a proposal for a "sustained wet peg" monitoring system along the coastline to monitor sea level rise.

6.4 Financial Management and Rates

Rates Increase — Significant concern exists about the proposed 17% rates increase. There are calls for the council to reduce costs, focus on core services, and increase transparency and accountability.

Debt Reduction — Strong emphasis on reducing debt while maintaining affordability for ratepayers.

6.5 Housing and Land Use

Mixed views on transferring council housing for older people to a new community housing provider versus selling assets to reduce debt.

6.6 Community Initiatives

- Support for local projects, improved safety measures, extended footpaths and trails.
- Investment in diverse, accessible playgrounds and improved accessibility of public amenities.
- Prioritising increasing healthcare services.

6.7 Environmental Concerns

Calls for prioritising water infrastructure, developing sports facilities, and maintaining current infrastructure before pursuing new projects.

These insights from the LTP process align with and complement many of the themes identified in the Vision Raumati engagement, particularly around community development, infrastructure improvements, and preserving the area's character while planning for future growth and sustainability.

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7 Takutai Kāpiti

Takutai Kāpiti is Council's initiative to adapt to coastal changes. It focuses on how the community and Council can respond to sea level rise and its effects on the environment and infrastructure. This section summarises community feedback on coastal adaptation strategies for Kāpiti.

Data was collected through two methods:

- In-person Community Workshop: Held on 29 July 2023 at the Raumati Bowling Club, with 240 participants.
- Online "Have Your Say" (HYS) survey: Completed by 50 respondents.

The combined efforts yielded over 1,100 responses to the survey questions.

7.1 What do you value most about living in this area?

Respondents were asked what they value most about living in Kāpiti. Table 12 details what respondents most love about living in the area.

Overview of responses

Recreation & Leisure — Respondents value access to the sea, proximity to Queen Elizabeth Park, and dog walking as aspects of recreation and leisure. They appreciate the variety of activities available in Kāpiti and the special areas such as the beaches and reserve. Living near the beach is seen as amazing and having a safe swimmable beach is cherished. The community aspect, open spaces, and cultural features such as Kāpiti Island are also highlighted.

Climate & Change — Respondents value the climate, clean air, and the marine life. They appreciate the open spaces, parks, and microclimate. The beach being protected by Kāpiti Island is important to them. They also highlight the importance of responsible seaside owners and the initiative taken by people to build sea walls. The seawalls are well-designed and have provided protection and access for all ages and during storms and high tides. Overall, respondents enjoy the climate, the views, and the natural environment, including the beaches and the proximity to nature.

Connections With Others — Respondents express positive sentiments about the connections with others in the Kāpiti area. They mention the friendly and supportive community, the sense of belonging, and the close relationships formed in the small local communities. Additionally, they highlight the accessibility of the beach and the opportunities for outdoor activities, as well as the beautiful views and natural environment.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RECREATION & LEISURE		271
	Proximity/access to seaside and beaches	87
	Proximity to nature	42
	Recreational activities	33
	Proximity to the ocean/sea	28
	Hiking/walking access	21
	Proximity to Kāpiti Island	18
	Cycling access	9
	Proximity to sandy beach	9
	Proximity to QE Park	8
	Proximity to estuary	5
	Dog-friendly areas	4
	Proximity to rivers	4
	Proximity to mountains/hills	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		77
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	25
	Importance of coast for protection and benefits	22
	Enjoy the views	9
	Air quality	5
	Appreciate the sunsets	5
	Protection of local flora/fauna	4
	Stormwater/waste water systems	4
	Lack of pollution	3
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		54
	Community feel and initiatives	34
	Family-oriented environment	13
	Māori community/identity	4
	Historical and cultural significance	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		54
	Proximity/access to amenities/services	17
	Accessible and reliable public transport	12
	Airport access	9
	Proximity to Wellington	7
	Proximity to nearby towns	5
	Accessibility	4
PEACE & SAFETY		43
	Safe and secure	17
	Quiet, peaceful living	11
	Space/freedom	8
	Ability to have say/vote	4
	Absence of traffic	3

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
LIFESTYLE		28
	Appreciate slower lifestyle	12
	Fond of small-town character	10
	Appreciate the village feel	3
	Village atmosphere	3
INCOME & WORK		19
	Enjoy dining experiences	8
	Enjoy visiting local shops	8
	Affordability of living	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		7
	Access to schools	7
HEALTH		7
	Mental health/personal wellbeing	7
EQUALITY		7
	Preservation for future generations	4
	Inclusive of diversity	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		7
	Concern regarding the consultation	7
LAND USE & QUALITY		3
	Low density/lack of urban sprawl	2
	Balanced use of land	1
HOUSING		2
	Availability of housing	2

Table 12: What do you value most about living in this area?

7.2 How important is our coastline to you?

Respondents were asked how important the coastline is to them.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RECREATION & LEISURE		166
	Enjoyment of beach activities	66
	Enjoyment of water sports activities	40
	Enjoyment of other recreational activities	25
	Value of fishing and boating opportunities	20
	Proximity to sandy beach	9
	Significance of access to Kāpiti Island	6
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		75
	Importance of regular beach visits	48
	Consider the coastline home	17
	Benefits of social interactions and connections	7
	Emotional connection to coastline	3

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
LAND USE & QUALITY		63
	Issues with beach access points and maintenance	16
	Importance of coast for protection and benefits	15
	Coastline defines the Kāpiti's geography	12
	Importance of protecting the coastline	10
	The coastline is very important	6
	Concern about erosion and property protection	4
PEACE & SAFETY		30
	Recognition of natural beauty and views	30
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		29
	Amenities allow for disability access	6
	Concern regarding vehicle access	5
	Identification with coastal community character	5
	Recognition of coastal tourism importance	4
	Appreciate the efforts to maintain the coastline	3
	High tide limits access	3
	Support for local coastal businesses	3
HEALTH		27
	Improvements in mental health and wellbeing	27
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		14
	Concern regarding waste and water quality	8
	Appreciation for clean, unpolluted beaches	6
BIODIVERSITY		12
	Importance of wildlife observation/birdwatching	8
	Appreciation for coastal habitat	4
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		8
	Concern regarding the consultation	5
	Council regulations limit use and enjoyment	3
EQUALITY		5
	Issues with accessibility for elderly and disabled	5
CLIMATE		4
	Concern with erosion due to climate events	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HOUSING		2
	Appreciation for coastal living lifestyle	1
	Managed retreat will be a barrier to access	1
INCOME & WORK		2
	Benefits of beach tourism on local economy	2
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	Opportunities for coastal environmental learning	1

Table 13 details how important the coastline is to respondents.

Overview of responses

Recreation & Leisure — Respondents express a variety of activities they enjoy in the recreation and leisure category such as walking along the beach, dog walking, sea swimming, cycling along the beach, and sunbathing. The important aspects mentioned include Kāpiti Island access, fishing, boating, walking, community asset events, wider beach and sand at low tide, non-rocky beach, and various recreational activities like horse riding, paddle boarding, photography, yoga on the beach, and beach fishing. The coastline is seen as a valuable community asset providing opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and enjoyment of natural beauty.

Connections With Others — Respondents emphasise the importance of connections with others through the regular beachgoer's community and social interactions. They highlight the easy access to the beach as an asset for their physical and mental well-being. The coastline plays a vital role in their lives, providing a sense of belonging and promoting a sense of community. The beach is seen as a place for relaxation, exercise, and family activities, and it is considered a defining feature of the area.

Land Use & Quality — Respondents emphasise the importance of the coastline in defining the landscape and the identity of Kāpiti. They highlight the need for protection and access through the development of sea walls, maintenance of walkways, and ensuring easy access to the beach. The coastline is seen as a valuable community asset and a crucial part of a stable environment.

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RECREATION & LEISURE		166
	Enjoyment of beach activities	66
	Enjoyment of water sports activities	40
	Enjoyment of other recreational activities	25
	Value of fishing and boating opportunities	20
	Proximity to sandy beach	9
	Significance of access to Kāpiti Island	6

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BIODIVERSITY		12
	Importance of wildlife observation/birdwatching	8
	Appreciation for coastal habitat	4
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		8
	Concern regarding the consultation	5

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Council regulations limit use and enjoyment	3
EQUALITY		5
	Issues with accessibility for elderly and disabled	5
CLIMATE		4
	Concern with erosion due to climate events	4
HOUSING		2
	Appreciation for coastal living lifestyle	1
	Managed retreat will be a barrier to access	1
INCOME & WORK		2
	Benefits of beach tourism on local economy	2
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	Opportunities for coastal environmental learning	1

Table 13: How important is our coastline to you?

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Selected quotes

> "We are enjoying living on an accreting coastline as there's more recreational opportunities with a wider beach and flatter, firmer sand at low tide, e.g. Horse riding, dog walking, paddle boarding, kayaking, swimming (safer)."
>
> **How important is our coastline to you?**

> "I moved from Wellington to Raumati for the coastline. In retirement I wanted access to great walks and cycling in an environment that had all the facilities described above. I also wanted a great place for my grandchildren to visit (who do not live in area)--they love coming here!"
>
> **How important is our coastline to you?**

7.3 How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

Respondents were asked how concerned they are about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding and why they were concerned about these hazards. Table 14 provides an overview of the level of concern of respondents and the reasons for their concern.

Overview of responses

Community Partnership — Respondents expressed concern about the lack of community involvement and consultation in the decision-making process. They also questioned the science and modelling used in the Jacobs Report, particularly its failure to consider the impact of seawalls. Additionally, there were concerns about the transparency and effectiveness of the CAP project, as well as the need for proactive measures to address coastal hazards and protect properties.

Land Use & Quality — Respondents express a range of sentiments regarding the topic of land use and quality. Some are very concerned about erosion and coastal hazards, while others are not concerned at all. Concerns include the need for safeguarding and defending the coastal lifestyle, the cost of managed retreat, and the impact of climate change on the coast. The effectiveness of seawalls and the natural occurrence of erosion are also mentioned.

River/Ocean Health — Respondents express concerns about various aspects of river/ocean health. Changing currents and floodwaters from rivers are mentioned as significant risks that can impact beaches. Respondents also highlight the importance of maintaining seawalls and express concerns about poor water management and lack of maintenance of waterways.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		89
	Concern about inadequate council planning/action	27
	Concern about governance by CAP	20
	Concern about lack of community consultation	17
	Concern about the reliability of Jacobs Report	12
	Concerned retreat is the predetermined outcome	8
	Concern about lack of risk notification	5
LAND USE & QUALITY		55
	Not concerned about coastal hazards	31
	Concerned about coastal hazards	24
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		51
	Concern about lack of seawall maintenance/builds	21
	Concern about stormwater management	13
	Concern about beach shape and sand movement	10
	Concern about higher tide lines	4
	Concern about lack of maintenance of waterways	3
HOUSING		39
	Concern about property value and insurance	19
	Concern about Council regulations for defence	9
	Concern about property loss or damage	8
	Concern about rising property rates	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		24
	Scepticism of scientific modelling and scenarios	16
	Concern about extreme weather events	5
	Scepticism about sea level rise threat	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		12
	Concern about lack of maintenance generally	8
	Desire for proactive infrastructure maintenance	4
BIODIVERSITY		8
	Appreciation for dune protection	4
	Concern about wildlife habitat protection	4
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		4
	Concern about beach access	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
HEALTH		4
	Concern about impact on mental health	4
WATER		3
	Concern about sewage system vulnerability	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		3
	Need for coastal processes education	2
	Need for international management examples	1
INCOME & WORK		2
	Concern about impact on livelihood	1
	Concern about local economy and business impacts	1

Table 14: How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

Selected quotes

"Highly concerned, as this will impact coastal properties and infrastructure. You should also include incursions into groundwater systems. The issue is the timeframe of the causes of coastal hazards. These are mainly sea level rise and increase in prevalence and strength of storm events, and they are still uncertain with very recent research suggesting change may be faster than currently expected."

How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

"We feel it's a predetermined outcome e.g. with managed retreat already suggested for over 1000 in north Kāpiti now in the media."

How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

"Why have MfE (Ministry of the Environment) guidelines been used for purposed of planning? CAP should be following the NZ Coastal Policy Statement statutory guidelines which require a risk assessment, not a vulnerability assessment. The Jacobs report is a vulnerability assessment and a waste of ratepayers money."

How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

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7.4 How do you think our coastline should be protected?

Respondents were asked how they thought the coastline should be protected. Table 15 provides an overview of suggestions made by respondents.

Overview of responses

Community Partnership — Respondents have a range of opinions about community partnership. Some feel that there hasn't been enough consultation with the community and that the process is biased. They suggest using risk assessment instead of vulnerability assessment and want transparency in the information and data being used. There are also calls to disband the current community partnership group and prioritise protecting the coastline with seawalls.

River/Ocean Health — Respondents emphasise the importance of protecting the coastline through engineered solutions such as seawalls, revetments, and groins. They advocate for the maintenance, upgrade, and proper design of existing seawalls to ensure their effectiveness. Suggestions also include better stormwater management, consideration of rivers to prevent pollution into the sea, and long-term planning for the protection of the coast.

Land Use & Quality — Respondents express a variety of opinions regarding land use and quality. They emphasise the need for a case-by-case approach, opposing managed retreat and instead advocating for well-designed hard structures like seawalls and roads. They also highlight the importance of protecting key facilities and infrastructure, such as the business district around the Council sewer main.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		115
	Support for more inclusive/transparent engagement	25
	Concern about governance by CAP	21
	Criticism of consultation process	15
	Support for medium/long-term plan	9
	Concern about the reliability of Jacobs Report	8
	Concern about council spending/rates	7
	Concern about representation in decision-making	6
	Support for inclusion of local/expert knowledge	6
	Support for learning from other examples	6
	Concern about KCDC ability to have impact	4
	Concern about inadequate council planning/action	4
	Support public-private collaboration in defense	4
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		98
	Support for improved/additional seawalls	40

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Support for improved stormwater management	15
	Support for improved/additional coastal defenses	13
	Maintain current level of coastal protection	7
	Support for improved waste management	6
	Concern about interference with natural process	5
	Support for river maintenance/pollution prevention	5
	Support for traditional/natural coastal defenses	4
	Support for general protection from erosion	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		28
	Support for case-by-case approach	11
	Opposed to managed retreat	7
	Support for protection of public infrastructure	4
	Concern regarding high-density coastal development	3
	Support for managed retreat	3
BIODIVERSITY		25
	Support for dune restoration and management	9
	Support for increased planting	8
	Support for protecting/expanding wetlands/reserves	5
	Support for improved protection of wildlife	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		19
	Scepticism about sea level rise and climate change	9
	Concern about climate change fear-mongering	6
	Concern about environmental health impacts	4
EQUALITY		11
	Concern about distribution of protection costs	11
HOUSING		10
	Support for protecting existing coastal properties	4
	Concern about impacts on insurance	3
	Concern about impacts on property value	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		8
	Support for improved access to beach/ocean	8

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
EDUCATION & TRAINING		3
	Support for public information on coastal issues	3
PEACE & SAFETY		1
	Concern about peaceful living	1

Table 15: How do you think our coastline should be protected?

Selected quotes

"Latest protection technology for seawalls (as in Wellington airport) should be used here to protect coastline."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"Taking note of worldwide success stories for protecting communities."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"Managed regional growth."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

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1.1   Why Vision Kāpiti 2060?

A clear district-wide vision will help guide planning, decision making, programmes, services, and advocacy, for decades to come.

Elected members want to hear from their communities, about what matters most, what change people want to see and their aspirations for the future of our district.

The first stage is to develop a Vision for the district and its underlying communities.

This will be followed by two further stages:

- Identifying and testing pathways and priorities for achieving our Vision; and finally,
- Developing a blueprint for action, mapping out our key steps and moves to realise our Vision.

Once complete, the Vision and blueprint will outline what things will be prioritised over the next 30 years (to 2060), and how Council will work with its iwi partners, central and local government, and key stakeholders to achieve our collective Vision.

This process will replace the Local Outcomes Statements developed across the district from 2007 - 2017.

1.2   Overview of Vision Paekākāriki engagement and feedback

The Community Board has worked to capture feedback from the Paekākāriki to help shape and refine Vision Paekākāriki. This has occurred in two phases of engagement.

Phase One: Gathering initial views

From August to December 2023 feedback was captured from local Paekākāriki residents through:

• An online survey of 10 questions identifying aspects from what makes Paekākāriki special to current and future needs and aspirations. The survey was advertised through local networks including a postcard delivered to every household in the village.	63 contributors' responses with 618 feedback points

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• Discussions at the Paekākāriki Market on 5 August 2023 on how residents would like a future Paekākāriki to look and feel, and what investments would help make a difference.	34 responses from about 25 individuals
• Engagement with all year 6-8 students at Paekākāriki School on what they like; and would change in Paekākāriki; and what they would spend money on to make a difference.	19 responses (group posters) with 86 feedback points
• Consultation with the Paekākāriki Housing Trust.	1 response identifying a range of housing needs in the community

This feedback was summarised and presented to local communities for further testing as part of Phase Two. This included a detailed report which summarised feedback from all sources, and feedback received on local survey questions.

Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

From April to July 2024 the summary of feedback from Phase One was shared to test whether what had been captured so far reflected what was important and if there was anything missing.

Further feedback was captured from engagement during this period including:

• An online survey asking if what is captured so far reflects what's important and if there is anything missing.	96 responses with 181 feedback points
• Feedback from a leaflet drop to all households in the village and workshop help in St Peters on 15 May 2024.	25 people attended with 23 feedback points.
• Session with Paekākāriki school students.	52 responses with 85 feedback points.

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Broader community engagement

In addition to the above engagements, the Community Board has sought to engage and seek feedback with local residents through a number of other ways including:

- Letterbox flyer drops
- Posters at local businesses
- Facebook messaging
- Discussions at market days and with locals at other events.

Other community feedback included

In addition to feedback on the Vision process, a number of recent community engagements have provided feedback on what's missing or important for the Paekākāriki area. By incorporating these supplementary sources, we gain a more comprehensive understanding of community priorities and concerns. This multi-faceted approach allows us to identify recurring themes across different engagement processes, providing a robust foundation for Paekākāriki's future vision. This includes:

• Long -Term Plan 2024-2034 feedback.	Key insights identified from the full set of feedback (371 responses with 1,598 feedback points)
• Paekākāriki: What next? - Planning for vibrant, equitable and sustainable village life after the opening of Te Ara Nui Te Rangihaeata	26 qualitative, semi-structured interviews, 2 focus groups with primary school children, and 2 participatory development workshops.
• Feedback on values received in the Takutai Kāpiti Project.	175 responses with 598 feedback points

The inclusion of Long-Term Plan insights offers valuable context on infrastructure priorities, financial considerations, and community initiatives. The "Paekākāriki: What next?" project provides crucial perspectives on the village's adaptation to recent changes and future aspirations. Meanwhile, the Takutai Kāpiti feedback offers important insights on coastal management and environmental priorities. Together, these additional sources enrich and validate the themes identified in the primary Vision Paekākāriki engagement, ensuring a holistic view of community aspirations.

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This comprehensive approach allows us to capture the unique character and needs of Paekākāriki, from its strong sense of community and cultural heritage to its environmental concerns and desire for sustainable development. The resulting themes reflect a balance between preserving the village's cherished qualities and adapting to future challenges and opportunities.

This report

This report provides an overview of all feedback shaping Vision Paekākāriki.

This includes:

- Consolidated findings from all feedback sources.

- A summary of the 'Phase One' local survey results.

- A summary of 'Phase Two' feedback on what's important and any gaps identified.

- A summary of insights from additional information sources, including:

  o Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation, which covered topics such as infrastructure priorities, financial management, housing, and community initiatives.

  o The "Paekākāriki: What next?" participatory project, which explored local perspectives on the impact of the new road opening and future aspirations for the village.

  o Takutai Kāpiti coastal adaptation project, which focused on coastal hazards, community values related to the coastline, and preferences for coastal protection strategies.

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The engagement data analysis has been structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model. This model provides a holistic view of the community's well-being, considering social, environmental, and economic factors. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model.
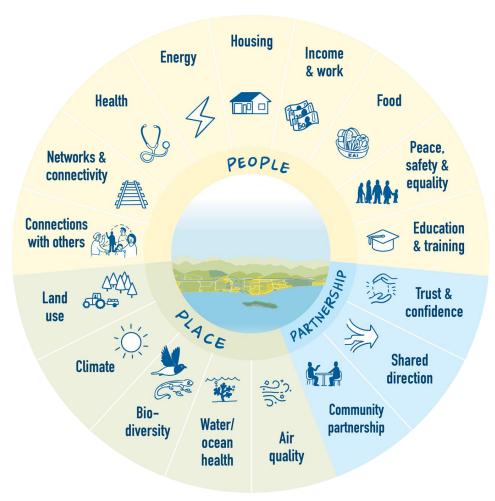

Figure 1: The Doughnut Economics Model

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1.3   Central Themes

This section summarises the key findings that emerged from the community engagement process. It highlights the dominant priorities and aspirations expressed by the residents of Paekākāriki across various domains of the economic doughnut model.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety: Residents value the village's safe, friendly atmosphere and quiet, secure living environment. They emphasise the importance of maintaining this peaceful setting while addressing concerns about potential increases in crime. Suggestions include improving road safety through speed limits and safer pedestrian/cyclist access and enhancing community watch programs.

Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others: The community strongly values Paekākāriki's unique character, historical significance, and strong sense of community. Residents appreciate the village's diversity, creativity, and inclusive nature. They prioritise maintaining the friendly, welcoming atmosphere and fostering community initiatives and events. There's a desire to preserve the village feel while enhancing recreational facilities and spaces for all ages, particularly for youth and elderly residents.

Hanga Whare | Housing: Key priorities include increasing the availability of affordable and eco-friendly housing options, especially for families, young people, and the elderly. There's support for initiatives like the Paekākāriki Housing Trust and calls for more diverse housing solutions to maintain the village's multigenerational character. Concerns about rising housing costs and their impact on community diversity are prominent.

Hauora | Health: Residents highlight the importance of accessible healthcare, including the desire for local medical facilities such as a doctor's surgery or community health centre. There's a strong emphasis on promoting mental health and overall well-being, with recognition of the therapeutic benefits of the coastal environment.

He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership: The community values strong engagement in local decision-making processes. There's a call for improved council planning, transparency, and action, particularly regarding long-term projects like the seawall. Residents emphasise the importance of community-led initiatives and the need for better communication channels between the council and the community

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Mātauranga | Education & Training: The community desires improvements in local education facilities, including expanding the school, establishing new early childhood centres, and providing more diverse learning opportunities for all ages. There's also interest in environmental education and programs that connect with the local ecology and culture.

Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity: Key focus areas include improving infrastructure for walking and cycling, enhancing public transport (particularly train services), and addressing road safety. Residents call for better maintenance of existing infrastructure and support for sustainable transport options. There's also a desire for improved digital connectivity and waste management systems.

Ohunga | Income & Work: The community prioritises developing the local business sector, particularly in retail and hospitality. There's strong support for local businesses and social enterprises, with calls to revitalise vacant properties and enhance the village's appeal to both residents and visitors. Balancing economic development with preserving the village's unique character is a key concern.

Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality: Major considerations include adaptation to sea level rise, promoting sustainable development, and preserving the village's low-density character. There's significant discussion around coastal protection measures, particularly regarding the seawall project, with diverse opinions on the best approaches to balance protection, cost, and environmental impact.
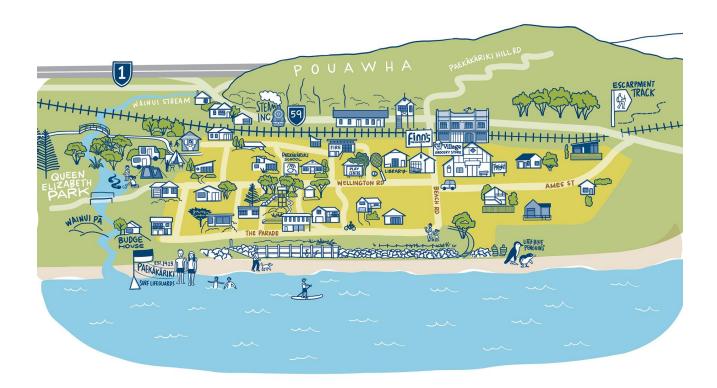
Climate & Change: The community shows strong support for climate action initiatives and environmental protection measures. This includes interest in renewable energy projects, sustainable housing developments, and community-wide efforts to reduce environmental impact.

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2 A summary of all feedback on Vision Paekākāriki

This section provides more detail on views for areas of the doughnut model, representing key needs for the community. In this section, the most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme, along with supporting quotes or discussion points. These insights shed light on the Paekākāriki community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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2.1 Place

Āhurangi Climate

Āhurangi | Climate feedback highlighted diverse views on climate change and environmental issues. Key themes included concern about climate impacts, support for mitigation and adaptation strategies, focus on sustainability and natural spaces, and varying opinions on sea level rise threats. Participants emphasised the need for sustainable energy, waste management, and coastal protection whilst also valuing local environmental assets.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Efficient Waste Management & Recycling Systems

Community feedback on waste management and recycling in Paekākāriki highlights concerns about the current system's efficiency. Residents express frustration with multiple waste collection providers operating in the small village, citing this as inefficient and costly. There's a desire for improved recycling facilities and more frequent collections. Some suggest implementing a council-run rubbish collection service to replace the current private providers. Concerns are raised about noise pollution from frequent collections by different companies. Several comments mention the need for better management of septic tanks, with some residents opposing a shift to mains sewage due to cost and potential impact on the village's character. Overall, there's a call for a more streamlined, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly waste management system.

Upgrade & Build Seawalls

Community feedback shows strong support for upgrading and maintaining the Paekākāriki seawall, seen as essential for coastal protection. Opinions vary on design, with some favouring rock ramps and others engineered concrete structures. Residents call for extending the seawall and taking a coherent approach along the coastline. There's frustration over delays and desire for quick action. Some view seawalls as a short-term solution, whilst others want private seawalls included in planning. Cost concerns and debates over natural vs. engineered protection methods are also evident.

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Enjoy The Local Climate & Weather

Community feedback regarding Paekākāriki's local climate and weather is generally positive. Residents appreciate the area's temperate coastal climate, which is noted to be milder and more pleasant than central Wellington. Many comments highlight the enjoyment of outdoor activities facilitated by the local weather, including beach visits, swimming, and walks in nearby natural areas. Some residents mention the connection between weather patterns and the coastal environment, appreciating the dynamic nature of sea and sky. There's recognition of the need to adapt to climate change impacts, particularly regarding sea level rise and more frequent extreme weather events. Overall, the local climate is seen as a significant asset contributing to the quality of life in Paekākāriki.

Other key themes included:

- Climate change concern
- Enhance natural spaces

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Hauora Awa/Moana
River/Ocean Health

Hauora Awa/Moana | River/Ocean Health related feedback revealed strong community ties to coastal and river environments, with concerns about erosion, ecosystem health, and water quality. Residents expressed mixed views on coastal protection, balancing support for improved defences against worries about natural processes. Key priorities included maintaining water systems, beach management, and exploring new protection technologies, while considering costs and environmental impacts.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Proximity To The Seaside, Beaches & Ocean

Community feedback overwhelmingly values Paekākāriki's proximity to the seaside and beaches. Residents cherish easy access to the coast, viewing it as integral to the village's identity and their quality of life. Many highlight daily beach activities like swimming, walking, and socialising as crucial for physical and mental well-being. The coastline is seen as a defining feature, providing scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. There's strong desire to maintain public access and protect the shoreline from erosion. Some concerns are raised about balancing enjoyment with conservation, particularly regarding wildlife habitats. Overall, the seaside proximity is considered a primary reason for living in Paekākāriki, deeply embedded in the community's lifestyle and values.

Support For Improved & Additional Seawalls

Feedback shows strong community support for improving and extending seawalls in Paekākāriki, seen as crucial for coastal protection. Many residents urge prompt action, expressing frustration over delays. Opinions vary on design, from rock ramps to engineered concrete structures. There's emphasis on a coherent, long-term approach to coastal protection, including consideration of private seawalls. While some concerns about costs and environmental impacts are noted, calls for enhanced protection generally prevail. Many view seawall upgrades as a priority for the community.

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Maintain Stormwater & Wastewater Systems

Feedback shows mixed views on Paekākāriki's stormwater and wastewater systems. Some residents advocate for connecting to mains sewage, citing environmental and health concerns. Others prefer maintaining existing septic tanks to preserve village character and limit development. There's a general call for better management of current systems and improved water quality monitoring, especially during storms. Concerns about environmental impact and costs are noted. Overall, there's a desire for improved waste management, but disagreement on the best approach to balance modernisation with preserving local character.

Other key themes included:

- Support for R&D of new technology
- Support for traditional and natural coastal defences

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Kanorau Koiora
Biodiversity

Kanorau Koiora | Biodiversity related feedback shows that the community expressed strong support for environmental conservation, valuing local natural assets like beaches, parks, and wildlife habitats. Priorities included protecting and expanding green spaces, dune restoration, native planting, and pest control. Residents emphasised the importance of wildlife protection, biodiversity regeneration, and balancing development with preservation. There was particular interest in birdwatching and concerns about specific areas like Queen Elizabeth Park. Overall, the community showed a deep commitment to Kāpiti's natural environment.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Proximity To Nature

Feedback highlights the critical importance of Paekākāriki's proximity to nature. Residents deeply value access to the beach, ocean, Queen Elizabeth Park, and surrounding hills. The village's setting between sea and land is seen as integral to its character. Local wildlife, native plants, and diverse ecosystems are cherished. Many emphasise the positive impact of this natural environment on well-being and community identity.

Protect Beaches & Waterways & Green Kāpiti

Feedback reveals strong community support for protecting Paekākāriki's beaches, waterways, and green spaces. Residents highly value the coastal environment and advocate for dune restoration, marine reserves, and sustainable coastal management. There's emphasis on preserving streams, wetlands, and native vegetation. Suggestions include enhanced pest control, native planting initiatives, and eco-friendly development. Many see these natural assets as crucial to Paekākāriki's character and residents' well-being. Overall, there's a clear desire to preserve and enhance the local environment for future generations.

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Enjoy Visiting Local Parks & Reserves

Feedback indicates strong appreciation for local parks and reserves in Paekākāriki, particularly Queen Elizabeth Park. Residents value these spaces for recreation, relaxation, and connecting with nature. The parks are seen as vital community assets, offering opportunities for walking, cycling, and wildlife observation. Many comments highlight the importance of easy access to these green spaces from the village. There's enthusiasm for enhancing park facilities and trails, with suggestions for wetland development and improved connections to surrounding natural areas. Overall, local parks and reserves are viewed as essential to Paekākāriki's character and residents' quality of life.

Other key themes included:

- Promote Kāpiti's natural assets to visitors

- Support for increased planting

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Wai
Water

Wai | Water related feedback revealed significant concerns about water management and quality. Residents expressed worries about water infrastructure, sewage system vulnerability, and overall water supply. There was a call for improved water management practices and increased access to clean drinking water, including a suggestion to add more public water fountains. Some members of the community supported fluoridation of drinking water. The overall focus was on addressing water quality issues and ensuring robust, reliable water infrastructure for the area.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Increase The Number Of Water Fountains

Feedback indicates a desire for more water fountains and water bottle refill stations in Paekākāriki and the wider Kāpiti area. Several comments specifically request additional water fountains, highlighting this as a practical improvement for the community. The suggestions appear to be motivated by convenience, encouraging hydration, and possibly reducing single-use plastic bottle waste. While not a dominant theme in the overall feedback, the repeated mentions suggest it's a notable concern for some residents, particularly in public spaces and along frequently used routes

Address Concerns Around Water Quality & Water Management

Feedback reveals significant concerns about water quality and management in Paekākāriki. Residents worry about septic tank pollution affecting groundwater and waterways, with many advocating for connection to mains sewage. There's a call for regular water quality testing, especially during storms. Some suggest investing in residential water tanks and a local water system for better management. The lack of fluoride in drinking water is a concern for some, particularly regarding children's dental health. Overall, there's a strong desire for improved water infrastructure and management to protect public health and the environment.

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Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua Land Use & Quality

Whakamahi/Hauora Whenua | Land Use & Quality related feedback indicates that the community expressed diverse views on coastal management and development. Key concerns included erosion, flooding, and the cost of interventions. The coastline was widely recognised as crucial to Kāpiti's identity and geography, with strong support for protecting public infrastructure and preserving local character. Opinions varied on managed retreat as an option for housing threatened by sea level rise, with some supporting it and others opposed. Residents valued low-rise buildings and low-density development, while expressing concern about high-risk coastal construction. There was interest in a balanced, case-by-case approach to development that considers intensification while preserving community character.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Concern About Erosion & Flooding

Feedback reveals mixed levels of concern about erosion and flooding in Paekākāriki. Many residents express significant worry about coastal erosion threatening homes and infrastructure, particularly along The Parade. Some call for immediate action on seawall improvements. Flooding is mentioned less frequently, but low-lying areas are noted as vulnerable. Overall, there's a desire for balanced, long-term planning that considers both protection and potential adaptation strategies.

No Concern About Erosion & Flooding

A minority of residents express little to no concern about erosion and flooding in Paekākāriki. These individuals argue that historical evidence shows minimal changes to the coastline over decades, with some even noting increased sand dunes in certain areas. They view erosion as a natural, manageable process and are sceptical of climate change projections. Some claim there's no evidence of significant coastal flooding impacts. This group often criticises what they perceive as alarmist attitudes from authorities and opposes extensive interventions or managed retreat scenarios, preferring to maintain the status quo or implement minimal, traditional protection measures.

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Concern about general costs

Feedback highlights significant concern about the potential costs associated with addressing coastal hazards in Paekākāriki. Residents worry about the financial burden on ratepayers for large-scale projects like seawall improvements or managed retreat. There's anxiety about property values and insurance costs, with some fearing long-term economic consequences. Questions arise about who will bear the costs - individual property owners or the wider community. Some express frustration over perceived wasteful spending on consultations without concrete actions. Overall, there's a clear desire for cost-effective, equitable solutions that balance protection needs with financial realities facing the community.

Other key themes included:

- The importance of the coastline and how it defines Kāpiti's geography
- Support for protection of public infrastructure
- Address the land restitution claim of Miriona Budge

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2.2 People

Below is the summary of key findings related to 'People'.

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata
Peace & Safety

Aiowhaitika mō te tangata | Peace & Safety related feedback highlighted safety and quality of life as key priorities. Residents valued the area's peaceful atmosphere, natural beauty, and sense of space. They appreciated the low traffic levels and overall safety. However, some expressed concerns about potential increases in crime and called for enhanced police presence. There was a desire to maintain and improve safe community spaces while fostering better intra-community relationships. Overall, preserving the quiet, secure living environment was seen as crucial to the area's appeal.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Improve Safety

The community values Paekākāriki's safe, friendly village atmosphere and wants to maintain or enhance this. Suggestions include improving road safety through speed limits, speed humps, and safer pedestrian/cyclist access. However, there are some concerns about burglaries and car theft, with suggestions for increased crime prevention measures like neighbourhood watch groups and police presence.

Enjoy The Relaxing & Peaceful Atmosphere

Residents enjoy Paekākāriki's relaxed, peaceful vibe and unhurried way of life. They appreciate the quietness, especially since Transmission Gully opened, and the feeling of being a small, friendly village with a strong sense of community. The beach and natural environment contribute to the tranquil atmosphere, with people valuing the sound of the sea, the coastal views, and open spaces. Maintaining this laid-back character is important to the community.

Area Is Safe & Secure

The community consistently highlights safety and security as key attributes they value about Paekākāriki. Residents appreciate the low crime rates and feeling of safety in the village, with kids able to roam freely and play outside. The friendly, tight-knit community where people look out for each other enhances the sense of security.

Other key themes included:

- Improving intra-community relationships

- Importance of space and freedom

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Te hononga ki ētahi atu
Connections with others

Te hononga ki ētahi atu | Connections with others feedback revealed a strong desire to promote and maintain the village's friendly, small-town character whilst fostering inclusivity and diversity. Residents value the sense of belonging, welcoming community, and proximity to friends. They appreciate local arts and culture, expressing support for collaborating with local artists, hosting cultural events, and creating art walks. The community emphasises the importance of upgrading and maintaining public amenities such as parks, playgrounds, libraries, and recreational areas for all ages. There is a call for developing youth-focused activities and facilities, as well as improving accessibility and support for the elderly, disabled, vulnerable, homeless, and sick. The community also recognises the significance of local and iwi history, suggesting collaboration with Tangata Whenua and the growing Māori community to improve cultural understanding and support. Residents express interest in creating community spaces, such as gardens and gathering areas, and building a community hub.

The *Paekākāriki: What next?* project also identified key changes since the new road opened, including a quieter, more peaceful village, Beach Road's potential as a social hub, and the need to restore Māori identity and engage youth. Proposed strategies focus on enabling community use of public spaces, developing a youth-led vision, supporting sustainable Ngati Haumia leadership, enhancing Beach Road as a welcoming social hub through traffic calming and amenities. The report also emphasised restoring Māori identity, empowering youth, and improving social and physical amenities to serve the whole community after the road opening and transforming Paekākāriki into a more vibrant, equitable and sustainable place.

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The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Promote As A Friendly Village Destination

Residents want Paekākāriki to be known as a friendly, welcoming village destination. They envision it being a relaxed coastal getaway with a vibrant, quirky, and creative atmosphere that draws visitors to its cafés, art galleries, beaches, parks, and walking/biking trails. Live music, events, and the unique St. Peter's Hall are seen as key attractions. People hope the village retains its inclusive, accepting vibe and becomes a place where all sorts of people want to come spend time and money while respecting the special character of the community.

A Friendly Community With A Sense Of Belonging

Paekākāriki residents deeply value the strong sense of community and belonging in the village. They describe it as a friendly, tight-knit community where people look out for and care about each other. The small size fosters connection, with residents appreciating that they know their neighbours and can be as involved as they wish. People highlight the many community organisations, initiatives, and events that bring residents together and create a feeling of inclusion. There is a desire to maintain this warm, supportive, and connected atmosphere where everyone feels they are a welcomed part of the community.

Upgrade Public Amenities, Such As Parks & Library

Residents value Paekākāriki's public amenities and see opportunities for upgrading them to better serve the community. Suggestions include expanding the library's resources and kid-focused activities, improving the skate park, developing an additional playground at the school, and adding amenities like water fountains and public toilets at parks and the beach. Enhancing sports facilities and playgrounds is also mentioned. People note the importance of well-maintained, accessible spaces for all ages to gather and enjoy. Realising the potential of existing facilities like the surf club and Memorial Hall through upgrades is another common theme.

Other key themes included:

- Maintain small-town character and status quo
- Create and maintain inclusive spaces
- Development of youth-focused activities and facilities

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Hanga Whare Housing

Hanga Whare | Housing revealed concerns about housing affordability and supply, with support for strategies to ensure accessible and affordable housing options. Residents emphasised the need to focus on increasing housing supply, building more retirement homes, and improving housing solutions. There were concerns about rising property rates, potential property loss or damage, and the impact on property values and insurance. The community expressed support for protecting existing coastal properties while also encouraging the development of housing above shopping centres. Residents also highlighted the importance of social housing and reducing costs associated with housing development. Some concerns were raised about gentrification in Paekākāriki and the need for housing regulations. Overall, the community desires to encourage long-term residents and maintain a focus on sustainable housing development.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Strategies To Ensure Housing Is Affordable

The community strongly emphasises the need for strategies to ensure affordable housing in Paekākāriki. Many residents express concern about gentrification and rising housing costs forcing out families, young people, and long-term residents. Suggestions include increasing council housing stock, particularly for elderly; supporting initiatives like the Paekākāriki Housing Trust to acquire properties; enabling smaller dwellings and subdivisions; and lobbying for policies that boost affordability. Providing affordable housing options is seen as critical for maintaining a diverse, multigenerational community and allowing groups like mana whenua to remain in the village.

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Focus On Increasing Housing Supply

Residents highlight the importance of increasing housing supply in Paekākāriki to address affordability concerns and accommodate a diverse population. Suggestions include building more council-owned rental units, particularly for elderly, on underutilised land near transportation and amenities. Enabling subdivision of existing lots and streamlining consents for tiny homes and secondary dwellings are also mentioned. Intensifying housing near the train station with eco-friendly apartments is another proposal. The community wants policies and initiatives that incentivise the creation of new housing stock to provide options for families, young people, and lower-income residents to live in the village.

Build More Retirement Homes

Some residents suggest building more retirement housing in Paekākāriki to allow elderly to continue to live in the area. They note the village currently lacks a retirement village, which can lead to older residents leaving. Ideas include adding units to existing council flats on Wellington Road and developing underutilised land near transportation and amenities. Keeping kaumatua in the community is seen as important.

Other key themes included:

- Concern about property value and insurance

- Increase accessible housing

- Support for protecting existing coastal properties

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Hauora
Health

Hauora | Health feedback highlighted the importance of improving mental health and wellbeing, with a focus on establishing local healthcare facilities and enhancing access to services. Residents expressed concern about the impact on both mental and physical health within the community. There is a desire for improved healthcare facilities and services, including better access to GP services, hospital services, and the establishment of a local vet. The community also emphasised the need to enhance parks with amenities such as water fountains to promote overall wellbeing. Improving access to healthcare facilities and prioritising mental health and personal wellbeing were identified as key areas of concern for the community.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Improvements In Mental Health & Wellbeing

Paekākāriki residents emphasise preserving access to the therapeutic benefits of the coast, developing community spaces for all ages to foster connection, providing local mental health services, nurturing an inclusive and engaged community spirit, and building resilience to the psychological impacts of climate change, particularly eco-anxiety among youth.

Establishment Of Local Healthcare Facilities

Residents express a desire for local healthcare facilities in Paekākāriki to improve access to medical services. Suggestions include establishing a doctor's surgery or community health centre, potentially in a location like the old post office. The idea of having medical professionals like doctors, nurses or counsellors available within the village is mentioned. A local pharmacy is also suggested. The convenience of these local health services is seen as beneficial for the community.

Concern About Community Wellbeing

Some residents express concern about the overall wellbeing of the Paekākāriki community, particularly in the face of challenges like climate change. The potential loss of the unique, tight-knit community due to rising costs and displacement is another concern. Fostering community resilience, maintaining social connections, and ensuring support is available for those struggling are seen as important for weathering difficulties and promoting collective wellbeing.

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Kai
Food

The feedback on Kai | Food revealed an appreciation for the variety of cafés and restaurants in the area, with residents enjoying the diverse dining options. There is strong support for encouraging investment in local shopping and dining establishments to further enhance the community's culinary scene. Residents also expressed enthusiasm for food fairs and festivals, which provide opportunities to celebrate local cuisine and bring the community together. Additionally, there is support for community gardens and local food production initiatives, highlighting the community's interest in sustainable and locally sourced food options.

The main themes that emerged from community feedback is:

Enjoy The Variety Of Cafés & Restaurants

Residents appreciate the variety of cafés and restaurants in Paekākāriki, which contribute to the village's relaxed, creative vibe. The cafés are seen as great spots for breakfast and bringing the community together. People enjoy being able to walk to the shops and cafés to connect with neighbours and find good company. The cute café environment is highlighted as a key part of Paekākāriki's charm, alongside the beach, parks, and friendly community spirit.

Encourage Investment In Local Shopping & Dining

Paekākāriki residents want to encourage investment in the village's local shopping and dining scene. They appreciate the existing cafés and shops but see opportunities for growth. Suggestions include reinvigorating vacant shops, attracting businesses like an ice cream parlour or takeaway, and providing more visitor facilities. Parking improvements are seen as important so people can easily access local businesses. Residents also want to support entrepreneurs and keep money circulating within the community. Fostering a vibrant, thriving local economy centred around the village's shops and eateries is a priority.

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Mātauranga
Education & Training

Mātauranga | Education & Training related feedback highlighted the need for new educational facilities, such as schools and kindergartens or early childhood centres, to cater to the growing population. Residents expressed interest in having access to more educational courses and facilities, emphasising the importance of learning opportunities for all ages. The community also values environmental education, with support for initiatives such as coastal environmental learning programs and public information on coastal issues. Additionally, there is a desire to upgrade existing school playgrounds

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

New Schools & Education Facilities

Some residents express a desire for new schools and education facilities in Paekākāriki. Specific suggestions include establishing a kindergarten or childcare centre apart from the existing Playcentre, so young children can stay close to home even when their parents need to work. Expanding or upgrading the school playground is another idea. One resident envisions adding a college, sports facilities, and creative learning spaces. Attracting more Hill Road residents to the school is seen as a way to boost enrolment. Overall, investing in quality education options for all ages within the village is a priority for some.

More Educational Courses

A few residents mention the idea of offering more educational courses and learning opportunities in Paekākāriki. One person suggests establishing a chef's school or farm-to-plate program as part of a vision for a sustainable, innovative village. Another resident wants to support Wai Ata Studio's after-school arts program for local children. While not a major theme, there is some interest in expanding educational options and creative learning experiences for different ages within the community.

Other key themes included:

- Focus on environmental education
- Opportunities for coastal environmental learning

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Ohunga
Income & Work

Ohunga | Income & Work related feedback highlighted key areas for improvement, including encouraging investment in local shopping and dining, addressing vacant properties to enhance the town's appeal, and supporting local businesses and tourism initiatives. Residents wanted to see more efforts to promote dining options, improve the visual character of establishments, and develop tourism through new branding, while balancing concerns about affordability and local livelihoods. Overall, the feedback emphasised the importance of supporting the local business network and economy through measures like improved licensing, job creation and economic growth to sustain enjoyable shopping and dining experiences.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Encourage Investment In Local Shopping & Dining

The feedback indicates strong support for enhancing the shopping and dining experience in Paekākāriki. Residents desire more diverse, vibrant, and inviting retail and eatery options, including filling vacant storefronts, adding colourful murals and decor, and attracting new businesses like a supermarket, bookstore, arts/crafts outlet, and waterfront café. Improving infrastructure like parking, pedestrian access, and the seawall are also seen as important to draw more visitors and support local businesses. Residents want Paekākāriki to become a destination for dining, shopping, and experiencing the community's unique character and natural beauty, while preserving its existing quirky charm.

Enjoyment Of Visiting Local Shops

The feedback highlights that residents currently enjoy the shopping and dining experience in Paekākāriki, praising the friendly local businesses, sense of community, and unique character of the village. Residents appreciate the "CBD vibe", with its collection of shops, cafés, and community hubs like the library and museum. The ability to shop and dine while being welcomed with children is also valued.

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Address Vacant Properties & Improve Town Appeal

The feedback highlights concern about vacant properties and a desire to improve the overall appeal of Paekākāriki. Residents want to see derelict and empty buildings revitalised, with suggestions to purchase unused properties and make them available for small businesses at low rents. There are calls to tidy up and better maintain the look of the village, including investing in landscaping, street trees, and public art. Improving pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, as well as addressing issues like overgrown vegetation, poor lighting, and lack of public amenities are also seen as ways to enhance the town's appeal. Residents want Paekākāriki to feel vibrant, well-cared for, and welcoming to both locals and visitors, preserving its unique character while modernising and revitalising key areas.

Other key themes included:

- Support for local businesses and groups
- Promote dining options
- Support the tourism industry and new branding

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Ngā Hono
Networks & Connectivity

Ngā Hono | Networks & Connectivity related feedback highlighted a focus on developing more walkable and bike-friendly infrastructure, including extending and maintaining footpaths and cycleways. There were calls to improve roads, public transport hubs, and traffic management to enhance road safety as car usage increases. Residents appreciated the local architecture and proximity to facilities, and supported investments in sustainable, accessible and reliable public transport. However, there were concerns about loss of infrastructure and a desire to further expand cycling and walking paths, improve parking, and enhance access to the beach and coastline. The community also wanted to see digital connectivity improved and waste management enhanced through measures like increased parking lots, a tramline, and pedestrianisation in certain areas.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Development Of Walkable & Bike-Friendly Paths

The feedback highlights a strong desire to make Paekākāriki more pedestrian and bike-friendly. Residents want to see improvements to existing walkways and the creation of new, dedicated cycling infrastructure to better connect the village and key destinations like the beach, parks, and the train station. Suggestions include separated bike lanes along main roads, improved paths and trails, and traffic calming measures like speed reductions. Accessibility for all users, including families, the elderly, and those with mobility challenges, is seen as important. Enhancing safety and connectivity for walking and cycling is viewed as a way to reduce reliance on cars, promote healthy lifestyles, and preserve Paekākāriki's small-town character. Overall, the feedback emphasises transforming the village into a more walkable, bikeable community that is welcoming to residents and visitors alike.

Improve Roads

The feedback indicates a desire to improve Paekākāriki's roads for safety and accessibility. Suggestions include addressing dangerous intersections with traffic lights, proper road maintenance like asphalting, and traffic calming measures like speed humps or lower speed limits. Enhancing pedestrian and cyclist safety is a priority, through more crossings, lighting, and parking management to reduce main street congestion. Residents want Paekākāriki's roads to be safe and user-friendly for all, while retaining the community's distinctive character.

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Improve Public Transport & Transport Hubs

The feedback highlights the importance of Paekākāriki's public transport connections, particularly the train station, and a desire for improvements. Residents value the train's accessibility to Wellington but want more frequent off-peak services. Improving connections to the station, like more buses or shuttles, is seen as important, especially for those with mobility issues. Ensuring the station has amenities like a waiting room is also noted. Residents also express interest in exploring alternative transport like e-bikes and ensuring

safe, connected walking and cycling infrastructure, including bike lanes, walkways, and traffic calming. Overall, the feedback emphasises enhancing Paekākāriki's multi-modal transport to improve accessibility and sustainability.

Other key themes included:

- Extend and maintain cycleways

- Extend and maintain footpaths

- Infrastructure investment is needed

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⚡ Hihiri Energy

Hihiri | Energy feedback highlighted a focus on promoting renewable energy initiatives. There was support for measures to encourage the use of hybrid and electric vehicles. However, there were also concerns expressed about the potential impact of renewable energy developments, such as wind turbines, on the power supply. Overall, the community feedback indicated a desire to see more support and promotion of renewable energy solutions, but with consideration given to potential impacts on the reliability of the local power grid.

The most common theme that emerged from community feedback were:
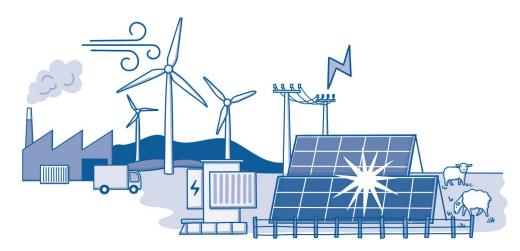
Focus On Renewable Energy

The feedback indicates a strong focus on renewable energy and sustainable community initiatives in Paekākāriki. Suggestions include installing solar panels on homes, a community battery to share excess solar power, and exploring wind power options. Residents want to see Paekākāriki invest in renewable infrastructure like a solar farm and energy batteries, as well as supporting local sustainability efforts through groups like the Paekākāriki Community Housing Trust. Overall, the feedback emphasises Paekākāriki becoming a model of sustainable, self-sufficient living powered by renewable energy.

Other key themes included:

- Concern about the impact on power supply
- Opposed to wind turbines

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Ora Rite
Equality

Ora Rite | Equality feedback highlighted a desire for an inclusive and equitable approach to protection and preservation efforts. There were concerns expressed about the distribution of protection costs, with a call for a more targeted funding approach. Residents wanted to ensure any protection measures considered the needs of diverse community members and the interests of both private and public assets. Overall, the feedback emphasised the importance of taking a balanced, future-focused perspective that promotes improved diversity and inclusivity in the community's protection and preservation strategies.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Inclusive Of Diversity

The feedback highlights the importance of diversity and inclusivity within the Paekākāriki community. Residents value the village's unique mix of ages and backgrounds, describing it as a friendly, tolerant, and open-minded place. There is a strong belief in preserving this diversity and avoiding gentrification that could make the community less inclusive. Concerns are raised about the risk of Paekākāriki becoming a "retirement village for quirky, rich boomers", and the need for affordable housing is emphasised to ensure it retains a mix of ages, incomes, and ethnicities. Supporting initiatives like the Paekākāriki Community Housing Trust and enabling greater mana whenua engagement are seen as key to maintaining the village's diverse, non-pretentious spirit. Overall, the feedback underscores the community's inclusive character as a core asset to be intentionally preserved.

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Concern About Distribution Of Protection Costs

The feedback indicates concerns around the equitable distribution of costs for coastal protection measures in Paekākāriki. While there is recognition that seawalls and other mitigation efforts are needed, there are questions about who should bear the financial burden. Some residents express a willingness to share the cost of protection, noting the need for "community resilience." However, there are concerns that this could lead to unfair outcomes, with wealthier beachfront property owners potentially benefiting more than the broader community. The suggestion is made that for short-term mitigation (up to 50 years), the costs should be borne by the "affected" property owners, similar to existing arrangements. This is seen as a way to balance private and public interests, though it is acknowledged this could lead to tensions. Ultimately, the feedback highlights the desire for an equitable and transparent approach to funding coastal protection, where the distribution of costs does not disproportionately advantage certain groups, and adaptation strategies consider the broader community's wellbeing.

Other key themes included:

- Preservation for future generations

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2.3 Partnership

Below is a summary of the key findings related to 'Partnership'.

He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka Community Partnership

The feedback on He Waka eke noa/A Shared Waka | Community Partnership highlighted significant concerns regarding the council's planning, action, spending and consultation processes. Residents called for greater democratic inclusivity, collaboration and community involvement in decision-making, with a desire for medium to long-term planning that incorporates local and expert knowledge, learns from other examples, and promotes proactive mitigation through public-private partnerships. There was criticism of the consultation process itself, with a call for more inclusive and transparent engagement to strengthen community input. Concerns were raised about council debt, bureaucracy, neglected regions, and impacts on low-income residents. Overall, the feedback emphasised the importance of improved council governance, enhanced communication, and a thriving, connected community that is supportive and heavily involved in coastal protection and decision-making.

The most common themes that emerged from community feedback were:

Concern About Council Spending & Rates Increases

The feedback indicates significant concerns among Paekākāriki residents about the Council's spending and potential for rising rates. Residents are wary of the council using ratepayer funds for new projects, arguing the priority should be reducing high debt levels before undertaking additional spending. Specific ideas like purchasing the old post office or providing e-bikes are viewed sceptically, with the sentiment the village already has adequate facilities and transportation. Some go as far as stating their "vision is for the district to be debt free" and the council should focus solely on essential services, not pursuing "wants" that could drive up rates. There is a strong preference to keep Paekākāriki as-is, with the view that those seeking more amenities should consider moving elsewhere. Overall, the feedback reflects deep concerns about the financial burden on ratepayers and a desire to maintain the village's modest character.

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Concern About Inadequate Council Consultation Processes, Planning & Action

The feedback expresses significant concerns about the Council's planning and actions, or lack thereof, in addressing key issues facing Paekākāriki. Residents feel the council has wasted money on consultations that have led to little progress, particularly around the long-delayed seawall project. Feedback indicates a strong desire for the council to improve its consultation methods, ensuring genuine community input and representation, and to leverage local knowledge and expertise to inform decisions affecting Paekākāriki. There are calls for the council to take a more coherent, streamlined approach and to consult more transparently with the community. Specific concerns include the complex housing consent process, lack of action on community resilience to natural disasters, and inadequate planning for infrastructure like wastewater that will be impacted by climate change. Overall, there is a sentiment that the council is not adequately addressing the community's needs or leveraging Paekākāriki's potential, and that a significant shift in approach is required. Residents want to see the council provide clear leadership, make tangible progress on key issues, and work in close partnership with the community.

Other key themes included:

- Emphasis on democratic inclusivity and collaboration
- Support for medium and long-term plan
- Support for inclusion of local and expert knowledge

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2.4　Comparison of Vision Paekākāriki and Vision follow up survey results

This section presents the key similarities and differences between the Vision Paekākāriki Survey and the Vision follow up survey.

2.4.1 Key Similarities

Community Connection — Both surveys highlight the importance of community spirit, inclusivity, and the desire to maintain Paekākāriki's unique village character.

Environmental Concerns — Both sections emphasise the community's focus on environmental conservation, including concerns about coastal erosion and the desire for sustainable development.

Housing Issues — Affordable housing is a recurring theme in both surveys, with emphasis on the need for diverse housing options to maintain community diversity.

Infrastructure Improvements — Both surveys indicate a desire for enhanced public amenities, improved transportation options, and better infrastructure.

2.4.2 Key Differences

New Concerns — The follow-up survey introduces some new concerns not prominently featured in the initial survey, such as the need for fenced dog parks and increased lifeguard presence.

Emphasis on Council Actions — The follow-up survey appears to place more emphasis on concerns about council spending, rates increases, and the desire for focus on core services.

Specific Project Mentions — The follow-up survey specifically mentions projects like the Wainuiwhenua Project, which wasn't prominent in the initial survey findings.

Refinement of Ideas — The follow-up survey seems to refine some of the broader ideas from the initial survey, focusing on more specific needs or concerns.

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2.4.3 Implications for Vision Paekākāriki Refinement

Maintain Core Themes — The Vision should retain and potentially strengthen language around community connection, environmental stewardship, housing diversity and affordability, and infrastructure improvements.

Incorporate Emerging Concerns — Update the Vision to reflect new community priorities around specific amenities, safety measures, and quality of life issues.

Address Fiscal Responsibility — Include language that acknowledges the importance of responsible financial management and prioritisation of core services.

Reference Community Initiatives — Consider mentioning key community-driven projects to demonstrate responsiveness to evolving local priorities.

Increase Specificity — Where appropriate, refine broader vision statements to reflect more specific community needs and desires identified in the follow-up survey.

Balance Continuity and Evolution — Craft a vision that honours longstanding community values whilst also demonstrating adaptability to changing needs and priorities.

Emphasise Ongoing Engagement — Given the refinement of ideas between surveys, the vision could highlight a commitment to continued community dialogue and responsiveness to evolving needs.

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3 Data analysis methodology

3.1 Survey data analysis

PublicVoice used a step-by-step method called thematic analysis to review the open-ended responses from the Vision Paekākāriki community engagement survey. This method follows five main steps:

1. **Understanding the Data:** Analysts read the data multiple times to grasp its content.
2. **Initial Coding:** The data was sorted into labelled segments highlighting key points.
3. **Identifying Themes:** These segments were then grouped into broader themes.
4. **Refining Themes:** Themes were checked for relevance and clarity.
5. **Finalising Themes:** Each theme was carefully defined, possibly with sub-themes.

3.2 Key findings analysis

To generate the key findings, PublicVoice combined the survey data with additional feedback points received from various engagement activities, including discussions at the Paekākāriki Market, engagement with Paekākāriki School students, and consultation with the Paekākāriki Housing Trust.

The analysis of the combined data was structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model, which provides a holistic view of the community's well-being by considering social, environmental, and economic factors.

The key findings were organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model. This approach allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the community's values, priorities, and concerns, extending beyond the specific questions asked in the survey.

3.3 Reporting

For the survey data, tables illustrating the frequency of the key themes have been included to demonstrate the significance of each theme. Only descriptions of the most frequent themes have been included in Section 2, "A summary of all feedback on Vision Paekākāriki " to highlight the main points expressed by respondents.

In contrast, Section 4 reports the key findings and presents the most common topics from the combined data, organised according to the doughnut model. This section provides a more detailed analysis, offering valuable insights and guidance for the Kāpiti Coast District Council's (Council) decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

By differentiating between the analysis and reporting approaches for the survey data and the key findings, the methodology section clarifies the distinct methods used to examine and present the community's feedback.

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Phase One: Gathering initial views

4 Vision Paekākāriki survey

This section presents the key findings from the Vision Paekākāriki community engagement survey which received 117 responses. The survey asked ten questions:

- Why Paekākāriki? What's your connection to Paekākāriki?
- How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?
- How do you get to/around Paekākāriki? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?
- What do you love most about Paekākāriki?
- What do you see as being most distinctive about the village?
- How would you like Paekākāriki to look and feel?
- How do you want Paekākāriki to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?
- What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?
- What would you love for children? For elderly?
- If you had a generous pot of money, what is it that would make all the difference?

The analysis of survey data has been structured using the framework of the Council's economic doughnut model. The key findings are organised into themes that align with the various dimensions of the doughnut model. A subset of these questions was used for other stakeholder engagements listed in the front of this report resulting in higher numbers of responses and frequencies for those questions.

The most common topics that emerged from the community feedback are highlighted for each theme. These insights shed light on the Paekākāriki community's values, priorities, and concerns, offering valuable guidance for the Council's decision-making processes and future planning efforts.

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4.1   Why Paekākāriki? What's your connection to Paekākāriki?

Respondents were asked to describe their connection to Paekākāriki. Table 1 details the various connections provided by respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents express strong love and pride for their connection to Paekākāriki. They mention community, creative atmosphere, and special features that make living in this village unique and enjoyable. Many respondents have been long-term residents, while others have chosen to move back or retire in Paekākāriki. Some respondents have ancestral ties to the village, and multiple generations have lived there.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		71
	Resident of Paekākāriki	55
	Family ties to Paekākāriki	9
	Community feel and initiatives	7
BIODIVERSITY		7
	Proximity to nature	7
INCOME & WORK		1
	Work in Paekākāriki	1

Table 1: Why Paekākāriki? What's your connection to Paekākāriki?

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" A beautiful haven, a current resident and proud to call home.

Why Paekākāriki? What's your connection to Paekākāriki?

"It is a lovely little microcosm with a community feel, art and all kind of cool initiatives happening all the time."

Why Paekākāriki? What's your connection to Paekākāriki?

"I have lived in Paekakariki for 15 years. I am invested in it emotionally, and culturally. It is diverse and caring. Its very special, with people who are actively committed to the idea that a good community is no accident."

Why Paekākāriki? What's your connection to Paekākāriki?

" It's a beautiful community that has so many unique and special features, we love living here."

Why Paekākāriki? What's your connection to Paekākāriki?

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4.2 How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?

Respondents were asked to describe their feelings when returning home to Paekākāriki. Table 2 details the various feelings provided by respondents.

Overview of responses

Peace & Safety — Respondents express a strong sense of safety and happiness in their community, describing it as a peaceful and supportive place. They feel welcomed with a relaxed and calm atmosphere.

Connections With Others — Respondents express a sense of happiness and nostalgia when talking about their connections with others in the village of Paekākāriki. They describe feeling lucky and connected and appreciate the warmth and vibrancy of the community. Many emphasise that coming home to the village brings a sense of relief, belonging, and joy.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
PEACE & SAFETY		66
	Feelings of happiness and contentment	38
	Relaxed and peaceful	16
	Sense of safety	12
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		35
	Identify the area as 'home'	18
	Appreciation for the vibrancy the village	9
	Lucky to live in the community	5
	Nostalgic and connected	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3
	Concerns regarding infrastructure	3

Table 2: How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?

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> "Coming home to Paekākāriki is like slipping into a nice warm bath in an old claw-foot tub. It is not fancy or elegant, it is a bit worn around the edges, but it is warming of the heart and soul & nourishing of the mind and spirit."
>
> **How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?**

> "Home! I feel relaxed and centred. Strong sense of diversity. Arts and sports centric village."
>
> **How does it make you feel when you come home to the village?**

4.3 How do you get to/around Paekākāriki? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?

Respondents were asked to articulate their modes of transportation to and within Paekākāriki and to consider how these preferences might differ in an ideal world. Table 3 shows the current transportation preferences of the respondents, as well as their ideal world transportation choices.

Overview of responses

Current Networks & Connectivity — Respondents mention using a variety of transportation options including car, train, walking, and biking to get around Paekākāriki. Overall, there is a mix of preferences for different modes of transport.

Ideal Networks & Connectivity — Respondents desire improved infrastructure, such as bike lanes, e-bikes, or e-scooters. Others mentioned the need for more frequent train services and better connections with other transportation options. Overall, respondents seemed open to using public transport but highlighted the need for improvements in the system.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CURRENT NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		165
	Car	56
	Walk	45
	Cycle/e-bike	34
	Train	25
	Public transport	5
IDEAL NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		22
	Cycle/e-bike	7
	Public transport	6
	Improve train frequency	5
	No difference	4

Table 3: How do you get to/around Paekākāriki? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?

Selected quotes

"Trains to commute weekdays, take car to city most weekends. Cycle or drive in the village. I'd like more express trains in the evening- 8,9,10pm. I'd like peak time evening trains that allow bikes."

How do you get to/around Paekākāriki? & is this different to how you would want to, in an ideal world?

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4.4   What do you love most about Paekākāriki?

Respondents were asked what they love most about Paekākāriki. Table 4 details the various answers provided by respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others—Respondents love the village's historical aspect, small size, and strong sense of community and friendly atmosphere. They appreciate the various community initiatives and events. Overall, the connections with others and the inclusive and welcoming environment are highlighted as important aspects of the village.

Biodiversity — The village's access to nature is praised, particularly the beach and parks. Respondents love the village's unique charm and connection to the sea.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents mention various aspects they love about Paekākāriki. Some important aspects highlighted include the village shops and cafés and the easy access to transportation.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		98
	Community spirit and connectedness	31
	Village atmosphere and small size	25
	Personal connections and relationships	18
	Community initiatives and events	9
	Recreational activities	8
	Diversity and creativity	7
BIODIVERSITY		50
	Natural surroundings (beach, parks, hills)	50
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		32
	Access to amenities (shops, cafés, library)	24
	Access to public transport	8
EDUCATION & TRAINING		5
	Schooling	5
PEACE & SAFETY		4
	Sense of safety and friendliness	4

Table 4: What do you love most about Paekākāriki?

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> "The close community, the way we care for and look after each other and the creativity. The gigs at the hall. The community organisations. The arty events. Also the location is awesome"
>
> **What do you love most about Paekākāriki?**

4.5   What do you see as being most distinctive about the village?

Respondents were asked what they see as being most distinctive about the village in Paekākāriki. Table 5 displays the various opinions of the respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents highlight the sense of community, inclusivity, and friendliness in Paekākāriki. They mention the village atmosphere, the artistic and creative vibe, along with the historic buildings and the pride people have in belonging to the community.

Biodiversity — Respondents mention that the beach and coastal environment are the best aspects of Paekākāriki. They also appreciate the views and the town's commitment to the environment.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents mention the railway, Saint Peter's Hall, village buildings, and connection with the Paekākāriki hill road as important aspects of networks and connections in the area. They also highlight the relationship of Main Street to the hills, trains, and the ocean. Furthermore, they mention the popularity of the vibrant community and cafés with visitors on bikes and those walking the track.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		62
	Village atmosphere and small size	20
	Diversity and creativity	14
	Community spirit and connectedness	12
	Historical and cultural significance	8
	Personal connections and relationships	5
	Unique character and charm	3
BIODIVERSITY		26
	Natural surroundings (beach, parks, hills)	26
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		19
	Access to amenities (shops, cafés, library, halls)	14
	Access to public transport e.g. trains	5
PEACE & SAFETY		2
	Sense of safety and friendliness	2
HOUSING		1
	Good value homes	1

Table 5: What do you see as being most distinctive about the village?

Selected quotes

"There's an undeniable Paekākāriki character, off beat, DIY, community spirited, neighbourly."

What do you see as being most distinctive about the village?

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4.6   How would you like Paekākāriki to look and feel?

Respondents were asked how they would like Paekākāriki to look and feel. Table 6 shows the various opinions and desires expressed by respondents under multiple categories.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents want Paekākāriki to have more people living there to support local businesses and schools and add vibrancy to the area. They also suggest more activities and attractions, such as a mini-Te Papa or a Brewtown, to entertain young people and visitors.

Income & Work — Respondents express a desire to rejuvenate Paekākāriki through revamping derelict shops. Additionally, respondents emphasise the need for more vibrant and colourful shops, as well as employment opportunities for all demographics.

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents have varying opinions about networks and connections in Paekākāriki. Some suggest improvements like designated car park areas, revamping derelict shops, and creating safer walking access. Others emphasise the need for better access to the beach and infrastructure investment.

Prefer status-quo — Respondents express positive sentiments towards the current state of the village and emphasise the importance of maintaining its small-town charm and seaside village feel.

Land Use & Quality/Housing — Respondents emphasise the importance of investing in infrastructure, including surveying land-locked properties and connecting to mains sewage, for long-term sustainability and future development. Additionally, respondents value the village as a prototype for sustainable living. Respondents expressed a desire for more affordable housing options, especially for families and lower-income individuals, to retain diversity in the village and prevent it from becoming a retirement village.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		94
	Improve recreational facilities	36
	Friendly/vibrant community	17
	Community creativity	11
	Community events	11
	Indoor activity centre	11
	Improve activities for teenagers	5
	Visual representation and respect for mana whenua	3
INCOME & WORK		56
	Business and Retail Development	43
	Improve visitor services	13
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		47
	Improve infrastructure	13
	Improve pedestrian access	11
	E-bikes/e-scooters	10
	Improve road safety	5
	Reduce speed limits	4
	Retain car parking in CBD	4
OTHER		23
	Prefer status quo	23
LAND USE & QUALITY		18
	Sustainable development	18
HOUSING		15
	More affordable housing	15
EDUCATION & TRAINING		2
	Improve education	2

Table 6: How would you like Paekākāriki to look and feel?

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> "Same focus on creativity and nature. A bit more noise and tolerance for young adults. A bit more party, a little less yoga retreat!"
>
> **How would you like Paekākāriki to look and feel?**

> "Would love to see more visual representation of Ngati Haumia. More affordable for families. Less empty homes."
>
> **How would you like Paekākāriki to look and feel?**

> "I'd like it to pretty much stay as it is, a few more sustainable shops would be good, let's get rid of the vacant buildings by finding some tenants."
>
> **How would you like Paekākāriki to look and feel?**

> "Lively art and food hub for all so we draw in other Kapiti people to visit the beach, but not lose our railway history."
>
> **How would you like Paekākāriki to look and feel?**

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4.7 How do you want Paekākāriki to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?

Respondents were asked how they want Paekākāriki to be known by those who don't live there. Table 7 shows the various answers provided by respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents would like Paekākāriki to be known as a friendly, welcoming, and safe village, known for its artistic and creative community. It is seen as a place that fosters connections and acceptance among its diverse residents. The village would like to be described as a destination with a vibrant atmosphere and strong community spirit.

Peace & Safety — Respondents would like the village to be described as a safe, friendly place for relaxation.

Biodiversity — The respondents say that Paekākāriki should be known for its commitment to sustainability, innovation, and protecting the environment. They also highlight its natural beauty and would like Paekākāriki to be known for its great beach and parks.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		81
	Visitor friendly	20
	Community spirit and connectedness	17
	Diverse and creative community	13
	Village atmosphere and small size	13
	Family friendly	5
	Personal connections and relationships	4
	Community initiatives and events	3
	Historical and cultural significance	3
	Unique character and charm	3
PEACE & SAFETY		28
	Sense of safety and friendliness	16
	Relaxing	12
BIODIVERSITY		22
	Natural surroundings (beach, parks, hills)	16

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	Environmentally friendly	6
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		6
	Access to amenities (shops, cafés, library)	6

Table 7: How do you want Paekākāriki to be known by those who don't have the privilege of living here?

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4.8　What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?

Respondents were asked what kind of community spirit they would like to see and how they would like this to manifest. Table 8 shows the variety of responses.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others — Respondents mentioned that they would like a community spirit that is friendly, inclusive, connected, supportive, and creative. Some respondents mentioned they would like inclusivity to be a part of the community spirit, as evidenced by activities for the elderly and respect for diversity. The community would like a spirit of open-mindedness, kindness, and caring.

Peace & Safety — Respondents highlight the importance of friendliness, kindness, and respect to create a peaceful and safe environment. They also mention the need to monitor aggressive comments on social media.

Housing — Respondents highlight the need for more affordable housing options, such as council flats, to accommodate lower-income individuals. They also raise concerns about rising housing costs forcing out long-term residents, the elderly, and young residents.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		41
	Welcoming and open to all	14
	Mutual aid and looking out for each other	11
	Tolerance/acceptance of different views/values	10
	Focus on caring for elderly/less abled	3
	Honouring/celebrating Indigenous culture/history	3
PEACE & SAFETY		13
	Ensuring safe/friendly environment	10
	Addressing issues of violence/safety concerns	3
HOUSING		10
	Support for those in financial/housing need	6
	Improving housing availability/affordability	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		8
	Support for community events (e.g., markets, music)	8
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		6
	Enhancing local amenities/facilities	6
BIODIVERSITY		4
	Ecological mindfulness/green initiatives	4
HEALTH		3
	Promoting healthy living/wellbeing	3

Table 8: What kind of community spirit would we like to see and how would we like this to manifest?

4.9   What would you love for children? For elderly?

Respondents were asked what they would love for children and older people. Table 9 shows the various answers. Some responses were general in nature and not specific to children or the elderly. These have also been included here.

Overview of responses

Networks & Connectivity — Respondents desire improved road safety and free/subsidised transport to access services in the Kāpiti area. They also highlight the need for great public transport. Other suggestions include better public spaces to provide opportunities for community engagement.

Older Persons — Respondents mentioned the need for more social groups and development for the elderly, including affordable housing and better access to the beach. They also highlighted the importance of valuing the elderly in the community and the need for accessible infrastructure and support services for elderly community members.

Children — Respondents mentioned the need for more social groups, entertainment options for young people, and a central place for indoor activities on wet weather days. They also expressed a desire for more development in Queen Elizabeth Park for children and better access to the beach for all ages. There were also suggestions for specific amenities like a pier for fishing and a new playground in Queen Elizabeth Park.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		40
	Road safety/safety	20
	Improved/more facilities, amenities, and retail	6
	Accessible footpaths	5
	Improve public transport	5
	Bike lanes around village	4
OLDER PERSONS		36
	Community support and inclusion	15
	Affordable housing	12
	Better access to the beach	6
	Social groups	3
CHILDREN		28
	Playground	17
	Better access to the beach	6
	More activities for teens	5
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		5
	Outdoor/indoor entertainment	5

Table 9: What would you love for children? For elderly?

4.10 If you had a generous pot of money, what is it that would make all the difference?

Respondents were asked how they had a generous pot of money and what they would do with it. Table 10 shows the various opinions and desires expressed by respondents.

Overview of responses

Income & Work — The respondents mention various ideas and improvements for the income and work topic in Paekākāriki. These include adding more diverse retail and hospitality options and financially assisting the surf club and coastal café. Additionally, respondents would like to see more quality shops and pop-up spaces for local products. Sprucing up buildings and adding a supermarket were also mentioned.

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Networks & Connectivity—Respondents have various suggestions regarding networks and connections in Paekākāriki. Some important aspects mentioned include improving access to the beach, building a tram line, removing power lines, and creating cycleways. Furthermore, respondents would like to see the village connected to mains sewage, with investment made into local infrastructure.

Education & Training — Respondents indicated the need for a larger school as well as a preference for other educational options such as a music school or cooking and craft classes. Additionally, some mentioned the need to bulk up resources at the community library.

Housing — Respondents emphasise the need for affordable, well-designed housing that connects people and includes gardens and mingling spaces. They also suggest gifting housing to the housing trust to make a significant difference. In addition, there is a focus on sustainable and eco-friendly housing options, such as installing solar panels and prioritising initiatives that help protect the environment.

Land Use & Quality—Respondents support a seawall and emphasise the importance of planting/landscaping along the beach. Additionally, concerns about rising sea levels and preserving natural resources, such as wetlands and native forests, are raised.

Biodiversity—Respondents desire improvements to Paekākāriki, such as creating a predator-free fence, preserving biodiversity by restoring wetlands and native forests, and cleaning up the beach and river.

Community Partnership—Respondents expressed various ideas and suggestions for community partnership, with positive and neutral sentiments. Two important aspects are supporting community initiatives and organisations and increasing communication and information dissemination within the community.

Connections With Others—Respondents desire a Marae and community space. They also suggest investing in community gardens and assisting the homeless and those in need.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
INCOME & WORK		51
	Retail/hospitality expansion (e.g., new shops/cafés)	23
	Support for local businesses & social enterprises	17
	Enhance existing businesses (e.g., rebuild, beautify)	8
	Tourism and visitor attractions (e.g., pier)	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		48

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Infrastructure upgrades (e.g., sewage)	20
	Traffic and road improvements	15
	Renewable energy initiatives (e.g., solar)	8
	Public transport enhancement (e.g., tram line built)	5
EDUCATION & TRAINING		23
	Education facilities	23
HOUSING		20
	Affordable and eco-friendly housing	20
LAND USE & QUALITY		15
	Adaptation to sea level rise i.e., sea wall	12
	Surveying of land properties & boundaries	3
BIODIVERSITY		13
	Urban beautification (e.g., landscaping, planting)	7
	Environmental clean-up	6
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		12
	Support for local groups (e.g., arts, surf club)	12
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		10
	Cultural initiatives (e.g., Marae, community spaces)	5
	Recreational facilities for teens	4
	Support for vulnerable populations	1
PEACE & SAFETY		9
	Safety improvements (e.g., cycle paths)	9
HEALTH		9
	Community health and fitness facilities	5
	Access to healthcare (e.g., local doctor's surgery)	4

Table 10: If you had a generous pot of money, what is it that would make all the difference?

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"Pop up spaces where you can buy local made things from kapiti and paekakariki, another dining option would be nice to and something we would wholly support."

If you had a generous pot of money, what is it that would make all the difference?

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Phase Two: Testing what we have heard so far

5 Vision follow up survey

This section of the report summarises community feedback received as part of Council's Vision follow up survey. The community was provided with a summary of the feedback received from the initial engagement for reflection and refining.

5.1 Does this reflect what's important to you?

Respondents were asked whether the feedback received reflected what was important to them. Table 11 is a summary of the feedback received.

Overview of responses

*Connections With Others —*Respondents mention the importance of providing access points to the beach. They also highlight the significance of historic buildings, tourism, and preserving the village's identity. Additionally, respondents mention the need for upgraded public toilets, improved parking, and increased library hours. Overall, respondents want to maintain the unique character of Paekākāriki while addressing various infrastructure and community needs.

*Networks & Connectivity —*Respondents express the need for the promised sea wall and walkway to be prioritised and actually carried out. They also emphasise the importance of an accessible walkway for residents and tourism. Some respondents also mention other aspects such as intersection lights, creating pedestrian crossings and reducing speed limits for safer roads.

River/Ocean Health— Respondents express concern about coastal erosion and prioritise the rebuilding of the sea wall. They also voiced concern about the issue of waste management and its impact on river/ocean health, specifically mentioning the possibility of residences with septic tanks.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		38
	Development of culture/history of the area	9
	Improve access to/upgrade public facilities	7
	Development of youth-focused activities/facilities	5
	Support for library in Paekākāriki	5
	Image of Paekākāriki as gateway to Kāpiti	3
	Improve access to natural/public spaces	3
	Support for community events and activities	3

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Support for community sports/outdoor activities	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		14
	Improve/expand cycling and walking paths	7
	Traffic management and road safety	7
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		8
	Concern about coastal erosion	4
	Improvements to waste management	4
HOUSING		6
	Support for affordable/more housing	6
BIODIVERSITY		4
	Removal of non-native species/pests	4
PEACE & SAFETY		4
	Improving intra-community relationships	2
	Concern about potential increased crime	1
	Maintaining safe community spaces	1
INCOME & WORK		3
	Support for tourism industry	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		3
	Community involvement in decision-making	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		3
	Address land restitution claim of Miriona Budge	2
	Concern about relocations	1
OTHER		2
	Concern about rates increases	2
FOOD		2
	Support for food fairs/festivals	2
CLIMATE & CHANGE		1
	Focus on climate change mitigation	1
HEALTH		1
	Improved access to healthcare facilities	1
WATER		1
	Concern about water quality and supply	1
EQUALITY		1
	Desire for improved diversity	1
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES		1
	Open up areas for camping	1
ENERGY		1

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Support for renewable energy	1

Table 11: Does this reflect what's important to you?

Selected quotes

> "Aspects are important. I am worried about gentrification of Paekākāriki. Housing has become unaffordable for families. I also believe cars have a role to play in Paekākāriki and that we are focusing too much on cycling. I agree with crossings been put across wellington Road to Campbell Park. It would be good to see the skate ramp improved. Access to the beach is import (steps down). In terms of sea wall, I believe the rock ramps are the best and we can add height as we need."
>
> **Does this reflect what's important to you?**

5.2   Is there anything missing?

Respondents were asked whether there is anything missing. Table 12 provides an overview of what respondents feel is missing.

Overview of responses

*Connections With Others —*Respondents mention the importance of connections with others through various activities and options available in the village, such as sports clubs, music, martial arts, and community cooking. They also express the need for a community centre and tourist facilities and suggest utilising existing housing stock and improving community resilience. Some respondents call for better noise control for live music events. Additionally, there are requests for a fenced dog park, a pump track/bike park, a pool, and more recreational facilities like basketball courts and a trampoline park.

*Community Partnership —*Respondents highlighted the importance of better access to community services and the need for a community centre They also expressed the need to prioritise the Wainuiwhenua project and address the high council debt. Additionally, respondents mentioned the need for community resilience in the face of natural disasters and the desire for reduced council spending.

*Housing—*Respondents express the need for more affordable housing in the area and criticise the current planning practices of the council. Other suggestions include more water fountains, visitor facilities, solar panels, and colourful buildings. Lastly, respondents mention the importance of understanding poor housing conditions and desire for upgrades and redevelopment of existing housing.

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		47
	Outdoor sports and recreational facilities	12
	Fenced in dog parks needed	10
	Indoor sports and recreational facilities	10
	Increase the number of marae	6
	Increase the number of lifeguards	5
	Cultural and arts facilities and events	4
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		16
	Concern about council spending and rates increases	10
	Focus on core council services	3
	Include the Wainuiwhenua Project in the vision	3
HOUSING		16
	Build more retirement homes	8
	Maintain affordable rates	8
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		13
	Improve road safety and use with increased cars	7
	Enhanced public transport services	3
	Invest in E Scooter service	3
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		10
	Maintain stormwater and wastewater systems	6
	Improve septic tank system	4
BIODIVERSITY		9
	Focus on environmental conservation	6
	Pest control and management	3
WATER		7
	Improved water management and quality	4
	Increase the number of water fountains	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		6
	Focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation	3
	Sustainable energy initiatives	3
FOOD		6
	Encourage investment in local shopping and dining	6
HEALTH		4
	Improved healthcare facilities and services	4
EDUCATION & TRAINING		4
	New kindergarten/childhood centre	4

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
INCOME & WORK		3
	Address vacant properties/improve town appeal	1
	Support for local businesses and economy	1
	Tourism development initiatives	1
LAND USE & QUALITY		3
	Address land restitution claim of Miriona Budge	3
PEACE & SAFETY		1
	Address crime in the community	1

Table 12: Is there anything missing?

Selected quotes

"As I have mentioned before have a community centre here would be great with also tourist facilities such as paddle board hire kayaks e bike tours. The old Post office would be ideal if funding can be found"

Is there anything missing?

"I think we could really use a place for dogs. because of the amount of times, I'm walking or running in the park and get jumped on by a dog!"

Is there anything missing?

" Maintaining & improving safe cycle connections through the village. One can go from Porirua to Otaki off road except for Paekākāriki. The sea wall will eventually have a cycle way along it but something like a village wide speed reduction to 40km would help. Also, stronger links with Whareroa Farm Reserve."

Is there anything missing?

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Broader community engagement

In addition to the targeted Vision Paekākāriki surveys and workshops, several other community engagement initiatives have provided valuable insights into the priorities, concerns, and aspirations of Paekākāriki residents. These broader engagement efforts have captured a wide range of perspectives on various aspects of community life, from long-term planning to specific local projects.

The following sections summarise key findings from:

1. The Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 consultation process
2. The "Paekākāriki: What next?" participatory project
3. The Takutai Kāpiti coastal adaptation initiative

These additional sources of community feedback complement and enrich the Vision Paekākāriki engagement, offering a more comprehensive understanding of the community's vision for its future. By considering these diverse inputs, we can ensure that the Vision Paekākāriki reflects a broad spectrum of community voices and addresses both immediate concerns and long-term aspirations.

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6 Relevant Insights from the Long-Term Plan Process

The Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation process gathered valuable community feedback on Paekākāriki's future development. This engagement captured a wide range of perspectives on issues affecting the village's growth, infrastructure needs, and community well-being.

Feedback covered topics such as the prioritization of the seawall project, housing affordability, historical and cultural preservation, climate action, and community engagement in decision-making processes. These insights highlight the community's distinct priorities and concerns, providing important guidance for shaping Paekākāriki's future.

The following subsections summarize the key themes that emerged from the LTP consultation, offering an overview of residents' views on Paekākāriki's development over the next decade. These findings complement and reinforce the insights gathered through the Vision Paekākāriki engagement, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of the community's vision for Paekākāriki's future.

6.1 Infrastructure & Safety

Seawall — The seawall project is identified as a key priority for the community.

Beach Road — The Beach Road development needs attention and is highlighted as an important project.

Speed Limits — Implementing and maintaining a 30 km/h speed limit in certain areas is seen as crucial for enhancing safety.

General Infrastructure — There are calls for improved infrastructure, particularly for water management and flood protection.

6.2 Housing & Social Services:

Council Housing — Strong support exists for the Paekākāriki Housing Trust managing council's social housing units in the village, with potential for expansion.

Older Persons' Housing — There's a higher preference for partnering with an existing Community Housing Provider for older persons' housing, compared to the district-wide average.

Affordability Concerns — Issues were raised about the impact of rate increases on low-income renters and the need for safeguards when transferring council housing.

6.3 Historical & Cultural Preservation

Budge House — Relocating and preserving the historic Budge House is identified as a key project, reflecting the community's commitment to maintaining cultural heritage alongside new developments.

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6.4 Climate Action & Environmental Concerns

Climate Action Rate — There's strong support for introducing a new climate action rate based on property capital value, significantly higher than the district-wide average.

Environmental Protection — Emphasis is placed on environmental protection and climate change adaptation measures.

6.5 Financial Management & Rates

Rate Increases — Concerns exist about the affordability of rate increases, particularly for low-income residents.

Debt Reduction — There's support for reducing council debt, but not at the expense of social and environmental wellbeing.

6.6 Community Engagement & Governance

Community Board Role — The Paekākāriki Community Board endorsed several council proposals while emphasising the need to balance financial considerations with community wellbeing.

Public Consultation — There's an expressed need for more robust community consultation and engagement processes to ensure transparency and inclusivity in decision-making.

6.7 Community Services

Facilities Enhancement — There's an emphasis on enhancing community facilities and services.

These insights from the LTP process highlight Paekākāriki's distinct priorities, particularly around climate action, community housing, infrastructure improvements, and preserving local character and heritage. Future planning will need to balance these local priorities with district-wide concerns about affordability and core infrastructure needs, while also addressing the unique coastal challenges faced by the community and ensuring effective community engagement in decision-making processes.

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7 Paekākāriki: What next? Planning for vibrant, equitable and sustainable village life after the opening of Te Ara Nui Te Rangihaeata.

This section of the report provides an overview of the 2022 participatory project 'Paekākāriki: What next?'. The aim of the project was to understand local perspectives on the impact of the new road opening and future aspirations for Paekākāriki. The participatory project included 26 interviews, 2 focus groups with school children, 2 public workshops, and meetings with Ngati Haumia iwi representative Karl Farrell.

Key Changes Identified Since Te Ara Nui Te Rangihaeata Opened include:

- Quieter, more peaceful weekends without accident sirens
- Beach Road feels less like a passing place, has potential as a social hub
- Need to restore mana and mauri Māori, tell the place's story
- Easier, quieter access from SH59 but still some safety issues
- Less drop-in shoppers impacting local businesses
- Beach Road cafés crowded on weekends, locals avoiding the area
- Popular weekday destination for older visitors
- Opportunity to attract more families for weekend excursions
- Need to make village more welcoming for local children and youth

Four Key Shifts Defined:

- From diminishing social action to empowering autonomous youth action
- From retail strip to welcoming place of Ngati Haumia
- From each having land to all whakamana i te whenua (empowering the land)
- From lollies on a seat to barefoot independence to play
- From Pakeha leadership to Pakeha supporting sustainable Iwi

Strategies & Projects Proposed:

- Identify and enable community use of public spaces
- Develop child and youth vision through school projects and youth-led process
- Support Ngati Haumia leadership sustainably with design guides, naming, tikanga

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- Enhance Beach Road as a welcoming social hub for diverse groups, especially children and youth, through traffic calming, amenities, native planting, playable elements
- Consider 30 km/h speed zone village-wide for traffic safety

In summary, the report provides a community-informed vision and strategies for evolving Paekākāriki, especially the Beach Road area, to become a more vibrant, equitable, sustainable and welcoming place for all after the opening of the new road. It emphasises restoring Māori identity, empowering youth, and enhancing social and physical amenities to serve the whole community.

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8 Takutai Kāpiti

Takutai Kāpiti is Council's initiative to adapt to coastal changes. It focuses on how the community and Council can respond to sea level rise and its effects on the environment and infrastructure. This section summarises community feedback on coastal adaptation strategies for Kāpiti.

Data was collected through two methods:

- In-person Community Workshop: Held on 07 November 2023 at St Peters Village Hall, with 99 participants.

- Online "Have Your Say" (HYS) survey: Completed by 13 respondents.

The combined efforts yielded over 440 responses to the survey questions.

8.1   What do you value most about living in this area?

Respondents were asked what they value most about living in Kāpiti. **Error! Reference source not found.** details what respondents most love about living in the area.

Overview of responses

Recreation & Leisure — Respondents express positive sentiments about living in a coastal area with access to the ocean and natural environments such as beaches, hills, and wildlife. They appreciate the community spirit and recreational activities available, including biking, fishing, dog walking, and participating in local events. Living in this location provides a sense of home, stability, and a strong connection to nature.

Connections With Others — Respondents mention that the community in Paekākāriki has a strong sense of inclusivity, sharing, and pride of place. They appreciate the connection to mana whenua and the acceptance of everyone in the community. The arts scene, historic heritage, and the ability to raise a family in a great environment are also highlighted. Additionally, they emphasise the sense of community and active involvement in activities and services, describing Paekākāriki as a distinctive, vibrant, and caring village.

Networks & Connectivity — Residents mention the accessibility to various locations such as the beach, mountains, and city through rail connections, as well as the convenience of public transport. Some appreciate the absence of CCTV cameras and cell phone towers and highlight the presence of good infrastructure and transportation links to Wellington.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RECREATION & LEISURE		68
	Proximity to nature	19
	Proximity to the ocean/sea	18
	Proximity/access to seaside and beaches	9

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Recreational activities	7
	Proximity to mountains/hills	5
	Cycling access	4
	Hiking/walking access	3
	Proximity to QE Park	3
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		58
	Community feel and initiatives	35
	Historical and cultural significance	10
	Māori community/identity	6
	Arts/culture	4
	Progressiveness	3
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		17
	Accessible and reliable public transport	7
	Proximity to Wellington	5
	Proximity/access to amenities/services	5
LIFESTYLE		14
	Fond of small-town character	5
	Appreciate slower lifestyle	3
	Appreciate the village feel	3
	Uniqueness	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		8
	Enjoy the local climate and weather	2
	Importance of coast for protection and benefits	2
	Stormwater/wastewater systems	2
	Enjoy the views	1
	Protection of local flora/fauna	1
EQUALITY		8
	Inclusive of diversity	8
PEACE & SAFETY		3
	Safe and secure	3
INCOME & WORK		3
	Enjoy visiting local shops	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		3
	Concern regarding the consultation	3
EDUCATION & TRAINING		2
	Access to schools	2
HOUSING		2
	Availability of housing	1
	Social housing	1
LAND USE & QUALITY		2
	Low density/lack of urban sprawl	2
HEALTH		1
	Mental health/personal wellbeing	1

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Table 13: What do you value most about living in this area?

> "Living on the coast and having easy direct and daily access to the beach for health and well being, without needing to drive. Close knit community. The beach is a place for local residents to connect informally as they walk dogs or swim and exercise etc and it's also a gathering place for groups such as the daily sea swimmers - all year round .Endangered wildlife such as little Blue Penguins also make their home on this coast and we are privileged to have them."
>
> **What do you value most about living in this area?**

8.2   How important is our coastline to you?

Respondents were asked how important the coastline is to them. Table 14 details how important the coastline is to respondents.

Overview of responses

Connections With Others— The respondents emphasise the proximity and access to the beach as an important aspect of their connection with others. They mention the beach's significance in terms of livelihood, recreation, and gathering, highlighting its impact on their sense of community and well-being. Living near the sea is also seen as a key factor in their choice of residence. The coastline acts as a parenting tool and a resource for children to play, explore, and relieve stress. It is also highlighted that small changes to the coastline can have a significant impact on their livelihoods and the community, emphasising the intrinsic connection to the coastline.

Land Use & Quality— Respondents express a strong sentiment towards the importance of land use and the quality of the coastline. They believe that the coastline is fundamental to the village's identity and is worth protecting and fighting for. The coastline defines the village and is a rich resource that plays a crucial role in the community's livelihood and sense of community.

Health— Respondents emphasise the importance of the coastline and the sea for their wellbeing, mental health, and overall sense of community. They describe the coastline as a source of rejuvenation, a therapeutic space, and a place for various activities such as swimming, walking, and fishing.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		22
	Importance of regular beach visits	10
	Benefits of social interactions and connections	5
	Consider the coastline home	4
	Emotional connection to coastline	3
HEALTH		15

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	Improvements in mental health and wellbeing	15
LAND USE & QUALITY		14
	The coastline is very important	8
	Coastline defines the Kāpiti's geography	6
RECREATION & LEISURE		11
	Enjoyment of water sports activities	11
BIODIVERSITY		10
	Appreciation for coastal habitat	5
	Importance of wildlife observation/birdwatching	5
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		9
	Concern regarding the consultation	9
PEACE & SAFETY		8
	Recognition of natural beauty and views	8
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		3
	Identification with coastal community character	3
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		2
	Appreciation for clean, unpolluted beaches	1
	Concern about marine ecosystem health	1

Table 14: How important is our coastline to you?

"Extremely important. The coastline is a source of kaimoana for our community, it is a gathering place, a place to walk, swim, relax, learn and connect with other people. Our community is shaped by the coastline and the way we live is intrinsically connected to the coastline. We are a small coastal community with strong connection to the coastline. Small changes to the coastline a felt strongly and can have a big impact on our houses, our livelihoods and our sense of community."

How important is our coastline to you?

" Very important. Being connected to the coastline is important for my mental health and my children's upbringing."

How important is our coastline to you?

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8.3 How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

Respondents were asked how concerned they are about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding and why they were concerned about these hazards. Table 15 provides an overview of the level of concern of respondents and the reasons for their concern.

Overview of responses:

Land Use & Quality— Respondents express varying levels of concern about land use and quality. Some are not concerned at all, citing historical evidence and lack of visible impact. Others are highly concerned, recognising the threat of erosion, coastal flooding, and the need for protection measures and sustainable planning of land use. Some express optimism about finding solutions, while others question the cost burden on ratepayers and the fairness of who pays for protection.

Housing— Respondents express concerns about the loss of property and infrastructure, as well as the impact on property values and the burden on rate payers due to issues such as insurance and banking. They are worried about the risk of erosion and coastal flooding, which makes houses vulnerable and threatens important infrastructure. However, some respondents believe that there are design solutions to mitigate the risk and are confident in their ability to adapt.

River / Ocean Health— Respondents express concerns about the loss of infrastructure, such as the water table and flooding effects on Beach Rd and the lack of maintenance on existing sea walls. They emphasise the importance of improving and renewing sea walls to protect against erosion and flooding, especially for beachfront properties. Some respondents are not concerned due to investments in private seawalls and elevated sections, but others criticise the use of extreme modelling and the lack of engagement from the Council.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
LAND USE & QUALITY		36
	Concerned about erosion and flooding	15
	Not concerned about erosion and flooding	12
	Concern about cost generally	9
HOUSING		14
	Concern about property value and insurance	8
	Concern about property loss or damage	6
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		14
	Concern about lack of seawall maintenance/builds	9
	Appreciation for sea wall protection	5
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		12

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Concern about inadequate council planning/action	12
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		8
	Concern about loss of infrastructure	8
HEALTH		8
	Concern about community wellbeing	5
	Concern about impact on mental health	3
CLIMATE & CHANGE		7
	Concern about the uncertainty of climate change	4
	Concern about extreme weather events	3
BIODIVERSITY		6
	Concern about impact on Queen Elizabeth Park	2
	Concern about wildlife habitat protection	2
	Appreciation for dune protection	1
	Concern about lack of dune maintenance/planting	1
CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS		5
	Concern about impact on recreation	2
	Appreciation of coastline community identity	1
	Concern about beach access	1
	Concern regarding the impact on future generations	1
WATER		3
	Concern about loss of water infrastructure	2
	Concern about sewage system vulnerability	1
INCOME & WORK		1
	Concern about impact on livelihood	1
ENERGY		1
	Concern about the impact on power supply	1

Table 15: How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding, and why?

Selected quotes

" Quite concerned - we see the effects of storms and erosion at QE park. If we didn't have the sea wall what would have happened?"

How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding and why?

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> "No, I am confident there are design solutions to mitigate the risk. I am concerned however by the risk of insurance increases based on macro information which uses unreasonable assumptions- i.e. that seawalls will fail within 10 years and not be replaced."
>
> **How concerned are you about coastal hazards like erosion and flooding and why?**

8.4 How do you think our coastline should be protected?

Respondents were asked how they thought the coastline should be protected. Table 16 provides an overview of suggestions made by respondents.

Overview of responses

River/Ocean Health— Respondents emphasise the importance of seawalls in protecting coastal areas from erosion and maintaining the health of rivers and oceans. They discuss the need for well-engineered seawalls, the ongoing maintenance of existing walls, and the use of new technological solutions. There is an emphasis on the need to balance protecting private property and assets with the potential impacts of climate change.

Community Partnership— Respondents expressed a desire for immediate action in building and maintaining seawalls for community resilience, with a focus on long-term solutions and best practices. They also criticised the council's priorities, calling for a focus on protecting homes and providing essential services instead of pursuing unrelated initiatives.

Biodiversity— Respondents emphasise the importance of protecting natural ecosystems, such as dunes and coastal areas, to preserve biodiversity. They suggest investing in dune restoration, planting and limiting activities that could harm the environment. They also advocate for implementing measures to reduce the impacts of climate change. This includes restrictions on housing and commercial developments near natural environments.

Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
RIVER/OCEAN HEALTH		37
	Support for improved/additional seawalls	26
	Support for R&D of new technology	5
	Support for improved stormwater management	3
	Support for traditional/natural coastal defences	3
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP		18
	Support for medium/long-term plan	5

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Theme	Subtheme	Frequency
	Support for inclusion of local/expert knowledge	4
	Criticism of consultation process	3
	Support for immediate solution	3
	Support for learning from other examples	3
BIODIVERSITY		16
	Support for dune restoration and management	6
	Support for increased planting	6
	Support for improved protection of wildlife	4
NETWORKS & CONNECTIVITY		11
	Support for addressing The Parade access	5
	Support for addressing Ames St access	3
	Support for improved roads	3
LAND USE & QUALITY		10
	Support for protection of public infrastructure	6
	Support for managed retreat	4
EQUALITY		7
	Concern about distribution of protection costs	4
	Equitable approach to protection	3
HOUSING		6
	Support for protecting existing coastal properties	6
CLIMATE & CHANGE		2
	Concern about environmental health impacts	1
	Prefer a focus on mitigation	1
EDUCATION & TRAINING		1
	Support for public information on coastal issues	1

Table 16 How do you think our coastline should be protected?

Selected quotes

"Natural dune systems and coastal areas. More funding for dune restoration."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

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"The protection and maintenance of the Paekakariki sea wall should be enshrined in policy"

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"Very long term...may need relocation but maintain sea-wall as 1st priority"

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"The dunes, foreshore, beach, tidal zones and waterways connecting the whenua with moana all need protecting. Restrictions to housing, commercial developments and activities which may impact the natural environment, on or near any of these areas need to be in place so that we can preserve the natural geographical features which support the local eco systems."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

"Public and Private property and assets must be protected for future generations. Seawalls have proven effective and must be part of any sensible adaptation plan. People have spent their lives and generations in these communities and must be able to remain in their own homes. They must not become refugees in their own country due to ideological managed retreat scenario which is totally unnecessary."

How do you think our coastline should be protected?

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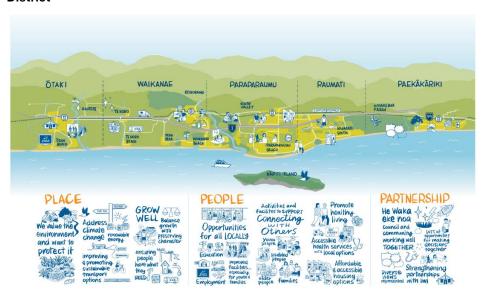**Petone**

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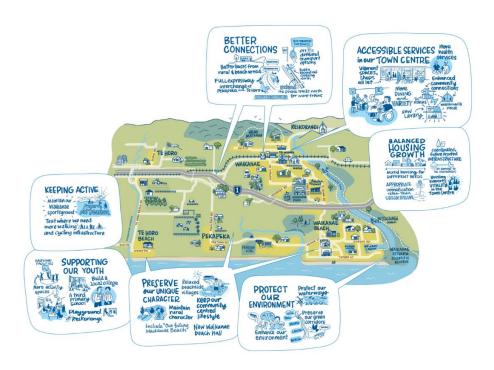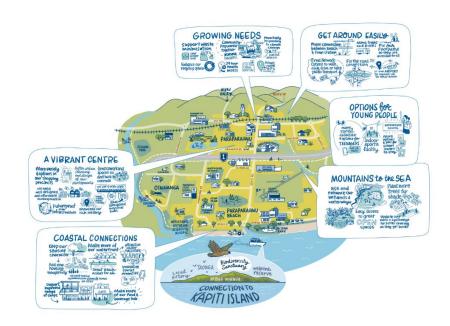
Appendix 7: Maps that will be used for web content

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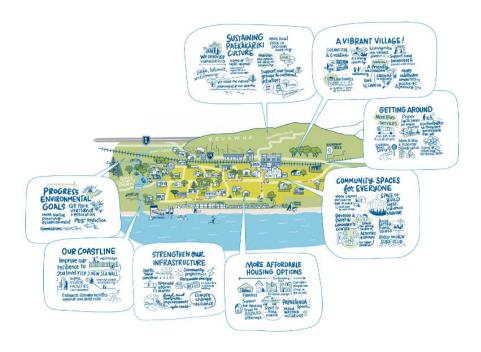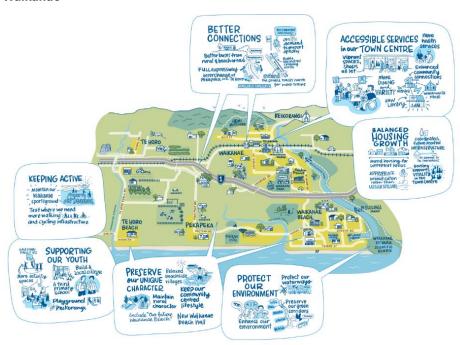**Ōtaki**

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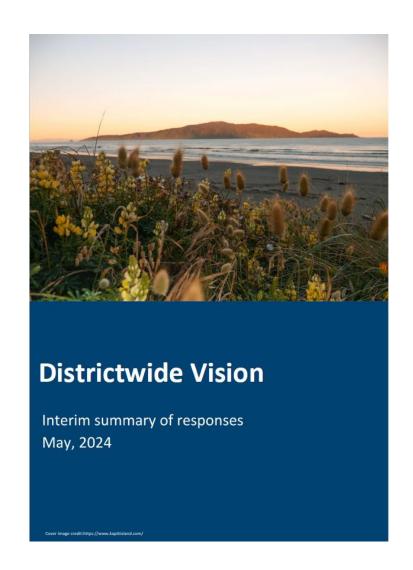
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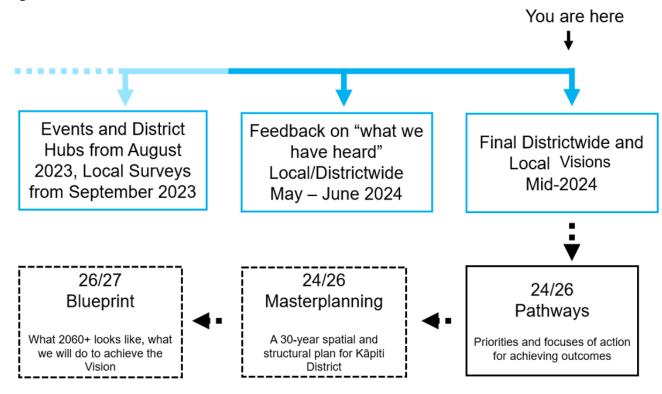
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8 October 2024

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Interim summary of responses
May, 2024

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Events and District Hubs from August 2023, Local Surveys from September 2023

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A 30-year spatial and structural plan for Kāpiti District

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Priorities and focuses of action for achieving outcomes
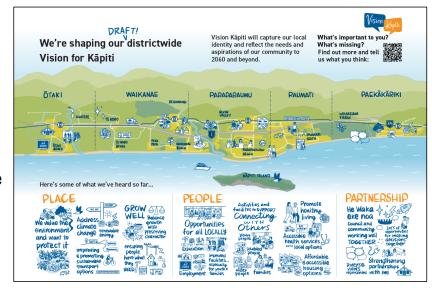
During Stage One of Vision Kāpiti:

We heard from our community about their needs, what's important and aspirations for the future.

- A report seeking the finalisation and publication of documents and web content for Stage One will be considered by the Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee on 24 October 2024.

- The completion will be supported by webpage and content that will include a high-level summary of the current state, what our community wants (community outcomes), the shifts needed, and ideas from the public for each local area and at a district level, as well as links to the final products.
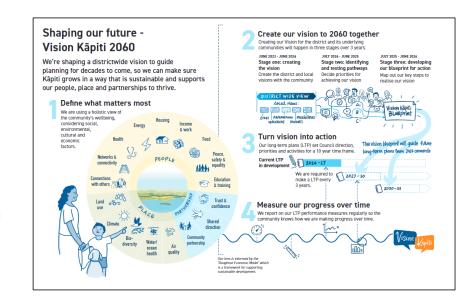
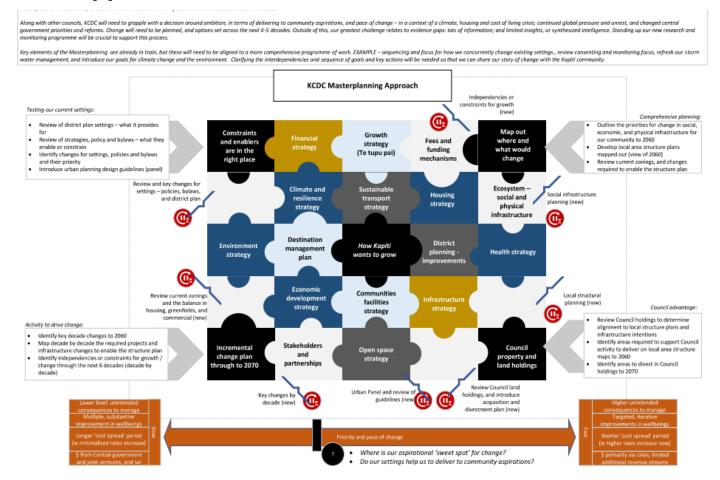## Previous discussions on next steps of Vision Kāpiti:

Have included:
- identifying and testing different pathways (scenarios) for delivering the Vision and outcomes
- identifying priorities alongside timeframes and costs
- to help inform a final Blueprint for change.

The Blueprint will include a supporting spatial plan and actions and partnerships from Council and its partners to help achieve and deliver Vision Kāpiti over the next 30 plus years to 2060 and beyond.

We have previously discussed the use of "masterplanning" as an important approach

Vision Kapiti (VK), phase 2: master-planning – scoping discussion

Develop vision

Land the Blueprint

Scenario planning (timing for investment and change)

Master-planning

Short description: second phase of VK work which outlines what our local future "looks like" and what decade changes need to be made to deliver on the communities Vision. Clarifying Council actions needed to enable/deliver on the vision, so that we all have a view of the incremental decisions that are needed.

Map out where and what would change to meet our community vision	Test rules and settings to ensure constraints and enablers are in the right place	Outline potential 10-year incremental change plan through to 2070	Review Council property and land holdings to deliver on the vision	Outline a stakeholder involvement plan to deliver on the vision
• Outline the priorities for change in social, economic, and physical infrastructure for our community to 2060 • Develop local area structure plans mapped out (view of 2060) • Review current zonings, and changes required to enable the structure plan	• Review of district plan settings – what it provides for • Review of strategies, policy and bylaws – what they enable or constrain • Identify changes for settings, policies and bylaws and their priority • Introduce urban planning design guidelines (panel)	• Identify key decade changes to 2060 • Map decade by decade the required projects and infrastructure changes to enable the structure plan • Identify independencies or constraints for growth / change through the next 6 decades (decade by decade)	• Review Council holdings to determine alignment to local structure plans and infrastructure intentions • Identify areas required to support Council activity to deliver on local area structure maps to 2060 • Identify areas to divest in Council holdings to 2070	• Identify 'ecosystem' stakeholders who have a role in bringing the 2060 vision to life – social and physical infrastructure • Create MoUs and partnerships to bring the Blueprint to life • Determine existing plans, constraints or concerns to achieve the Blueprint

Proposed phases and timing for Stage Two Pathways (and three Blueprint)

Stage Two explores how changes over the next 30+ years might be realised to deliver Vision Kāpiti. This work is important to inform and shape actions the Council and other partners take to support the vision and provide a clear blueprint and plan needed to bring Vision Kāpiti goals to life.

The following process puts into effect elements previously discussed relating to Vision Kapiti and "masterplanning" processes

	Stage Two			Stage 3: Develop the Blueprint for change
Phase of work and timing	**Phase 1: Who Does What - Identifying levers and enablers**	**Phase 2: Pathways - Developing and testing potential scenarios**	**Phase 3: Future Changes - Identifying key transformations**	
	October – December 2024	**January – June 2025**	**November – May 2026**	**June – December 2026+**
Description of stage	Understanding who else is involved in helping achieve community outcomes and the shift needed	Identifying options and appetite for how hard and how fast change could be achieve to achieve outcomes	Using previous 'ecosystem' and priorities to identify key shifts to achieve community outcomes	Identify and group actions meet our community vision and change at the district and local levels
Key tasks	• Identify the different organisations with roles and functions shaping community outcomes across **Place, People and Partnership categories** • Identify key enablers, levers, constraints and dependencies to achieving the shifts needed e.g. District Plan, strategies, central government policy and funding settings	• Develop different options to test the level of aspiration, cost and timeframe across community outcomes for **Place, People and Partnership** • Identify relative priorities for change by outcome area, timeframes and cost.	• Develop key transformative shifts, including strategic and place-based actions, to help achieve **both the District and local level outcomes** Identifying: • outcomes supported by shifts • partners and dependencies • measures for success	• Develop supporting spatial plans and implementation plans for activities to 2060+ • Include 10-year change plan for Council to review and align its tools and functions • Develop supporting partnerships to bring the bring the blueprint to life • Develop monitoring to inform progress and future review and update
Community engagement	December 2024 – share and test findings on who does what by outcome areas identified from Stage One	May - June 2025 – share and test options and priorities with the community	March – April 2026 – test transformative shifts proposed across the District and local levels	Test details of proposed actions to support transformative changes across the District and local levels
Outcome	Understanding of the 'ecosystem' to help bring Vision Kāpiti to life	Identifying priorities and ambition for achieving outcomes	Landing our 'transformational shifts'	A clear plan and action for delivering change over time

Local body election October 2025 will impact timing of Phase 3

A detailed overview of the next Phase 1 of Stage Two: Who Does What

1. Use the summary of feedback on aspirations from Stage 1 [by doughnut category]

Doughnut Element	2024 (Now)	2060+ (Future)	Shift we want to make	Your Ideas
People				
[Connections]	We value existing community diversity and the community spirit on the Kāpiti Coast.	Stronger, more cohesive connections with enhanced social infrastructure and hubs and clubs.	Inclusive spaces, upgrade amenities, enhance opportunities for community interaction, particularly for youth and families.	• Enhance community spaces (Marae community and creative hubs). • Improve accessible public amenities. • Promote community gardens and events that encourage multi-generational gatherings. • Provide more indoor and outdoor spaces suitable for kids. • Improve amenities seating gardens and public art. • Support community hubs and clubs.

Phase 1: Who Does What -
Identifying levers and enablers

October – December 2024

Understanding who else is involved in helping achieve community outcomes and the shift needed

• Identify the different organisations with roles and functions shaping community outcomes across **Place, People and Partnership categories**
• Identify key enablers, levers, constraints and dependencies to achieving the shifts needed e.g. District Plan, strategies, central government policy and funding settings

December 2024 – share and test findings on who does what by outcome areas identified from Stage One

Understanding of the 'ecosystem' to help bring Vision Kāpiti to life

2. Identify who and what will help achieve community outcomes

- **Who** is involved in helping achieve [connections]?
- **What** processes, functions and tools are involved in achieveing [connections]?
- **Constraints** or dependencies for achieving [connections]?

3. Produce posters with information to test with the community and stakeholders to identify any gaps

[Connections]

Who: *X, Y, Z,*

What: 1, 2, 3

Constraints: a, b, c

An example of what outputs from the final Stage Three – Blueprint could look like