



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

**New Plymouth
District Council**

AGENDA

KAITAKE COMMUNITY BOARD

**Monday 21 August 2023
at 5pm**

**Ōākura Bowling Club,
Ōākura**

Chair
Deputy Chair

Mr	Graham	Chard
Ms	Teresa	Goodin
Ms	Renee	Hohaia
Mr	Paul	Lobb
Cr	Anneka Carlson	Matthews

Community Boards

Role of Community Boards (s52 Local Government Act 2002)

- a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- b) consider and report on matters referred by the council and other matters of interest
- c) maintain an overview of services provided by the council within the community; and
- d) prepare an annual submission to the council for expenditure within the community;
- e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
- f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

Addressing the Community Board

Requests for public forum and deputations need to be made at least one day prior to the meeting. The Chairperson has authority to approve or decline public comments and deputations in line with the standing order requirements.

Public Forum

Public Forums enable members of the public to bring matters to the attention of the committee which are not contained on the meeting agenda. The matters must relate to the meeting's terms of reference. Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes, with no more than two speakers on behalf of one organisation.

Deputations

Deputations enable a person, group or organisation to speak to the meeting on matters contained on the agenda. An individual speaker can speak for up to 10 minutes. Where there are multiple speakers for one organisation, a total time limit of 15 minutes, for the entire deputation, applies.

Purpose of Local Government

The reports contained in this agenda address the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to decision making. Unless otherwise stated, the recommended option outlined in each report meets the purpose of local government and:

- Promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from Council.

END

OPENING KARAKIA

Kia uruuru mai	I draw in (to my being)
Ā hauora	The reviving essence
Ā haukaha	The strengthening essence
Ā haumāia	The essence of courage
Ki runga, ki raro	Above, below
Ki roto, ki waho	Within, without
Rirerire hau paimarire	Let there be peace

END



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APOLOGIES / NGĀ MATANGARO

None advised

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST / NGĀ ARA KŌNATUNATU

1. People who fill positions of authority must undertake their duties free from real or perceived bias. Elected members must maintain a clear separation between their personal interests and their duties as an elected member. Failure to do so could invalidate a Council decision and leave the elected member open to prosecution and ouster from office.
2. An elected member is entitled to interact with the Council as a private citizen. However, they cannot use their position as an elected member to gain an advantage not available to the general public.
3. Elected and appointed members will:
 - Declare any interest whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary at a meeting where the interest is relevant to an item on that agenda.
 - Exclude themselves from any informal discussions with elected members relating to a matter they have an interest in.
 - Seek guidance from the Chief Executive if they are unclear of the extent of any interest.
 - Seek guidance or exemption from the Office of the Auditor General if necessary.

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PUBLIC FORUM / ĀTEA Ā-WĀNANGA

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- None advised

DEPUTATIONS / MANUHIRI

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- None advised

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES / NGĀ MENETI O MUA

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Kaitake Community Board dated 3 July 2023 (ECM 9013168), and the proceedings of the said meeting, as previously circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

END

REPORTS

ITEMS FOR DECISION BY COMMITTEE

- 1 Members Activity Report – Graham Chard
- 2 Adoption of Kaitake Community Board Plan

ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION BY COMMITTEE

- 3 Local Authority Elections – Electoral System

END

MEMBERS ACTIVITY REPORT – GRAHAM CHARD

PURPOSE

1. This report advises of the community board activities of Graham Chard, Kaitake Community Board Chair, in the period to 8 August 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Kaitake Community Board note the report.

ACTIVITIES

Attendances

2. I have attended the following meetings and events:
 - 27 June 23 Regional Speed Management Plan Workshop
 - 28 June 23 Inglewood Community Board Meeting
 - 29 June 23 Poroporoaki for the Taranaki Coastal Area School Principal Scott Walden
 - 30 June 23 Waitara Community Board Meeting
 - 3 July 23 Kaitake Community Board Meeting
 - 4 July 23 Puketapu Bell Block Community Board Meeting
 - 4 July 23 LTP Workshop
 - 5 July 23 Integrated Transport Plan Workshop
 - 11 July 2 Extraordinary Council Meeting
 - 12 July 23 Sustainability Working Party Workshop
 - 12 July 23 Transport Choices Workshop
 - 18 July 23 LTP Workshop
 - 18 July 23 Te Huinga Taumatua Committee Meeting
 - 19 July 23 LTP Workshop

21 July 23	Transportation Team Encroachment Meeting
25 July 23	Finance Audit & Rish Committee Meeting
26 July 23	Age and Accessibility Working Party Meeting
31 July 23	Teresa Turner Funeral Service
1 Aug 23	Iwi Hui and Council Meeting at Owae Marae
2 Aug 23	Community Development Committee Meeting
3 Aug 23	Community Development Committee Meeting
7 Aug 23	Mayor/Community Board Chairs Meeting
8 Aug 23	Strategy and Operations Committee Meeting
8 Aug 23	Council Extraordinary Meeting
8 Aug 23	WWCT Battalion Anniversary Celebration

Community Engagement

3. I have engaged with the community as follows:

20 June 23	NPDC 10 Year Plan presentation at the Ōākura Library
11 July 23	KCB- Hapū consultation/engagement Hui
14 July 23	Road reserve encroachment complaint site visit
27 July 23	Encroachment Boundary Surveyor, NPDC Transport Team and Hapū representative Meeting

4. Renee Hohaia has engaged with the community as follows:

- a) Email received from the owner of Ōākura 4 Square raising concerns regarding the lack of street lighting in the Ōākura village.

"If you enter Ōākura in the evening the lack of light is significant. With increased accidents including a motorcycle v pedestrian, Ōākura is an accident waiting to happen. Ōākura is in urgent needs of street lighting, there is a huge public safety issue. On the left hand side of the road when entering from New Plymouth there is no lighting whatsoever until you are passed the gas station. Please can we get some increased street lighting?"

KCB's Governance Adviser has raised this with Council officers and Waka Kotahi have been notified of this request (note: Waka Kotahi have responsibility for SH3).

- b) Email received from Jaynie McSweeney who runs the NPOB Surf Club.

"The surf club is in need of an AED Defibrillator, and is this something the Kaitake Community Board can help fund?"

A quote has been provided from St. Johns:
"If you are looking to place your AED in an outside cabinet I am recommending the HeartSine 500P AED Unit, slightly more robust, with extra features like real-time CPR coaching.

The usual price is \$3,129.57 excl. GST. However, as Surf Lifesaving clubs have purchased most of their AED's from St. Johns I can extend to you a 10% discount: Your price will be \$2816.61 excl. GST"

Service Requests

5. *Service Request PKE23/500274 – property encroachment (17 July 2023)*

Service Request in relation to encroachment licences (Messenger Tce)
I have been approached by Oakura residents regarding an apparent encroachment issue, and with an allegation of an unconsented garage construction that has been erected on land adjacent to that address.

Response from Council Officer (20/07/2023)

Aware of this encroachment and in the process of investigating this issue.

6. *Service Request RDF23/505491 – Hazardous Footpath (7 August 2023)*

Submitted a Service Request regarding a roading hazard on Butlers Lane, with reports of damage to the strip between the footpath and the curbing on the south side of Butlers Lane. An increasing hazard exists there at present for pedestrians, pushchairs etc. off the edge of the footpath (images attached), and it is reported that when it rains this area fills with water.

Is it possible to have this area paved, or at least filled with gravel or a like material?

Response from Council Officer (9/08/2023)

Response in progress

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7. *Service Request RDL23/507601, 507602, 507603 (From Paul Lobb) 10 July 23*

Streetlights not working at various locations on Messenger Tce, Mace Tce and Hussey Street

Response from Council Officer (28/07/2023)

Contractor notified and has replaced defective street lighting.

8. *Service Request PAT23/508032 – Pohutukawa tree damage (From Paul Lobb) 21 July 23*

Part tree blown down adjacent to the car part at the entrance to the Ōākura Holiday Park

Response from Council Officer (20/07/2023)

Contractor to remove over the weekend

9. *Service Request PAB23/503092 (From Paul Lobb) 2 August 23*

Follow up requested on when a damaged stream crossing/culvert along Shearer Reserve walkway will be repaired.

Oakura residents request information about is happening to the stream and culvert crossing in Shearer reserve. This has been damaged and partly blocked off for well over a year. When will this be repaired?"

Response from Council Officer (3/08/2023)

Work is scheduled with the contractor who is waiting for the area to dry out before putting a bridge in. No timeframe available.

Report Details

Prepared By:	Graham Chard (Kaitake Community Board member)
Community Board:	Kaitake Community Board
Ward:	Kaitake-Ngāmotu Ward
Date:	9 August 2023
File Reference:	ECM 9043930

-----End of Report -----

ADOPTION OF KAITAKE COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN 2023-2026

PURPOSE/ TE WHĀINGA

1. The purpose of this report is adoption of the Kaitake Community Board Plan 2023-2026

RECOMMENDATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Kaitake Community Board:

- a) **Uplift the matter of Adoption of the Kaitake Community Board Plan 2023-2026 from the table.**
- b) **Adopt the Kaitake Community Board Plan 2023-2026.**

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / TOHUTOHU KAI WHAKAHAERE

2. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, the adoption of a Community Board Plan has been assessed as being of some importance.
3. The Community Board Plan contains recommendations for projects to be incorporated in Long-Term Plan 2024-2034. Assessment of the significance of each recommended project will be considered on a case-by-case basis through development of the Long-Term Plan.
4. The Community Boards have consulted with their community to inform the identification of the Board's aspirations. Community Boards will continue to engage with members of their community, but no further formal engagement is required.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

5. The first New Plymouth District Council Community Board Plans were adopted in 2017, following the 2016 election. The 2023-2026 Community Board Plans are the third edition of the plans.
6. The Community Board Plans (the Plans) are strategic documents, developed every three years, which set a direction for each individual community board and reflect their communities' priorities and aspirations.

7. The Plans provide a guide for community board activity reflecting community aspirations for Council investment decisions. By identifying key focus areas, they also provide an anchor point for each community board to influence district wide strategies and plans, including annual budgets.

How were the Board Plans developed

8. Following the 2022 triennial election, each community board has reviewed their previous board plans and engaged with their community through surveys, focus groups, and direct contact with interest groups and individuals. This information has allowed each community board to determine their focus areas for the next three years.
9. The Community Board have identified projects they wish to support and linked those projects to one or more of their focus areas. Each project is also linked to one or more of the Council's recently adopted Community Outcomes (minute C/2023/45).
10. The Community Board have also identified advocacy initiatives that will support their communities. These are generally areas where community board members will engage with organisations outside of Council to support activities of benefit of their communities and represent their communities' views to those organisations.

How are they incorporated into Council's Planning Framework

11. Council officers will enter each of the identified projects into Council's Portfolios, Programmes and Projects Management (P3M) Planning and Delivery Framework. The framework enables Council to optimise the use of budgets and resources, maximising value for the community and ensuring continuous alignment with strategic goals. Every project entered in the framework assesses links with Community Board plans.
12. Council officers use the Community Board Plan focus areas, aspirations and advocacy matters when assessing strategic links and community views across a range of matters – such as Reserve Management Plans.

Relationship to Community Boards Discretionary Funding

13. Identification of focus areas will assist the Community Boards when considering projects through the Community Boards Discretionary Fund. Funding criteria notes that projects should be clearly linked to Community Board Key Focus Areas and/or aspirations in the current Community Board Plan.
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CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

14. Responding to climate change impacts is reflected in the key focus areas and projects identified by each community board. More detailed consideration will be considered as projects are further investigated in preparation for the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.

REFORM IMPLICATIONS

15. Some projects involve affordable water infrastructure and resource management. Consideration of reform implications will be assessed as projects are further investigated in preparation for the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

16. Council officers will enter each of the identified projects into Council's Portfolios, Programmes and Projects Management (P3M) Planning and Delivery Framework.
17. The Community Boards have determined the aspirational projects they would like Council to consider in development of the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034. Each community will further support their aspirations through submission to the Long-Term Plan consultation process in early 2024.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCING IMPLICATIONS / NGĀ HĪRAUNGA Ā-PŪTEA, Ā-RAUEMI

18. Preparation of draft Community Board Plans has been achieved within existing budgets. This has primarily related to administrative costs (e.g. photocopying), venue hire and catering and staff time assisting the community boards.

IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT / HĪRANGA AROMATAWAI

19. This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:
 - Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
 - Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
 - Council staff have considered how the matter will promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and the future.
 - Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan.
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- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or that would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Kaitake Community Board Plan (ECM 9003604)

Appendix 2 Kaitake Census Data (ECM 9011031)

Appendix 3 Community Survey Outcomes (ECM 8979444)

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Approved By:	Joy Buckingham (Group Manager Corporate Services)
Ward/Community:	Kaitake-Ngāmotu Ward / Kaitake Community
Date:	3 August 2023
File Reference:	ECM 9032835

-----*End of Report*-----

KAITAKE COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN 2023-2026



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



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

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Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

From the Chair

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

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

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

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

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

Graham Chard
Chair
Kaitake Community Board

Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

Meet the Kaitake Community Board Members 2022-2025

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Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

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Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

About Community Boards

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

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

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

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

Role of a Community Board and its members

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

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

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

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

Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

Representation and advocacy

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

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

Advice and Communication

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

Decision-making and delegations

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

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

Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

Appointed members to the Community Board

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

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

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

Relationship between the Council and Community Boards

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

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

About Community Board Plans

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

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

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

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

Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

Developing our plan

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

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

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

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

Carrying out our plan

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

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

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

Working with Mana Whenua

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

Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

Turning our Plan into Action

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

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

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

Indicative Budget and Funding Sources

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

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

New Plymouth District Council's Strategic Framework

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

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

Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

Vision: Sustainable Lifestyle Capital

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

Goals (Community Outcomes)	
Trusted	- Strengthening Te Tiriti partnerships with hapū and iwi to improve well-being. - Building trust and credibility with community, business, fellow Councils, and government. - Demonstrating leadership and striving for operational excellence.
Thriving Communities and Culture	- Connected and engaged communities. - Safe and active communities. - An equitable and inclusive approach to delivering for all our people and communities. - Communities that embrace Te Ao Māori.
Environmental Excellence	- Restoring our ecosystems. - Mitigating further environmental impacts. - Tackling the challenges of climate change. - Delivering resilient infrastructure efficiently.
Prosperity	- Developing and supporting initiatives to achieve a diversified high-performing economy. - An equitable economy where people have access to quality employment and opportunities to build wealth. - Contributing to NZ Inc's environmental sustainability and economic performance.

Kaitake Community Board Plan (2023-2026)

Kaitake Community Board Vision:

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

Kaitake Community Board Mission:

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

Kaitake Community Board Values:

Māori Identity and Wellbeing

Recognise and provide for Te Tiriti O Waitangi outcomes, support and showcase our local Māori identity and culture, and advance Māori wellbeing from a rangatiratanga centric, holistic perspective.

Culture and Heritage

Protect our areas cultural integrity and historic heritage for current and future generations

Environment

Protect, enhance and understand our unique natural environment.

Neighbourhoods & Community Wellbeing

Create and maintain safe, balanced, affordable, diverse, liveable and environmentally sustainable neighbourhoods which retain the character of our style of living, and encourage connected, socially active and resilient residents.

Recreation & Open Space

Provide sufficient and useable reserve and open space amenities which encourage active and fulfilled residents and visitors.

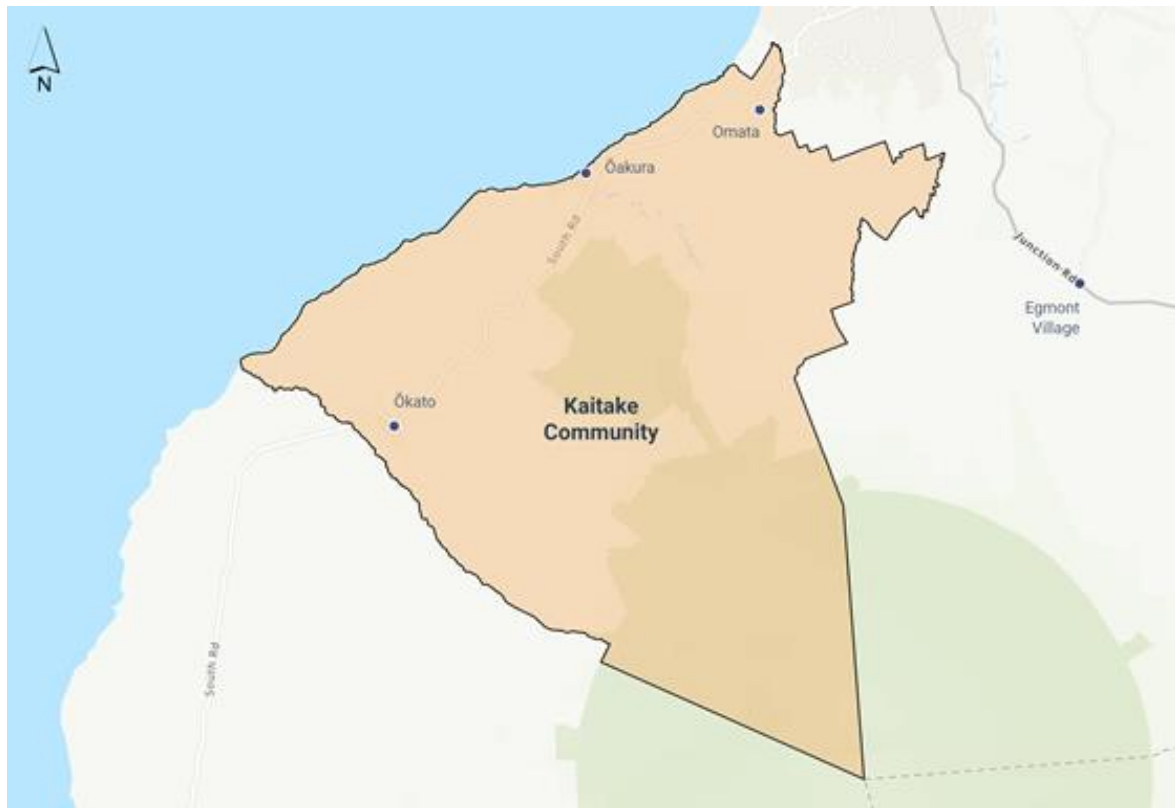
Economic Resilience

Encourage vibrant events and viable businesses and services which strengthen social, cultural and financial resilience

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Community Board Area

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



Ōkato

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Ōmata

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

Ōākura

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

Ōkato

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

Rural Community

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

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

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Tangata Whenua: Ngāti Tairi and Ngā Māhanga

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

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

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



Ōākura Pā



Puniho Pā (Tarawainuku)

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Our Key Focus Areas

Focus Area 1: Environment

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



Weld Road Dune planting

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Focus Area 2: Communities and Citizens

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

Focus Area 3: Growth supported by quality infrastructure

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



Ōkato Water Treatment Plant

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Focus Area 4: Traffic and Movement

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



Ōākura SH3

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Our Priorities

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

<i>ASPIRATION/ISSUE</i>	<i>KEY INITIATIVE</i>	<i>KEY FOCUS AREA</i>	<i>COMMUNITY OUTCOMES</i>
YEARS 1-3			
Connectivity of sustainable and safe recreational walking, trails, cycling ways and bridle paths throughout the Kaitake Ward	Council to facilitate the development of connected trail, pathway, cycle way, and bridle paths throughout the Kaitake Ward. The following projects have been identified as important to this network: • Expand and upgrade footpaths and cycleways for increased safety and pedestrianisation, especially to and from the Ōmata School. • Complete the linking of footpaths in and around Ōākura, in particular to eastern side of lower Wairau Road. • Complete the linking of footpaths in and around Ōkato – in particular Carthew Street to Hampton Road, Hickford Place to the Oxford Road pedestrian crossing. • Provide an all-weather hard surface walkway/ cycleway through Matekai Park, Ōākura.	Traffic & Movement	Trusted Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence Prosperity

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YEARS 1-3			
	- Note the foot paths to be installed or completed are as follows: - Oxford Road Ōkato, from Hickford Place to Oxford Road pedestrian Crossing - Wairau Road Ōākura, from South Road to Telford Terrace - Holloway Road Ōmata, from South Road to Waireka Road East - Design and complete the walkway/cycleway access connection between the Whenuariki Stream and Timaru Stream footbridges. - Complete the Pukeiti to Ōākura trail with emphasis on parking provision for visitors. - Complete the coastal trail from the Timaru Stream to Fort St George. - Investigate the establishment of more trails on the paper roads on Hampton and Leith Roads. - Carry out a feasibility study to re-establish the Stony River walkway loop track and upper bridge.		

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<i>ASPIRATION/ISSUE</i>	<i>KEY INITIATIVE</i>	<i>KEY FOCUS AREA</i>	<i>COMMUNITY OUTCOMES</i>
YEARS 1-3			
	• Maintain and upgrade the beach trail between Oākura Holiday Park and the footbridge over the Whenuariki Stream. • Develop a path to link up both sides of Waireka Road, West and East. This would enhance safety of cyclists by avoiding the piece of road past Hurford Road corner. Development of these facilities will promote community well-being, connectivity and opportunities for our young, elderly and families, within the Kaitake Ward and will contribute to tourism opportunities.		

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

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

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Improve accessible Beach access and enhanced public facilities	Formed beach access for the public to be reviewed and accessible facilities introduced, while maintaining the protection of the environments and respectful of mana whenua. The following improvements are required, beginning with: • improve public access to Ōākura Beach with the installation of a sand ramp, accessible from the point across from the Shearer Reserve Car Park entrance. • Construction of changing shelters at Ōākura beach • Improve the car parking surface at Ōākura Beach, from the surf club and south beach front, to allow usability by 2-wheel drive vehicles • Improved accessible beach access.	Traffic & Movement Environment Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Road Maintenance	Repair the closed lane section of road at the first bend on Surrey Hills Road to provide safe access to residents and businesses at the top of Surrey Hills Road	Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens	Trusted Thriving Communities & Culture

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Corbett Park road stopping and parking upgrade	- Corbett Park road to be incorporated into the reserve, with a view to stopping the road over night as required, to enable implementation of security measures to minimise antisocial and errant behaviour at this location. - Upgrade Corbett road and parking.	Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Matekai Park Bridge Replacement	Replace and/or upgrade the two bridges in Matekai Park 	Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities & Culture Environmental Excellence

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Ōkato Water supply and quality	Ongoing assessment, management and treatment of nitrate levels in the current Ōkato fresh water supply. Investigate the feasibility of establishing an additional water source to improve the resilience of the Ōkato water supply. • Community engagement to be included as part of the Ōkato water conservation and supply investigation • Water shortages have escalated in recent years, due to inefficient water use, increased housing development, agriculture demands and climate change. • Residents to be educated on using this water resource more efficiently, for example not flushing toilets with reticulated, drinking water. • Council to provide support/ incentives for householders to implement rainwater tank and greywater reuse systems.	Growth and Infrastructure Environment	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Ōākura Water supply and quality	• Improve water quality by reducing silica/ calcium levels in the Ōākura water supply	Growth and Infrastructure Environment	Thriving Communities and Culture

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Waste Management	Upgrading of the Hampton Road transfer station and engage the community in waste minimisation. • Provision of improved recycling facilities and education to the community on composting. • Create a network of resource recovery facilities which all link back to The Junction with rural sites capturing reusable items that could be sold at the shop. The above improvements would allow the Kaitake community to progress towards the Zero Waste 2050 vision.	Environment Growth & Infrastructure Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Wastewater in the Ōkato area	The Ōkato residential area is in a high-water table environment. Many of the household septic tanks are old and compromised, threatening the environment and human health. Such threats are growing over time and with population growth. • Council to carry out an Ōkato wastewater management review and feasibility study to understand the current situation and its environmental impact. • A comparative study be conducted on alternatives that are local and environmentally responsible, with discussions on potential Council support and investment.	Growth and infrastructure Environment	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence

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Develop an Ōākura stormwater network management plan	Work with mana whenua to develop an Ōākura stormwater catchment plan to protect waterways from sewage outflows. There is no stormwater catchment management plan for Ōākura, therefore there is insufficient information to manage the results of stormwater through future urban development. The community experiences flooding issues resulting from urban development of upstream areas. Poor stormwater management leads to environmental degradation of the three water courses that are used for drainage (Matekai, Wairau, and Waimoku Streams). There is a lack of engagement with mana whenua regarding the environmental impacts of stormwater on what native species (fish, bird species, insects with aquatic larval stages) are established and depend on these streams for feeding, dispersal, breeding, or over-wintering to complete important parts of their life history.	Growth and Infrastructure Environment	Trusted Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
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Waste Minimisation	Enhance Kaitake-wide waste management and minimisation processes to enable achievement of Zero Waste 2050 in the Kaitake Ward, through: • Participate in the current review of the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023, including organic waste from households, commercial/ industrial premises and public lands, recyclables, hazardous wastes and others. • Develop local and environmentally friendly organic waste management systems, possibly involving community composting initiatives and/or biogas generation. • Review the rural Ōkato transfer station service in terms of accessibility and customer experience. • Improve services for diverting waste back to the New Plymouth base through a rural recovery plan. • Develop programmes to substantially reduce plastic packaging including single-use drink bottles and promote zero packaging. • The Board will engage with the Kaitake rural community to identify where rural waste services can be expanded.	Environment Growth and Infrastructure Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
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Illegal strategy	Dumping	Council to develop a strategy to effectively address the practice of illegal dumping. This is an ongoing issue, particularly for Pitone Road/ SH 45 corner, Greenwood Road (beach end), Carrington Road/ Ōākura River Bridge, Carrington Road/Timaru Stream Bridge and the beach end of Timaru Road.	Environment Growth and Infrastructure	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Landfill stations		Put in place regular inspections of the Ōākura closed landfill site. • Improve public access for two wheel-drive vehicles to the Ōkato transfer station with the provision of access outside normal business hours. • Improve public access to the Ōkato transfer station, including self-service access outside normal business hours, to alleviate the issue of fly-tipping.	Environment Growth and Infrastructure	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Develop an Ōkato Community Emergency Response Plan.		• Develop an Ōkato Community Emergency Response Plan. The Ōkato community has requested this and the KCB made submissions (2012/22 LTP and 2016/17 AP). It remains a priority for the community.	Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence

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Review and update the Ōākura Community Emergency Response Plan	Council to review and update the Ōākura Community Emergency Response Plan. • Climate change induced sea-level rise, increased frequency of storms and coastal erosion issues place public and private infrastructure at risk, requiring an in-depth response to develop solutions. • With increasing risks from natural disasters, pandemic and growing population, it is critical that the Ōākura emergency response plan is valid, current and applicable to the community's needs. • In the event that multiple bridges are breached the region would be cut off without access to emergency response. • The Board request opportunity to provide submissions to the proposed district-wide Adaptation Plan.	Communities & Citizens Growth and Infrastructure	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
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Develop the Ōkato pool facility	Undertake a feasibility study of the pool facility and implement solutions to staffing, events, opening hours, fees, facilities and required accessible access. This seasonal pool is not compliant to the required accessibility standard. • The Ōkato pool is the only public swimming pool between Opūnake and New Plymouth and is 28km distant from the NP Aquatic Centre. • Supporting current inclusion in the LTP/Annual Plan.	Communities & Citizens Growth and Infrastructure	Thriving Communities and Culture
Rural and Urban Planning	Develop an Ōākura CBD Master Plan through a feasibility study to consider: • the future hall/community centre requirements of the community, as the social hub of the community. • Opportunities to improve CBD vehicle parking • Additional seating at parks (Shearer Reserve, Corbett Park, Matekai Park, Ōkato Community Park) including provision of shade areas to protect visitors from sun and rain.	Growth and infrastructure Environment Traffic & Movement	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence

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Ōākura Hall improvements	Council to respond to safety, maintenance and resource issues affecting the Ōākura Hall. • Ōākura Hall seismic strengthening is required. • A refrigerator and oven upgrade are required for the Ōākura Hall. • Replace the heavy stage access stairs with a lighter weight, safe, manoeuvrable stairs.	Communities and Citizens Growth and Infrastructure	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Protection of significant cultural and heritage sites throughout the Kaitake Ward.	As our population and tourist numbers increase, and public interest grows, all known sites of cultural significance and historical heritage need to be recognised, protected, and their stories told. Engage with mana whenua, and with heritage organisations, to ensure appropriate access and signage, with relevant heritage information are provided, along with realistic protection measures to sites such as Koru Pā, Hangatāhua, Lucy's Gully, Gairloch Wreck, Wāhi Tapu sites.	Environment Communities & Citizens	Trusted Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Protection of beach breeding areas and species	Ensure sensitive beach breeding areas and species (e.g., NZ dotterel/ tūturiwhatu) that are under threat, due to uncontrolled beach access, quad bikes and dogs are fully protected.	Environment	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence

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



Shearer Reserve, Ōākura

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<i>ASPIRATION/ISSUE</i>	<i>KEY INITIATIVE</i>	<i>KEY FOCUS AREA</i>	<i>COMMUNITY OUTCOMES</i>
ADVOCACY YEARS 1-3			
Advocacy Ongoing as required - The community board will continue to advocate on behalf of the Kaitake Community on the following issues as and when required.			
Taiao, Taiora Environmental Management Plan for Taranaki Iwi	The Kaitake Community Board will support Taranaki Iwi expectations with respect to the wider community, including local and central government, and people or groups wanting to undertake activities in the rohe that may have an impact on the environment, to have the provisions of Taiao, Taiora complied with.	Environment Growth & infrastructure Communities and Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Traffic changes within the Kaitake Ward to increase the wellbeing of all residents in the district	Council to work with Waka Kotahi on implementing solutions for the following traffic management issues to alleviate significant road safety risks that exist on the section of SH45 that dissects the Kaitake rohe that need to be addressed: • Move the Southern Ōkato 50kph speed restriction around the corner to the South Taranaki side of the Kaihihi Bridge. • A reduced speed zone to 40km in the Ōkato "CBD" area, between 20 metres on the New Plymouth side of the roundabout and the Gosling Street/Carthew Street intersection.	Traffic & Movement Communities & Citizens	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence

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ASPIRATION/ISSUE	KEY INITIATIVE	KEY FOCUS AREA	COMMUNITY OUTCOMES
ADVOCACY YEARS 1-3			
Advocacy Ongoing as required - The community board will continue to advocate on behalf of the Kaitake Community on the following issues as and when required.			
	- Move the Northern Ōākura 50kph to 100kph speed restriction transition to north of the Victoria R Introduce a 60kph speed restriction at the Tataraimaka bends on SH45, between 20 metres south of the Tataraimaka bridge and 40 metres south of the Weld Road/SH45 intersection. - Reduce the speed limit to 40kph (preferably 30kph) in the Ōākura "CBD" area, between the Donnelly Street-The Outlook/SH45 intersection and the Dixon Street-Butlers Lane/SH45 intersection. The Board request the support of Council officers in working with Waka Kotahi on these matters.		

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Kaitake-wide distributed renewable energy system	Develop a Kaitake-wide distributed renewable energy system. Just transition to a zero-carbon economy has become a central and regional government policy. Renewable energy generation and distribution at household and community levels can play a key role, especially when smart grids, battery storage and electric vehicles are incorporated into the system. • Support reviews of rules and regulations to create an enabling regulatory environment. • Consider financial incentives to remove financial barriers to alternative energy sources.	Growth & Infrastructure	Thriving Communities and Culture Environmental Excellence
Establish regular and reliable public transport options	Council officers to consult with Taranaki Regional Council to find a way to establish improved transport links from Ōkato through to New Plymouth	Growth & infrastructure Transportation	Thriving Communities and Culture

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Community Board Discretionary Fund Aspirations

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

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Consultation with the Community

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

How to submit a Service Request or Report an Issue

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



PHONE US

06 759 6060 (available 24/7)



EMAIL US

enquiries@npdc.govt.nz



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.npdc.govt.nz

Report an Issue



WRITE TO US

New Plymouth District Council
Private Bag 2025,
New Plymouth 4342

Reporting State Highway Issues

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (available 24/7)

Call on 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49)

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



Ōākura Beach

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Concluding Remarks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Appendix 1: Connecting to Relevant Plans and Strategies

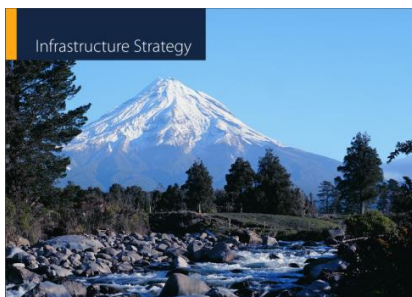
Long-Term Plan (LTP)

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

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

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

Infrastructure Strategy



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

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

The Infrastructure Strategy details the implications of the options Council has for managing infrastructure issues, including likely costs.

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In developing the Infrastructure Strategy, the Council considered:

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

District Plan

Council released its District Plan on 13 May 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

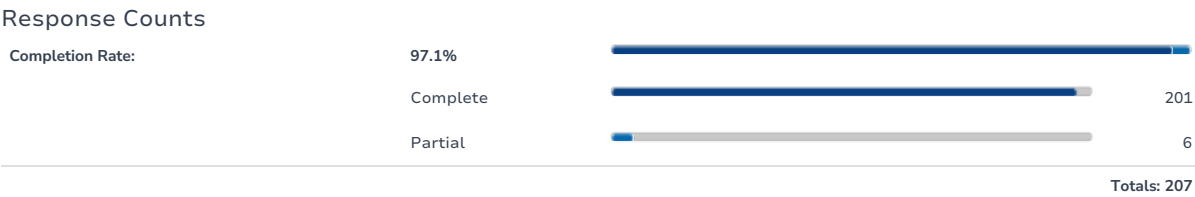
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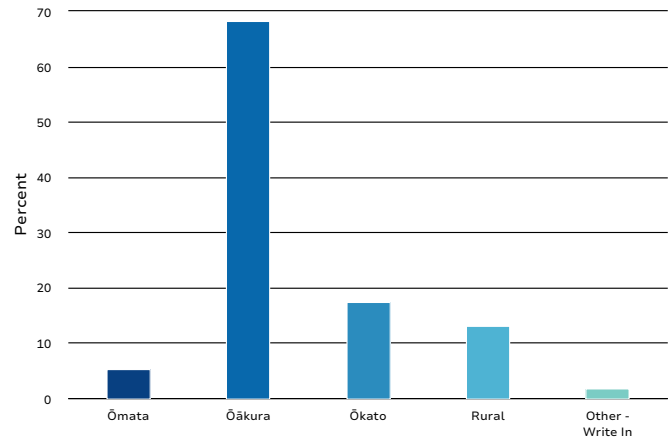
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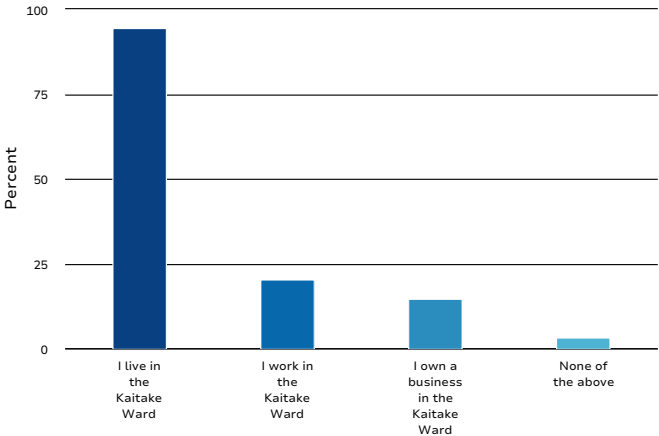
1. What is your area of connection in the Kaitake Ward?



Value	Percent	Responses
Ōmata	5.3%	11
Ōākura	68.4%	141
Ōkato	17.5%	36
Rural	13.1%	27
Other - Write In	1.9%	4

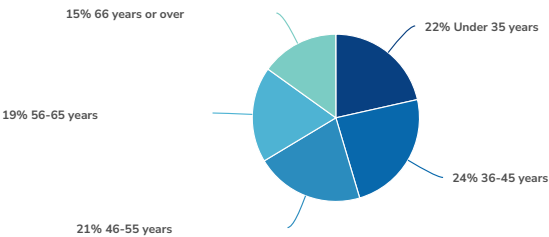
Other - Write In	Count
Kaitake	2
Koru	1
Tataraimaka	1
Totals	4

2. Please tell us which of the following applies to you



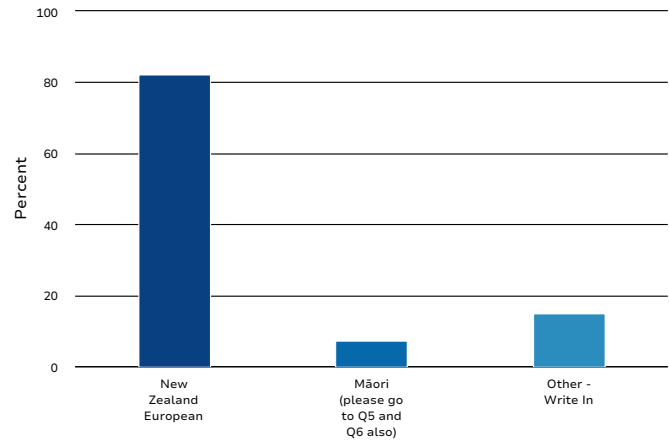
Value	Percent	Responses
I live in the Kaitake Ward	94.6%	194
I work in the Kaitake Ward	20.5%	42
I own a business in the Kaitake Ward	14.6%	30
None of the above	3.4%	7

3. Can you tell us which age group you belong to?



Value	Percent	Responses
Under 35 years	21.5% 	44
36-45 years	23.9% 	49
46-55 years	21.0% 	43
56-65 years	18.5% 	38
66 years or over	15.1% 	31
Totals: 205		

4. Which ethnicity group to you belong to?



Value	Percent	Responses
New Zealand European	82.4%	169
Māori (please go to Q5 and Q6 also)	7.3%	15
Other - Write In	15.1%	31

Other - Write In	Count
New Zealander	4
British	3
Aboriginal Australian	1
American	1
Australian	1
Australian	1
Australian European	1
British	1
Canadian European	1
Celtic	1
Chilean	1
Cuban, American	1
European (British)	1
Human	1
Indian	1
Israeli	1
Kiwi	1
NZer	1
New Zealand North American	1
Uk	1
White european	1
african	1
Totals	27

7. Please rank from 1 to 8 the things that make the area you identify with the best place to live, work and play (where 1 = best and 8 = least)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Responses
Lifestyle									
Count	113	35	18	7	6	8	3	16	206
Row %	54.9%	17.0%	8.7%	3.4%	2.9%	3.9%	1.5%	7.8%	
Sense of community									
Count	70	38	42	21	5	14	10	6	206
Row %	34.0%	18.4%	20.4%	10.2%	2.4%	6.8%	4.9%	2.9%	
Unique Character									
Count	54	49	33	26	17	11	7	9	206
Row %	26.2%	23.8%	16.0%	12.6%	8.3%	5.3%	3.4%	4.4%	
Reserves and playgrounds									
Count	32	54	37	27	26	21	7	2	206
Row %	15.5%	26.2%	18.0%	13.1%	12.6%	10.2%	3.4%	1.0%	
Recreational Facilities									
Count	25	38	40	35	26	20	16	5	205
Row %	12.2%	18.5%	19.5%	17.1%	12.7%	9.8%	7.8%	2.4%	
Proximity to rivers and beaches									
Count	124	37	12	2	3	7	4	17	206
Row %	60.2%	18.0%	5.8%	1.0%	1.5%	3.4%	1.9%	8.3%	
Proximity to the Bush Line									
Count	77	42	33	12	14	10	9	9	206
Row %	37.4%	20.4%	16.0%	5.8%	6.8%	4.9%	4.4%	4.4%	
Business and Industry									
Count	16	13	42	43	36	18	13	25	206
Row %	7.8%	6.3%	20.4%	20.9%	17.5%	8.7%	6.3%	12.1%	
Totals									
Total Responses									206

8. Tell us are there other things that you believe make the Kaitake Ward the best place to live, work and play.

ResponseID	Response
5	Proximity to town and shops but far enough to feel 'rural'. School. Sports
10	It's clean and friendly
12	Good schools.
15	Safe community. Lots of activities for school aged kids
16	The fact that it's not too populated however over the years omata has grown considerably and traffic has increased and roads could be better maintained ie lower Plymouth Road.
18	Beautiful place to ride horses to the beach and on the road. Amazing pony club facilities that are easily accessible.
22	The community and the people who live and appreciate living here.
24	Friendliness of people and the rural life
25	Friendliness Safety for kids Relaxed vibe
27	Safe community for our children Provision of educational facilities ie kindergarten through to intermediate Community library Access to community clubs ie surf club and Boardriders Green spaces Natural vista to Kaitake ranges Community engagement in environmental concerns ie predator free Taranaki etc
28	I enjoy cycling but we need more cycle way access
29	Sense of community, sports facilities, our village pub and library, sense of space created by reserves and good sized sections- please fight to keep in- fill housing out
31	New to the area. Love the community approach to care of the environment. A place I wish I had been able to raise my children.
34	It is relatively small in population. Although that will change. The sense of safety and shared care that occurs in this village. Sense of pride in our environment.
37	There is a great sense of community in this area. We have the usual issues with traffic and teenagers but all in all a great place to live. Traffic at the two key intersections needs to be sorted. The speed signs for the village need to be moved out to the sub station to the west and the top of the cutting to the west. Raised crossings on south road and speed bumps on Dixon Street and Wairau roads will assist.
38	The quality and size of primary school. The amount of facilities, businesses we have available.
41	Improved cycle ways. Invest in getting people moving instead of having to get in a car
48	have the gutters cleaned out more often
49	People and place.
51	The bridge across the river at ahu ahu road has seriously affected my cycling. We have no where to cycle if you do not like riding on the main highways. Absolutely gutted that the cycle way from Pukietu to oakura seems to have been cancelled. Also I hate the power poles in the middle of the footpath on Tasman Parade, opposite the surf club and adjacent to playground and skate park. It's the busiest part of the beach and is difficult with push chairs and toddlers.
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53	People and the community feel. A district makes a family and I believe that sums up Oakura ☺
59	So far, it has kept it's unique identity and not been overrun with inappropriate development. Being close to Oakura I love the sense of community out here
61	Community Support Small community but still close to a city
62	Kaitake is a beautiful and friendly place to live. It's slow, and many people like to grow their own food. It is filled with artists and growers and young families and community minded people
66	Great lifestyle for bringing up kids in a great community that look out for each other
72	Education and work opportunities

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ResponseID	Response
75	If people stopped speeding entering and leaving the southern end of the village
76	It's a safe place for our kids to be able to ride their bikes and run around with friends while enjoying the beautiful outdoors we have ie the beach and river
77	The Oakura Post newspaper. Diversity of people, and increasingly so.
78	Quiet, views, safety
79	Where is the historical, cultural, Maori
80	The size of the place. The climate
82	Bridle trials. Plus very important is access to the oakura beach during day light savings for horses. As clearly it is only busy during summer holidays schhol. Otherwise hardly anyone on the beach, restrictions must change.
84	No
85	Clubs, sports, cafes,hotel
93	I'm not into this "best place" criteria councils seem to have got into in recent years. We are like the rest of NZ we are all a great place to live. We need to stop spending a fortune trying to outdo every other part of NZ to be the "best there is". It costs way too much money in rates. I put business and industry as no 1 in the question above - not as I own a business but without business being no 1 here there are no jobs and no jobs means no quality of life for the extras. So please get your priorities right with what we can afford to pay for with a recession coming versus what everyone "wants".
95	Proximity to beach and town. Small village atmosphere
97	Excellent school (Oakura School), many activities at the Hall
102	Microclimate created by being sheltered from southerly winds
104	I do not believe it is the best place to live and we are actively looking to sell and move away from the area. It is an old peoples village who want it to be exclusive to them and do not want change. The only attraction at the moment for me is the beach...
106	Great sense of community and neighbourliness. Good facilities, sports are improving.
109	Friendly people, low crime.
110	Kura going to Y8, walking around village
113	Great local community who has respect for the who region from awa to Maunga. The community trapping is essential, and its such an honour to have the wonderful kiwi back in the local bush. There are too many to list here, from the NPOB who keep the swimmers safe on the beach, to the surf club with its inspiring surfers, great local business (pharmacy, 4 square, gas station, doctor, pub) such good emementies.. Awesome sports hub being renewed
118	Proximity to primary school, outdoor activities of many places, and SAFETY! The upcoming sports hub is very cool.
129	1)The upcoming refreshed Kaitake Sports Hub and its potential offerings... I hope that athletics can be revived. Multi sports are great for all kids development. 2) It is safe. I am so grateful that there is so little crime in Oakura. 3) Certain key individuals that don't look for recognition but humbly and quietly (lively personalities aside!)go about being wonderful community leaders through their kindness, their ear and the things they do for the benefit of others and the environment. Elayne Kessler and Jono at Vertigo. Andrew Chambers and Paul Verich. Bruce MacDonald and Milly Henwood. Kyla Mottershead and Hailey and Anthony Ander. Hats off to them. 4) The sport opportunities on offer are mind blowing... my boys are playing tennis, rugby, touch, futsal, surfing, surf club, beach swimming, bodyboarding, scooting, biking and running now too. Hiking when we have time and kayaking/ paddle boarding on the rivers. Just incredible.
132	you know everyone
133	The friendlieness
134	Because you know everyone
135	good beach, camp shop sells good lollies.
136	I think that taranaki because i has an amazing community and really good living enviroments.
137	The beaches and the people.
138	Skate park, Tennis courts, parks, playgrounds, nice community and a Great school!!
140	not sketchy so its a nice neighbourhood

ResponseID	Response
141	the community is nice (most) its has beutiful scenery the houses arent as over complicated to work around.
143	The Beach!
144	a very friendly community to live in and shops,facilitys,ect are very accesible
145	hi
147	I can get bangers at the skatepark
148	SKATEPARK Beach
150	THE FOOTBALL PITCH
153	Causal lifestyle - not in the hustle bustle of a city. Close to nature.
158	Relatively Low development
159	Low development
160	A safe community for bringing up a young family. Access to some hospitality and entertainment within the village (restaurants/eateries).
161	For me it is access to rivers, beach, maunga. And an awesome connected, supportive community.
163	It used to be a great place for walking and cycling but now I wouldn't recommend it as the coastal path and safe road link to NP are gone.
165	A sense of belonging, where I believe our community makes each person feel accepted and included.
169	Our people! Our ethics. Our pride in our animals and land.
170	Easy access to New Plymouth city.
174	I love being able to get up & go for a morning run, in the dark & know there will always be familiar faces around. I don't feel scared at all doing this by myself. If I feel really brave I can jump into the water anytime of the year after a run - just epic!!
175	Proximity to New Plymouth. The potential for tourism.
176	The beaches and the small rural feel to the village
177	Great conditions to grow and share food
179	Great School
180	clean air and great people
183	A safer way to actively commute to work/connect with New Plymouth - ie a bike path
184	Schools are great with buses also. Hapū, Ngāti Tairi, are awesome kaitiaki and manaaki the community. My immediate neighbourhood. Can be pretty self sufficient. Close to town but still rural.
186	Being close to nature ... yet close to town
188	Climate
189	It's a safe haven to raise my five year old
194	Nice drive in and out of big towns. Good coffee. Whanau feel. Safe. Swimming pool. Dog walking.
197	Natural beauty and vibrant connected village community
198	Being able to connect with other people, enjoying actives and being able to serve friends and family through local business
199	Great school rural character walkable bikkeable area (though we are sorely missing ap full Coastal trail!!)
200	No
201	no one knows about it. so i can nearly afford a house.
202	Family friendly, a good selection of eating places, the beach, not far from nature, mostly walkable unless you live rurally.
204	It is home

ResponseID	Response
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206	The only thing that could make the Kaitake Ward the best place to live, work and play, is to stop #1080 being dropped in our 'backyard'. The awesome kiwi that were released will have at least half a chance to reach old age.
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207	Available source of good fresh water
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9. How do you currently rate the following?

	Extremely Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Extremely Dissatisfied	Responses
Accessibility of Council Facilities for All People (elderly, disabled, prams etc) Count Row %	15 7.3%	76 37.1%	87 42.4%	23 11.2%	4 2.0%	205
Maintenance of Council Facilities Count Row %	9 4.4%	96 46.8%	65 31.7%	28 13.7%	7 3.4%	205
Cleanliness of Council Facilities (Toilets, Playgrounds, Reserves etc) Count Row %	21 10.2%	111 54.1%	57 27.8%	12 5.9%	4 2.0%	205
Public Rubbish Collection Count Row %	21 10.2%	121 59.0%	43 21.0%	17 8.3%	3 1.5%	205
Public Transport Count Row %	2 1.0%	13 6.3%	86 42.0%	63 30.7%	41 20.0%	205
Recreational Facilities (including number of rubbish bins, dedicated dog bins, drinking fountains, etc.) Count Row %	9 4.4%	81 39.5%	64 31.2%	47 22.9%	4 2.0%	205
Compost, Food or Garden Waste Count Row %	20 9.8%	75 36.6%	78 38.0%	24 11.7%	8 3.9%	205
Footpaths, Kerbs & Channelling Count Row %	11 5.4%	96 47.1%	45 22.1%	45 22.1%	7 3.4%	204
Walkways and Cycleways Count Row %	10 4.9%	55 27.0%	42 20.6%	61 29.9%	36 17.6%	204
Car Parking in the Business Areas Count Row %	2 1.0%	86 42.0%	57 27.8%	46 22.4%	14 6.8%	205
Environmental Management Count Row %	11 5.4%	73 35.6%	77 37.6%	38 18.5%	6 2.9%	205
Economic Development and Tourism Count Row %	9 4.4%	71 34.8%	94 46.1%	26 12.7%	4 2.0%	204
Support for Community Organisations and Projects Count Row %	6 2.9%	85 41.5%	80 39.0%	27 13.2%	7 3.4%	205
Council Response to Issues Raised from the Community Count Row %	2 1.0%	34 16.6%	78 38.0%	67 32.7%	24 11.7%	205
Performance of the Kaitake Community Board Count Row %	15 7.3%	94 45.9%	85 41.5%	9 4.4%	2 1.0%	205
Totals Total Responses						205

10. Thinking about the future aspirations for the Kaitake Community how much do you support the following?

	Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Against	Strongly Against	Responses
Maintain Rural Character and Feel of the Townships Count Row %	102 49.8%	62 30.2%	33 16.1%	6 2.9%	2 1.0%	205
Restrict Large Scale Industrial and Support Cottage Industries Count Row %	102 50.2%	56 27.6%	30 14.8%	11 5.4%	4 2.0%	203
Remove Freedom Camping Activities from Coastal Reserves Count Row %	50 24.6%	41 20.2%	58 28.6%	39 19.2%	15 7.4%	203
Build Community Stewardship of the Local Environment and its Biodiversity Count Row %	77 37.9%	84 41.4%	39 19.2%	2 1.0%	1 0.5%	203
Develop a Linked Network of Pathways, Cycle-ways and Bridle Paths Count Row %	133 65.5%	39 19.2%	23 11.3%	3 1.5%	5 2.5%	203
Upgrade and Enhance Community Halls Count Row %	69 33.8%	78 38.2%	50 24.5%	7 3.4%	0 0.0%	204
Upgrade the Ōkato Pool, it's Accessibility, and it's Facilities Count Row %	76 37.1%	66 32.2%	57 27.8%	5 2.4%	1 0.5%	205
Build a Swimming Pool in Ōākura Count Row %	81 39.5%	46 22.4%	40 19.5%	30 14.6%	8 3.9%	205
Upgrade Corbett Park and Ōākura Beach Parking Count Row %	75 36.6%	58 28.3%	51 24.9%	16 7.8%	5 2.4%	205
Upgrade Ōkato's Water Supply Count Row %	55 27.0%	49 24.0%	98 48.0%	1 0.5%	1 0.5%	204
Recognise and Protect Historical and Cultural Sites with Information, Signage and Access Control Count Row %	74 36.3%	67 32.8%	47 23.0%	11 5.4%	5 2.5%	204
Develop a Kaitake-wide Distributed Renewable Energy System Count Row %	77 37.7%	59 28.9%	54 26.5%	10 4.9%	4 2.0%	204
Produce an Ōākura Stormwater Network Management Plan Count Row %	64 31.2%	78 38.0%	58 28.3%	4 2.0%	1 0.5%	205
Totals Total Responses						205

11. What other aspirations would you like to have considered for the Kaitake Ward?

ResponseID	Response
3	Continue with Pukeiti to Oakura bike trail.
4	It would be amazing to bring the stoney river walkway back to life, or a mountain bike track around the village and down to the beach.
5	Development of a 8/7 school, the primary school is at capacity!
6	Reduce speeding cars through oakura along the entire 50km stretch especially in the dip before wairau road. Most cars travel at around 80km/hr in the dip and I fear for the safety of the tamariki. The focus has been to reduce speed outside the school, which is great, but then kids risk being run over by speeding drivers on the main stretch. Simply put, the 50km/hr signs need to be moved further back on each side of Oakura village. Other speed reduction implementation needs to be done but I know that is not something this council cares about after seeing results of hearings and dismissing speed reduction advice.
10	Cycle paths!!! - the bridge to be fixed over to weld road. Cycle way to New Plymouth so that I don't have to drive in. Buses on a Saturday now that village is growing.
11	extend quiet rosdng throughout village move 50k signage at both ends of village to slowtraffic entering from okato 200m further and to encompass Corbet park entrance at the other end. pathways both sides of the road eg messenger and Wairau roads sort out parking restrictions in and around shops to increase visibility for cars exiting car parks. speed cameras either end of the village.
12	Help with lower speed limit on Corbett park hill, entering Oakura. NZTA are unresponsive.
16	Improve road particularly the busier part of lower Plymouth road around the twisty section of the one way bridge.
17	Safe cycle way to town Green corridor connection between kaitakes and beach Improved wastewater management
19	These issues are almost identical to those identified and public opinion sought in at least 2 previous ten year plans. When will they be actioned? I am especially concerned that drains are not cleared regularly by the council. How can they not take notice of recent events and amend their maintenance schedule to protect their communities?
21	Speed deterrents around school and surf club, boardcrider areas.
22	Biking tracks. Safe access to golf course and Corbet park as far to dangerous along main road. More dog bins. Should be at most access.
27	Some aspects that I have answered neutral is because I have little knowledge or information in that area. Otherwise my answer may be different.
28	Number one for us would be a walkway/cycleway to the beach from the highway by the golf course. Also Keep any development within the village restricted in scale to maintain the village feel. Recent development has not been consistent with the surf town vibe. Open the village and surrounding roads up to encourage cycling with more cycleways.
30	Basketball hoop/netball goal/ half court area, at okato park. Like the one at okaura park. The growth in sports in our community has grown heaps in the last year and it would be nice to support that by having these facilities available for those they don't have that capability at their homes. Also supports our younger community. Gives them something to do.
32	A footpath from kaitake golf course to oakura or reduced road speed to kaitake golf course. So many on scooters with golf clubs it is an accident waiting to happen. The npl walkway extended to oakura
34	Reduction of speeds through the villages of Okato and Oakura.
35	Better identification of biohazards ie the beach streams, maintaining a rural/village community slowing larger residential developments, council better maintaining existing facilities ie restoring the Ahu Ahu Road swing bridge, managing the stormwater In the playground and Shearer reserve (its still ankle deep in summer), unblocking drains including the skating bowls and repairing the surfaces to reduce injuries to our children.
37	Continued structured growth. I believe Oakura will and should grow but this needs to be done in a measured way. There needs to be a serious assessment of this growth and the flow on effect to not only the infrastructure but also the support organisations in the village.
38	Community garden, food waste regeneration locally. More rubbish and dog bins. Better maintenance of pathways and cleaning of drains.
39	Connect it to Pukeiti, Fort St George and New Plymouth with cycleways that don't involve risk to life and can be ridden by children.
41	Coastal walkway into NP Pukeiti cycleway
44	A kids handrail on the walkway to beach from Messenger tce by Oakura river Increase housing availability, encourage new development. This may help increase diversity, which is desperately needed. Improve Oakura school accessibility for cars short term. A second kindy is needed in Oakura. There is limited space for new tamariki and very little flexibility in days/hours attended. Many families have to travel outside Oakura for kindy. A second school or expansion is needed in Oakura.

ResponseID	Response
49	Bike and walking paths public transport
51	We desperately need cycleways
52	We desperately need cycleways
53	Support most initiatives
54	Replace the walking bridge at the end of Ahu Ahu Rd.
61	Signs around places like Matekai park briefly explaining history of this area
62	Please upgrade the water in Ōkato. There are many more people moving here and a lot of care about growing our own food. It's really difficult to grow our own food when water is an issue. Alternatively maybe partially fund rain collection tanks for gardeners where water is an issue.
65	Safer walk ways and speed limits for okato kids getting to school
66	Have a footpath up to the top of wairau road. Better control of gauze and nightshade varieties growing on public walkways. Bike path into town from oakura
67	Improvement in the crossing from pharmacy to four square. That road is getting busier and we have over 400 children getting to and from the school each day.
71	Support for changing of the 50 km sign positions in Okato Support for the reality that 97% of people did not want a cell tower in Okato
76	I feel the playground needs some more diversity especially aimed at under 3s as apart from the swing it's not very friendly for them. A lot of people say this
77	Safe bike trails suitable for all ages. Shared bike/walking trails. Extension of Coastal Walkways, Green waste pickup. Soft plastic recycling. Range of housing catering for different socioeconomic levels. Shared housing. Retirement living with appropriate supports,
78	Push for / raise concerns about the need to upgrade / improve the power network in Okato
79	Cultural and historical protection. No putting recreational as priority.
80	Please get the Ahu Ahu bridge repaired. It is sorely missed !!!
81	Safe cycle and walkways. Safe crossings, more traffic calming. Encourage the community to drive less, especially for short trips. Create a bike park (dirt and concrete) suitable for teenagers on unused council land
82	What about ahu ahu rd little bridge. It's just a joke.. Come on people we need this fixed plus removal of the old bridge, which is very fixable.. Plus a walking, cycling track along the gravel rd end of ahus, so many people use this.. Action needs to be taken, stop talking and do something about this. It's been too long. Too much talking and nothing happens.
83	My main concern is the pedestrian crossing on south road connecting lower and upper wairau road. This needs to be dealt with before someone is hurt by a car.
85	Definitely an upgrade for track to weld rd and new bridge installed asap. More trails for walking and biking(so good for locals and tourism) Outdoor fitness machines on grass between campsite and waterfall(like they have in Australia)
86	safer crossings and slow signs for tamariki in Okato village at the roundabout, crossing, and reduce speed to past the Stoney bridge and put in footpaths to link the village from Okato pool, around to stoney and into the village. A sunshade over the Okato playground. Basically unusable in the heat of the day during summer. And we need picnic tables in shaded areas. Training of local school kids (years 12 and 13) to work after school as lifeguards to ensure the pool is not closed as it has been frequently this summer.
87	purpose build pickleball courts for fastest growing sport . It is a sport the whole family can play.
89	The playground to include equipment for children with physical limitations.
90	affordable housing more parking
91	Gated dog park.
93	That we have a cost of living crisis in this country and most people can't afford a rates increase. And if you give a rates increase to the home owners they pass then on to all people who rent - so your fancy ideas that cost lots of money cost everyone.
94	Corbett part needs to continue to be upgraded and modernized. Parking and drainage is quite awful there. Would also be nice to have a couple of more retail options at Ōakura beach. Speed limit should change to 50 prior to getting to Corbett Park. This place dangerous pulling out sometimes as cars zoom down the hill. There should also be a crosswalk in front of the foursquare.

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96	Develop cycleway to town so I don't have to ride on state highway (Tapuae hill passing lane is an accident waiting to happen for cyclists).
97	- Better public transportation to NP -speed bumps to slow traffic on South Road - indoor tennis courts - one can dream :)
100	It is all very well putting these ideas out there. What is it going to cost??? We are in a cost of living crisis, a recession, higher interest rates etc. emphasis at this stages should be to keep costs and rates down so people can afford to live.
101	It is all very well putting these ideas out there. What is it going to cost??? We are in a cost of living crisis, a recession, higher interest rates etc. emphasis at this stages should be to keep costs and rates down so people can afford to live.
102	1. Adopt a policy that would prohibit any further new or replacement power poles in residential areas. When poles are due for replacement they must be replaced by underground supply. 2. Provide enhanced hardcourt pickleball courts in Oakura. Either outdoor (shearer reserve, corbett park or tennis club) or indoor at enlarged community hall . 3. Extend bike/walk trail from Oakura to Fort St George. 4. Create new walk/bike trail from beach front to Kaitake Golf course along Waimoku Stream.
103	Love to see the rural lands linked with walk ways for walking and running.
104	Having lived in Oakura for nearly 4 years and in the process of bringing up a young family, my observation is the absolutely nothing has happened in Oakura over that time (with the exception of the Village Mews complex - which is underwhelming at best). Oakura has the capability to become a destination people want to come to, dine out, spend the day (and longer) however there is nothing there. The water front is messy/untidy, there is limited bars/restaurants it simply is a place for the old and rich to go. The community needs to be progressive not stuck in the old days where people are afraid of change. My aspirations (short term): 1) Tidy up the surf club area (this is a dump in all honesty and is a disgrace to the community) and the waterfront area. 2) upgrade the shearer reserve and include public BBQ's, seating, somewhere for people to enjoy evenings as families 3) Promote pop up food stalls/Trucks/bands on weekends 4) Add additional bars and places to dine in the town (Village Mews perfect location) 5) Someone is going to be killed at either the Wairau Rd or Dixon street intersections shortly - these need work (roundabout?) 6) beach facilities (volleyball nets etc.) Long Term Aspirations: 1) Promote and develop the waterfront. Add additional Bars/Restaurants, burger joints etc. Create a vibrant area for people to come out and have a good time. Similar to Ahuriri in Napier (outdoor dining etc) 2) Promote housing developments, im all for growth in the area 3) Enhance the school and kindergarten to ensure they keep up with village growth 4) walkway/cycleway to New Plymouth
111	Can we have considered reduced road speeds for both Oakura and Okato villages please ?
112	Cycleway development
113	Rural bus service not just for school kids. More things for teens to do, a teen centre, movie nights, maybe at Oakura hall. Nature Club Community Gym Golf for teens More community events like Xmas light set up on each street Or Block parties (each street closes to cars to celebrate together)
118	Pump track for Oakura, more safety at Corbett Park as there are constant thefts, cleaner rivers and streams.
120	It's hard to comment on council facilities when they have ignored the broken bridge and headland inaccessibility issue between Ahu rd and Weld road for so long. They seem completely tied up in excuses and with no real inclination to make this happen. I completely agree that the tapu site should be protected. It is in disgraceful form at the moment. Hapū should be supported to clean it up but to also make the bridge and walkway accessible for the whole community. The fact that this has been left for so long is despicable.
123	Reduce speed limit on popular rural roads
125	If u don't pay rates then should you be able to occupy land
128	It would be really great if there was some sort of a community fitness center with a gym (weights, cycles, treadmills), indoor court for basketball/volleyball/pickleball, etc..., maybe indoor pool. That would be fantastic to use during the winter when it rains a lot and save the trouble of going to New Plymouth.
129	1)Ensuring that all events/ sports/ facilities that are on offer in the community are advertised in a way that is accessible for new community members. So much is still not what but who you know in order to understand how to access things for new community members. I was lucky when I arrived here in 2021 that I had friends living here who were new but settled enough to help me a little. Those are the times where small communities can feel very clicky- where info on what is on is not readily available or the people in the admin/ contact roles are not particularly friendly or forthcoming. A notice board on the wall in front of Vertigo with info on what is on offer in our community, which months it is available, who is the main contact person and how to contact etc. also which clubs there are, what they offer and how to join. A community liaison officer would be a dream, build better connections between clubs, people etc etc. 2) Clarity around the current development of land with sites for sale. Are more to be sold as there is the huge concern with growth in pop as to where the children will be schooled. You would really hope the school does not continue to build and take over the playing fields.
130	Open up the lifesavers club as cafe/restaurant. Beautiful views and there are no places to get coffee from on the beach
134	trampoline park
135	nothing its pretty good.
136	na

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137	I'm not sure
140	better skatepark
141	no idea.
143	Build a wave pool with fat barrels!
144	building the ahu ahu bridge back up but in a improved way
145	idk
147	resi box jump at oakura skatepark
148	resi box jump at the skatepark
150	The football pitch/ Corbett Park
156	A better playground for little kids and big kids preferably not in a flooded park!
157	●Would love to see the Weld Road bridge completed/fixed ● Would love to see the speed limit restricted from Okato to Stepping Stones area lowered ● Would love to see Okato pool with supported staffing issues rectified for next season and operating with earlier hours and later closing. ● Would love Okato playground to be fully fenced to the main road ● would love the Oakura skate bowl to be sectioned off to avoid that huge drop off - have witnessed so many near accidents
158	Complete the Coastal path to Fort St George, including Weld Rd headland.
159	Complete the Coastal Trail to Fort St George and safe cycle lane to NP.
160	Currently, the village is disjointed and with a large traffic burden, not an attractive destination for locals and tourists alike - generating a town plan to overcome this would be great. I would also like to see more collaboration with the local iwi and engagement with the Oakura Pa.
161	I want Okato to lead new plymouth as a safe place for our tamariki to walk and cycle. Safer speeds, better crossing points, narrower streets. Yes rural outlook js OK, but we still end to look to the future and be a community where parents don't have to drive their kids to school or preschool.
163	I live here for walking and cycling. The coast path has been lost and cycling link/lane to NP is too dangerous. This has led to more cars, more CO2 and less fitness of our outdoor community. Council can easily remedy this and should urgently do so.
164	A pump track in Oakura. Fix the swing bridge at Weld Road. Use council land for a community garden and local compost hub.
165	Sponsorship given to, all families in need, of after school care. Maimoa Club Oakura is a community organisation run at the local church and offers after school care. It is run by two local women, and mums, with over 20 years of Oakura spirit. Feona and Yifat work two jobs and consider their work for Maimoa Club to be a "giving back" to the community. We would like to offer all community families, with primary school children, the opportunity to take advantage of the service we provide. With support funding from our local community board we can.
166	cyle path fro Kaitake Golf course to Oakura, and reduce speed to 80kmph to Kaitake Gplf course, so many oldies on scooters with golf clubs it is a fatality waiting to happen
170	A cycleway connecting Oakura to New Plymouth to enable cummuting away from State Highway 45 which is simply too dangerous to use. An independent cycleway would be a huge benefit in many ways , such as health and wellbeing.
173	No discharge of waste water into rivers. Need a new way to hold over flow
174	The old Okato primary land should be developed into eco style accommodation for tourists as there is nothing except air B&Bs - this would also create jobs in the area. Definitely sort out the Ahuahu road bridge and create the foreshore path that goes further down the coast & also connects to Pukeiti - that would be a great drawcard for tourism.
175	The proposed cycle trail along the Kaitake range into Oakura re -negotiated.
177	Foster community initiatives that strengthen social cohesion, capacity and resilience; so that we'd be more prepared and able to support each other during climate and natural disasters and to recover well together.
179	Development and Maintenance of Coastal Walkways Fix potholes on the road Connect the walkway to New Plymouth
180	Make user pays a mantra for property developers in the ward with some forward thinking and a bespoke district plan as a guideline to best practice. Try to build community by putting community halls where there are none, eg Hurford and Koru and make the rents reasonable to encourage usage. Make a proper reassessment of road speed limits and have the police enforce them... most of our roading network is poorly maintained, hazards unmarked and certainly not suitable for even 80 km/hr

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181	Population cap for Okato, especially if no additional water supply is found. Restrictions occur most summers and this will likely get worse in drought years. Re water supply, Okato's water is drawn from a stream that runs through dairy farms. As elsewhere in NZ, the Nitrate levels during the winter months have been increasing, measured at around 3 mg per litre. Although within the legal limit for Nitrate, levels above 0.8 mg per litre are linked with increased risk of diseases. This needs fixing urgently.
182	Currently no way of getting into town other than car. (No bus, cycling dangerous, no footpaths)
184	Biodiversity corridors and coastal strip. Consideration for facilities in Omata. Class Omata as lifestyle zone with smaller parcels of land. Regenerative farming.
186	Incentivise and promote restoration and Return of vital Swamplands / wetlands to rural farms instead of drainage as an essential part of restoring water health to our awa / streams returning habitat to fish species and creating environment for birds. The council is largely ignoring this vital issue
187	Extension and resurfacing of Skateparks to make safer and more inclusive for beginner users.
188	Development of more parking areas in the Oakura Village. A swimming pool development suitable for young and old. An arts centre managed by Council and local artists.
189	The sewerage situation and ecoli pollution of the rivers needs addressing.
190	Upgrades to okato public recreational spaces. Shade, picnic tables, MORE rubbish bins, and footpaths
194	Doggy poop bins at Okato sport feild.
197	Safer SH45 road crossings at wairau Rd end
198	To be able to actively promote and market Oakura business so everyone can grow as a community to bring more money so the business can thrive rather than scrape by
200	Public Transport into town making it accessible to all.
201	dont get any flash ideas. we're good as we are thanks.
202	Public transport for general commuters!!! Also, can we start a campaign to get people to stop driving like muppets - speeding, tailgating, using their phones while driving, running through the pedestrian crossing, speeding and turning like hoons on streets where kids are walking to school, or streets even. Probably have more ideas, but this is all I have time to write. Would be lovely to have a welcome to the neighbourhood meet-up occasionally - we are getting an influx on new and returning people. I've been here 2 years and it's been a hard slog getting to know people (we're doing fine, thanks to my extroversion and networking skills but others would struggle).
205	Rubbish collection for all ratepayers!!! So unfair that side roads aren't collected between oakura and okato. No need for a community pool in oakura as we can't find staff in okato!! Orchard in okato - need more support. Have contacted KCB as there is so much more opportunity but then miscommunication between parties, nothing had happened
206	The speed limit dropped to 40kmh in the main Street. Trapping for vermon with traps only. Ban the use of 1080 and brodificum in and around Our Mountain and ranges.

12. Community Boards each have a \$70,000 Discretionary Fund that can, subject to certain caveats and conditions, be used to spend on local community projects, with the money needing to be allocated and committed by June 2023. An additional \$80,000 is available for the periods 1 July 23 to 30 June 24, and 1 July 24 to 30 June 25. What projects would you like to see this fund invested in over these periods?

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2	Better dishwasher for Okato Hall Sunshades over playgrounds
3	More seating Shearer reserve which could include some with roof for sun and rain protection
4	Okato have a community fitness group that use the local rugby club. It would be cool to upgrade this building. It could be done through coastline sports club.
5	Improvising the coastal walkway- bridge to weld back up and fixing that walkway for safety,
7	Contribute to sports building a corbet park
10	The bridge at weld road to be fixed
11	village hall - supports many groups with upgraded facilities. integrated sports facility for youth, proper basketball court etc. consult youth to see what they want. oakura is good at supporting young children and old people but a skate park is not job done for young people that are bored. potentially with a kiosk food drink etc.
12	Prevention of storm related damage.
14	Sort Weld rd out remove Mike he is extremely aggressive towards the community. Fix the bridge and track
15	Fixing ahu ahu bridge. Support plan to extend walkway
16	I'd like the community board to collate all possible projects and ideas and put another survey out for community to prioritise on. If there is a big ticket project such as a pool in Oakura or a library upgrade can funds be banked and allowed to accumulate?
17	Reinstate ahu ahu bridge and headland access to weld Rd Clearly identify / develop paper roads into multi use walkways/pathways
18	Shared bridle ways through paper roads. Maintenance of grass verges.
19	What projects are needing money? More information required before offering a response. Where did the money go last year?
21	Bike tracks Speed deterrents
22	Parking along beach with tables and shared bbqs.
23	Drainage to corbet Park sports field.
24	Security cameras around okato More promotion of SH45 and local businesses
25	Opportunities for after hours youth support and engagement
27	Not sure, do you mean out of the previously mentioned projects in the survey? Or different community projects? sorry not enough information here, I'm not sure.
28	Cycle ways great for fitness, sense of adventure and well being and getting people moving around and into the village safely and with fewer cars. Farmers have appropriated the paper roads. Get those back for recreational use...they are all of ours! A cycleway from kaitake into the beach and village is needed please. This area is being developed with more housing, but we have no immediate amenities except rubbish collection!
29	Extending our coastal walkway to Fort St George
30	Community garden, basketball & netball hoop/ half court at the Ōkato park.
31	Care and maintenance work on Matekai Park in Oakura
32	Cycle or walkway oakura to kaitake golff course
34	Let's put some exercise equipment ie like other beachside communities have along our green spaces. We are an active community and I can guarantee they will be used.
35	Maintenance of existing facilities
36	Reinstate swingbridge at end of AhuAhu road

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37	Investment into things to do signs at the beach, Corbet park and South road
38	Setting up a community vegetable garden, providing food to community or even leasing sections of land to the community to plant out and grow their own food, encouraging regeneration and even a community compost. Restore and complete the walkway bridge that was destroyed along weld road way making the access open again. More information/signs of public walks available in and around oakura for Locals and visitors. A sun shade at the beach front playground with. Few more picnic tables, even permanently installed BBQs (coin operated?). Having cycle lanes marked on the main road.
39	Oakura trail to fort St George.
40	I would like to see more regular maintenance of the roadside grassed areas. Mowed more regularly and cleaned up properly after mowing especially in the side streets. Maybe seal and mark the Council parking area by the pony club. Also signage to say it is public parking. The Oakura Hall could do with being increased in size. It is quite small for the size of the growing community
42	Walkway to weld and beyond improved.
44	Bridge repair for cycle track/walkway Cleaner toilets Improve Oakura school street access/congestion (local bus?) Improve storm water - quality of river water Kids bike park
46	Better cycle ways around the village to ensure safety for kids and to encourage people to bike. Look into creating a community pool in Oakura.
49	Protect water/waterways enhance walkways and cycleways
50	Kaitake Sports Hub Development
51	Put towards fixing the cycle bridge at ahu ahu road
52	Put towards fixing the cycle bridge at ahu ahu road
53	Community Sports Hub, local businesses gym facility
54	Walking and cycle tracks
55	These type of 'funds' the council needs to look at carefully, the rate increases we have had and forecasted are not sustainable . All costs need to looked at and savings must be made . Needs vs Wants . The ratepayers can not be seen as an endless cash cow.
61	Kaitake community Hub at Corbett park Footpath between Dixon street and Pitcairn street
62	Community projects, community events, community workshops. I would like to see the water in Ōkato fixed, and the upgrading the pool in Ōkato, with lifeguards so it can actually be open! I don't have any other particular ideas. But I'd like to see that money go to something that improves the community feeling in Kaitake. Maybe some community events out here. The council seems to put on a lot if events in New Plymouth, and invests a lot of funding in making New Plymouth a vibrant place, but they don't equally contribute to the vibrancy of Kaitake. Bring a Festival of Lights event out to Ōkato or something.
65	Anything in Okato
67	Community pool in Oakura?
68	Traffic moves too fast outside of 4 square and Corbett park turn off. Parking down at Corbett park needs repair. Or a safe walkway down from village to the park would be great. This might encourage locals to walk down rather than drive.
70	-A cycle way all the way down the coast - a public Oakura swimming pool
71	Community garden and orchard at skatepark site Support for home schoolers to be active in community projects such as community orchard and garden.
72	Support for the new after school club - Oakura Maimoa Club to allow it to keep on working for the benefits of working parents, and support families in need. Build a path & bridge to connect weld Rd with Ahu Ahu and allow safe walking / biking and pathway to the village. Create toddlers area in the playground by the beach as it is currently unsafe and inappropriate for younger tamariki. Arrange more seating area for families where there's one picnic table by the playground or benches to sit by the playground.
75	Pump track
76	Something cool for the families
77	Easy off road bike trails suitable for adults of all ages in pleasing environments.
78	Power Pool improvements
79	Protection of beaches and heritage sites.
80	Ahu ahu swing bridge repair

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81	Bike park Or Go towards a community pool, solar heated all year round
82	Ahus little bridge, cycling walking tracks. At bottom of ahus. Main rd from oakura to ahus to weld rd.
83	Crossing between lower and upper wairau road needs to be safer for pedestrians to cross the road.
85	The track and bridge to weld rd
86	extending footpaths in okato village and safety signage for drivers coming to the roundabout so our children can safely cross the crossing. I am told there have been no accidents, but I do not want this to be a case of one of our tamariki gets injured or worse, then they realise it needs to be safer for them. Okato village is thriving and there are so many families with young children, surely road safety and better footpaths are worth investing in Okato. Shade sail over the okato playground, and picnic tables under shaded areas. Training of local school kids (year 12 and 13) to work after school as lifeguards to ensure the pool is not closed as it has been this frequently this summer.
87	bike trails to NP
89	That's not a huge amount of money, but I would like to see adequate pickleball facilities in our area. It is the fastest growing sport and caters to all ages, child, youth, all adults including older persons. We introduced Parafed children and youth to pickleball a few weeks ago. It is truly a community activity.
90	affordable housing pickleball court more parking for four square and pharmacy
91	Gated dog park, security cameras at entrance to Dixon Street and Lower Wairau Road, fixed speed cameras, power box top of Dixon Street painted with beautiful art by a local artist, lower speed limits through the village.
93	How much will these funds add to our rates ? If we are borrowing money from these funds you should be telling us that and how much will be added to our rates by borrowing the money. If these funds mean we will have a rates increase then I do not want the board borrowing any of the funds. I want councils to stick to the basics of what they are voted in for - infrastructure. There is a cost of living crisis and an economic crisis brewing overseas, which will come here - it's called a recession. All branches of the council should be decreasing costs (like real businesses are) and keeping our rates down.
94	Corbett Park, renovations.
95	Covered barbeque areas Tennis backboard at Linda St courts
96	Research into cycleway to town. Research into cycleway along paper road around coast to Opunake.
99	Continue pest eradication Walkways and bike trails
100	Put some shelters for people to sit under along the beach front and river mouth so people can enjoy the outdoors without being burnt in summer and enjoy the colder months under shelter. Sponsor a market once a month for people to buy and sell produce and other goods. Provide stronger policing relating to dogs and horses on beach and river mouth areas. So many people are blatantly flaunting the rules making it unpleasant for others with the lack of control and disregard for others. I am thinking some form of community patrol and making it very clear (signage or mail drops or?) what is acceptable and what is not.
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102	1. Extend bike/walk trail from Oakura to Fort St George. 2. Create new walk/bike trail from beach front to Kaitake Golf course along Waimoku Stream. 3. Provide enhanced pickleball courts in Oakura. Either outdoor (shearer reserve, corbett park or tennis club) or at upgraded community hall .
103	Development of Corbett park.
104	1) Tidy up the water front (including the surf club) 2) upgrade the shearer reserve to include more public spaces / BBQ's etc. There is very little seating and table. (i take my kids there and sit on the ground) 3) Improve and upgrade the walkways and cycle trails around the community 4) Fund entertainment down at the water front.
105	Reinstate the Ahu Ahu bridge and walkway around headland to weld road
109	Oakura to Fort StGeorge walk/cycle trail
110	Corbett Park upgrade
111	A couple of dedicated access ways to Stoney River for foot traffic. Lights at Okato skatepark please ? Some upgrading of Hampton Hall
112	Corbett Park upgrade

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113	Teen Centre- events and hang out space for teens in Okaura/Omata Kaitake Community trust supporting the trapping and relocation of kiwi to the Kaitakes A Community swimming pool would be amazing Funding for women surfing Wahine Waves Community food/items market once a month
114	Complete the cycle way
118	pump track, stormwater system
119	Cycle way to New Plymouth
120	The bridge and headland walkway between Ahu ahu rd and Weld rd.
121	Walkways and cycleways
123	Access from weld to Ahu without getting wet
125	Get the walkway/cycle finally completed as its been promised for sooooo long
127	Step access at all beach accesses to limit erosion at these points. Coastal planting and protection of existing planting
128	Bike trail, revegetation along coast, community gym,
129	A community garden or development of some of the roadside verges. Mace Terrace is a prime example. The verge is so wide, I appreciate it is council land but why not grow fruit trees(dwarf available to provide obsolete pruning) for community harvest? That can be shared out to other communities? The thin strips could be turned into wildflower strips to benefit the pollinated insects and potentially allow for more beehives. The world population continues to grow, food prices will continue to rise and with it cost of living. Taranaki soil is for the most part, incredibly rich. No one(human or animal/insect) benefits from long and wide strips of grass.
130	Upgrading the sports facilities at Corbett park, upgrading Oakura school, open a daycare in Oakura
133	Pool in oakura.
134	na
135	idk
136	na
137	I'm not sure
138	roof on tennis court
139	Oakura pool
140	skatepark
141	no clue?
143	The wave pool with fat barrels.
145	idk
147	make the halfpipe at oakura skatepark 6 foot
148	make the halfpipe at oakura skatepark 6 foot
150	I don't know
152	Some footpath upgrades, few more bins with dog poo bags next to it. Okato pool upgrades
153	Pathways for cycling and walking
155	Corbett park
156	The playground for kids is shocking and disappointing compared to other communities
157	● shade and bbq/tables etc at Okato playground (Plus fencing)
158	Complete the Weld Rd headland walkway project.
159	Weld Rd headland walkway.

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160	- Development of the coastal walkway south of Oakura. - Oakura community promotion and marketing to attract more business for local businesses such as eateries and shops.
161	Funding collaborative design for a safe and accessible Okato. Think 1/4 hour suburb stuff. Design for shared path to bottom of Hampton Road. Use funds to advocate for full access with dogs on hangatahua River walkway.
162	Supporting local businesses and economy. I would love to see more happening in the central cbd of okato, less closed or empty shops.
163	Re-establish a safe coastal walk/cycle link.
164	A pump track in Oakura. Develop a community garden and local compost hub.
165	See previous communication ☺
169	Okato needs a better water supply urgently!
170	1. A cycleway/track away from the Highway 45 that connects Oakura to New Plymouth. So far everything has gone North to Bellblock. 2. Fix the Ahu Ahu bridge that was washed out over a yer ago.
173	Safe way for people to bike walk from okato to oakura. Have safe places from trackters or large vehicles to move to side to allow cars to pass safely
174	Extending the foreshore track & to Pukeiti
175	The Ahu Ahu to Weld road bridge replaced and the boardwalk completed.
178	Oakura walkway/cycleway extension
179	Walkways
180	Anything that builds our community and creates a better living environment
181	Finding clean, reliable source(s) of drinking water uncontaminated by Nitrate, fungicide or other toxic pollutants. Although further for reticulation, it could be worthwhile checking if water could be drawn from stream(s) bordering the national park, unpolluted by nitrates etc.
183	Cycleways
184	Align with Hapū priorities, ask hapū first. Climate change mitigation and local micro economies - we don't have much time left! Focus here on environmental improvements.
187	Okato skatepark extension/concrete polishing to recondition current park.
188	Take away the bollards around back of the Four square on Butlers lane, tarseal this area for parking,make a footpath on the other side of street so children do not have to cross the street and can walk down on the other side down to Corbett park.The way it is someone is going to be run over by a car as they back out of the 4 square car park. Develop more parking near the Hall area of the Village.When Probus and Exercise Class are both on at the same time their is not enough parking.
189	The sewerage seepage and making our rivers pollution free and safe to swim in
190	Okato skatepark and public recreational space upgrades
194	Seating and picnic table returned to cul de sac on old south road by the swing bridge. Dog poop bin by the swing bridge and rugby fields. Tracks better maintained in the bush reserves in Okato. Vegetation cut back during winter.
197	Continued dune river and coast restoration
198	Ōakura Maimoa Club - is a community based after child school carer for parents in need of help & support, it would be amazing to see our children of the village grow and learn together outside of school as there isn't much going on in that demand.
199	Cyclw/walkway water if needed
200	Much better facilities for Pickleball so that locals can use the courts and also work with disabled children. A Gym Much better public transport
202	I don't know. Where is the biggest need (and who decides the biggest need)? I'd like to see walkways, cycle ways and public transport. But I'm sure there might be other more pressing, urgent things to invest in.
203	not sure. More likely projects with environment focus
205	More rubbish bins, something for the youth of oakura and okato. Lots of behavior issues as they have nothing to do

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206	Pathway for cyclists and horses, up grade of Corbett Park and car parking and distributed renewable energy system.
207	Improve beach front car parkign - remove bollards that take up the car park space and improve parking to all year round parking. Improve track from Village to Corbett Park Improve parking on the Main Road.

Kaitake Community (2018 Census Data)

To Note: each row will not always equal the same total. Due to confidential responses due to limited data or unrecognisable data not all responses are counted
Area of usual residence: New Plymouth District Council by Community Board and bespoke sub-areas (Tables 1 - 10)

Table 1: Community Board by Age Group

* Kaitake has a lower proportion of 65+ age group with only 12% of the total population compared with the New Plymouth average of around 20% being 65+

	Under 15 years	15-29 years	30-64 years	65 years and over
Ōākura	381	171	786	204
Ōkato and south-western ru	471	270	969	225
Omata and north-western ru	402	222	909	192
	1,254	663	2,664	621

	Under 15 years	15-29 years	30-64 years	65 years and over
Ōākura	25%	11%	51%	13%
Ōkato and south-western ru	24%	14%	50%	12%
Omata and north-western ru	23%	13%	53%	11%
	24%	13%	51%	12%

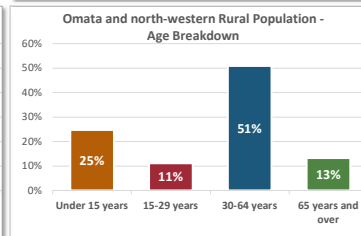
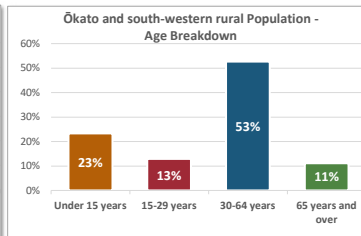
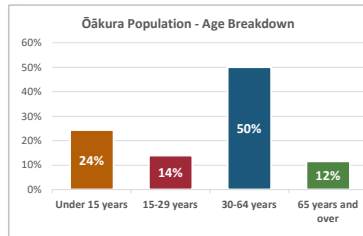
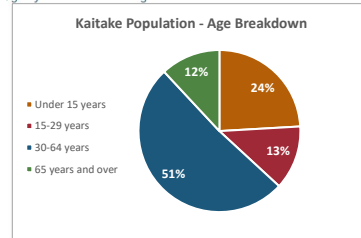
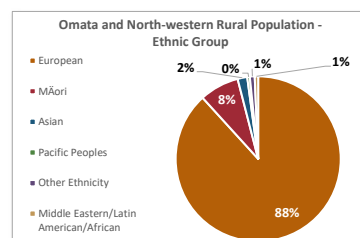
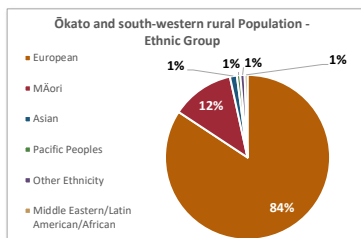
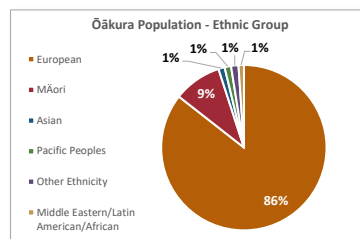
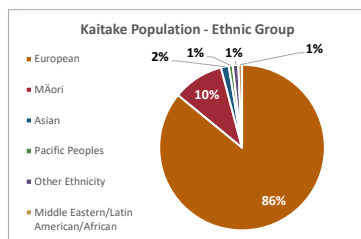


Table 2: Community Board by Ethnic Group

* Around 86% of the population in Kaitake community is European compared with around 85% for New Plymouth District

	European	Māori	Asian	Pacific Peoples	Other Ethnicity	Middle Eastern/Latin American/African
Ōākura	1,443	159	21	21	24	18
Ōkato and south-western ru	1,830	267	30	15	18	12
Omata and north-western ru	1,644	144	36	9	18	12
	4,917	570	87	45	60	42

	European	Māori	Asian	Pacific Peoples	Other Ethnicity	Middle Eastern/Latin American/African
Ōākura	86%	9%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Ōkato and south-western ru	84%	12%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Omata and north-western ru	88%	8%	2%	0%	1%	1%
	86%	10%	2%	1%	1%	1%



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Table 3: Community Board by total personal income

* The total personal income in the Kaitake community is around \$55,000 in 2018

	Loss	Zero income	\$1-\$15,000	\$15,001-\$30,000	\$30,001-\$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$150,000	\$150,001 or more
Ōākura	0	69	165	231	201	279	99	102
Ōkato and south-western ru	18	75	234	321	330	354	78	54
Omata and north-western ru	15	93	204	222	261	360	87	81
	33	237	603	774	792	993	264	237

	Loss	Zero income	\$1-\$15,000	\$15,001-\$30,000	\$30,001-\$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$150,000	\$150,001 or more
Ōākura	0%	6%	14%	20%	18%	24%	9%	10%
Ōkato and south-western ru	1%	5%	16%	22%	23%	24%	5%	4%
Omata and north-western ru	1%	7%	15%	17%	20%	27%	7%	6%
	1%	6%	15%	20%	20%	25%	7%	6%

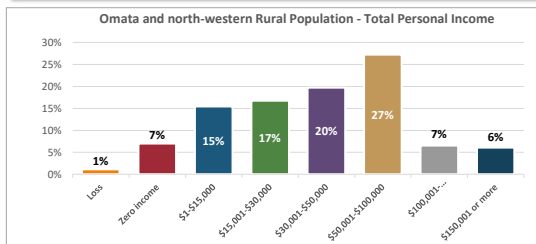
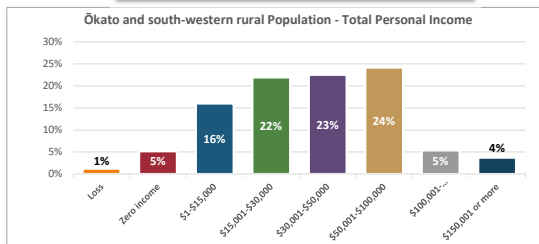
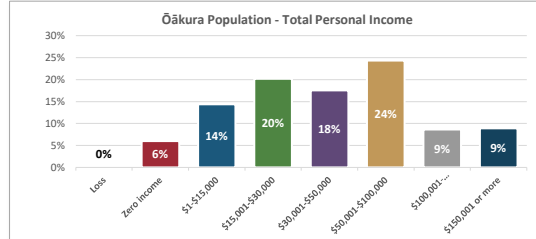
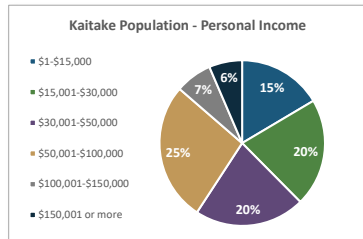


Table 4: Community Board by Usual Residence one year ago

* A large majority of over 81% of the people who live in the Kaitake community have so for over 1 year

	Same usual residence as 1 year ago	Same territorial authority	Different regional council, same island	New Zealand not further defined	Overseas 1 year ago	Not born 1 year ago	Same regional council, different territorial authority/ territorial authority unknown	Different regional council, different island
Ōākura	1,134	135	24	18	45	18	9	12
Ōkato and south-western ru	1,347	177	45	36	12	27	33	0
Omata and north-western ru	1,305	174	45	15	18	15	12	0
	3,786	486	114	69	75	60	54	12

	Same usual residence as 1 year ago	Same territorial authority	Different regional council, same island	New Zealand not further defined	Overseas 1 year ago	Not born 1 year ago	Same regional council, different territorial authority/ territorial authority unknown	Different regional council, different island
Ōākura	81%	10%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%
Ōkato and south-western ru	80%	11%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%
Omata and north-western ru	82%	11%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
	81%	10%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%

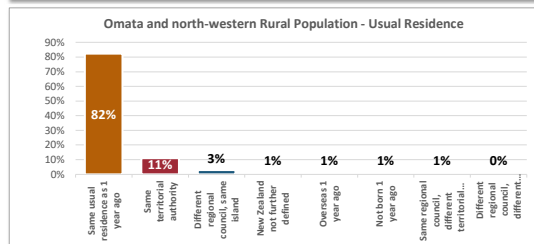
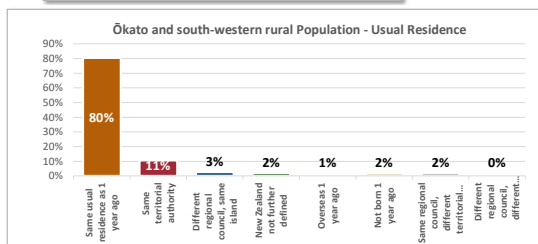
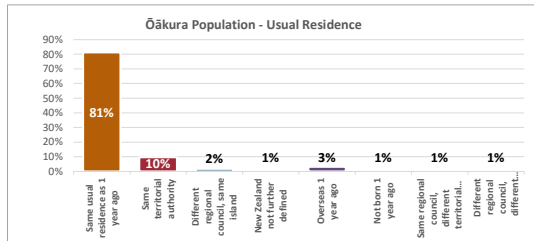
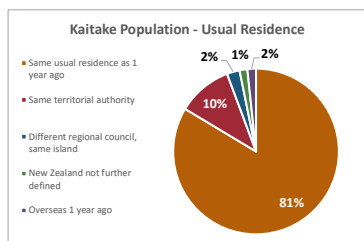
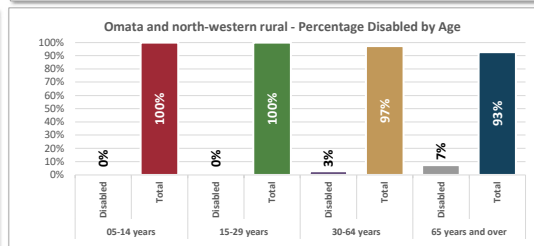
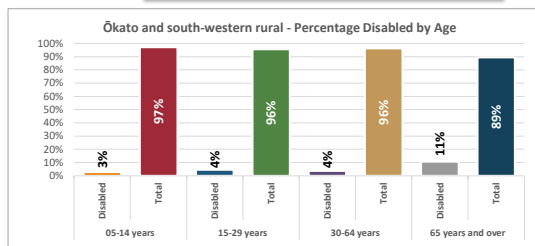
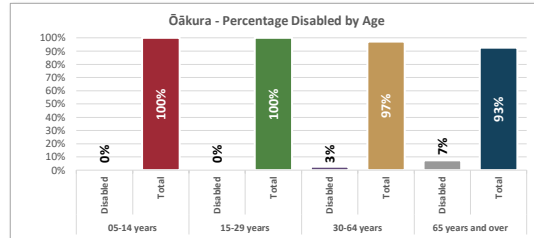
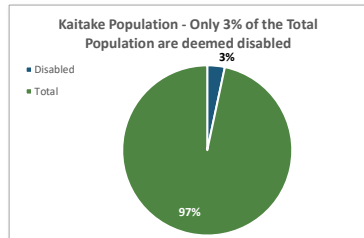


Table 5: Community Board Disability indicator by Age

* Only 3% of the Kaitake community have some sort of disability

	05-14 years		15-29 years		30-64 years		65 years and over	
	Disabled	Total	Disabled	Total	Disabled	Total	Disabled	Total
Ōākura	0	276	0	171	21	786	15	204
Ōkato and south-western ru	9	321	12	270	36	969	24	225
Omata and north-western ru	0	303	0	222	27	909	18	192
	9	900	12	663	84	2,664	57	621

	05-14 years		15-29 years		30-64 years		65 years and over	
	Disabled	Total	Disabled	Total	Disabled	Total	Disabled	Total
Ōākura	0%	100%	0%	100%	3%	97%	7%	93%
Ōkato and south-western ru	3%	97%	4%	96%	4%	96%	11%	89%
Omata and north-western ru	0%	100%	0%	100%	3%	97%	9%	91%
	1%	99%	2%	98%	3%	97%	9%	91%


Table 6: Community Board by Work and labour force status

* 73% of the Kaitake community are either employed full time or part time

	Employed Full-time	Employed Part-time	Not in the Labour Force	Unemployed
Ōākura	576	249	309	24
Ōkato and south-western ru	771	291	348	51
Omata and north-western ru	714	276	300	30
	2,061	816	957	105

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Not Labour Force	Unemployed
Ōākura	50%	22%	27%	2%
Ōkato and south-western ru	53%	20%	24%	3%
Omata and north-western ru	54%	21%	23%	2%
	52%	21%	24%	3%

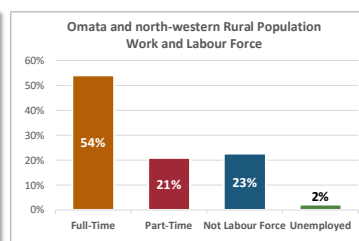
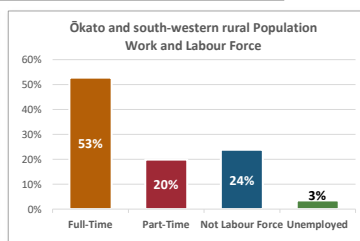
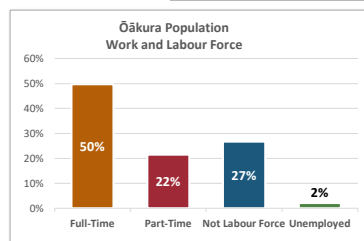
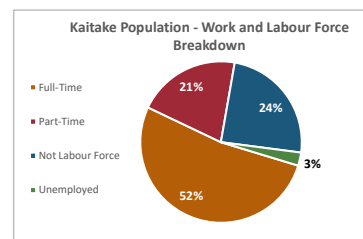


Table 7: Community Board by Occupation Level 2 - (Level 3 available)

* The Kaitake community work in a range of occupations

	Managers	Labourers	Professionals	Technicians and Trades Workers	Clerical and Administrative Workers	Community and Personal Service Workers	Sales Workers	Machinery Operators and Drivers
Ōākura	162	21	285	60	66	48	57	18
Ōkato and south-western ru	282	93	165	141	84	72	66	45
Omata and north-western ru	237	90	210	123	102	63	51	24
	681	204	660	324	252	183	174	87

	Managers	Labourers	Professionals	Technicians and Trades Workers	Clerical and Administrative Workers	Community and Personal Service Workers	Sales Workers	Machinery Operators and Drivers
Ōākura	23%	3%	40%	8%	9%	7%	8%	3%
Ōkato and south-western ru	30%	10%	17%	15%	9%	8%	7%	5%
Omata and north-western ru	26%	10%	23%	14%	11%	7%	6%	3%
	27%	8%	26%	13%	10%	7%	7%	3%

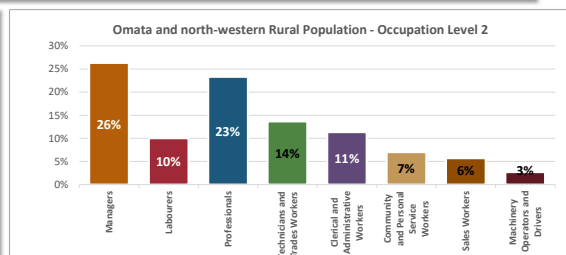
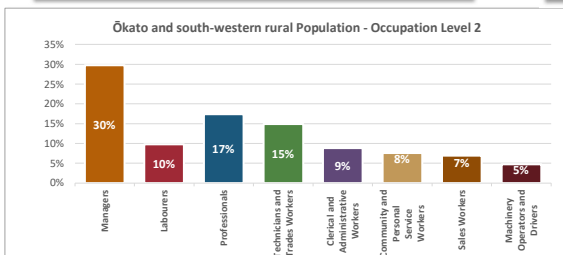
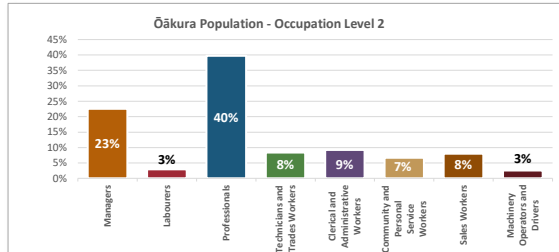
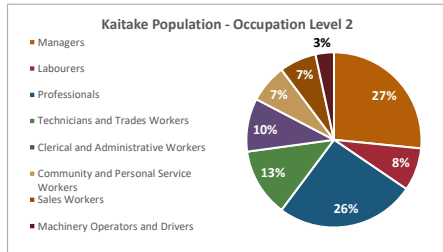


Table 8: Community Board by Highest Qualification

* Around 44% of the Kaitake community have achieved a level 1-4 certificate as their highest qualification

	Level 1-4 certificate	No qualification	Level 5-6 Diploma	Bachelor degree and Level 7 qualification	Post-graduate and honours degrees	Overseas secondary school qualification	Masters degree	Doctorate degree
Ōākura	408	138	129	225	114	36	60	12
Ōkato and south-western ru	645	234	162	186	75	45	45	6
Omata and north-western ru	609	186	159	147	75	48	51	12
	1,662	558	450	558	264	129	156	30

	Level 1-4 certificate	No qualification	Level 5-6 Diploma	Bachelor degree and Level 7 qualification	Post-graduate and honours degrees	Overseas secondary school qualification	Masters degree	Doctorate degree
Ōākura	36%	12%	11%	20%	10%	3%	5%	1%
Ōkato and south-western ru	46%	17%	12%	13%	5%	3%	3%	0%
Omata and north-western ru	47%	14%	12%	11%	6%	4%	4%	1%
	44%	15%	12%	15%	7%	3%	4%	1%

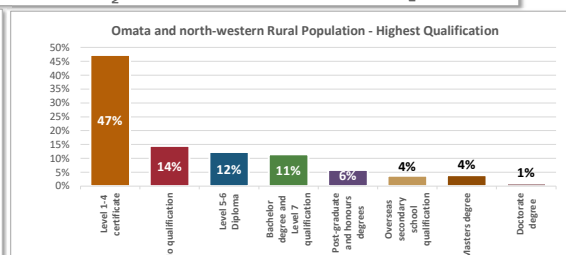
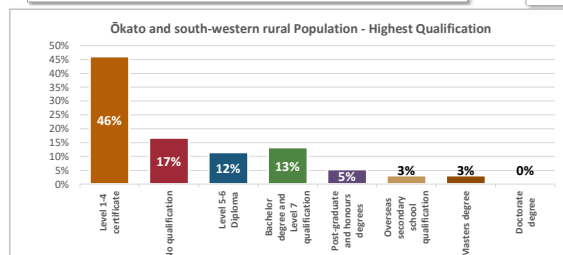
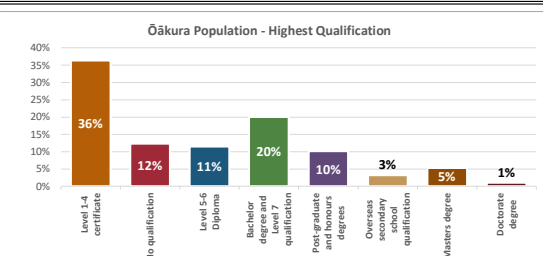
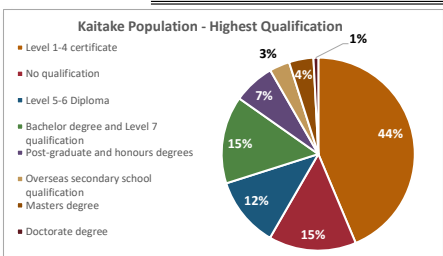


Table 9: Community Board by Main Means of Travel to Education

* The main means of travel to education is evenly split between driving in a car or catching the bus (43%,20%)

	Passenger in a car, truck or van	School bus	Walk or jog	Drive a car, truck or van	Study at home	Bicycle	Public bus	Other
Ōākura	123	81	102	36	30	54	36	0
Ōkato and south-western ru	198	117	48	45	30	15	18	0
Omata and north-western ru	279	87	15	45	33	9	6	0
	600	285	165	126	93	78	60	0

	Passenger in a car, truck or van	School bus	Walk or jog	Drive a car, truck or van	Study at home	Bicycle	Public bus	Other
Ōākura	27%	18%	22%	8%	6%	12%	8%	0%
Ōkato and south-western ru	42%	25%	10%	10%	6%	3%	4%	0%
Omata and north-western ru	59%	18%	3%	9%	7%	2%	1%	0%
	43%	20%	12%	9%	7%	6%	4%	0%

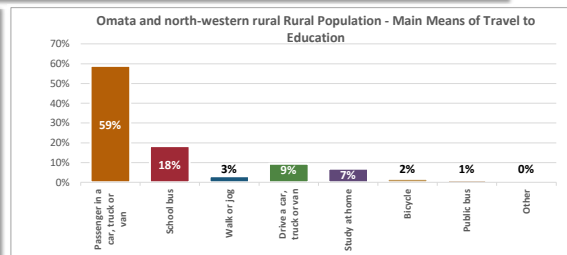
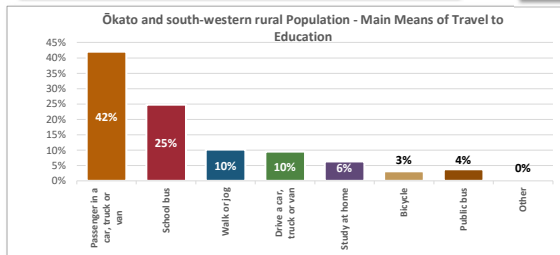
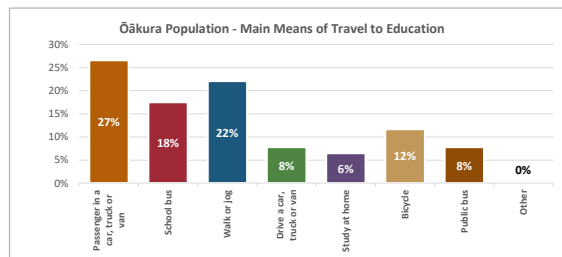
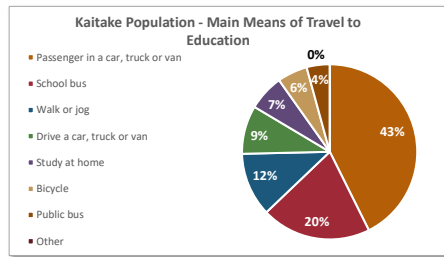
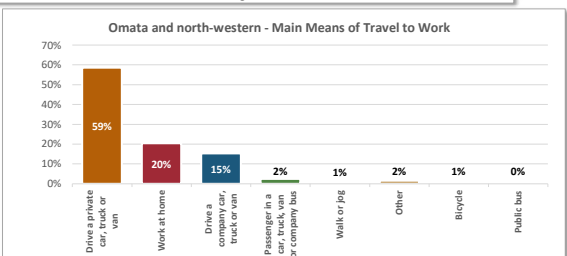
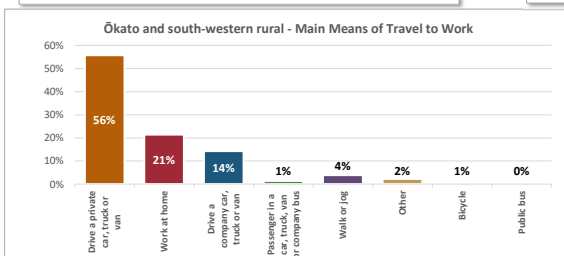
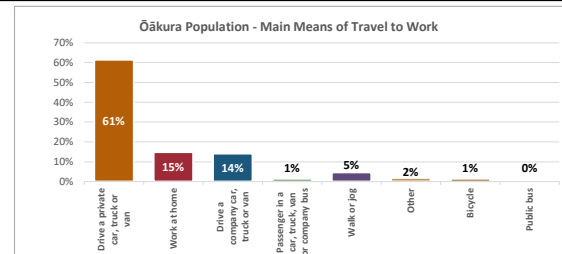
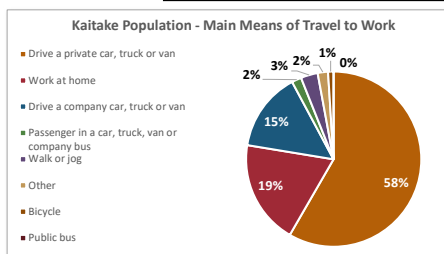


Table 10: Community Board by Main Means of Travel to Work

* The main means of travel to work is to drive a private car (50%) followed by working at home (31%)

	Drive a private car, truck or van	Work at home	Drive a company car, truck or van	Passenger in a car, truck, van or company bus	Walk or jog	Other	Bicycle	Public bus
Ōākura	507	123	117	12	39	15	12	0
Ōkato and south-western ru	594	228	153	15	42	24	9	0
Omata and north-western ru	576	201	150	24	9	15	9	0
	1,677	552	420	51	90	54	30	0

	Drive a private car, truck or van	Work at home	Drive a company car, truck or van	Passenger in a car, truck, van or company bus	Walk or jog	Other	Bicycle	Public bus
Ōākura	61%	15%	14%	1%	5%	2%	1%	0%
Ōkato and south-western ru	56%	21%	14%	1%	4%	2%	1%	0%
Omata and north-western ru	59%	20%	15%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%
	58%	19%	15%	2%	3%	2%	1%	0%



Household tables: counting households in private occupied dwellings (Tables 11-14)

Table 11: Community Board by Tenure of Household

* The number (32%) of people who own their dwelling in the Kaitake community is higher than the number of people who rent (17%)

	Category 1 Dwelling owned or partly owned, mortgage payments made	Category 2 Dwelling not owned and not held in a family trust, rent payments made	Category 3 Dwelling owned or partly owned, mortgage payments not made	Category 4 Dwelling held in a family trust, mortgage payments not made	Category 5 Dwelling held in a family trust, mortgage payments made	Category 6 Dwelling owned or partly owned, mortgage arrangements not further defined	Category 7 Dwelling not owned and not held in a family trust, rent payments not made	Category 8 Dwelling held in a family trust, mortgage arrangements not further defined
Ōākura	153	111	132	75	51	12	12	9
Ōkato and south-western ru	219	123	135	51	66	36	39	21
Omata and north-western ru	216	72	111	66	66	18	27	12
	588	306	378	192	183	66	78	42

	Dwelling owned or partly owned, mortgage payments made	Dwelling not owned and not held in a family trust, rent payments made	Dwelling owned or partly owned, mortgage payments not made	Dwelling held in a family trust, mortgage payments not made	Dwelling held in a family trust, mortgage payments made	Dwelling owned or partly owned, mortgage arrangements not further defined	Dwelling not owned and not held in a family trust, rent payments not made	Dwelling held in a family trust, mortgage arrangements not further defined
Ōākura	28%	20%	24%	14%	9%	2%	2%	2%
Ōkato and south-western ru	32%	18%	20%	7%	10%	5%	6%	3%
Omata and north-western ru	37%	12%	19%	11%	11%	3%	5%	2%
	32%	17%	21%	10%	10%	4%	4%	2%

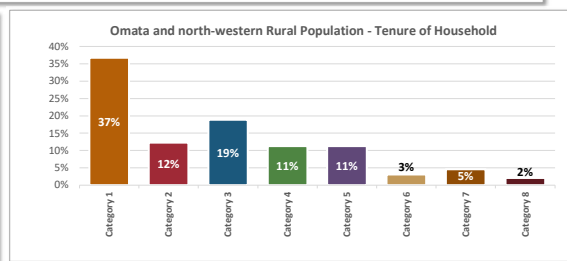
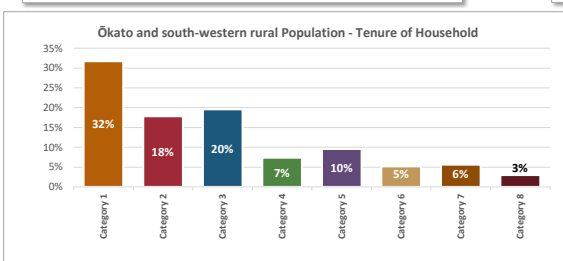
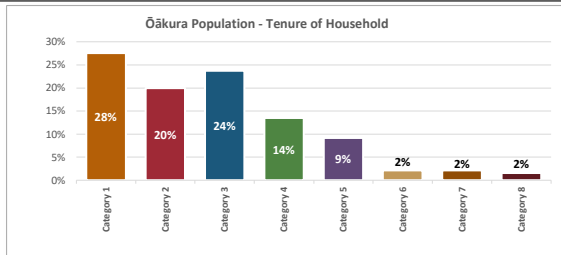
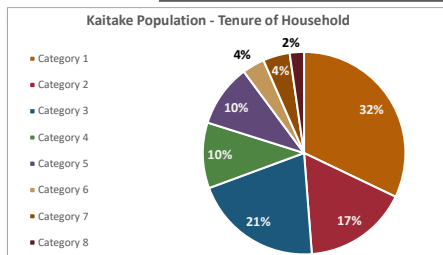


Table 12: Community Board by Weekly rent paid

* The average weekly rent paid in Kaitake community is \$330

	Under \$100	\$100-\$199	\$200-\$299	\$300-\$399	\$400-\$499	\$500-\$599	\$600 and over
Ōākura	0	0	18	36	30	21	6
Ōkato and south-western ru	0	27	42	39	0	0	0
Omata and north-western ru	0	12	21	27	0	0	0
	0	39	81	102	30	21	6

	Under \$100	\$100-\$199	\$200-\$299	\$300-\$399	\$400-\$499	\$500-\$599	\$600 and over
Ōākura	0%	0%	16%	32%	27%	19%	5%
Ōkato and south-western ru	0%	25%	39%	36%	0%	0%	0%
Omata and north-western ru	0%	20%	35%	45%	0%	0%	0%
	0%	14%	29%	37%	11%	8%	2%

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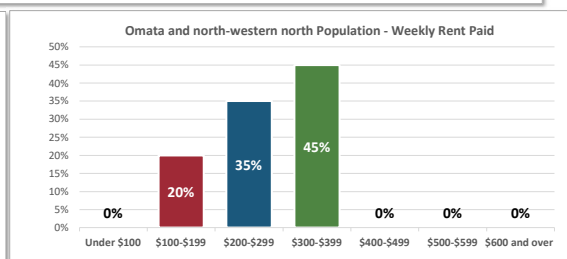
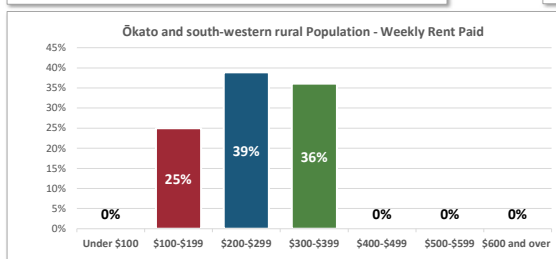
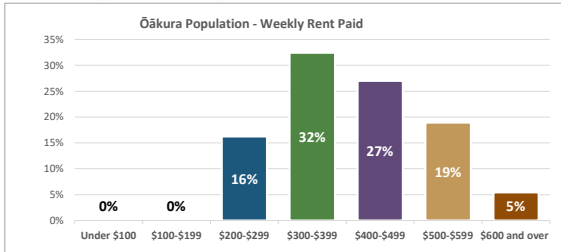
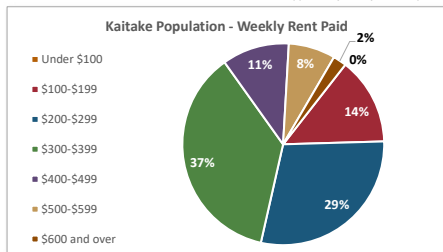


Table 13: Community Board by Total Household Income

* The total household income is estimated to be around \$102,000 annually

	Not Stated/Loss	\$1-\$25,000	\$25,001-\$50,000	\$50,001-\$70,000	\$70,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$150,000	\$150,001 or more
Ōākura	39	48	75	57	75	99	159
Ōkato and south-western ru	48	72	96	114	105	132	108
Omata and north-western ru	42	42	72	75	87	123	141
	129	162	243	246	267	354	408

	Not Stated/Loss	\$1-\$25,000	\$25,001-\$50,000	\$50,001-\$70,000	\$70,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$150,000	\$150,001 or more
Ōākura	7%	9%	14%	10%	14%	18%	29%
Ōkato and south-western ru	7%	11%	14%	17%	16%	20%	16%
Omata and north-western ru	7%	7%	12%	13%	15%	21%	24%
	7%	9%	13%	14%	15%	20%	23%

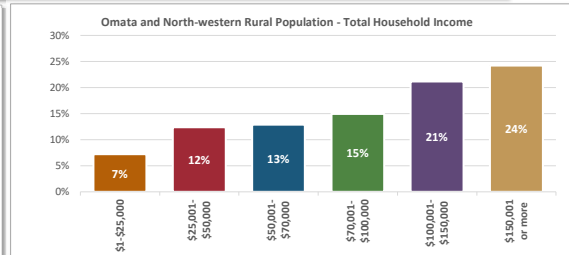
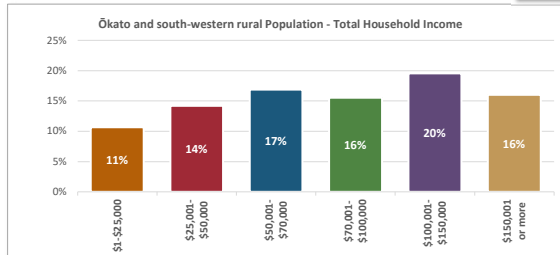
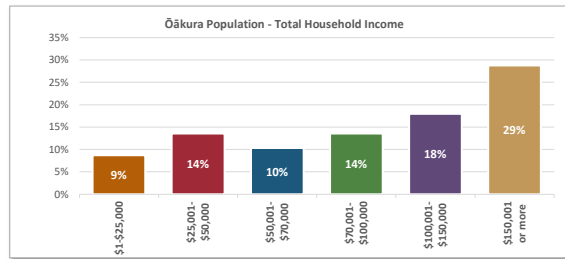
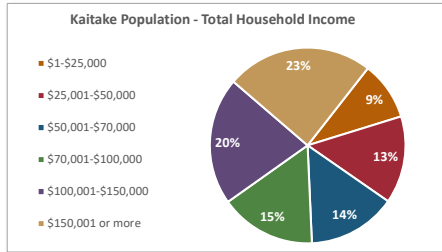
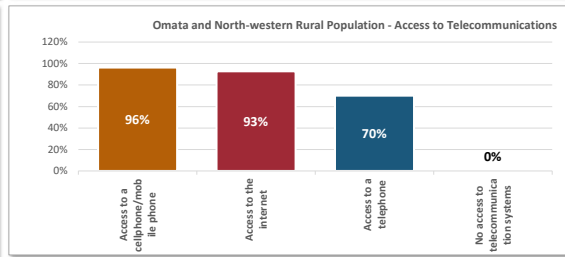
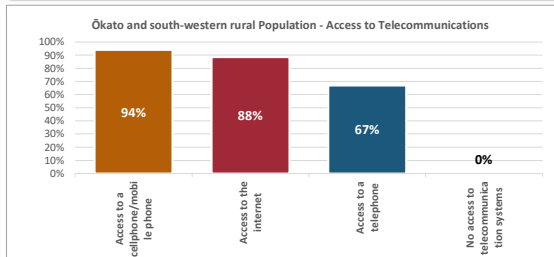
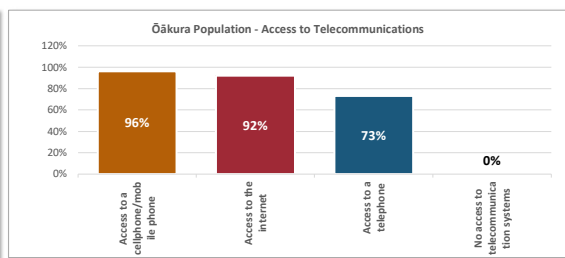
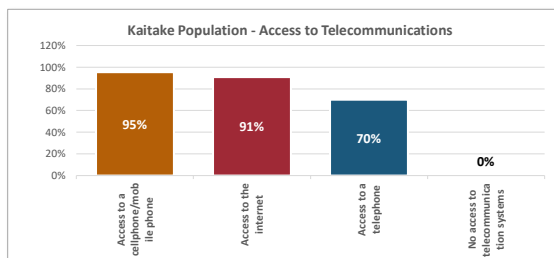


Table 14: Community Board by Access to telecommunications

* Everyone in the Kaitake Community has access to telecommunication systems

	Access to a cellphone/mobile phone	Access to the internet	Access to a telephone	No access to telecommunication systems
Ōākura	96%	92%	73%	0%
Ōkato and south-western ru	94%	88%	67%	0%
Omata and north-western ru	96%	93%	70%	0%
	95%	91%	70%	0%



Dwelling tables: counting private occupied dwellings

Table 15: Community Board by Access to basic amenities

*Everyone in the Kaitake Community has access to basic amenities

	Kitchen sink	Cooking facilities	Toilet	Bath or shower	Electricity supply	Tap water that is safe to drink	Refrigerator	None of these
Ōākura	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	0%
Ōkato and south-western ru	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	98%	97%	0%
Omata and north-western ru	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	96%	97%	0%
	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	0%

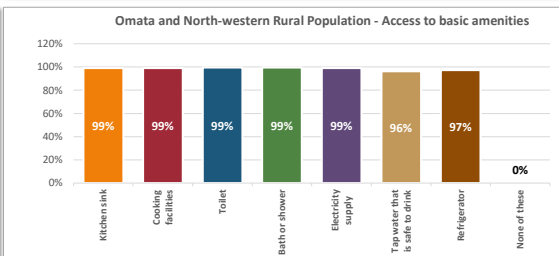
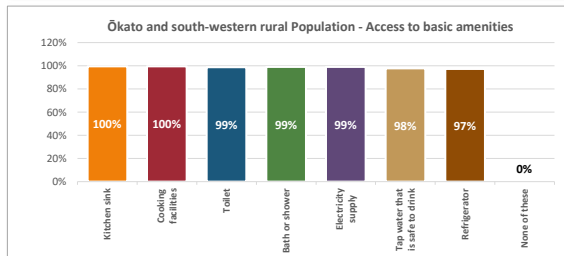
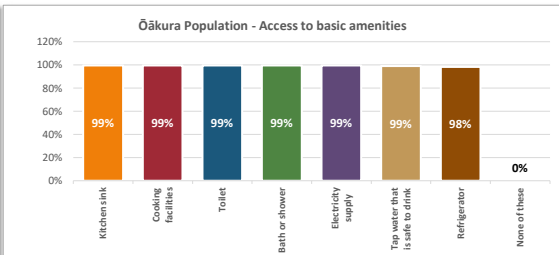
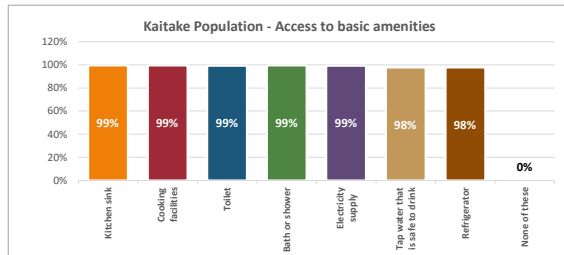


Table 16: Community Board by Dwelling dampness indicator

	Not damp	Sometimes damp	Always damp
Ōākura	459	72	9
Ōkato and south-western ru	498	114	15
Omata and north-western ru	477	84	0
	1,434	270	24

	Not damp	Sometimes damp	Always damp
Ōākura	85%	13%	2%
Ōkato and south-western ru	79%	18%	2%
Omata and north-western ru	85%	15%	0%
	83%	16%	1%

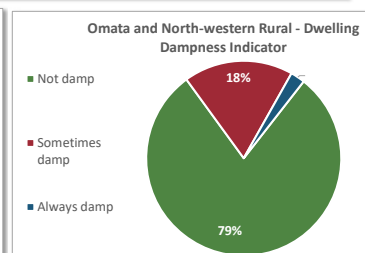
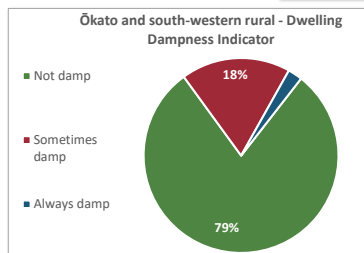
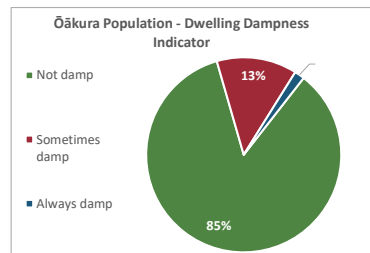
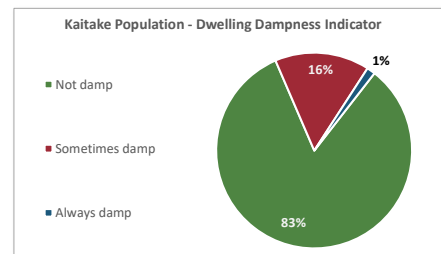
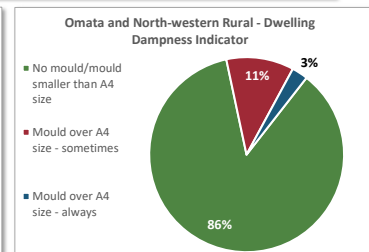
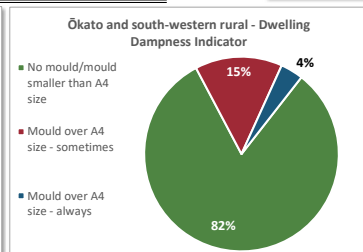
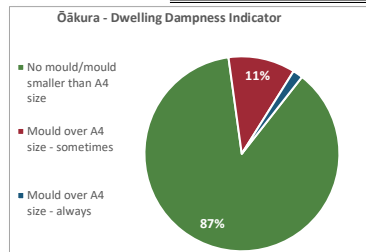
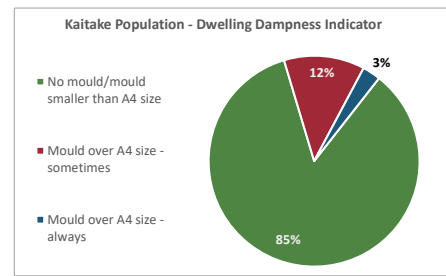


Table 17: Community Board by Dwelling mould indicator

**Mould is evident in Kaitake community*

	No mould/mould smaller than A4 size	Mould over A4 size - sometimes	Mould over A4 size - always
Ōākura	471	60	9
Ōkato and south-western ru	522	93	24
Omata and north-western ru	483	63	15
	1,476	216	48

	No mould/mould smaller than A4 size	Mould over A4 size - sometimes	Mould over A4 size - always
Ōākura	87%	11%	2%
Ōkato and south-western ru	82%	15%	4%
Omata and north-western ru	86%	11%	3%
	85%	12%	3%



LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS – ELECTORAL SYSTEM

MATTER / TE WHĀINGA

1. The matter for consideration by Council is selection of an electoral system for the 2025 triennial election.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION / NGĀ WHAIKUPU

That having considered all matters raised in the report Council:

- a) **Resolve to retain the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral system**
- b) **Give public notice (by 19 September 2023) of the decision and of the right of electors to demand a poll on the electoral system.**

STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

2. The Strategy and Operations Committee endorsed the officer's recommendation.

COMPLIANCE / TŪTOHU	
Significance	This matter is assessed as being of some importance.
Options	This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter: 1. Resolve to retain the Single Transferable Vote electoral system. 3. Resolve to use the First Past the Post electoral system. 3. Resolve to hold a poll on the electoral system to be used for the 2025 and 2028 elections.
Affected persons	The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are the electors of the New Plymouth District.
Recommendation	This report recommends option 1 - for addressing the matter.
Long-Term Plan / Annual Plan Implications	No (unless a poll is held)
Significant Policy and Plan Inconsistencies	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA

3. The Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) enables Council to determine which electoral system will be used for subsequent triennial elections. The two options are Single Transferable Vote (STV) or First Past the Post (FPP). Council currently uses the STV system.
4. If Council wishes to change the electoral system for the 2025 election, they must resolve to do so no later than 12 September 2023. Council could alternatively decide to hold a poll on the electoral system.
5. Officers recommend retaining the current STV system as:
 - a) Council has now used the system for two elections and electors have an increasing familiarity with the system
 - b) it is more likely to reflect the preferences of a greater number of voters
 - c) it is the preferred system recognised by the Future for Local Government Review Panel
 - d) Council (through a submission on the draft Future for Local Government Review report) have already identified a preference for STV.

BACKGROUND / WHAKAPAPA

6. The LEA enables councils to choose between two electoral systems to provide "fair and effective representation for individuals and communities"¹.
7. In 2017, Council resolved to change the voting system for the following election to STV. As this was a change to the electoral system, the decision took effect for both the 2019 and 2022 elections.
8. As the STV system has been in place for two elections, Council can now decide whether to change the electoral system to FPP or remain with the STV system. Should Council make no decision, the electoral system will remain with STV.
9. Council can also choose to hold a poll on the electoral system.

¹ s41(1)(a) LEA

Two electoral system options

10. There are two electoral systems available to Council:

a) First Past the Post

Voters tick the names of candidates they wish to vote for. The voter can vote for as many candidates as there are positions to be filled. The candidates with the most votes are elected.

Until 2019, the FPP electoral system had been used for all New Plymouth District Council elections and is also used by the Taranaki Regional Council and other Taranaki territorial authorities.

b) Single Transferable Vote

Voters use numbers to rank candidates in their order of preference. A voter would write "1" next to their preferred candidate, "2" next to their second preference candidate and so on. Voters continue ranking as many of the candidates as they wish until they can no longer choose between the remaining candidates. A quota (determined from the number of valid votes and number of positions) is used to determine who is elected.

Council used the STV system for the 2019 and 2022 elections. Until 2022, Councils managed the District Health Board elections. Since 2004, all District Health Board elections had used the STV system.

11. Appendix Two outlines how both electoral systems are counted. A graphical representation of the 2022 Mayoralty election results for STV Councils can be viewed [here](#).

Electoral systems in other Councils

12. Councils have had the opportunity to adopt the STV electoral system (as an alternative to FPP) since 2004.

13. When Council made the decision to change the electoral system (to STV) in 2017, eight councils were using STV. At the 2022 election, the following 15 Councils used the STV system.

District Councils	City Councils	Regional Councils
Kaipara Kapiti Coast Marlborough New Plymouth Ruapehu Far North Gisborne	Porirua Wellington Dunedin Palmerston North Tauranga Hamilton Nelson	Greater Wellington

A poll can be held

14. Council may resolve to undertake a poll of electors that a specified electoral system be used for the next two triennial elections. If Council wish to hold a poll, they must make that decision no later than 21 February 2024.
15. Similarly, electors may demand a poll on a proposed electoral system. A demand must be signed by five per cent or more of the number of electors enrolled as eligible to vote at the last election. Based on the 2022 election (with 61,278 electors) five per cent equates to 3,064 electors. To take effect for the 2025 election, a valid demand would need to be received no later than 21 February 2024.
16. Council is required to publicly notify the electors of their right to demand a poll on the electoral system prior to each election. Public notice must be given by 19 September 2023.
17. The outcome of a poll determines the electoral system to be used for the next two triennial elections (2025 and 2028).

Representation review not recommended

18. The Electoral Officer's Report on electoral decisions (Appendix 1) notes the opportunity for Council to undertake a representation review in preparation for the 2025 triennial election. Council undertook a comprehensive review in preparation for the 2022 election. Officers do not recommend undertaking a review for the 2025 election, having done a review so recently. Should Council wish to undertake a representation review, a further report will need to be prepared for Council's consideration.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT AND CONSIDERATIONS / HURINGA ĀHUARANGI

19. There are no climate change impacts or considerations relating to this matter.

REFORM IMPLICATIONS

20. New Plymouth District Council's submission to the draft Future for Local Government report (October 2022) stated:

"We support using the Single Transferable Vote (STV) and have used it for the past two elections. However, we do not recommend it be compulsory across all local authorities. We recommend that, instead, local authorities may continue to use First-Past-The-Post (FPP) in single member seats only. This is because FPP can work relatively fairly in a single-member seat, but not so in a multi-member seat (where it becomes particularly disproportional in impact). This approach means electoral decisions remain in the hands of local communities whilst limiting the worst aspects of FPP. We also consider that a review of other non-party based electoral systems may also be appropriate to consider rather than limiting to just two systems."

21. The final report on the [Review into the Future for Local Government](#) (June 2023) recommended "adopting ranked voting (also known as single transferable vote or STV) as the nationwide method for local elections" as a means of strengthening local democracy and leadership.

NEXT STEPS / HĪKOI I MURI MAI

22. By 19 September 2023, Officers will give public notice that electors may demand a poll on the future electoral system. If Council resolves to change the electoral system (to FPP), this will also be included in the public notice.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT / KAUPAPA WHAKAHIRAHIRA

23. In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as being of some importance.
24. Many people (electors) are affected as the community decides who is going to make decisions on their behalf through the electoral system. However, the outcome of the decision for either FPP or STV is not going to have a major effect on individuals. The extent of the impact is deciding on whether to vote using a tick or a ranking system. There is no impact on Council's statutory purpose or levels of service. Variance in financial costs are likely to be minimal between FPP and STV. If Council decided to hold a poll on the issue (or received a valid demand for a poll) there would be a financial implication. This is unlikely to increase the level of significance of this matter.

25. If Council wish to engage with the public on this matter, the appropriate methodology is through a poll. The poll methodology is prescribed in the LEA and would be driven by Council's Electoral Officer.

OPTIONS

26. The LEA provides only the options of FPP or STV electoral systems. Council (and the electors) can determine to hold a poll on the matter. The matters listed below relate to both electoral systems, and the option of holding a poll. Further assessment of the individual options follows below the joint analysis.

Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hiraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi

27. Influences on the cost of elections include:
- a) The number of candidates
 - b) The number of electors
 - c) Electoral staff requirements
 - d) Local publicity
28. Council contracts out its election management processes (including document preparation and vote processing). Cost variances between FPP and STV have reduced over time and are currently negligible.

Statutory Responsibilities / Ngā Haepapa ā-ture

29. Statutory responsibilities regarding electoral systems are set out in the LEA. The purpose of the LEA recognises that the law governing the conduct of local elections and polls needs to provide sufficient flexibility to readily accommodate new technologies and processes. The legislation also adopts some uniform rules around technical matters (such as the timing of elections) and aims to allow individual councils and communities to select their preferred electoral system.
30. The principles of the LEA seek fair and effective representation for individuals and communities. The decision about which electoral system to use should be informed by how that system enables that representation to occur.

Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes / Hāpaitia / Te Tutuki o Ngā Whāinga ā-hāpori

31. Adoption of an electoral system is an administrative matter that does not impact on community outcomes.

Consistency with Policies and Plans / Te Paria i ngā Kaupapa Here me ngā Mahere

32. All options are consistent with Council's policies and plans.

Participation by Māori / Te Urunga o Ngāi Māori

33. There has been no input by Māori, to date, in the decision-making process on this item.

Option 1 Retain the Single Transferable Vote electoral system

Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea

34. Electors have now used the STV system for two elections. Changing the electoral system back to FPP may confuse some electors.

Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.

35. The advantages of the STV system are:
- STV is a broadly proportional electoral system and is more likely to reflect the preferences of a greater number of voters.
 - It is widely considered to reflect voters' wishes better than other available electoral systems.
 - STV is considered more equitable for minority representation and outcomes are more likely to reflect the diversity of the electors.
 - Each vote is of equal value at any given point in the count, and very few votes are 'wasted' by not being able to help elect at least one candidate. This means fewer votes are cast for unsuccessful candidates, or unnecessarily cast for a runaway successful candidate.
36. The disadvantages of the STV system are:
- STV is sometimes perceived as a more complex system by electors, which may have an influence on voter turnout. The perceived complexity relates to the counting methodology. In comparison to FPP, more votes are incorrectly cast (i.e. ticking instead of ranking) or voting documents left blank.
 - An electoral system that allows voters to rank candidates can be prone to what has been termed 'donkey voting', where voters vote for candidates in the order they appear on the ballot.
 - When there are many candidates, the voting documents can be large and potentially confusing.
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37. Advantages and disadvantages of the STV system have been set out in a recent (May 2023) NZ Local Government Magazine [article](#).

Option 2 Resolve to use the First Past the Post electoral system

Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea

38. Members of the community who support proportional voting may express their dissatisfaction with a decision for FPP, and mobilise electors to demand a poll on the decision.

Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.

39. The advantages of the FPP system are:

- FPP is considered to be straightforward, easy to understand and explain.

40. The disadvantages of the FPP system are:

- Representatives can get elected with a low level of public support. The winner need only get more votes than other candidates and not necessarily a majority of votes.
- Multiple candidates representing a similar opinion may “split” votes between them, allowing a candidate representing a different opinion to win despite having a minority viewpoint.
- Votes can be “wasted” as those above the number needed for a candidate to win the election are not necessary (unlike in the STV system, where unneeded votes are reallocated to the next highest preference).
- There may be a negative impact on minority sectors of the community. Electors are limited in the number of votes they can cast and may opt for the “safest” looking candidate.
- FPP is not a form of proportional representation. This means that elected members (as a group) may not necessarily reflect the range of opinions in proportion to the electors of the district holding those opinions.

Option 3 Hold a poll on the electoral system

Financial and Resourcing Implications / Ngā Hīraunga ā-pūtea, ā-rauemi

41. While there is provision in the budget for elections, there is no budget allocated for the holding of a poll (whether Council or community initiated). The cost of a poll would be covered from the election reserve and be budgeted for in the following financial year.
42. The cost of a poll would be dependent on the voter turnout. Costs are likely to be more than \$150,000 (excl GST).
43. There is likely to be additional cost for an education campaign. Any education campaign would be run in accordance with the LEA and be guided by the Electoral Officer.

Risk Analysis / Tātaritanga o Ngā Mōrearea

44. Regardless of a decision being made on Options 1 and 2, Council may be required to hold a poll as a result of a valid demand.

Advantages and Disadvantages / Ngā Huanga me Ngā Taumahatanga.

45. The advantage of holding a poll is that it would provide a clear understanding of the community's views.
46. The disadvantage of holding a poll is that the costs are unbudgeted. Voters may also not be fully informed of the advantages and disadvantages of the two electoral systems prior to exercising their vote.

Recommended Option

This report recommends option 1 - resolve to retain the Single Transferable Vote electoral system for addressing the matter.

APPENDICES / NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA

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| Appendix 1 | Electoral Officer's Report on Electoral Decisions (30 June 2023)
(ECM9017200) |
| Appendix 2 | Vote Counting Preferences (ECM9018400) |

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1.0 Summary / Te Whakarāpopotanga

The Local Electoral Act 2001 provides for local authorities in 2023 to consider certain electoral matters for the 2025 triennial elections.

The first matter is consideration of the electoral system, which must be completed by 12 September 2023, to decide whether:

- the Single Transferable Voting (STV) electoral system is retained; or
- the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system is re-introduced; or
- a poll of electors is held on which electoral system is to be used for the next two triennial elections.

The second matter is consideration of Māori wards (where applicable). However, as Council established a Māori ward in 2020 (for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections), no action is required regarding this in 2023.

The third matter is undertaking a representation arrangements review (where applicable). As a representation arrangements review was undertaken in 2021 (for at least the 2022 triennial elections), no action is required regarding this in 2024 unless Council wishes to undertake a further representation review (this may be undertaken after three-years if required) or make any minor boundary alterations.

2.0 Recommendation / Te Whaikupu

THAT the report titled 'Electoral Decisions' be received; and

THAT pursuant to section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 Council resolves for the 2025 New Plymouth District Council triennial elections to:

either

- (i) retain the Single Transferable Voting electoral system;
or
- (ii) change to the First Past the Post electoral system;
or
- (iii) undertake a poll of electors on the electoral system;

and that public notice be given by 19 September 2023 of the decision and of the right of electors to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used; and

THAT Council considers (this is optional) whether to undertake a further representation arrangements review or make any minor boundary alterations in 2024 for the 2025 triennial elections (under sections 19H or 19JA of the Local Electoral Act 2001).

3.0 Background / Te kōrero ā mua

The Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) provides for greater flexibility and local choice in several electoral related matters. The principal matters requiring consideration by most local authorities in 2023/2024 for the 2025 triennial elections are (i) the choice of electoral system (STV or FPP), (ii) for some whether or not to establish Māori wards (if not already established) and (iii) for some to undertake a representation arrangements review.

Consideration of the electoral system is to be made by 12 September 2023 with a public notice required by 19 September 2023; consideration of Māori wards is required by 23 November 2023 (not applicable to Council); and consideration of whether to undertake a further representation arrangements review or to make any minor boundary alterations should be made as soon as practicable.

4.0 The issues / Ngā take

The LEA requires a local authority, when considering certain electoral matters, to comply with set requirements and timeframes. These are detailed in **Appendix 1**.

The dates contained in Appendix 1 are generally the last compliance dates and it is anticipated that most of the matters can be completed prior to these dates.

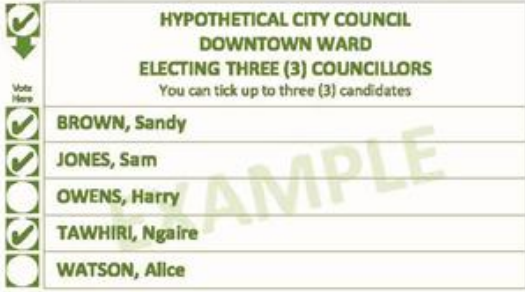
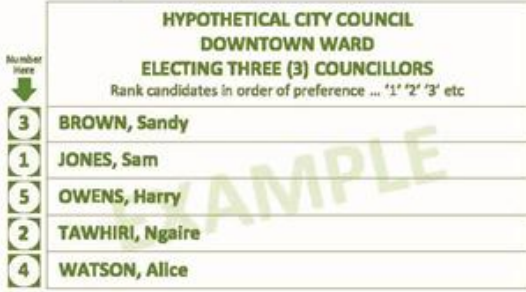
4.1 Electoral System

Council has used the STV electoral system since 2019 and has the opportunity every three-years to review the electoral system to be used for the next triennial election (2025).

For the 2022 triennial elections, 63 of 78 local authorities used the FPP electoral system, and 15 of 78 local authorities used the STV electoral system. Local authorities currently using the STV electoral system are:

Dunedin City Council, Far North District Council, Gisborne District Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Hamilton City Council, New Plymouth District Council, Kapiti Coast District Council, Marlborough District Council, Nelson City Council, New Plymouth District Council, Palmerston North City Council, Porirua City Council, Ruapehu District Council, Tauranga City Council and Wellington City Council.

A table comparing FPP and STV (as used in a territorial authority's electoral system poll and approved by DIA) follows.

COMPARING FPP AND STV	
A typical FPP voting document could look like this A typical STV voting document could look like this	
A typical FPP voting document for the Hypothetical City Council Downtown Ward, electing three councillors. It shows a list of five candidates: BROWN, Sandy; JONES, Sam; OWENS, Harry; TAWHIRI, Ngaire; and WATSON, Alice. Each name has a circular box next to it for a tick mark. The first three boxes are marked with a tick.	A typical STV voting document for the Hypothetical City Council Downtown Ward, electing three councillors. It shows a list of five candidates: BROWN, Sandy; JONES, Sam; OWENS, Harry; TAWHIRI, Ngaire; and WATSON, Alice. Each name has a circular box next to it for a number. The boxes are numbered 3, 1, 5, 2, and 4 respectively.
FPP	STV
FPP has long been widely used in New Zealand, is familiar and is generally easy to understand.	STV is currently used in Australia, United States, Ireland and Malta. Along with all the DHBs it is also being used by fifteen New Zealand Councils in 2022. STV is also used by companies like Fonterra, to select board members.
Each voter is able to cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled. Voters place a tick beside the name of the candidate or candidates they wish to vote for.	Each voter gets one vote, no matter how many vacancies. Voters rank candidates in order of preference - "1" beside their most preferred candidate "2" beside the second-most preferred candidate, and so on. Voters do not have to rank all candidates, but must use consecutive numbers.
The candidate who receives the most votes is elected. Where there is more than one vacancy, the candidates (equal to the number of vacancies) who receive the most votes are elected.	A candidate must reach the quota to be elected. Where there is more than one vacancy, the candidates (equal to the number of vacancies) who reach the quota are elected.
FPP is not a form of proportional representation. Each tick is counted as a vote for that candidate and the candidate or candidates with the most votes are elected. A candidate may be elected by a small margin.	STV is a proportional electoral system. Proportional systems are intended to provide more effective representation for all significant points of view, although it cannot be guaranteed that STV will provide an increased diversity of representation.
A candidate may receive more votes than they need to get elected.	A candidate would not receive more votes than they would need to get elected, as surplus votes are transferred to the next preference.
Some voters may not have supported any of the candidates who get elected.	If voters rank every candidate, they are likely to have supported at least one successful candidate.
Where political parties or organised political groupings contest the elections, and there are say 3 vacancies, voters can vote for the 3 candidates representing a political party or organised political group ("block" voting). This can result in all candidates from a political party or organised political group being elected.	STV can moderate "block" voting as voters can rank every candidate therefore making it more difficult for all candidates from a political party or organised political group to be elected.

The process that Council can follow to determine its electoral system is:

- (i) Council can resolve which electoral system is to be used, with a required public notice;
- (ii) five per cent of electors can demand a poll at any time;
- (ii) Council can choose to hold a poll, irrespective of whether or not a poll is demanded by electors.

(i) COUNCIL TO RESOLVE WHICH ELECTORAL SYSTEM IS TO BE USED

Council can resolve to retain the current electoral system (STV) or resolve to change the electoral system to FPP. Such a resolution must be made no later than 12 September 2023 (two years prior to the next triennial election) unless it decides to hold a poll of electors prior to the 2025 triennial elections.

Any resolution that changes the electoral system would take effect for the 2025 triennial elections and continue in effect until either Council resolves otherwise, or a poll of electors is held.

(ii) ELECTORS' RIGHT TO DEMAND A POLL

Under section 28 of the LEA, Council **must** give public notice, by 19 September 2023, of the right of electors to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used for the 2025 triennial elections. If Council passes a resolution under section 27 of the LEA to change the electoral system from STV to FPP the public notice must include:

- (a) notice of that resolution; and
- (b) a statement that a poll is required to countermand that resolution.

Section 29 of the LEA allows 5% of the electors enrolled at the previous triennial election to demand a binding poll be held on which electoral system is to be used for the next two triennial elections. The poll demand must be made in writing to the Chief Executive by a number of electors equal to or greater than 5% of the electors (3,064 electors) and can be made anytime, but to be effective for the 2025 triennial elections, must be made by 21 February 2024.

If a valid demand for a poll is received after 21 February 2024, a poll must be held after 21 May 2024 (e.g. with the 2025 triennial elections), the outcome effective for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections.

(iii) COUNCIL MAY DECIDE TO HOLD A POLL OF ELECTORS

Council can decide to hold a poll of electors at any time (section 31 of the LEA), but to be effective for the 2025 triennial elections, must decide no later than 21 February 2024, irrespective of whether a valid demand has been received, or the time has expired for electors to demand a poll.

Public notice of the poll must be given as soon as practicable after the resolution and the poll itself must be completed by 21 May 2024 (to be effective for the 2025 triennial elections).

The result of the poll is binding and will determine whether STV or FPP is to be used for at least the next two triennial elections (2025, 2028) and for all subsequent elections until either a further resolution takes effect or a further poll is held.

4.2 Representation Arrangements Review

A representation arrangements review must be undertaken at least once every six years (section 19H of the LEA). As the last review was undertaken in 2021 (following the establishment of a Māori ward) the next review is not required until 2027. However, Council is able to undertake a further representation arrangements review after three-years, or make any boundary adjustments, in 2024 if it so wishes.

Current representation arrangements are:

- mayor elected at-large
- nine councillors elected from four wards
 - Kaitake-Ngāmotu General Ward (6)
 - Kōhanga Moa General Ward (1)
 - North General Ward (1)
 - Te Purutanga Mauri Pūmanawa Māori Ward (1)
- 20 community board members from five community boards
 - Clifton Community Board (4)
 - Inglewood Community Board (4)
 - Kaitake Community Board (4)
 - Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board (4)
 - Waitara Community Board (4)

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2023/2024 ELECTORAL SYSTEM & REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW TIMETABLE

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

By 12 September 2023*	A local authority MAY resolve to change the electoral system (from the system it used at the 2022 general election) for the next two triennial elections.	Section 27 of LEA
By 19 September 2023*	A local authority MUST give public notice that electors may at any time demand that a poll be held on the future electoral system to be used by the local authority for the next two triennial elections, and if a poll outcome is to apply to the next triennial election, a demand for a poll must be received by 21 February 2024. If a resolution has been made by a local authority by 12 September 2023, this must be included in the notice.	Section 28 of LEA
By 21 February 2024*	IF a demand for a poll that a specified electoral system be used for the next two triennial elections is received by 21 February 2024, a poll must be held by 21 May 2024.	Sections 29 and 30 of LEA
By 21 February 2024*	A local authority MAY also resolve to undertake a poll of electors that a specified electoral system be used for the next two triennial elections.	Section 31 of LEA
From 1 March 2024	Period commences for formal consultation/resolution of initial proposal for Representation Arrangements Review by local authority.	Section 19K (1AA) of LEA
By 21 May 2024*	If a successful demand for a poll has been received by 21 February 2024, or a resolution for a poll has been made by a local authority by 21 February 2024 (that a specified electoral system be used for the next two triennial elections), then a poll MUST be held within 89 days of notification.	Section 33 of LEA

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By 31 August 2024*	Period concludes for consultation/resolution of initial proposal for Representation Arrangements Review by local authority.	Section 19H of LEA
By 8 September 2024*	A local authority MUST give public notice of resolution of initial proposal. One-month submission period.	Section 19M of LEA
By 8 October 2024*	Submission period closes.	Section 19M of LEA
By 19 November 2024*	Submissions heard by local authority and resolution of final proposal made by a local authority.	Section 19N of LEA
By 19 November 2024*	A local authority MUST give further public notice of its resolution of final proposal (within six weeks of public notice). -One-month appeal/objection period.	Section 19N of LEA
By 20 December 2024*	Appeal/objection period closes.	Section 19O of LEA
By 15 January 2025*	Forward all Representation Arrangements Review material to LGC (if appeal/objection received).	Section 19Q of LEA
Before 11 April 2025*	Determination by LGC	Section 19R of LEA

* may be earlier than but not later than

Dale Ofoske, January 2023

APPENDIX 2 - VOTE COUNTING PROCESS (ECM9018400)

COUNTING FPP VOTES

FPP is not a proportional voting system. It is a block voting system. Each elector gets to choose as many preferred candidates as there are vacancies. (For example, in the City ward there are 10 positions and an elector can cast 10 votes. In the Kaitake Community Board there are 4 positions and an elector can cast 4 votes).

At the close of voting, all votes are counted and the candidate(s) with the most votes is/are elected.

COUNTING STV VOTES

STV is a form of preferential or proportional voting. Each elector ranks some or all of the candidates in order of their personal preference. To cast a valid vote, an elector needs to rank at least one candidate. However, they can rank more or all of the candidates.

Counting STV votes is done using a specially developed STV calculator. There is a "quota", which is the number of votes a candidate needs to be elected, and a "keep value" which is the portion of the vote they need to reach the quota.

Where the number of votes a candidate receives exceeds the quota (set at $\text{votes} \div (\text{vacancies} + 1)$), a keep value is calculated. This determines by what percentage the number of votes received exceeds the number required by the quota. The keep value is then retained by the candidate and the proportion of each vote above the keep value (often called the surplus vote) is added to the second preference candidate for each of the electors of that candidate. The results are then re-tallied.

Candidates who reach the quota are elected and the candidate with the fewest votes is excluded. Those people who voted for the excluded candidate have their votes redistributed using the process above.

If there are insufficient candidates elected using the above process, it continues with the lower ranked preferences until all positions are filled.

In summary:

1. All first preference votes are counted.
2. Any candidate whose first preference votes equal or exceed the quota (set at $\text{votes} \div (\text{vacancies} + 1)$) is elected. If all vacancies are filled, then no further action is required.

If not all vacancies are filled:

3. Any surplus votes (by electors of the successful candidate(s)) are reallocated to the next preference votes of those electors.
4. Candidates who then reach the quota are elected
5. The candidate with the fewest votes is excluded
6. The excluded candidate's votes are redistributed according to the voter's next preference.
7. The votes are re-calculated. If vacancies remain, then the steps in 3, 4 and 5 are repeated until all positions are filled.

The STV calculator is independently certified and voters can trust that it only transfers a vote according to voters' preferences ranked on their voting documents. Nothing (and no person) can influence the transfer of votes set out on voting documents.

CLOSING KARAKIA

Unuhia, unuhia,	Draw on, draw on
Unuhia i te uru tapu-nui	Draw on the supreme sacredness
Kia wātea, kia māmā te ngākau, te tinana	To clear, to free the heart, the body
Te Wairua i te ara takatū	and the spirit of mankind
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki runga	Rongo suspended high above us (in heaven)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	To be cleared of obstruction
Ae rā kua wātea	It is cleared
Hau Paimarire	

This karakia is recited to close a hui or event. It takes us from a place of focus and releases us to be clear of all the issues or tensions that may have arisen during the hui. We are now free to get on with other things.