

Inglewood Community Board Plan

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This Plan outlines the vision and aspirations for the Inglewood Community Board area, reflecting what matters most to the local community. It helps guide New Plymouth District Council's decisions about where effort, investment and action are needed.

The Community Board sincerely thanks community members, Council officers and elected members who contributed their time, feedback and ideas during the development of this Plan.

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Message from the Chair

Inglewood is a community in the south-west of the New Plymouth district, the urban area is largely a dormitory town with a variety of businesses located in and around the township, but most importantly we have a good mix of trades people who can service our community whether you are urban or rural. Our rural land around the town is mainly dairy and dairy support, but as we get out into the hill country (out east) sheep and beef is the main grazing option with forestry also taking over some of this land. We have large amounts of remnant native flora and fauna, which makes this a very nice place to live and work.

Our large network of roads that cross our district and hold it altogether, come from under the mountain down toward the coast crossing over the many rivers and streams that drain our land.
Our community has been well maintained and in recent times Council has been carrying out major stormwater and wastewater works, plus ongoing work to update the drinking water network to ensure the water keeps flowing. Junction Road endowment money has been invested into improvements on Tarata Road (mainly the saddle and out by the dog trail ground), with more improvements to come on Tarata Road in line with the investment plan.

The Windsor Walkway has now been completed and is well used.

A network of AED's has been established across our district where people meet and play, with the hope if you ever need an AED it is not to far away.

The CBD seating upgrade has begun, with more still to be completed.

There are more projects to come from our Discretionary Fund, and we are looking for more projects to add to the list with the aim of enhancing our community to be the best place to live, work and play.

Donald McIntyre
Chair
Inglewood Community Board

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Meet the Board Members 2025-2028



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The Inglewood Community Board meets monthly at 1.30pm in the Inglewood Community Library and Service Centre.

These meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the Council's website at npdc.govt.nz/meetings

If you would like speaking rights at a Board meeting please contact NPDC's Governance Team by emailing governanceteam@npdc.govt or phoning 06 759 6060

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About Community Boards

Community Boards play an important role in local decision-making. They are the main link between local communities and the New Plymouth District Council, helping ensure that local voices, issues, and ideas are heard.

There are five community boards in the New Plymouth District.

Community Board members and Councillors are elected every three years during local body elections. A ward councillor is appointed to each community board.

What Community Boards do

Community Boards focus on what matters to their local area. Their key responsibilities include:

- Representing and advocating for the interests of their community.
- Raising issues or reporting on matters referred to them by the Council, or anything of local interest.
- Keeping an overview of Council services in their area.
- Providing input into Council budgets by preparing an annual submission on local priorities.
- Connecting with community groups, organisations, and residents.

Community Boards spend much of their time working directly with people in the community; listening, supporting, and helping raise matters with the Council.

How Community Boards fit within Council

Community Boards are not committees of Council. They are independent, unincorporated bodies that provide a strong voice for communities outside the New Plymouth city area.

Compared with Councillors, Community Board members typically spend more time on direct representation and local issues, and less on formal governance work.

Community Boards operate under the Local Government Act 2002, which sets out how they work and also places limits on what they can do, e.g. Community Boards cannot own or sell property, or appoint or manage staff.

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Community Board funding

There are several ways Community Board initiatives can be funded. Council makes decisions on major investments, such as new facilities or major upgrades, including any large projects proposed by Community Boards.

Some projects may also require external funding. Council officers can assist Community Boards with preparing applications to external funders.

Each Community Board is allocated $150,000 per year of discretionary funding, in line with the Community Boards Discretionary Funding Framework, to support minor local projects and initiatives.

Upcoming representation review

Every council must review its representation arrangements at least once every six years. New Plymouth District Council last completed its review in 2021, and the next review will take place before the 2028 local elections.

The review looks at how Councillors and Community Board members are elected, including decisions on:

- Whether Community Boards should exist.
- The boundaries of each Community Board area.
- The number of members on each board.
- Whether Community Board areas should be subdivided, similar to electoral wards.

The review helps ensure fair and effective representation for all communities in the district.

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Developing our Plan

Our draft Community Board Plan was shaped through careful consideration of your feedback. During May and June 2026, we sought your views on whether the draft plan reflected your needs and aspirations for the next three years, and how well the vision, key focus areas, priorities and advocacy topics aligned with what matters to you.

We engaged with individuals, groups and organisations across the community board area. The issues and aspirations you raised through conversations, workshops and submissions have helped us refine and finalise this plan.

We thank everyone who contributed their time, ideas and local knowledge. Your input has been essential in shaping a plan that reflects our community.

Carrying out our Plan

Delivering this plan requires many people working together – our communities, the Community Board, and the wider Council whānau. To bring the plan to life, we will:

- Prioritise budgets to focus on the initiatives in the plan.
- Make the best use of our local assets.
- Provide direction to Council staff who deliver projects and services.
- Work alongside community groups, partners and stakeholders to support delivery.

Where important projects fall outside the Community Board's available funding or decision-making powers, we will advocate on behalf of our community to the appropriate decision-makers, ensuring community views are clearly heard and supported.

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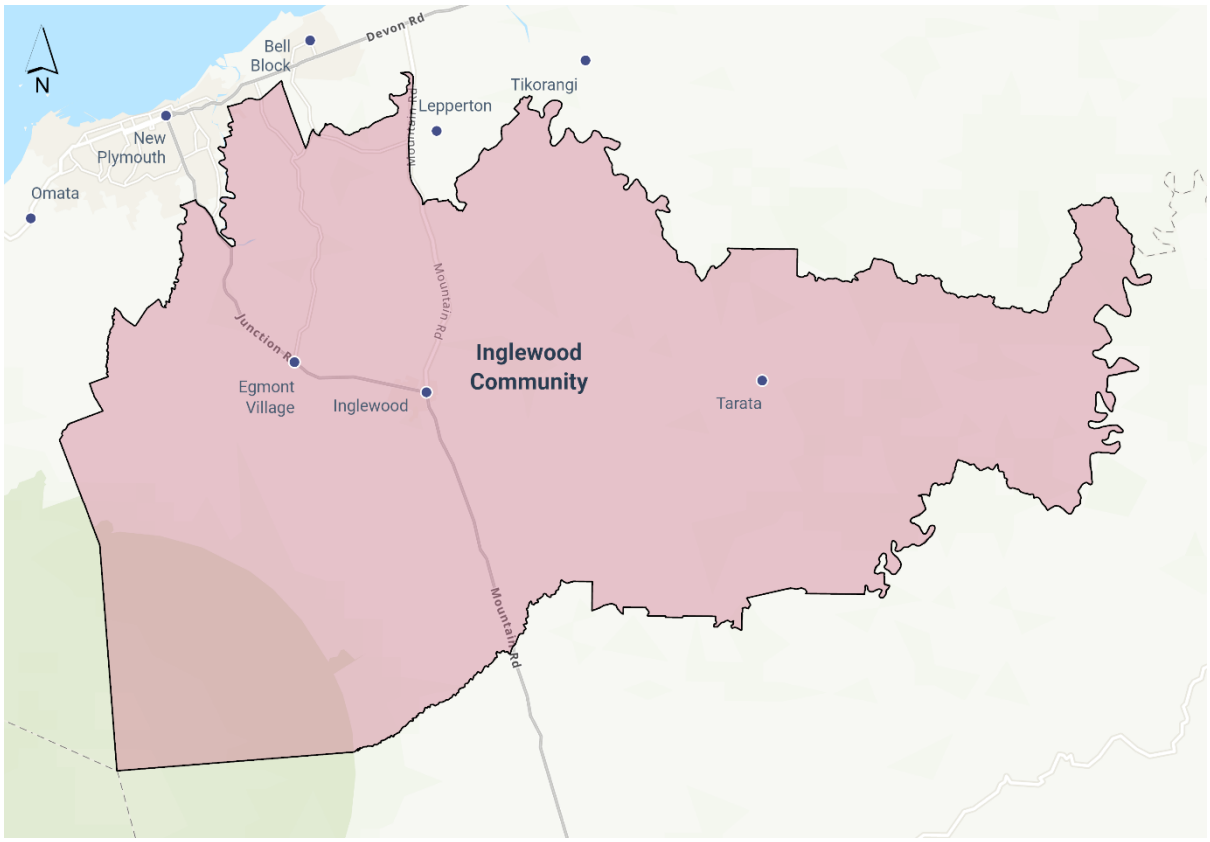
Inglewood Community Board area

The Inglewood Community Board is part of the Kōhanga Moa Ward. Its geographic area encompasses the rural communities surrounding the Inglewood urban area including Egmont Village, Norfolk and the southern rural areas of the New Plymouth District.



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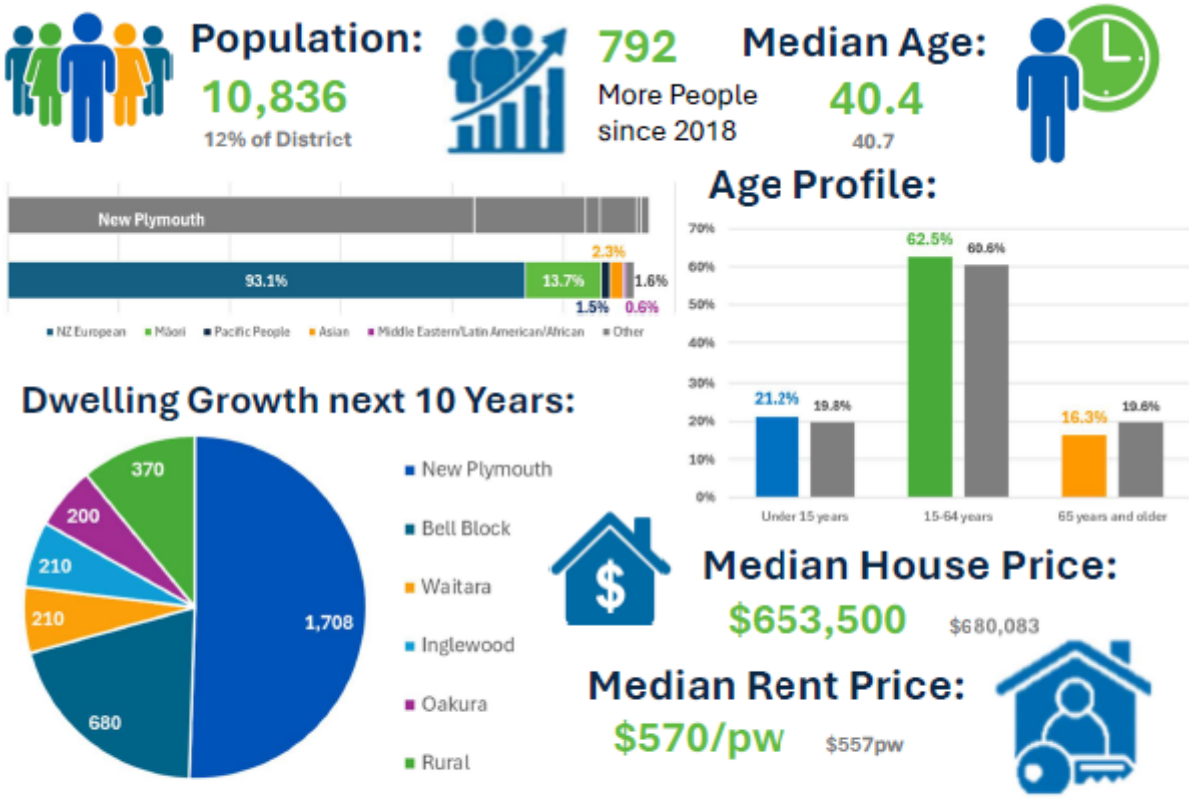
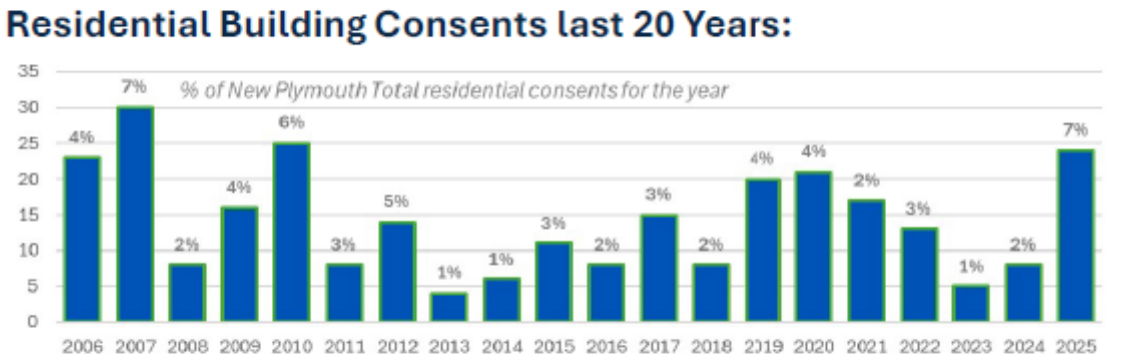
Key Statistics

This section provides an overview of key statistics for the Inglewood Community Board area. Data is sourced from Census 2023, Regional Economic Profile 2025 and Real Estate NZ 2025 Data.

(Figures in grey are for the New Plymouth District as a comparison)







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New Plymouth District Council's Strategic Framework

NPDC's Strategic Framework outlines the Council's vision, mission and goals, which together represent the community outcomes. It is widely used across the organisation and is a key foundation for developing the Long-Term Plan 2027-2037. Community Board projects and initiatives are therefore expected to align with the Strategic Framework.

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Thriving Today, Resilient Tomorrow
Matomato i te ao, Manawaroa i te pō

Goals (Community Outcomes)
Ngā whāinga (Ngā putanga mō te hapori)



People live well, now and into the future

Needs are met and people feel physically, socially and economically secure

Ka ora pai te iwi ināianei ā, haere ake nei

E whakatutuki ana ngā hiahia kia ora ai te taha tinana, te taha hapori me te ōhangatanga hoki



Core infrastructure is reliable and fit for purpose

Essential services are efficient, resilient and future-ready

He kaha, ā e hāngai ana ngā hanganga matua ki te pūtake

He rawe, he aumangea ngā ratonga matua haere nei te wā, haere nei te wā



A strong, diverse economy that is agile in a changing world

Employment, innovation, private sector partnerships and enterprise support people and businesses to thrive

He ōhanga kanorau e moruki ana i te ao hurihuri

Nā te mahi, te auahatanga, ngā hinonga me te rāngai tūmataiti, e ora ai te tāngata me ngā pakihi



Communities are connected, heard, and proud to live here

Our decisions reflect community voices, strong partnerships, and care for people, place and the natural environment

E honohono ana, e rangona ana, e whakahīhī hoki ana ngā hapori o te rohe

Ka whakaata ngā whakataunga i te reo o te hapori, ngā ara tūhonohono me te manaakitanga o te tangata, te whenua me te taiao

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Our Vision and what we're focusing on

"Connected, resilient and nature led"

Inglewood is a confident local hub with strong connections to the wider district. Our transport network is safe, resilient, and future-ready. Our town centre provides the essential services our communities depend on. Our natural landscapes are cherished assets that support recreation, identity, and environmental resilience.

Focus Area 1: Quality infrastructure

Ensuring reliable, safe and well-designed infrastructure that supports everyday community life.

Opportunities	• Continue with Three Waters infrastructure upgrades and improvements. • Improved transport safety outcomes in our communities. • Investigate renewable energy opportunities for civic buildings. • Continue to ensure that our community facilities are maintained to a high standard.
Challenges	• Coordinating projects that rely on cross-agency collaboration, planning processes, or regulatory approvals. • Ensuring accessibility and safety across road networks, walking routes, parks, and shared spaces. • Liaising with NZ Transport Agency to meet state highway roading requirements.
Priorities for the next three years	**Priority 1: Road safety improvements.** • Continue advocating for state highway safety improvements with NZTA. **Priority 2: Continue quality Three Waters infrastructure.** • Continuing to improve the quality of water services to ensure minimal impact on our environment for our communities. **Priority 3: Community facilities.** • Ensuring our community facilities are fit for purpose and entice the community to stay local.
Advocacy areas (Council/Government/Partners)	• Windsor Walkway safety improvements – corner Dudley/SH3. • Facility improvements at Inglewood Pool. • Turning Bays on SH3 at Dudley, Durham, Lepper and Upland roads and SH3A at Manutahi Road. • Wastewater discharge prevention. • Water intake improvements.
Discretionary Funding projects	• Egmont Village bus stops. • Dump Station for Motorhomes/Camper vans.

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	• Karo Park infrastructure improvements. • Community facility improvements that do not have existing funding streams.

Focus Area 2: Connectivity

Enhancing how people move, meet, and experience our district by strengthening links between places.

Opportunities	• Improving how people move around the district by strengthening safe, accessible walking and connection routes. • Creating more vibrant and inclusive places for people to meet, gather, and participate in community life. • Enhancing the quality and character of parks and public spaces to support community pride, wellbeing, and local identity. • Leveraging partnerships to progress spatial planning and community-led place-making initiatives. • Showcasing local creativity and culture through public art and improved shared environments.
Challenges	• Securing funding and resourcing to deliver new connectivity and place-making projects. • Balancing diverse community expectations for movement, meeting spaces, and environmental improvements. • Ensuring accessibility and safety across walking routes, parks, and shared spaces. • Coordinating projects that rely on cross-agency collaboration, planning processes, or regulatory approvals. • Maintaining upgraded spaces and assets to a standard that supports long-term community use.
Priorities for the next three years	**Priority 1: Move – strengthening walking and access networks.** • Enhancing how people move around our district by improving safe, accessible links between key places. **Priority 2: Meet – creating spaces for community Connection.** • Supporting vibrant, inclusive places where people can gather, participate and build community connection. **Priority 3: Experience – enhancing local parks and shared environments.** • Improving the quality and character of our shared spaces so people can enjoy and take pride in their local environment.

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Advocacy areas (Council/Government/Partners)	• Spatial Plan for Inglewood. • Inglewood Community Social Hub. • Tarata/Dudley Road Walkway loop. • Trimble Park tree replacement. • Implementation of Colson Road remediation and Vision 2050.
Discretionary Fund projects	• Art in public places. • New esplanade walkway and Kurapete Stream pedestrian bridge. • Alfred Road Reserve enhancements. • Tarata Road Picnic Area enhancements. • Meeting of the Waters public access improvements. • Community BBQ.

Focus Area 3: Rural and urban planning

Shaping a coherent, future focused district by aligning rural and urban planning to support safe, resilient and well-functioning communities.

Opportunities	• Improving rural road routes into urban centres. • Improving alternate rural routes in case of emergencies or infrastructure upgrades. • Liaise with rural groups regarding roading infrastructure needs.
Challenges	• Liaising with NZTA to meet State Highway roading requirements. • Establishing knowledge of rural groups for liaison. • Continue to liaise with Council regarding Treaty Settlement/land transfer of Inglewood Railway Land. • Traffic management requirements for accident detour routes.
Priorities for the next three years:	**Priority 1: Road safety improvements.** • Ensuring outlying rural road are fit for purpose, including when used for accident detour routes. **Priority 2: Co-ordinated development.** • Having plans in place to ensure co-ordinated development of land within our ward.
Advocacy areas (Council/Government/Partners)	• Spatial Plan for Inglewood. • Speed limit reductions in Egmont Village, Lepper Road and entrance to Inglewood. • Safe pedestrian crossing points within Inglewood township. • Inglewood Railway land. • Accident detour roads. • Tap at Inglewood Cemetery gate.

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	• Inglewood Reserve Management Plan. • Support the outcomes of the Lawn and Field Sports Network Plan.
Discretionary Fund projects	• Planting our place – Joe Gibbs Reserve biodiversity planting. • Roading sign information improvements • Smaller scale reserve management plan projects

Focus Area 4: Resilience and sustainability

Building a thriving, adaptable community by strengthening wellbeing and local capability for the future.

Opportunities	• Encouraging local stewardship and pride through hands-on sustainability and preparedness activities. • Strengthening community capability and preparedness through local learning, shared initiatives, and a dedicated Civil Defence community emergency centre. • Reducing environmental impact by expanding practical pathways for waste diversion and sustainable living. • Building stronger partnerships with local organisations to deliver programmes that enhance resilience and community participation.
Challenges	• Securing funding and resourcing to establish and sustain new resilience and sustainability initiatives. • Barriers to participation in community programmes, including accessibility, cost, or transport constraints. • Ensuring equitable access to opportunities for those most in need. • Difficulty sustaining volunteer capacity and community-led initiatives over time.
Priorities for the next three years	**Priority 1: Building community capability and resilience.** • Enabling our community to strengthen its capacity, adaptability, and long-term wellbeing. **Priority 2: Waste minimisation initiatives.** • Supporting a shift toward lower waste communities through improved local diversion pathways.
Advocacy areas (Council/Government/Partners)	• Housing for the elderly. • Community events, e.g. movie nights, summer events. • Local organic waste station. • Recycling bins for rural area, e.g. Egmont Village, Tarata. • Establishment of a Community Civil Defence Hub.
Discretionary Fund projects	• Community courses, e.g. compositing, food growing. • Local media initiatives that demonstrate benefit to the community.

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