

MANGAWEKA

Mangaweka is a creative settlement on State Highway 1 with a café, petrol station, gallery and electric vehicle charging station.

The settlement has a primary school, community hall and museum. With easy access to the stunning natural environment and only a 15-minute drive to Taihape Mangaweka is an interesting place to live and visit.

The settlement has existing residential and commercial zoning alongside reticulated water and wastewater.

Key community priorities

- Being a visitor destination.
- Retaining community facilities – school, hall, museum, toilets, local businesses and community services.
- Developing more housing.
- Access to the natural environment.
- Protecting heritage and historic buildings.





VISION FOR Mangaweka

Mangaweka is a prospering settlement with a growing population and school roll, a thriving visitor destination, with easy access to the Rangitīkei River and natural environment.

Mangaweka

Key themes

- 1 Visitor destination
- 2 Natural and built heritage
- 3 Housing growth
- 4 Transport links

Key Spatial Moves

- RE Residential Expansion
- RI Residential Intensification

Legend

District Plan Zones

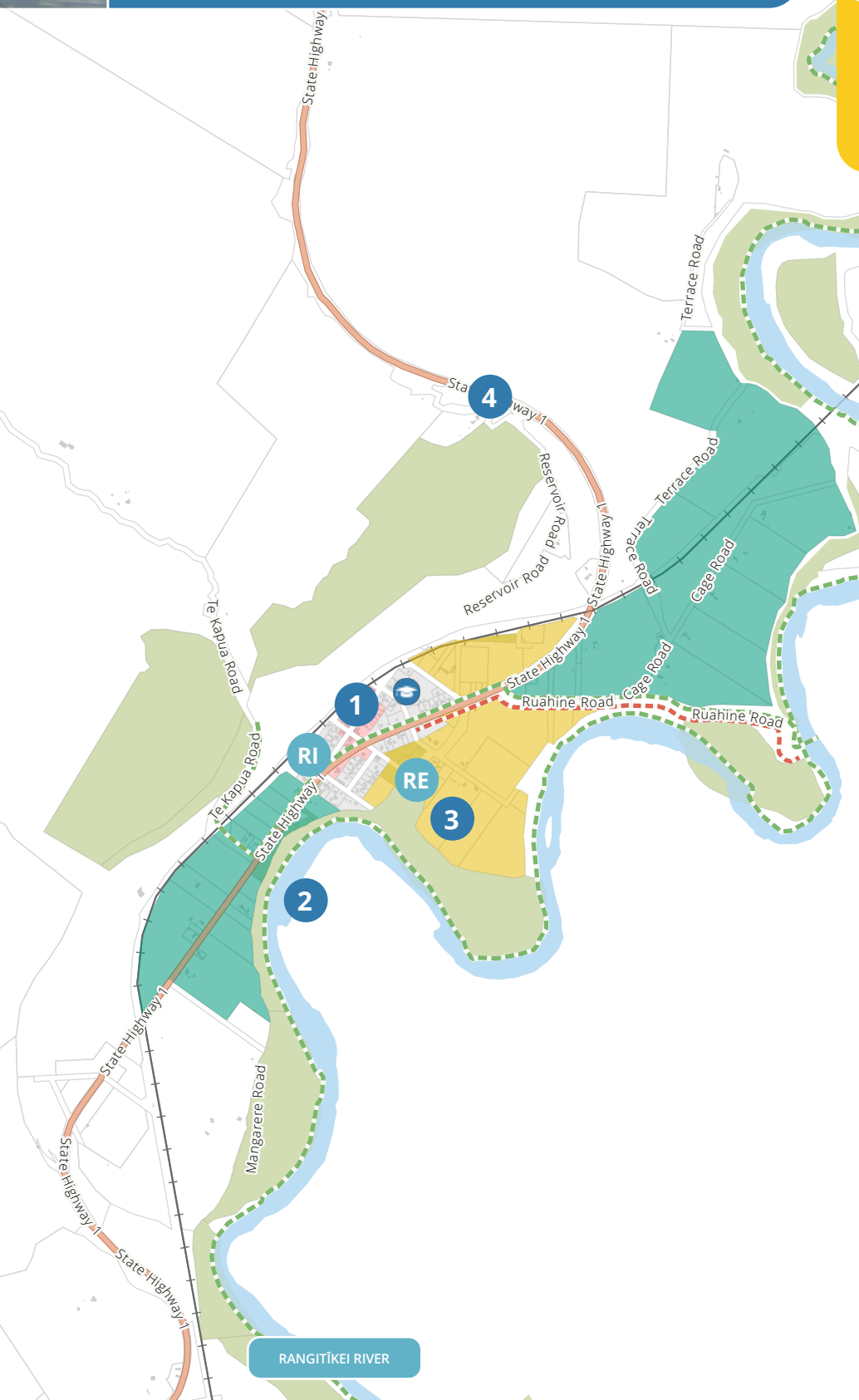
- Residential Zone
- Commercial Zone
- Rural Zone

Assessed Growth areas

- Residential High
- Residential Moderate
- Rural Lifestyle High
- Rural Lifestyle Moderate

Map Features

- Building Footprint
- Property Boundaries
- Greenspace
- Railway
- State Highways
- Active Mobility Pathway
- Nature Network
- River





📍 Historic Main Street - Mangaweka

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Visitor destination

Mangaweka has huge potential to continue to develop as a visitor destination and traveller stop. The settlement already has a popular café, petrol station, electric vehicle charging station, gallery and public toilets. Kayaking and rafting the Rangitikei River is available from nearby Awastone.

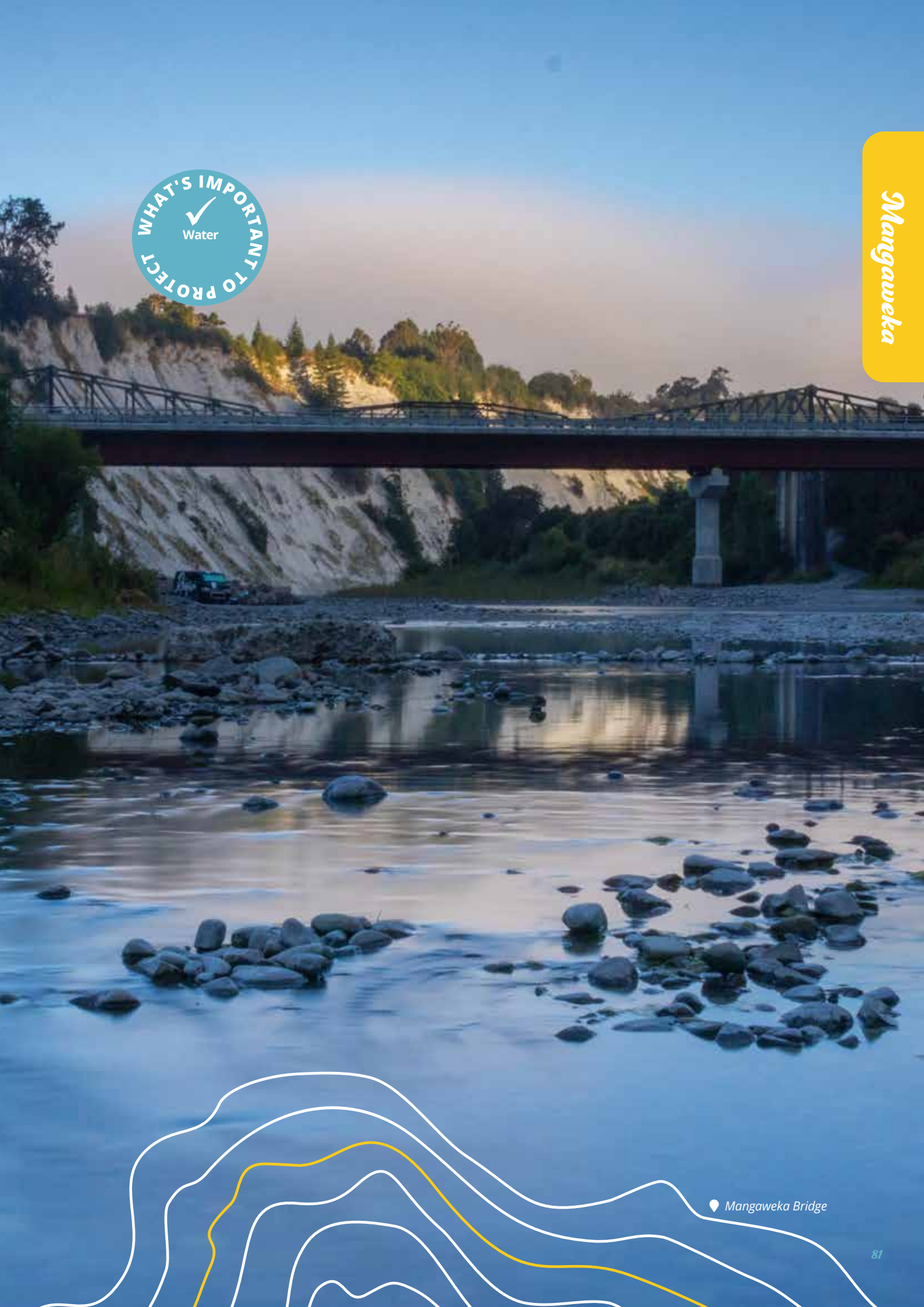
The historical buildings in the main street have significant potential to attract more visitors and the stunning natural environment, including bush walks, iconic papa cliffs and Rangitikei River present huge opportunities.

The Mangaweka Town Centre Plan identified three focus areas:

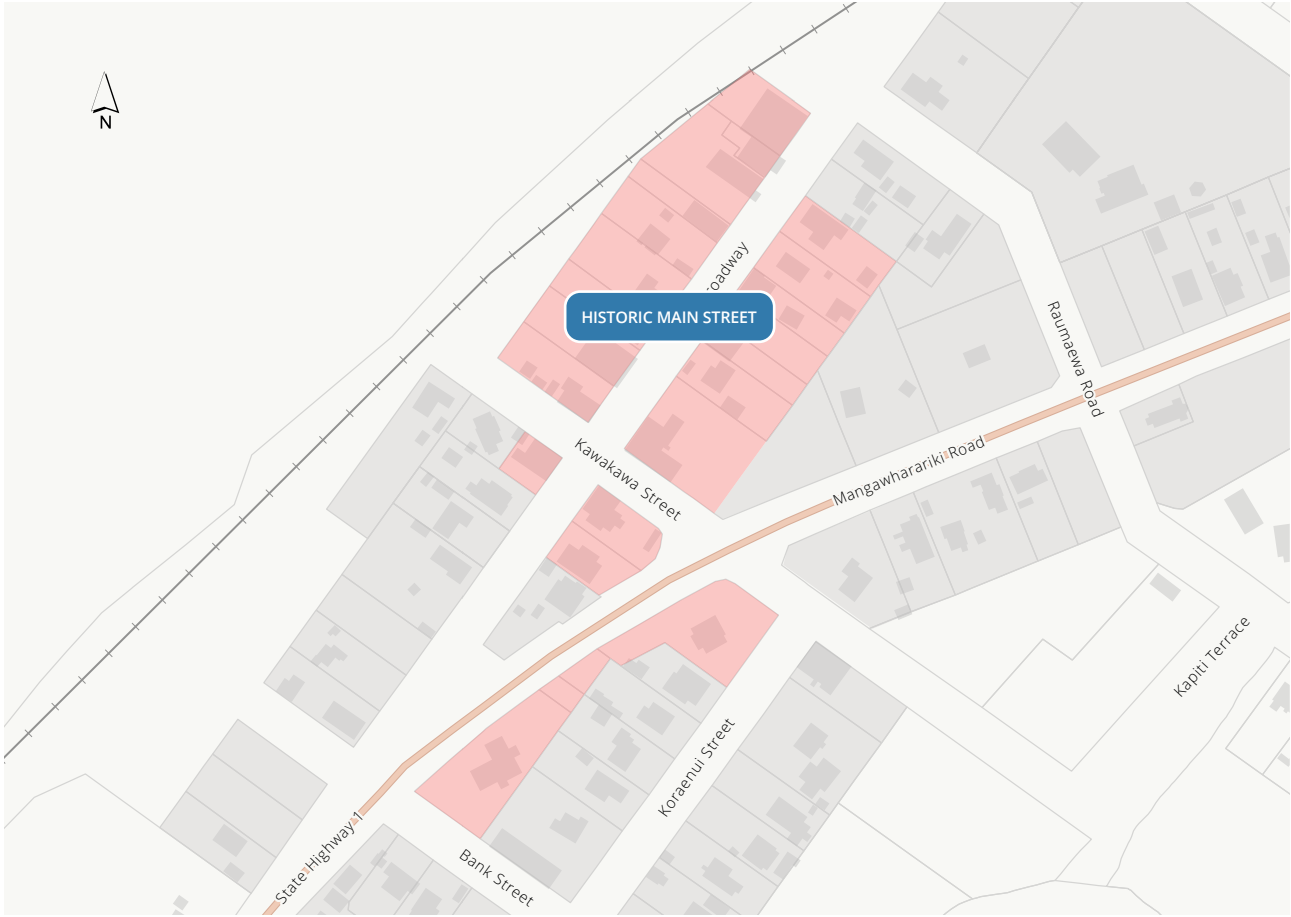
- Enhancing existing stop points to make them more attractive for travellers to stop.
- Create a Ghosts and Forgeries Discovery Walks
- Create wayfinding signs.

Priorities

- > Develop Mangaweka's reputation as a creative settlement and a key visitor destination in Rangitikei.
- > Leverage the potential of the 'Old Main Street' as a destination, supported by local cafes, galleries and boutique accommodation.
- > Investigate opportunities for increasing pedestrian safety across the state highway.
- > Improve linkages with the Old Mangaweka Bridge, and Rangitikei River.
- > Promote Mangaweka as a visitor destination, including built and natural attractions.



📍 Mangaweka Bridge



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| District Plan Zones | Map Features | — State Highways |
| Residential Zone | Building Footprint | |
| Commercial Zone | Property Boundaries | |
| Rural Zone | Railway | |

Future Commercial / Industrial growth

No additional commercial or industrial land is projected to be required for future growth in Mangaweka.

“Mangaweka will be a summer destination with activities on the river and in the rural environment.”

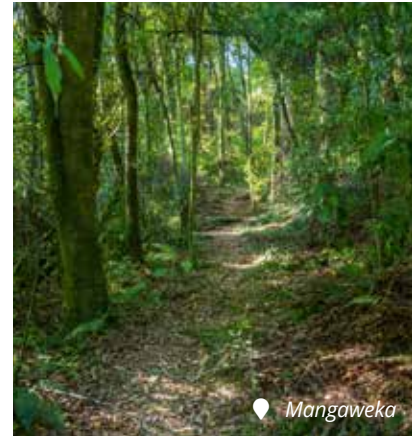
“Repair the old building to attract more people to work and visit.”

Community Voice





📍 Old Bank of New Zealand - Mangaweka



📍 Mangaweka

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“More places to access the river and more bush/river walks open to the public with clearly visible signage and advertising of these walks.”

Community Voice

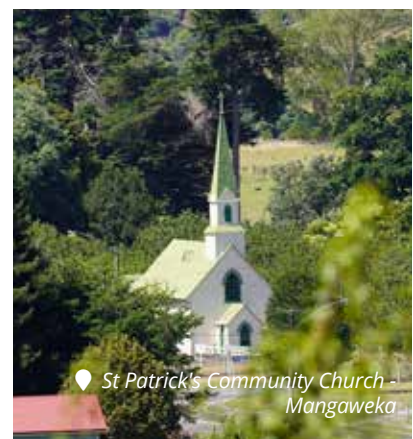
2 Natural and built heritage

Mangaweka has exceptional natural and built heritage on its doorstep. The community places value on the settlement’s heritage, historic buildings and access to the natural environment.

There is significant potential to maximise the value these assets play in enhancing Mangaweka reputation as a place to live and visit.

Priorities

- > Enhance connection between the township and the Rangitikei River.
- > Connect the reserves in the surrounding environment through the settlement and with the Rangitikei River.
- > Celebrate the natural environment with locals and visitors.
- > Invest in the Mangaweka Hall as the heart of the community.
- > Built heritage is celebrated.
- > Investigate opportunities leveraging from local features such as the railway tunnels, power station.



📍 St Patrick's Community Church - Mangaweka

“The hall is important but needs to be utilized more.”

Community Voice



3 *Housing growth*

Mangaweka is well placed for future growth, only 14 minutes from Taihape on State Highway 1. The settlement provides an affordable small-town lifestyle, with easy access to the natural environment.

The community is supportive of future growth and identified opportunities for houses to be constructed on vacant sections and for lifestyle development.

Ngāti Hauiti have plans to develop papakāinga housing in Mangaweka for local iwi.

Priorities

- > Position Mangaweka as a thriving growth area in the Rangitīkei, home to a diverse range of people who can either work from home or commute to Taihape or rural employment.
- > Develop housing within the existing settlement on vacant sections, as well as in the identified growth areas.
- > Enable residential and rural lifestyle growth, supporting the development of a range of diverse housing opportunities, including papakāinga.
- > Ensure infrastructure can meet increased demand associated with a growing community.

Future residential and lifestyle growth

In 2018, there were 54 homes in Mangaweka. The village has reticulated water and wastewater systems.

Mangaweka is identified for growth in the northern Rangitikei due to its unique lifestyle offering, reticulated services, and location in relation to Taihape.

We anticipate that Mangaweka could require three additional houses to be built every year, or 87 by 2050 to support growth.

There is significant potential for infill development throughout the village, however we anticipate an additional 7 hectares of Residential and 4 hectares of Rural Lifestyle land could be required to meet long term demand.

	Residential	Rural Lifestyle	Total
 Number of houses – per year	2-3 houses	0-1 houses	3 houses
 Number of houses – by 2050	183 houses	4 houses	87 houses
 Additional land required	7 hectares	4 hectares	11 hectares

“Encourage buildings/houses on existing lifestyle blocks. Fill up empty sections.”

“To expand Mangaweka township which will help school and business in the area”

Community Voice



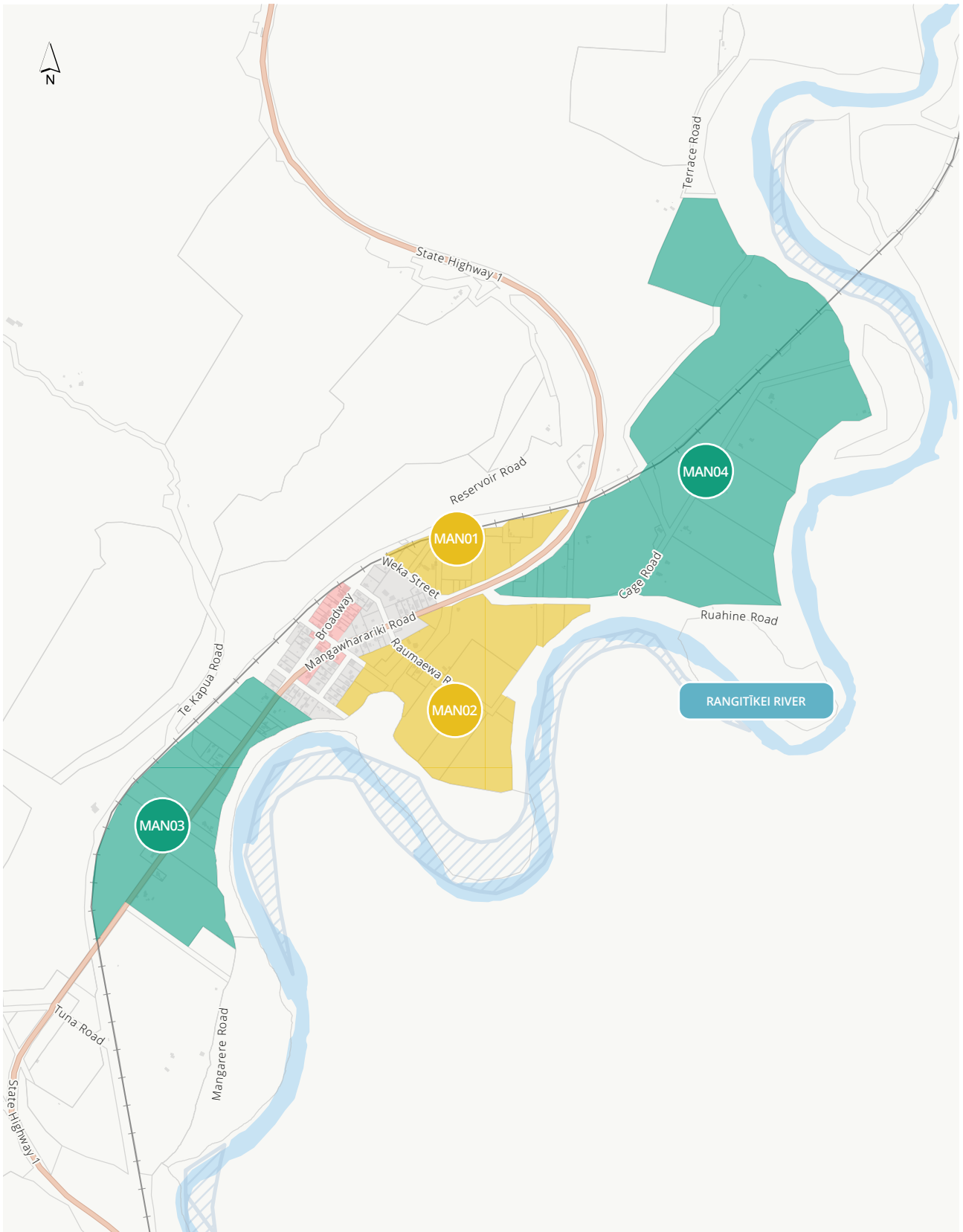
A range of potential growth areas were assessed to determine their suitability for future development. The areas have been assessed as follows:

Area	Size	Suitability rating
MAN01 (Kereru Street)	8.1 hectares	Moderate
MAN02 (Raumaewa Street)	27.2 hectares	Moderate
MAN03 (SH 1 West)	28.4 hectares	Moderate
MAN04 (Cage Road)	75.4 hectares	Moderate

Note: There may also be smaller properties on the fringe of the current Residential zone which may be appropriate for rezoning. These will be assessed through a District Plan change process.

Further work, including technical assessment, will be completed to refine the assessment of future growth areas, which may change this prioritisation.

A detailed assessment of the growth areas is provided in Section 3.



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Greenspace

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Mangaweka Deviation

4 Transport links

Residents are reliant on private vehicles and have little access to public or active transport methods.

State Highway 1 runs through the middle of the settlement, and the North Island Main Trunk Rail line to the West.

Priorities

- > Advocate for increased access to rail and public transport; to meet local and visitor needs and facilitate access to Taihape, Palmerston North, Whanganui and the rest of the North Island.
- > Investigate and invest in active mobility pathways that support local recreation and visitors.



North Island Main Trunk Rail Line

There really is no public transport system, what is there is not suitable"

Community Voice

Action Plan

Rangitikei Priority Area	Key Themes	Project		
Thriving Communities	VISITOR DESTINATION	1	1.1	Work collaboratively with Waka Kotahi to investigate and implement safety improvements along SH1 through the Mangaweka township.
			1.2	Explore opportunities for improving infrastructure investment that supports Mangaweka as a destination, including signage and wayfinding, electric vehicle chargers, picnic areas, etc).
			1.3	Develop a signed walking trail to connect the Old Main Street with the existing stop off points.
			1.4	Tailor Mangaweka's promotion to leverage from its natural and built heritage.
Unique communities	NATURAL AND BUILT HERITAGE	2	2.1	Explore opportunities for storytelling and promoting Mangaweka's built, cultural and natural heritage.
			2.2	Implement nature networks to link key natural features with each other.
Healthy Communities	HOUSING GROWTH	3	3.1	Undertake a District Plan Change for urban growth that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rezones residential and lifestyle growth areas. • Identifies smaller properties on the urban fringe that could be rezoned as Residential. • Implements structure plans if required. • Reviews provisions to achieve the aspirations associated with developing well-functioning communities and a diverse range of housing.
			3.2	Increase education and provide resources to the community and developers that encourages infill development in the existing urban area.
			3.3	Investigate future capacity for the Mangaweka wastewater treatment plant and networks and implement upgrade projects where required.
			3.4	Investigate future capacity for the Mangaweka water supply and implement upgrade projects where required.
Connected Communities	TRANSPORT LINKS	4	4.1	Investigate the need and opportunities for the development of active mobility pathways that support local recreation and the visitor economy. A top priority is a path from the village to the Rangitikei River. The feasibility of a pathway along the 'old rail tunnels' should also be explored.
			4.2	Advocate for the trial and implementation of innovative public transport options that take advantage of emerging transport technology.

The actions identified in the Action Plan are not guaranteed to be developed. Council will consider which actions are developed through long term planning processes and collaboration with implementation partners.

Quick win <1 year | Short term 1 - 5 years | Medium term 6 - 10 years | Long term 10+

Timeframe	Council's role(s)	Project Partners and Key Stakeholders
 Medium Term	Advocate Partner	Community Waka Kotahi Mana whenua Regional Council
 Medium Term	Service provider Partner	
 Medium Term	Service provider Partner	
 Short Term	Service provider Partner	
 Medium Term	Partner	Regional Council Mana whenua Community Mangaweka Heritage
 Long Term	Partner Service Provider	
 Short Term	Strategy / Regulation	Community Waka Kotahi Kiwi Rail Mana whenua Regional Council
 Short Term	Facilitation / information	
 Short Term	Service Provider	
 Short Term	Service Provider	
 Medium Term	Partner	Waka Kotahi Community Regional Council Kiwi Rail
 Ongoing	Advocate	