

MATAROAO

Mataroa is a small settlement only 8 minutes north of Taihape.

The settlement became a railway village in the early 1900s when the Main Trunk railway line was laid and Mataroa Tunnel was constructed. The railway ceased in the 1960s.

The community has a primary school, local hall, cemetery and is next to the Paengaroa Scenic Reserve.

Key community priorities

- Retaining the settlement as it is now.
- Paengaroa Reserve and the Hautapu River.
- Keeping the school viable.



VISION FOR *Mataroa*

Mataroa remains a rural village with strong connections to the Hautapu River and Paengaroa Reserve.

Key Themes

- 1 Retain the village feel
- 2 Community facilities and connection
- 3 Natural environment

Key Spatial Moves

- RV Rural Village



Mataroa

Legend

District Plan Zones

- Residential Zone
- Rural Zone

Map Features

- Building Footprint
- Property Boundaries
- Green space
- River
- Railway
- Nature Network



1 *Retain the village feel*

With around 20 houses in the settlement, there is a small area zoned for Residential use.

The settlement is located on land identified as Class 3 and is surrounded by Class 6 and 7.

There are younger generations from families who have lived in the area for a long time starting to return to Mataroa. The community identified a desire for the settlement to remain as it is now, with possibly a small increase in housing.

No significant residential growth is anticipated for the settlement, however, the zoning of the settlement should be reviewed.

No land is anticipated to be required for future business, outside of home-based businesses.



Priorities

- > Retain Mataroa as a rural lifestyle village.

“Small, quiet and peaceful with a small population.”

“I moved out here to get away from town.”

Community Voice



North Island Main Trunk Rail Line - Mataroa



Mataroa School

"Keeping a school viable"

Community Voice

2 Community facilities and connection

Mataroa Hall and School are the heart of the community. Ensuring Mataroa School remains viable was identified as a challenge.

There is the potential for an active mobility link to be developed between Mataroa and Taihape, a loop around the Paengaroa Reserve and Taihape Golf Course, and improvements made to the path to Mataroa School. The Ohakune-Taihape Cycle Trail already runs through the village, the addition of an active mobility pathway would support increased use of the existing trail, plus increased local use for shorter recreation opportunities.

The ongoing management of the cemetery by the community is important.

Priorities

- > Viability of Mataroa School.
- > Local recreation opportunities - Active mobility pathway development to support local and regional recreation opportunities and safety.
- > Community management of the Mataroa Cemetery

3 Natural environment

The Paengaroa Reserve and access to the Hautapu River were identified as important to protect for future generations.

Priorities

- > Community-led environmental restoration projects.
- > Access to the Paengaroa Reserve and Hautapu River.



Paengaroa Scenic Reserve



Hautapu River






"Paengaroa reserve is underutilised and under advertised"

Community Voice

Action Plan

Rangitikei Priority Area	Key Themes	Project			
Healthy Communities Unique Communities	RETAIN THE VILLAGE FEEL	1	1.1	Review the zoning of Mataroa village to recognise the area as a small rural village.	
Healthy Communities Connected Communities	COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND CONNECTION	2	2.1	Investigate opportunities to develop active mobility pathways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mataroa – Taihape • Paengaroa / Taihape Golf Course loop following the Hautapu River. • To Mataroa School 	
			2.2	Support continued community management of the Mataroa Cemetery	
Healthy Communities	NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	3	3.1	Support community restoration of the Paengaroa Reserve and Hautapu River.	
			3.2	Recognise the work being completed by the Rangitikei catchment groups that support environmental improvements.	

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.

Timeframe	Council's role(s)	Project Partners and Key Stakeholders
 Short Term	Strategy / Regulation	Community Mana whenua Landowners
 Long Term	Partner Advocate	Waka Kotahi Community Landowners
 Ongoing	Supporter	Community
 Ongoing	Supporter	Regional Council Community Landowners Mana whenua Catchment Groups
 Ongoing	Supporter	