



Pae Tawhiti RANGITĪKEI BEYOND



DISCUSSION DOCUMENTPLANNING OUR PLACES
AND SPACES



Have your say as we create a spatial plan for our future

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Kaupapa kõrero What does Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond represent?

Pae Tawhiti translates to distant horizons, long term or future.

Rangitīkei comes from the ancestor Haunui ā Nanaia who named the Rangitīkei River as he went in pursuit of his wife Wairaka. The event is recorded in the Oriori mō Wharaurangi (Lullaby for Wharaurangi) composed by Dr Te Rangitakoru of Ngāti Apa:

"Ka tikeitia te waewae, ko Rangitīkei."
"He strode across the land, hence Rangitīkei."

Beyond focuses on the future, looking towards a future time and distant horizon. It signifies the district will move beyond what it is now and, with changes likely that are more than what we think is possible.

"Ko te pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata, ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina."

"Seek out the distant horizons, and holdfast to those you attain".

Dr Whakaari Te Rangitakuku (Rangi) Mete-Kingi of Ngāti Hauiti



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Te aronga Purpose of Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond

Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond is a districtwide spatial strategy and plan, which captures our community's aspirations and sets out the strategic direction for the future.

It will provide a blueprint of how we want our communities to develop into the future.

High level outcomes and actions will be identified to guide Council projects that plan for and respond to growth and development - including our infrastructure planning and District Plan Changes (the rules that will guide development for the next decade and more).

Ngā hiahia Why we need a shared vision for Rangitīkei

Our district is changing as more people and businesses discover Rangitīkei as a great place to live and do business.

Over the next 30 years, our communities will go through some challenges and changes. Rangitīkei faces growing urban areas, a changing climate, technological change, and the need for environmental enhancement.

Change provides opportunities, and if we proactively plan our aspirations for future land use for our district, we can optimise positive outcomes for our communities.

Our district sits in the wider Manawatū-Whanganui region, and we will work proactively with our neighbouring councils to ensure the prosperity of the entire region.

We are also going through Central Government reform for Three Waters, Resource Management and Local Government, which may mean some of our services will be delivered regionally or by larger-scale entities. We will continue to advocate on behalf of our communities throughout the reform process, work with any newly established entities, and adapt to new legislative requirements as they occur.

Now is the time to be bold and ambitious to proactively plan how to manage growth and development in our towns and settlements to support the wellbeing of our communities and future generations.

By being clear about the future, we can help shape our spaces and places, so we retain what is precious to us and our communities are strong and resilient.

Hei körerorero Purpose of this Discussion Document

We have designed the discussion document to create a conversation with communities about the future of their towns, settlements, and neighbourhoods.

It was created with oversight from an Advisory Group made up of Elected Members and iwi representatives who provided strategic input.

The document provides you with an opportunity to express your aspirations and concerns for the future. Your feedback will contribute to creating a shared vision for our communities across Rangitīkei.

Later this year, we will bring you the draft Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond document and we'll ask if we got it right.

Rārangi Wā Project timeline

2021

July to December **Background research**July to December

2022

4 March to 19 April

April to June

> June to July

August

September onwards

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Community Engagement

Develop Draft Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond (Spatial Plan)

Community Consultation

Adjust due to feedback and adopt by Council

Implementation and preparation of District Plan changes



Have your say

Now is your chance to shape the future of your settlement!

We've got lots of information to share – and there may be some areas you are more interested in than others.

The first part of our document explains what we're doing and why, district-wide themes, working with iwi and our vision and values.

Once you've read that, you can jump to the headings you are most interested in.

For each town and some settlements, you will see District Plan maps that highlight where new homes can be built (residential, lifestyle and papakāinga), where industrial buildings or retail shops can be built.

You can have your say:

- www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti
- @ By email: info@rangitikei.govt.nz
- By post:
 Rangitīkei District Council 172050
 Private Page 1102, Marton 4741

Or by delivering your feedback to any one of our Information Centres in Bulls and Taihape or the Marton Main Office.

Find out more

- Visit our website www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti
- Call the Project Lead, Katrina Gray on 0800 422 522
- @ Email us at info@rangitikei.govt.nz
- Chat to us at one of the public engagement sessions (details on www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti or phone 0800 422 522).

Please note that public sessions are subject to Covid-19 Traffic Light setting regulations.

Ngā wawata me ngā whakaohooho Opportunities, strengths and challenges

Our communities are strong and have a wide range of opportunities and strengths to build off as we move into the future. However, they also face a number of challenges which are important to acknowledge and plan for.

Opportunities and Strengths

- We are central to the rest of the motu/ island. We are an easy commuting distance to Palmerston North, Whanganui, Manawatū and Ruapehu, and a two to three-hour drive to Wellington, Taupō, Taranaki and Hawke's Bay. Our location makes Rangitīkei an attractive place to live, visit and do business.
- We are well connected to national transport links – State Highways 1 and 3; the North Island Main Trunk Line and the Marton New Plymouth Line; Palmerston North Airport and Whanganui Airport; and in the future, the revitalised Port of Whanganui.
- Our natural environment is stunning with sweeping vistas of – river valleys, plains, hill country, cliffs and coasts.
- We're excellent at producing food thanks to our productive range of soils and a great climate. And, our district is home to significant exotic forests.
- Our communities are growing stronger

 our people work together, and there
 are community-led developments being
 implemented throughout the District.

- We have an envied lifestyle the great outdoors and easy access to Mount Ruapehu, beaches and lakes.
- lwi in our district are in various phases of their Treaty Settlement processes. There will be significant future investments in both wellbeing and the Māori economy.
- A changing climate provides a range of opportunities for our farming sector in particular horticulture.

Challenges

- Earthquake-prone buildings in our towns need to be upgraded or demolished.
- We have a small rating base across 426,400 hectares – one of the largest local body areas in the country.
- Many of our towns and settlements are in places where natural hazards exist, such as flooding, slips as well as sea-level rise.
- Central government reform of the Resource Management Act, Three Waters and Local Government will have a significant impact on Council's services.
- Changing climate we can expect more significant flooding events, longer dry spells, our aquifers will take longer to recharge, and king tides will affect coastal settlements and estuaries.





Tirohanga whakamua What might our future look like?



Environment

- Marton and Bulls are employment hubs for people that live in Palmerston North / Whanganui and vice versa
- Communities that have not adapted to our changing climate have become smaller, and some properties have been red-zoned by central government
- Few quarter-acre blocks remain in our towns and settlements
- There are more housing options in Taihape, Marton and Bulls
- Residents in higher density areas have easy access to parks and reserves, transport networks and town centres
- Papakāinga areas have been developed where it is safe to do so



Economy

- Farming methods will be more sustainable with an increased focus on high-yield agriculture
- Forestry is more sustainable and more processing of wood products occurs locally
- More crops are grown locally on our highquality soils, and a good proportion are processed locally
- Our produce is recognisable and sought after
- There'll be more things to do as tourism becomes more sustainable
- Our economy is diversified as the logistics, service and manufacturing sectors have grown





Iwi

- It's been ten years since the 200th anniversary of the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/ Treaty of Waitangi
- lwi own and operate companies across all sectors in the local economy and more
- Iwi run health and wellbeing initiatives in conjunction with local and central government
- Hapū papakāinga goals have been realised
- The social role of the marae both within hapū and neighbouring communities is evident



Transport

- Marton and possibly Taihape are stops on a North Island commuter rail network
- A flexible and costeffective public bus or shuttle service operates throughout the district
- Petrol and diesel-fuelled vehicles only have a place in museums and key industries
- Walking, cycling and scootering is a normal part of everyday life in Bulls, Marton and Taihape



Social

- Communities can see how their places and spaces have changed since the previous generation implemented this plan
- Our towns have more prominent and connected green spaces
- Our retail and commercial buildings have been strengthened or replaced
- Our homes are warmer, drier and use less energy
- We have lots of local shopping options
- More of us live in areas not affected by flooding or sea-level rise
- Tamariki and rangatahi learn the history of our communities and district
- The many cultures that make up our communities are celebrated and nurtured through events



Ngā moemoeā me ngā whanonga pono Vision & values underpinning Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond

We've developed a draft vision and values to guide decision-making in the development of Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond and future growth and development.



Have your say

Do you think we've identified what is most important to guide decision-making?

Do the vision and values reflect what is important to you?

Have any important values been missed?



Kia Tū Rangitīkei - proud of our spaces and places



VALUES



KotahitangaUnity and strength

We are unified in our identity and work together to achieve the best future possible, making us stronger



ManaakitangaCaring for each other

We care for our people and communities in a way that reflects our strong sense of community, and we encourage and support one another



KaitiakitangaGuardianship and caring
for the environment

We consider the environment holistically, recognising the deep connection between people and the environment and use resources in a way that is sustainable for future generations



Mātauranga Knowledge and understanding

We use knowledge to make decisions and take learnings from the past to make better decisions for the future



Tika me te PonoDoing the right thing and in good faith

We are bold and courageous in decision-making, setting out an aspirational vision for our future generations while respecting tikanga and kawa



WhakapapaBelonging and connection

We acknowledge the generations that have come before us, ensuring a place for those to come after us and create communities where people love to live and feel like home



Ngā hononga Māori Partnership with iwi/hapū

Our district is home to 14 marae and historic marae sites. Council is committed to working with iwi and hapū on its projects and plans, to work together to identify and protect areas of cultural importance and help tell the stories of the land and history.

There are significant Māori land holdings within in the district including but not limited to Koitiata, Whangaehu, Kauangaroa, Rātana Pā, Ōhingaiti, around Utiku and Taihape and across the most northern parts of our district – Moawhango and Pukeokahu.



Have your say

We invite your iwi/hapū to hui with Katrina who is leading this project for Council to discuss these ideas.

Contact Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner on 06 327 0099 or katrina.gray@rangitikei.govt.nz

Through Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond Council wants to start meaningful conversations with iwi/hapū about:

- Aspirations/plans for papakāinga some hapū have expressed an interest in developing papakāinga on ancestral lands
- How best to protect areas of cultural importance, with options such as mapping sites where appropriate so developers or landowners are alerted to their legal obligations including liaison with iwi/hapū into the future
- Commercial aspirations could be supported by future-thinking land use planning
- Land use related social and health aspirations.

Ngā whakamarumaru Protecting what's important

As we plan for the future, it is important to know what we want to protect. These are the things that are special or unique to our district, culture and communities.

Our natural environment is stunning and enjoyed by locals and visitors.

We already have regulations in place through our District Plan that value our outstanding landscapes, significant trees, versatile soils some cultural sites and identified built heritage.



Have your say

What do you want to see protected for future generations?

Are the existing protections working? How would we improve their effectiveness?



Ngā taiwhenua Rural environments

Self-reliant and community-minded, rural Rangitīkei is the backbone of our economy and our communities. More than a third of our district's GDP comes from agriculture and forestry.

We have some challenges, including managing land susceptible to erosion and flooding, and the transport networks that traverse these zones.

Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond is primarily concerned with places where new development can occur – this includes lifestyle blocks.

To protect our high-value versatile soils and to preserve our rural openness, we intend to consolidate most lifestyle living areas around existing towns and settlements. This will also enable connection to more urban services for residents.

Rural service activities and industries are important to support the rural economy. In the future, we will process more of our local products, so we want to hear your thoughts on what activities should be enabled in our rural environments.

Our unique landscapes offer lots of opportunity for tourism business to establish. What do you think the opportunities are in the post-Covid world for those businesses wanting to leverage off the visitor economy? How can land use planning support these opportunities?

Kõrero Mai

Have your say

How do you see our rural environments changing in the future?

Where should we allow new lifestyle blocks to develop?

What rural service activities or industries should be enabled in the rural environment?

What do you think the future of carbon farming in the Rangitīkei is?

What do you think the opportunities are in the post-Covid world for those businesses wanting to leverage off the visitor economy?

Carbon farming is becoming more popular in New Zealand. What do you think the future of carbon farming in the Rangitīkei is? What impacts do you think it might have on our environment and communities? How can we leverage off the carbon economy?





Ngā ara tūhono Transport network



Roads

Our district has the advantage of access to State Highways 1 and 3, both of which provide a significant volume of interregional motorists who stop in our towns for services. The Taihape-Napier Road provides a key link for Hawke's Bay to Rangitīkei and Ruapehu and vice versa.

We have a significant local roading network that includes sealed and unsealed roads, and jointly fund their maintenance with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

All communities in Rangitīkei are dependent on petrol and diesel vehicles. There are a handful of EV chargers in Bulls, Marton, Mangaweka and Taihape. However, more will be needed due to increasing numbers of hybrids, electric and possibly hydrogen fuelled vehicles.

What do you think the roading priorities should be for the future?

What role do you think autonomous vehicles will have?

Rail

We are on the North Island Main Trunk Line and the Marton New Plymouth Line. However, there is no interregional commuter service. KiwiRail manages the rail lines throughout Aotearoa.

Planning is underway to establish an industrial hub centred on a new rail siding from the North Island Main Trunk Line in Marton, which will decrease the number of logging trucks from our region heading to Wellington. However, Rangitīkei will see more trucks moving to/from the hub to access rail.

There are huge opportunities for rail through the Rangitīkei - for both freight and passenger services.

What do you see the opportunities are for rail in the Rangitīkei?

Public Transport

Horizons Regional Council provides very limited bus services for our communities in the Rangitīkei.

Public transport connections are important to enable our communities to access work, health services, schools, tertiary education, and recreation opportunities.

Innovative solutions need to be explored for improving public transport connections within our district and from the Rangitīkei to larger centres such as Palmerston North or Whanganui.

What are your transformational ideas for the future of public transport?



Air

Those living in the south of the district are close to both Palmerston North and Whanganui airports.

Ōhakea Airbase is also close by.

We think there could be an opportunity for Ōhakea to become a joint-use international airport for both civilian and military aircraft at some point in the future.

By 2050 we should expect that drones will be common for delivery of goods and in agriculture.

What do you think the opportunities are for air transport?

Walking and Cycling

Walking and cycling are becoming more and more popular both for recreation and accessing services.

We will need to improve the walking and cycling networks within our towns, and between towns, so that it is easier for people to access their daily needs and recreation.

Where do you think the priority is for developing walking and cycling networks?

Have your say

What do you think the roading priorities should be for the future?

What role do you think autonomous vehicles will have?

What do you see the opportunities are for rail in the Rangitīkei?

What are your transformational ideas for the future of public transport?

What do you think the opportunities are for air transport?

Where do you think the priority is for developing walking and cycling networks?

Kõrero Mai



Ngā ara taiao Nature networks

Rangitīkei has magnificent waterways and parks and reserves. These environments hold a lot of history and beauty. Through Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond, we aim to identify networks that link our waterways and parks and reserves, that would incorporate nature to benefit our communities and the ecology of our towns and settlements.

We have a range of parks and reserves across our communities. However, few are connected (other than by road) to other parks and reserves, or to schools and shops. State Highways create a barrier for residents who might otherwise walk, scoot, or cycle to a park or reserve in some of our communities.

There are a lot of community groups already involved in improving our nature networks. By working collaboratively with community groups and other agencies, we will be able to maximise the investment so that more projects are completed across the district.

These are some of the benefits nature networks can provide our communities:

- Recreation Improve linkages between natural areas and within our urban environments that encourages activities such as walking and cycling.
- Environmental Support walking and cycling, support stormwater (low impact design), improve linkages between habitats to support local ecology, support improved water quality, and absorb more CO².



Have your say

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

How can we celebrate these networks?

How do we create greater connections with these areas?

How can these nature networks support the connections between our settlements?

- Social Create spaces and networks to improve interaction with each other and nature. The community may lead the development of some spaces with Council supporting or vice versa.
- Health Improve access and opportunities for fitness and to support mental health and wellbeing.
- Education Provide opportunities to learn about the natural environment and history of places.
- **Economic** Provide visitors and residents with more things to do.
- Amenity So our communities are seen as desirable places to live.
- Cultural Support reconnection with natural environments and sharing of history.



Ngā tāone Residential environments

Currently, just over 16,000 people live here in Rangitīkei, and we aspire to grow to about 25,000 – most of whom will live in the southwest of the district. Before Council goes through the process to rezone land for new residential, lifestyle block areas, or changes density rules, we want to hear your aspirations for the future.

We know that both Marton and Bulls are in a commutable distance from Palmerston North and Whanganui, and more and more people are employed at Ōhakea Airbase. In Taihape, we expect demand from those who want holiday homes near the mountains, new residents who can work from home, or those returning to town seeking affordable housing.

Council wants to ensure that any new residential areas will be close to existing infrastructure to help keep costs down, close to community facilities and green spaces, so the people who live there feel connected. They should not be in areas prone to flooding or other significant natural hazards.

We want to encourage a diversity of housing, which will come about if we make it easier for subdivisions to occur so that smaller and affordable houses are built closer (10-minute walk one way) to town centres, schools and parks. These homes will be desirable for retirees, those living alone and those who want low maintenance housing. We might encourage apartments to be built above retail buildings (not ground floor) in our main streets, which will increase the vibrancy of our town centres.

We aim to locate the development of most lifestyle blocks close to existing towns and settlements and avoid them being developed on our valuable soils.

Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond will identify the key strategic directions for the future, where the best future residential and rural lifestyle areas are and what type of density. The information gathered will help us plan for the infrastructure we will need for future housing and guide changes to the District Plan.





Ahumahi, kaihokohoko me ngā whenua arumoni Industry, retail and commercial land

Our location provides important opportunities for the establishment of new industries. Our southern towns, particularly Marton and Bulls, are located close to northern/southern connections (SH1) and east/west connections (SH3).

New industrial activity is already planned – and land is currently in the process of being rezoned to allow the Marton Rail Hub development to proceed, which could lead to other industries establishing here.

There are many more opportunities for future industrial activity throughout the district. We think there are opportunities for various activities, such as forestry processing, food manufacturing, and a logistics hub. These industries would build on our solid primary sector foundation.

It is vital to support the diversification of our economy to support its resilience and maximise jobs and growth for our communities. We also want to embrace new sustainable industries and adopt new technology.

Our town centres are important hubs for our communities. They have lots of opportunities for the future. We want to ensure our town centres are the vibrant heart of activity, supporting the wellbeing of our communities as the nature of retail changes.

Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond will identify the key strategic directions for the future, where the best future commercial and industrial areas are in our district. The information gathered will help us plan for the infrastructure we will need for future business activity and guide changes to the District Plan.



Hapori me ngā papa rēhia Community and recreation facilities

As our communities get bigger, there will be more demand on our community and recreation facilities such as libraries, swimming pools and parks and reserves.

Developing multi-purpose civic and community facilities across the towns in our District is a key focus for Council. Te Matapihi in Bulls was completed in 2020, and we're looking at Marton and Taihape next.

This year we will construct a new amenities facility in Memorial Park in Taihape, and we have set aside \$1m to investigate options for the refurbishment and restoration of the Grandstand.

We plan on having specific discussions with the community on these projects separately and are not asking for comment on them through this process.

Taihape, Hunterville and Marton all have seasonal swimming pools available to the community. The swimming pool in Hunterville is community owned and operated by the

Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust. We want to know what the priorities are for the future development of our swimming pools in Marton and Taihape as our communities grow.

There is strong community leadership and energy for the development of our parks and reserves. To guide these projects we are planning on developing a Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces Strategy separately to this document.

There are also lots of community recreation activities delivered by the community or run by other organisations, such as our sports clubs, arts and culture and health services. What's important for us, is ensuring there is enough land, in the right places to support their development in the future.

Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond will identify the key strategic directions for the future – key projects for our community and recreation facilities. The information gathered will help guide Council's decision making for future investment.

ŌTAIHAPE TAIHAPE

Taihape celebrates its rural heritage, the mighty gumboot and its streets are mostly named after birds. It is both the northern gateway to the Rangitīkei and to the iconic mountains of the Central Plateau, ski fields, the Rangitīkei River and several national and forest parks. It is also a key gateway east to the Hawke's Bay.

Taihape will continue to develop as a tourism destination as well as a key stop for travellers alongside its traditional role of as a service town for the rural area surrounding it.

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Otaihape Taihape is.

Ōtaihape Taihape at a glance

† 1,790

people live in Taihape. The population is nearly a third lower than it was 'back in its heyday' in the 1960s.

† 14

people per year (1% p.a) have moved to Taihape since 2014.

The GDP of the town is **90.3M**

1,009

people are employed. More than half of whom work in retail, accommodation and food services, agriculture, forestry and education.

businesses in Taihape.

Taihape has some unique and valuable soils and is already a producer of a range of foods in addition to traditional sheep and beef, such as quinoa, honey, asparagus, and garlic.





Residential Zone

In 2018 there were 801 homes, and 105 were unoccupied – with increasing tourism activities locally and in Ruapehu, the number of unoccupied dwellings may grow as those living in Wellington seek a base from which to explore on the weekends.

We estimate that seven homes will need to be built every year between now and 2050. The town needs an additional 11 hectares of land to allow this to happen.

The town's topography is challenging, as it is set in a high-country basin on the western bank of the Hautapu River with many gullies. What flat land remains is sought after for both housing and commercial land.

The risks associated with the Taihape West Slip Zone significantly limits development in this area.

Korero Mai

Have your say

Where should future residential growth go?

Should we provide for higher density housing, with smaller section sizes around the town centre?
Anywhere else?

Should future housing be prioritised over commercial activities in the flat areas near the town centre?

Where should future lifestyle blocks go?

Do you own a section that you think should be rezoned? Contact Katrina Gray katrina.gray@rangitikei.govt.nz



Retail/Commercial Zone

There are pressures on the Taihape Town Centre which runs along State Highway 1. There are few vacant lots and several earthquake prone buildings.

It's projected that an additional 0.61 hectares (6,100m2) of retail zoned land will be needed.

This is approximately the size of one row of retail shops between Kuku Street and Tui Street.

The town centre is connected and walkable with great connections to Memorial Park.

The flat land around the town centre is sought after for both retail / commercial and residential uses.

We think that the town centre and flattest parts of Taihape should be prioritised for retail and residential development and that land for other commercial activities should be made available further away from the town centre. What do you think should be prioritsed?

Kõrero Mai

Have your say

Retail/Commercial Land

Where should additional retail and commercial activities should be located?

Rauma Road

Is Rauma Road a good location for new housing, commercial activities, or industrial activities?

Rauma Road

Rauma Road, just south of Taihape is the location of St Joseph's Primary School. It is one of the flattest pieces of land surrounding Taihape.

The sites to the south/west of Rauma Road are zoned for residential or rural lifestyle development. The sites around the St Joseph's School site are zoned as Residential or Rural.

Industrial Zone

There is a small area of Industrial zoned land in the Linnet Street area. Abattoir Road has a range of industrial businesses, but is zoned as Rural. There are a range of other industrial businesses located in the rural areas just out of Taihape.

We project that Taihape could need an additional 3.08 hectares of industrial land by 2050.

Transport Networks

Taihape is on both State Highway 1 and the North Island Main Trunk Line. The town is also the key link east to the Hawke's Bay via the Taihape-Napier Road.

Nature Networks

Taihape has easy access to natural environments – Mt Stewart, Papakai Park, Memorial Park, The Outback, a number of local rivers, the closest being the Hautapu River.

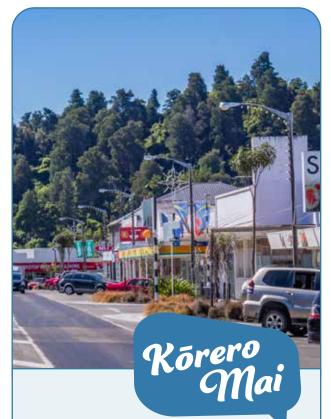
There are lots of volunteer hours going into managing, restoring and developing these areas.

Community Facilities

The construction of the new amenities building - the Ngā Awa Block - in Memorial Park is about start. Council committed to developing a multipurpose community facility for Taihape in the Long Term Plan. Alongside these projects, Council is investigating what strengthening is required for the Grandstand in Memorial Park.

There is strong community leadership for the development of a range of facilities at Mt Stewart, Memorial Park and Papakai Park. To guide this project (and the wide range of other parks related projects throughout the district) we are planning on developing a Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces Strategy separately to this document.

In the meantime, we want to know community priorities for the future of the Taihape swimming pool.



Have your say

Industrial Land

Where do you think future industrial businesses should go?

What do you think the opportunities are for future industrial growth in Taihape?

Transport Networks

What are your transformational ideas for the future transport system for Taihape? What are the transport opportunities and challenges facing Taihape?

Nature Networks

What are opportunities to connect these natural assets together?

How might these natural assets be better connected to the township?

Community Facilities

What do you think the opportunities are for the future of the Taihape pool?



TŪTAENUI **MARTON**

Marton is the main service town in the district and has a growing reputation as a boutique town. There are many heritage retail buildings, however, many are earthquake prone.

Situated off the state highway, there are few heavy vehicles on the streets making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians. The new playground developed by the Marton Development Group is popular, stage one of Marton RSA and Citizen's Memorial Hall refurbishment is completed, and locals are discussing plans for more upgrades to community facilities. Work is currently underway to improve both the drinking water and wastewater networks.

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Tūtaenui Marton is.

Tütaenui Marton at a glance

5.520 people call Marton home.

people per year (1.3% p.a) have moved to Marton since 2014.

2,256 houses in Marton. however at the last census 204 were unoccupied.

The town's GDP

is valued at 151M This grew

4.6%

375 businesses in Marton.

1,797 jobs – more than half of which are in education, training, manufacturing or retail.



Residential Zone

To accommodate our growing population, we need to build about 1,761 more homes in Marton – around 61 houses every year between now and 2050.

We already have some available residential land. However, we might need an extra 98 hectares to be re-zoned to meet the demand.

This is an area almost twice the size of the block between Hendersons Line and Mill Street.

We need to plan for where these houses might go – both residential and lifestyle.

We also need to think about the scale of intensification of our existing township and consider allowing for smaller sections near our town centre and encouraging apartment living above retail shops.



Have your say

Where should future residential growth go?

Should we allow for section sizes to be smaller around the town centre?

Where should future lifestyle blocks go?

Do you own a section that you think should be rezoned? Contact Katrina Gray katrina.gray@rangitikei.govt.nz



Commercial Zone

The Marton Town Centre and commercial activities are currently spread along Broadway and, to a lesser extent, Wellington Road and High Street.

At present, several shops are empty, and many are earthquake-prone.

There is an opportunity for Marton to leverage off its heritage assets if they can be strengthened. Marton has the potential to become one of the wider region's most desirable boutique towns, with minimal heavy vehicle movements.

There are also opportunities for Broadway to be developed into a more pedestrian-friendly zone.

We anticipate needing an additional 1.6 hectares of land for commercial/retail purposes to meet future growth.

This is an area the size of the block of Broadway, Lower High Street, Hair Street and Hammond Street.



Have your say

Retail/Commercial Land

Where do you think future commercial development for Marton should go?

How do we make Broadway more pedestrian-friendly?

Note: The Marton Civic Centre project will be consulted separately from this document.

Industrial Zone

Marton is already home to a number of industrial businesses.

Just over 27 hectares of industrial land is currently zoned for future development, however, much of this land is impacted by flooding.

Every year for the next 18 years, two million tonnes of wood will be harvested across the wider region – Marton is central to the harvest and sits on the Main Trunk Line, providing easy access to several seaports.

Council is currently working through the process to rezone land for the Marton Rail Hub. The Hub will act as a potential catalyst for further industrial development.

With a long history of food production that is only increasing due to our versatile soils, there is also potential for Marton to grow its manufacturing sector.

Community Facilities

Developing multi-purpose civic and community facilities in towns across District is a key focus for Council. We're currently working on the Marton Civic Centre business case and will be engaging with the community on this later this year.

There is strong community leadership and energy for the development of our parks and reserves. To guide these projects, we are developing a Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces Strategy separately to this document.

We also want to know community priorities for the future of the Marton swimming pool.

Transport Networks

Marton is located just off State Highway 1 and close by to State Highway 3.

It is at the junction of the North Island Main Trunk Line and the Marton – New Plymouth Rail lines, however the last commuter service stopped in 2012.

Our town is heavily reliant on private vehicles with few public bus services and no commuter cycleways of shared pathways.



Have your say

Industrial Land

What do you think the opportunities are for future industrial growth in Marton?

Is your business wanting to grow? Are you finding it hard to find suitable land?

We need to understand local business growth needs so we can plan for the future. Contact Katrina Gray - katrina. gray@rangitikei.govt.nz

Community Facilities

What do you think the opportunities are for the future of the Marton pool?

Transport Networks

What do you consider are the transport opportunities and challenges facing Marton?

What are your transformational ideas for the future transport system for Marton?

Nature Networks

What are the opportunities to connect Marton's parks and reserves and waterways together and with our communities?

Nature Networks

Marton has a number of parks and reserves and the Tūtaenui Stream runs through the town.

There are lots of volunteer hours going into managing, restoring and developing these areas.

The Tūtaeporoporo Action Trail (community-led project) – is a nature network with a play focus.

BULLS

Bulls has grown significantly in recent years as it is a commutable distance to nearby towns and cities.

Its neighbour is the growing airforce base and it is a perfect location for logistic companies as it connects Wellington with the rest of the North Island. Set at the junction of two state highways, the town has a large number of vehicles travelling through every day. The new library and community centre is the first new civic facility in the district, and Rangitīkei Junction has proven popular with locals and travellers alike.

The town celebrates its heritage with humour – playing on word association and is known for its statues of bulls paying homage to its agricultural roots. Work is currently underway to improve its wastewater and storm water networks.

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Bulls is.

Bulls at a glance

2,250 people call Bulls home.

75 people per year have moved to Bulls since 2014 thanks to it's central location between Palmerston North and Whanganui and the growing Ōhakea Airbase.

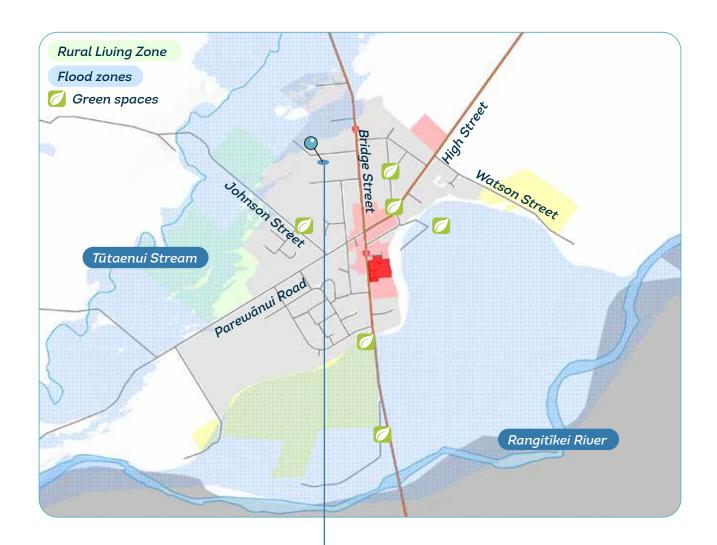
804 houses in Bulls in 2018 and 105 of those were unoccupied.

The town's GDP is valued at **63.1M**

The economy was growing strongly before the pandemic, but in 2020 this dropped by more than 5%, more than likely connected to the reduction in motorists.

businesses in Bulls.

jobs in Bulls – more than half are employed in manufacturing, accommodation, food services, and construction.



Residential Zone

The town needs to build about 1,001 houses by 2050 – about 34 every year.

We already have some available residential land. However, we might need an extra 61 hectares of residential land and 50 hectares of lifestyle land to be re-zoned to meet the demand.

The town's growth is assured as Ōhakea is currently expanding and nearby Palmerston North is struggling for residential land.

Parts of the town are at risk of flooding, and it's important that future housing is not located in areas of significant risk.

We need to plan for where these houses might go – both residential and lifestyle.

We also need to think about the scale of intensification of our existing township and consider allowing for smaller sections near our town centre and encouraging apartment living above retail shops.



Have your say

Where do you think future housing should go?

Should we allow for section sizes to be smaller around the town centre?

Where should future lifestyle blocks go?

Do you own a section that you think should be rezoned? Contact Katrina Gray katrina.gray@rangitikei.govt.nz



Retail/Commercial Zone

Bulls is the southern gateway for our district.

The Bulls Town Centre has several key elements:

- The traditional town centre has many earthquake-prone buildings
- Rangitīkei Junction is a popular stop-off point for travellers
- Te Matapihi, the new community centre and library, will soon have an interregional bus station next to it, following which, the town square will be developed.

Presently, there is a surplus of land available for retail activities.

The amount of traffic going through the town provides great opportunities for attracting people to stop, shop, and relax, and the 'Bulls' campaign has successfully done this for some time.



Have your say

Retail/Commercial Land

How do we better connect the key elements of the town centre so it is easy to get from place to place?

What will encourage more people to stop and spend time in Bulls?

Industrial Zone

Bulls is ripe for development with nearly 34 hectares of industrial land available. However, a significant amount of this land is at risk of flooding from the Rangitīkei River.

Many factors make Bulls an ideal location for distribution and logistics companies, including:

- At the intersection of State Highways 1 and 3
- · Near the Ōhakea weighbridge
- The journey to Wellington (port and airport) is decreasing, and the road is improving
- Close to both the proposed Marton Rail Hub, the Bunnythorpe Rail Hub, and the soon-to-be revitalised Port Whanganui
- Near Palmerston North Airport and Whanganui Airport

The increase in horticulture around Bulls (alongside our transport networks) provides an opportunity for a food processing hub to be established

Community Facilities

Te Matapihi, a multi-purpose community facility for Bulls was completed in 2020.

There is strong community leadership and energy for the development of our parks and reserves. We know there is a huge amount of community energy for the redevelopment of the Bulls Domain. To guide this project (and the wide range of other parks related projects throughout the district) we are planning on developing a Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces Strategy separately to this document.

Transport Networks

Crossing the road along Bridge and High streets is already difficult. It is also difficult for trucks to turn out of both Bridge and High streets.

The journey across town for local commuters is becoming harder and for cyclists it is not a pleasant experience.

Kõrero Mai

Have your say

Industrial Land

What do you think the opportunities are for future industrial growth in Bulls?

Community Facilities

What community facilities do you think Bulls needs for the future?

Transport Networks

What do you think should be done to improve traffic safety through Bulls?

How can Bulls be better connected with Ōhakea?

What are the transport opportunities and challenges facing Bulls?

What are your transformational ideas for the future transport system for Bulls?

Nature Networks

What are opportunities to connect the waterways with the parks and reserves through Bulls?

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency manages State Highway 1 and 3. We want to understand community aspirations so that we can advocate for improvements, so our town is safer for everyone.

Nature Networks

Bulls Domain is the most significant green space for the town, and to the north of the town is the Tūtaenui Stream and to the south is the Rangitīkei River.

Horizons is leading a project that creates a shared pathway along the stopbank from Bulls to Scott's Ferry.

PĀRAEKARETU HUNTERVILLE

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Pāraekaretu Hunterville is.





Hunterville services the rural hinterland and celebrates its rural heritage through events and statues of sheep and a huntaway dog.

Generally, those travelling through stop for hospitality services, they then enjoy the developing antique and boutique offering.

Queen's Park is a popular rest spot for travellers and those in campervans who stay overnight.

The village is popular with cyclists and motorcyclists, and during summer, it provides services for those staying at nearby campsites.

Residential Zone

In 2018 there were 210 homes, of which 24 were unoccupied.

We expect a further four homes to be built every year between now and 2050. To do this, more land zoned residential is needed, and we want to hear from residents where that might be.

The village has a drinking water scheme and a wastewater network.

Commercial Zone

Hunterville's retail outlets are close and easy to walk around, and there is land available for more retail outlets.

The antique and boutique stores and cafes currently established make Hunterville a great place to visit.

Industrial Zone

Council anticipates that an additional 0.11 hectares of industrial land could be needed to meet demand.

The Pourewa Stream runs through the industrial area and there are some flooding issues that could limit development.



Have your say

What might Hunterville look like in 2050?

What are your ideas for the town centre?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

How can we better connect our parks and reserves and bring nature through Hunterville?

What community facilities are important for you?

Residential Land

Where do you think future residential or lifestyle development should go?

Industrial Land

Where do you think the best location is for future industrial activities?

What do you think the opportunities are for future industrial growth in Hunterville?



KOITIATA

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Koitiata is.





Koitiata is a small coastal village with a mix of permanent and temporary residents.

Located at the mouth of the Turakina River it is a picturesque weekend destination for those in the know.

Residential Zone

In 2018, Koitiata had 114 homes, 54 of which were unoccupied (indicating baches).

The whole of the village is zoned as Residential.

There is some discussion about developing residential housing on the Domain or keeping it as greenspace and we want to hear your thoughts on that.

As our climate changes our small coastal communities are likely to be impacted by rising sea levels and more frequent floods.

Papakāinga

In our District Plan, an area has been identified for the development of papakāinga housing by local iwi / hapū. This area is shown as the purple hatch overlay near the entrance to the village.

Commercial Zone

The village does not have a commercial zone. There is no demand for a zone yet.

Community Facilities

Koitiata has a playground, campground and community hall.

Council is preparing a Parks Strategy which will guide future parks decisions.



Have your say

What might Koitiata look like in 2050?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

What are the climate change issues for your community? What do you think Council's response should be?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/ lifestyle blocks) in and around Koitiata?

What do you think the Domain should be used for in the future?

What are your aspirations for future retail / commercial activities in the village?

RĀTANA PĀ

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Rātana Pā is.





The community, is one of the most recognisable villages in the district due to the distinct architecture of public buildings and churches and annual religious gatherings.

We want to understand what the community's vision for Rātana Pā is.

Residential Zone

In 2018 there were 120 whare in the village, with an additional 60 whare planned to the north of the village and a further nine planned along Rangatahi Road.

We want to understand the future aspirations of the Rātana Pā community for additional housing around the village.

Commercial Zone

Rātana Pā has two shops, but no commercially zoned land in the settlement.

Community Facilities

Rātana Pā has a local gym, IT hub and rugby field. The community is leading the redevelopment of the local playground.



Have your say

What might Rātana Pā look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/ lifestyle blocks) in and around Rātana Pā?

Do you think Rātana Pā needs a commercial zone for Retail?
Where would it be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

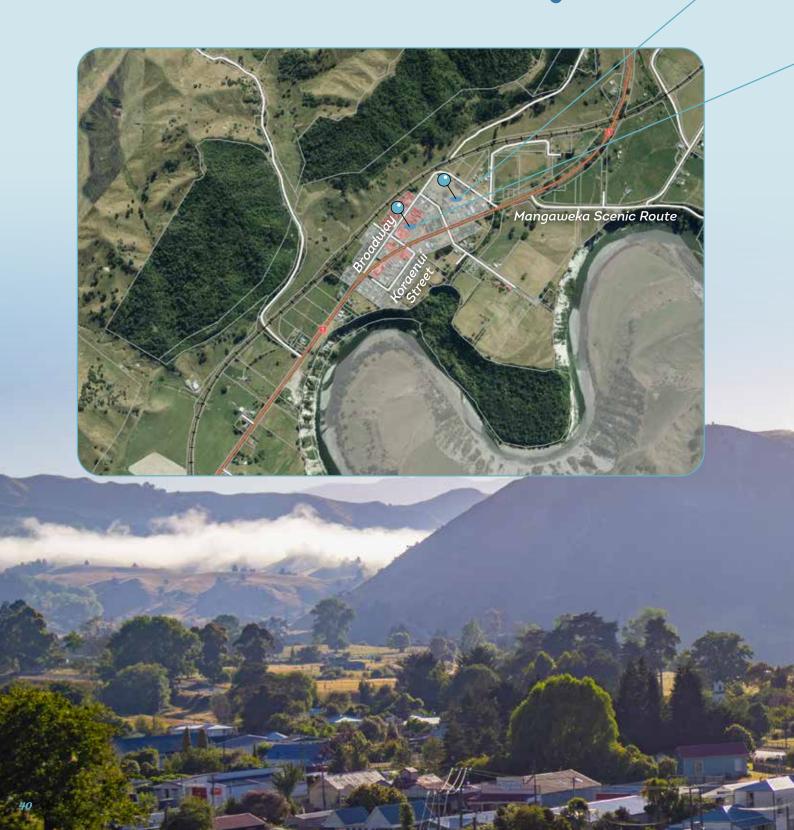
How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?



MANGAWEKA

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Mangaweka is.



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

The settlement has a school and community hall.

Residential Zone

In 2018 there were 54 homes in Mangaweka, 15 of which were unoccupied. We anticipate that Mangaweka could require three additional houses to be built every year for the next 50 years.

Commercial Zone

The Dukes Roadhouse Cafe, Yellow Church Gallery, petrol station and electric vehicle charging stations make Mangaweka a popular place for travellers to stop.

We don't anticipate the need for additional commercial land.

The historical shops in the main street have significant potential, and we'd like to hear from residents about how they think the shops could be maximised.



Have your say

What might Mangaweka look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/ lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

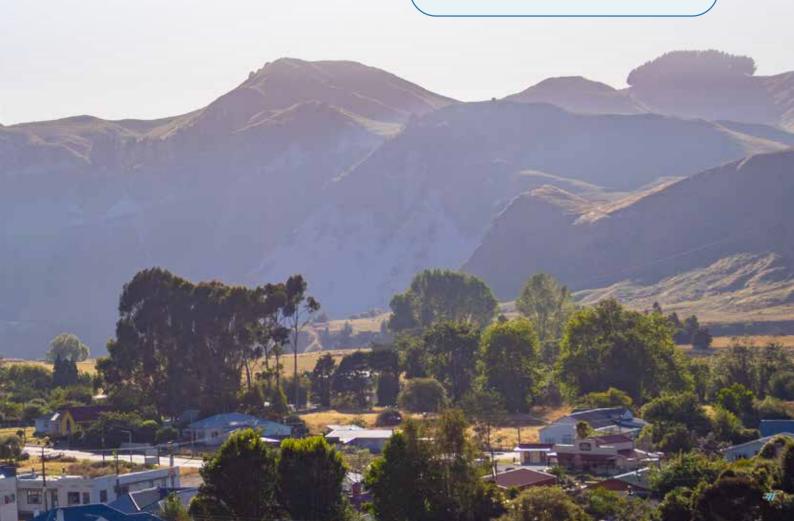
How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

What community facilities are important for you?

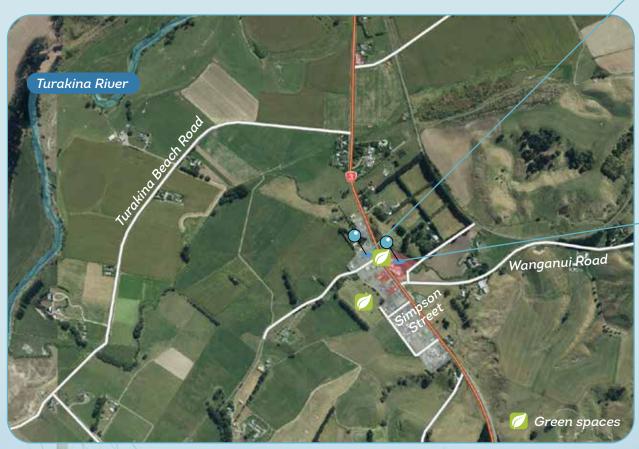
How do you think the old town centre could be optimised?

There is currently no land identified for rural lifestyle sections. Do you think rural lifestyle development should be allowed around the settlement?



TURAKINA

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Turakina is.





The Turakina village celebrates its dual Māori and Celtic heritage, which could be developed further as a drawcard for the village.

The settlement has a local school and two churches.

Residential Zone

We want to know if you think Turakina should grow with either residential or lifestyle housing, and if so where.

The village is a short commute from both Marton and Whanganui.

However, it lacks both wastewater and drinking water networks and some areas are at risk of flooding.

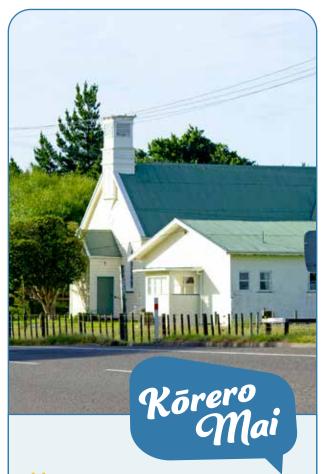
Residential scale development wouldn't be possible without reticulated wastewater and drinking water systems being implemented, but lifestyle blocks could be developed.

Commercial Zone

Currently, the village is disconnected, and State Highway 3 means it is busy. Travellers pass through at 70km per hour, making it hard for people to cross the road and stop when there are vehicles behind them.

We don't expect Turakina will need additional land for commercial activities and think that new industry will most likely establish in nearby towns.

We want to know your ideas for how to better connect the retail activities through the village, the school, reserve, cemetery and Cameron Park.



Have your say

What might Turakina look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/ lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled? Where would they be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

What community facilities are important for you?

SCOTT'S FERRY

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Scott's Ferry is.

Scott's Ferry is a little slice of Heav-Inn, not far from the mouth of the mighty Rangitīkei River.

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Scott's Ferry is.

There are about 45 homes in the village, some of which are on stilts following the devastating 2004 floods.

Due to the significant hazards impacting Scott's Ferry future residential growth is not possible.

There is currently no land zoned for retail, and there is no demand for that yet.





Have your say

What might Scott's Ferry look like in 2050?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

What community facilities are important for you?



MATAROA

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Mataroa is.

Mataroa is a small settlement just north of Taihape that was established alongside the Main Trunk Rail Line.

The community has a primary school and is next to the Paengaroa Scenic Reserve.

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

Without reticulated wastewater services, more housing on small sections will be challenging.

There could be an opportunity for lifestyle blocks to be developed near the settlement.

While there is no commercial zone, a number of properties have small scale businesses operating from them.





Have your say

What might Mataroa look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled? Where would they be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport networks be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

UTIKU

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Utiku is.



Utiku is a small lifestyle settlement situated next to the Hautapu River, just south of Taihape.

The village is home to The Wool Company and a Ravensdown depot.

Both State Highway 1 and the North Island Main Trunk Line separate the settlement in two.

Residential Zone

The settlement is mainly zoned as Residential and without reticulated wastewater services, more housing on small sections will be challenging.

There could be an opportunity for lifestyle blocks to be developed near the settlement.

Commercial Zone

Only the sites associated with The Wool Company are zoned for commercial purposes.

We think future industrial and commercial activities will be provided in Taihape.



Have your say

What might Utiku look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/ lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled? Where would they be located?

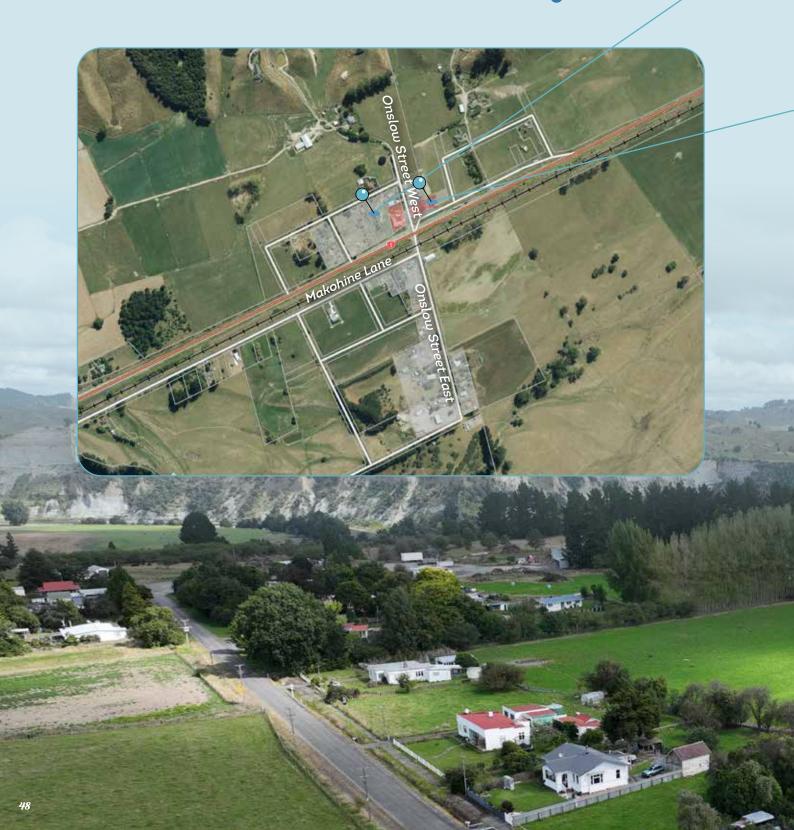
What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?



ÖHINGAITI

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Ohingaiti is.



Ōhingaiti is in the middle of our district, just north of the Rangatira Golf Club. State Highway 1 and the Main Trunk Line run through the settlement on a large flat above the Rangitīkei River.

Residential Zone

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

Without reticulated wastewater services, more housing on small sections will be challenging.

There could be an opportunity for lifestyle blocks to be developed near the settlement.

Commercial Zone

Ōhingaiti has a truck stop and pub and a couple of other properties with small-scale industrial activities.



Have your say

What might Ōhingaiti look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/ lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

What community facilities are important for you?

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled?
Where would they be located?





We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Whangaehu is.



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The small settlement of Whangaehu sits along State Highway 3 on the western side of the Whangaehu River within close commuting distance to Whanganui.

Whangaehu Marae located just a short drive from the village. The settlement has a church, hall and local primary school.

The settlement has been impacted by a number of floods in the past. As our climate is changing, we can anticipate larger flooding events more often.



Have your say

What might Whangaehu look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/ lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled? Where would they be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

KAUANGAROA

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Kauangaroa is.

Kaungaroa is a small settlement on the eastern side of the Whangaehu River, with Kauangaroa Marae at its heart.

The settlement has been impacted by a number of floods in the past and is at risk of future flooding.

There is an area identified for future papakāinga development (purple hatching).



Have your say

What might Kauangaroa look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

Kõrero Mai

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled? Where would they be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

What community facilities are important for you?



MOAWHANGO

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Moawhango is.

Moawhango is one of the district's northernmost settlements located in a quiet valley on the Napier-Taihape Road.

The settlement has a primary school, the Whitikaupeka Church and Batley's Memorial Chapel.

Moawhango Marae is a key part of the community, associated with Ngāti Whitikaupeka.







What might Moawhango look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled? Where would they be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?



ОНОТИ

We want to understand what the community's vision for the future of Ohotu is.

Ōhotu is a small lifestyle settlement, just off State Highway 1 alongside the Hautapu River. It is halfway between Taihape and Ōhingaiti.

With around ten houses the settlement is zoned as Rural.

Without reticulated wastewater services, more housing on small sections will be challenging.

There could be an opportunity for lifestyle blocks to be developed near the settlement.



Kõrero Mai

Have your say

What might Ōhotu look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled? Where would they be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?



OTHER SETTLEMENTS

Has your settlement not been identified? We still want to hear from you!

Remember, if you live on a farm, you can have your say on the Rural Environments page as well as the town/ settlement that you have a connection with.



Have your say

What might your settlement look like in 2050?

What are your aspirations for future housing development (residential/lifestyle blocks) in and around the settlement? Where should new houses be located?

What business (industrial/commercial/retail) opportunities do you think should be enabled? Where would they be located?

What are the opportunities and challenges for your community?

How could the transport network be improved?

What are the significant nature networks in your community?

What community facilities are important for you?



Have your say

Now is your chance to shape the future of your settlement!

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Or by delivering your feedback to any one of our Information Centres in Bulls and Taihape or the Marton Main Office.

Find out more

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