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ŌTAIHAPE TAIHAPE SUMMARY



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Taihape celebrates its rural heritage and its streets are mostly named after birds. It is both the northern gateway to the Rangitikei and to the iconic mountains of the Central Plateau, ski fields, the Rangitikei 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 it is a key stop for travellers alongside its traditional role of as a service town for neighbouring settlements and farms.

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.

 **231** 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 the area.

Industrial Zone

There is a small area of Industrial zoned land in the Linnet Street area. While 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.

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.

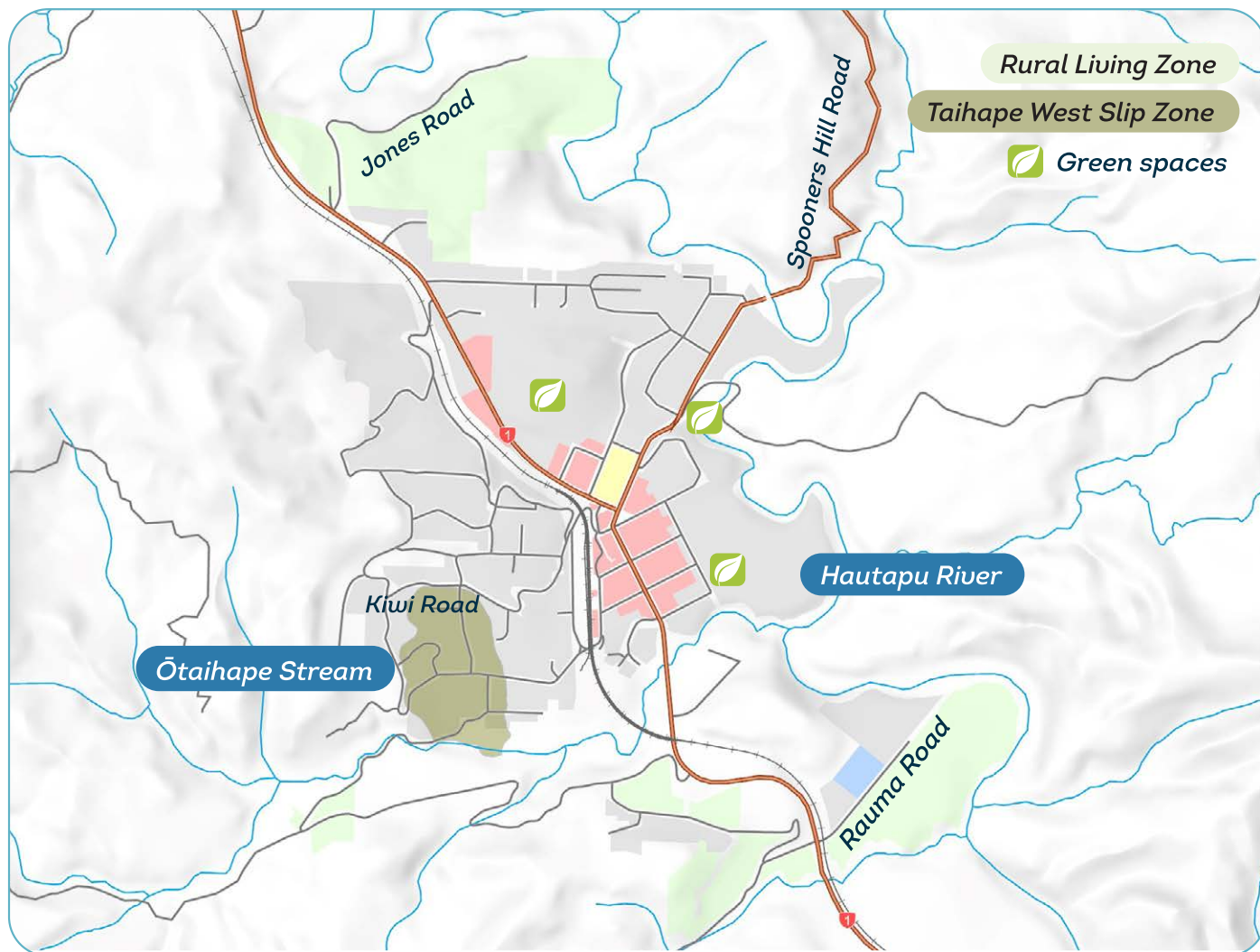
The flat land around the town centre is sought after for both retail / commercial and residential uses.

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.

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Community Facilities

The construction of the new amenities building - the Ngā Awa Block - in Memorial Park is about start. Council is also committed to developing a multi-purpose community facility for Taihape as mentioned in our Long Term Plan. Alongside these projects, Council is investigating what strengthening is required for the Taihape Town Hall and the Grandstand in Memorial Park.

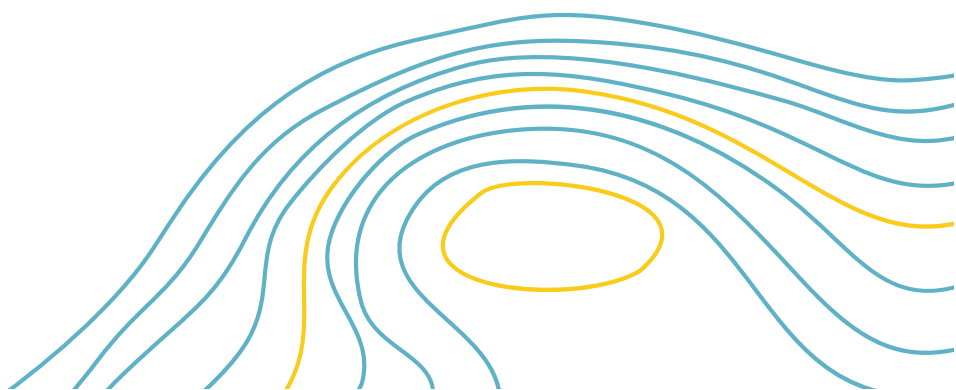
There is strong community leadership for the development of a range of facilities at Mt Stewart, Memorial Park and Papakai Park. To guide this project (and the wide range of other parks related projects throughout the district) we are planning on developing a Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces Strategy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

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

Rauma Road

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

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



FEEDBACK FORM

Attach additional pages if required.

Feedback closes 19 April 2022

My connection to this place is...

- ☐ I live there ☐ I visit often ☐ I used to live there
☐ Other _____

What might Taihape look like in 2050?

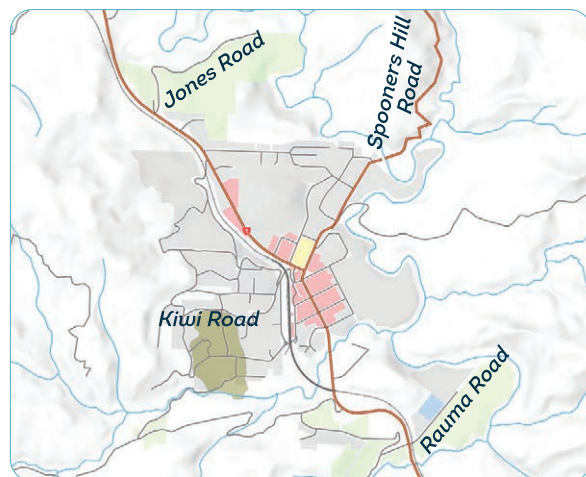
What are the key features of a house/property you would like to live in? (e.g. stand-alone, low maintenance, close to the shops, a school or a park, in a town or a smaller settlement) Where should new houses be located?

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

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 Taihape?



Identify on the map where you think future growth should go:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Lifestyle Blocks
- Industrial

What activities should be prioritised in the flat areas near the town centre.

- ☐ Residential ☐ Retail
☐ Commercial ☐ Mixed
☐ Other _____

Where should we provide for medium density housing (1-2 story houses on sections between 250m² and 400m²)?

- ☐ Near the town centre
☐ Throughout the whole town
☐ Within a 10 minute walk from town
☐ Medium density housing should not be provided for
☐ Other _____

What do you think the future use of Rauma Road should be?

- ☐ Residential ☐ Rural
☐ Lifestyle blocks ☐ Industrial
☐ Other _____

What should be protected for future generations?

What community facilities are important for you?

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

☐ I own a piece of land I want rezoned

☐ I want to receive project updates

☐ I want to receive Council updates

☐ I want to be in the draw to win one of three prizes valued at \$200 each

Please provide your details if you ticked any of the above.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____



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Have your say

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

Fill out the survey, tear it off and post-it back, or fill it out online.

Have your say by 19 April 2022.

More information

We've got lots of information to share – and you might be interested in more background information or other settlements. We have a more detailed discussion document available for you to read, and share your views.

If you want to have a chat in person, or online – go online to find out where our workshop sessions will be held. Please note that public sessions are subject to Covid-19 Traffic Light setting regulations.

You can find the discussion document and other supporting information:

-  On our website www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti
-  In any of our libraries or service centres in Taihape, Marton and Bulls.

Want to know more?

Contact the Project Lead: Katrina Gray
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Purpose of Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond

Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond is a district-wide spatial strategy and plan. We aim to capture our community's aspirations for the future.

The plan will provide a blueprint of how we want our communities to develop.

It will provide high level outcomes and actions that will guide Council projects that plan for and respond to growth and development - including our infrastructure planning and District Plan Changes (the rules that guide development).

Purpose of this Summary Document

We have designed this summary document to provide an overview of the key considerations for the Taihape community. We want to create a conversation with the community about the future of Taihape.