

# Pae Tawhiti

## RANGITĪKEI BEYOND

Planning our places and spaces

## ŌTAIHAPE TAIHAPE

### Community Engagement Summary

*This summary contains an overview of the key themes raised by the community. It does not capture all comments. All comments will be considered when developing the spatial plan.*

34 survey responses

63 interactive map comments

Kōrero  
Mai

### Taihape in 2050



- Thriving
- More housing
- A destination – as a stop and a destination in it's own right.
- Culture and arts

- Celebrated green spaces and natural environments
- An attractive town centre full of small businesses – retail, hospitality

### Purpose of Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond

Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei 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).

### Residential Environments

- A key priority raised was the need for more housing.
- The community has an openness for medium density development to be enabled throughout the whole town.
- Key desirable features of a house were stand-alone and low maintenance.



NEED FOR MORE HOUSING



IMPROVED PASSENGER RAIL SERVICES

### Transport Networks

Community support for improved passenger rail services for visitors and locals, a local taxi service and regular bus service.

### Business Environments

- Opportunities for tourism/visitor-based businesses.
- More signs – walks, wayfinding, entrances.
- Main street beautification and redevelopment of the town hall.
- Housing a barrier to business and industrial growth.
- Priority for future land around Taihape Town Centre: Residential and retail or a mix of residential and retail.
- Priority for Rauma Road: Residential.



MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION



MORE WALKWAYS

### Nature Networks

Suggestions were received for greening the town centre, the development of more walkways, the support for work already being done by volunteers e.g. Papakai Park, Mt Stewart.

### What's important to protect

- Heritage buildings – grandstand, town hall, Majestic Theatre, courthouse, churches, rail turntable.
- Native bush.
- River.
- Indigenous flora and fauna.
- Parks and recreation facilities.



Otaihape  
Taihape

### Community and Recreation Facilities

- Development of parks and reserves was a key priority.
- Aspirations for the Taihape Pool
  - All year opening
  - Upgrades to make it more vibrant with more options for kids.

DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND RESERVES

The most important community facilities:



### Opportunities

- Location
- Close to the Central Plateau.
- Good connection through to Hawke's Bay via the Taihape Napier Road.
- Redevelopment opportunity for properties currently vacant.

### Challenges

- Insufficient housing for the community and to attract workers.
- Lack of flat land.
- Jobs.
- Underused rail line.
- Access to services and aged care.