

TE ARAROA TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This draft plan has been prepared for the Te Araroa township on behalf of the Gisborne District Council (GDC). Its purpose is to provide a desired direction for the future development of Te Araroa. Information included in this plan can be broadly grouped into population demographics, business and employment information, existing facilities and infrastructure, proposed capital projects, potential issues, previous community consultation, a detailed action plan and a recommended process for the future of the plan.

It must be noted that GDC has to deal with many competing interests, and will not always be able to deliver on all of the ambitions listed in this plan. The same will apply to other agencies and organisations that have abilities to contribute to those ambitions. However, the plan is intended to be used by GDC when decisions affecting this community are made. It is hoped that other organisations will use it for the same purpose.

Population Demographics of Te Araroa Township

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District
Population		
Resident population	174	43,974
Male proportion of residents	49.1%	48.9%
Residents aged 14 years or under	24.1%	27.5%
Residents aged 65 years and over	12.1%	11.7%
Residents identifying as Maori	81.8%	46.2%
Residents identifying as European	30.9%	63.1%
Families		
Number of families	45	11,118
Solo parent households	33.3%	27.6%
Couples with no children	33.3%	32.7%
Households		
Number of households	60	15,195
Average household size	3.0	2.8
Dwellings owned (with or without	60.0%	62.9%
Average weekly rent	\$146	\$121
Access to a telephone	80.0%	91.3%
Access to the internet	15.0%	24.9%
Access to a motor vehicle	78.9%	86.7%

** Information sourced from Census 2001.*

Business and Employment Information

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District
Business		
Business locations**	21	
Qualifications		
Residents*** with no qualifications	32.4%	36.2%
Residents*** with a post school	23.5%	26.8%
Employment		
Unemployment rate	15.4%	10.4%
Most popular occupation group for residents**	Professionals	Ag. & fisheries workers
Residents earning \$30,000 or less per annum	77.2%	76.9%
Median income per annum	\$12,500	\$15,300

* Information sourced from Census 2001.

** Sourced from New Zealand Business Directory and includes marae and sports clubs.

*** Residents aged 15 years and over.

Existing Facilities and Infrastructure in Te Araroa

Gisborne District Council Provided Facilities

- One toilet block.
- A skate park.
- A playground.
- Te Araroa Domain - sports field.
- Two cemeteries (maintained – 0.06ha and 2.02ha).

Roading Infrastructure

Roads maintained by GDC include 17.846 km of sealed roads and 92.604 km of unsealed roads (110.450 kms in total).

Water Services

An assessment of water services (ie, stormwater, wastewater and drinking water) was undertaken in 2005 for Te Araroa township.

Council Services	Key Findings
No GDC water or wastewater services.	Status quo for wastewater.
Reactive maintenance of roadside stormwater drains.	Survey dwellings to check adequacy of existing water and wastewater systems, and develop strategy to ensure minimum standards can be met.
	Costs of water reticulation too high: alternative supplementary water supply investigated.

It is understood that GDC generally has no plans to provide water or wastewater services to the rural towns beyond what is already there.

Proposed Capital Projects

GDC proposes to undertake the following capital projects in Te Araroa over the next ten-year period:

- Te Araroa Domain (changing sheds) - \$40,000 (2009).
- Te Araroa Domain (new toilets) - \$50,000 (2014).
- Te Araroa Domain (upgrade playing surface) - \$10,000 (2007).

Potential Issues Facing the Community

The issues listed below were obtained from a desktop exercise prior to the community meeting undertaken in Te Araroa in June 2006.

- Roading infrastructure.
- Environmental health including lack of available data, inadequate stormwater control and below standard wastewater systems.

Previous Community Consultation

Several submissions were received by GDC as part of the Community Plan process. The information contained in these submissions include:

- Lack of maintenance of rural drainage infrastructure.
- Lack of road maintenance in rural areas.
- Lack of footpath maintenance, curbing and channelling in rural areas.
- Three Waters initiatives do not apply.
- Maintain Uranga Street, Te Araroa.
- Redevelop the East Coast railway.
- Privet is a problem in the flowering season, and is especially noticeable on the roadsides west of Te Araroa.
- Would like an update on the Te Araroa main street upgrade (due for completion 2005).
- New toilets and changing rooms required for the Te Araroa domain.
- Retain rural fire services.
- Poll beach communities to ask whether or not they want water and sewerage schemes.
- Community outcomes process is flawed.
- Needs to be less focus on infrastructure.

Two submissions were received based on the Te Araroa Summary Township Plan. Both of these submissions were handed in following the Te Araroa community meeting, held in June 2006. One submission requested evidence of the Crown's sovereignty while the second outlined the following:

- Completion of the Main Street upgrade.
- Need for further upgrade of public toilets.
- Consideration be given to:
 - Local water requirements including stormwater, drainage, local town supply and effluent disposal etc.
 - Rural road conditions and upkeep.
 - Sealing of unsealed roads.
 - Community township maintenance upkeep.

- Community facilities eg, toilets and playground.

Action Plan

The following information was obtained from community members at the Te Araroa community meeting held in June 2006. From the meeting it was determined that the two main issues for the township at present are lack of appropriate infrastructure and the need for appropriate and meaningful relationships, on an ongoing basis, between the Te Araroa community and GDC. From this the following overarching goals for the township have been developed:

- *“Te Araroa to have facilities and infrastructure that meets the needs of residents and visitors.”*
- *“Te Araroa to be connected into relevant GDC activities and for GDC to have a focus on Te Araroa activities.”*

In addition a series of objectives have been developed with a number of associated actions for each. These objectives are:

Te Araroa / GDC Relationships:

- *Greater connectivity between the people of Te Araroa (and surrounds) and GDC.*
- *Development of meaningful relationships within and between the people of Te Araroa (and surrounds) and GDC staff on an ongoing basis.*

Infrastructure:

- *Ensure Te Araroa has the appropriate infrastructure to support its activities.*

Business, Business Opportunities and Employment:

- *Provision of support for the development of local business.*
- *Development of a ‘point of difference’ for Te Araroa to ensure the township becomes ‘a place to visit’ for visitors to the East Coast / New Zealand.*
- *Ensure the benefits of East Coast and New Zealand tourism are felt in Te Araroa.*

Council Provided and Other Township Facilities:

- *Provision of support for local initiatives.*

Land and Rating Systems:

- *Effective and efficient land information and management.*

Recommended Process for the Future

The recommended process for the ongoing implementation and development of the Te Araroa township plan includes the following:

- Final township plan presented to GDC to be ratified (2006).
- Township plan implemented as deemed appropriate by GDC (2006 onwards).
- Implementation progress of township plan reviewed on an annual basis (2007 & 2008).
- Statistics updated and community revisited for follow on consultation (2009).

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This draft township plan has been prepared for the Te Araroa township on behalf of the Gisborne District Council (GDC). The idea for the development of this plan came about through community consultation by GDC, which placed emphasis on certain areas of economic development, including the 'development of plans for the future of rural towns of the district.'

While this plan is separate to other projects being run by GDC, it will provide input into and link with the GDC District Plan and the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

This plan contains the following information:

- Brief outline information on both the Gisborne Region and Te Araroa township.
- Population demographics and information on households and families in Te Araroa as at the 2001 Census.
- Business, employment, education and income information for Te Araroa as at the 2001 Census.
- An outline of existing facilities and infrastructure within the township (including roading infrastructure and water services).
- An outline of the proposed capital projects for the township by GDC.
- An outline of potential issues facing the community including roading and environmental health.
- An overview of previous community consultation undertaken.
- A detailed action plan, based on information obtained at a community meeting in Te Araroa in June 2006.
- The recommended process for the future review and updating of the township plan.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Gisborne Region

Gisborne Region covers a land area of 8,265km² on the east coast of the North Island and has the smallest population of any region in the North Island. The region stretches from just north of the Mahia peninsula in the south, and north to include the East Cape and Potaka to the east of Opotiki, and includes all the marine coastal area extending out to the twelve nautical mile territorial limit.

The Gisborne Region generally has warm summers and mild winters. It is recognised as one of the sunniest places in New Zealand with average yearly sunshine of around 2,200 hours. The region's annual rainfall varies from about 1,000mm near the coast to over 2,500mm in the higher inland country. On average 65 days a year have a maximum of over 24°C and temperatures of 38°C have been recorded.

Natural features include long, sunshine hours, an extensive coastline, offshore islands and reefs, natural bush, mountains and river areas. The region consists mainly of steep hill country with many small areas of rolling land on hilltops and strips of terrace and river flats in the valleys. The Gisborne Region is recognised as presenting some of the most complex and challenging issues in New Zealand geology

due to its placement on the boundary of the Australian and Pacific tectonic plates, while the topography of the district makes it one of New Zealand's most isolated.

Sources: *Gisborne District Council, Community Plan 2006 – 2016 (Vol 1) (2006); Ministry for the Environment, Ecological Footprints of New Zealand and its Regions (2003).*

2.2 Te Araroa

Te Araroa is situated on the foreshore of Kawakawa Bay, approximately 175 kilometres from Gisborne City, and is the most easterly point of the North Island. Te Araroa is famous in the history of Ngati Porou as the chosen home of the tribe's greatest warrior ancestor Tuwhakairiora and as the birthplace of Sir Apirana Ngata.

Te Araroa can also lay claim to being one of the first places in the world to see the sunrise each day and for having the world's largest and oldest pohutukawa tree. The tree, Te Waha o Rerekohu, is located on the school grounds and is over 65 feet high and around 600 years old.

Other attractions in Te Araroa include historic Whetumataru pa site, the East Cape lighthouse a short distance away, sites of geological interest and Punaruku Beach for swimming, surfing and fishing.

3.0 THE PEOPLE

This section is concerned primarily with demographic statistics taken from the 2001 Census, sourced from either Statistics New Zealand or the Gisborne District Council. Please note that all census data is now five years old. The 2006 Census was undertaken in March 2006, however the first results will not be made available until November 2006.

3.1 Population Demographics

3.1.1 Population

As at the 2001 Census, the resident population of Te Araroa Township was 174, making up just 0.4% of the Gisborne District population. However it must be noted that this figure does not include the population of the surrounding areas, who still contribute to the Te Araroa community. Both the Te Araroa Township and Gisborne District populations decreased in 2001 compared with the 1996 Census, while the overall New Zealand population recorded an increase.

The Te Araroa township population was proportionately split 49.1% male and 50.9% female. Comparatively, the male to female ratios of the Gisborne District and New Zealand population was similar (48.9% and 48.8% respectively) (refer to Table 1).

Table 1: Population of Te Araroa Township (2001)

Population (usually resident population count)

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District	New Zealand
Males	84	21,510	1,823,007
Females	87	22,461	1,914,273
Total	174	43,974	3,737,277
Change*	-9.4%	-3.9%	3.3%

* percentage change since 1996 Census

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Medium population projections show a slow decline is expected for the Gisborne District population to 2016.

3.1.2 Age Profile

As at the 2001 Census, the resident population of Te Araroa township aged 14 years or under was 24.1% of the total Te Araroa population. This can be compared to Gisborne District and New Zealand, which during the same period had 27.5% and 22.7% of their respective populations aged 14 years and under.

In addition, 12.1% of the Te Araroa township population was aged 65 and over in 2001, compared with 11.7% in Gisborne District and 12.1% in New Zealand.

Table 2: Age Profile of Te Araroa Township Residents (2001)

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District	New Zealand
0 - 14	24.1%	27.5%	22.7%
15 - 64	63.8%	60.8%	65.3%
65 +	12.1%	11.7%	12.1%

Source: Statistics New Zealand

3.1.3 Ethnic Groups

As at the 2001 Census, over eighty percent of Te Araroa township residents identified themselves as Maori (81.8% of the population), followed by European (30.9%). (Please note ethnicities are not additive as respondents could identify more than one ethnic group.) This is a different pattern from that which occurred in Gisborne District and New Zealand. The Maori populations of Gisborne District and New Zealand at the time of the 2001 Census were 46.2% and 14.7% respectively, while the European populations were 63.1% and 80.1% respectively.

Table 3: Ethnic Groups of Te Araroa Township (2001)

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District	New Zealand
European	30.9%	63.1%	80.1%
Maori	81.8%	46.2%	14.7%
Pacifika	3.6%	2.7%	6.5%
Asian	0.0%	1.5%	6.6%
Other	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%

Please note ethnicities are not additive, as respondents may have identified more than one ethnic group.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

3.2 Households & Families

3.2.1 Family Structure

There were 45 families in Te Araroa township for the 2001 Census, compared with 11,118 in Gisborne District and 967,617 in New Zealand.

Te Araroa township has a higher number of solo parent households (33.3%) than either Gisborne District (27.6%) or New Zealand (18.9%) according to the 2001 Census. In addition, Te Araroa township also has a similar number of households containing childless couples (33.3%), when compared to Gisborne District (32.7%) but is lower than New Zealand (39.0%).

Table 4: Families (2001)

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District	New Zealand
Couples with child(ren)	33.3%	39.7%	42.1%
Couples without child(ren)	33.3%	32.7%	39.0%
One parent with child(ren)	33.3%	27.6%	18.9%
Families in area	45	11,118	967,617

Source: Statistics New Zealand

3.2.2 Households

At the 2001 Census there were 60 households in Te Araroa township with an average household size of 3.0 people. This is slightly higher than both Gisborne District and New Zealand, with an average of 2.8 and 2.7 persons per household respectively. Over half (60.0%) of households in Te Araroa township are owned (with or without a mortgage), compared with 62.9% in Gisborne District and 67.8% in New Zealand, while average weekly rent is \$146, compared to \$121 and \$174 in Gisborne District and New Zealand respectively.

Table 5: Households (2001)

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District	New Zealand
Households	60	15,195	1,344,264
Average household size	3.0	2.8	2.7
Households owned*	60.0%	62.9%	67.8%
Average weekly rent	\$146	\$121	\$174

* with or without mortgage

Source: Statistics New Zealand

3.2.3 Access to Telecommunications and Motor Vehicles

Twenty percent (20.0%) of households in Te Araroa township have no access to a telephone, compared with 8.7% in Gisborne District and 3.7% in New Zealand. In addition, just 15.0% of Te Araroa households have access to the Internet, compared with 24.9% and 37.4% in Gisborne District and New Zealand respectively.

More than twenty percent (21.1%) of Te Araroa households have no access to a motor vehicle compared with 13.3% and 10.1% in Gisborne District and New Zealand respectively.

Table 6: Access to Telecommunications and Motor Vehicles (2001)

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District	New Zealand
Access to a telephone	80.0%	91.3%	96.3%
Access to the internet	15.0%	24.9%	37.4%
Access to a motor vehicle	78.9%	86.7%	89.9%

Source: Statistics New Zealand

4 BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

The information in this section contains statistics sourced from Statistics New Zealand and is either Census 2001 data or Business Demographics data. Please note that all census data is now five years old. The 2006 Census was undertaken in March 2006, however the first results will not be made available until November 2006.

4.1 Businesses

No information is available from the 2001 Census around business locations in Te Araroa, however an online search of the New Zealand Business Directory identified 21 results for Te Araroa township. These included retail businesses, service businesses and community facilities such as marae and sports clubs. The following outlines all results listed in alphabetical order:

- Anglican Church
- Awatere Marae
- Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day
- Cooks Passenger And Courier Services
- East Cape 4WD Sunrise Tours
- East Cape Manuka Company Ltd
- Eastern Store
- Te Araroa Fire Station
- Hinerupe Marae
- Horoera Marae
- Iain Fraser (tradesman)
- Kawakawa Combined Sports
- Kawakawa Hotel Te Araroa
- Matakaoa Community Health
- New Zealand Police
- Punaruku Marae
- Tairawhiti Pharmaceuticals Ltd
- Te Araroa Farmers 1981
- Te Araroa Holiday Park Ltd
- Te Waha O Rerekohu Area
- Tutua Marae

4.2 Education, Employment and Income

4.2.1 Education

Almost one third (32.4%) of Te Araroa township residents aged 15 years and over had no qualifications at the time of the 2001 Census, compared with 36.2% in Gisborne District and 27.7% in New Zealand as a whole, while nearly one quarter (23.5%) had a post school qualification, compared with 26.8% in Gisborne District and 32.2% in New Zealand.

Table 7: Education (2001)

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District	New Zealand
No qualification	32.4%	36.2%	27.7%
School qual.	44.1%	36.9%	40.1%
Post school qual.	23.5%	26.8%	32.2%

* people aged 15 years and over

Source: Statistics New Zealand

4.2.2 Employment & Unemployment

Little statistical information is available for Te Araroa with regard to employment and unemployment. In 2001, for people in Te Araroa aged 15 and over, the most popular occupational group was professionals. In comparison, the most popular occupational group in Gisborne District was agriculture and fisheries workers. The unemployment rate at this time was 15.4% for Te Araroa township, compared with 10.4% for Gisborne District and 7.5% for New Zealand.

4.2.3 Income

The majority of Te Araroa township residents (77.2%) earned \$30,000 or less (not including negative income) per annum at the time of the 2001 Census. Those who earned \$30,001 or more numbered 17.2%. The median income for Te Araroa township residents was \$12,500 per annum.

In comparison, 22.3% of Gisborne District residents and 30.7% of New Zealand residents earned more than \$30,001 or more per annum at the time of the 2001 Census. The median income for these two areas was \$15,300 and \$18,500 per annum respectively.

Table 8: Per Annum Income (2001)

	Te Araroa	Gisborne District	New Zealand
100,001 or more	0.0%	1.4%	2.4%
70,001 - 100,000	0.0%	1.4%	2.7%
50,001 - 70,000	2.9%	4.1%	6.4%
40,001 - 50,000	2.9%	5.5%	7.1%
30,001 - 40,000	11.4%	9.9%	12.1%
20,001 - 30,000	8.6%	16.9%	16.5%
10,001 - 20,000	34.3%	29.7%	24.9%
1 - 10,000	34.3%	26.4%	22.5%
Nil	0.0%	3.9%	4.7%
Loss	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Median income	\$12,500	\$15,300	\$18,500

Source: Statistics New Zealand

5 EXISTING FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

This section outlines the facilities currently provided by GDC in Te Araroa township, any proposed capital expenditure, roading infrastructure and utilities information.

5.1 Gisborne District Council Provided Facilities

Information provided by GDC lists the following community facilities as being Council-provided facilities:

- One toilet block.
- A skate park.
- A playground.
- Te Araroa Domain - sports field.
- Two cemeteries (maintained – 0.06ha and 2.02ha).
- A transfer station.

5.2 Proposed Capital Projects

The GDC Community Plan outlines proposed capital projects over the next ten year period. These include several specifically for Te Araroa township and includes:

- Te Araroa Domain (changing sheds) - \$40,000 (2009).
- Te Araroa Domain (new toilets) - \$50,000 (2014).
- Te Araroa Domain (upgrade playing surface) - \$10,000 (2007).

It must be noted that the 2007-year is the only year that has committed funding at this stage. Decisions to commit to projects and funding will be reviewed annually.

5.3 Roothing Infrastructure

The following table outlines the full lengths of sealed and unsealed roads in Te Araroa and surrounding areas. Please note this table includes only roads maintained by GDC, but includes both urban and rural roads.

Table 9: Te Araroa Roothing Summary

Road Name	Sealed Length (km)	Unsealed Length (km)
Arewhena Street	0.094	
Bolton Place		0.102
Carlson Road		2.495
Dewes Road		1.825
East Cape Road	5.401	14.616
Hovell Road		0.630
Kahukura Street	0.277	
Karakatuwhero Road	2.180	2.673
Koao Street		0.096
Kokomuka Road		4.503
Kopuapounamu Road	2.345	6.123
Koronia Street	0.383	
Lottin Point Road	1.100	3.622
Marae Road		0.502
Marangairoa Road		1.082
Matai Street	0.087	
Matakaoa Road		1.592
Moana Parade	0.665	0.084
O'Regan Road		0.246
Onepoto Road	0.415	1.260
Paikea Street	0.730	0.019
Pakiakanui Road		0.381
Pakira Road		0.184
Pohutu Road	0.608	0.060
Potikirua Road		3.956
Rata Street	0.441	
Rimu Street	0.126	
Shortcut Road		0.585
Te Kumi Road		5.600
Totara Street	0.113	
Waikura Road	0.129	23.587
Waione Road		3.299
Whakaangi Road	1.592	9.155
Wharekahika Road		0.926
Wharf Road	0.944	3.401
Wiira Street	0.216	
TOTAL	17.846	92.604
TOTAL ROADING*		110.450

* excludes roads not maintained by Gisborne District Council.

5.4 Water Services

An assessment of water services (ie, stormwater, wastewater and drinking water) was undertaken in 2005 and included the Te Araroa township. The following information has been obtained from the Gisborne District Council Community Plan (2006 – 2016).

Table 10: Te Araroa Three Waters Summary Table

Council Services	Key Findings
No GDC water or wastewater services.	Status quo for wastewater.
Reactive maintenance of roadside stormwater drains.	Survey dwellings to check adequacy of existing water and wastewater systems, and develop strategy to ensure minimum standards can be met.
	Costs of water reticulation too high: alternative supplementary water supply investigated.

The projected population of Gisborne District is forecast to decline. Given this and after public consultation, the assessment concluded that demand for improved levels of service was considered to be, at this time, cost prohibitive.

It is understood that GDC generally has no plans to provide water or wastewater services to the rural towns beyond what is already there.

6 POTENTIAL ISSUES FACING THE COMMUNITY

Please note that the issues listed in this section were obtained from a desktop exercise prior to the community meeting undertaken in Te Araroa in June 2006.

6.1 Roothing

It is stated in Volume One of the Gisborne District Council Community Plan (2006 – 2016) that “road maintenance and road construction will always be a major cost in this district.” The plan goes on to say that road development is required to support economic activity including pastoral and forestry industries, as well as passenger transport. While this is an issue for the whole district it is still an issue that should be considered by Te Araroa residents.

Key issues listed in the plan with regard to roading for the district include:

- Isolated, rural nature of the district with difficult topography.
- High costs per kilometre of road, per vehicle-km, or per ratepayer/resident.
- Area vulnerable to periodic high intensity rainfall events.
- The only other land transport link outside the district is the Napier-Gisborne railway line.

6.2 Environmental Health

The following information has been obtained from the Gisborne District Council and relates mainly to stormwater, wastewater and drinking water. Please note that some of the information outlined below is general information relating to the three townships involved in this project, namely Tolaga Bay, Tokomaru Bay and Te Araroa.

- There is a general lack of available data about some of the issues around environmental health. Most information comes from complaints or information obtained during the building consent process, however there are potential issues relating to potable water, on-site wastewater systems and the condition of housing.
- Stormwater control is generally inadequate. During storm events the land becomes saturated and the resulting flooding can affect the on-site wastewater systems.
- Many on-site wastewater systems are below standard, are poorly maintained or are situated on unsuitable or saturated soils. The latter is a particular problem in Te Araroa.
- Commercially zoned land in Te Araroa is generally on small sites. This could potentially inhibit development, as there is no ability to accommodate on-site wastewater treatment services.
- There is potential for the development of community-based systems that service a small area.

7 PREVIOUS CONSULTATION

7.1 Community Outcomes

In 2004, following extensive consultation, the Gisborne District community developed six community outcomes. These six outcomes will assist as a starting point for the community consultation to be undertaken as part of the Te Araroa Township Development Plan.

- Vibrant Communities
 - A variety of events and activities to inspire community participation and draw people to the area.
 - Town centres are alive and busy.
 - A range of sport, recreation and leisure opportunities.
 - Our heritage and uniqueness is celebrated through the arts, culture and spirituality.

- Connected Communities
 - Affordable, safe and reliable transport networks.
 - People feel connected and part of communities, locally, nationally and globally.
 - Access to all essential goods and services.
 - People have a link to their heritage.

- Prosperous Communities
 - A high standard of living.
 - A thriving economy that provides varied employment opportunities.
 - Future prosperity through investment in education and training.
 - Pride in self and community.
 - Communities are proud of their environment and willing and able to care for it for future generations.

- Safe and Healthy Haven
 - People feel safe to walk at night in the city centre.
 - Security of person and property.
 - Our footpaths and roads are safe to walk, cycle and drive on.
 - Freedom from health risks and harm.
 - People are well and active.
 - Guardianship of our environment for future generations.

- Positive Leadership
 - Businesses are leaders in their field.
 - Top quality health, education and social services.
 - People are able to reach their full potential.
 - Positive stewardship and improvements in infrastructure promoting environmental sustainability.
 - Individuals are responsible for their environment.

- Fair and Active Democracy.
 - People and organisations have confidence in the decision-making process.
 - People are inspired to actively participate in community affairs.
 - Open and transparent governance.
 - Entrepreneurial spirit is encouraged.

8 COMMUNITY MEETING OUTCOMES

8.1 Relevant Submissions on GDC Community Plan

The following table outlines a summary of submissions relevant to the Te Araroa Township Development Plan that were received by GDC as part of their Community Plan process.

No.	Submission Content (Summary)
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of maintenance of rural drainage infrastructure.• Lack of road maintenance in rural areas.• Lack of footpath maintenance, curbing and channelling in rural areas.• Three Waters initiatives do not apply.
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain Uranga Street, Te Araroa.
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redevelop the East Coast railway.
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Privet is a problem in the flowering season, and is especially noticeable on the roadsides west of Te Araroa.
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would like an update on the Te Araroa main street upgrade (due for completion 2005).• New toilets and changing rooms required for the Te Araroa domain.
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain rural fire services.
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poll beach communities to ask whether or not they want water and sewerage schemes.
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community outcomes process is flawed.• Needs to be less focus on infrastructure.

8.2 Submissions Received on Summary Township Plan

Two submissions were received based on the Te Araroa Summary Township Plan. Both of these submissions were handed in following the Te Araroa community meeting, held in June 2006.

No.	Submission Content (Summary)
1.	<p>Before the Gisborne District Council develops draft Township Plans using APR Consultants or conducts any operations that are in contravention to Te Tangata Whenua aspirations, Te OneOne Sovereign Council request that they provide true evidence of the Imperial Crown's true sovereignty; in the event such evidence is not forthcoming in 28 days from the date of this letter the Gisborne District Council is illegal; and is forthwith ORDERED to halt all illegal operations; thus, legal processes pending.</p>
2.	<p><u>Main Street Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been in the pipeline for over five years. • Still no definite word on the completion date. • The work included installing tile type footpaths, new gutters and channelling, planter boxes, seating, and rubbish bins in a Mediterranean style setting. <p><u>Public Toilets Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans drawn up in 2004. • Local builder's quote declined for being too extravagant, a cheaper job was done and is inadequate. • The work included installing an extra bay for wheel-chair access, a new roof and other bits and pieces. <p><u>Other Issues to be Considered</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local water requirements including stormwater, drainage, local town supply and effluent disposal etc. • Rural road conditions and upkeep. • Sealing of unsealed roads. • Community township maintenance upkeep. • Community facilities eg, toilets and playground.

8.3 Action Plan

The following information was obtained from community members at the Te Araroa community meeting held in June 2006. From the meeting it was determined that the two main issues for the township at present are lack of appropriate infrastructure and the need for appropriate and meaningful relationships, on an ongoing basis, between the Te Araroa community and GDC. From this the following overarching goals for the township have been developed:

“Te Araroa to have facilities and infrastructure that meets the needs of residents and visitors.”

“Te Araroa to be connected into relevant GDC activities and for GDC to have a focus on Te Araroa activities.”

8.3.1 Te Araroa / GDC Relationships

Issue(s) Raised:	Objective(s):	Response(s) Suggested by Community:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in rural areas treated as second-class citizens by GDC. • There is a negative attitude by some people in Gisborne towards the rest of the coast. • GDC needs to consider outlying areas around Te Araroa, not just the 174 people counted in the township at the last Census. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Greater connectivity between the people of Te Araroa (and surrounds) and GDC.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Development of meaningful relationships within and between the people of Te Araroa (and surrounds) and GDC staff on an ongoing basis.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of appropriate and meaningful relationships between the Te Araroa community and GDC staff and councillors. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular GDC meetings in Te Araroa; ○ Regular GDC visits to Te Araroa to assess any problems.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different departments within GDC handle different issues in the community. • Too many different council staff coming to the town. • Each department doesn't always know what the other is doing. • Information not being communicated to other / new council staff. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Relevant Community Outcomes:</i></u> <i>Vibrant Communities.</i> <i>Prosperous Communities.</i> <i>Fair and Active Democracy.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved communication between the different GDC departments and individual staff regarding work undertaken in Te Araroa.

Issue(s) Raised (cont):	Objective(s) (cont):	Response(s) Suggested by Community (cont):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Araroa is a depressed area, but it doesn't need to be. • GDC is not playing a responsible role in this regard. 	<p><i>See previous page.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC to take an active role in the development of Te Araroa.

Other Options for Further Investigation:

- Development of a community board to communicate local concerns to GDC (GDC funded).

8.3.2 Infrastructure

Issue(s) Raised:	Objective(s):	Response(s) Suggested by Community:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some residents considered that the area around Te Araroa has the worst roading in Gisborne District. 	<p><i>Ensure Te Araroa has the appropriate infrastructure to support its activities.</i></p> <p><u>Relevant Community Outcomes:</u> <i>Vibrant Communities.</i> <i>Connected Communities.</i> <i>Prosperous Communities.</i> <i>Safe and Healthy Haven.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that roading infrastructure is given fair priority in the area. The understanding that future development of the township is reliant on appropriate roading infrastructure be clearly communicated to GDC staff and councillors.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The toilet block in town needs to be upgraded. Local quote for upgrade considered extravagant by GDC. Upgrade undertaken not adequate. It is important that toilet blocks are up to standard as tourists often make judgements on a town based on its public toilets and other facilities. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring forward the toilet block upgrade currently scheduled for 2014.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main street upgrade needs to be done. This issue has been ongoing for years. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete all aspects of the main street upgrade simultaneously and in the short-term.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current water situation is an issue (includes water and stormwater). • Previous meetings about this issue have come to nothing. GDC have stated costs are too expensive per household. • Some work has been done but current infrastructure is still inadequate. • Government-run meetings about this issue are being held in Gisborne only. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure follow up Three Waters consultation is undertaken (a more definite response is required). • Consideration to be given to payments over a set period (rather than lump sum payments) to help make costs more manageable and affordable. • Ask Government officials to schedule meetings about the water issue in other parts of the East Coast not just in Gisborne. • Consideration given to GDC provided water tanks for households.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty of energy supply after 2013 (no requirement for electricity lines companies to service their customers after this date). • Most likely to affect users in remote areas. • Cost of power has also increased. • Expensive to set up some energy infrastructure. 	<p><i>See previous page.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule a meeting in the township to discuss the possible solutions required to combat the uncertainty of energy supply post 2013. • Consideration to be given to alternative energy sources and alternative energy projects for East Coast communities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications is an issue. • Recent example of telecommunications being affected for five days. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a plan to secure communications infrastructure for the future.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Centre currently operates between December and February. • Visitors generally ask key questions such as the distance to the lighthouse, the location of the Pohutukawa tree and what the road conditions are. • Awareness of an American tourism programme wanting to do a feature on the East Coast area. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a stand-alone visitor centre that is open throughout the year. • Development of local information signage marking places of significance on the East Cape road. • Foster awareness around overseas visitors wanting to visit parts of New Zealand that are considered 'rural' (includes the East Coast). • Development of a purpose built lodge for affluent visitors to stay. Provide optional day trips from the lodge to sites of interest.
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Other Options for Further Investigation:

- Maintenance of stop banks to divert water, preventing flooding (Awatere).
- Development of a jetty.
- Development of airport.
- Ongoing roading infrastructure maintenance.
- GDC assistance with 'hidden costs' (ie, emptying of septic tanks).
- Beautification of the township.
- Replanting of pohutukawa trees bulldozed by GDC contractor (40 years ago).

8.3.3 Business, Business Opportunities and Employment

Issue(s) Raised:	Objective(s):	Response(s) Suggested by Community:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any new business opportunities/endeavours should work in tandem with others in town. • Need for sustainable industries for the area. • GDC is restricting some business activities due to compliance and other issues which is impacting on business and employment in the area. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Provision of support for the development of local business.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Relevant Community Outcomes:</u> <i>Prosperous Communities. Positive Leadership. Fair and Active Democracy.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC to undertake a facilitation role in terms of the provision of advice on various business issues. • Manuka oil factory is possibly the largest employer on the coast. Opportunity for further developments such as aquaculture and kawakawa. • Provision of GDC assistance in terms of compliance and other issues faced when new businesses/industries are developed. • Provision of business support services from GDC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism benefits not being felt in Te Araroa. • Lack of infrastructure and facilities to cater for tourists making tourism to the area difficult (includes roading and toilet facilities). • General feeling that GDC is not assisting in this area. • Information Centre is seasonal only and is combined with the Community Centre. • There are currently no facilities for campervans and waste is being disposed of inappropriately. • Lack of local accommodation available due to loss of hotel. • There are some very significant heritage trail sites in the area. • The area is rich in cultural accomplishments but deficient in business. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Development of a 'point of difference' for Te Araroa to ensure the township becomes 'a place to visit' for visitors to the East Coast / New Zealand.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ensure the benefits of East Coast and New Zealand tourism are felt in Te Araroa.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Relevant Community Outcomes:</u> <i>Vibrant Communities. Connected Communities. Prosperous Communities. Safe and Healthy Haven.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure that supports tourism in the area, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roading and transport infrastructure; • sealing of the East Cape Road (as the first road to be sealed); • provision of toilet facilities; • increased maintenance of toilet block by the East Cape lighthouse (especially over the holiday seasons); • provision of picnic tables and other facilities. • Provision of a stand-alone visitor centre that is open throughout the year. • Development of a sustainable tourism industry building on the existing strengths and attractions of Te Araroa. Keep visitors in the town instead of just passing through.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertisement of what Te Araroa has to offer. • Promotion of sacred sites in the area that have historic or cultural significance. • Development and promotion of eco-tourism.
<p><i>See previous page.</i></p>	<p><i>See previous page.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC to assist tourist operators with advice and support. • Further development of walks of interest (GDC and DOC currently developing and promoting walks). Development of three-way relationship between GDC, DOC and the Maori trustee (whenua within township). • Development of signage to mark cultural and heritage trails in the area. • Development of relationships with national and international coach touring companies. Possibility of developing pre-booked tours through the area. • Development of a programme to train local tourist guides in the community. • Promotion of Maori culture in terms of marae visits via coordination with Tourism Eastland and Tourism New Zealand. • GDC to provide support for constitution that is currently being developed and will include representatives from all marae in the area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no local representation on GDC funded Tourism Eastland Board. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of ongoing and meaningful relationship between the Te Araroa community and the board of Tourism Eastland.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally mark the birthplace of Sir Apirana Ngata. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally mark the birthplace of Sir Apirana Ngata.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The area around the Pohutukawa tree needs to be tidied up.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage the school to maintain the area around the Pohutukawa tree.• Consider the development of the bare land next to the Pohutukawa as a public reserve.
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Other Options for Further Investigation:

- Difficulties experienced attracting professional people to the township (ie, dentists, physiotherapists). Townspeople incur higher costs (ie, travel) in order to obtain medical/health care.
- Distance from major centres means increased costs (ie, freight, tradesmen's travel charges).

8.3.4 Council Provided and Other Township Facilities

Issue(s) Raised:	Objective(s):	Response(s) Suggested by Community:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is going to be done with the old picture theatre? A plan is currently being investigated by community members to ensure the front of the building is retained for its historic value. <i>Note the Historic Places Trust has been contacted regarding this.</i> 	<p><i>Provision of support for local initiatives.</i></p> <p><u>Relevant Community Outcomes:</u> <i>Vibrant Communities. Prosperous Communities. Fair and Active Democracy.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDC to provide support for the community to retain the front of the old picture theatre building. GDC to consider a facilitation role between the Te Araroa community and the Historic Places Trust.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no community library. There was a community library previously which operated out of an empty room at the school, however the room was required by the school and the library closed. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDC to support an appropriate community group with the setting up, and maintenance of, a community or mobile library for the area.

Other Options for Further Investigation:

- Development of a community Internet / email facility.
- Provision of banking facilities in town (GDC to advocate on behalf of the community)

8.3.5 Land and Rating Systems

Issue(s) Raised:	Objective(s):	Response(s) Suggested by Community:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retention of the whenua register as part of the GDC rating system. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective and efficient land information and management.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Relevant Community Outcomes:</u> <i>Connected Communities.</i> <i>Prosperous Communities.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the current situation regarding the whenua register. • Retention of the rates remission policy as removal of this policy would penalise Maori landowners.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of owners of local land (multiple owners) live out of the area. • Can be a huge task just to meet with all the owners of an area of land. • Existing rating and valuation system can provide obstacles to owners. Some owners have experienced recent rates increases of up to 500%. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review land policies to remove obstacles to greater utilisation of Maori land (eg, housing and economic uses).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unproductive farming land in the area. • Land may be available for new ventures. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While some work is already being done in this area, further input from GDC is required (including financial input). • GDC to consider a facilitation role (particularly with regard to infrastructure such as energy).

9.0 THE PROCESS FOR THE FUTURE

The following outlines the recommended process for the ongoing implementation and development of the Te Araroa township plan:

- Step 1: Draft township plan reviewed by the community to ensure accuracy of comments recorded at the community meeting (2006).
- Step 2: Appropriate revisions made to draft township plan (2007).
Draft township plan finalised (2007).
- Step 3: Final township plan presented to GDC to be ratified (2007).
- Step 4: Township plan implemented as deemed appropriate by GDC (2007 onwards).
- Step 5: Implementation progress of township plan reviewed on an annual basis (2007 & 2008).
- Step 6: Statistics updated and community revisited for follow on consultation (2009).

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