

TOLAGA BAY
TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This draft plan has been prepared for the Tolaga Bay township on behalf of the Gisborne District Council (GDC). Its purpose is to provide a desired direction for the future development of Tolaga Bay. 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 for use 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 Tolaga Bay Township

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Population | | |
| Resident population | 867 | 43,974 |
| Male proportion of residents | 49.0% | 48.9% |
| Residents aged 14 years or under | 30.1% | 27.5% |
| Residents aged 65 years and over | 10.7% | 11.7% |
| Residents identifying as Maori | 78.4% | 46.2% |
| Residents identifying as European | 31.3% | 63.1% |
| Families | | |
| Number of families | 204 | 11,118 |
| Solo parent households | 35.3% | 27.6% |
| Couples with no children | 30.9% | 32.7% |
| Households | | |
| Number of households | 276 | 15,195 |
| Average household size | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| Dwellings owned (with or without mortgage) | 55.7% | 62.9% |
| Annual average household spending | \$28,241 | \$35,874 |
| Access to a telephone | 75.3% | 91.3% |
| Access to the internet | 14.6% | 24.9% |
| Access to a motor vehicle | 79.8% | 86.7% |

** Information sourced from Census 2001.*

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Business | | |
| Business locations | 60 | 2,780 |
| Number of people per business location | 14.5 | 15.8 |
| Qualifications | | |
| Residents** with no qualifications | 46.6% | 36.2% |
| Residents** with a post school qualification | 19.3% | 26.8% |
| Employment | | |
| Residents** employed (part-time or full-time) | 44.3% | 56.2% |
| Residents** not in the labour force | 41.4% | 34.5% |
| Unemployment rate | 21.7% | 10.4% |
| Most popular occupation group for residents** | Ag. and fisheries workers - 28.1% | Ag. and fisheries workers - 17.6% |
| Most popular industry type for residents** | Ag., forestry and fishing - 33.7% | Ag., forestry and fishing - 22.2% |
| Residents earning \$30,000 or less per annum | 87.2% | 76.9% |
| Median income per annum | \$11,900 | \$15,300 |

* Information sourced from Census 2001.

** Residents aged 15 years and over.

Existing Facilities and Infrastructure in Tolaga Bay

Gisborne District Council Provided Facilities

- Four blocks of toilets (township, beachfront, Blue Waters and wharf)
- A skate park / playground / basketball hoop and pad
- A boat ramp
- Sports fields
- One freedom camping site (Blue Waters)
- Several picnic tables (around the beachfront area)
- One cemetery (fully maintained to high standard – 5.14ha)
- A transfer station

Road Infrastructure: Roads maintained by GDC include 8.070 km of sealed roads and 0.648 km of unsealed roads (8.718 km in total).

Water Services: An assessment of water services (ie, stormwater, wastewater and drinking water) was undertaken in 2005 for Tolaga Bay township.

| Council Services | Key Findings |
|---|---|
| No GDC water or wastewater services | Status quo for current levels of service |
| Reactive maintenance of roadside gutters and stormwater drains. | Issues with septic tanks in some areas |
| | Survey dwellings to check adequacy of existing water and wastewater systems, and develop strategy to ensure minimum standards can be met. |

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 Tolaga Bay over the next ten-year period:

- Public conveniences (Tolaga Bay) - \$50,000 (2015), \$50,000 (2016)
- Public conveniences (Tolaga Bay Motor Home Dump Station) - \$20,000 (2009)
- Public conveniences (Tolaga Bay Wharf) - \$10,000 (2008)
- Tolaga Bay Reserve (toilets/grass playing surface) - \$40,000 (2010)

Potential Issues Facing the Community

This issues listed below were obtained from a desktop exercise undertaken prior to the community meeting held in Tolaga Bay in June 2006.

- Road infrastructure.
- Environmental health including lack of available data, inadequate stormwater control and below standard wastewater systems.
- Possible changes to rural fire services.
- Coastal hazards and flooding.
- The possibility that the Tolaga Bay Wharf will not be replaced at the end of its useful life.

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.
- Redevelop the East Coast railway.
- 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.
- Request for funding to provide an extra week of life guarding at Tolaga Bay over the summer period.
- Supports the continuation of freedom camping.

One submission was received based on the Tolaga Bay Summary Township Plan. This submission outlined the following:

- Further development (ie, landscaping) of the area adjacent to and including the skateboard park. This area should be developed, landscaped and planted as a park with additional playground areas, tables etc with adequate lighting.
- Car wrecks at the refuse station should be removed or completely screened off. Further planting around the boundary would be very beneficial.
- Continued upkeep and maintenance of the melia trees. They are a great asset to the township and enhance the main street a great deal.

The following information was obtained from community members at the Tolaga Bay community meeting held in June 2006. From the meeting it was determined that the two main issues for the township at present are development and the lack of appropriate infrastructure. In this case 'development' includes both the need for the ongoing development of community facilities and ensuring any new development in the township is appropriate and helps retain the character of the township. From this, the following overarching goal for the township has been developed:

“The development of facilities and infrastructure that:

1. *Meets the needs of residents and visitors; and*
2. *Is in keeping with the character of the township.”*

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

Infrastructure:

- Ensure Tolaga Bay has appropriate infrastructure for the safety and development of the townships and to support community activities.

Community Facilities:

- To operate the freedom camping site as a self-sustaining campground for residents and visitors alike.
- Ensure Tolaga Bay has adequate and appropriate facilities to meet the needs of residents.

Council Policies & Operations:

- GDC to have regard for the views of local residents in the formation of LTCCP, annual, district and other plans that include Tolaga Bay.

Business, Business Opportunities & Employment:

- Provision of support for the development of local business.

Land & Rating Systems:

- The retention of reserves and park land for the benefit of the local community.

Community Development:

- The formulation and implementation of initiatives to further enhance the Tolaga Bay community.

Recommended Process for the Future

The recommended process for the ongoing implementation and development of the Tolaga Bay 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 report has been prepared for the Tolaga Bay/Uawa 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 Tolaga Bay township.
- Population demographics and information on households and families in Tolaga Bay as at the 2001 Census.
- Business, employment, education and income information for Tolaga Bay 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, environmental health, the local fire service, coastal hazards and flooding.
- An overview of previous community consultation undertaken.
- A detailed action plan, based on information obtained at a community meeting in Tolaga Bay 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 24oC and temperatures of 38oC 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 Tolaga Bay/Uawa

Tolaga Bay is a coastal township located approximately 54 kilometres northeast of Gisborne City. In 1875, Tolaga Bay had an estimated population of 800 people, 52 of whom were European settlers, making it the largest European centre of the east coast. Today, Tolaga Bay has a population of around 900 people.

The sea has always been important to the township, firstly as a means of communication and transport, then for shipping from the Tolaga Bay wharf and now for tourism, particularly in the summer months.

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 Tolaga Bay Township was 867, making up 1.97% of the Gisborne District population and just 0.02% of the total New Zealand population. Both the Tolaga Bay Township and Gisborne District populations decreased in 2001 compared with the 1996 Census, while the overall New Zealand population recorded an increase.

In addition, the Tolaga Bay township population was proportionately split 49.0% male and 51.0% female. Comparatively, the male populations of Gisborne District and New Zealand were slightly lower (48.9% and 48.8% respectively) and the female populations therefore slightly higher (refer to Table

1).

Table 1: Population of Tolaga Bay Township (2001)
Population (usually resident population count)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Males | 426 | 21,510 | 1,823,007 |
| Females | 444 | 22,461 | 1,914,273 |
| Total | 867 | 43,974 | 3,737,277 |
| Change* | -3.3% | -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 Tolaga Bay township was a relatively young one, with 30.1% of the population aged 14 years or under. 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, 10.7% of the Tolaga Bay 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 Tolaga Bay Township Residents (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|---------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 0 - 14 | 30.1% | 27.5% | 22.7% |
| 15 - 64 | 59.5% | 60.8% | 65.3% |
| 65 + | 10.7% | 11.7% | 12.1% |

Source: Statistics New Zealand

3.1.3 Ethnic Groups

As at the 2001 Census, nearly eighty percent of Tolaga Bay township residents identified themselves as Maori (78.4% of the population), followed by European (31.3%). (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 Tolaga Bay Township (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| European | 31.3% | 63.1% | 80.1% |
| Maori | 78.4% | 46.2% | 14.7% |
| Pacifika | 2.2% | 2.7% | 6.5% |
| Asian | 0.4% | 1.5% | 6.6% |
| Other | 0.4% | 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 and Families

3.2.1 Family Structure

There were 204 families in Tolaga Bay township for the 2001 Census, compared with 11,118 in Gisborne District and 967,617 in New Zealand.

Tolaga Bay township has a higher number of solo parent households (35.3%) than either Gisborne District (27.6%) or New Zealand (18.9%) according to the 2001 Census. In addition, Tolaga Bay township also has a slightly lower number of households containing childless couples (30.9%), when compared with both Gisborne District (32.7%) and New Zealand (39.0%).

Table 4: Families (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Couples with child(ren) | 32.4% | 39.7% | 42.1% |
| Couples without child(ren) | 30.9% | 32.7% | 39.0% |
| One parent with child(ren) | 35.3% | 27.6% | 18.9% |
| Families in area | 204 | 11,118 | 967,617 |

Source: Statistics New Zealand

3.2.2 Households

At the 2001 Census there were 276 households in Tolaga Bay township with an average household size of 2.9. This is slightly higher than both Gisborne District and New Zealand, with an average of 2.8 and 2.7 persons per household respectively. Just over half (55.7%) of households in Tolaga Bay township are owned (with or without a mortgage), compared with 62.9% in Gisborne District and 67.8% in New Zealand.

Table 5: Households (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Average household size | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Households | 276 | 15,195 | 1,344,264 |

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Annual average household spending in 2001 was around \$28,000 per annum in Tolaga Bay township, compared with nearly \$36,000 in Gisborne District and nearly \$44,000 in New Zealand. Nearly twenty percent (19.9%) of household spending in Tolaga Bay township was used for food, followed by housing (17.6%), housing operation (15.8%) and transport (15.4%).

Table 6: Annual Average Household Spending (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Food | \$5,626 | \$6,291 | \$7,004 |
| Housing | \$4,966 | \$7,282 | \$10,159 |
| Housing operation | \$4,475 | \$5,040 | \$5,472 |
| Transportation | \$4,338 | \$6,206 | \$7,358 |
| Total | \$28,241 | \$35,874 | \$43,682 |

Source: Statistics New Zealand

3.2.3 Access to Telecommunications & Motor Vehicles

Nearly a quarter (24.7%) of households in Tolaga Bay township have no access to a telephone, compared with 8.7% in Gisborne District and 3.7% in New Zealand. In addition, just 14.6% of Tolaga Bay households have access to the internet, compared with 24.9% and 37.4% in Gisborne District and New Zealand respectively.

More than twenty percent (20.2%) of Tolaga Bay households have no access to a motor vehicle compared with 13.3% and 10.1% in Gisborne District and New Zealand respectively.

Table 7: Access to Telecommunications & Motor Vehicles (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Access to a telephone | 75.3% | 91.3% | 96.3% |
| Access to the internet | 14.6% | 24.9% | 37.4% |
| Access to a motor vehicle | 79.8% | 86.7% | 89.9% |

Source: Statistics New Zealand

4.0 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

According to the 2001 Census, Tolaga Bay township has 60 business locations, which equates to one for every 14.5 people. This can be compared to Gisborne District's 2,780 business locations (or one for every 15.8 people) and New Zealand's 309,749 businesses (or one for every 12.1 people).

Table 8: Businesses (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Business locations | 60 | 2,780 | 309,749 |

Source: Statistics New Zealand

A search of the online New Zealand Business Directory identified 42 results for Tolaga Bay township. These included retail businesses, service businesses and community facilities such as marae and sports clubs. Additional businesses were also identified at a later date. The following outlines all results listed in alphabetical order:

- Anaura Bay Accommodation
- Anaura Beachstay
- Beard Engineering Tolaga Bay Ltd
- Buffalo Lodge (Taraki 165)
- Catholic Church
- Cottles Coffee Shop
- Cranswick Enterprises Ltd
- Endeavour House Holiday Home
- Fire Station
- George & Mildreds Supermarket
- Hauti Marae
- Hinemaurea Marae, Mangatuna
- Hinetamatea Marae, Anaura
- John's Superette & Lotto
- Lions Club
- Little Uawa Variety Shop
- Mihaia Church
- New Zealand Police
- Papatahi Homestay
- Parish Hall
- Puketawai Marae
- Rangimarie Beachstay
- Ranui Buses
- St Andrew's Ministry Cottage
- Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Mangatuna
- Te Rangimarie Awhiwhanau
- Te Rawheoro Marae
- The Deck Holiday Home
- The Fish Shop
- The Pickled Walnut
- Time Out Holiday Home
- Tolaga Bay Area School
- Tolaga Bay Boating & Fishing Club
- Tolaga Bay Bowling Club
- Tolaga Bay Cashmere Company
- Tolaga Bay Community Library
- Tolaga Bay East Cape Charters
- Tolaga Bay Garage (1984) Ltd
- Tolaga Bay Golf Club
- Tolaga Bay Holiday Park
- Tolaga Bay Inn
- Tolaga Bay Motel
- Tolaga Bay Playcentre
- Tolaga Bay Surf Club
- Uawa Community Health Centre
- Uawa Foodmarket

- Reynolds Hall
- Roll Inn Food Bar
- St Andrew's Anglican Church
- Uawa RLFC
- Willowflat Farmstay

It is also noted that Tolaga Bay is home to several kohanga reo.

4.2 Education, Employment & Income

4.2 Education, Employment and Income

4.2.1 Education

Nearly half (46.6%) of Tolaga Bay 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. Nearly twenty percent (19.3%) of residents had a post school qualification, compared with 26.8% in Gisborne District and 32.2% in New Zealand.

Table 9: Education (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| No qualification | 46.6% | 36.2% | 27.7% |
| School qual. | 34.2% | 36.9% | 40.1% |
| Post school qual. | 19.3% | 26.8% | 32.2% |

* people aged 15 years and over

Source: Statistics New Zealand

4.2.2 Employment & Unemployment

Nearly half (44.3%) the population of Tolaga Bay township (aged 15 and over) was employed at the time of the 2001 Census, either full-time or part-time, while a further 41.4% were not in the labour force. Please note these figures include only residents aged 15 years and over. The unemployment rate at this time was 21.7% for Tolaga Bay township, compared with 10.4% for Gisborne District and 7.5% for New Zealand.

Table 10: Employment (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | % of Gisborne | Gisborne |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Full-time Employed | 195 | 1.5% | 13,344 |
| Total Part-time Employed | 75 | 1.6% | 4,563 |
| Total Employed | 270 | 1.5% | 17,907 |
| Unemployed | 75 | 3.6% | 2,073 |
| Total Labour Force | 342 | 1.7% | 19,980 |
| Not in Labour Force | 252 | 2.3% | 10,998 |
| Total | 609 | 1.9% | 31,884 |

* people aged 15 years and over

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 11: Employment by Occupation (2001)

| Occupation | Tolaga Bay | Tolaga Bay % | Gisborne % |
|--|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Legislators, Administrators and Managers | 24 | 9.0% | 9.6% |
| Professionals | 27 | 10.1% | 12.4% |
| Technicians and Associate Professionals | 18 | 6.7% | 8.1% |
| Clerks | 12 | 4.5% | 9.7% |
| Service and Sales Workers | 21 | 7.9% | 13.0% |
| Agriculture and Fishery Workers | 75 | 28.1% | 17.6% |
| Trades Workers | 15 | 5.6% | 7.5% |
| Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers | 18 | 6.7% | 8.5% |
| Elementary Occupations | 24 | 9.0% | 6.7% |
| Not Elsewhere Included | 33 | 12.4% | 6.9% |
| Total | 267 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

* people aged 15 years and over

Source: Statistics New Zealand

The above table outlines the number of people employed in Tolaga Bay township by their occupation (for people aged 15 and over) as at the 2001 Census. The most popular occupational group in Tolaga Bay township at this time was agriculture and fisheries workers (28.1% of full-time and part-time employment), followed by professionals (10.1%) and legislators, administrators and managers and elementary occupations (each with 9.0%).

Table 12: Employment by Industry Type (2001)

| Industry | Tolaga Bay | Tolaga Bay % | Gisborne % |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 90 | 33.7% | 22.2% |
| Mining | 0 | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Manufacturing | 9 | 3.4% | 9.2% |
| Electricity, Gas and Water Supply | 0 | 0.0% | 0.2% |
| Construction | 6 | 2.2% | 5.7% |
| Wholesale Trade | 0 | 0.0% | 3.6% |
| Retail Trade | 30 | 11.2% | 11.7% |
| Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants | 18 | 6.7% | 3.6% |
| Transport and Storage | 6 | 2.2% | 3.1% |
| Communication Services | 0 | 0.0% | 0.7% |
| Finance and Insurance | 0 | 0.0% | 1.2% |
| Property and Business Services | 6 | 2.2% | 6.0% |
| Government Administration and Defence | 3 | 1.1% | 2.9% |
| Education | 27 | 10.1% | 9.4% |
| Health and Community Services | 21 | 7.9% | 9.1% |
| Cultural and Recreational Services | 6 | 2.2% | 1.3% |
| Personal and other Services | 18 | 6.7% | 3.6% |
| Not Elsewhere Included | 21 | 7.9% | 6.4% |
| Total | 267 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

* people aged 15 years and over

Source: Statistics New Zealand

The above table outlines the number of people employed in Tolaga Bay township by their industry type (for people aged 15 and over) as at the 2001 Census. The most popular industry type in Tolaga Bay township at this time was agriculture, forestry and fishing (33.7% of full-time and part-time employment), followed by retail trade (11.2%) and education (10.1%). These same three industry types were the most popular in Gisborne for the same period with 22.2%, 11.7% and 9.4% respectively.

4.2.3 Income

The majority of Tolaga Bay township residents (87.2%) 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 12.2%. The median income for Tolaga Bay township residents was \$11,900 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 13: Per Annum Income (2001)

| | Tolaga Bay | Gisborne District | New Zealand |
|------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 100,001 or more | 1.2% | 1.4% | 2.4% |
| 70,001 - 100,000 | 0.6% | 1.4% | 2.7% |
| 50,001 - 70,000 | 1.7% | 4.1% | 6.4% |
| 40,001 - 50,000 | 2.9% | 5.5% | 7.1% |
| 30,001 - 40,000 | 5.8% | 9.9% | 12.1% |
| 20,001 - 30,000 | 15.0% | 16.9% | 16.5% |
| 10,001 - 20,000 | 30.6% | 29.7% | 24.9% |
| 1 - 10,000 | 35.8% | 26.4% | 22.5% |
| Nil | 5.8% | 3.9% | 4.7% |
| Loss | 1.2% | 0.7% | 0.7% |
| Median income | \$11,900 | \$15,300 | \$18,500 |

Source: Statistics New Zealand

5.0 EXISTING FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

This section outlines the facilities currently provided by GDC in Tolaga Bay 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:

- Four blocks of toilets (township, beachfront, Blue Waters and wharf)
- A skate park / playground / basketball hoop and pad
- A boat ramp
- Sports fields
- One freedom camping site (Blue Waters)
- Several picnic tables (around the beachfront area)
- One cemetery (fully maintained to high standard – 5.14ha)
- 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 Tolaga Bay township and includes:

- Public conveniences (Tolaga Bay) - \$50,000 (2015), \$50,000 (2016)
- Public conveniences (Tolaga Bay Motorhome Dump Station) - \$20,000 (2009)
- Public conveniences (Tolaga Bay Wharf) - \$10,000 (2008)
- Tolaga Bay Reserve (toilets/grass playing surface) - \$40,000 (2010)

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.

It is noted that the GDC has assumed the Tolaga Bay Wharf will not be replaced at the end of its useful life.

5.3 Road Infrastructure

The following table outlines the full lengths of sealed and unsealed urban roads maintained by GDC in Tolaga Bay.

Table 14: Tolaga Bay Road Summary

| Road Name | Sealed Length (km) | Unsealed Length (km) |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Adventure Street | 0.230 | |
| Banks Street | 1.475 | |
| Discovery Street | 0.323 | |
| Endeavour Street | 0.460 | |
| Ferneaux Street | 0.921 | |
| Forster Street | 0.830 | |
| Gore Street | 0.231 | |
| Hale Street | | 0.066 |
| Hinekura Road | 0.212 | |
| Monkhouse Street | 0.534 | |
| Pahura Road | 0.049 | 0.073 |
| Parkinson Street | 0.588 | 0.222 |
| Resolution Street | 0.459 | |
| Solander Street | 1.066 | |
| Temepara Lane | | 0.067 |
| Uawa Parade | 0.799 | |
| Whakatatare Road | 0.113 | |
| TOTAL | 8.290 | 0.428 |
| TOTAL ROADING* | | 8.718 |

* 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 Tolaga Bay township. The following information has been obtained from the Gisborne District Council Community Plan (2006 – 2016).

Table 15: Tolaga Bay Three Waters Summary

| Council Services | Key Findings |
|---|---|
| No GDC water or wastewater services | Status quo for current levels of service |
| Reactive maintenance of roadside gutters and stormwater drains. | Issues with septic tanks in some areas |
| | Survey dwellings to check adequacy of existing water and wastewater systems, and develop strategy to ensure minimum standards can be met. |

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.

6.0 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 Tolaga Bay 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 Tolaga Bay 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.
- Commercially zoned land in Tolaga Bay 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.
- Environmental Impact Assessment monitoring will assist in the assessment of the levels of contaminants associated with on-site wastewater treatment systems.

6.3 Fire Service

As noted in the GDC Community Plan (2006 – 2016), Central Government is considering the future of all Fire Services for the country, and it is anticipated that the Council operated Rural Fires function may be transferred into a new combined service at some time in the ten-year period. Currently the Tolaga Bay Fire Service attends, on average, seven rural fires annually.

6.4 Coastal Hazards & Flooding

Appendix One contains a map of Tolaga Bay that outlines coastal risk areas and liable flood zones for the township. While the majority of coastal land at extreme risk is unoccupied land this is still an issue that should be considered.

6.5 Tourism

Several internet sources have indicated high levels of community concern that local tourism will be affected if the Tolaga Bay Wharf is not replaced at the end of its useful life.

7.0 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 Tolaga Bay 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 & 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 environmental sustainability.
- Individuals are responsible for their environment.

Fair & 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.

8.0 COMMUNITY MEETING OUTCOMES

8.1 Relevant Submissions on GDC Community Plan

Several submissions, relevant to the Tolaga Bay Township Development Plan, were received by GDC as part of the Community Plan process. These submissions are summarised in the following table.

| 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"> • Redevelop the East Coast railway. |
| 3. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain rural fire services. |
| 4. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll beach communities to ask whether or not they want water and sewerage schemes. |
| 5. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community outcomes process is flawed. • Needs to be less focus on infrastructure. |
| 6. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for funding to provide an extra week of life guarding support at Tolaga Bay over the summer period. |
| 7. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the continuation of freedom camping. |

8.2 Submissions Received on Summary Township Plan

One submission was received based on the Tolaga Bay Summary Township Plan. This submission was faxed and arrived shortly after the Tolaga Bay community meeting held in June 2006.

| No. | Submission Content (Summary) |
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| 1. | <p><u>Facilities & Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development (ie, landscaping) of the area adjacent to and including the skateboard park. • This area should be developed, landscaped and planted as a park with additional playground areas, tables etc with adequate lighting. <p><u>Potential Issues Facing the Community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car wrecks at the refuse station should be removed or completely screened off. • Further planting around the boundary would be very beneficial. <p><u>Other Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued upkeep and maintenance of the melia trees. They are a great asset to the township and enhance the main street a great deal. |

8.3 Action Plan

The following information was obtained from community members at the Tolaga Bay community meeting held in June 2006. From the meeting it was determined that the two main issues for the township at present are development and the lack of appropriate infrastructure. In this case ‘development’ includes both the need for the ongoing development of community facilities and ensuring any new development in the township is appropriate and helps retain the character of the township. From this, the following overarching goal for the township has been developed:

“The development of facilities and infrastructure that:

1. *1. Meets the needs of residents and visitors; and*
2. *2. Is in keeping with the character of the township.”*

8.3.1 Infrastructure

| Issue(s) Raised: | Objective(s): | Response(s) Suggested by Community: |
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| <p>Drainage & Stormwater Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage (ie, street drains) and stormwater systems within the township are an ongoing problem (both the infrastructure that is there and the maintenance of the infrastructure). • These issues are restricting development. • Some maintenance work being carried out is having no impact. • There are issues with the levels of some culverts (design issue rather than capacity issue). • Some footpaths are currently under water (school children forced to walk on the road). • The cemetery is currently under water. Has been this way several times this year. | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ensure Tolaga Bay has appropriate infrastructure for the safety and development of the township and to support community activities. Relevant Community Outcomes: Vibrant Communities. Connected Communities. Prosperous Communities. Safe & Healthy Haven.</i></p> | <p>Drainage & Stormwater Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage and stormwater is the most important issue to the township and needs to be addressed swiftly and appropriately. • Ensure appropriate and adequate maintenance work is carried out on a regular basis. • GDC to rethink the design of some culverts. • GDC to consider an underground culvert (similar to the one by the school) for the cemetery. • GDC to undertake work on the open drain in Parkinson Street. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The open drain in Parkinson Street is getting wider. This is an issue that has been brought up regularly to no avail. | | |
| <p>Water & Wastewater Reticulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community does not want water and wastewater reticulation. | | <p>Water & Wastewater Reticulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the community wishes regarding reticulation. |
| <p>Roading & Infrastructure Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The roading on the State Highway is terrible. (One workshop participant recently counted 512 patches on one side of the road into town). Speed limits through township are a hazard (on State Highway). It was noted that Transit New Zealand has control of speed limits through township and seven driveways per 100m of road are required to lower the speed limit). <p>Roading maintenance issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bridge is sinking on one side. This has gotten deeper over past three years or so. | <p><i>See previous page.</i></p> | <p>Roading & Infrastructure Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of speed limits through the township. GDC to liaise with Transit New Zealand to have speed limits lowered to appropriate levels. Transit New Zealand to follow own procedures (there are more than seven driveways within 100m of road in the area concerned). GDC contractors to consider employing local roading staff when vacancies arise. |

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| <p>Toilets & Septic Tank Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One resident applied to put in a composting toilet (had continuous trouble with septic tank). GDC took several months to approve the consent. Consent was given provided an annual fee was paid for GDC to inspect the toilet. • Sewerage systems have again been backing up with the recent rainfall. • It is illegal to have a long drop toilet on your property yet GDC maintain several in the township (note, these possibly belong to the Boat Club). | | <p>Toilets & Septic Tank Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC to consider new ideas / new technology. • GDC to be more progressive with regards to alternative solutions to problems. • Sewerage system issue to be revisited. • Consistent policy required for all parties (including GDC). |
| <p>Power Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of households are switching to gas (for both space heating and appliance usage) as power charges are becoming too high. • The hot water has been switched off at night for the last three weeks (during period of bad weather). It then costs the household more to heat the water up again. | <p><i>See previous page.</i></p> | <p>Power Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration to be given to a separate Tolaga Bay power supply. • Consideration to be given to an alternative energy supply. |
| <p>Generator</p> <p>The generator in the town is too noisy. It is not meant to make any noise.</p> | | <p>Generator</p> <p>Address the problem of the noisy generator.</p> |
| <p>Crossing Islands & Speed Bumps</p> <p>Need for a pedestrian crossing and/or speed bumps in the main street.</p> | | <p>Crossing Islands & Speed Bumps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider installation of crossing islands and/or speed bumps for the main street. • GDC to be an advocate to Transit New |

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| <p>Beautification of Township</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for tree planting / beautification in the township using native trees only. (Concern from one respondent that the pollen of pine trees may be a health hazard). • Community planning to plant the hill with Pohutukawa next winter. There are plans to approach the school for help with the planting. | | <p>Zealand</p> <p>Beautification of Township</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC to support community tree planting plans. • Consideration to be given to further beautification of the township. |
| <p>Footpaths & Street Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for increased footpaths and street lighting. • Stronger lighting may be more appropriate than more lighting. | <p><i>See previous page.</i></p> | <p>Footpaths & Street Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider installing street lighting in such a way that is doesn't become intrusive into people's homes. • GDC to review the numbers and locations of street lighting as recommended. |

Other Options for Further Investigation:

- Increased signage, especially by the Tolaga Bay Wharf.

8.3.2 Community Facilities

| Issue(s) Raised: | Objective(s): | Response(s) Suggested by Community: |
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| <p>Freedom Camping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The freedom camping infrastructure needs upgrading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Septic tank needs replacing. - Water is also an issue. - Showers have been removed. - There is a concern that eventually there will be no infrastructure left. - Some trees are dangerous and need either pruning or replacing. • Originally the campsite was a community initiative. It has since been absorbed into Gisborne District Council. | <p><i>To operate the freedom camping site as a selfsustaining campground for residents and visitors alike. Relevant Community Outcomes: Vibrant Communities. Prosperous Communities. Positive leadership. Fair & Active Democracy.</i></p> | <p>Freedom Camping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the freedom camping site remains for future generations. • Upgrade infrastructure (ie, water system, septic tank and ablutions). • Ensure appropriate maintenance of entire site (ie, tree pruning etc). • Investigate whether the community could operate the freedom camping site. |
| <p>Playground Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no playground in the town for young children (pre school age). • Would like to see fencing, lighting, picnic tables and other facilities in the playground / park areas. | <p><i>Ensure Tolaga Bay has adequate and appropriate facilities to meet the needs of residents. Relevant Community Outcomes:</i></p> | <p>Playground Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a playground for young children (preschool age). Uawa Community Association has raised \$1,300 so far. • Increased facilities/infrastructure for existing and future playground/park areas. |
| <p>Secure Waka Ama Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boat ramp on the river is used throughout summer (as well as other times of the year) for waka ama. • There is need for a secure facility for the waka and a public toilet. | <p><i>Vibrant Communities.</i></p> | <p>Secure Waka Ama Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a secure waka ama facility and a public toilet for the boat ramp area. |

| Issue(s) Raised (cont): | Objective(s) (cont): | Response(s) Suggested by Community (cont): |
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| <p>Sport Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local kids would benefit from better sports facilities. • Need for more/improved sports facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - netball courts - gym (weights gym) - skate park (the half-pipe is a safety hazard) - basketball courts (need upgrading) - surf club (not well equipped) - need for a long-term plan for the rugby club facilities. • The town has the space but not the facilities. The rugby club bringing in other sports slowly. Multi-purpose sports complex wanted in a safe zone area (could double as an evacuation centre). • The numbers of young children in the township are growing. | <p><i>See previous page.</i></p> | <p>Sports Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration to be given to the development of more/improved sports/recreation facilities. • Consideration to be given to setting up a local committee (potentially supported by the Community Development Department at GDC) to investigate development of additional sports facilities. |

Other Options for Further Consideration:

- Tolaga Bay to become more self sustaining – increased resources locally.

8.3.3 Council Policies & Operations

| Issue(s) Raised: | Objective(s): | Response(s) Suggested by Community: |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developers from outside are starting to see potential in Tolaga Bay. Don't want the township developed for holidaymakers for six weeks a year. • Concern that main street may be moved by the beach, especially if development occurs. Don't want another Papamoa. • Want to retain the township as it is – a tourist attraction. • Important that GDC is aware that 90% of community don't want the developers. • Land is valued at levels that locals can't afford. It is being sold to overseas developers. • Increased development increases rates charges. | <p><i>GDC to have regard for the views of local residents in the formation of LTCCP, annual, district and other plans that include Tolaga Bay. Relevant Community Outcomes: Fair & Active Democracy.</i></p> | <p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC to give consideration to the character of the township when considering new developments. • Ensure appropriate and ongoing consultation with regard to development in the community. |
| <p>Resource & Building Consents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local people seem to wait a long time for consents. • Lack of community consultation (resource consent process) around development. Small notices in newspapers are not enough. • Community consultation is required at the beginning of the process, not at the end. • Investigations for building consents take a long time and are expensive. | | <p>Resource & Building Consents</p> <p>GDC to increase community consultation around the resource consent process, especially at the beginning of the process however, it is recognised that all resource consents require public notification while building consents generally do not require notification.</p> |

Other Options for Further Consideration:

- Correct identification of section boundaries by GDC.
- Protection of foreshore area.

8.3.4 Business, Business Opportunities & Employment 8.3.5 Land & Rating Systems

| Issue(s) Raised: | Objective(s): | Response(s) Suggested by Community: |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Business Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for business facilitation / assistance for local people with business ideas – learning the business of business. <p>Seaweed Commercialisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern expressed regarding advertisements from a Bay of Plenty company wanting to purchase gathered seaweed from people. | <p><i>Provision of support for the development of local business.</i></p> <p><i>Relevant Community Outcomes:</i> <i>Prosperous Communities.</i> <i>Positive Leadership.</i> <i>Fair & Active Democracy.</i></p> | <p>Business Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC to give consideration to a business incubator/support facility for those people who are looking to start a business to access appropriate information and guidance. • Community members can also contact Internal Affairs for assistance. <p>Seaweed Commercialisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolaga Bay community to take advice on involvement in commercial ventures. |
| Issue(s) Raised: | Objective(s): | Response(s) Suggested by Community: |
| <p>Foreshore Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The foreshore reserve was being used as shingle dump for a while – this is inappropriate. | <p><i>The retention of reserves and park land for the benefit of the local community.</i></p> <p><i>Relevant Community Outcomes: Vibrant Communities. Connected Communities.</i> <i>Safe & Healthy Haven.</i></p> | <p>Foreshore Reserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure use of foreshore reserve as a shingle dump has permanently ceased. |

Sale of Park Land

- There is currently a proposal to sell parts of the park land at Waikanae Beach, Gisborne, which is likely to block access to the beach for local Gisborne people. Tolaga Bay residents want to ensure the same situation does not occur in their township.
- Don't want council land sold – some parts (ie, Rugby League field) have reserve status but not all.

Sale of Park Land

- GDC to give assurances that selling park land will not occur in Tolaga Bay.

Other Options for Further Consideration:

- Ensure ongoing and appropriate consultation with local tangata whenua, especially with regard to land and land claims.

8.3.6 Community Development

| Issue(s) Raised: | Objective(s): | Response(s) Suggested by Community: |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Traditions & History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to further highlight the traditions and history. The area from the river mouth to the school is an area of rich history. • Ensure open space is retained. • Possibility of extending walkway into a loop. • Significant anniversaries are coming up (ie, the Transit of Venus). | <p><i>The formulation and implementation of initiatives to further enhance the Tolaga Bay community. Relevant Community Outcomes: Vibrant Communities. Prosperous Communities.</i></p> | <p>Traditions & History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further highlight the traditions and history of the area, ensuring correct interpretation and access. • Further development of walkways and interpretation panels which provide information of the local history and traditions. |
| <p>Cash Machine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no cash machine (ATM) in the township. | | <p>Cash Machine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDC to lobby on behalf of the township for the installation of an ATM. |
| <p>Alternative Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for alternative education (for kids leaving school). | | <p>Alternative Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the need for further educational facilities for youth leaving the compulsory education sector. |
| <p>River Debris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the debris that comes down the river (especially after flooding) ends up on beach and along side of river. • Debris is a hazard for boats (including rescue boats). • Debris hitting main bridge. | | <p>River Debris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure regular clean up of river debris. • Ensure regular bridge inspections are carried out (especially after any flooding has occurred). |

Issue(s) Raised (cont):

Objective(s) (cont):

Response(s) Suggested by Community (cont):

- Beach Maintenance & Clean Up
- Need for beach clean up pre-summer.

See previous page.

- Beach Maintenance & Clean Up
- Ensure beach clean up occurs before the start of summer.
 - Monitor beach, including activities such as gravel and sand extraction.

Other Options for Further Consideration:

- Progress on issues raised to occur within the next ten years.

9.0 THE PROCESS FOR THE FUTURE

The following outlines the recommended process for the ongoing implementation and development of the Tolaga Bay 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 (2006).
Draft township plan finalised (2006).
- Step 3: Final township plan presented to GDC to be ratified (2006).
- Step 4: Township plan implemented as deemed appropriate by GDC (2006 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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