

Tikitiki and Rangitukia Township Plan 2011



Tikitiki – capital of the world

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Wāhanga Tuatahi – Foreword

Kei te mihi atu ki ngā tāngata o te Waiapu

Township plans are an important tool for our community. It was pleasing to see a good number of interested community people participate in the township meetings, and I thank you all for the wonderful ideas you have contributed. I am particularly pleased to see so many of our young people making a contribution. As we say, they are our future and what a wonderful opportunity for them to get involved now.

The Councillors and I appreciated your ideas and we say thank you, you make our job easier by telling us what you hope for. It is great to dream and put those ideas onto paper. We need to have courage to explore new ideas that will meet the needs of the township, ones that will allow us to stand out as a unique and special community in which to live and visit.

From now it takes action - an action plan I am committed to with your agreement. I look forward to the progress we are going to make in your township, and we hope that your community will be inspired to do more and complement what has been proposed.

Be inspired, be courageous, and most importantly of all, take action. Thank you all, we look forward to working with you.



Tēnā Tātou

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Ngā mihi ki a tātou e mahi ana ki tēnei kaupapa.

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Whakatūwheratanga – Introduction

Township Plans help to capture the long-term vision for the District's rural townships. This plan incorporates the long term vision for the communities of Tikitiki and Rangitukia.

Community engagement

The Gisborne District Council facilitated the development of this Plan. Information was gathered and contributions sought through:

- Workshops on 2 February 2010;
- the annual plan meeting in March 2010;
- ideas boxes in the Waiapu RSA and in the Council Service Centre of Te Puia;
- email and phone calls to key community contacts; and
- a prioritisation workshop in June.

The workshops were very well attended and the discussions positive and productive.



Whakatuwheratanga – Introduction



Content of the plan

The vision for Rangitukia and Tikitiki is captured in this plan. Key goals and projects for the townships to be achieved over the next 10 years are described. All the ideas identified during community engagement are listed in Appendix 1.

Community commitment

The Township Plan expresses the community's aspirations for the future and will need to be driven by a cohesive and concerted community effort supported by Council and other agencies where necessary.

Gisborne District Council commitment

This Plan will help guide Council in planning for the future development of Te Tairāwhiti over the next 20 years. It will be an important consideration in the development of Council's 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan and will also be considered by Council where its activities have an effect on the Tikitiki and Rangitukia communities.

Each priority project has an implementation table detailing specific actions with costs, timeframes, funding options and a progress indicator. Where no funding is currently confirmed, Council will consider the action for inclusion in their next Ten Year 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.

So we can keep track of our progress, Council will report annually on what has been achieved on the Township Plan through the Annual Plan and annual community update meeting. The plan will be reviewed in five years.



Ngā Moemoea – Vision

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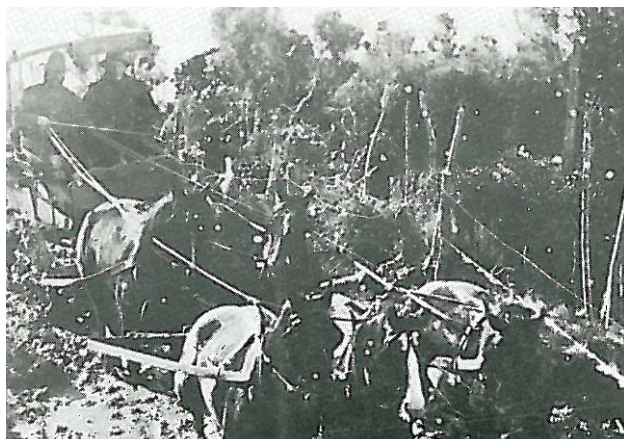
Tikitiki and Rangitukia are communities within the northern part of the Gisborne district. Historically these settlements had a thriving dairy industry, a range of shops, a racecourse and four rugby teams. In the 1950s and 60s the area had a population of 6,000. An economic downturn in the rural areas of the district in the mid to late 60s contributed to a large number of people migrating to the cities (urban drift). Today's population of 528 is largely made up of those aged 35 and over. Most of these people are homemakers or employed in industries such as roading, forestry, farming, food and beverage and office work. Ninety five percent of residents identify as being Māori.



'The Waiapu' as the area is more commonly known, has a very rich history. St Mary's Church at Tikitiki and St John's Church at Rangitukia remind us of the strong influence of the mihinare (Church of England) in this area. St Mary's Church in particular was built in remembrance of Ngāti Porou soldiers who served in the First World War. Its interior is extensively carved and contains references to the soldiers. An example of this is depicted in the photo.



The Waiapu River is a taonga that is highly valued not only by these communities, but by all those of Ngāti Porou descent. The Waiapu and its residents have had a raft of issues over the years. Erosion in the high country has contributed to sediment, that has affected water quality and the scouring of land adjacent to the river.



The people of Waiapu believe good infrastructure is important to make these communities feel safe and well serviced by Council and other organisations. Roding issues such as signage, tarsealing and speed need to be addressed over the next 10 years. Improvements in the operation of the refuse transfer station and the lease and development of the playground are to be addressed this year.

What is important to Tikitiki and Rangitukia?








- Protect and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the Waiapu.
- Ensure parks, roading and public spaces are safe, and maintained and designed to reflect the aspirations of the local communities.
- Encourage development and economic growth that will provide employment opportunities for the Waiapu community.
- Ensure the people of the Waiapu are engaged in the affairs of the community and are politically aware.

Māhia te māhi – making it happen

Complete
 In Progress
 Behind Schedule

Task description	Responsibility	Timeframe	Cost	Follow up action	Progress
Partner with Council and agencies to enhance the appearance of and services to the townships.					
• Maintenance of road quality across area.	NZTA and Council	Ongoing	(tbc)	Propose for the 2012 TYP.	
• Maintenance of marae frontages and urupa.	Marae	Ongoing	-	Fundraising, lotteries.	
• Improve the hours for the Transfer Station.	Council and community	June 2011	\$500	To be funded from existing Solid Waste budget.	
• Install 'Welcome' signs to Tikitiki on SH35 that reflect the character of the towns.	NZTA and community	TBC	\$50K	NTA to confirm.	
• Install a public toilet at the Waiapu River mouth.	Council	TBC	\$40K for a full system or \$25K for a toilet with a holding tank	Propose for 2012 TYP.	
• Sign lease agreement for playground land.	Council and Trustees of Tikitiki	December 2010	(TBC)	Set meeting with trustees and owners.	
• Implement the proposed playground upgrade.	Council and community	TBC	\$30K	Propose for 2012 TYP.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a community liaison group with representatives from Tikitiki and Rangitukia as a means of engagement with the Council. Set up a legal trust. 	Marae, Te Riu o Waiapu, Council	December 2011	Nil		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create employment opportunities in the Waiapu. 	Marae, landowners	-			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer a marae experience to tourists. 	Marae, Tourism Eastland	-			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a Waiapu Catchment Management Plan. 	Council Community Landowners	TBC	(tbc)	To be included as part of development of Waiapu Catchment Management Plan.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To register, maintain and enhance historical icons and connect them with a heritage walkway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan Change Enhance historical icons Heritage walkway 	Council, Historic Places Trust, Community	TBC	\$30K	Propose for TYP.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install floodlights at St Mary's Church. 	Council, Anglican Church	December 2011	\$10K	To be funded from existing Community Assets budget.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an Anglican Minister training centre in Rangitukia. 	Anglican Church	TBC	TBC	Anglican Church Diocese funding.	

How will we measure success?

- Completion of all priority projects within timeframes and budgets.
- Reduction in Council requests for service.
- Reduction in number of traffic accidents.
- Numbers of tourists.
- Continued use of the playground.

We will measure perceived success from the perspectives of community members, stakeholders and agencies, Gisborne District Councillors and Council staff through:

- Satisfaction with community and stakeholder engagement process.
- Satisfaction with the Township Plan document.
- Satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of implementation.
- Community reported trends in visitor numbers to key sites and services.



Appendix 1

(all ideas submitted –
raw data from community engagement)

Tikitiki/Rangitukia Township Development Plan Workshop, Waiapu RSA, 2 February 2010

In attendance

Council: Mayor Meng Foon, Cr Bill Burdett, Peter Higgs, Tim Breese, Trindy Scragg, Keriana Wilcox.

Community(as per attendance register): Alex McMenamin, Tangaroa Rowlands, Kiwi Rowlands, G Dewes, Hikita Green, Terana Horua, Ruihana Paenga, Ra Paenga, Wiremu Paenga, Haupai Maaka, Bella Paenga, Jury Koia, Rapata Kaa, Tamati Reid, Bill Burdett, Charlie McMennamin, R Waerehu, N T Tibble, Kura Tibble, N Koia, D Ngata, K Ruru, Franceen Collier, Wally McClutchie, Charlotte Tuhoro, Charlotte Hemopo, Krisynthia Tangaere, Alice Raroa, Liza Reihana, Bruno Clausen, Dalla Forsyth, April Papuni, Sarah Boyle.

1. Ned Tibble opened the meeting with a mihi and karakia.
2. Mayor Meng Foon responded and invited those in attendance to grab refreshments before the workshop started.
3. Keriana Wilcox facilitated the day and began the workshop with a few introductory notes (presentation attached) about the purpose of the township plans, Council contact details and details about the workshop.
4. The workshop was broken into 3 parts that explore participants thoughts on the current, past and future status of the area.

Current (here and now)

- ▶ Keriana asked the group to go out to the front of the RSA, and prompted participants to think about what Tikitiki and Rangitukia are like now, what services and infrastructure do they have and are they adequate for those living here, who lives in the area, what is here now.
- ▶ Everyone was asked to think about these questions before returning inside.
Past (back in the day)
- ▶ The group was shown a powerpoint presentation that featured old photos relating to the two townships featuring people, activities and places. The group were very interested in this part of the workshop as it reminded them about what the towns used to be like.
- ▶ The group was then invited to share their thoughts about the past in smaller groups and put these on paper (provided at the tables). Prompts for this exercise included, what was here before, who was here before, how does this differ to what we have now.

Future

- ▶ The group was asked about what kinds of things they would like to see in Tikitiki and Rangitukia over the next 30 years. Some people felt that planning for 30 years was too long and felt that a 10 year plan would make sure that people would see some change in a short time.
- ▶ The workshop went for approximately 1.5 hours and some very good korero was collected. At the end of the workshop the groups shared their korero with each other, before the floor was opened for any further korero.

Keriana and other staff answered questions where appropriate from the floor before Mayor Meng Foon gave a mihi to all in attendance for their support of the kaupapa. Ned Tibble closed the hui.

Korero from the hui

(The following notes are from the workshop at the Waiapu RSA on 2 February 2010):

Table 1 (Barbies' group):

- ▶ Variety of issues relating to the Waiapu including:
 - Productivity of the rivers.
 - Concerns about water quality due to erosion and with sediment and rubbish getting into the river at various points.
 - The changing course of the river due to river cutting into land. Seems to be more and more every year maybe 100m over 10 years.
 - Concern about what Tairāwhiti is doing about keeping rivers clean – what protection do we have in place?
 - Concern that farmers are putting 100s of cows down by the river (especially in winter) (winter rotations?).
 - Concerns about taking big rocks from the Tikitiki side of the Waiapu to protect the river elsewhere. What damage does this do here? Does Council take measurements now of how much effect this is having?
- ▶ Need for a fuel stop in Tikitiki.
- ▶ Need to find a system where the rates don't push people out – income vs rates – seems high for the area compared to possible income.
- ▶ Health services going down – one doctor for the whole of the coast.

▶ Tikitiki and Rangitukia in the past:

- Billiard saloon, butchers and blacksmith, taxi's, picture theatre, co-ops, shared water, high school, primary school, three bus lines owned by the Highland family.
- ▶ Water supply – pumped water to schools/shops etc;
- ▶ Co-op farms fell apart – Council didn't help at the time.

▶ Tikitiki and Rangitukia now:

- Kids coming back, need a central activity area for kids, school pool could be used over the summer, how can we make this happen?
- Employment – tourism jobs, kai growing, cultural/historical heritage could bring tourism, hospitality. Maybe marae visits with cultural experience, include crafts with shops selling the craft.
- Beautification – maintain the roads, fronts of marae and urupa, trees too big at the front.

▶ Tikitiki and Rangitukia in the future:

- In 30 years want a bustling little community, enjoying clean, healthy, communal living.
- Rangitukia is the birthplace of Anglicanism in NZ. Could investigate the idea of a Minister training institution here.

▶ How, need to consider these things:

- Rooding too expensive for transport.
- Not much cropping and too expensive. Better telecommunications/broadband/dial up issues.
- Need activities for kids (clubs, scouts, badminton, indoor sports). George Nepia Clubrooms is used for kids activities.
- Lacking in training facilities here to run a variety of activities such as cooking classes, training groups.

Korero from the hui

(The following notes are from the workshop at the Waiapu RSA on 2 February 2010):

Table 2 (Alice's group):

Past (40s, 50s and 60s)

- ▶ Population - 6000.
- ▶ Farming = dairy, Police station, Māori affairs, Post office, Billiard saloon, Waiapu Sheepfarmers, picture theatre, Hyland drapery, garage, butcher, Jim Coates Blacksmith, taxis (J Karaka, F Manuel), P N T linesmen, roadmen, cream truck, Ikahou, dentist, district nurse, marae, pub, racecourse, police station/jailhouse, library, Council.
- ▶ Entertainment - tennis, gala days, dances (Friday and Saturday).
- ▶ Schools – Tikitiki Primary, High school, Whakawhitira, Rangitukia playcentre.
- ▶ Tamariki – self disciplined, duties/tasks at the playground.
- ▶ Travel – Hyland buses, 3 x routes x 3 days per week (Poroporo, Rangy, Mangaporo) to the shop in Tikitiki, horses and carts.
- ▶ Cultural groups – Hinepare, Putaanga, Hinerupe.
- ▶ Rules and regulations not costly.
- ▶ Rugby teams – Bubu, Valley, Rangers, City.
- ▶ Grape removal was an issue.
- ▶ Urban drift contributed to the decrease in population.

Today:

- ▶ High unemployment.
- ▶ Population decrease to around 500.
- ▶ Kaimoana, school nos decreasing, kaimoana regs, park empty, church, marae, too many rules and regulations, TKR, Playcentre, community groups, rubbish tip, Dalboyz takeaway, backpackers, kura kaupapa, Razaas, Waiapu erosion, community garden, clinic, road signage and names, pathways cracked, roads – lots of metal and slash, farms (sheep and beef), pinetrees, forestry.
- ▶ Tikitiki and Rangitukia has become a no go zone.

Our moemoea (dreams):

- ▶ Fully fledged playground, gymnasium, park upgraded (fencing, more play resources).
- ▶ Roothing - tarseal all roads in area, tarseal all roadway to Rahui Marae, ongoing maintenance of the side of the road.
- ▶ Footpath – install footpath from garage to public toilets.
- ▶ Bridges – change one lane bridges to 2 way bridges, signage needs to be changed (arrows).
- ▶ Rename Te Araroa Road to Waiapu Road.
- ▶ Enhance community groups.
- ▶ Plants – all noxious plants.
- ▶ Health, education and social development important.
- ▶ Historical icons – maintained, logged and kept, historical walks and pathways.
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- ▶ Need – petrol station, administration, restaurant, water supply to township.
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Table 3 (Hikitai and Tamati's group)

- ▶ High percentage of Māori land and too many owners who disagree.
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- ▶ Entry to Tikitiki – plant trees, have information boards, especially signposting the Marae, the waka and rugby club.
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