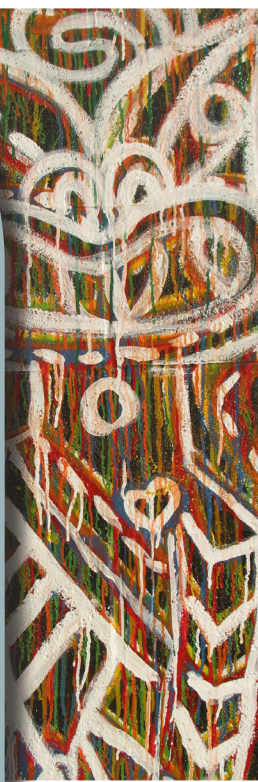




Te Karaka Community Plan

2013



Tu Ake Te Karaka Community Committee 2010 - 2012



Back: Frank Ngatoro; Caroline Puketapu; Sue Clayden; Paul Cleaver

Front: Grahame Smail (Council Liaison); Sarah Brown; Lyn Brown; Bev Thomas (Turanga Health); Pene Brown

Absent: Megan Jackson-Stewart; Michael Haami

Mihi

Tena tatou katoa!

Change is all around us. We have a new school with all of the possibilities that will bring. We have more forestry trucks coming past our doors. We have a main street that needs to better reflect how much we care about our place. We can choose to sit back and let change happen to us or we can choose to work together to harness the opportunities that change brings in a way that benefits our community.

The Tu Ake Community group is determined that we are proactive in shaping our community in a positive way for all of us. We aim to facilitate opportunities for all community members to contribute to making decisions that affect what happens in our community.

Our community has told us the priorities for change over the next 10 years are:

- Improve the roads, kerbs and channels in the main street and in residential areas
- Address health and appearance issue with the commemorative palms
- Slow vehicle traffic down in residential areas and past schools
- Install a Welcome to Te Karaka signs on the main road
- Improve the footpaths in the main street and in residential areas
- Address localised flooding issues related to drainage system
- Beautify the township particularly the main street.

This Te Karaka Community Plan outlines how we can achieve those priorities. It is a vehicle for community discussion and is for the whole community – our community input is essential.

Te Karaka people are committed to working together to develop a place we can feel proud of, a health and safe place where people know and care for each other. Please keep talking to your current Tu Ake Te Karaka Community group members about the things that are important to you in our community:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Frank Ngatoro (Chairperson) | • Michael Haami |
| • Kath Te Kani (Treasurer) | • Sue Clayden |
| • Caroline Puketapu (Secretary) | • Megan Jackson-Stewart |

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Sue Clayden
Michael Haami

Kath Te Kani
Sarah Brown
Frank Ngatoro

and finally ...



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Introduction

The Te Karaka Community Plan 2013 follows on from the Strategic Plan that our community developed in 2010 (see Appendix 1 for full Strategic Plan). Our Strategic Plan identified our vision as:

To create a positive environment for all residents of Te Karaka, including young people, where business, social and environmental communities work together for the benefit of future generations.

Our strategic goals are:

Strategic Goal 1 - Social Strategy

To encourage and assist the educational, health and social development needs of the Te Karaka community

Strategic Goal 2 - Cultural Strategy

To acknowledge, support and embrace the value of cultural diversity and the respective Tikanga / Kawa within the Te Karaka community

Strategic Goal 3 - Environmental Strategy

To improve, enhance, preserve and protect the natural resources and services for the betterment of the Te Karaka community

Strategic Goal 4 - Economic Strategy

To support the education and up skilling initiatives that will benefit the present and future economic and employment opportunities/developments that will assist the Te Karaka community

The Te Karaka Community Plan is about continuing to make some of the hopes and dreams of our community from that Strategic Plan come to life. This Te Karaka Community Plan captures our community's priorities for action for Te Karaka area over the next three years. As our community grows and changes, our plans will evolve as well.

Tu Ake Te Karaka, as our local community committee, have driven the development of this Community Plan. Our committee has had many conversations with community members in the streets, through workshops and community events and at Tu Ake meetings.

Through those conversations we have identified the following goals in our Community Plan:

- *A Place We Are Proud Of*
- *The Community that Plays Together, Stays Together*
- *We are Healthy and Safe.*

The rest of our Te Karaka Community Plan describes the priority projects that will help us meet these goals over the next few years. Each priority project has a table showing actions with costs, timeframes and funding options.

The Community Plan is an expression of our community's aspirations for the future and will need to be driven by our community effort with support as requested from agencies like Turanga Health and Gisborne District Council.

Our Community

Te Karaka is a small rural town located 32 kilometres north-east of Gisborne - in the heart of Te Aitanga a Mahaki iwi. It has Nga Ariki Kaiputahi, Rongowhakaata, Ngati Porou, Tuhoe and Te Whanau a Kai iwi connections.

Te Karaka boasts industries such as silviculture, agriculture, horticulture, viticulture and kiwi culture. For the sports fanatic you can join the local bowling club, golf club, netball and rugby clubs, taekwondo, and horse sports. We also have the Country Women's Institute, Maori Women's Welfare League, Women's Health League, the Maori Wardens, Nga Uri kapa haka group, Tu Ake Te Karaka Community group, local church community and the voluntary fire brigade.

Te Karaka is proud of its leading edge school facility which will open in 2014. Located next to the new school is a preschool and Kohanga Reo based at the local Takipu Marae. Our community-run swimming pool is a huge hit for those hot summer days although our children still use the local river to cool down.

We love to

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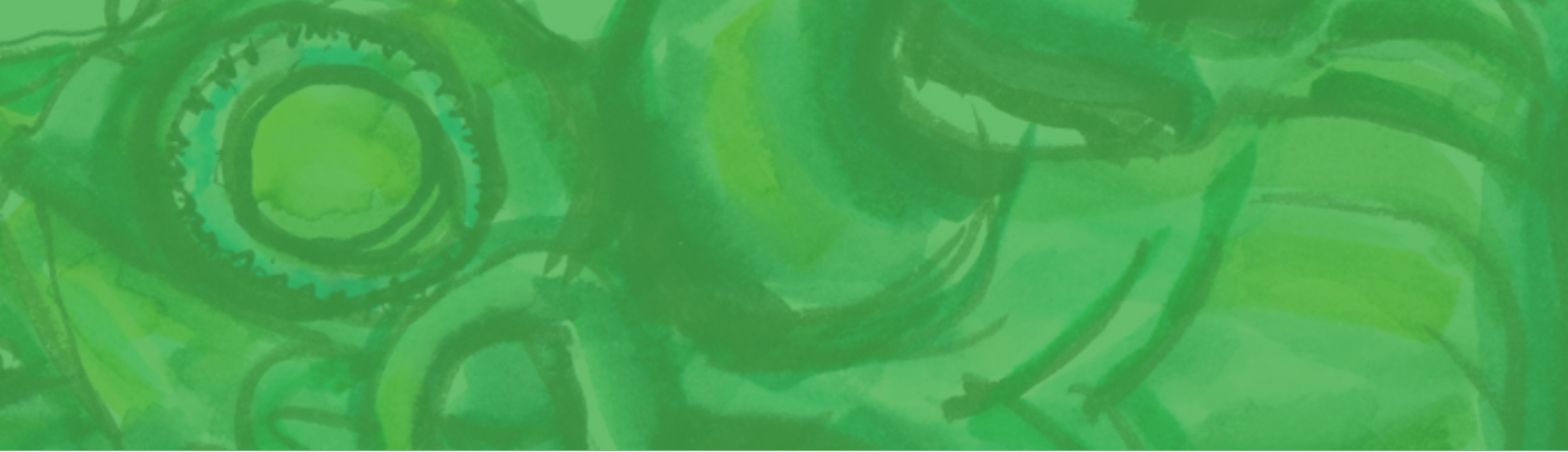


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A Place We Are Proud Of.

We are proud of our place. We want to see future generations benefit from the positive decisions that we make now.

Historically Te Karaka has suffered, like most rural areas throughout the country, with the centralising of services, changing employment, and the relocation of whanau. Despite these changes the Te Karaka community has managed to adapt to the changing environment.

Upgrading our main street to one that better shows who we are as a community is important. Our intention is to include the whole community and to encourage unity and discussion to create a real show piece of our history and of our future. Stage one is an 'envirotown' murals project and work is already underway.



Community artwork underway in Te Karaka to revitalise the main street

Our community has a strong connection to its culture and heritage. The stand of 17 phoenix palm trees (located off Cliff Rd) are recognised as a tribute to those who fought and fell in the wars to protect those left behind. These palm trees have stopped growing and are slowly dying and they are a health hazard due to the dozens of pigeons that have their homes in the trees.



The Commemorative Palms showing dying trees and bird faeces overload

What is been planned is to remove the trees and upgrade the area to a commemorative garden. The garden will be a fitting tribute to those who have passed, a place of tranquillity and reflection. It will include native plants and community art work that speaks of Te Karaka.

Given that we are so proud of our community, we want people to know where we are and the services that the town offers to travellers in particular. Another of our priorities is around erecting appropriate signage from the main road to our village.

OUR PRIORITY PROJECTS

Main Street Community Project

Commemorative Garden

Traveller Signage

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Main Street Community Project

Task description	Cost (est)	Resources		Timeframe
Secure permissions for mural locations from landowners	-	Community / GDC support	-	Aug 2013
Design murals	-	Community	-	Aug 2013
Develop the 'Envirotown' theme for the town	-	Community	-	Sep 2013
Secure \$10,000 grant funding for murals, signs and blessing and secure consent from Council	-	Community / GDC support Potential funding sources include: Creative Communities / Keep NZ Beautiful / Rural Fund	-	Oct 2013
Complete murals	\$10,000	Community	Funds tbc	Jan 2014
Resurface priority 1 footpaths	\$xx	GDC	Funds tbc	Xxx xxxx
Resurface priority 2 footpaths	\$xx	GDC	Funds tbc	Xxx xxx
Review road alignment in main street including position of island	\$xx	GDC / Community support	Funds tbc	Xxx xxxx
Complete upgrade of roads including kerb and channel and street furniture in town centre	\$xx	GDC	Funds tbc	Xxx xxxx

Commemorative Garden

Task description	Cost (est)	Resources		Timeframe
Remove palm trees	\$20,000	GDC / Community (in-kind)	Funds tbc	Aug 2013
Design garden space including planting plan and commemorative plaque	\$4,000	GDC / Community (in-kind)	Funds tbc	Aug 2013
Secure grant funding to establish the garden, commemorative plaque for the opening	-	GDC / Community (in-kind) Potential funding sources include: Lotteries WW1 Fund / Rural Fund	-	Nov 2013
Complete native planting as per the design and planting plan	\$20,000	Community (in-kind) planting	Funds tbc	Mar 2014
Complete and install art as per the design	\$20,000	GDC / Community (in-kind)	Funds tbc	Mar 2014
Garden opening Anzac Day 2014	\$10,000	Community (in-kind) event management	Funds tbc	25 Apr 2014

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Traveller Signage

Task description	Cost (est)	Resources		Timeframe
Identify basic services signs required	-	Community (in-kind)	-	Aug 2013
Request standard name signs and service signs from NZTA	-	GDC /Community (in kind)	-	Aug 2013
Erect relevant signs on State Highway 2	\$5,000	NZ Transport Agency	Funds tbc	Oct 2013
Erect signs in township to pinpoint service	\$5,000	GDC	Funds tbc	Oct 2013
Design 'Welcome to Te Karaka' signs that reflect the community	-	Community (in-kind)	-	Jun 2014
Source material and \$5,000 funding for community signage and seek permissions from NZ Transport Agency	-	Community (in-kind) Potential funding sources: TBA	-	Aug 2014
Build and erect community 'Welcome to Te Karaka' signs	\$5,000	Community (in-kind) / NZ TA and GDC support	Funds tbc	Oct 2014



The Community That Plays Together, Stays Together.

Te Karaka community boasts strong family/whanau ties with many whanau having been here for generations. Because of this we want to see our township and future generations in our community come together and maintain that community pride.

As a community, we play together and are strong together. We acknowledge the huge range of artists, singers, sportspeople, kapa haka performers and many more that we have in our community. We are proud of each and every one. We create opportunities to share and enjoy our diverse talents and skills together.

Our annual Christmas Jam draws people from near and far. It is a real family affair where families sit back and relax while enjoying fantastic local entertainment. Another event of interest on our calendar is a monthly market day – organised for families/whanau to raise money for themselves or a group. We are looking at more community recreational and sports events as opportunities to come together.



We have places for play in our community and we want to see these improved. One of our key priorities is to re-establish the community playground closer to the existing skate park so that the whole family can be together in one area.



OUR PRIORITY PROJECTS

Christmas Jam and Community Events Calendar

Children's Playground and Skate Park



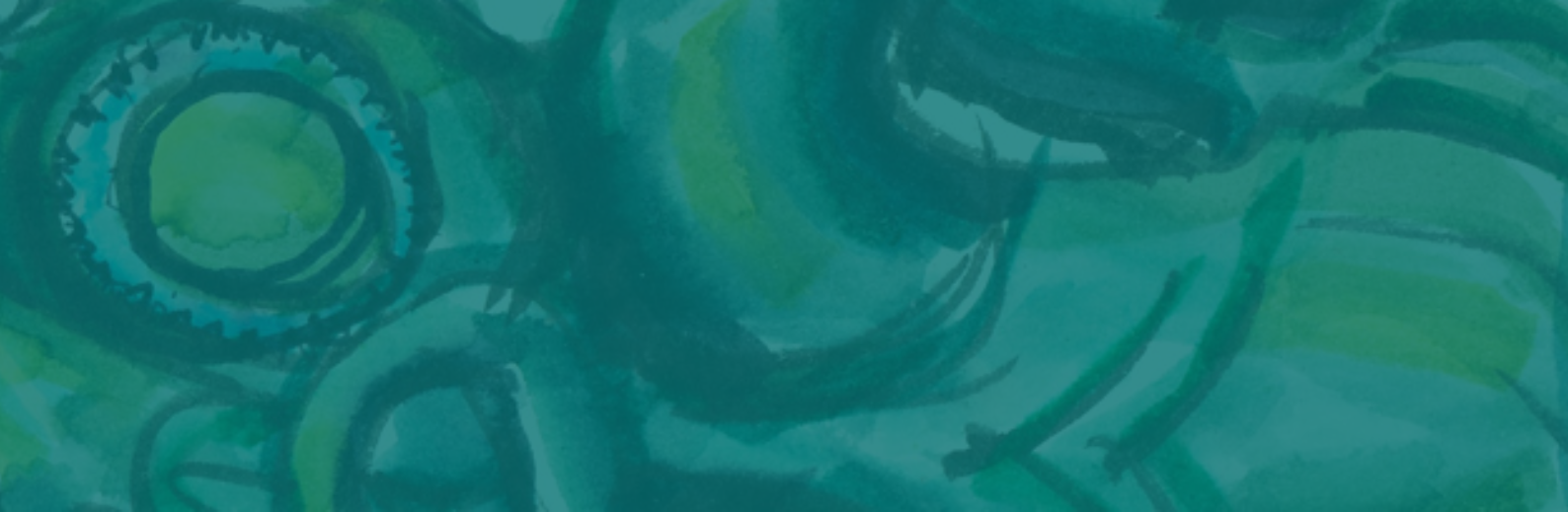
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Christmas Jam and Community Events Calendar

Task description	Cost (est)	Resources		Timeframe
Hold Te Karaka Christmas Jam 2013	\$3,000	Community (in-kind) Potential funding sources: COGS / GDC / Turanga Health	Funds tbc	Dec 2013
Seek community input into community events they would like to see regularly	-	Community (in-kind)	-	Dec 2013
Develop an annual community events calendar	-	Community (in-kind)	-	Feb 2014
Identify community assets for running events	-	Community (in-kind)	-	Feb 2014
Seek sponsorship and grant funding for annual community events programme	-	Community (in-kind) Potential funding sources: COGS / GDC / Turanga Health	-	July 2014
Hold Te Karaka Christmas Jam 2014	\$3,000	Community (in-kind)	Funds tbc	Dec 2014

Tu Ake Te Karaka Community Committee

Task description	Cost (est)	Resources		Timeframe
Design a safe play ground and skate park area including landscaping	-	Community (in-kind)		Sep 2013
Seek community input into playground and skatepark design	-	Community (in-kind)		Sep 2013
Secure grant funding of \$5,000 for materials and equipment and blessing for new playground site	-	Community (in-kind) /		Sep 2014
Erect playground and skate park	-	Community (in-kind) / GDC Support	Funds tbc	Feb 2015



We are Healthy and Safe.

As an Envirotown some of our main activities will be to continue to encourage waste recycling; enhance our area with native trees to encourage the return of native birds to the area; and encourage sustainable community gardens within the area.

Discussion has begun to making our streets safer for pedestrians. We will explore the development of traffic calming measures especially on the roads surrounding our new school.

Opportunities exist for the community to work with Council to find options for residents with drainage issues in the area. We have started discussions with Council and we will continue to work towards finding affordable and practical options to make our place healthier and safer for all.

OUR PRIORITY PROJECTS

Community Gardens

Road safety campaign

Drains are well maintained

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Community Gardens

Task description	Cost (est)	Resources		Timeframe
Locate a suitable site for community gardens	-	Community (in-kind) / GDC support		Feb 2014
Design and plant community garden	-	Community (in-kind) / GDC support / Turanga Health	Funds tbc	Mar 2014

Road Safety Campaign

Task description	Cost (est)	Resources		Timeframe
Design a road safety advocacy campaign targeting speeding and drink driving including roadside signage	\$1,000	Community (in-kind) / GDC support Potential sources of funding: GDC road safety / ALAC	Funds tbc	Sep 2013
Develop and publish road safety advocacy materials and launch at event	\$5,000	Community / Police / Te Karaka School / Turanga Health / GDC	Funds tbc	Dec 2013
Establish road safety signage in priority areas	\$8,000	Community (in-kind) / GDC	Funds tbc	Dec 2013

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Drains are well-maintained

Task description	Cost (est)	Resources		Timeframe
Develop and implement simple community education programme on drain maintenance	-	GDC	-	Aug 2013
Consult with community on review of Council's rivers and land drainage practice	-	GDC	-	Aug 2013
Ensure town stormwater systems are upgraded as per review	tbc	GDC	Funds tbc	tbc



Measuring Success...

How will we measure success?

- Completion of all priority projects within timeframes and budgets

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

