



# Manutuke Township Plan 2011



# Foreword

Tena koutou

Township plans are an important tool for our communities.

It was pleasing to see a good number of interested community people participate in the Manutuke township workshops, and I thank you all for the wonderful ideas you have contributed.

I am particularly pleased to see our young people have made their ideas known through the Manutuke School Whanau Day. As we say, they are our future and what a wonderful opportunity for them to get involved now.

The Councillors and I appreciate your ideas and we say thank you, you make our jobs 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.

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Mayor, Gisborne District





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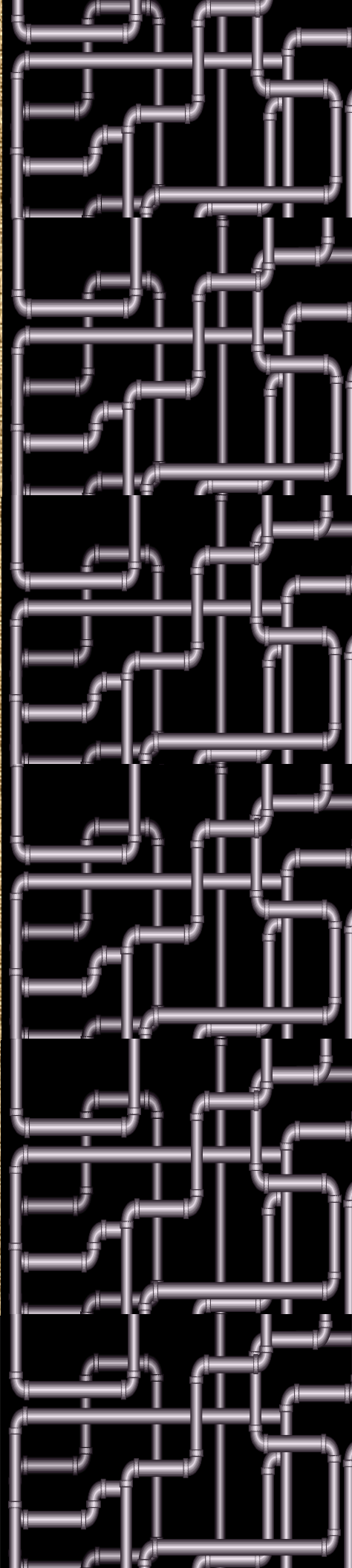
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# Introduction

The Manutuke Township Plan 2010 captures our community's long-term vision for Manutuke township. The Plan is a living document with the potential to evolve as our community grows and changes.

## Community engagement

The Gisborne District Council (GDC) facilitated the development of the Plan and have pulled together our contributions from:

- the strategic planning workshop in February 2010
- the Manutuke School Whanau Day in March 2010
- ideas boxes around the community
- the implementation workshop in June 2010

## Content of the Plan

Our Township Plan identifies three vision statements:

- Water where and when we need it
- Our rich heritage shared with the world
- A well-serviced community

It describes each vision statement in terms of key goals and eight priority projects for the townships to be achieved over the next few years. All our ideas identified during community engagement are listed in Appendix 1.

## Community commitment

The Township Plan is an expression of our 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 as appropriate.

## Gisborne District Council commitment

The Plan will guide GDC in planning for the future development of our place over the next 20 years. It will be an important consideration in the development of Council's 10-year Plan and will also be considered by all GDC staff where their activities may have an effect on the Manutuke community.

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 10-year Plan.

GDC has committed to working with us and other agencies to meet the key goals and deliver the priority projects.

So we can keep track of our progress, Council will report annually on what has been achieved on the Township Plan and the Plan will be reviewed in five years.

# Our Community

Manutuke is a township 14km south of Gisborne adjacent to State Highway 2.

Manutuke is a vibrant family community with many families going back generations. This follows through in the big old homesteads, such as Opou Homestead 1883 (see picture to right) and the heritage buildings like Toko Toru Tapu Church.

There are also four family marae in and around Manutuke: Manutuke (Maori Battalion); Ohako; Te Pahou; and Whakato.

The bilingual primary and intermediate school is a focal point for the young people of the community who are proud 'Manutukians' (see photo to right). Manutuke is also known for its YMP (Young Maori Party) rugby club which celebrated its centenary recently.

The area has a fire station, police station, play centre and two churches all with strong community connections. Several small businesses are established including a dairy/liquor store, petrol station, post centre, winery and two bed and breakfasts.

Manutuke is surrounded by large horticulture and agriculture areas, part of the Poverty Bay Flats, a primary contributor to the wealth of the Gisborne District. Growing vegetables, grapes and citrus etc is the main livelihood of the community.





## Water where and when we need it

Manutuke has a water issue. Either it has too much water, which causes floods in some parts of the town. Or it doesn't have enough for rain water tanks to sustain households especially in the summer. What the community would really like is to have clean, fresh water when they need it and to reduce the risk of surface flooding in the town.

### What are our key goals?

- To have a reliable, affordable, safe drinking water supply for all Manutuke residents
- To have an effective drainage system
- To protect the quality of the natural waters in Te Arai

### What are our priority projects?




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| ❖ Investigate options and costs for a reliable water supply to all Manutuke households e.g. reticulation.                | <i>GDC/<br/>Community</i> |
| ❖ Review the drainage plan for Manutuke to correct drainage issues and work with local landowners to implement the plan. | <i>GDC/<br/>Community</i> |
| ❖ Develop a strategic plan to improve water quality in Te Arai.  | <i>GDC/<br/>Community</i> |










## How will we make it happen?

 Complete 
  On target 
  Behind schedule

❖ Investigate options and costs for a reliable, high quality water supply to all Manutuke households e.g. reticulation.					
Task description	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Complete a broad brush assessment of potential options for a reliable, high quality water supply to Manutuke households	Nil	GDC business as usual		Apr 2011	
2. Consult with community to identify affordable and sustainable option	Nil	GDC business as usual		Jun 2011	
3. Consider any implementation as part of the 2012-2021 Ten Year Plan	Nil	GDC business as usual		Sep 2011	

❖ Review drainage plans for Manutuke to correct drainage issues and work with local landowners to implement the plan.					
Task description	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Inspect problem drains to check for blockages, failures, invert levels of private culverts	Nil	GDC business as usual		Feb 2011	
2. Improve drainage under State Highway 2 by adding one or more culvert(s)	(tbc)	NZTA	(tbc)	(tbc)	
3. Upgrade drains on Waingake Road near Manutuke School	(tbc)	LTCCP	(tbc)	(tbc)	
4. Liaise with landowners on request to advise on drainage improvements	Nil	GDC business as usual		Ongoing	



❖ Improve water quality in Te Arai River					
Task description	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Develop and implement a strategic plan for the district's freshwater resources	Nil	GDC business as usual		Jun 2013	😊

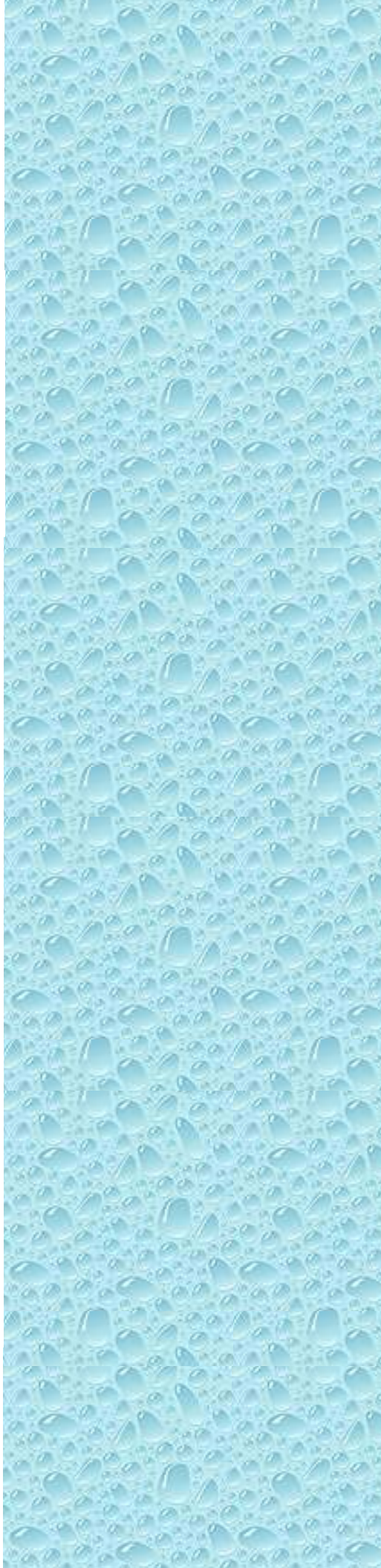
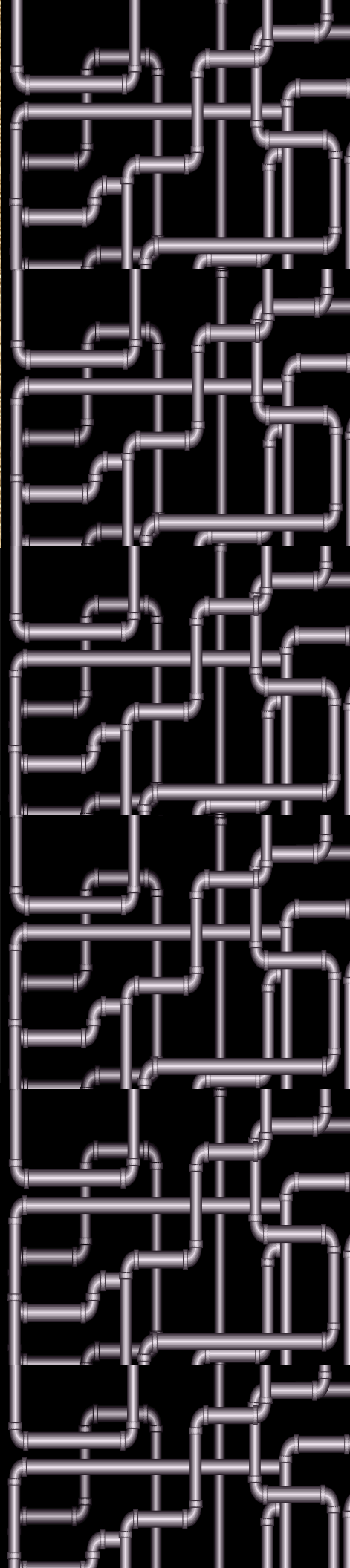
## How will we measure success?

- 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:

- 100% Satisfaction with community and stakeholder engagement process
- 100% Satisfaction with the Township Plan document
- 100% Satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of implementation







## Our rich heritage shared with the world

Manutuke has a rich heritage that is still evident today in its marae and other buildings. The community sees opportunities to shape Manutuke as a centre for arts and culture in New Zealand and the world.

### What are our key goals?

- To understand and celebrate the rich heritage of Manutuke
- To establish Manutuke as a world-renowned centre for authentic arts and culture

### What are our priority projects?

- ❖ Establish a cultural centre at marae
- ❖ Restore key historic landmarks, signpost them and create a heritage walk through the town

*Marae*

*Community/  
NZHPT/  
GDC*










## How will we make it happen?

 **Complete**
 **On target**
 **Behind schedule**

❖ Establish a cultural centre at marae					
Task description	Cost estimate	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Raise funds for and establish a cultural centre	(tbc)	(tbc)		Long term	

❖ Restore key historic landmarks, signpost them and create a heritage walk through the town					
Task description	Cost estimate	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Liaise with landowners and Council to set aside land for a walkway	Nil	NA		Mar 2011	
2. Research Manutuke history	\$500	Community	(tbc)	Dec 2011	
3. Identify key historic sites and design signs	\$5,000	Tairāwhiti Museum	(tbc)	Mar 2012	
4. Erect signs	\$50,000	ECT/ NZHPT/ Lotteries	(tbc)	Dec 2012	
5. Construct a simple but safe heritage walkway that connects heritage sites, marae, the school and town centre	\$5,000	Community	(tbc)	Dec 2012	

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## A well-serviced community

Manutuke township is a mere 10 minute drive from Gisborne and has a primary school, play centre, four marae and two churches. The community has locally based police, fire and medical services as well as a general store. The community value the services and infrastructure that they have and would like to see them maintained with some slight improvements in a few things e.g. access to reliable internet.

### What are our key goals?

- To maintain existing infrastructure and services to a high standard
- To provide a safe place for families to grow and prosper
- To strengthen liaison with Council and local agencies

### What are our priority projects?




❖ Upgrade Te Arai Reserve	<i>GDC</i>
❖ Reduce the Argentine ant problem throughout Manutuke	<i>GDC/ Community</i>
❖ Improve safety for pedestrians around the township <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Walkways to and from school that are safe</li><li>➢ Effective drainage systems</li></ul>	<i>GDC/ Community</i>
❖ Allow development for families wanting to come home and for commercial ventures	<i>GDC</i>
❖ Improve availability and reliability of internet services to the area	<i>Community/ Central Govt</i>
❖ Establish a community committee to liaise with Council and other agencies on community priorities	<i>Community</i>









## How will we make it happen?

 **Complete**
 **On target**
 **Behind schedule**

❖ Upgrade Te Arai Reserve					
Task description	Cost estimate	Funding options		Timeframe	Progres
1. Review Te Arai Reserve Management Plan (1983)	Nil	GDC business as usual		Jan 2012	
2. Investigate costs and practicality of flattening the playing surface, replanting native tree species and building appropriate play equipment	Nil	GDC business as usual		Jan 2012	
3. Complete implementation of reserve management plan	(tbc)	LTCCP	(tbc)	(tbc)	

❖ Reduce the argentine ant problem throughout Manutuke					
Task description	Cost estimate	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Develop an argentine ant control strategy	Nil	GDC business as usual		Dec 2010	
2. Coordinate mass bait laying across infected areas including Te Arai Reserve	\$2,000	GDC business as usual		Ongoing	
3. Determine the extent of the ant population in Manutuke	Nil	GDC business as usual		Jan 2011	
4. Educate about argentine ants and bait laying	Nil	GDC business as usual		Ongoing	

❖ Improve safety for pedestrians around the township

Task description	Cost estimate	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Erect 50 kph sign to slow traffic past the school	Nil	GDC business as usual		Dec 2010	😊
2. Construct a simple but safe heritage walkway that connects heritage sites, marae, the school and town centre	\$5,000	Community		Dec 2012	😐

❖ Allow development for families wanting to come home and for commercial ventures

Task description	Cost estimate	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Review land use zones in small rural townships	Nil	GDC business as usual		Dec 2011	😐
2. Prepare a plan change to improve development options where appropriate	\$5,000	GDC business as usual		Dec 2012	😐

❖ Improve availability and reliability of internet services to the area

Task description	Cost estimate	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Lobby internet services companies to improve services	Nil	NA		Dec 2011	😐

- ❖ Establish a community committee to liaise with Council and other agencies on community priorities

Task description	Cost estimate	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Develop a mission statement for the Committee	Nil	NA		Aug 2010	😊
2. Decide working arrangements and membership including Chair, Treasurer and Secretary	Nil	NA		Aug 2010	😊
3. Meet regularly and encourage community input	Nil	NA		Ongoing	

## How will we measure success?

- Completion of all priority projects within timeframes and budgets
- Community perception of improved relations with and service from Council

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# Appendix 1

All ideas submitted - raw data from community engagement

<b>Likes</b>
Lots of parking
Have our own police station and local policeman, fire station, dairy, post office and play centre
All the marae
The Church
Friendly people
The shop, fire brigade, garage, postal service
Friendly for tamariki with play centre and kohanga reo
The school
Maori corporate farms
The police station
Peaceful
Our Place – turangawaewae
Relationships – whanau 'whanaungatanga
All marae
Our home is clean, friendly, safe
Our home has historical significance
Our home has average community facilities

<b>Dislikes</b>
Unkempt look of some properties
Fix the road properly
River rats
Argentine ants
Traffic management at the school
Rates – no increase
Water supply and connection
Rates need to reduce
Bird bangers (scarers) need to start and finish at a reasonable time – currently dusk till dawn. Should start at a later time in weekends
Water supply on Tuaraki Road
Drainage on Tuaraki Road needs to continue – stops at certain point and has no place to drain so floods the road
Spraying and weed control – should consult affected community
Mower only does one strip of the kerb – waste of time and money
Rates should be based on properties that won't be sold – families pass on too – not sold
Water take from Te Arai River
Water quality in Te Arai – animal faeces and sprays
Dairy farmer spraying stinky stuff
Local facilities need upgrading

<b>Improvements</b>
Sustain the population
Play centre to be used as a day care when not in use
Help the school to get a bigger pool for all to use
Clean up the old river and landscape the banks
Develop a playground in part of the park
Connect all of the drains properly

<b>Improvements</b>
Replant the park with trees
Clean up the park – spray it and keep it tidy
Relax planning regulations within a certain number of kilometres of village centre for new housing
Pursue business opportunities and opportunities for small industry
Improve Manutuke Park - restoration of the domain
Road safety issues – could have a path by the road on the Main Road
Bus shelter on Waingake Road and Taurau Valley Road – lots of kids wait
Swing bridge – keep upgraded, sprayed and graffiti free
Hall upgraded – an icon/taonga – improve Manutuke Hall and rebuild it
Church upgraded – funding from Council
Clean up Te Arai and get rid of pests
Turning bay into Manutuke – need turning lane off SH2 into Manutuke off the bridge – Transit
Manutuke speed restrictions from first lot of houses to the end
Signage needed – nothing at present
Speed an issue – should be 30 or 40
Pest control – possums, rabbits and ants
Signage needed – history, marae, church, school
Community caretaker funded by Council
Urupa – Turakina, Manutuke, Hurimoana, Te Mahina – more land required and need help with smoothing the resource consent process and assistance with maintenance of urupa
Improve memorial hall – no demolition
Church and marae fencing
Whakato Road – reduce speed limit to 30
Picture theatre – improve or demolish
Community play area and skatepark
Domain maintenance and sports ground
Wharerata footpath extended north of the bridge
Drainage and flooding on Wharerata Road
Clean and beautify Te Arai
Kaumatua Whare
Youth, homework centre for local youth and adults
Walkway Turaraki Road, Wharerata Road, Whakato Road
Maintenance of swing bridge and roadway – no maintenance for years – improvements should not affect the rates due to lack of maintenance for years
Tsunami warning system at the fire station
Town supply for water
Look after the trees – street trees, domain trees, marae trees and church trees
Need a bike track to the village from Brown's Beach Road and Wherowhero
Need to explore tourism opportunities – churches and marae
Need more fire hydrants – two at present – need to get water to Pahau Marae
Museum Oxbrows
Carving School at Manutuke marae
Restoration of marae
Tell local stories
Historical restoration of old Maori pa Taurau Valley
Safety on the road needs improving
Need signs – historic and general
Need public amenities – toilets, water, fire hydrants
Memorial hall needs to be upgraded as a public facility
Possibility of extending the school to include a secondary school where
Could use Council property in Manutuke – what does Council own?
Speed limit should be 50 kph within town
Need water reticulated into Tuaraki Road
Improve signage
Need public toilet