



# **Tokomaru Bay**

## **Township Plan**

### **Update and Implementation Plan**

**2011**

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# Introduction

The Tokomaru Bay Township Plan Update (2011) builds on the work we did in 2006-7 to identify our community's long-term vision for Tokomaru Bay township. The Plan is intended to evolve with the support of our community, so this year we have again worked with Council to review the plan.

A few things have changed since the plan was first developed. Many of the actions in the 2007 plan have been completed and new priorities have emerged. While our Vision Statements and Goals remain the same, the actions have changed. Council has also requested we do some further work to prioritise the actions so that Council can better assist us in delivering on those things that are most important to our community.

This update focuses on prioritising the projects over the next 10 years for implementation. Background information is in the original Township Plan.

## **Content of the Plan**

Our community identified two Vision Statements that form the basis of our Plan:

- Infrastructure and facilities to support community activities
- A point of difference for Tokomaru Bay

The Vision Statements have several Key Goals and Priority Projects under them.

In this review we focused on reporting what we have achieved and identifying and ranking our priority projects. The top nine priority projects are what we suggest we would like to work with Council and other agencies to achieve over the next 20 years. All other ideas that we still think are important are included in the backlist at the end of the document. The backlist will be considered alongside the priority projects during the next Township Plan review in three to five years.

## **Implementation and Reporting**

The section "How will we make it happen?" (pages 6 – 9) includes draft implementation tables for each priority action. The tables identify the key tasks, estimated costs, timeframes for completion, progress indicators and funding options. The funding options column is separated into two columns – one to identify who the funder is likely to be and the other to identify when the funding would become available – where "to be confirmed – tbc" is written, no funding has been confirmed for the task. All projects requiring some Council assistance have been put forward to Council for funding in the Ten Year Plan 2012-22, however their decisions confirming funding will not be known until June 2012.

Council has established a system to enhance communication with our community on the priorities in our Township Plan. A nominated contact person, Vance Walker, will keep us up-to-date on a quarterly basis, at least, with how Council and other agencies are progressing priority projects and will provide a written annual report to the community on Township Plan implementation as part of Council's Annual Report process.

## Community successes

Since 2007 we have been working hard as a community to improve our township and we have started and completed some great work together.

A fitness trail has been established along the foreshore so that residents can use and enjoy the beach front and promote a healthy community. Eight fitness stations were installed, four on the school side and four on the skate park side. The workstations cover a number of fitness areas including strength, stamina and balance.

A community caretaker (Len Chaffey) has been employed by Council to help maintain infrastructure and provide an efficient response to the community's requests for service. The community caretaker is supported by the services provided by staff at the Te Puia Springs Service Centre.

A community dune restoration project is underway at Ongaruru. Access to the dunes has been restricted and GDC has provided around 1000 native spinifex and pingao plants. A community planting day was organised in September and signs designed by local students created that will advise the public to keep out of fragile areas.

The transfer station opening hours have been improved following a petition from the community. The transfer station is now open on Sundays from 12pm - 3pm.

A new foot bridge was built over the Waiotu Stream providing easy access for pedestrians and cyclists to the foreshore and to different recreation areas.



# Infrastructure and facilities to support community activities

## A 'point of difference' for Tokomaru Bay

### What are our key goals?

- ❖ Infrastructure that meets the needs of residents and visitors
- ❖ Well-maintained community facilities
- ❖ Beautification works to enhance the natural beauty of the Bay
- ❖ Promotion of Tokomaru Bay as a beautiful place to visit

### What are our priority projects?

- ❖ Maintain seawalls (Priority 1)
- ❖ Reliable fuel supply (Priority 2)
- ❖ Public toilet facilities (Priority 3)
- ❖ Tokomaru Bay Wharf (Priority 4)
- ❖ Rubbish management (Priority 5)
- ❖ Heritage promotion (Priority 6)
- ❖ Roading infrastructure (Priority 7)
- ❖ Playground facilities (Priority 8)
- ❖ Native trees (Priority 9)

# How will we make it happen?

 Complete 
  On target 
  Behind schedule

## Priority 1 - Seawall Improvements

Maintain seawalls					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Community and GDC to identify the high priority areas for protection	-	-		Oct 2011	
2. GDC to investigate protection options, rough order costs and funding options so community can make a decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• roading</li> <li>• private and public property</li> </ul>	\$60k	GDC roading (15%) Government (85%) GDC flood control (\$6k)	2013 Will know by mid-2012 if successful in getting govt grant funding	Dec 2013	
3. GDC to design and construct protection works for priority locations (depends on government funding availability)	(tbc)	GDC roading (15%) Government (85%)	(tbc)	(tbc)	

### Priority 2 - Reliable fuel supply

Improve reliability of fuel supply for the township					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to assist with negotiations to ensure reliable fuel supply to Tokomaru Bay and the East Coast	-	-		Ongoing	
2. GDC to report to the community	-	-		Ongoing	

### Priority 3 - Public toilet facilities

Upgrade and increase toilet facilities					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to upgrade main toilets (plus effluent field) with community to assist with design	\$7K	GDC	2012	Dec 2012	
2. Community to submit to the Ten Year Plan 2012-22 to request toilets at the cemetery and a water supply for toilet at the wharf	-	-	-	Mar 2012	

## Priority 4 - Tokomaru Bay Wharf

Upgrade the wharf and ensure it is safe for the community and visitors					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC engineers to prepare safety report on the wharf to report to Council and community	-	-	-	Nov 2011	
2. GDC to prepare safety plan of minor works including signs and ladder	-	-	-	Dec 2013	
3. GDC to implement minor safety works	\$8k	GDC	2012-2014	Dec 2014	
4. Establish Tokomaru Bay Wharf Restoration Trust	-	-	-	Dec 2012	
5. Community to raise funds and plan for restoration (including to sell salvaged timber to raise seed funding)	(tbc)	Community GDC	(tbc)	2013-2018	

### Priority 5 - Rubbish management

Reduce rubbish in the township					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to replace bin at main toilets and new bin at Waima	\$1200 \$25/month	GDC	2012	Jun 2012	
2. GDC to change transfer station hours to 12-3pm Sundays	-	-	-	July 2011	
3. GDC to educate campers/visitors on waste management	-	-	-	Ongoing	

### Priority 6 - Heritage promotion

Signpost local heritage					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Community to provide text/photos and identify sign positions	-	-		Mar 2013	
2. Community to apply for funding	-	Tourism Eastland GDC	(tbc)	Jun 2013	
3. GDC to erect signs	\$15k	GDC	2015	Dec 2015	

### Priority 7 - Roading infrastructure

Improve township roads					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to improve road standards, focusing on Waima Road lighting and paths to kaumatua flats and Waima	\$700k	GDC (\$500k split with Te Puia)	2021	2021	
2. GDC to install safe pedestrian crossing under SH2 bridge	\$10k	GDC	2012	Dec 2012	

### Priority 8 - Playground facilities

Install a children's playground in Waima					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to investigate Council land at Waima	-	GDC		Jan 2015	
2. Community to decide on design of playground	-	-		Jun 2015	
3. Community to submit for funding from Council and apply for grant funding	(tbc)	GDC Lotteries ECT	(tbc)	Mar 2012 Mar 2015	

## Priority 9 - Native trees

Plant native trees around the township					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Community to decide on type and location of planting	-	-		Dec 2016	
2. Community to apply for funding and tree supply	-	GDC Native Women's Tree Trust		June 2017	
3. Community to plan community planting days	-	-		Aug 2017	

## Other Ideas

The top nine priority projects are what we suggest we would like to work with Council and other agencies to achieve over the next 20 years. All other ideas that we still think are important are included in the list below. This backlist will be considered alongside the priority projects during the next Township Plan review in three to five years.

- Establish a community committee to liaise with GDC and source funding for community projects
- Improve maintenance of the northern side of the SH2 bridge with increased plantings and mowing
- Install traffic calming measures near the boat ramp
  - Reduce the speed limit in front of the tavern
  - Trim adjacent trees to improve vision
- Provide a recreation area for youth – maybe a sealed outdoor area in the existing playground or extend existing basketball hoop
- Protect the water ways from contamination when flooding occurs at the transfer station – prevent flooding at the transfer station
- Clean up derelict housing - demolition of old clinic (Māori trust), scout hall etc
- Increase housing for the ageing populati

