

Te Araroa

Township Plan



Update and Implementation Plan

2011

Introduction

The Te Araroa Township Plan Update (2011) builds on the work we did in 2006-7 to identify our community's long-term vision for Te Araroa 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. Some 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 and tourism activities
- A thriving and active community.

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

In this review we focused on what we have achieved and identifying and ranking our priority projects. The top five priority projects are what we have agreed to focus on achieving over the next 10 years. All other ideas that we still think are important are in the backlist which will be considered for the next Township Plan review in three to five years.

Implementation and Reporting

The section "How will we make it happen?" (pages 6 – 8) 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 to consider for funding in the Ten Year Plan 2012-22, however their decisions confirming funding will not be known until June 2012.

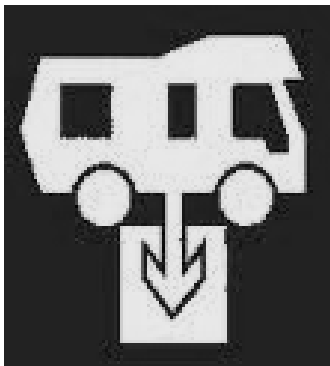
Council has established a system to enhance communication with our community on the priorities in our Township Plan. A nominated contact person, Vance Walker, will keep us up-to-date on a quarterly basis, at least, through Te Araroa Progressive Association, with how Council and other agencies are progressing 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.

Our Te Araroa Progressive Association is going from strength to strength and continues to advocate on behalf of the community for the things that are important to us. We also have a strong and committed Pakeke Group that is involved in many aspects of our community.

Our main street has been upgraded, with new kerb and channel, lighting, footpaths and rubbish bins installed. The upgrade has tidied the street and made pedestrian access much easier. We are working on adding embellishments to the street such as planter boxes and seating.



A motorhome dump point was installed near the transfer station providing visitors with a place to safely dispose of their waste. This is the first dump point around the coast from Opotiki, giving tourists another good reason to stop in our township.

Two new toilets and a water tank were installed at the domain in 2009 for use by the public and the rugby club during rugby matches and events.

Regional Development funding allowed improvements to be made to the East Cape Road in 2008/2009, including rock protection work and shoulder widening.

We have prepared an application for funding from the Ministry of Health's TAP and CAP scheme to help secure a clean and reliable drinking water supply. We hope that the application will be accepted and we can make a start on this important project.

We have been liaising with the owners of the Gaiety Theatre about the future use of the Theatre and the potential for it to be used as a community facility. We will continue to work on this project over the next few years as a priority for us.

Infrastructure and facilities to support community and tourism activities

A thriving and active community

Key Goals

- ❖ Infrastructure that meets the needs of residents and visitors
- ❖ Infrastructure and support for local initiatives and sustainable development
- ❖ Reliable and safe water supply
- ❖ Well-maintained community facilities

Priority Projects

- ❖ Public toilet upgrade (Priority 1)
- ❖ Gaiety Theatre (Priority 2)
- ❖ Tourism development (Priority 3)
- ❖ Roads and drains (Priority 4)
- ❖ Reliable water supply (Priority 5)

How will we make it happen?



Priority 1 - Public Toilet upgrade

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Upgrade public toilets					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Community and GDC to design minor public toilet upgrade	-	-	-	Mar 2012	
2. GDC to complete upgrades and community to assist with design	\$15k	GDC	-	Jun 2012	
3. Community to submit for new toilet in the Ten Year Plan 2012-22 for years 7-10	-	-	-	Mar 2012 Mar 2015	

Priority 2 - Gaiety Theatre

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Upgrade the Gaiety Theatre to include resources and activities for youth and elderly					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Community to protect and tidy the building in interim	\$30k	Lotteries ECCT/ECT	(tbc)	Dec 2012	
2. Community to plan building use and GDC to assist with business planning and Trust formation	-	-	-	Jun 2013	
3. Community to prepare funding applications for restoration/upgrade	-	-	-	Dec 2013	
4. Community to complete restoration	\$100k- \$300k	Lotteries ECCT/ECT		Dec 2015	

Priority 3 - Tourism development



Complete



On target








Behind schedule

Develop sustainable tourism and business opportunities					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Community to hold a local workshop of key stakeholders, notably Te Runanga o Ngati Porou, Tourism Eastland and GDC, to develop relationships for the tourism sector	-	-	-	May 2012	
2. Community and key stakeholders to review existing community tourism strategy to identify themes, markets and a way forward	-	-	-	Aug 2012	
3. Council to consider changes to i-site including opening longer hours over summer and improving visibility of the site with signs and maps	\$5k	GDC	2012	Nov 2012	
4. Community to research development of a cultural precinct for the town centre and environs to promote local heritage and instil further local pride	-	-	-	Dec 2012	
5. Community to work with the Regional Partners Network to develop sustainable business opportunities	-	Ministry of Trade and Enterprise	(tbc)	Ongoing	


Priority 4 – Roads and drains

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Improve roads and drainage around the township					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Improve maintenance on East Cape Road	-	NZTA GDC	-	Ongoing	
2. Council to investigate drainage problems and map drainage contours for Te Araroa	\$15K	GDC	2012	Jun 2013	
3. Council to design a drainage scheme and undertake consultation with the community	(tbc)	GDC	(tbc)	2015	
4. Community to submit on Ten Year Plan 2012-22 to seal Whakaangi Road	-	GDC Forestry	(tbc)	Mar 2012	
5. Community to submit to NZTA to reduce speed limit at Te Araroa entrance	-	NZTA GDC	(tbc)	Mar 2012	

Priority 5 - Reliable water supply

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Secure a reliable drinking water supply for the township					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Community to prepare application to the TAP/CAP scheme for drinking water supply	-	-	-	Aug 2011	
2. Community to establish drinking water supply	\$500k	Ministry of Health	(tbc)	(tbc)	

Other Ideas

The top five priority projects are what we have agreed to focus on achieving over the next 10 years. All other ideas that we still think are important are in the list below which will be considered for the next Township Plan review in three to five years.

- Signpost places of significance including:
 - the birth place of Sir Apirana Ngata
 - sites along East Coast Road including a sign on the track for East Cape Lighthouse
 - cultural and heritage trails
- Remove obstacles to development or greater use of Maori land including:
 - retention of rates remission policy
 - review of use of the whenua register
 - review of land policies
- More playground equipment
- Welcome to Te Araroa sign
- Refurbish the sign for the pohutukawa tree
- Review how road infrastructure funding and works are prioritised to ensure Te Araroa's needs are met
- Develop a local airport
- Develop a community strategy to address the issue of uncertainty of energy supply post 2013
- Improve relationships with GDC including:
 - regular and more frequent meetings in Te Araroa
 - regular GDC staff visits to Te Araroa to assess any issues
 - all GDC staff, particularly new staff, understand the issues in Te Araroa
 - GDC to take an active role in the development of Te Araroa
 - better communication between different GDC departments and individual staff working with the Te Araroa community
- Develop a strategy to secure communications infrastructure for the future
- Develop a community internet and email facility

