

PATUTAHI

township plan



Update and Implementation Plan

2011

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Introduction

The Patutahi Township Plan Update (2011) builds on the work we did in 2008 to identify our community's long-term vision for Patutahi 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 2008 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

In this review we focused on what we have achieved as a community and what our new priority projects are. The top four 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 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 – 7) 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, Barbara Dockley, 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

One of our community's key priorities identified in 2008 was to reinvigorate our community connections and spirit.

We established the Patutahi Community Committee in 2009 to drive community social events and our small Committee have been responsible for organising some great community events over the past two years.

Our SocktoberFest celebrated the humble sock and showed the creativity and humour alive and well in Patutahi and the Patutahi Christmas event was a lot of fun for children and adults alike.

We have also had some work completed on our reserve. A skate ramp and basketball hoop have been installed for our youth and bollards were installed around the reserve to keep out cars and ensure a good playing surface for winter sports.

The Patutahi Reserve Board continues to take good care of the Patutahi Community Hall. Some work has been completed to upgrade the hall to accommodate a wider variety of sports. This includes the lights being upgraded and lifted.

Lighting in the town has also been changed to low spill lights to retain a 'dark sky' that adds to the rural flavour of our town and creates opportunities for local star gazers.



Our Vision

What are our key goals?

- ❖ An active, safe and healthy community
- ❖ Infrastructure and community facilities that are well-maintained
- ❖ An attractive and thriving town centre

What are our priority projects?

- ❖ Drainage maintenance (Priority 1)
- ❖ Road improvements (Priority 2)
- ❖ Community committee (Priority 3)
- ❖ Community facilities (Priority 4)

How will we make it happen?

Priority 1 - Drainage maintenance

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Improve drainage maintenance					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to regularly spray and maintain council drains	-	-	-	Ongoing	
2. GDC to provide information to land owners about drain care and maintenance responsibilities	\$2k	GDC	2012	Feb 2012	

Priority 2 - Road improvements

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Improve roads and signage					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to repair roads as part of the summer maintenance programme with priority on Atkins Road, Bilham Road and Lavenham Road	(tbc)	GDC	2017 \$250k split with Manutuke	2017-2018	
2. Community to design sign for Patutahi entrance and investigate local funding options				2017-2018	
3. GDC to investigate an alternative heavy traffic route and report back to community	-	-	-	Dec 2012	

Priority 3 - Community Committee

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Reinvigorate the community committee					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Community and GDC to contact residents to increase membership	-	-	-	Nov 2011	
2. Community to hold an event to bring the township and surrounds together	\$500	Community	GDC (tbc)	Feb 2012	

Priority 4 – Community Facilities

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Expand existing recreation and community facilities					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Reserves Board to complete retrofit of Patutahi Hall lighting	\$8k	GDC	2011	Mar 2012	
2. Reserves Board to investigate and install heating options	\$2k	GDC	(tbc)	May 2012	
3. Reserves Board to actively advertise and market the use of the hall	-	Reserves Board	(tbc)	Ongoing	
4. GDC to work with community to establish community garden	\$1k	Community	(tbc)	-	

Other Ideas

The top four 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 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.

- Erect a bus shelter outside the Patutahi Hall.
- Erect a community notice board in the town centre to improve community communication and connections - to be managed by Patutahi Committee.
- Develop the public toilet block to an excellent standard.
- Investigate how planning mechanisms could be used to foster growth of residential and commercial activity in appropriate areas within the township, noting that:
 - development retains the rural flavour of the town
 - development is focused around the town centre, not dispersed, to create a sense of community, improve personal safety and minimise infrastructure costs
- Investigate the feasibility of reticulated sewage and water supply as high water tables create environmental health concerns with existing septic systems.
- Develop a strategy to encourage essential retail services back into the community.
- Investigate 'best practice' for sustainability of the community hall. This may include developing relationships with additional organisations such as Sport Gisborne, SPARC and the YMCA.
- Ask youth to design murals for exterior graffiti-prone walls of the Hall to encourage youth ownership of the facility and reduce graffiti and property damage. Funding available through the Ministry of Justice.
- Encourage youth involvement in community activities and decisions.
- Lobby Telecom for a public telephone.
- Expand consultation methods e.g. community newsletter.