Agenda for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board to be held in the Town Hall, Supper Room, Bow Street, Raglan on **TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019** commencing at **2.00pm**.

Note: A public forum will be held at 1.30pm prior to the commencement of the meeting.

*Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Committee in the decision making process and may not constitute Council’s decision or policy until considered by the Committee.*

1. **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

2. **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA**

3. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
   Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2019

5. **SPEAKER**
   Ms Sophie Peacock will be in attendance from 2.00pm to discuss Rangitahi/Opotoru Road.

6. **REPORTS**
   6.1 Proposed Childcare Allowance for Local Government Elected Members
   6.2 Freedom Camping in Raglan
   6.3 Gilmour Street Stormwater and Urban Upgrade Works
   6.4 Discretionary Fund Report to 02 May 2019
   6.5 Year to Date Service Request Report
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   6.10 Councillor’s Report
   6.11 Public Forum

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
Open Meeting

To
Raglan Community Board

From
GJ Ion
Chief Executive

Date
19 March 2019

Prepared by
Brendan Stringer
Democracy Manager

Chief Executive Approved
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Reference #
GOV0507

Report Title
Confirmation of Minutes

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The minutes for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Tuesday 12 March 2019 are submitted for confirmation.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Tuesday 12 March 2019 be confirmed.

3. **ATTACHMENTS**

RCB Minutes – 12 March 2019
MINUTES of a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held in the Supper Room, Town Hall, Bow Street, Raglan on TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019 commencing at 2.00pm.

Present:
Mr R MacLeod (Chairperson)
Cr LR Thomson
Mr PJ Haworth
Mr AM Oosten
Mrs GA Parson
Mr AW Vink

Attending:
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson
Mr S Toka (Iwi & Community Partnership Manager)
Ms J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)
Mrs RJ Gray (Senior Committee Secretary)
Mr N Johnston (Funding and Partnerships Manager)
Ms T Thomson (Ngati Hourua/Mahanga)
Ms C Chin (Order of St John)
13 members of the public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Resolved: (Mr MacLeod/Mrs Parson)
THAT an apology be received from Mrs Kereopa.

CARRIED on the voices RCB1903/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS
Resolved: (Mr MacLeod/Cr Thomson)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Tuesday 12 March 2018 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND THAT in accordance with Standing Order 9.4 the order of business be changed with agenda item 5.3 [Iwi & Community Partnership Manager] being considered as the first item on the agenda.

CARRIED on the voices RCB1903/02
DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mr MacLeod advised members of the Board that he would declare a non-financial conflict of interest in item 5.2 [Request for Funding – The Order of St John Central Region Trust Board].

Mr Oosten advised members of the Board that his partner is a volunteer of the Order of St John Board, Agenda 5.2 [Request for Funding – The Order of St John Central Region Trust Board].

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr MacLeod/Cr Thomson)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Tuesday 12 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices RCB1903/03

REPORTS

Iwi & Community Partnership Manager
Agenda Item 5.3

The report was received [RCB1903/02 refers].

The Iwi & Community Partnership Manager, Mr Toka, provided an overview of his role at Council and the involvement he will have with the various groups in the community.

Ms Thomson, (Ngati Hourua/Mahanga), was granted speaking rights and welcomed Mr Toka on behalf of the Board.

Discretionary Fund Report to 21 February 2019
Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received [RCB1903/02 refers].

Prior to discussion on the following item, the Chairperson withdrew from the chair owing to a conflict of interest. The Deputy Chair assumed the chair for this item.

Request for Funding – The Order of St John Central Region Trust Board
Agenda Item 5.2

The report was received [RCB1903/02 refers].

The Chairperson declared a non-financial conflict of interest and did not take part in discussion or voting on this item.
Mr Oosten declared a non-financial conflict of interest on behalf of his partner.

Ms Chin provided an overview in support of the funding application and discussion was held.

His Worship the Mayor agreed to pay $500 to the Order of St John Central Region Trust Board towards the cost of purchasing new equipment for the Raglan St John Ambulance.

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/ Mr Haworth)

**THAT** an allocation of $431.26 from the Raglan Community Board Discretionary Fund be made to the Order of St John Central Region Trust Board towards the cost of purchasing new equipment for the Raglan St John Ambulance vehicle.

**CARRIED on the voices**

The Chairperson assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**Approval of Draft Waikato Blueprint for Public Feedback**

Agenda Item 5.4

The report was received [RCB1903/02 refers].

The Economic and Community Development Manager advised that there will be a public meeting held on 20 March 2019 in Raglan. A lengthy discussion was held and members of the Board were encouraged to forward any feedback to the Economic and Community Development Manager prior to the meeting.

**Raglan – Revocation of 1.65km of SH23 to Local Road and Proposed Interim MOU**

Agenda Item 5.5

The report was received [RCB1903/02 refers] and discussion was held on the MOU requirements.

**Resolved:** (Mr Oosten/Mr Haworth)

**THAT** the Raglan Community Board request NZTA and Council to include the installation of two signs in the interim in the MOU:

i) **Warning of hidden queues to be installed before Greenslade Road**

ii) **Hazardous intersection, opposite the Toi Hauaruru Gallery on State Highway 23 entering Raglan township.**

**CARRIED on the voices**

**Raglan Works & Issues Report: Status of Items March 2019**

Agenda Item 5.6

The report was received [RCB1903/02 refers] and discussion was held on items in the register.
Chairperson’s Report
Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [RCB1903/02 refers] and discussion was held.

Councillor’s Report
Agenda Item 6.4

Cr Thomson provided a verbal update that included:
- Meetings attended and overview thereof
- Strategic Planning sessions
- Working with the Raglan Naturally Co-ordinator
- LGNZ Community Board Application for Engaging Community Boards
- Chamber of Commerce breakfast/presentation
- Blue/Greens Conference
- Night Patrol AGM
- Kopapa waka event at Papahua
- Celebrate International Women’s Day
- Liaison with residents advising of school bus removed from Te Papatapu Road. Surface work and road rolling to commence.
- Freedom Camping at Rugby Grounds, Whale Bay and Manu Bay
- Whaanga Coast re rally.

Raglan Naturally
Agenda Item 6.5

Tabled: Raglan Naturally Update Report dated 12 March 2019

The Co-ordinator provided a brief overview of the tabled report and spoke on the need for additional funding for the draft plan. She was requested to contact His Worship the Mayor regarding funding by email.

Resolved: (Mr Oosten/Cr Thomson)

THAT the Board supports a request from the Raglan Naturally Co-ordinator for $750.00 toward production of the Draft Raglan Naturally Plan.

CARRIED on the voices RCB1903/06

Public Forum

The following issues were discussed during the Public Forum held prior to the commencement of the meeting:

- Proposed revocation of the State Highway is endorsed. As an interim step suggestion to slow traffic down, especially approaching Lorenzen Bay turnoff. Walkway/cycleway
requested to be included in proposal also. Board members were asked to express urgent concern to Council.

- Raglan Area School Principal and students provided a brief presentation on 'Strike for Climate'. Students will form a protest through the township on 15 March 2019. The Board of Trustees, staff and parents support the students in this initiative. Mrs Parson agreed to liaise with the students regarding a strategy on climate change.

- Removal of trees on Main Street – No plan for replacement has been sighted yet. Request for an arborist report to be provided to the next meeting in May 2019.

- Bus stop created next to Museum and Fire Station is in most exposed area in town with a lack of shelter for the public. It was advised that a request for a bus shelter had been made to the Raglan Lions Club. The Chair agreed to follow this up.

- Progress on Boardwalk at Wharf – The Chair agreed to follow this up.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 3.34pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2019.

RJ MacLeod

CHAIRPERSON
1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek the Raglan Community Board’s views on the Remuneration Authority’s (“the Authority”) proposed policy for a childcare allowance. The allowance would be payable to all elected local government members, including Community Board members. The Authority is currently seeking feedback from councils and elected members on its proposal.

If the Authority proceeds with the proposed allowance from 1 July 2019, it would be for each council to determine whether the proposed allowance be payable to its members and, if so, at what rate and in what circumstances (subject to the parameters set down by the Authority). As drafted, the proposed allowance contemplated a capped rate of $15/hour (maximum of $6,000 per annum for each member) where childcare arrangements are required to enable an elected member to attend local authority business (e.g. a Community Board meeting).

It is expected the allowance would be taxable at source, with the Inland Revenue Department expected to provide its position on this matter within the coming weeks.

Council staff are collating feedback from all elected members to inform a submission, if required, to the Authority on its proposed policy.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received;**

AND **THAT the Raglan Community Board provides its feedback on the Remuneration Authority’s draft Policy on a childcare allowance for Elected Members.**
3. **BACKGROUND**

The Authority is the independent governmental body that sets the remuneration levels for local government elected representatives, amongst others.

The Authority recently circulated to councils its proposed policy for providing a childcare allowance for elected local government members, including Community Board members. The proposed policy is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 **DISCUSSION**

At present, the Authority determines elected members’ allowances for vehicle mileage, travel time and communications, which are also considered in the Council’s *Reimbursements for Elected Members Policy*.

The Authority has drafted a policy to consider the payment of a childcare allowance for elected members while they attend local authority business. The intention of the allowance is to mitigate the lack of financial support for people, in particular women, who need to arrange childcare while they are on council business. The Authority considers this lack of support has created a barrier to diversity on councils.

The scope of the proposed allowance is as follows:

- The allowance is for a member who is a parent/guardian of a child – it does not extend to other dependent care arrangements;
- The child/children are under 14 years of age;
- Childcare is provided by someone who is not a family member or doesn’t live with the elected member;
- The allowance is capped at:
  - the lesser of $15/hour or the amount paid to the childcare provider, with a total annual allowance of no more than $6,000; and
  - 8 hours in any 24-hour period.

It is important to note that, as with other allowances set by the Authority, it will be at the discretion of each council as to whether the proposed allowance is payable and, if so, at what rate and in what circumstances such payment should be made (subject to the maximum parameters set by the Authority).

If the proposal proceeds, it will be included in the Authority’s Determination that comes into force on 1 July 2019.

4.2 **FEEDBACK TO THE AUTHORITY**

The Authority has requested that feedback on its proposed policy be sent through by Friday, 31 May 2019.
Staff are collecting the views of all elected members on the proposed policy. In particular:

- whether Community Board members are supportive of the proposed allowance; and
- the draft parameters of the proposed allowance (including the maximum rate payable and the circumstances when the allowance is payable).

Staff would also be interested in knowing the number of current members who would consider claiming the proposed allowance, should it be made available. This will assist in the Council’s assessment of the Authority’s policy.

5. Considerations

5.1 Financial

There is some difficulty in assessing the financial impact of the Authority’s proposed policy at this stage – for example, it is not known the number of elected members who would claim a childcare allowance, and whether the Authority will amend the financial parameters of the proposed allowance following receiving feedback.

As a guide only, in the event there was a member of each Community Board and one Councillor who would each claim the full allowance proposed ($6,000 per annum), the financial cost to the Council would be $36,000.

Tax Considerations

The Authority’s proposed policy notes that the Inland Revenue Department are currently considering whether the proposed allowance would be tax-free or not. However, the current view is that proposed allowance could be taxable at source. In the event that the childcare allowance becomes available, it would be for each elected member considering claiming the allowance to obtain his/her own independent advice as to any consequences to their individual tax position.

5.2 Legal

The proposed childcare allowance would become payable by the Council to elected members if:

- it is included in the Authority’s annual determination. The Authority is awaiting feedback from councils and elected members before it decides whether to proceed with the allowance for the 2019/20 determination; and
- the Council approves the payment of the allowance, by way of an amendment to the Reimbursements for Elected Members Policy.

5.3 Strategy, Plans, Policy and Partnership Alignment

The Authority’s stated purpose of the proposed childcare allowance is to enable diversity in local government representation. This aligns with the Community Board Charter and legislative role of the Community Board to represent, and advocate for, the interests of its community.
5.4 Assessment of Significance and Engagement Policy and of External Stakeholders

The matters considered in this report have a low level of significance under the Council’s Significance & Engagement Policy.

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6. Conclusion

The Remuneration Authority is seeking feedback on its policy paper proposing a childcare allowance be payable to all elected members, at the discretion of each council. Staff are collating feedback on this matter to inform any submission to the Authority. If the Authority proceeds with this allowance, it would become payable from 1 July 2019 (subject to Council approval).

7. Attachments

Appendix I: Remuneration Authority’s Policy Paper – Childcare Allowance for Elected Members of Local Government
Policy Paper

Childcare Allowance for Elected Members of Local Government

April 2019
Executive Summary

1. Over the past few years, the Remuneration Authority has received submissions from councils, groups of elected members and individuals requesting that there be an allowance for childcare for elected members in local government while they attend to local authority business. There were concerns that a lack of financial support for childcare created a barrier for people, in particular women, to enter into elected positions in local government. Research shows that a number of councils in similar jurisdictions (Australia and the United Kingdom) provide their elected members with allowances to cover costs associated with child and dependent care whilst the elected member is on council business. The Authority has decided to provide for councils to pay a childcare allowance if they wish. This paper contains details of the proposed policy as well as some background information.

Background

2. Under Schedule 7, Section 6 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Authority must determine the remuneration, allowances, and expenses payable to all elected members of local authorities. At present, the Authority determines allowances for vehicle mileage, travel time and communications. Each individual council considers its approach to the expenses and allowances and writes its own policies within the upper limits set by the Authority.

3. In its major review of local government remuneration in 2016-2019, the Authority received numerous comments on the difficulties of being in local government, in particular for mothers, due to the lack of financial support for childcare.

4. Of particular note was a submission from the Young Elected Members (YEM) Network. The YEM Network is an informal group comprising local government elected members aged under 40 years. This included representatives on city, district, regional and unitary councils, as well as on community boards and Auckland local boards. The submission said that its members struggle with balancing the challenges of local government commitments and raising children. Their main concern was that because council commitments are not structured or fixed, parents are forced to pay for full-time care or take the risk of being unable to obtain childcare when they require it. The YEMs called on the Authority to “break down the barrier” for younger people wanting to enter into local government. They believe that if childcare were claimable expense it will make serving in local government a realistic option for parents who are currently prevented from considering the role because of the costs of childcare. The YEMs also believe that failing to do so would see the sector continuing to miss out on the ideas, talent, skills, insights, contacts and passion that young parents could bring to local government.

5. In its information paper following the consultation, the Authority said “another issue that appears to be of growing concern in local government is that caring for dependents may limit options for some people, particularly younger women who may have child care responsibilities. This is seen by many as a barrier to participation. The Authority is looking at the carer issue and
will make a decision prior to the 2019 election. We need to point out, however, that were we to approve councils providing reimbursement for carers, it would be up to each individual council to implement such a decision, as it is with all the allowances and reimbursements included in our local government determinations”.

**Dependent care**

6. The Authority considered the issue of dependent care allowances. This broadened the scope of any potential allowances and after careful consideration the Authority decided that at this stage it would not take any further the issue of allowances for dependent care outside of child care. Allowances for dependent care raised complex issues that would have taken considerably more time in researching and which we felt would need to be the subject of an extended consultation. Also, and perhaps more importantly at this stage, the issue of a childcare allowance as a mechanism for encouraging more and younger women to enter local government politics was the main driver for this review and was cited more frequently than a general dependent care allowance in responses to our previous consultation. Many responses cited issues around childcare as a significant barrier to diversity on councils.

**Childcare**

7. In considering the issue of childcare the Authority looked at similar schemes in other jurisdictions and also at the current law around and financial provision of childcare and childcare allowances in New Zealand.

8. In New Zealand, from the age of 14 years, children are allowed to be left alone. They are also legally allowed to babysit other children from the age of 14 years.

9. The cost of childcare and subsidies vary from centre to centre and are not regulated. The cost of care also depends on the type of care.

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10. Work and Income provide a Childcare Subsidy that helps families with the cost of pre-school childcare. To be eligible for the subsidy, a person must be the main carer of the dependent
child, a NZ citizen or permanent resident, and their family is on a low or middle income. The child must be under 5 years of age.

11. The subsidy payment is dependent on number of children and gross weekly income, however the maximum amount payable is $5.13 per hour, per child ($256.50 per week, per child for 50 hours).

12. The 20 Hour ECE subsidy was introduced in 2007 to reduce cost barriers in order to allow more children to participate in ECE. Under this subsidy, the government fully funds ECE for up to 6 hours a day and 20 hours per week for eligible children. It is not compulsory for childcare facilities to offer subsidy.

13. Children aged 3, 4 and 5 years old are eligible to the 20 Hours ECE if the facility offers it. This subsidy is regardless of family income, immigration status or any other reason.

Other jurisdictions

14. The following overseas council policies were analysed to look for comparisons and options:
   a. Australia
      i. City of Belmont, WA
      ii. District Council of Robe, SA
      iii. City of Burnside, SA
   b. United Kingdom
      i. Lambeth Council, London
      ii. Bracknell Forest Borough Council, London
      iii. Malvern Hills District Council
      iv. Middlesbrough
      v. Scotland
   c. Ireland
      i. Newry, Mourne and Down Council

15. The main themes that arose from these policy documents were:
   a. Provisions of allowances and/or reimbursements for dependant care whilst councillors attended meetings of council, committees, or other council business
   b. Costs covered actual and reasonable costs
   c. Children aged 15 years or younger
   d. Carers must not ordinarily reside with the councillors and must not be an immediate member of the family
   e. Carers must be registered, either with the councils or to a recognised professional facility
   f. It is up to the discretion of the council as to whether allowances are incorporated into their policy documents
Tax Consequences

16. We have sought advice from Inland Revenue on whether there are any tax consequences associated with the introduction of a childcare allowance. Inland Revenue are currently considering whether the proposed childcare allowance is tax-free or not. Childcare costs are usually seen as private or of a domestic nature and the proposed allowance could be taxable at source, if the allowance is viewed as employment income. Our view is that the proposed allowance is no different to the other allowances currently provided to local government elected members - that is, the childcare allowance is a contribution towards the expenses incurred by a member for childcare provided while the member is engaged on local authority business. We hope to receive Inland Revenue’s advice towards the end of April.

Proposed Approach

17. The Remuneration Authority is proposing that the following be inserted in the next Local Government Determination:

x. Childcare allowance

(1) A local authority may pay a childcare allowance, in accordance with subclauses (2) and (3), to an eligible member as a contribution towards expenses incurred by the member for childcare provided while the member is engaged on local authority business.

(2) A member is eligible to be paid a childcare allowance in respect of childcare provided for a child only if-

(a) the member is a parent or guardian of the child, or is a person who usually has responsibility for the day-to-day care of the child (other than on a temporary basis); and

(b) the child is aged under 14 years of age; and

(c) the childcare is provided by a person who-

(i) is not a family member of the member; and

(ii) does not ordinarily reside with the member; and

(d) the member provides evidence satisfactory to the local authority of the amount paid for childcare.

(3) A local authority may not make childcare allowance payments to a member-

(a) at a rate greater than $15 per hour; or

(b) that exceed the amount that the member paid to the childcare provider; or
(c) in respect of childcare provided for more than 8 hours in any 24-hour period; or

(d) that total more than $6,000 per annum.

(4) In this regulation, family member of the member means-

(a) a spouse, civil union partner, or de facto partner:

(b) a relative, that is, another person connected with the person within 2 degrees of a relationship, whether by blood relationship or by adoption.
Appendix A – Work and Income Childcare Subsidy

Extract from Work and Income Website: https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/childcare-subsidy.html

Who can get it:

You may get a Childcare Subsidy if:

• you're the main carer of a dependent child
• you're a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
• your family is on a low or middle income.

You should also normally live in New Zealand and intend to stay here.

It also depends on how much you and your partner earn.

The child must be:

• aged either:
  o under 5, or
  o over 5 if the school has advised they can't start until the beginning of the term straight after their 5th birthday, or
  o under 6 if you get a Child Disability Allowance for them
• attending an approved early childhood programme for 3 or more hours a week.

Approved programmes include early childhood education and care services, eg:

• kindergartens and preschools
• childcare centres and creches
• playcentres and playgroups
• Kohanga Reo, Punanga Reo, Aoga and other programmes with a language and culture focus
• approved home-based care.
Childcare Subsidy (current)

Below are the Childcare Subsidy income thresholds and maximum rates at 1 April 2018.

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1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Appended is the design for the Gilmour Street stormwater and urban upgrade works which was missed off the March Raglan Works & Issues Report.

Staff seek the Raglan Community Board’s feedback on the design and will attend the meeting to discuss approach and timing.

Also appended is the associated stormwater options report for the Boards’ information.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery be received.**

3. **DISCUSSION**

The preliminary design involves the upgrade of Gilmour Street, including stormwater upgrade, kerbing, pavement rehabilitation and widening, and footpath.

Key features of the urban upgrade proposed are:

- Widening of the chipseal pavement to 7.4m wide allowing 2.4m wide parking on one side or the other with 3m wide lane both directions. It is not intended to road mark a centreline or parking. The random parking will contribute to a low speed environment for any through traffic.
- Single cross fall pavement to drain to left (high – southeast side) in sympathy with existing pavement shape. Concrete kerb on the high side RHS and flush concrete nib on the low side (LHS).
- Concrete footpath 1.5m wide on the LHS.
- Grassed swale LHS between the proposed footpath and the pavement to alleviate the current nuisance secondary flow paths that run through several private properties, and to provide some soakage and filtering before entering the stormwater network on Stewart St.

The estimated cost for the urban upgrade works including footpath, swale and road rehabilitation and widening is of the order of $400,000 excluding design costs. Stormwater and wastewater upgrade costs will be dependent on the design and extent of raingardens and devices needed.

It is intended to construct the stormwater swale and associated works in Gilmour Street, as well as stormwater treatment devices in Stewart Street next construction season with the footpath, pavement rehabilitation and widening works to follow.

Comments are sought from the Board prior to proceeding to detailed design.

4. **Attachments**

1. Gilmour Street – Design for Discussion
2. Raglan Stormwater Treatment Options Report
NOTES:
1. SERVICE RELOCATION TO BE CONSIDERED DURING DETAIL DESIGN.
2. LOCATION, TYPE, SIZE AND DEPTH OF EXISTING WATER MAINS.
3. REMOVE OR FILL ALL EXISTING DRIVEWAY CURBSTONES.
4. ALL DRIVEWAYS TO BE REVISED WITH 20MPa REINFORCED CONCRETE.
5. ALL NEW CULVERTS AS PER RITS DETAIL D4.12.
6. GROUTED ROCK SURFACING AT CURB VERT.
7. RIPRAPI SCOUR PROTECTION TO BE PLACED AT NEW CYLINDRICALLY CURVED OUTLETS (APPROX. 300MM ROCK RIPRAP).
8. IDEAL RETURN DRIVING DILS FOR KERB PROFILES.
9. GROUTED ROCK SURFACING AT CURB VERT.

LEGEND:
- PROPERTY SENSITIVITY
- EXISTING STORMWATER
- EXISTING IRRIGATION
- EXISTING POWERPOLE
- EXISTING OVERHEAD POWER
- EXISTING WATER
- EXISTING FOOTPATH
- NEW ENTRANCE
- PROPOSED DRAIN
- PROPOSED CULVERT WITH ROCK RIPRAP
- PROPOSED KERB
- NEW PAVEMENT/SEAL
- NEW FOOTPATH

TYPICAL CROSS SECTION - GILMOUR STREET

SCALE 1:20

GILMOUR STREET
URBAN UPGRADE

PROOF OF CONCEPT
3413527-CK-0001
Memorandum

To: Marta Sobrino
From: Paul Pastor
Copy: Paul Pastor
Date: 5 February 2019
Our Ref: 3413527
Subject: Wainui Road Culvert Catchment Stormwater Treatment - Highlevel Options

1 Introduction

This memorandum details the highlevel stormwater treatment alternatives available for the Wainui Road culvert catchment in Raglan. This catchment includes the proposed Gilmour Street upgrade and the Stewart Street carpark sites and, as discussed previously, these works need to consider stormwater treatment measures. However, in doing so decisions on appropriate treatment need to be made in a catchment wide context. This is not to say that the Gilmour and Stewart Street works trigger a need to retrofit treatment across the whole catchment but it relates to making sure that the water quality benefit from expenditure in these projects is not better realised by allocating to other parts of the catchment. It will provide a framework for a water quality approach that could be progressively implemented and the Gilmour and Stewart Street projects would be a consistent part of this.

Refer appendix A for plan, sketch 3413527-CK-0003 for the different subcatchments discussed in this memorandum.

The approach taken was to firstly review the characteristics of the catchment and divide it into separate subcatchments broadly based on the different land uses and activities within it. This then allows for a broad classification of the subcatchments based on the expected runoff water quality from each. The next step is to then identify a range of treatment options and then review these for potential commonality of approach. However, given the catchment is already built up and treatment measures would need to be retrofitted into an existing drainage network within spatially restricted road corridors etc then the available options are likely to be limited and involve proprietary, modular devices. Clashes with underground services have not been reviewed in detail at this stage.

Any treatment strategy needs to involve more measures than new infrastructure and cover such items as community education, changes in private activities (such as not washing cars straight to stormwater etc), operation and maintenance changes, etc. This memorandum is not intended to address these matters.

A selection of options initially discussed with WDC were then reviewed using a multi-criteria analysis to support a recommendation for Gilmour and Stewart Streets.

As a best practice principal, systems should be implemented such that “clean” water bypasses the treatment device which focusses on “dirty” water. This allows device sizing to be kept to more practical limits but tends to lead to distributed devices rather than on large device that treats at a whole of catchment scale. Given this treatment should focus on road runoff as a priority over runoff from residential areas.

We also note that some new developments in Raglan (Rangitahi) are already proposing modular/proprietary raingardens and filters for treatment so WDC will inherit these types of devices to maintain. In this respect, adopting similar devices for Gilmour and Stewart Streets will not then be introducing a new type of device for WDC but there is value in specify the same type for
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consistency of operation and maintenance. Alternatively, some options have been discounted up front that may be appropriate for other areas just not this catchment, such as:

- Soakage/infiltration trenches. In general, the geology and topography does not support soakage/infiltration based solutions.
- Sandfilters. These are generally not appropriate for urban/residential areas and have very high maintenance demands.
- Swales. There is either insufficient space or the falls are too steep for swales. This is not to say swales cannot be used for drainage but their function would be restricted to conveying water (much like a pipe drain) as opposed to water quality treatment. Swales function on a minimum residence time for the water to be in contact with the vegetation/grass in the swale and so steep slopes and interruptions by driveway culverts often make swales impractical in urban retrofits.
- Wetlands. Without property purchase, there is insufficient land to construct wetlands. They are also not viable for areas of steep topography.

It is noted that this memorandum will also provide WDC with the background reasoning as why certain measures are proposed or have been discounted informing WDC’s ongoing discussions with the community. This could then form a template to be applied across the whole of Raglan in a staged, catchment by catchment fashion and also inform any future catchment management planning needed for when WDC’s global discharge resource consents are renewed.

2 Subcatchment Assessment

Subcatchment 1A & B

- Total area subcatchment 1A is 5 ha comprising:
  - 1.6 ha of Raglan’s main commercial area
  - 2.2 ha of urban residential area around Bankart Street and
  - 1.2 ha of roads.
- Subcatchment 1B overflows partially into subcatchment 1A and has a total area of 1.3 ha. Some water gets diverted by the natural falls of the intersection. Quantifying how much drains into subcatchment 1A would need further assessment.
- More than 80% of the subcatchment is impervious given the commercial uses however, there are areas of residential as well. The key pollutants associated with the runoff will be hydrocarbon based (oils, greases, exhaust fumes etc), total and dissolved metals (break linings, galvanised roofing iron, etc), sediments (road based), gross pollutants (mainly litter and leaf litter) and some nutrients (residential fertiliser etc).
- Given the intensity of vehicle movements associated with the CBD, water quality from this subcatchment will be the worst of all the subcatchments and significantly so.
- Treatment should firstly focus on road/carpark runoff, options include:
  - gross pollutant traps into existing (or modified) catchpits (these do not deal with dissolved metals or hydrocarbons).
  - a single subcatchment scale gross pollutant device at the bottom of the stormwater system before it discharges into the Wainui culvert.
  - a single underground chamber with filter cartridges type at the bottom of the line (or a series of smaller underground filters distributed throughout the catchment
  - retrofitting proprietary, modular raingardens at each catchpit.
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- A single large marine wetland constructed at the outlet of the Wainui Road culvert. This would be a significant undertaking and its feasibility would need to be investigated further should WDC consider this option preferred.

Subcatchment 2A & B

- Total area of Subcatchment 2 is 1.88 ha comprising:
  - 1.7 ha of urban residential land around Stewart, Gilmour and Bankart Streets.
  - 0.18 ha of proposed carparking along Stewart Street (where approximately 1,000 m² of new asphalt surfacing introducing a new and significant source of contaminants with the new vehicle movements).

- Currently subcatchments 2A and 2B drain into the same stormwater line but for the proposed carpark there are different alternatives available to treat the contaminants associated with the carpark. The key pollutants are expected to be hydrocarbons, total and dissolved metals, gross pollutants and some sediments (mainly associated with vehicle movements). Whereas in the residential part more sediment, litter, leaf litter, dissolved metals and nutrients can be expected.

- The proposed carpark is likely to be the main source of contaminants and so should be the focus of any treatment measures at this stage. The runoff from the residential areas is likely to be a secondary source of contaminants that could be dealt with in the future.

- Given spatial constraints treatment should focus firstly on road/carpark runoff, options include:
  - gross pollutant traps
  - rain gardens
  - filter devices
  - a single large marine wetland constructed at the outlet of the Wainui Road culvert.

Subcatchment 3

- Total area of subcatchment 3 is 1.8 ha with a majority of residential land use (including the proposed Gilmour Street works of some 0.15 ha of impervious area).

- The key pollutants associated are roading related however these will be relatively minor compared with that of the carpark in subcatchment 2. There will also be some nutrients, metals, sediments and litter from the residential areas. As to Gilmour Street and the residential areas are relatively steep with faster flows, then sediments and litter will be more readily mobilised and delivered to the estuary.

- WDC are considering an option of temporary gross pollutant traps to provide partial treatment until wider measures can be confirmed. Gross pollutant traps or devices could be located at the bottom of the Gilmour Street swale or further down in the catchment. These could well remain permanently.

- Treatment should focus firstly on road/carpark runoff, options include:
  - Gross pollutant traps.
  - Several raingardens distributed across the subcatchment. There is no room to fit a single, large raingarden at the bottom of the catchment in order to treat the whole catchment, so for any raingarden option it is only practical to treat the runoff from the road surfaces (either as a single unit or a series of manifoldered units or single units spread put along the road. For this latter option, the road will to be kerbed. Alternatively, a single large wetland could treat the whole catchment.
  - Filters units. Similar to raingardens although there is potential for a single large filter in an underground chamber.
  - A single large marine wetland constructed at the outlet of the Wainui Road culvert.
Subcatchment 4

- The total area of the subcatchment 4 is 2.1 ha consisting of:
  - 1.8 ha of residential area between Norrie Avenue and Stewart Street, and
  - 0.3 ha of Stewart Street running down with a steep grade to Wainui Road currently used as a carpark.
- Stormwater from the residential area mainly drains down the right hand side of Stewart Street. Contaminants are likely to be similar to subcatchment 2 and 3. The steep falls of the land will mobilise more contaminants especially sediment. The road source key contaminants will be hydrocarbons, total and dissolved metals, sediments and gross pollutants. The carpark area will be a significant source of these contaminants.
- Treatment should be differentiated into two areas. The carpark on the left hand side of the road and then the wider residential areas. Options include:
  - gross pollutant traps
  - Raingardens (distributed units only)
  - filter devices (distributed on a single large unit)
  - A single large marine wetland constructed at the outlet of the Wainui Road culvert.

For further information on the possible layout of different options refer sketch 3413527-CK-0003 in Appendix A.

3 Option Analysis

Refer the multi-criteria analysis attached in Appendix B. We note that the criteria all assume an equal weighting which WDC may wish to review. For example, cost may need to have a higher weighting applied to it over and above the other criteria.

4 Summary

The following points are noted in summary to be discussed with WDC:

- There are a range of options and combinations available to treat stormwater runoff within the catchment. Given the spatial constraints this will limit the available alternatives to modular, proprietary devices.
- Do nothing may not be an acceptable option for WDC based on community aspirations, regional standards (RITS), and expected long term consent requirements.
- Gross pollutant traps fitted to Gilmour and Stewart Streets would be a good interim measure but unlikely to satisfy the long term stormwater management requirements (community aspiration or WRC/resource consent requirements). Stormshields (or similar) could be installed as an interim measure and then removed for use elsewhere once other, more comprehensive treatment measures are installed.
- Modular, proprietary raingardens and cartridge type filter devices are both feasible for Gilmour and Stewart Streets and could be retro-fitted into the wider catchment if WDC desires.
- Treatment of runoff from the towncentre subcatchment as a priority over Gilmour and Stewart Street would offer significant water quality improvement (it may avoid the need to provide treatment in Gilmour Street but is unlikely to allow the Stewart Street carpark to be constructed without treatment) however, this would come at a significant cost.
- Treatment of runoff from the towncentre subcatchment may be best implemented by a single large cartridge style filter installation or a series modular raingarden units at each catchpit location. It is unclear if the latter approach is possible in Bow Street as normally these areas are heavily congested with buried services etc.
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- The multi-criteria analysis, with equal weighting on all criteria, would suggest Option 5 modular raingardens and or cartridge filter devices are preferable, with Options 2, 3, and 4, being gross pollutant trap, hydrodynamic separator, and chamber filter consecutively also score highly.
- A single large wetland in the estuary, while treating the whole of the catchment, would involve significant expense and risks (both in terms of obtaining resource consents, design and performance in tidal conditions). Therefore, at this stage is not recommended.

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Appendix A – Catchment Analysis Plan
NOTES:

1. THE FOLLOWING C VALUES HAVE BEEN ASSUMED (FROM RITS)
   - URBAN = 0.65
   - COMMERCIAL = 0.8
   - ROAD = 0.9
   - GRASS = 0.3

2. OPTION 2 (GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS IN CATCHPITS) AND OPTION 5 (PROPRIETARY RAINGARDENS) HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED ON THE DRAWING.

3. CATCHMENT EXTENTS ARE BASED ON A PRIMARY SYSTEM FOR WATER QUALITY STORM
Appendix B – Matrix of options
**WATER QUALITY PERFORMANCE**

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**DESCRIPTION**

- Option 1: Do nothing.
- Option 2: Addition to inlet, fine mesh (fines).
- Option 3: Gross pollutant trap (e.g. a commercial metal trap).
- Option 4: Gross pollutant trap (e.g. a commercial metal trap).
Appendix C – Gilmour Street Potential Treatment Device Arrangement
RULED - APPROXIMATE FUTURE SURFACE TO

STEWART STREET

GILMOUR STREET

NEW CATCHPIT TO REPLACE EXISTING

EXISTING 600mm Ø PIPE

NEW 1050mm Ø MANHOLE

NEW 1200mm Ø MANHOLE

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT DEVICE

VORTCAPTURE (OR SIMILAR APPROVED)

ALTERNATIVE GROSS POLLUTANT TRAP

PROPRIETARY DEVICE SUCH AS SW360

STORMSHIELD (OR SIMILAR APPROVED) DETAIL 1

STORMSHIELD (OR SIMILAR APPROVED) DETAIL 2

1. INVERT LEVELS ARE APPROXIMATE
2. SERVICE RELOCATION TO BE CONSIDERED
   DURING DETAILED DESIGN
3. LOCATION, TYPE, SIZE AND DEPTH OF EXISTING SERVICES IS APPROXIMATE ONLY

NOTES:

MIN GRADE 0.5%

MIN COVER 0.6 m

HIGH LEVEL OVERFLOW

OVER DEPTH TO ACT AS A SEDIMENT CUMP

VORTCAPTURE (OR SIMILAR APPROVED) DETAIL 2

MIN GRADE 5.5%

APPROXIMATE FUTURE SURFACE TO MAINTAIN MANHOLE COVER TO PIPE

LEGEND:

FUTURE CULVERT

TREATMENT DEVICE

STORMSHIELD

VORTCAPTURE

FOR INFORMATION

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

1. DO NOT SCALE

2. SCALE 1:25

3. SCALE (A3) REDUCED

4. SCALE (A1) ORIGINAL DESIGN

5. DRAWN AS SHOWN

6. DWG CHECK

7. DSG VERIFIER

8. REV.

9. MS 04.02.19

10. FOR INFORMATION MS PP IS 04.02.19

11. DATE CONSTRUCTION Approved For Client:

12. DRAWN GILMOUR STREET

13. PLAN SCALE 1:50

14. LONG SECTION - TREATMENT ARRANGEMENT SCALE 1:25

15. HALF SHOWN

16. PLAN

17. LONG SECTION

18. TITLE:

19. SUBJECT:

INVERT LEVELS ARE APPROXIMATE

DURING DETAILED DESIGN

LOCATION, TYPE, SIZE AND DEPTH OF EXISTING SERVICES IS APPROXIMATE ONLY

3. LOCATION, TYPE, SIZE AND DEPTH OF EXISTING SERVICES IS APPROXIMATE ONLY

DURING DETAILED DESIGN
Open Meeting

To | Raglan Community Board
From | Tony Whittaker
| Chief Operating Officer
Date | 02 May 2019
Prepared by | Juliene Calambuhay
| Management Accountant

Chief Executive Approved | Y
Reference/Doc Set # | GOV0507
Report Title | Discretionary Fund Report to 02 May 2019

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To update the Board on the Discretionary Fund Report to 02 May 2019.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received.

3. **ATTACHMENTS**

Discretionary Fund Report to 02 May 2019
## RAGLAN COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND 2018/2019

**2018/19 Annual Plan**

**Carry forward from 2017/18**

**Total Funding**

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**mjc 2/05/2019**
Open Meeting

To: Raglan Community Board
From: Tony Whittaker
Chief Operating Officer
Date: 23 April 2019
Prepared by: Sharlene Jenkins
Executive Assistant

Chief Executive Approved: Y
Reference/Doc Set #: GOV0507
Report Title: Year to Date Service Request Report

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To update the Board on the Year to Date Service Request Report to 31 March 2019.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received.

3. **ATTACHMENTS**

Year to Date Service Request Report for Raglan Community Board
Service Request Time Frames By Ward for RAGLAN

Date Range: 01/01/2019 to 31/03/2019

The success rate excludes Open Calls as outcome is not yet known.

Call Completion % Success by Type

Number of Calls logged by Type
**Volume of Calls Closed vs Calls Closed in Time**

**Completion Success per month**
Closed Calls are those calls logged during the time period that are now closed. Open Calls are all the calls open for the ward and may have been logged at any time.

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Open Meeting

To
Raglan Community Board

From
Tony Whittaker
Chief Operating Officer

Date
03 May 2019

Prepared by
Sharlene Jenkins
Executive Assistant

Chief Executive Approved
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Report Title
Raglan Works & Issues Report: Status of Items April 2019

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To update the Raglan Community Board on issues arising from the previous meeting and works underway in Raglan.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received.

3. **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Raglan Works & Issues Report: Status of Items April 2019
2. Minutes Raglan Coastal Reserves Advisory Committee meeting 11 February 2019
3. Minutes Raglan Coastal Reserves Advisory Committee meeting 08 April 2019
## RAGLAN COMMUNITY BOARD WORKS & ISSUES REGISTER – 2019

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| Removal of Titoki Trees, Bow Street, Raglan | Community Board | NOVEMBER 2018: Community Board to consider the removal of Titoki trees from Bow Street. Reason for removal (see pics below):  
- Lifting of the paved path  
- Exposed roots and lifting of garden beds  
- Rubbing of the trees onto the building / awning  
Titoki trees to be replaced with new garden beds and annual plants. | NOVEMBER 2018: Supported provided a comprehensive building plan in place.  
FEBRUARY 2019: Staff to organise replacement trees in the April / May planting season. Watching Brief.  
MAY 2019: As per Garden Renovation, Bow Street report, planting to be completed by July. A planting palette has been recommended for support. |
| Food Waste | Community Growth | Concern raised at potential $79.29 targeted rate per household for food waste collection. Request for staff to provide a breakdown of figure. | FEBRUARY 2019: Breakdown provided to the Chair. Xtreme Zero Waste have applied to Te Kopua Camp Ground Committee for funding to continue service for another year. Potential to apply to the Ministry for the Environment for an exemption to pay carbon tax at landfill to reduce cost.  
MARCH 2019: Governance Board undergoing due diligence.  
MAY 2019: Consultation has now closed and over 670 submissions have been received. The results of the consultation will be presented to the Strategy & Finance Committee on 22 May. |
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| Ngarunui Beach Toilets      | The design and planning for the Ngarunui Beach toilets is well underway and a tender for design and build will be publicly advertised in late March. Consultation and co-design with the community will continue until the final design is settled on.  
The design and construct contract will provide potential for innovation and efficiencies in managing site risks, which include challenging ground conditions, resource and building consenting, while avoid excess detailed design fees for the bespoke site constraints. Design fees are not claimable under the funding agreement with MBIE and the design/build approach negates this issue.  
The construction of the toilet building at Ngarunui Beach will be delayed from the initial schedule due to archaeological and co-design work taking longer than planned, to autumn/winter (April-July). This new schedule fits in well due to the low public usage of the beach during this period. A request for a variation for additional time to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund Funding Agreement will be submitted to MBIE.  
**Main car park toilet upgrade**  
Due to the deferring of the Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive site, due to cultural concerns, this site was introduced, and the MBIE funding agreement formally amended in September 2018.  
Scoping and design tasks were initiated in November 2018, in accordance with the agreed variation, to investigate improvements and increasing capacity of the Ngarunui main car park toilets. This has included a feasibility study for the installation of an electrical supply for lighting and ventilation, and additional water supply, both which could enable this building to be upgraded to flushing toilets at a later stage.  
With the Joyce Petchell Park contractors providing the Final Payment Claims, we now have accurate financial information to be able to identify the available budget for the Ngarunui Beach sites.                                                                                                                                 |
| Manu Bay                     | Two mediated workshops involving key stakeholders have been held in Raglan to investigate issues with the performance of the breakwater adjacent to the boat ramp following extensive works on the structure. Following the second workshop the mediator has corresponded with stakeholders seeking to confirm agreement on the outcome.  
The workshops indicated that an existing scour trough adjacent to the old breakwater, which allowed spent waves to empty quickly out to sea prior to the approach of the following wave, was filled with surplus rock during replacement works, reducing the effectiveness of the structure to protect the boat ramp.  
Coastal engineering consultants eCoast have been commissioned to monitor and store a video record of the performance of the breakwater in various tides and wave conditions for future comparison.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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Observation at the recent king spring tide identified boat users are still able to use the boat ramp safely in fairly calm conditions. Taking advantage of the king tide phase, a survey of the area has been undertaken at the extreme low tide to assess volumes for any future rock removal work to be carried out, as well as existing erosion areas adjacent to the ramp to monitor future changes following any works.
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| Raglan Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)   | **Contract 18 041 for the supply of step screens for Raglan and Te Kauwhata WWTP has been awarded to Sindico. The cost for the step screens supply was $244,016.15. Installation is estimated to cost $250,000 and will be completed by 30 June.**  
The tender for the installation was advertised and closed on 2 April with no tenders received. As a result three experienced contractors have been invited to price for the works. Once awarded and underway, works are expected to run for up to six weeks.  
There was to be further works at the Raglan wastewater plant installing tertiary membranes this financial year, however with the changeover to WaterCare so close a decision has been made to defer this work until the new financial year. |
| Gilmour Street Urban Upgrade, Raglan       | **Initially a Waters project to manage overland flow issues, this project has developed as a result of accelerated deterioration of the pavement following detouring of traffic off Wainui Road for a drainage project.**  
The works is expected to involve the stormwater changes this financial year, being swales and a short pipe network with treatment devices (probably rain gardens and an in-manhole filter), then roading upgrade next summer including kerbing and footpaths on the uphill side.  
A representative from Community Projects will attend to provide the roading and associated stormwater design to the Community Board for review. |

**FORWARD WORKS PROGRAMME**

For the Community Board’s information the forward works programme can be found at:

**Programme Delivery Projects**

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1aViSce9IlKdhRlvAVKe4NWcuNtcjULpr&usp=sharing

**Roading Projects**

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1_Z3x2rVXNQzUqxQVxInDvsfXep8&ll=-37.51860014399512%2C175.10095550000005&z=9

Please note that the web link is updated as projects progress.
**MINUTES**

Raglan Costal Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting

Raglan Town Hall
5.30pm, Monday, 11 February 2019

**Present:** Shayne Gold (Joint Chair), Sheryl Hart, Frank Turner, Bob MacLeod, Lisa Thomson, Anne Snowden, Duncan MacDougall (Council Representative), Heather Thomson, Josh Crawshaw, Michelle O’Byrne (horse representative), Kathy Gilbert (friends of Wainui), John Lawson (friends of Wainui)

**Visitor:** Charlie Young, Anita Seddon, Tom Seddon, Peggy Oki, Horsey folk

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<td>- Drainage at Manu Bay is on the works programme.</td>
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<td>- Papahua mowing - Shayne thought that maybe it was breaking away faster than we think. Shayne has talked to the workers and they got the point of where to mow to and Duncan has also had a face to face meeting with the guys who do the job and watched what they do.</td>
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<td>- Wedding 13 December 2019 - Not an issue to have them in the amphitheatre but we would not maintain the area especially, ie cows in the area and their excrement. Perhaps it could be suggested that they go somewhere else. Health and Safety issues, ie Bulls and faeces gives cause for saying no to this area.</td>
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<td>- Bob suggested that Council look at going on the number of participants toilets needed to be provided on top of the those in the Reserve.</td>
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<td><strong>Motion that</strong> “The standard required for the number of people using the Reserve and the number of toilets needs investigation in relation to the Wainui Reserves Plan”</td>
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| **Horse access to the Northern end of Ngarunui Beach** | 20 Years ago Anita talked to Council about removing the pole at the south end as it was the safest entry to the beach. Suggestion: Why not put good signage in the area that says “When you can ride and Where you can Ride”.
- Riders at meeting are from the Wainui Road area across from Reserve and would like to go along the road to the south track to the beach and back home.
- Sheryl shared that the horse representative is responsible for all the horse activity in this area, not just the local riders. These local riders are keen to get signage up and support sharing knowledge of best use.
- John suggested we look at the Management Plan for future use of horses on the reserve but at the moment horses are approved users of this area.
- Lisa put a motion forward that "local horse riders to have access to the beach access track and to have a combination padlock installed" Lisa/Heather 2 abstain 1 against.
- Condition of the track has not changed much in the last few months but Duncan may need to get Noel to check it out properly for safety purposes. Frank stated that damage had occurred in the rain a few years ago, need to be conscious of use in appropriate weather.
- Ben Harper application has been withdrawn. | Duncan |
| **Brief to Committee on signage project for Raglan Costal Reserves** | Duncan |
- Duncan to report back to the signage division to get the signs installed in the right position with the assistance of Friends of Wainui. |
| **Terms of Reference Update** |  |
- Notice to be sent round the table so that all contacts are up to date for the Raglan Coastal Reserves Advisory Committee. |
| **Debrief for Sound Splash** | Duncan |
- Council has looked at how much to charge for Soundsplash on the Reserve.
- We could send round all information on paper to Duncan to collate and to all the committee members.
- Rubbish in the town was huge with only two rubbish guys on for the day, there seemed to be a few boys that had not turned up for the day. We need to look at this as a whole community and not just look at the area that was mainly affected. |
| **Lights along the Airfield** | Duncan |
- There are no lights going along this road at the moment.
- Duncan shared that there is funding to replace or fix these, he will talk to Noel. |
| **Erosion Paphua No. 3** |  |
- Iwi have noticed a considerable loss of land towards the Urupa area. Iwi will be meeting with Council on how this can be remedied. Iwi have |
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| spoken to Mr Sean Meade and he shared some information on the building of the new bridge and how this may be affecting the movement of the water which then affects the land.  
- Iwi are also concerned at the number of boats using all the ramps in our town.  
- Shayne suggested maybe a small wall the same as the other side, all the way to the boat ramp. |  |
| **Manu Bay**  
- Boat Club went to Mediation re: the wall. It has been two months and Boat Club haven’t received any minutes from these meetings. Sheryl to talk to the Project Delivery Manager of WDC. Duncan has been told that it is not within his jurisdiction. | Duncan |
| **Bush Park**  
- Creeper vines on the reserve are strangling the trees, Duncan to talk to Noel to get the work done. | Duncan |
| **Meeting Closed: 7.10pm** |  |
MINUTES

Raglan Costal Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting

Raglan Town Hall
5.30pm, Monday, 8 April 2019

Present: Shayne Gold (Joint Chair), Frank Turner, Bob MacLeod, Lisa Thomson, Anne Snowden, Duncan MacDougall (Council Representative), Kathy Gilbert (Friends of Wainui), John Lawson (Friends of Wainui), Dean Hishon

Visitor: Charlie Young, Anita

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<td>- Marking parking at Papahua is really successful and fishing club looking at doing the same at Manu Bay, keep doing it this way in the future.</td>
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<td>- Drainage at Manu Bay is on the work sheet for this week and Noel is getting everything cleaned out first.</td>
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<td>- Shayne keen to put a wall along the grass edge to keep it there. Council is looking at all this area and Heritage NZ keen to also assist as this is a historical site, especially the erosion issue. We would like to be updated about this as we go along, thanks Duncan.</td>
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<td>- Numbers using the Reserve - There is an industry best practice but not a regulation which is 1 toilet per 100 people.</td>
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<td>- There is a new person at Council, Kim Wood who is looking after the Reserve ie signs etc and her contact will be given to anyone who needs it.</td>
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<td>- The lights along the airfield are not working.</td>
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<td>- Kathy thought that maybe a camera could be put up to note the behaviour at the foot bridge jumpers vs boaties.</td>
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<td>- Families with bikes have been seen often in the Reserve around the little Kahikatea and where there is signage that states no horses and no cycles.</td>
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<td>- Notices on media to share info and share that there are signs there.</td>
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<td>- Karen has said that she can send out all our letters with the support of the Chairman of the committee.</td>
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<td>- John questioned when the WDC stopped supporting the Advisory committee with a Secretary. We all shared that we did have one from the community but then she was no longer able to attend.</td>
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### Sound Splash Review
- Brian and Naomi to come and report to the Advisory and the Council will also provide their own information that they have collected.
- Perspectives from affected teams and the police have been gathered.
- Duncan will supply these reports next month.
- Charlie shared that Raglan Naturally are looking at the community setting up an Events strategy for all things that happen in the town in conjunction with the Council.

- Design underway for new toilets and there is a plan for re-vegetation of the Reserve area.

- Email re Planting from Harbour Care not being able to go ahead from Fred. Duncan is unsure of what his email was about and is in further email discussion with Fred.

- Bruce would like to meet with someone and pass on his knowledge of all the pumps and engineering in the Reserve that he has knowledge of before he is no longer here.

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Meeting finished 6.30pm.
Open Meeting

To: Raglan Community Board
From: Roger MacCulloch
Acting General Manager Service Delivery
Date: 6 May 2019
Prepared by: Duncan MacDougall
Open Spaces Team Leader
Chief Executive Approved: Y
Reference #: RCB2019
Report Title: Garden Renovation, Bow Street

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding is available for the renovation of the Bow Street & Wainui Road gardens in the centre of Raglan over the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years.

The Community Board have previously approved the removal of the titoki trees (*alectryon excelsus*) on Bow Street. The trees are scheduled to be removed on 13 May 2019. Additional vegetation removal will also occur at this time throughout Bow Street. After the vegetation is removed the soil will be conditioned for planting by adding compost.

Once the plant selection is approved, planting will occur within four weeks of the completion of the soil conditioning. The estimated time frame is between June and July.

Council Staff have engaged with local shop owners to determine their preferences for the gardens immediately adjacent to their premises. The feedback has been positive and is being incorporated into the final planting design.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Acting General Manager of Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT the Raglan Community Board approves the proposed planting palette for the garden renovations of Raglan Bow Street, Wainui Road and Bankart Street.

3. ATTACHMENTS

A - Raglan Main Street Planting Palette
B - Raglan Main Street Plant selection Form
C - Final Draft Town Centre planting plan (to be provided at meeting)
Raglan Town Centre - Replanting of the street landscape gardens

The culture in Raglan is vibrant, eclectic and colourful. We want the gardens in the town centre to reflect this. The plants we have selected are a combination of low maintenance New Zealand natives and exotic plants. With a hot colour palette and a variety of foliage textures, the planting will be an eye-catching display of year round colour.
Raglan—Wainui Road and Bow Street Replanting
**Group One**

Select 1-2 plants from this group

- Chionochloa flavicans
- Phormium ‘Green Dwarf’
- Phormium ‘Platt’s Black’
- Apodasmia similis
- Arthropodium cirratum
- Canna ‘Tropical Red’
- Muehlenbeckia axillaris
- Aloe polyphylla
- Nandina ‘Firepower’
- Aloe plicatilis
- Hibiscus ‘Claret Rose’
- Agave attenuata

**Group Two**

Select 1-3 plants from this group

- Hemerocallis ‘Aztec Gold’
- Hemerocallis ‘Red Rum’
- Alstroemeria ‘Amina’
- Alstroemeria ‘Bandit’
- Alstroemeria ‘Ariane’
- Mesembryanthemum ‘Sungold’
- Mesembryanthemum ‘Orangeade’
Group Three

Select 1 plant from this group

Alternative Suggestions

We welcome your input and alternative suggestions. If there is a specific type, variety or colour of plant you would like to have planted please list it below. Your suggestions will be given due consideration, however they may not be selected. This may be due to the cost, availability, suitability to the environment, maintenance requirements or whether the plant suggested fits with the overall aesthetic.
Map of Garden Beds
These are the garden beds to be replanted, please use the garden bed number as a reference.
1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Draft Raglan Naturally Plan has been prepared and is presented to the Board for consideration.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report from the Community Board Chairperson be received.

3. **ATTACHMENTS**

Raglan Naturally Draft Plan April 2019
He mahere hapori whānui o

WHAINGAROA

RAGLAN NATURALLY
our community plan

Draft Plan April 2019
Acknowledgements

Raglan Naturally acknowledges our past and the people who have had a powerful influence on our community; our rangatira from this area who were signatories to the Treaty of Waitangi; those leading land activism; and more recently the grassroots, community-led initiatives that have transformed our community.

We also acknowledge the 2001 Raglan Naturally team who paved the way for our community planning. A huge thank you to all those who have been involved over the last two years as we have worked on this process.

To those who saw the value in celebrating the successes of Raglan Naturally, who initiated the revitalisation and created the framework to move forward:

Lisa Thomson, Kelly Clarkson/Murphy, Tony Mayow, Meredith Youngson, Di Jennings, Tim Duff, Deb King, Steve Soanes.

Current Raglan Naturally Team

Advisory Committee:

Anna Cunningham (Chair)(Whaingaroa Environment Centre), Denise Reynolds (Ngāti Māhanga/Hourua spokesperson), Gabrielle Parson (Project Coordinator) (Raglan Community Board), Heather Thomson (Ngāti Māhanga/Hourua representative), Karamea Puriri (Raglan Business Chamber), Lisa Thomson (Raglan Ward Councillor), Rangi Kereopa (Raglan Community Board) and Rolande Paekau (Poihākena Marae Committee).

Focus Group Coordinators:

John Lawson, Naomi Tuao, Brian Ruawai, Anna Cunningham, Tony Oosten, Meredith Youngson, Therese Boyle, Karamea Puriri, and Maki Nishiyama.

Working Group:

Gabrielle Parson (Project Coordinator), Anna Cunningham, Lisa Thomson, Sadra Saffari

Communications:

Sadra Saffari, Maki Nishiyama, Janine Jackson

We thank all those who have been part of the Focus Groups, the initial steering group, advisory committee, those who have provided technical expertise and those who supported the project coordinator as mentors. We appreciate the support and involvement from the wider community.

Thanks also to Waikato District Council and staff who have supported this process.

Thanks to the Department of Internal Affairs, Inspiring Communities, Community Waikato and First Principle for supporting us.

Many thanks to Lisa Thomson, our Ward Councillor, in connecting and facilitating engagement with iwi and hapū

Huge acknowledgement to the representatives from hapū and iwi, Tainui (ki Whaingaroa), Poihākena Marae Committee, Ngāti Māhanga/Hourua, Ngāti Whakamarurangi who have contributed and guided us on this journey.

A big thank you to our funders and sponsors: Raglan Community Board, Waikato District Council, WEL Energy and Raglan Lions Club.

And to all those community members, businesses and groups in the community who have supported us through volunteer hours, expertise, conversations, use of meeting spaces, donating food for meetings and items for our promotional giveaways and delivery of community survey.

Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, e ora ai te haponi
Together, your input and my input will strengthen and enhance the community
5 April 2019

Email: raglannaturally@gmail.com

Raglan Naturally
78A Greenslade Road
RD 1
Raglan 3295

Dear Gabrielle,

Raglan Naturally Community Plan and Waikato District Council Blueprints

Waikato District Council (Council) has embarked on a journey to create Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities. This new vision has brought about a greater focus on community planning at a local level, and as a result Local Area Blueprints have been created by Council for many of our communities. These are currently in a draft stage, with feedback closing 8 April and final versions expected to be approved by Council in June.

Over the past couple years, Raglan has also reviewed its existing Community Plan, known as “Raglan Naturally”. Council sees this work as complementing and augmenting the Local Area Blueprint, not duplicating or competing with it. Council acknowledges that a community driven approach to provide input to Council planning processes on matters that are important to Raglan is consistent with our desire for more inclusive engagement. True community led planning can result in better engagement from the wider community and greater ownership of the development and delivery of initiatives. We are therefore, fully supportive of the community based approach that Raglan Naturally are undertaking to review their Community Plan.

Council resourcing does not allow for us to complete a process as rigorous as the one being undertaken by Raglan Naturally to review their Community Plan, and not every community is able to undertake such a process itself. Raglan is fortunate and to be commended for its level of commitment and community involvement in the Raglan Naturally process.

Whilst recognising that Council will not always be the best organisation to lead some of the initiatives included in both the Local Area Blueprint or Raglan Naturally, there is an expectation that some of the initiatives from both plans will feed into the Council’s Long Term Plan 2021-31. In instances where initiatives included in Raglan Naturally are better led by other organisations or agencies, Council will provide support where possible to help achieve the desired outcomes for Raglan.

Regards,

Clive Morgan
General Manager Community Growth
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Executive Summary

The Raglan Naturally Community Plan is a document created by the community, for the community.

It is a celebration of Raglan’s unique character and culture - filled with ideas for action, goals and aspirations that will help to guide the community as it grows and evolves.

The original Raglan Naturally document was created in 2001, revisited in 2008, and in 2016, the Raglan Community Board held a Raglan Naturally Celebration to share what had been accomplished since the inception of the original plan and to announce a plan revitalisation.

Since 2016, new ideas, new goals and new aspirations have been diligently collected and collated from the community to create the pages of the following document – the first official draft of the 2019 Raglan Naturally Community Plan.

Inspired by the framework of the original 2001 Plan, approximately 60 local residents came together to create Focus Groups representing eleven specific areas of the community: Active Recreation, Arts, Business and Employment, Community Wellbeing, Destination and Visitor Management, Education, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, Natural Environment, Transport and Youth.

The Focus Groups utilised a core set of principles and values based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, which laid the foundation on which the work would be done. Through facilitated workshops and many community consultations, the following Snapshots have been created.

We see the Raglan Naturally Community Plan as a living document, one that needs to evolve alongside the community, continue to offer a sense of direction for future development and influence the way we live, work and play in this place we call home.

This is your opportunity to review the work that has been done, share it with your whānau, friends and neighbours, to determine how you might contribute to the future work of Raglan Naturally and the growth of our community.

Key:
RN - Raglan Naturally
WDC - Waikato District Council
RCB - Raglan Community Board
How Raglan Naturally evolved

Many have contributed to the evolution of Raglan Naturally and the community-led planning process that has taken place over the last two and a half years. Much learning has happened along the way. Conversations have been opened. Relationships have been forming.

It started with the intention to:

- update our community plan, Raglan Naturally 2001
- guide the development of Raglan in a way that is consistent with local people’s aspirations
- involve the local community in ongoing planning and action

Through an inclusive, community-led approach, it has also evolved to include:

- Sharing stories
- Building relationships
- Understanding what we value
- Aligning aspirations and
- Setting a foundation for the way we work together.
- These things are an important part of a process that moves us towards deeper understanding and therefore helps us guide the development of Raglan, together.

This is ongoing work and we want to continue it:

- We see many of you value and support this!
- The Raglan Naturally approach to community planning is acknowledged as a unique initiative within our district. Along with iwi/hapū planning, it provides a whole picture perspective from the “ground-up” that can inform Council’s Blueprint planning process and guide strategy, development and decision making to achieve our community goals.
- We are working toward solid foundations built on shared community values and aspirations, and a flourishing relationship between the community and iwi and hapū – based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. From this foundation all parties (community, iwi and hapū, local organisations and businesses, councils and central government) can come together and work towards cohesive and community-driven development of Raglan and our rural communities.
- The plan will continue to evolve and be a signpost for all who are connected to and supported by this place.
- There is still work to be done to agree on the role of Raglan Naturally going forward, and who is going to manage it. Lots of support and sound resourcing will be needed to ensure this work is sustainable and done really well.
What we are learning

Learn
akona

This work we are doing is pretty special. It is opening conversations, asking us to pause and reflect. It is giving space for us to connect on what is important to us, individually and collectively. It is reminding us of our strengths and what we do well.

We are learning that this is more than creating a list of projects that we ask council to do. This is more than looking at parking and potholes. This is about grounding ourselves in our connection with the environment and in our relationships with each other, in the stories and history of this place and choosing how we will move on from here, together.

Reflect
whakaarotia

Together we have asked and answered the questions of ‘what are our concerns’, ‘what’s changing’ and ‘where are we heading’. We are wondering how we can hold onto what’s important, the things we value as this place grows. We are wondering how we can face the big challenges ahead. We are wondering how we can be actively involved, understand and have a say in the planning and development for this place.

Contribute
kōrerotia

Through the contributions of so many local people in the Raglan Naturally process, our community vision is emerging.

Further contributions will be needed as we create and enact our strategies to progress this vision. Whaingaroa has a strong history of individuals and community working actively, determinedly and innovatively. This place holds a supportive energy and there is much beauty to nourish us in our natural environment and in the care that we show for each other.

Take action
kōkiritia

We can take action, we have done it in the past and we are doing it now! Let’s keep the momentum up and get the support we need to continue our learning and thorough, forward-thinking, strategic planning. Let’s create a space for everyone to be involved – from our youth to our older people, to share their strengths and passions and to be acknowledged as a valued members of our community.

Create
auahangia

In a world where more than ever we need connection and to care for each other and the environment, – let’s value what we are doing here as a community. Let’s continue this work together as we build strong foundations and community resilience.
What we did

**Principles guiding our process**

The Raglan Naturally project set out to build on the 2001 plan, revitalising it and strengthening the foundations for the way we plan for the future and work together here in Raglan. These principles guided the process:

- Deeper relationships and partnership with iwi and hapū
- Inclusion of the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Strong environmental focus
- Community-led development — distributed leadership across different focus areas
- Inclusivity and collaboration
- Strength-based process
- Future-focused plan
- Relationship building — between community and councils
- Sustainability for Raglan Naturally — keeping it alive, relevant and active.

**Project beginnings**

Initial stages of the project were guided by an Interim Steering Group. A relationship was formed with WDC, funding was sourced to begin the process, and a project coordinator was appointed and endorsed by the Raglan Community Board. The project was taken to the community at a gathering at Polhākena Marae.

Mutual learning and sharing was fostered through various means including a Treaty of Waitangi workshop, sharing of local stories and a rangatahi/Youth meeting at the Kokiri Centre. Focus Groups formed and a Raglan Naturally Committee was established. The project profile was raised through interaction with the community at Creative Markets, Maui Dolphin Day, and the Music and Dance Festival, and communication maintained through a newsletter and Facebook page.

As the Project Plan was finalised, the Raglan Community Board agreed to hold overall project responsibility, and to formalise a permanent Raglan Naturally sub-committee.

**A focus on information gathering**

As the project progressed, eleven focus areas were identified: Natural Environment, Business, Destination and Visitor Management (Tourism), Infrastructure, Transport, Local Government & Planning, Arts, Education, Community Wellbeing, Active Recreation and Youth. WRAP (Whāingaroa Raglan Housing Affordability Project) are looking at Housing and we will work with them to integrate their findings into our community plan.

Focus Groups formed from community members who volunteered to draw together information on their topic, contributing their time, passion, expertise and diversity. Most groups had a coordinator, and focus groups met, attended workshops and connected with the wider community. In addition to workshops and meetings, many conversations have happened casually throughout the project and these have all contributed and helped shape this process.

Information was sought from the community to paint a picture of our current situation in each area — identifying strengths and assets, potential challenges and opportunities for the future, and our shared aspirations. These Snapshot Reports provided a starting point for the community-wide engagement phase. To see these full reports visit the Raglan Naturally website.

**Taking it back to the community**

Community-wide engagement occurred in the latter part of 2018, through a Raglan Naturally stall at local markets and events, community meetings at rural halls and face-to-face in the street or at the beach!

The work of the Focus Groups was then displayed at a community event held at the Raglan Town Hall in October 2018.

Over 200 community members visited, participated and contributed ideas to focus areas.

This was followed by a Community-Wide Survey. In November 2018 the Raglan Naturally community survey was completed by 370 of our 5700 population in the Raglan Ward. See appendix for a copy of the survey and information of who took part (age, ethnicities and communities). All responses were reviewed and summarised, by highlighting the common points made (see following pages). Some 1400 ideas came forward from the survey and the Town Hall event! We have sorted these into focus areas (see the Focus Group section, pages 20-32).

Please note: creating an accurate picture on each area is an ongoing task. Some subjects, voices, communities and groups may not be represented here. We are still gathering quantitative data and statistics to build on this work. At any stage we welcome input or interest to join a group. We envisage that Focus Groups will continue as a key element of the Raglan Naturally process.
Raglan Naturally timeline

**RAGLAN NATURALLY COMMUNITY PLAN 2001.** Key areas identified with project priorities for community infrastructure, + a roadmap for relationships and responsibilities.

**RAGLAN NATURALLY CELEBRATION!** Time to revitalise our community plan.

**PROJECT COORDINATOR APPOINTED** and endorsed by the Raglan Community Board: Gabrielle Parson.

**GETTING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY –** Creative Markets, Maui Dolphin Day, Music and Dance Festival. Newsletter and Facebook page set up.

**11 FOCUS GROUPS ESTABLISH.** Approximately 60 people involved

**FOCUS GROUPS** work on Snapshot Reports. Raglan Naturally Committee works on Vision and Values and designing engagement

**FEEDBACK collated.**

**1999-2000**

- **2001**
- **2008**

**2016**

- **August**

**2016–2017**

- **June**

**2017**

- **August**

**2017**

- **Sept-Dec**

**2018**

- **February**

**2018**

- **March**

**2018**

- **April**

**2018**

- **May-June**

**2018**

- **July-Sept**

**2018**

- **Sept-Nov**

**2019**

- **Jan-Feb**

- **March-April**

**THE BEGINNING** a community steering group and WDC start work on our local plan

**RAGLAN NATURALLY 2008.** Original Raglan Naturally reviewed, intent summarised and relevance reaffirmed. Comprehensive project list produced.

**INTERIM STEERING GROUP** worked on foundations of the review process. Initiated new relationship with WDC. Community gathering at Pohàkana Marae. Funding sourced to start.

**TREATY OF WAITANGI WORKSHOP.** Local stories shared. Focus Groups forming. Raglan Naturally Committee set up. Rangatahi/Youth meeting at Kokiri Centre.

**PROJECT PLAN FINALISED.** Raglan Community Board agrees to hold responsibility and have a permanent Raglan Naturally sub-committee.

**FOCUS GROUP WORKSHOPS.** Future Focus Workshop, Treaty of Waitangi Workshop. Youth Focus Group forms.

**RAGLAN NATURALLY — COMMUNITY WIDE ENGAGEMENT.** Te Uku, Te Mata, Raglan Town Hall. Website launched. Survey for all residents in the Raglan Ward. Presentation to Council.

**RAGLAN NATURALLY 2019 DRAFTED**
Who has been involved

Hundreds of people have been part of this process, including:

- Project Coordinator and Working Group
- Raglan Naturally Advisory Committee
- 11 Focus groups, most with a coordinator
- Communications team
- Technical expertise
- Raglan Community Board
- Waikato District Council and local Councillor
- Other supporters: Department of Internal Affairs, Inspiring Communities, Community Waikato, First Principle
- The Community!

This work has principally been done by community members volunteering their time, supported by a coordinator doing both paid and voluntary work.

An evolving and ongoing process

"Raglan Naturally is a way for our community to plan for the future, in ways that strengthen relationships and build partnerships, so that we can take action to ensure all of life in Whaingaroa thrives."

― Purpose statement for Raglan Naturally.

This community plan document is only one result from the Raglan Naturally process. What is emerging underneath or ‘behind the scenes’ is a slower process of relationship building, growing partnerships with iwi and hapū and for many, a deepening sense of connection with this place, Whaingaroa.

Engaging people and taking the time to build strong foundations for the way we are as a community is a sound investment in future action.
A Snapshot of our community

Annual population growth
(growth over 5 year period to June 2018)

Age composition of the population
(growth over 5 year period to June 2018)

Languages spoken
After English, the next most common language spoken in Raglan is te reo Māori, which was spoken by 11.9% of people.

Our nationalities
(Demographic Data from 2013 Census)
Iwi and hapū Engagement

Raglan Naturally are in consultation with iwi and hapū representatives from Tainui Awhiro, Ngāti Māhanga/Hourua and Ngāti Whakamarurangi with the view to engage with Ngāti Tamainupo, to further develop an iwi and hapū chapter.

The content of this chapter will be determined by hapū/iwi to uphold tino rangatiratanga, the right to self determination for hapū/iwi in coalition with Raglan Naturally.

Raglan Naturally considers te Tiriti o Waitangi and our relationship with hapū as an integral part of our community plan. Raglan Naturally will:

- **RECOGNISE**
  our past and what has happened (right and wrong)

- **HONOUR**
  the past and keep it in mind/ keep telling the stories and continue to learn

- **ENABLE PARTICIPATION**
  actively support hapū with their aspirations and enable hapū to participate in discussions and in decision-making

- **WORK IN PARTNERSHIP**
  work alongside hapū for better outcomes for hapū and our community

Background for this chapter

When we embarked on this journey to revitalise Raglan Naturally we recognised that the voice of iwi and hapū were missing. Since then we have been actively working on our understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and our relationship with iwi/hapū in a way that is inclusive and based on equity.

We know we have so much more to learn to better understand iwi/hapū issues and how we can support iwi/hapū and their aspirations, this is an ongoing process. Laying the foundations as a community on a treaty-based partnership with iwi/hapū, moves us toward greater wellbeing for all, more coherent development and reciprocal support.
What we heard
Survey Summary

Strengths in our community

- Community environmental awareness, care and action
- We are welcoming
- Caring, connected community, helping each other and volunteering.
- Friendly
- Diversity
- The people – communicating and sharing ideas.

"We pull together to support each other. We care about the environment - local and national - world wide; we love 'our place’. Music, art and surfing cultures, Te Ao Māori."

Changes we have noticed here

- Increased visitor numbers
- Year round tourism
- Crowded surf
- Raglan is a lot busier
- More rubbish
- More money in town
- Increased population
- More places to eat
- More enviro initiatives
- Less parking
- Increased traffic – incl commuters

- Increased development especially residential
- Harder to find secure, affordable housing
- Growing sense of change and tension between old and new
- Frequent business changes
- More activities on water
- More petty crime

We feel concerned about

"Just the worry of losing the 'community' that is now and attitudes changing"

Key Challenges

- Safety - incl theft and gangs
- Gentrification
- Housing – affordability, lack of rentals, long term tenure (people having to leave)
- Living costs
- Air BNB – regulation needed
- Growth and development – increased population and the impacts of that, growth too fast, increased development

- WDC need to work closely with us on strategic planning
- Lack of parking
- Roads – traffic, safety, one lane bridge
- Infrastructure – can it cope, sewage system, footpaths
- Concern for the natural environment and the impact of more people

- Responding to growth and change
- Housing affordability and availability
- Infrastructure – increasing population and impact – parking and sewage

- Increasing numbers of tourists – particularly in Summer
- Losing Raglan identity
What we heard
Survey Summary

What we love about this place – Raglan and rural communities

the Community—community spirit, strong, enviro ethos, diversity, safe and people - friendly, natural environment - beautiful, natural scenery, Karioi, bush, ruggedness, bush/walks, fresh air, native birds. Sea, surf, ocean, harbour, beach, water, beautiful coastline, general feeling - relaxed, quiet, peaceful, unique, laidback; Strong Māori cultural identity, Small town - size, community organisations - Xtreme and others

“I love how Raglan is one big whānau/ family meaning we all support each other.”

“People are judged on who they are, not what they own.”

Values we could hold as we work together as a community

“Caring, inclusiveness, guardianship, initiative, care of the land and the people.”

What would it look like if this place is thriving?

- Happy, smiling, friendly people
- Diverse community, caring, connected
- Working together to care for the natural environment
- CBD pedestrianized area, clean and tidy
- Employment for locals and youth, living wage.
- Affordable housing and places to rent.
- Te Ao Māori is thriving (te Reo Māori spoken + other ideas)
- Festivals and events to celebrate cultures
- Public consultation and local decision making
- More cycle and walkways, biking, less cars, safer roads and footpaths
- Recycling and plastic bag free
- Thriving natural environment: tree plantings, healthy biodiversity, quality water in harbour and rivers. Less rubbish on beaches and around town

Key Opportunities

- To be led by our values and create solid foundations as we grow as a community.
- Leading and setting an example as a community, nationally and internationally.
- Employment for locals and a balanced approach to tourism.
- Protecting our natural environment.
- Equity, safety and looking after those in need.

“Being the sustainable capital of New Zealand, a beacon of hope and creativity.”
Community Aspirations

This section brings together all of the aspirations that have been expressed by community members throughout this process. Building on the summary of results from the community-wide survey (presented elsewhere in this document), this section includes ideas gleaned from focus groups, the committee and working group, community engagements (e.g. town hall/rural hall meetings) and conversations.

These expressions speak to what people currently appreciate about Raglan as well as what ‘thriving community’ might look like into the future, holding our values as well as our vision. The picture is emerging - as more voices are brought into this process these aspirations and values can grow and evolve.

**OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT** - natural scenery, fresh air and rugged landscape; Karioi maunga; our abundant biodiversity from shoreline, beaches, harbours to rivers, wetlands and bush; and our rich rural landscape

**OUR COMMUNITY** - is made up of our coastal township and rural communities. We are diverse and we value whā and hapū; Te Ao Māori is thriving and Te Reo Māori spoken; a safe and people-friendly place; a strong community spirit grounded firmly in a sound environmental ethos, with active and effective community organisations

**THE CHARACTER** - friendly, beautiful, laidback, welcoming, peaceful, vibrant and creative

**OUR STRENGTHS** our care for each other, our capacity and willingness to work together proactively to create change: communicating and sharing ideas, and volunteering to take action for the environment and community. Through these interactions, initiatives and groups, people form connections with our natural environment and with each other.

Values

Part of our Raglan Naturally process has been understanding our community values. We asked about values through our community-wide survey, and we also worked together through the committee and focus groups to be clear on our values. This is what emerged:

**COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTION: WHAT VALUES WE COULD HOLD AS COMMUNITY AS WE WORK TOGETHER?**

- Manaakitanga, care, support
- Kaitiakitanga, sustainability, care, respect and protection of the natural environment
- Kotahitanga, unity, collaboration, cooperation, teamwork, working together
- Respect
- Inclusivity
- Honesty, trust, integrity

**VALUES DEVELOPED THROUGH RAGLAN NATURALLY COMMITTEE AND FOCUS GROUPS:**

- Respect
- Equity
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Kaitiakitanga
- Partnership
- Participation, inclusivity, diversity

Key opportunities

Building on our values and the unique character of our community, five key opportunities have emerged.

**TO BE LED BY OUR VALUES AND CREATE SOLID FOUNDATIONS AS WE PLAN AND GROW AS A COMMUNITY.**

We can deepen our identity and core values and be guided by them in our work together.

Forward-thinking and thorough planning ensures that growth happens in a considered way. This can help us maintain and enhance the unique things we value about this place and keep the community spirit alive.

**PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

Education and awareness can help us to keep our natural environment rubbish-free, weed-free, pest-free, and plastic bag-free. We can plant trees, protect and restore habitats for native birds and animals, and take a bold stand on environmental issues.

**LEADING AND SETTING AN EXAMPLE AS A COMMUNITY - NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.**

We can lead as an environmentally-conscious community and as New Zealand’s cleanest, greenest town, practising eco-tourism, zero waste and sustainability in all areas (business, living, tourism etc). We can find housing solutions and build resilience as we experience growth.

**EMPLOYMENT FOR LOCALS AND HAVING A BALANCED APPROACH TO TOURISM.**

We can create job opportunities for locals. Our unique attractions to visitors can provide benefits to everyone. Visitors can be educated about our place and they can contribute to our economy and to projects.

**EQUITY, SAFETY AND LOOKING AFTER THOSE IN NEED**

We can support one another and the organisations that are working in this area. Everyone can reach out to the lonely, look after each other. We can be connected through a thriving community that understands equity and that we all have a part in creating this.
Aspirations by theme

Several themes were apparent in the aspirations expressed through the Raglan Naturally process:

Our aspirations are...

YOUTH – young people have a strong voice in their future. They are supported with a dedicated youth space/hub and mentors. Their basic needs are met, including housing, education/training/apprenticeships, local employment, and health. They feel a connection with the community and are appreciated for who they are and what they have to offer. Youth have opportunities for participation in the arts and in inexpensive physical activities, fun and adventure.

WELLBEING – we are a safe and caring community, looking after those in need, from our children to our older people, the lonely, those with disabilities, on low income, or mental health issues – there is equity. A wellbeing hub fosters connections and support for those in need. Health is holistic, accessible and affordable.

HOUSING – we have homes, including tiny homes, affordable and social housing, and home-based visitor accommodation is managed to support the local housing needs.

LEARNING – we are a ‘learning community’ and much of this happens through mentoring and inter-generational learning. Children are immersed in their community through their education and there is support between our education centres and from the wider community. All our education centres are bi-lingual and bi-cultural. We have education and training for all ages in environment and sustainability, life skills and holistic wellbeing.

CREATIVITY – we promote and support growth in all creative industries. There is more music and public art. Through the arts we are able to communicate who we are as people and how ‘place’ influences our unique voice. Arts brings wellbeing, voice, uniqueness, social and cultural development.

We take ownership of and work together to protect and enhance our natural environment and wildlife, controlling pests and restoring bush and working to reduce pollution and improve biodiversity and water quality in our rivers, harbour and ocean.

We are managing our waste ecologically - an innovative, land-based wastewater system is part of a ‘circular economy’, we have an awesome zero-waste recycling system, use renewable resources and ensure our beaches and spaces are clean.

We have learned about climate change and are taking action to mitigate our impact and adapt to the effects on our community, such as sea-level rise.

Community gardens and food forests are the norm here. They bring people together and are building community resilience. We are exploring alternatives to work toward being more self-sufficient in energy.
Transport, recreation and CBD

We are involved in local decision making and in collaboration with the council have created a future-focused plan for transport and connectivity within and from outside Raglan. Through this we have more cycle and walkways, safe roads and footpaths to connect us to home, school, town and our beaches and reserves.

There are more buses (including a local shuttle bus) and less cars - we are biking more, and parking is no longer a problem here! We are healthier and more connected to the environment as a result.

These changes in transport support active recreation by creating added safety, accessibility and variety in our options.

Along with this we have developed indoor and outdoor recreation and sport facilities. We are proud of our clean and tidy town that has a beautiful pedestrian area in the CBD, encouraging all members of our community to connect.

Local art is featured around town and our signs are also in Te reo Māori.

A regular farmers market supports affordable, fresh, local food. Festivals, events and markets celebrate a diversity of nature, culture and produce.

Business, employment and tourism

Raglan is a thriving ‘ecosystem’ of sustainable businesses that support one another and are supported by the local community. Businesses uphold our community values and we are recognised as the eco-friendly heart of New Zealand. Our town is free of big chain stores and we have been able to maintain the ‘Raglan vibe’.

Commercial and materialistic values do not dominate here.

We have a balanced approach to tourism, with local interests at the forefront of visitor growth. Raglan is a leading example of responsible and sustainable tourism. We have a cohesive marketing message, focussed on sustainable tourism. Visitors are educated about our community and given opportunities to contribute.

Our locals and young people have training and employment opportunities and a living wage is the minimum.

Local participation in planning, decisions, and partnerships

Shared vision and goals – we connect with the aspirations and values that provide our commonality and motivate our action together, and we keep them fresh and alive.

Treaty partnerships - the community has learned much about the Te Tiriti o Waitangi in our local context, and space has been created for the stories of this place to be told. We are learning about te ao Māori, tikanga Māori and Te reo Māori (language, culture and the Māori world). This learning and sharing has laid the foundations of a strong partnership between iwi/ hapū and others in the community. We all come together around shared values and aspirations and we support each other’s planning and celebrate as dreams are realised.

Local participation and community-based development - through regular community engagement and sound locally-based processes, the community understands how local government and community planning can work together. We are a learning community, growing skills and leadership in community-led and strength-based development. Rural communities are involved and feel connected to and supported by the Raglan community.

Community planning and well-managed growth – we lead the way as a forward-thinking, sustainable community, building resilience as we grow. We continue to work together with iwi and hapū to explore our visions and values for this place, supporting one another’s planning and aspirations. We develop cohesively in line with our community vision and values. Collaboration occurs between stakeholders/parties in planning and implementation. Local government works closely with us to support our community and align its plans with our own, providing continuity and ongoing support, in a spirit of true partnership.

We have planned for and created new spaces for our young people, for community coming together to connect, for public art and creative performance. Planning for new development, industry and infrastructure looks closely at the impact on our natural environment and ecology. We are confident that infrastructure is keeping up with growth.

We keep our community planning alive and relevant - including Raglan Naturally - and we are always taking action to make it happen!
Key Challenges

These themes have been recurring consistently throughout the Raglan Naturally revitalisation process - emerging as key challenges for our communities and in some cases as opportunities moving forward. These have been identified by the Raglan Naturally committee, in workshops, through community conversations, in Focus Groups and through community-wide consultation (including the survey).

- A relationship between hapū/iwi and the wider community that is based on the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is equitable and inclusive
- Responding to growth and change
- Impact of high visitor numbers
- Housing and affordability - being able to buy a home, rental availability and secure long-term tenure.
- More people coming to live here or wanting to live here and new housing developments
- Pressure on infrastructure; sewerage, one-lane car bridge, rubbish and parking.
- Impact on our environment.
- Loss of the ‘Raglan Identity’.
- Working actively and collaboratively with our young people.
- Taking care of our older people.
- Strategising in the face of climate change

This calls for well thought out, future-focused, strategic planning, with support from Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council.

What we have been doing

- Two Treaty of Waitangi workshops and further community learning around the treaty in our local context.
- Future Focus Workshop. Some of these challenges were discussed and Focus Groups were encouraged to be aware of them as they created their Snapshot Reports.
- Focus Groups have explored these challenges in relation to their focus area and some challenges are directly related to Focus Areas. See Focus Group summary pages for aspirations and ideas for next steps and for more detail, and Focus Group Snapshot Reports (on our website).
- Working with our young people, to hear their voice and empower them to participate in decision making.
- Working towards well thought out, future-focused, strategic planning - our community plan is the first step! Building relationships within the community and with Waikato District Council. Working toward understanding the ‘Raglan Identity’ and what we value.

What we need to do next:

- Facilitate and support community learning (ie. Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Climate Change)
- Support community organisations and focus groups working in these areas (ie. WRAP with housing)
- Seek support from the Raglan Community Board and councils to first, ensure we understand these challenges and second, ensure that these are taken into account in all strategic planning.
- Support RN to bring our community planning to the Action Planning and Implementation phase, so we can continue to work actively towards the opportunities that these challenges are presenting.
- Have a clear understanding of council process, including the Blueprints, District Plan, projects and works allocated in the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan specific to the Raglan Ward, and how these align with Raglan Naturally decision making and planning.
Focus Areas

Focus Groups formed around eleven areas:

- **Education**
  Matauranga

- **Local Government & Planning**
  Kāwanatanga ā-Hāpori
  me te Whakatakoto Tikanga

- **Community Wellbeing**
  Te Oranga o te Hāpori

- **Natural Environment**
  Taiao

- **Business & Employment**
  Ngā Umanga me te Whiwhinga Mahi

- **Arts**
  Mahi Toi

- **Transport**
  Ngā Waka

- **Active Recreation**
  Ngā Mahi Whakahohe a Rehia

- **Infrastructure**
  Ngā Pūnaha Wai

- **Youth**
  Rangatahi

- **Destination and Visitor Management (Tourism)**
  Te Ahumahi Tāpoi

On the following pages we have summarised the Focus Groups’ work and added the input from the wider community. (For further detail see the Focus Group reports, on our website.)

We received over 1400 ideas.

Many common themes or ideas are coming through strongly. Some are innovative and forward thinking and some are possibly controversial. Project ideas will need to be looked at more closely and prioritised in the implementation/action planning phase, with ongoing community consultation. The following pages set out:

- **Aspirations** – the overarching or main aspirations in this area
- **Pathways** – possible ways to achieve these aspirations
- **Most common ideas** from the wider community that came through the survey and town hall event
Active Recreation
Ngā Mahi
Whakahohe a Rēhia

Most Common ideas/themes from community
- More walkways & cycleways
- Swimming pool
- Recreation centre/sports facility
- Skatepark upgrade

Aspirations:
- We enjoy the natural environment through recreation in a sustainable way. Those involved in recreational activities help protect and enhance the natural environment and have an ongoing commitment to improving water quality in streams, harbour and ocean.
- Recreation is accessible to all
- Recreation is safe
- Sports are supported if they have minimal impact on the environment and other activities.
- We have suitable, safe facilities for sports teams, groups and individuals
- Active recreation supports better health and has a positive economic impact.

Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations
The following topics have been looked at, and Pathways to achieve active recreation aspirations have been provided on these topics: Surfing, soccer, tennis, basketball, walking, cycling. This is not representative of all sport and recreation groups and we welcome input from all.
- Really clean water, no more wastewater to ocean discharge. For pathways to support this see infrastructure
- Manu Bay to be free from additional building development
- Manu Bay, in terms of commercial activities, is the place for surf competitions only;
- Surf school activities are kept to Nguruunu beach.
- Consideration for the Whanga coastline to become an indigenous coastal surf reserve
- Contribute to the Waitakot Regional Coastal plan review
- Transport services to beach and back for our local youth.
- Create a separate foil board zone to allow for separation from established surfing zones.
- Contribute to the Waitakot Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw.
- Support the new surf code of conduct and ensure that signage is placed in surfing areas for education purposes.
- Form and sustain a tennis club that caters for all levels and ages
- Find alternative fields in the Whangararoa area to give more options as football and other sports keep growing. Consider the airfield.
- Basketball – look at expanding mini court at Papahua. A full indoor court would enable local teams to play competitions and host tournaments.

A pontoon out by the walk bridge
We used to have one there years ago

More dog friendly walkways

New Skate park so locals can continue to skate when tourists invade

Raglan Naturally Draft Plan 21
**Arts**
Mahi Toi

Through the arts we are able to communicate who we are as people and how ‘place’ influences our unique voice. Arts purpose – brings wellbeing, voice, uniqueness, social and cultural development.

### Most Common ideas/themes from community

- Music
- Public art, including spaces
- Theatre
- Support the arts
- Dance
- Māori and cultural arts

### Aspirations:

- Promote, support and encourage growth in all local creative industries including heritage and cultural art, Māori Performing Arts, music, visual art, craft art, dance, and theatre, street performance, film, photography, and literature
- Future planning for spaces
- Encourage and support youth in the learning and participation of the arts
- Increase visibility of arts
- All art forms are a contributor to local economy and tourism
- Marketing and promotion of the arts

### Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations

- A large multi-space building (250+ capacity) for more performing arts classes and events including dance, theatre and music facilities.
- Support and design a designated indoor/outdoor space in the village for buskers, live musicians, street performance, theatre and dance performance.
- Community to support, encourage and promote Māori artists, musicians, theatre, kapa haka, dance and performing arts.
- Identify, create and design spaces in the village for public art, sculptures, cultural art, murals, installations and creative innovative art projects.
- Encourage, promote and support youth with all creative industries.
- Supporting and creating a strong foundation for learning music, arts, kapa haka, theatre and dance with students.
- Continue to support and promote

Kōkiri Centre, Raglan Old School Arts Centre and Town Hall events, Raglan Community Radio and Tractor FM.
- Support and develop more community events and festivals.
- Local artists to create a unique brand to promote Raglan community and tourism.
- Recognising and supporting local self-employed artists and musicians contributing to local economy and tourism.
- Create and design a platform for promoting and publishing events and works by local artists, live music, dance and theatre productions, kapa haka and cultural performance.
- Community Music Board to encourage and support local music industry and funding opportunities
- Supporting and developing Artist in Residency programmes.

**Encourage art sector with support and facilities**

**Keep the art and music as strong focuses**
Raglan is a living wage town (like plastic free campaign)

A cooperative cafe where locals can buy shares and collectively own the business that way everyone benefits from lots of tourists visiting

Establish and weekly Sunday morning market for local and homegrown produce, native plants, handmade and second hand items

Most Common ideasthemes from community
- Maintain the Raglan vibe of business (no big chains)
- Develop a Business Support Hub
- Employment and Training Tools and Opportunities for Locals and Youth
- Weekly FarmersProduce Market with Affordable Goods

Aspirations:
- Raglan is a thriving ecosystem of sustainable businesses that support one another and are supported by the local community
- Employment and training opportunities for locals, including youth
- Local businesses liaising more closely with iwi, hapū and kaumātua
- Businesses working in line with Raglan Naturally

Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations
- Support for locals interested in starting a business, including training, mentoring and identifying business opportunities
- Support for up-and-coming social enterprises and community co-ops
- Social framework and support network that provides a platform for businesses to grow
- "Shop Local" scheme and uptake from local community
- Manage business growth to ensure 'big business/chains' do not take over the community
- Create more awareness and support for community initiatives that provide services and goods for the community, e.g. Crop Swap, Tool Library, Community Gardens, etc.
- Establish a weekly farmers market that provides affordable produce and other goods
- Create youth training programmes
- Liaise with local businesses to develop internships for local students
- Regular updates from the business community about open employment positions or internships and volunteer opportunities
- Create opportunities for seasonal employment for locals, including youth
- Develop a tourism training programme for locals to gain skills in the hospitality and service industry
- Develop education and training pathways for locals, including youth
- Create a 'Careers FairShowcase Day' between the Raglan Business Chamber and local schools
- Support technology initiatives through infrastructure improvements which will allow for technical educational programmes and development of a future tech hub
- Expand collaboration between developers, locals, the wider community and council to encourage planned, sustainable growth
- Encourage businesses to contribute and support the community as time and resources allow
- Ensure community values and expectations are shared with new business owners and interested investors
- Establish and share a Raglan branding, in line with Raglan Naturally so that businesses who choose to brand themselves using the name 'Raglan' in their business can be consistent with the character of Raglan when operating within the community and when promoting their product or service outside of the community. Keeping in line with the Raglan Naturally values, promoting a sustainable business model. Remembering that by using the 'Raglan' name, they are representing the Raglan community and what the community stands for and believes in.
Community Wellbeing
Te Oranga o te Hapori

I like the idea of a community hub - experiment with different ways to connect.

To thrive is to create a culture of inclusiveness and caring for everyone in our community - let’s focus on that.

Connect services that can help the most vulnerable, using the skills of locals and providing a funding pool to pay for these.

Most Common ideas/themes from community
- Access to a range of health services
- Mental health issues are a priority
- More support for older people & those with disabilities
- More support for people on low incomes
- More action on crime
- Healthy environment
- Creating culture of caring and kindness

Aspirations:
- Raglan has a community wellbeing hub fostering connectedness and access to wellbeing services
- Local healthcare services are holistic, accessible and affordable.
- Hapū and iwi have culturally relevant health and wellbeing services
- There is a strong focus on mental health support
- People have access to affordable and good quality food, water and housing as well as meaningful employment.
- Raglan has a strong identity as a safe and caring, age-friendly community.
- Raglan celebrates and respects cultural diversity.
- Recognise that a healthy natural environment is essential for community health and wellbeing.
- Arts and creativity and are valued as important aspects of wellbeing.

Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations
- We have a community hub that provides a space for groups and individuals to meet, find out about and access health and wellbeing services, and enjoy a range of creative activities such as a Blokes Shed.
- A community connector actively brokers connections for people who are isolated or lonely.
- Conventional and complementary health services are integrated and culturally relevant.
- Health and wellbeing services are available at Poihākena Marae or other suitable venues.
- Medical emergency services are available at night and in weekends.
- We start courageous conversations about mental health, drug and alcohol, family harm and suicide issues in Raglan.
- A health literacy programme is initiated to ensure that health information available is user-friendly, useful and accurate.
- Youth are educated and empowered to take responsibility for their health and wellbeing.
- We have a directory of local health and wellbeing services, including support groups and organisations.
- An audit of wellbeing support groups in Raglan is carried out and gaps are identified.
- Families are supported through the provision of excellent childcare services and parenting programmes.
- We bring back the shopping bus, and provide more transport support for the older people to get to appointments.
- We look at ways our community can support the police including community patrols.
- We engage with gangs to encourage dialogue, and look at how we can protect our young people.
- We research the presence and use of toxic chemicals in Raglan. We investigate ways to limit their use and mitigate their effects.
- Everyone has the opportunity to participate in environmental care and restoration, to grown food and/or access local produce.
- We promote community resilience initiatives such as Raglan Timebank and Crop Swap.
- We have regular community celebrations and activities that foster respect, caring, kindness and connection such as pot luck dinners, street barbecues and low cost family friendly events.
Most Common ideas/themes from community

- Protect local interests first
- Encourage off-season events and activities
- Create a cohesive, sustainable marketing message that is aligned with Raglan Naturally

Aspirations:

- Within ten years, Raglan will be widely recognised as the eco-friendly heart of New Zealand, and be a leading example of responsible and sustainable tourism.
- Encourage shoulder season events and activities that help support businesses through the winter months
- Creating and supporting ‘sustainable’ visitor experiences
- Ensure local interests are kept at the forefront of future visitor growth
- Create a cohesive marketing message, focussed on sustainable tourism, a ‘how-to visit Raglan’ guide
- Develop and align marketing with Raglan Naturally
- Develop a ‘Raglan Customer Charter’ that underpins exceptional customer service to all customers regardless of the business

Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations

- Encourage positive visitor behaviours (i.e. disposing of waste in the correct bins, encouraging the BYO, bring your own, culture)
- Provide more thorough information for visitors in regards to freedom camping, paid accommodation, public facilities, cafe and shop hours, etc.
- Ensure the marketing of Raglan aligns with Raglan Naturally and create a cohesive marketing message across all promotional outlets
- Maintain the character of the town, keep the Raglan vibe alive
- Work with local community groups to develop educational and sustainable visitor experiences
- Ensure a range of authentic experiences that help to showcase our people, our landscape, our stories, our history, our place
- Create a more connected experience where visitors and locals alike can easily walk or ride between community destinations (work alongside WDC to further develop bike pathways and walkways around the community)
- Work with the business group and the Raglan Business Chamber to develop hospitality and customer service training programmes for locals, including youth
- Work with the business group and the Raglan Business Chamber to communicate sustainable tourism business practices to new and interested tourism business operators
- Work with the business group to establish and share a Raglan branding, in line with Raglan Naturally – so that businesses who choose to brand themselves using the name ‘Raglan’ in their business can be consistent with the character of Raglan when operating within the community and when promoting their product or service outside of the community. Keeping in line with the Raglan Naturally values, promoting a sustainable business model. Remembering that by using the ‘Raglan’ name, they are representing the Raglan community and what the community stands for and believes in.
- Develop and showcase a sense of localism, e.g. ensure visitors know when local produce is being used in cafes or sold in shops
Education Mātauranga

Most Common ideas/themes from community

- Raglan Area School, support and ideas
- Training in sustainability, enviro, permaculture, practical life skills
- Te reo and Te ao Māori
- Intergenerational learning
- Apprenticeships

Aspirations:

- Education is a core value of Raglan Naturally – we are a learning community
- Provide early childhood education for all children in the community
- Provide support for families to look after younger children at home.
- Children are safe in our community and are aware of safety, learning to assess risk.
- Children are immersed in their community: people, environment, history
- Encourage bilingualism/biculturalism for our young people
- To be bilingual in our education centres and community.
- Use Te Whāriki (ECE) and the NZ Curriculum to inform learning and teaching in our community
- Provide environmental education
- Provide choice and a variety of education providers for our families to choose from
- Supporting community to access diverse options – transport, fees subsidies
- Schools are future-focused and look at the big picture. They provide the skills our young people need to survive in an unknown future.
- Develop the holistic wellbeing of our young people
- Meet the needs of the whole whānau. Support whole system – whānau, families, children and their needs.
- Create a supportive education network in Whaingaroa

Teach students/people how to transform vehicles - cars, bikes, scooters etc into electric vehicles at low cost.

Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations

- Education for parents around child development and looking after young children at home
- Support education around bullying and education for children and parents on safety.
- Children are immersed in their community through: place-based education and making links with local expertise; building connection and support with the community; growing awareness of things already happening in the community, things that are happening in the home - part of the community kaupapa; learning our shared history and through what's already happening in ECE.
- Provide opportunities for our children to be bicultural and bilingual; support our community based programme for fluent Te reo Māori speakers to be part of learning in our learning centres; explore resources to support this; support local experts; place-based education; learn about the expertise we have in regard to te ao Māori and kōrero Māori; learn about what teacher training is needed to change the status quo.
- Support environmental organisations in our community eg. Karioi Kids, Enviro centre
- More connection with local experts, place-based education, Education Outside the Classroom and EOTC providers.
- Schools and early childhood centres work together for sustainability of schools/kura and benefit of all
- Accessible transport to and from schools
- Public health nurses
- Sexuality education
- Look at the support systems we have in place around mental health
- More affordable permaculture courses
- Support community gardens
- Support the Envrrioschools programme
- Support Whaingaroa Environment Centre to run educational programmes
- Coordinate a monthly education network meet up

Why is education structured by generations? What about inter generational learning?
WRAP, Whaingaroa Raglan Affordable Housing Project group have been leading a project looking at the housing and affordability issues in Raglan. They have undertaken research, a community survey and town hall event to understand more about the housing situation here. WRAP will continue to work towards community consultation and co-designed housing solutions. A specific Raglan Naturally focus group was not set up for Housing as WRAP is doing this work.

Housing is connected to and affects many of the Focus Areas within Raglan Naturally. Housing concerns have been raised in a few of the Focus Group conversations, including, Youth, Community Wellbeing, Business and Employment and Destination and Visitor Management.

Our housing issues and concerns have featured very strongly in the community survey responses. Raglan Naturally will work closely with WRAP to integrate their work with our community planning.

We invited WRAP to share their findings through Raglan Naturally. See below for community aspirations and possible pathways that have come up through the WRAP project so far. See Raglan Naturally website for the two recent WRAP reports, ‘Householder Survey Report Summary’ and ‘Raglan Housing Analysis’.

### Most Common ideas/themes from community

- Air BnB controlled
- Affordable housing
- Social housing
- Bed tax
- Tiny homes

### Aspirations:

- Community consultation led design for housing solutions
- Affordable housing development for Raglan
- Supporting and enabling other communities by sharing the Raglan experience, tools and information
- Advocating at regional and national level for recognition of the small community housing access and affordability issues

### Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations

- Community-wide consultation hui in 2019 to reach out to those wishing to be part of a solution
- Continued representation on the Waikato Plan Housing Initiative working group
- Continued partnership with the Waikato District Council housing focus – see WDC Blueprint
- Continued partnership with key sponsors WEL Energy Trust Vitol Impact (Housing) Grant
- Continued partnership with Raglan Community House, Raglan Chamber of Commerce and Raglan Community Board
- Continue to build relationships with landowners interested in affordable housing initiatives
- Continued connection with community land trust and affordable housing provider groups in Waikato/NZ
- Charitable trust structure for WRAP to enable recognition as charitable social enterprise
- Seek funding opportunities from central government and other investors
- Construct an advisory group of technical housing experts to input on the basis of community housing preferences
- Present the WRAP/Raglan story at housing hui with the view to advocacy for small communities

**Housing**

"Build tiny homes. I can imagine a wee village of tiny homes."

"Consider the explosion of properties let out on Air BNB versus permanent housing that is creating shortage. Look at options like Paris has adopted."

"Housing for the elderly or even over 50's. Older folk are moving out as they can't afford to live here."

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**Infrastructure**

**Ngā Pūnaha Wai**

Reduce waste, stores to stop selling disposable wipes and single use plastics (straws, cups etc)

Can we please have a land-based sewage system that makes use of the waste in some way. No more discharging into the beautiful harbour.

How about we become self sufficient in energy generation?

**Most Common ideas/themes from community**

- Support for Plastic Free Raglan, recycling, reducing litter
- Handle wastewater more ecologically
- Beautification, maintenance
- Alternative energy
- Public toilets, fountains, dog bags, nappy change

**Aspirations:**

- The impact of the natural environment and ecology must be the prime consideration in all infrastructure decisions.
- Infrastructure must continue to be upgraded to reduce the impact on the natural environment and ecology.
- Stormwater runoff must be filtered through wetlands, roadway runoff must be filtered through swales.
- Treated wastewater must be discharged through a wetland prior to discharge.
- The impact of sea level rise must be planned for now as flood events are happening already.
- Refuse must be preferably eliminated, or minimised by development of a circular economy.
- We aspire to a standard of excellence for all of Raglan’s public assets and spaces. We are proud of our town and its facilities; we work closely with WDC and take an active part in the care of it, through maintenance and beautification.

**Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations**

- Include the new recommended sea level changes in all infrastructure and planning decisions to reduce the cost to future residents to respond to climate change.
- The new wastewater disposal to harbour consent in 2020 needs to be of shorter duration and have hard deliverables to stop this activity before the next consent renewal.
- Wastewater from the treatment plant post UV stage should be processed through a man made wetland to a water quality suitable for shellfish gathering and swimming prior to disposal.
- Reintroduce the anaerobic ponds that process the incoming wastewater and outfall membrane plant backwash to produce gas that could run a generator to offset treatment plant electricity use.
- Install floating solar PV systems on the pond to reduce the growth of algae and to offset treatment plant power use.
- Rainwater collection tanks for houses need to be continued as part of building consent to slow runoff and allow for all rain water to be filtered through a wetland before harbour outfall. These rain tanks can provide emergency water storage should the reticulated system be damaged.
- Where possible increase the volume of stormwater directed to Aro Aro wetland, include pumping if necessary.
- Extend water supply out to edges of community especially for fire fighting supply.
- Install footpaths with swales and tree planting to beautify and slowly filter roadway runoff.
- Install filtration on the potable water prior to UV treatment to reduce the risk of an earthquake causing potable water treatment outage.
- Continue to support and expand the community-based Xtreme Zero Waste team reduction in waste generation and develop a circular economy, support expansion of Plastic Free Whaingaroa.
- As the volume of greenwaste increases explore the installation of a biocycler to produce gas for electricity generation.
- Lobby government for mandatory product stewardship.
- Develop a community power scheme, and encourage residential solar PV as well as electrification of restaurants, transport and businesses.
- Continue to place power and telephone services underground to reduce visual clutter.
- Increase roadside tree planting and beautification.
- A community-led monitoring group that ensures the WDC planned maintenance in the CBD, on the hard surfaces and street furniture/assets is fit for purpose and that the work carried out is completed to a good standard. Monitoring maintenance outcomes adds to both the practicality and beautification of Raglan’s assets.
Aspirations:
- Regular community engagement and participation to ensure every part of our community has a say in governance and planning issues affecting them.
- Explore what self-governance could look like in Raglan. Explore increased community autonomy and decision making and more control at the community board level.
- To be a transparent and inclusive community that is knowledgeable about and involved in the planning and local government for our area.
- Strengthen the community’s relationship with whānau, hapū and iwi work towards a true partnership as per Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Raglan Naturally Plan – our ‘living’ community plan is representative of our wider community and is there to help guide the development of this place.
- Raglan Naturally is an ongoing process, managed by our community and is part of the connection to the Raglan Community Board. Raglan Naturally is well governed, sustainable, supported by all stakeholders and is able to keep the plan alive and source additional funding for community projects.
- All parties (community, iwi and hapū, local organisations, Councils etc) come together and work towards cohesive and community driven development of Raglan and our rural communities. This would include town centre planning, possible Structure Plan and would take into consideration the key challenges for our communities.
- More localised consultation/planning/decision making and implementation.
- We have effective elected individuals as councillor, on the community board and steering committees. These people are diverse and representative of the voices in our communities.
- We understand and are confident in the rates spending by councils for Raglan and the rural communities.

Possible Pathways towards achieving these aspirations
- Redistribution of power and authority from WDC to Raglan Community Board. An example is that the community board could manage a Town Development Fund. This could be made up of funds from Harbour Board Leases, boat ramp and parking charges etc.
- Extend Raglan Community Board boundary to include the whole of the Raglan Ward, this includes our rural communities of Ruapuke, Te Mata, Te Liku, Waihi and Waitetuna.
- Waikato District Council sets aside funds to train and introduce its members to their Community Board responsibilities under the Local Government Act.
- Raglan Community Board to review meeting and workshops times to build inclusivity and participation. A forum is established, as part of community board meetings, to discuss relevant strategy issues.
- Continual community learning, engagement and participation through events, summits and agenda setting workshops.
- Administration arm attached to the RCB to improve community engagement from all groups, coordinate community input/interest and communicate data/findings. Monitor development consents. Ensure transparency.
- Prioritising infrastructure via local consultation.
- RN and RCB to continue working with iwi and hapū to develop a relationship that is based on the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and is equitable and inclusive.
- Consider Raglan rates to benefit local area. Rates review.
- All local boards are made up of elected community members and include iwi and hapū.
- Seek support from the Raglan Community Board and councils to first, ensure we understand our key challenges and second, ensure that these are taken into account in all strategic planning. One of these being ‘loss of Raglan identity’ and ensuring Raglan keeps it ‘small town’ feel.
- Understand the value of a structure plan for Raglan and decide if this is what we need.
- Raglan Naturally continues to work closely with WDC in their Blueprint planning. Raglan Naturally and the Raglan Blueprint come together and feed strongly into the next Waikato District Council Annual and Long Term Plans and District Plan.
- The community decides on Raglan Naturally’s ongoing role, governance structure and sustainability. Action is taken to set this up.
- Raglan Naturally works with the community to create a Raglan Naturally implementation plan with priorities for action.
- Regional Council’s Coastal Plan review. Be informed and involved.
- ‘West Coast Harbours’ Treaty Settlements. Learn about and support iwi and hapū.
- District Plan Review. Be informed and involved. RN to follow through on its submission to the District Plan.
- Wairau Reserves Management Plan Review. RN and Raglan Community Board to work with WDC to ensure an inclusive and transparent process. RN and RCB support participation from the community.
- Learn about the roles of Councillor, Community Board and Community committees. Elect community members who will be effective, diverse and representative of the voices in our community.
Natural Environment Taiaro

Plant more native plants and set traps for pests to help our native animals

Manage weeds without spraying

Fruit trees in all parks and reserves

Most Common ideas/themes from community
- Protect flora & fauna
- Pest control
- Tree planting
- Control of weeds
- Community gardens & food forest
- Remove litter from beaches & other public places
- No spray
- Environmental education

Aspirations:
- Protection and enhancement of our natural areas and wildlife (land and sea).
- Environmentally conscious development
- No pollution (land and sea)
- Community and individual ownership of environmental problems.
- Climate change action.

Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations
- Accessible green spaces including mixed ability access ways (i.e. pushchair, wheelchair, flat options)
- All harbour catchment waterways are appropriately fenced and riparian buffer zones planted in native species
- All plants, animals, fish and shellfish are managed to protect the resource for future generations to enjoy their use at the same levels as today, and if possible restore stocks to better levels.
- Community gardens and food forests. Fruit trees in public spaces.
- Community is aware of what is going on, and empowered to have their voices heard
- Continue sand dune planting and protection to act as natural buffers for sea-level rise and coastal erosion
- Continue to be a national global leader on environmental issues
- Continued priority and resources for waste management, moving towards zero waste.
- Eco-tourism
- Environmental education for all ages (adults and children)
- Harbour-wide development consents taking into account changing sea levels
- Landowners implementing land use practices that protect the soil and water
- More local food production on a range of scales (backyard to commercial)
- More restored forest mimicking Wainui Bush Reserve
- No storm water or wastewater discharge to sea
- Planting of native trees
- Reduction of plant and animal pest species
- Removal of pest plant species (public and private land)
- Restoration of wetlands
- Sound environmental urban and rural planning
- Subdivisions in keeping with low key housing and focused on 'sustainable backyards'
- Video for tourists and new residents – 'this is how we do it in Raglan' – inspiring habit change for environmental protection.
- Walking track connecting township to Whale Bay – connects people to the environment, encourages people out of cars
- Waste water treatment plant upgrade – land-based system, circular economy
Transport
Ngā Waka

**Most Common ideas/themes from community**
- More cycling
- Route to coast for cycling/walking
- Town square/pedestrianise CBD
- More footpaths
- More (or less) parking
- Shuttle bus around Raglan
- More country walking
- Reduce traffic speeds
- More buses
- Upgrade Single Lane Bridge (some to keep, some to widen)

**Aspirations:**
- To provide for people and goods to get about in ways which help provide worthwhile jobs, minimise impact on the environment and other activities, promote equal access to transport, whatever age, state of health, or wealth, and improve health and safety.
- To achieve this:
  - Walking and cycling are supported; they provide transport solutions, have a low impact on the environment and encourage exercise to improve health. They also attract tourists in a manner which minimises their adverse impacts on the area.
  - Buses are supported; they provide transport for all, complement walking and cycling and are safer and need less space and fuel than cars.

**Build a cycleway/walkway from town to Manu Bay. This road is getting used more and more this road and becoming very dangerous**

**Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations**
- encourage cycling and walking by providing safe, convenient routes. Including town to the beaches, footpaths around town, country walking paths
- create a town square and/or make the CBD more pedestrian friendly, including Cliff Street
- shuttle and other buses in Raglan and linking to Hamilton, residential, tourist areas, etc
- reduce traffic speeds in town and on the most dangerous roads

These will need to be brought together in cohesive planning of sustainable transport, including walking, cycling, pedestrianisation, public transport (buses and possibly ferries), speed limits, charges for parking (probably with passes for locals) and other ways to reduce parking demand in crowded areas.

All of these were in the 2001 Raglan Naturally Plan, which indicates that they have been consistently supported by the Raglan community.

**Getting people out of their cars will have major benefits on issues such as parking and health**
Youth Rangatahi

Support the young people to create a youth hub

Indoor sports facility, indoor youth facility, free koha, table tennis, pool tables, air hockey, swim pool

Every young person transitioning to work or study
(eg Otorohanga’s policy)

Most Common ideas/themes from community
- Community youth recreation and/or learning facility
- Education & employment opportunities for youth
- Support services for youth (health, education, etc.)
- Facility & infrastructure upgrades
- Community gym with indoor pool and courts

Aspirations:
- Creating opportunities for education and employment.
- Creating opportunities to engage with the community.
- Create a space that is specifically for youth.
- More support for sports, recreation and adventure.
- More connectivity and infrastructure.
- Housing opportunities for youth.
- Health and wellbeing focus.

Possible Pathways toward achieving these aspirations
- Mentoring, internships, massive open online course (MOOC), career expos, connect schools with businesses to build on employment skills
- Identify youth leaders and influencers, mentoring, take the community to the youth, create platforms for them to share their ideas and a forum where youth issues can be discussed.
- A youth hub/centre for youth, dedicated space for youth to feel safe and unjudged.
- More opportunities for participation in arts, sports, recreation and adventure and other activities. Make information available about what groups exist for youth to participate in, support for travel outside of Raglan like a youth van, mentoring for those that have special interest areas and show passion. If we can show that there is demand for a dedicated space we can present a case for a dedicated recreation centre.
- Make areas of Raglan accessible for youth who don’t always have access to a car or ride for example transport services to beach and back. More walkways and cycleways and upgrade existing footpaths for safety and usability.
- A memorandum of understanding with local rental property providers that allow for particular properties to be put aside for youth.
- Social housing opportunities.
- Promote active, healthy and holistic lifestyle. Mental health support. Make sure information is accessible.
- More extra curricular programmes for youth including holiday programmes.
- Tūkana tēina relationship building
- Digital and general business skills programme for youth
- Connection between schools to share information and support each other e.g. sharing resources.
- Investment in Raglan Area School to provide more options for students.
- Community recreation facility or hub with indoor swimming pool, basketball courts, meeting rooms
- Don’t put restrictions on youth who contribute to keeping this town ‘vibrant’. Champion youth doing positive things
- Environmental innovation hub
- Skatepark upgrade, skate/bike paths with features. Remove ‘no skate’ signs
Moving forward to next steps

What is the ongoing role for Raglan Naturally in our community?

Next steps
The Raglan Naturally Team are really excited about the potential for it to grow, evolve and be kept alive. A useful next step would be to design and facilitate a number of workshops, both with those who have been closely involved in the process to date and the wider community. The aim would be to continue the dialogue with community, iwi and hapū and local organisations to:
- Review and evaluate our process and learning, measure the impact, celebrate our work together; and
- Decide on the ongoing role of Raglan Naturally, the governance structure and what support/funding will be needed to ensure this work is sustainable.

Aspirations for Raglan Naturally
Since the Raglan Naturally plan was first published in 2001, the process has not been continuous. Therefore, we are aspiring towards:
- An ongoing process, not just a plan and handover with some ideas around implementation
- Greater emphasis on the continued development and evolution of the process for community-led and strengths-based development to be effective and sustainable
- Continued learning and capability building within our community to:
  - better understand community-led approaches and their contribution to positive change
- learn about the treaty in our local context, and about te ao Māori, tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
- share and spread local stories, experience and learning so that everyone benefits
- amplify the impact of locally-led change by connecting people, places and through systems change
- A balanced focus between systemic change and projects on the ground
- Strong partnership with council to support ongoing community-led development work

Community-led
The need for ongoing community-led development, at least to the current level at which Raglan Naturally has been working, has been voiced by our community as critical for future planning and development. We can say that this further supports the theme of ‘community working together’.

Objectives
There is potential to create a really exciting, successful community organisation to advance coherent development in Raglan that can be an example to other communities in our district and further afield.

These are possible tasks/objectives:
1. Periodically reviewing and refreshing the Raglan Naturally Plan driven by community mandate, and overseeing and supporting the implementation of the priority objectives established in the plan
2. Te Hangai - applying Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the context of Raglan community development, working in partnership with iwi and pan-tribal organisations, while respecting tino rangitiratanga.
3. Ensuring all members of the various communities in Raglan have opportunities to have input and be engaged in decision making on the plan, to maximise ongoing community support and involvement in its implementation
4. Working collaboratively and strengthening partnerships with all key Raglan community and business organisations, and all sectors of local and central government, especially Waikato District Council and the Raglan Community Board
5. Whakawhānaungatanga - creating opportunities for Raglan’s communities and organisations to connect and learn from each other
6. Fostering and developing community leadership, organisational capacity, sustainability and resilience through training resources and research change
7. Supporting, promoting and overseeing the use of the "Raglan Naturally" brand for projects compatible with the plan
8. Seeking funding, policies and resources which promote the objectives of the plan and community-led development
9. Documenting, publicising and promoting Raglan Naturally values, objectives and processes where appropriate to learn from and /or assist other communities
Your ideas for the future success of Raglan Naturally from the survey

- Ongoing communication (social media, Raglan Chronicle, website, regular update, how to get involved)
- Raise awareness and keep visible and active to maintain profile
- Keep consulting
- Keep up the good work!
- Be inclusive and diverse to encourage participation from the community
- Tangata whenua are essential. Needs funding and ongoing support from the wider community
- Build strong relationships with community, Iwi, WDC, RCB, and other groups
- Strategically plan and put a governance structure in place
- Keep refreshing the plan
- Support local initiatives, ie Xxreme, WEC, Karioi project
- Needs a permanent coordinator. Help and support from Council
- Council needs to work with RN
- Involve Youth
- Deliver on projects
- Celebrate success
- Make sure that we hold onto our history and remain aware of what we have already
- Have strong vision and values

Who will implement the plan?

There are many ways that the plan will be implemented. These include:
Some ideas, or projects, can be undertaken locally by the community in a form of ‘working bees’
Some are probably best undertaken by a community organisation with a speciality in that area, possibly with volunteer assistance
Some may be undertaken in a joint effort between the council and the community
Some possibly larger projects, will be the responsibility of the council to take action. These will be planned for through the Blueprint and the next Long-Term Plan.
Some will probably best be implemented by a government agency or department.
The Raglan Naturally team will take the time to create an inclusive, community-led prioritisation process. We need to decide on the criteria for prioritising and will look at alignment with iwi and hapū planning, community values and aspirations, ‘quick wins’, short term projects, stepping stones to long-term goals, timing, impacts, costs, who would take responsibility to implement, current projects and capacity in community organisations, and councils’ planning processes. We will need to feed strongly into the next council long-term planning process, 2020-2021.

Looking at the main ideas from the community-wide engagement will be helpful as it shows what is important to the community and where the energy is for change. We also need to take into consideration things that were not mentioned much, but which may be key challenges or opportunities (e.g. climate change, implementing the Treaty of Waitangi, equity, mental health and suicide). We also need to be aware that there are voices we may have only heard a little from, or not at all.

Once we have set our criteria, we can run all the ideas and possible projects from community and Focus Groups through this lens and produce a draft Action Plan, which we can bring back to the community for feedback. One of our first priorities might be to bring together key stakeholders (including iwi and hapū, the wider community and councils), facilitate strategic planning sessions and work toward the creation of a Raglan Structure Plan to sit alongside our Raglan Naturally Community Plan.

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**Website** — raglannaturally.co.nz for the draft online, for more detail on Focus Areas.

Please note the Focus Group areas on website have not been updated since this draft.

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**Have we got it right?**

Is there anything we have not covered?

Please visit the website or email us to feedback.

- sign up to newsletter,
- share RN with friends, family and networks,
- provide feedback on the draft,
- connect with a focus group, through our email
- let us know what project or area you would like to lead or be involved in.
Appendix i
Raglan Naturally survey questions

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
this will help us understand who is filling out the survey and how representative it is of our community

* Which ethnic group do you belong to? Tick the space or spaces which apply to you.
New Zealand European, Māori, Samoan, Cook Islands, Māori, Tongan, Niuean, Chinese, Indian, other eg. Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan

*Age: Please let us know what age band you fit into by circling the one that applies to you.
Less than 18 years, 18–24 years, 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, 65–74 years, 75–84 years, 85 years or older

*Which community or communities are you part of: Please circle those that apply to you
Raglan, Ruapuke, Te Mata, Te Uku, Waitetuna, Ohautira. Other, please say which.

learn / akona
Let’s learn about ‘Here’. Let’s learn about ‘us’

(1) What do you love about ‘this place’?
(2) What’s one of your favourite experiences ‘here’?
(3) What are 2–3 words you feel describe the character of ‘this place’?
(4) What do you see as the strengths in ‘our community’?

reflect / whakaarotia
Let’s reflect on where we are now and where we are heading

(5) What change(s) have you noticed ‘here’?
(6) How are you experiencing the change(s) in your day-to-day life?
(7) Is there anything you feel concerned about with regards to ‘this place’ and ‘our community’?
(8) What do you think are the main challenges for ‘our community’?

contribute / kōrerotia
Share your ideas, insights and aspirations

(9) What it would look like to you if ‘this place’ is thriving?
(environmentally, socially/culturally, economically, politically)
(10) What could ‘we’ do to help ‘this place’ thrive?

take action + create / kōkiritia + auahangia
Let’s take action and create a community plan with solid foundations so we can continue this journey together.

(11) Do you have ideas for projects or initiatives?
(a)
(b)
(c)

(12) Who could take ownership or help make these projects/initiatives happen?
(a)
(b)
(c)

(13) What are the key opportunities for ‘our community’?
(14) When thinking about our future and aspirations how we might work together as a community and, when thinking about what values we could hold... what are some words that come to mind?
(15) Raglan Naturally aspires for the community to lead the development of this place. We will keep evolving Raglan Naturally and this means keeping it up-to-date, visible and active. We will need to have a robust management plan in place and an outline of how we will get things done. Do you have any ideas about the future success of Raglan Naturally?
(16) Anything else?
Would you like to be involved and kept up-to-date? If so, please leave your contact details on the back page.

DEFINITION OF TERMS:
‘Here’ and ‘this place’ refer to both the people and the land.
Raglan Naturally includes the whole of the Raglan Ward including: Raglan, Te Mata, Ruapuke, Te Uku, Waitetuna and Ohautira.
‘Our community’ and ‘our communities’ refer to the community or communities you are part of within the Raglan Ward.
‘Us’ and ‘we’ refer to all who are a part of the above community or communities.
Appendix ii
Raglan Naturally Survey demographic data
What’s special about Raglan?

"Well, it’s home. It’s something that if you live here you know, you just know.

When you go away, as soon as you come over the deviation, you see the maunga, you see Karioi and you sort of let out a breath of gratitude that you’re home – that you’re being drawn back.

There’s all sorts of things that make this place what it is. The mountain, the seas, the whole environment, the energy of this place.

Because I’ve lived here most of my life, it’s also the close connection with everybody as well."
I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the year is ripping past me fast, we the board need to reflect on the Mayor’s challenge to us all, focus on the big issues, and get things done for our community, and we have done this by our Raglan Community Plan (Raglan Naturally) draft out for community feedback.

1.1 Onsite Meetings – Xtreme, WDC communication, Raglan Community Patrol, concerns with By Laws in the community.

1.2 Informal Meetings - Raglan radio spot, Lions fundraiser, Maui Dolphin day & the RCB stand including Raglan Naturally draft plan and the ongoing message of the three P’s.

1.3 Council delegated role – Raglan Holiday Park Board: strategic review & Internal Controls and forward cost planning as well as the monthly meeting.

1.4 Council Committee – attended Nil

1.4.1 Julie Dolan introduction to the Raglan way (meet face to face) and how we will go forward!

1.5 Community engagement – Raglan Residents & Ratepayers, sorry but I was elected as the Chair again for the 16th year at this AGM. Attended the RSA AGM as a support member.

1.6 WRAP – attended the presentation of the WHO and Waikato University presentation of the final draft.

1.7 Community Workshop -! This was disappointment as only three members were present, so I had to make this W/S a discussion forum only.

1.8 NZCB Conference 2019 – I was lucky that my wife paid for me to attend, as I have attended the last two Conference’s, and I wanted to continue the networks that I had developed, and promote our community and the struggles that we (RCB) have had in been unable to get delegated financial responsibility from WDC, these are the sessions that I attended:

   - Looking forward, encouraging Youth and Talent
   - Engaging with the Maori community
   - Taranahi Mounga Project
The important role of Youth Voice Groups, locally and regionally
LGNZ Localism Project
Community Emergency Planning
Setting the foundations for community development
Are we friendly enough?
The implications of our ageing population &
Engaging the next generation.

As well as the update from the NZCBE Chair,
Address from the President of LGNZ & Local Government update.
With us missing out in our RN entry to the Best Practice Awards to a CB that blows up tress.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the report from the Community Board Chairperson be received.

3. **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil
1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached is a report from Cr Thomson for the Board’s information.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from Cr Thomson be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Councillor’s Report
Councillor Report to Raglan Community Board

Meetings attended:

Council
Infrastructure
Papahua Camp Board
Waikato Tainui/Waikato District Council Joint Management
Camera Trust

Community:
Candle Light vigil for Christchurch
Raglan Blueprint Drop in Session
Raglan Naturally
Placemaking – Tauranga
Maui Dolphin Day
Papahua Camp Board Strategic Planning
Chris Ryan – Waikato University overview of housing survey findings
Raglan Community Board workshop
Freedom camping
Ruapuke residents re Rally
Raglan Seniors
Makomako MOE ceased bus run
WEL Energy - made contact because of scheduled power outage for lower Bow Street

Community Board National Hui

Highlights:

I was fortunate to travel to Taranaki with Dorothy Lovell the Taupiri Community Board chair. It was a really great way to get to know more about what is happening in other communities. After a good 8 hours of travelling together, we thought it would be good to have a WDC community board gathering sometime in the future to share and build cross community capacity.

A big focus of the conference was on engaging with youth and Maori. There were some very inspiring speakers who spoke on a number of topics, these included:

Engaging with the Maori Community

Puna Wano-Bryant, Iwi Environmental Manager Te Kahui o Taranaki Iwi
Wharehoka Wano – CEO Te Kahui o Taranaki Iwi
Engagement must be genuine, enduring and values based to be successful. As community boards we need to be a reflection of the community we serve, we need to be representative and responsive. Inclusivity + Compassion = Stronger Te Ao Maori Relationships.
We must appreciate diversity – Inclusivity + Compassion = Diversity.
Looking Forward, encouraging Youth and Talent – Darren Pratley

Trust is the new currency. The world is constantly changing faster and faster than ever before and we must be collaborative and utilize crowd intelligence as our technology interface improves. We need to lead in new ways that are based on values; trust, respect, credibility, intimacy, personal interest, reliability and access.

Youth and community need access to:

- Opportunity
- Mentoring
- Resources – what is it we have?
- Talent development

The important role of youth voice groups locally and regionally - Sarah Colcord

Funding is key to encouraging youth voice and participation, support youth to contribute, be active supporters of young people. Youth groups, youth councils, and youth advisory groups provide representation or voice for youth in our communities – they play an important role as they connect, support and empower young people to be involved in the community and elevate young people in decision making. We need to:

- Provide opportunities for young people to participate in decision making.
- Enable and empower them to lead the process and make their own decisions.
- Give them ongoing support for development.

Setting the foundations for community development – Shay Wright

Support local enterprise, circular economy and sustainable community organisations to create jobs in communities. The outcomes for decision making are value based and ethical. Community Boards whose voices are we listening to? How do we test how we can hear those voices?

Advocate for rules and law that carry morality into our decision making. Make joined up solutions, be more collaborative, stimulate social enterprise, inspire youth and encourage engagement with Maori. Bring in funding from outside our communities, build social procurement, create more social outcomes, be light on the bureaucracy, and teach our young people history, community boards should enable action.

Build capability of young people. Create a range of pathways for young people to experience and practice leadership. Give young people permission to connect with peers and form networks. Ask ‘who’, not ‘how’.
Weed Busting Meeting March 14th 2019

Present: Ross Henderson, Anna Cunningham (Raglan Naturally), Moria Curley, Craig Pruvis (WRC), Stacey Hill (WEC), Jordy Wiggins (WDC), Hamish Hodgson (WRC) Noel Barber (WDC), Lisa Thomson (WDC councillor), Liz Stanaway (Xtreme), Kristel van Houte (Karioi Maunga)

Points raised:

Fundamental problem for most is the challenge of disposal, weed identification, when to dispose of them and how, cost of Xtreme Zero Waste hot composter and programme of works throughout the year. Piha weed busting programme - have a weed amnesty. Have timeframes for weed busting to include people who can’t fit into the programme.

How to off set costs - provide incentives. If someone has a contractor working for them and pays for that, can we include them as well?

Biggest resource is voluntary labour, we must nurture and take care of them.

Liz has been trialing the composter and can take weeds but not when seeding.

WRC can do support research on weeds (sorry folks, I didn’t get the full korero on this point, does anyone remember?)

Noel - potential sites for weed drop offs - around the water treatment plant, but how to keep it contained on site? Potentially behind the rugby field, also could the fire brigade burn the weeds as part of their training?

Craig - highlighted challenges, absentee landowners, nursery plants like blackberry, costs, elderly property owners and some people actually like the weeds!

Privet is sometimes the only vegetation holding coastal areas. Weeds that are a problem in the Raglan area:

- Woolly knightshade.
- Wattle.
- Pampas.
- Privet.
- Wondering Asparagus.

Community Response to support council and regional council work = co-ordination of project and works = education and motivation. Comms can be coordinated via WDC and WRC, make it easy and doable!

Have a weed register = do you need help?
Timetable to be promoted via The Chronicle, Social Media, Comms and create a helpful toolkit for users.

Need clarity around disposal.
Have mobile weed busters?
Urban and Rural weed busting areas.

Priority Areas - Kaitoke walkway, need to confirm other areas. Need practical ideas for disposal options, bins etc.