

GLEN MASSEY

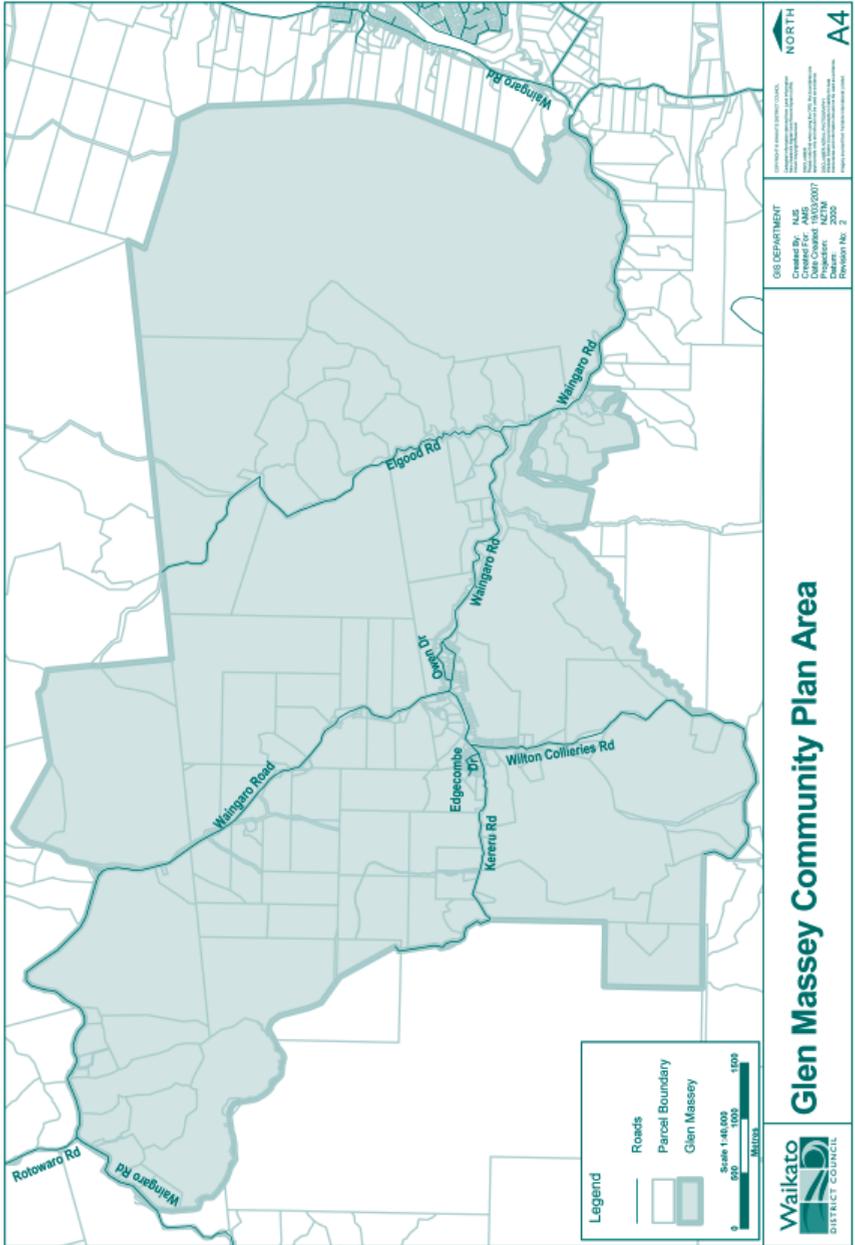
Community Plan

2007-2017

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The Glen Massey Area



Key Statistics

2006 Census Statistics

	Glen Massey	Waikato District	New Zealand
Population	510	43,959	4,027,947
Percentage aged under 15 ys	23.52%	25.50%	21.54%
Percentage aged over 65 ys	8.24%	10.00%	12.30%
Private Dwellings	171	15,090	1,471,746
Ethnicity - Percentage of Maori	16.77%	25.85%	14.65%
Post School Qualifications	50.00%	44.80%	46.18%
Unemployment Rate	2.36%	3.54%	3.37%
Median Income	\$27,733.33	\$25,700.00	\$24,400.00



Vision Statement

Vision

To develop Glen Massey as a community that:

- has pride
- is a safe place to live
- has a good community spirit
- respects the environment
- preserves heritage and the past
- recognises the importance of youth to the future of the village
- is a lifestyle choice



Community Snapshot



Glen Massey village is situated in a valley 9kms west of Ngaruawahia on the Waingaro Road.

The first settlers to the district arrived in the 1880's and by 1886 there was a route between Waingaro Landing on the Raglan Harbour and Ngaruawahia via the Waingaro Hot Springs, the road passing through the area later to become known as Glen Massey.



In 1887 a settlement of 22 families was formed at Te Akatea, about 2 kms north of what is now Glen Massey and a school was opened. The teacher was shared with Waingaro spending three days at one school and two at the other, riding by horseback between the two areas.

With the forming of Glen Massey

village in 1912 the school moved to Glen Massey where classes were held in a marquee while a permanent school was built. The present school opened in 1915 with 58 pupils.

Today the school is the social centre for the village, the local church was moved from across the road onto the school property in 1979 where it was adapted for use by the school and the community.

The village of Glen Massey came into being as a result of coal being discovered locally in marketable quantities in 1912.

Land was subdivided on the Fowler Bros. property. Houses were built and miners came from far away to man the mines. The village grew and at its peak housed around 400 people. There were the usual amenities such as a general store, butcher, post office, sports venues, a hall, a church, a train service, fire station and medical rooms.

- Many of the miners were Scottish and hence the name Glen meaning valley, Massey was for the Prime Minister the Right Honorable William Fergusson Massey.

Coal was transported from the mines by rail to Ngaruawahia, there is evidence of the old train line as the road follows it alongside the stream to Ngaruawahia. The mines closed in 1958 and with that the miners moved away.

Once again the village is growing, new subdivisions are on the market as people look for a life in a quiet rural community.

The primary school has a role of 90 and is the focus for community activities.



Local store, butcher, garage
and post office.



Local Sport's Pavilion.

A Plan for Glen Massey

What will this plan achieve?

- Your Community Plan is the vehicle for community discussion, on which future outcomes for Glen Massey can be determined.
- This Plan represents the community's shared view on Glen Massey's future.

It is important to remember, this is not a Council Plan. This Plan is for the whole of the Glen Massey Community, and is owned by you!

Your Community Plan is a collection of ideas for action. It is a priority list of desired works and activities that has been identified over the past few months. The plan gives voice to local aims and aspirations and provides an opportunity for involvement by people who are interested in the future of this area.

Local leadership on community planning, now, will ensure that available resources are used in the best possible way by matching agreed community priorities.

As well as focusing community debate, getting people involved in the future of their community, and avoiding haphazard development, the Plan will help influence Waikato District Council's programme of works during its annual and long-term planning processes.

The process...

The Glen Massey Committee formed in 2006. The Committee held a public meeting to discuss the issues in the area and will continue to work with the Glen Massey community to take forward this Plan.

The Committee will promote this Plan to Council to provide clear direction for the future development of Glen Massey.

The Plan is a living document and will undergo a regular monitoring and reviewing process.

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Key issues and projects

Link to Community Outcomes

Under the Local Government Act 2002, Councils are required to facilitate the identification of, and report on the achievement towards **Community Outcomes** for their residents. Having consulted with the Waikato District community, the following Community Outcomes have been identified:

Accessible Waikato	A district where the community's access to infrastructure, transport and technology meets its needs.
Active Waikato	A district that provides a variety of recreation and leisure options for the community,
Educated Waikato	A district where education options are varied, and allow our community to be skilled for work and life.
Green Waikato	A district where our natural resources are protected, developed and enhanced for future generations.
Safe Waikato	A district where people feel safe and supported within their communities and where crime is under control.
Sustainable Waikato	A district where growth is effectively managed.
Thriving Waikato	A district where business and industry are encouraged and supported and employment contributes to a successful local economy.
Vibrant Waikato	A district where our heritage and culture are recognised, protected and celebrated.
Well Waikato	A district where people can access quality community health and care services.

Specific issues and projects

The following key issues and projects are consistent with the Council's nine Community Outcomes. Following the public consultation and based on the feedback we received the Community Committee will prioritise the projects.

Environment

links to Green and Sustainable Waikato

- Weed control requires attention
- Address flooding issues in Edgecombe Drive and on the gorge on Waingaro Road; clear out drains and improve creek barrier at the bottom of Wilton Collieries Road and Kereru Road

Road safety

links to Accessible and Safe Waikato

- Review speed limits in and around Glen Massey
- Traffic Calming measures need to be put in place to control traffic movement and speed
- Glen Massey School needs improved signage for warning of the proximity of the school
- Address blackspots in the area
- Maintain tidy roadsides
- Develop footpaths and walkways
- Review roads which get affected by ice – particularly Waingaro Road
- Utilise speed trailer to monitor traffic speed through the village
- Look at location of signage to provide earlier notice of speed limits in the village
- Look at barriers through the gorge on Waingaro Road
- Trimming of trees on Wilton Collieries Road
- Car parking outside the Glen Massey school needs addressing
- Undertake a road audit of the area
- Look at safety improvements for Kereru Road

Transport/Roading

links to Accessible Thriving and Vibrant Waikato

- Upgrade kerb and channel
- Investigate public transportation
- Improve street lighting
- Pull-over bays on the Waingarō Gorge
- Isolated improvements on selected roads

Community Development *links to Vibrant /Green Waikato*

- Look at options for water supply and wastewater services
- Recognise the needs of youth
- Look at the development of community events
- Planting of trees and vegetation
- Update the Glen Massey School 75th Jubilee book
- Focus on the display and recognition of heritage of the area
- Consider the development of a park as the community grows

Refuse/Recycling

links to Green Waikato

- Support community recycling.
- Investigate options for recycling services including kerbside service

Social

links to Safe Waikato

- Improve dog control
- Ensure general upkeep and tidiness of the area

Where To From Here?

The Next Steps

This Community Plan has been drafted by the Glen Massey Community Committee as a starting point for the area.

While some of the ideas and priorities listed in this document will take a lot longer than a few years to realise - and require more resources than are available at the moment - at least there is a Plan.

The Community Committee will work with Council to prioritise issues and projects.

Please contact the Glen Massey Community Committee, or the Waikato District Council if you would like any further information.



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