

Monday, 27 June 2022

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Hastings District Council

Hastings District Rural Community Board Meeting

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Te Rā Hui:

Meeting date:

Monday, 27 June 2022

Te Wā:

Time:

2.30pm

Te Wāhi:

Venue:

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FROM THE MAYOR

As the Mayor of Hastings, I am very proud to present the first Te Pōhue Community Plan.

Te Pōhue is one of our district's most northern villages located on State Highway 5. The area also includes Te Haroto, Tarawera and nearby rural communities. It is a beautiful tight-knit rural area with whānau who are truly passionate about their people and place.

The vision for this important Community Plan started from the real need of Te Pōhue Village to have effective and efficient infrastructure for healthy drinking water, and for the wider community to have upgraded waste and recycling facilities,

improved access to public toilets, better maintenance of State Highway 5 as well as deciding the future of the local hall.

This passion to improve the lives of everyone in their village and surrounding area has grown and it's exciting to see this community plan also include a number of community-based actions around sustainability, growth and development.

Te Pōhue should be commended for their commitment, drive and determination to make their community a great place to live, work and play. Special mention to Kiri Goodspeed, who has been at the forefront of this community plan from the outset. We commend her for the passion and strong desire shown to help achieve this step for the Te Pōhue and community.



Kind regards
Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor, Hastings District

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Tena Koutou Katoa,
Ko Kiri Goodspeed taku ingoa.

I have been living in Te Pōhue, and now currently in Te Haroto, for 7 years; and began a journey over 3 years ago to have a Community Plan written for Te Pōhue and the wider district. The focus for me at the time of submitting the application was recognition of our community as the gateway for Hawke's Bay and creating aspirations of beautification. On reflection, the main driver truly, was understanding that the mechanism of a Community Plan allowed our community a voice and an opportunity to grow our relationship with the Hastings District Council; turning around a general perception that the relationship was tenuous and that our rates were not coming back for the benefit of our community.

The process of drafting the community plan was incredible; attendance began in numbers around 20 and soon gained momentum with each planning session, with around 60 to 70 people across the community attending consistently in the

end. The inclusion of Te Pōhue residents, Te Pōhue School, Community Club and Committee members; representatives from Ngati Hineuru, Maungaharuru-Tangitū, NZTA, NZ Police, Rayonier Matariki Forests and Meridian Wind Farm meant that many and diverse stakeholders in our community came together, bringing to the table different outlooks perhaps, yet a desire to grow our community. Due to this I have complete confidence that our entire community and its many voices have been raised, have been heard, and I watch with anticipation the journey over the next 5 years as our aspirations unfold.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari taku toa, he toa takitini – *Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many.*

Nga mihi mahana ki a katoa;

Kiri Goodspeed



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Located 31 kilometres inland from Whirinaki on State Highway 5, Te Pōhue sits under the Te Waka and the Maungarharuru Ranges. It is in a rural location and throughout history has been known for its bountiful forestry. Te Pōhue was named after a convolvulus-like bindweed that was common in the lowland scrub areas throughout most of New Zealand.

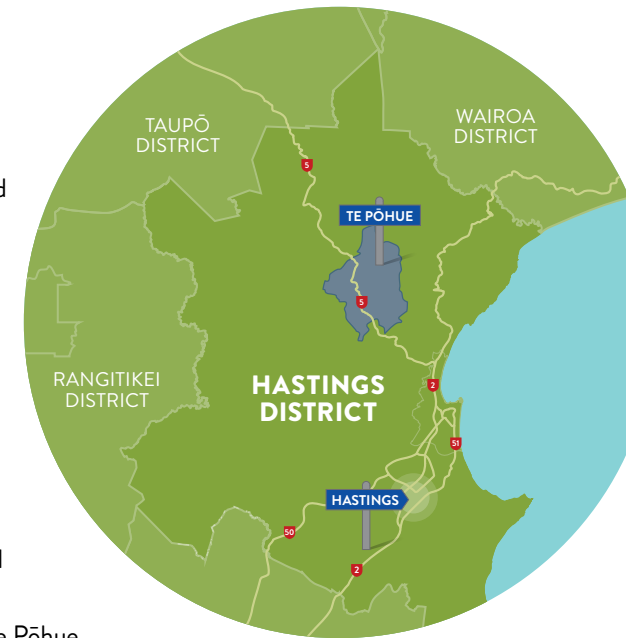
Over the years, Te Pōhue had a vibrant social scene for such a small community. The old Te Pōhue Hotel was the social epicentre of the community and a local hall provided a prime location for dances. Sports associations were a core part of the community with an active rugby club in the 1900s, annual sports days for all ages to have friendly competitions and also a Te Pōhue Golf Club which is still open today and provides a small but challenging course while also hosting beautiful views. It is open to those who are seasoned golfers or beginners who want to give swinging the club a solid go.

Construction of the Harapaki Wind Farm Development commenced in June 2021 and has brought a flurry of activity to the small community.

Right in the heart of the community, Te Pōhue School is a primary school built on values that spell out the acronym RESPECT; Rights of others, Excellence, Social Skills, Participation, Effort, Co-operation and contribution and Technological competence.

Focused on shaping the youth of Te Pōhue to become valuable community members in the future, the school has a strong focus on growth and increasing its connection with the local community, including iwi.

The Te Pōhue community would like to acknowledge our local Iwi and Hapu, Ngāti Hineuru Trust and Maungarharuru-Tangitū Trust.





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LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Harapaki Wind Farm Development

2021 saw the first piece of work begin on the Harapaki Wind farm in Te Pōhue. The site is located within the Maungaharuru Range in Hawke’s Bay, approximately 35km northwest of Napier.

This will be New Zealand’s second-largest wind farm with 41 turbines generating 176 MW of renewable energy, enough to power over 70,000 average households.

Construction is set to take around three years, contributing over \$150 million to the local and national economy, and create approximately 260 new jobs during its construction.

Te Pōhue Dog Trial Club

The Te Pōhue Dog Trial Club held its first dog trial event in 1909 and has held a trial every year since, only missing one year due to drought. The club has always received great support from local farmers and shepherds.



Sheep for the trial are provided by local farmers and are walked to the trial, sometimes up to eight kilometres. The club has its own clubhouse adjacent to the Te Pōhue golf clubhouse and utilises the golf clubrooms to provide meals, which are provided by the local school to raise money. The club also has an annual dinner and prize giving which gives the club the chance for local members to get together on a social occasions.

Te Pōhue Golf Club

Founded in 1967, the 9-hole course over rambling paddocks and fenced greens, makes this one of the most challenging and scenic courses you will find in the District.

Te Pōhue Community Hall

Situated on Ohurakura Road, it has been part of the community for over 50 years.

Recently it has been given a new lease of life with a new committee taking it on and a number of locals who have also joined forces to breathe new life back into this significant community asset.



Mohaka Rafting

Provides white water rafting on the beautiful Mohaka river offering everything from Grade 2 to Grade 4/5 rafting as well as expeditions, only 5.9km or 5 mins up State Highway 5 from Te Pōhue.

Trelinnoe Park

The park consists of 30 hectares of a wide and varied outstanding collection of trees, shrubs, perennials and natives. Landscaped woodland paths and wide sweeps of lawns makes this an exceptional garden to visit for locals and visitors alike.

Glenfalls Recreation Reserve

This popular reserve is located on Waitara Road, approximately one hour drive from Napier. It is well used over the summer months for picnics, camping, swimming, fishing, canoeing and rafting.

Te Pōhue School

Te Pōhue School was established by Henry Bodley in 1897 and has a colourful and rich history. Many stories about Te Pōhue School and the early years can be read in the book written by Pat Parsons, *In the Shadows of Te Waka*.

Te Pōhue School has played a significant role as the hub of the community since its establishment. The current school is the result of the combination of four schools; Te Pōhue, Ohurakura, Glenfalls and most recently, Te Haroto.

The school's vision of '*the best we can be through confidence, connection and country values*', is a reflection of the importance of the country values and their importance to members of the community.

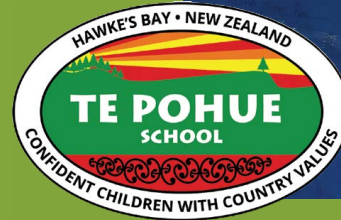


TE PŌHUE KIDS DREAM

A large part of the process of creating a Community Plan is the inclusion of children, with their vision and insight on what they see as being important to them in their community.

The dreams and aspirations of children can underpin a community's vision, goals and related actions. As part of community planning for Te Pōhue, children at the local school were invited to share what they wanted to see in their community. Their input is shown here.

A workshop was held with 28 children aged 5-12 years from Te Pōhue primary school to record what they value in their local community.



Using an assortment of resources, children created images of their choice on what they would like to see in a community plan, specific to their unique location.

The children characteristically drew places of relaxation, such as additional parks, a big slide into the school swimming pools, petting zoos and bike tracks for kids.

However, there were drawings that embodied the community as a whole with after school activities such as sports day, hunting and fishing competitions with parents participating, as well as a community disco at the end of each school term.



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BRINGING OUR PLAN TOGETHER

The actions in this plan come directly from the community of Te Pōhue. Along with its partners, the Hastings District Council conducted a series of meetings with community members, including students at the local primary school from mid to late-2019.

Through these discussions, four key areas for action were identified.

1. Community Sustainability
2. Increased Community Safety
3. Growth and Development
4. Community Communication

Within each of these areas of focus, there are a set of actions that form the basis of the community plan for 2021-2025.



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1 Community Sustainability

Community sustainability encompasses the community's culture and history, and environment. The community has said that they would like to develop relationships with Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust (MTT) and Ngāti Hineuru Trust, and establish communal congregation places to create a stronger and more cohesive community.

The community has also identified a need for improving the public amenities in Te Pōhue, given its location on the state highway. In addition, they would like to develop a plan for waste and recycling.

- 1.1 Establish and develop stronger relationships with local Iwi and Hapū, Ngāti Hineuru Trust and Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust to acknowledge the Māori history of Te Pōhue.
- 1.2 Review existing community trusts/entities to ensure a fit for purpose entity is available to support the implementation of the community plan.
- 1.3 Confirm the legal status of the community hall and surrounding land.
- 1.4 Scope opportunities for the long term feasibility of the community hall.
- 1.5 Uphold the standard of maintenance on the community hall and reserve to encourage usage in line with the long term feasibility.
- 1.6 Review sanitary service provisions on SH5.
- 1.7 Scope opportunities for the establishment of a community recycling facility.



2 Increased Community Safety

Being located on a state highway makes road safety a top priority for the Te Pōhue community. To achieve this, the community would like to develop a closer relationship with Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency.

Other safety measures include developing a community resilience plan to support the community in being prepared in the event of an emergency, exploring the feasibility of CCTV cameras and developing Neighbourhood Support throughout Te Pōhue.

- 2.1 Meet regularly with Waka Kotahi to discuss ongoing road safety.
- 2.2 Develop a Te Pōhue community resilience plan that identifies our hazards and the potential impacts we may face, what resources we may have to respond to an emergency and how we will look after ourselves and each other.
- 2.3 Explore the feasibility of CCTV cameras to support a reduction in crime.
- 2.4 Identify key locations in the community for defibrillators.
- 2.5 Develop a Neighbourhood Support network in the community.



3 Growth and Development

In order to strengthen and develop the community, the need for more investments in local businesses and the promotion of collaboration among community entities has been identified. Given the Harapaki Wind Farm developments, the community would like to develop a stronger relationship with Meridian Energy. Other development initiatives focus on beautification, such as the installation of an entrance sign welcoming you to the community.

- 3.1 Increase local business offering by building a business network to promote and connect local businesses.
- 3.2 Develop the relationship between the community and Meridian Energy.
- 3.3 Plan and implement a community beautification initiative.
- 3.4 Install an entrance sign on SH5.

4 Community Communication

To foster stronger community identity, build relationships and improve connectedness, there is an action to develop welcome packs for newcomers to the area.

There is a desire for stronger communication between community members and stakeholders. There are actions that address the need for regular communication between Waka Kotahi and the community, and the need for stakeholders to conduct regular meetings.

- 4.1 Develop welcome packs for new community members.
- 4.2 Communicate with the community in various ways i.e. social media, email, print, meetings.
- 4.3 Maintain regular communication with Waka Kotahi about road safety.
- 4.4 Maintain regular meetings to promote collaboration among our many Community stakeholders; (i.e. HDC, Ngāti Hineuru Trust, Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust, Te Pōhue Primary School, Local Community Boards, Meridian Energy, Rayonier Matariki, NZ Police, Waka Kotahi).

TE PŌHUE COMMUNITY PLAN TIMEFRAMES

NO.	ACTION	SHORT TERM 1-3 years	MEDIUM TERM 4-7 years	LONG TERM 8-10 years
1.0	Community Sustainability			
1.1	Establish and develop stronger relationships with local Iwi and Hapū, Ngāti Hineuru Trust and Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust to acknowledge the Māori history of Te Pōhue.			
1.2	Review existing community trusts/entities to ensure a fit for purpose entity is available to support the implementation of the community plan.	COMPLETED		
1.3	Confirm the legal status of the community hall and surrounding land.	COMPLETED		
1.4	Scope opportunities for the long term feasibility of the community hall.	COMPLETED		
1.5	Uphold the standard of maintenance on the community hall and reserve to encourage usage in line with the long term feasibility.			
1.6	Review sanitary service provisions on SH5.			
1.7	Scope opportunities for the establishment of a community recycling facility.			
2.0	Increased Community Safety			
2.1	Meet regularly with Waka Kotahi to discuss ongoing road safety.			
2.2	Develop a Te Pōhue community resilience plan.			
2.3	Explore the feasibility of CCTV cameras to support a reduction in crime.			
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3.2	Develop the relationship between the community and Meridian Energy.			
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NEXT STEPS

The Hastings District Council will continue to work with the people of Te Pōhue to monitor the plan and report annually on progress to the community and other partners. In response to feedback that came out of the engagements, there will be ongoing communication between Council and community members for the duration of this plan.



DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN ACTION SHEET (under development)

TE PŌHUE COMMUNITY PLAN 2021 - 2025		Status	Proposed Funding (to be completed)								Comments
			2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024		2024/2025		
			CP Budget	Other	CP Budget	Other	CP Budget	Other	CP Budget	Other	
1.0	Community Sustainability										
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1.2	Review existing community trusts/entities to ensure a fit for purpose entity is available to support the implementation of the community plan	Completed									
1.3	Confirm the legal status of the community hall and surrounding land	Completed									
1.4	Scope opportunities for the long term feasibility of the community hall	Completed									HDC 22/23 Single Year Community Grant - hall activations and defibs \$7k granted
1.5	Uphold the standard of maintenance on the community hall and reserve to encourage usage in line with the long term feasibility										2022/23 Annual Plan submission
1.6	Review sanitary service provisions on SH5										
1.7	Scope opportunities for the establishment of a community recycling facility										
2.0	Increased Community Safety										
2.1	Meet regularly with Waka Kotahi to discuss ongoing road safety										
2.2	Develop a Te Pōhue community resilience plan	Underway									Community resilience workshop scheduled for July 2022
2.3	Explore the feasibility of CCTV cameras										
2.4	Identify key locations in the community for defibrillators and install	Underway									HDC 22/23 Single Year Community Grant - hall activations and defibs \$7k granted
2.5	Develop a Neighbourhood Support network										
3.0	Growth and Development										
3.1	Build a business network to promote and connect local businesses										
3.2	Develop the relationship between the community and Meridian										
3.3	Plan and implement a community beautification initiative										
3.4	Install an entrance sign on SH5										
4.0	Community Communication										
4.1	Develop welcome packs for new community members										
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Total budget			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	