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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this community board plan is to provide a vision for the Waihemo Community Board over the next ten years. It will help guide Community Board decisions, action and future engagement with the community and Council.

The timeframe of 10 years, 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2028, has been used to align with the Waitaki District Council's 2018-28 Long Term Plan. This plan will be updated following Waitaki District Council's adoption of its annual budget in June of each year.

## BACKGROUND

Community workshops were held in Palmerston, Moeraki and Dunback in February 2018. Approximately 60 people attended the workshops which were run by an external facilitator. The purpose of the workshops was to give the community the chance to tell us their needs and aspirations and the findings have been used to develop this ten year plan.

Community drop-in sessions were also held at Moeraki, Palmerston and Hampden during March 2019 as part of the Waitaki District Plan Review. Feedback from these sessions was also used to develop this Community Board Plan.

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# ROLE OF COMMUNITY BOARD

The role of the Community Board includes:

- Representing and acting as an advocate for the interests of its community
- Considering and reporting on matters referred to it by the Council, or of any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board
- Maintaining an overview of services provided by the Council within the community
- Preparing an annual submission to the Council for expenditure within the community
- Communicating with community organisations and special interest groups
- Undertaking any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the council

Elected at the same time as Council, the Community Board consists of five members (including one councillor). Voters living in the Waihemo Ward are able to vote for their Community Board members.

## WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL VISION

The projects identified in our community plan contribute to the District's vision to make 'WAITAKI – THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY'.

They support the district's community outcomes of:

- We enable opportunities for new and existing businesses
- We provide and enable services and facilities so people want to stay and move here
- We maintain the safest community we can
- We keep our district affordable
- We understand the diverse needs of our community

# WAIHEMO COMMUNITY BOARD KEY FOCUS AREAS

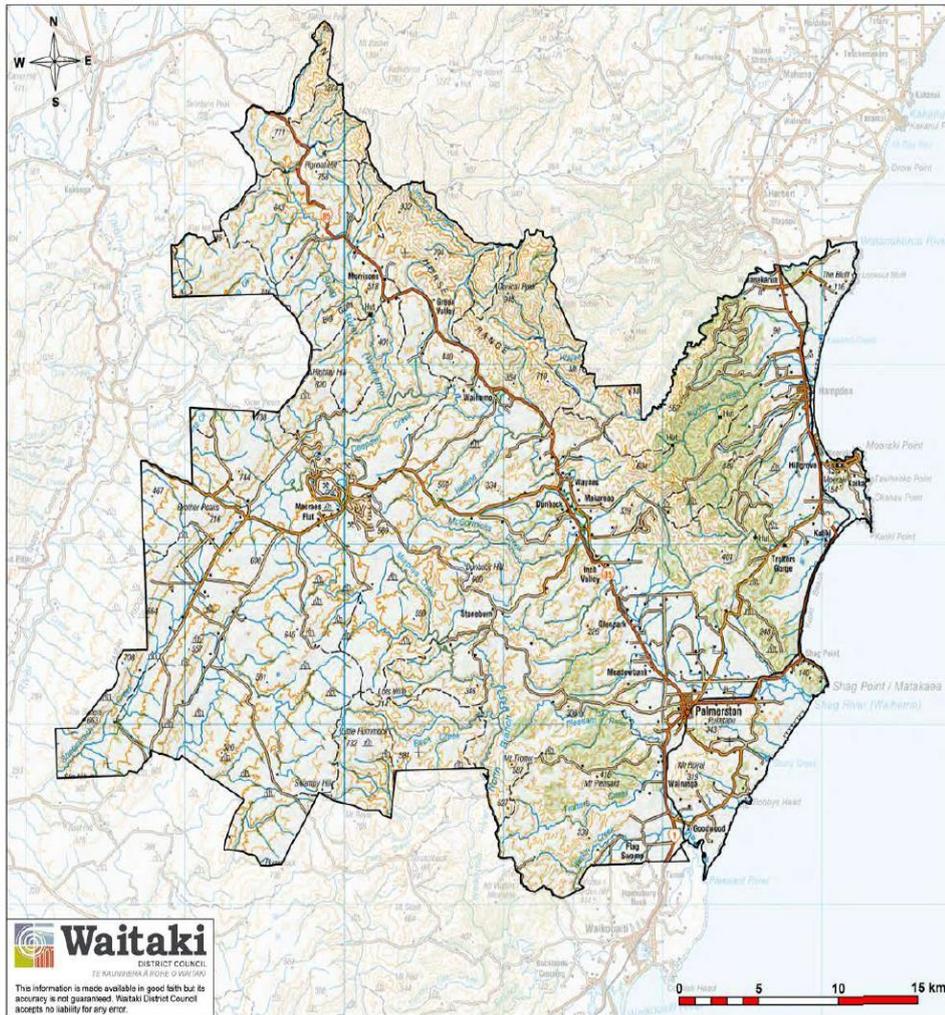
Area of focus	What do we want to achieve?	What will the Board do?	Timeframe
Recreational facilities	Improving and developing recreational facilities	Lodge a submission to the Waitaki District Council's 2018-28 Long Term Plan requesting that Council undertakes a recreation survey and develops a plan for the future of recreation facilities in Waihemo (including the use of existing facilities and development of walking/biking tracks).	2018-2028 Long Term Plan submission lodged 30 April 2018
Museum future development/ use of the museum	Valuing environment and heritage	Continue existing funding.	On-going
Maintain walking tracks (Millers Bay and Millennium track) - Moeraki	Improving and developing recreational facilities	Work with Councils Recreation team on the plan for amenity maintenance and improvement for Millers Bay and the Millennium track	Reviewed annually
Develop walking and biking tracks (Palmerston) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walking track up Puketapu</li> <li>Oamaru to Palmerston cycleway</li> <li>Hampden to Dunback walkway</li> <li>"The Plank" – Mill Road</li> </ul>	Improving and developing recreational facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with Council on the Coastal cycleway feasibility study to ensure community views are taken into consideration.</li> <li>Work with Council on walkway realignment options at Puketapu.</li> </ul>	Lodge a submission to the 2019/20 Annual Plan before 30 April 2019.
Freedom camping – toilets at north end of Katiki Beach	Improving infrastructure	Advocate on behalf of community to Council about this issue	Toilets due for completion before May 2019.
Heritage protection - Historic and geological heritage	Protect and showcase environment	Work with Waitaki District Council to ensure that heritage and geological items worthy of protection are included in the Waitaki District Plan review for consideration.	Waitaki District Plan is due to be notified for public consultation in 2020
Environmental Amenity: Remove advertising signs north and south of Hampden that are no longer current	Improved environmental amenity	Write to Waitaki District Council requesting the removal of non-current signage	Letter lodged with Waitaki District Council by 30 June 2019
Waterways – flooding issues (Hampden and Palmerston townships)	Environmental and private property protection	Talk to Council staff about developing a fact sheet outlining responsibilities for care of waterways to be provided to landowners with waterways running through their property	Request a workshop with Waitaki District Council staff to discuss the issues and options before 30 September 2019.
Waterways: – flooding avoidance (Dunback)	Avoid flood damage	Advocate for riparian planting for Dunback Domain and highlight community concern regarding the effect on flooding of willows along Shag River.	Write to Otago Regional Council before 30 June 2019

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Waterways – native plantings at Waianakarua River mouth	Weed growth is kept under control	Write to Waitaki District Council's Parks & Recreation manager requesting weed control at Waianakarua River mouth is added to the programme of work	Lodge a letter with Waitaki District Council before 30 June 2019
Adequate land available for both residential and business development in all Waihemo townships	Stimulating growth and economic development	Work with Waitaki District Council to ensure that the Waitaki District Plan provides adequate and appropriately zoned land for development	The Waitaki District Plan is under review with formal public consultation timed for late 2020
Electric car charging station (Palmerston, Dunback-Macraes Flat)	Improving infrastructure	Approach OtagoNet (electricity provider) to investigate the possibility of charging stations in the Waihemo District (specifically Palmerston and Macraes Flat).	Write to OtagoNet before 30 June 2019
Road Safety, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better parking for big trucks in Hampden</li> <li>Reviewing speed limits in Waihemo townships (especially Hampden, Palmerston, Moeraki and Dunback)</li> <li>Moeraki- Boulders intersection</li> <li>Street lights in Moeraki</li> <li>Intersection improvements in Palmerston</li> <li>Road signs in foreign languages</li> </ul>	Safer roads	Write to Waitaki District Council's Roding manager requesting a joint workshop with New Zealand Transport Agency to discuss road safety issues.	Lodge a letter with Waitaki District Council before 30 June 2019
Improve Roding, footpaths and drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kerb and channel –</li> <li>More and better maintained footpaths</li> </ul>	Improving infrastructure	Advocate on behalf of the community to Waitaki District Council to ensure continued expenditure on existing and new infrastructure in Waihemo	Continue to raise relevant issues through the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan submission process.
Seal Lighthouse Road	Improving infrastructure	Advocate on behalf of community to have Lighthouse Road added to the Council's seal extension programme.	Raise with Waitaki District Council through the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan submission process.

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More rubbish bins (Palmerston)	Improving infrastructure and township amenity	Advocate on behalf of community to Waitaki District Council	Include a request for more rubbish bins in Palmerston as part of the 2019/20 Annual Plan submission.
Hampden – Stormwater & Sewerage system	Improving infrastructure	Write to Waitaki District Council's Water manager requesting a review of the Stormwater and Sewerage systems in Hampden	Include a request that the Council reviews the Stormwater and Sewerage systems in Hampden as part of the 2019/20 Annual Plan submission.
Oxidation ponds - Moeraki	Improving infrastructure	Write to Waitaki District Council's Water manager requesting that the Oxidation Ponds are assessed to determine their ability to cope with increasing housing demand	Include a request that the Council reviews the lifespan of the Oxidation Ponds in Moeraki as part of the 2019/20 Annual Plan submission.
Targeted marketing of Waihemo Ward	Raise profile of Waihemo	<p>1. Lodge a submission to the Waitaki District Council's 2018-28 Long Term Plan requesting the development of a targeted marketing plan for the Waihemo area.</p> <p>2. Write to Tourism Waitaki and the Waitaki District Council economic development manager requesting a targeted marketing campaign of Waihemo including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A renewal of entrance signs for the Waihemo townships</li> <li>• The promotion of walkways and cycleways</li> <li>• Developing natural and cultural heritage themes and</li> <li>• Signage associated with the Puketapu Reserve.</li> </ul>	<p>2018-28 Long Term Plan submission lodged 30 April 2018</p> <p>Before 30 June 2019</p>
Improved internet access in Waihemo (Palmerston, Dunback-Macraes Flat)	Improving infrastructure	Write a letter to Spark New Zealand (internet provider) requesting that internet access and cell phone coverage in the Waihemo Ward is investigated to see what improvements could be made.	Letter to be sent by 30 June 2019
Communication between Council, Community Board and Community	Improve the communication channels for two-way communication	<p>Maintain a Community Board Plan that will set out priority actions for the Waihemo Community Board based on the aspirations of the Waihemo Community.</p> <p>Request the Waitaki District Council to carry more information about the actions and decisions made by the Waihemo Community Board on the Waitaki District Council website (including a "have your say" page).</p>	<p>The 10 year plan will be updated annually.</p> <p>Changes made to the Waitaki District Council website by 30 June 2019</p>

# Community profile

Waihemo ward has a population of 2,250 people.<sup>1</sup> In Waihemo 25% of the population is aged over 65 years which is higher than the national average (at 15%).



**Waihemo Ward  
Waitaki District**



Waitaki District, New Zealand



Waihemo Ward, Waitaki District



<sup>1</sup> Stats NZ Dataset: Subnational population estimates (TA, ward), by age and sex, at 30 June 2013-17 (2017 boundaries).

## **Appendix 1 – What the community told us (comments received from individuals)**

- Remove advertising signs north and south of Hampden that are no longer current
- Develop walkway/ cycleways (Moeraki-Hampden, Dunback-Macraes Flat)
- Walking and bike tracks – Waianakarua, Hampden-Katiki-Shag Point, Millennium track
- Cycle trail Moeraki to Beach Road
- Cycleway Palmerston to Dunback
- Walking tracks Dunback-Wadestown
- Improve town centre amenity (Palmerston)
- Private/ Council collaboration to tidy town centre
- Encourage shop owners to take pride in the look of their shops
- Sunflowers in centre gardens
- Community events Palmerston:
  - Men's shed to allow knowledge to be passed down to youth – partnership with Macraes
  - Sports coach for young and old
  - Senior computing
  - Community barn dance e.g. for Matariki
  - Develop community events and opportunities (Palmerston)
- Flooding damage - Need plan for riparian planting along the river through the Domain.
- Deal with environmental damage and improve amenity (Hampden):
- Millers Bay - road erosion, surface water
- Hampden beach – coastal erosion, car parking, playground improvement, fencing off
- Wilding pines management
- Develop recreation dam at Macraes post-mining
- Dunback Domain – add showers, fix tennis courts, add picnic tables, swing-bridge.
- Dog park (Dunback)

### **Infrastructure:**

#### Palmerston:

- The clock needs to be fixed
- Vandalism of statues – who is responsible? The statues are on private land
- Derelict buildings need tidying up
- Waterwheel needs fixing
- Assets - Fantastic land-based business sector
- Need better parking and bike stands

#### Moeraki-Hampden:

- Recognise Moeraki is a significant drawcard for visitors to district
- The sea is an asset
- Make sure Hampden school and library are retained
- Dunback Domain is a good asset, and the new signage is good.

#### Improve existing facilities (Palmerston)

- Tidy up of public grounds
- Development of Ross Park (e.g. cycle track; tree identification)
- Finish sports hall to allow for more use
- Develop skate park

#### Develop new facilities (Palmerston)

- Community gardens
- BBQ area
- Water supply – water metering for businesses (Moeraki-Hampden)
- Stormwater drainage
- Direction of stormwater disposal (Moeraki-Hampden)
- Improved internet access and cell phone coverage in the Waihemo Ward

### **Infrastructure – roads/footpaths:**

Palmerston - Improve road safety:

- Town centre intersection improvement – roundabout?
- Make speed limits 50 km/h throughout town –70 km/h limit on Dunback Rd is unsafe for children

Moeraki-Hampden - Improve road safety:

- Having 3 speed limits in Hampden is confusing
- Safety at Boulders turn-off and Moeraki turn-off
- Road safety between Hampden and Waianakarua
- Better parking for big trucks in Hampden

Palmerston – footpaths and drainage:

- Maintenance of culverts and creeks, and rubbish removal
  - Flooding is occurring from clogging of systems by gravel and rubbish
  - The creek is used as a dumping ground
- Not enough paths, or well-maintained paths
  - Loose gravel on paths is a hazard

Dunback – reduce the speed limit through Dunback

### **Infrastructure - Waste Management:**

- Palmerston - Green waste free to dump
- Hampden – Development in Hampden is restricted by a lack of a sewerage system

### **Growth and Development**

- Encourage residential and business development (Palmerston)
- Retirement village
- Expedite residential subdivision and lifestyle blocks
- Make land available for housing
- Residential subdivision at Dunback
- Make land available for light industry
- Make it easy to start up business - assist new businesses to set up
- Planning for future growth (Dunback-Macraes-Flat):
- Encourage more families
- Promote Waynes and Dunback: - Signage at entrance and exit of towns
- Signage at Dunback about the church and Wellingtonia pine
- Dunback should be on Council maps

Tourism development (Palmerston)

- Palmerston junction town – encourage motorhomes to stop and stay (but no dump station)
- Proposal for motorhome park at A&P grounds
- Communities to work together for an overall tourist experience, not singularly – the cobweb effect

Develop new visitor attractions in Moeraki:

- Fish shop at port
- Coffee house at lighthouse, with glass viewing area

### **Other:**

- Communication has become one-way – plenty of reports but nobody listens to local opinion.
- Nothing done about 10 year complaint about locked gates on road (Macraes).