OTEMATATA MASTERPLAN

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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY

THANKS TO ALL THAT GAVE THEIR FEEDBACK ON THE MASTERPLAN OPTIONS FOR OTEMATATA

We've had some great discussions and now have some clear direction from the community as to how they want to see Otematata develop in the future.

Over 75 people came along to the community workshop and we received 43 written submissions.

We're currently working through the feedback to help develop a preferred masterplan option. This will be presented to the Ahuriri Community Board in December 2019.

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT YOU TOLD US AT THE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP:

HOUSING

▶ No clear consensus on the location of future housing but Waitaki Drive East and Loch Laird Road sites were favoured. (Loch Laird site was favoured for mixed use development.)

▶Need for larger section sizes to keep boats, trailers etc off the road (600m2 - 800m2).

▶Provide some limited areas for higher density housing but keep to a maximum of two storeys and ensure character of the town is retained.

▶Concerns that housing will only be used for visitor accommodation and not provide for an increased resident population.

RETAIL

▶ Favoured location for more retail behind the community centre and shop.

COMMERCIAL

▶ Light industry and service activities at the Loch Laird Road site – mixed use site with some residential.

TRANSPORT

▶ Need to calm traffic speeds either directly with speed limits or indirect with calming measures such as landscaping, traffic islands.

▶ Improved town signage.

▶ Provide safe crossing point from hotel to park (underpass idea was popular)

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

▶ No need for dog park (already an existing one at Buller Crescent).

▶Enhance existing recreational areas with better lighting, planting (including fruit tree) and changing sheds.

▶BBQ area at old toilet site with shade sail and picnic tables.

LANDSCAPE/ STREETSCAPE

▶ Strong support for gateway landscaping on approaches to town. Select plants that are suitable to climate/ conditions and ensure they are maintained. Need for professional and local knowledge to provide advice on planting.

▶ Hydro-history information and sculpture on main road. Placement of old dam building machinery (possibly from Twizel) had good support– great feature and for kids to climb and explore.

VISITOR FACILITIES

▶ Install a bike maintenance station on area to front of community centre.

▶Electric charger for bikes and cars.

▶Develop heritage trail using QR codes.

▶Provide an unmanned information kiosk focus on hydro and cultural heritage of area.

OTHER

▶ Need to ensure infrastructure provision is suitable before new development planned.

AND HERE'S WHAT YOU TOLD US FROM YOUR WRITTEN FEEDBACK:

MOST PREFERRED OPTIONS (listed in order of preference) LEAST PREFERRED OPTIONS

1. Adventure playground = A20 kiosk at the intersection of West Road and SH83 (in front of community centre).
2. Establish a hydro-dam sculpture at the intersection of SH83 and Loch Laird Road
3. Establishment of community gardens
4. Small business area with shared resources
5. Additional commercial light industrial land along River Terrace
6. Establish a new retail area along the frontage of the recreation area
7. Establish a new retail area along the golf course road frontage. = Information/ hydro-heritage/ A20 kiosk on West Road/ Rata Drive reserve
8. Provide a fenced dog park within the recreation area
9. Visitor accommodation on West Road/ Rata Drive reserve.

THESE WERE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHERE NEW HOUSING SHOULD GO:

MOST PREFERRED OPTIONS (listed in order of preference)

1. Medium density housing off Waitaki Drive East (approx. 100 houses).
2. Low density housing off Kowhai Place (approx. 20 houses).
3. Medium density housing to south of Otematata (approx. 250 houses)
4. Low density housing off Loch Laird Road (approx. 50 houses)

OTHER WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED:

'No new housing until adequate infrastructure is in place.'

'Ensure suitable planting for climatic conditions.'

'State Highway roadside enhancement needed to improve visual amenity and slow traffic.'

'Improve employment opportunities.'

'Provide for smaller unit sizes and on-site parking.'

'Increase business area around existing shop and community centre.'

'Preserve heritage character of houses and the town'

'No buildings on Loch Laird area.'

'Provide an area for pop-up businesses to operate.'

'Support for proposals to increase physical activity opportunities.'

'Provide additional seating opportunities and better cycle paths and footpaths.'

'Provide drinking fountains and dog drinking bowls.'

'Provide fruit trees and bushes in public areas.'

'Provide better rubbish and recycling bins.'

'More to encourage motorists to stop.'

'More retirement housing and workers accommodation.'

'Maintain the small village character.'

‘Redevelop derelict community hall for visitor accommodation.’

‘More permanent and affordable housing.’

‘Improved connectivity.’

‘Improvements to the boat harbour near Otematata bridge needed to provide a marina and camping area with tracks to centre.’

‘No further development of the town as under utilised at present.

‘Keep Electrix Limited where they are as they are an important employer for the area.’

‘Adventure playground for the young.’

‘More retail along SH83 to encourage traffic to slow down and stop.’

‘Slow down islands needed along SH83.’

‘More focus on the hydro-dam heritage.’

‘Small business and shops on Rata Drive reserve.’

‘Keep reserves free of development.’

‘More public toilets needed.’

‘Provide retail within existing retail car park area.’

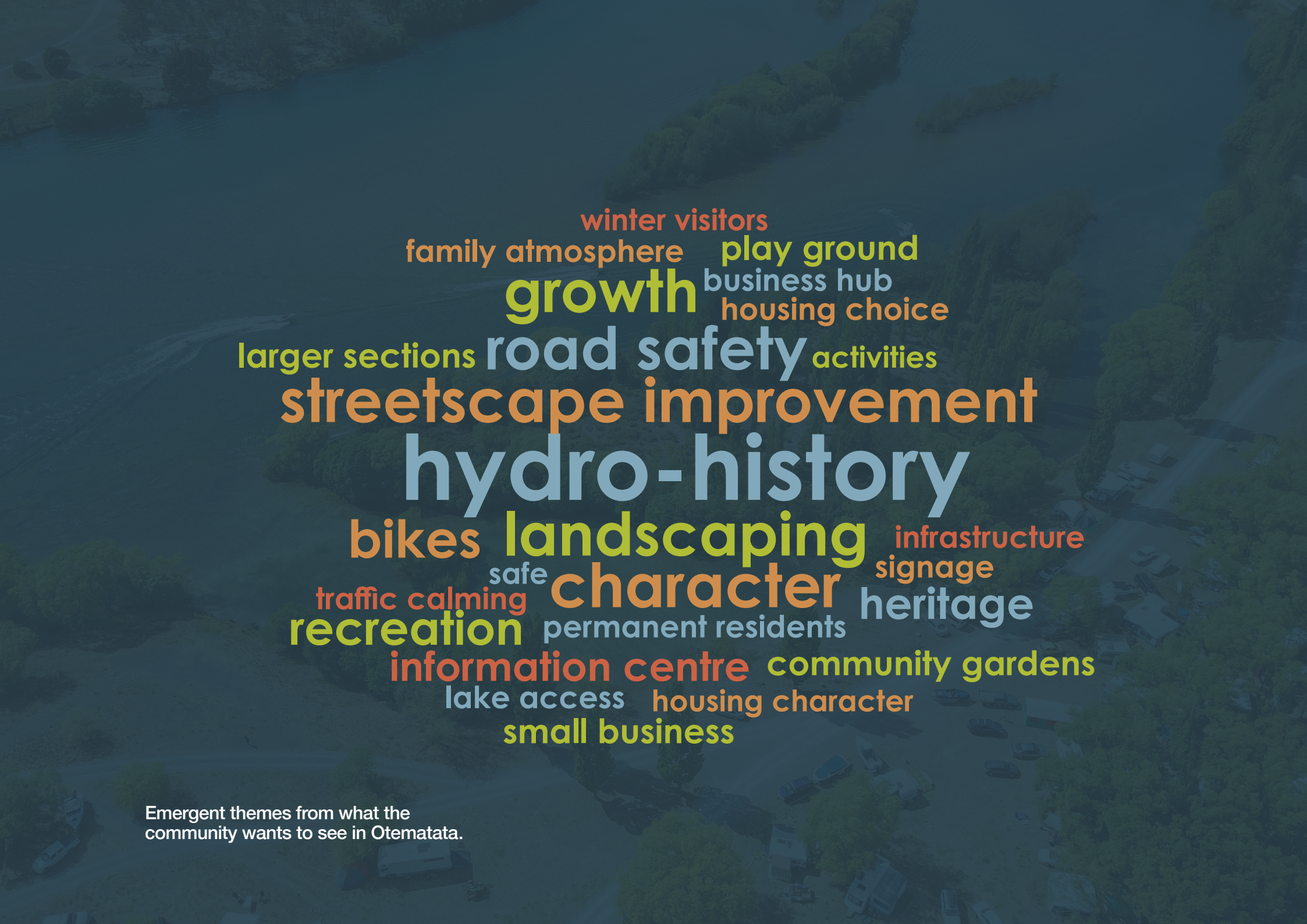
‘Provide rest and BBQ area along SH83 near to shops’

‘New development should be limited to single storey.’

‘Retain remoteness and tranquility of the town.’

‘Do not allow town to become another Wanaka or Queenstown.’

‘Better maintenance of existing streetscape areas.’



Emergent themes from what the community wants to see in Otematata.

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