

The 10-year Plan

Each month, WOW will be looking at a different aspect of the 2009-2019 10-year Plan, which will be adopted in June 2009. To view previous articles, log onto www.waipadc.govt.nz

Part 2 - Community Outcomes

Community Outcomes are an integral part of the 10-year Plan, as they represent the goals and aspirations of the community, which in turn guide Council's long term planning.

Council's overall mission statement is "to promote the wellbeing of the people of the Waipa District" and community outcomes help to achieve this. There are four overall themes that encompass our community outcomes, which were refined after community consultation in 2007.

Vibrant and Creative Waipa

We are proud to be part of Waipa District, we participate in artistic and cultural activities and we work together to plan for the future.

Outcomes for this theme cover our unique identity, rich and diverse heritage, Maori heritage, the special character of our towns, celebrating achievement, and participation in decision making.

Economically Secure Waipa

Our district is economically secure and provides opportunities for employment and growth.

Outcomes for this theme cover forward zoning planning, links between towns and the district, Waipa as a tourist destination, appropriate infrastructure, major industries supporting the local area, safety and accessibility of public buildings and transport options, and buying local.

Environmentally Sustainable Waipa

We value and protect our unique landscapes and healthy natural environment, while managing growth.

Outcomes for this theme cover the protection of special areas and pest control, the link between healthy environments and healthy people, sustainable land management, maintaining water quality and efficient use of water, waste reduction, preservation of the environment including sites and landscapes significant to Maori, and reducing reliance on non-renewable energy.

Healthy and Active Waipa

We have healthy and active lifestyles, with access to a range of health, educational and recreational facilities and services. Housing is affordable and we feel safe.

Outcomes for this theme cover recreational spaces, playgrounds and facilities, good quality housing, educational opportunities at all levels, coordinated community services, equal opportunities for Maori and non-Maori, protection and care of families, resource sharing, the importance of Te Reo, and partnerships between Maori, iwi and hapu, and central and local government.

Last month, Council hosted workshops in Te Awamutu and Cambridge for community organisations to come along and share all the projects they are involved with to achieve our community outcomes. These organisations do a fantastic job, and Council wants to work with them to maximise the benefits for residents with the resources that are available.

For the full list of all Waipa District's community outcomes, log onto www.waipadc.govt.nz