

Maori Hui with Council

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Papa O Te Aroha Marae

Proposed Community Outcome Statements-

The following are the notes taken from the hui. The "community outcome" statements below are drafted to reflect the aspirations being communicated. Please check these community outcome statements to see whether you feel they are a fair reflection of the aspirations shared.

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Environmental Outcome Statements

1. The high quality of the Districts environment is strongly protected.
2. Maori ownership of, interest in, and values surrounding the sustainable management of waterways and land are acknowledged and appropriately involved in planning.
3. Maori participate, and become pro-actively involved in ensuring protection, enhancement and maintenance of the natural environment.
4. Maori are involved in all community environmental promotion projects including walkway or wetland development or enhancement.
5. Balance between commercial development and environmental protection is sought, and a sustainable environmental and Community management approach adopted.
6. The urban environment is clean and tidy, with tagging and vandalism replaced by widespread culture of respect for community and identity.

Social Outcome Statements

1. Access to amenities, facilities, services, community events is improved and barriers to participation reduced.
2. Social service networks and community life education is developed and improved to counter issues of crime, isolation, poor health, and to better equip people for more meaningful futures.
3. Young people have access to good facilities and constructive activities outside of school.

4. All people live in warm, safe, insulated housing. This goes hand in hand with good air quality through sustainable and appropriate fuel consumption.

Economic Outcome Statements

1. Maori self-determination increases in their economic future, including increasing their capacity to develop their own businesses and maximise their own strengths
2. Thriving economy that delivers budgets to the Maori community and provides opportunities to retain and employ its youth.
3. Encouragement and development of community cohesion and pride to anchor community and economic activities.

Cultural Outcome Statements

1. Maori culture and values are promoted to the local community to improve understanding and the quality of planning.
2. Strong relationships are built between Raukawa Trust Board and other community sectors, including Council.
3. Communication and consultation techniques between Maori and community service providers and at all levels of organisations.

Environment

What is the District doing well?

- "Te Waihou Walkway is beautiful"
- Mokai geothermal plant is a great model for development
- SWDC maintenance/management of waterways
- Wetlands is well done
- Wherever we live we can walk to Marae
- Developing/nurturing relationship with Iwi/indigenous people is great/well done
- Recycling is good- SWDC has a good programme (home/town/community)
- The Eco walkways (especially the unused railway by Ngatira) are developed/extended
- Sewerage management is well done

Environmental concerns

- The balance between commercial matters and our taonga/ environment/ culture
- Clean air

Waterways

- Lake Moananui needs to be cleaned
- Effluent waste treatment (behind Holsters)
- Changes in water flows/river levels (MRP)
- Ensure Maori/ Iwi are consulted concerning waterway projects e.g. Te Waihou Walkway
- Health of Tupuna awa and Waikato
- Ensuring our tupuna awa/ puna wai are "He Wai Maori"
- Sustainable management of water use- Monitor water taken

Forests

- Regrowth of feral pine trees- must be eradicated
- Work to rebuild our native forests

Social

What is the District doing well?

- Warm homes project
- Friendly- churches integrate people
- The look of the town has improved (e.g. footpaths)
- Improved communication/consultation
- The Region/District is looking good
- PI healthcare- 4 days, kaumatua care- pools
- Number of Maori in area
- Resilience of people

- Safe
- Promote Tokoroa positively
- Food bank services
- Good at providing a range of social services- great need...range of resources and cliental, supply meets need
- Promote our nice looking district- promote our Multi-cultural diversity
- PAWS- awesome they are Respected Taonga and more are needed- plenty more!
- Graffiti artists!! Use local talent! Annual symposium
- Real talking point- Poles
- Maori/ PI generally supportive..... Large % of population
- Kapahaka!!!! Fun meeting other people- encourages other people in competition! Drums- Billy M. (Not many events)
- Tertiary education- Waiariki and Wananga- provide leadership skills
- Project K- Tutangata
- Tok- encompassed integrated into community- support to networks- informal!

Social concerns

Youth

- **Major Youth issues-** Tagging, Youth development gap, youth boredom, suicide, violence, teenage pregnancies and Motivation
- Social events for youth
- Youth Council because there are heaps of youth and heaps of youth issues
- Re-establish Monday night's youth programme at YMCA- P Flat Freshies E (2) Mons.
- Crips/ Bloods/ East/ West- American gang culture
- Boy racers are a concern they need to have a burn out pad and a place to display their cars
- Kids riding bikes in town

Services

- Mentoring programme – Hokowhitu
- Concerns about how the way Council engages with Maori/ iwi / Tangata whenua
- There are a wide range of services but lacking in quality
- IT access- Senior Net unavailable to up-skill kaumatua
- Health sector- heaps of room for improvement
- Services to parks and reserves- trees have not been monitored and have grown too big- Kaumatua concerned
- Ugly roads...footpaths.
- Lack of town promotion on outskirts of South Waikato towns- signs
- Youth need to be involved in activities for youth and run by youth

Transport

- Access to CBD- solo mums- people with disabilities etc.
- Transport- bus fees high! Some people don't have enough money, consider free bus service!!
- Mangakino Bus is ok but should run on Saturdays!

Housing

- longer winters- asthma- lack of \$\$\$
- Wood expensive- transport and access to wood sometimes difficult etc – with the issue of wet wood
- Maintenance / insurance/ substandard housing

Priorities for Action

- Tagging! Concerns around town, respect for community, identity
- Houses- health issues, minimum home
- Transport
- Youth programme
- Services

Economy

What is the District doing well?

- There is a desire to develop here- we need to provide good administration
- Communication and consultation- this process is a first
- Support for Maori people and families is strong
- Tertiary support for Maori- this is in the South Waikato
- Listening ear
- Farming
- Choice of food
- Maori land- want to train our people to run it- lease it out at the moment

Strengths

- Accepting of multi –cultural community it is normal, welcomed, supported, even from early child ages
- People attracted by welcoming attitude
- Real estate price attractive- cost of living ok
- High employment overall
- Young people have top talent in sport, arts and performance
- Religion- supportive of the people- linking
- Investment
- Have broader base of choice for culture/religion/club- support diversity
- Central location- communities connected
- Profile is high
- People are connected, motivated to join and set up
- Good child care options
- People come for activities and culture

Economic concerns

- Employment, tourism, agriculture, future stability, drawing on what works and is strong, growth and opportunities
- Lack of funding- not capacity to purchase CHH land (for example) would like to.
- Improve public transport
- Lack of music/ performing arts centre
- Need central facility for meetings/ functions
- Barriers to investment- more rules than other places
- Need cinema and activities out of home
- Investment strategy
- Children off the streets- alternative activities, night activities
- Lack of trained Maori farming staff
- More apprenticeships
- Marketing- not getting image out there
- What does future hold for work in Tokoroa?
- Better quality sport facilities- in need of more maintenance- can't attract major events and sports
- Need to develop admin support for business
- Crossing gaps from secure environment/school/home- to big wide world- bridge train
- Deal with vacant houses and sections- take pride and ownership of area- show we have a nice place to live and care for it
- Better quality accommodation- e.g. motels
- More support for Maori business opportunities- development ventures

Priorities for Action

- More opportunities for Maori to retain, train, employ youth, Focus on whole South Waikato picture, make Tokoroa southern gateway
- Tourism- more jobs/ maximise our strengths for benefit
- Youth centre
- Creative tourism- Nelson/ Blenheim

- Utilisation of our skills
- Coordinate efforts to get there
- Find LT project that puts us on the map- unique (e.g. map of NZ over three rugby fields that people can walk around/ Indoor surf stadium)
- Pride in community buildings- tagging fixed
- Branding
- Creative

Cultural

What is the District Doing Well?

- Information to people in district, Raukawa to SWDC.
- Kapa Haka taken care of at regional level
- Integrate Kapa Haka & waiata into SWDC & South Waikato towns
- TWA has programme for kaumatua
- Area has strength in cultural areas
- SWDC has looked at some good initiatives- talking poles, cultural diversity
- Community support for Tikanga Maori is strong

What is Culture?

- spirituality
- physical
- manaakitanga
- Tikanga
- Te Reo
- Kapa Haka
- Waiata
- Whakapapa
- Karakia
- protocol and custom
- Mana whenua
- Mahi toi
- Kohanga reo
- kura kaupapa
- Runanga & Wananga,
- Knowing who we are as Maori, to enable us to move forward
- Knowing Te Ao Maori
- Wahi Tapu
- Tikanga- tangiha nga on Marae,

Cultural Concerns

- SWDC need to lift levels of Tikanga Maori within the organisation
- Need to build relationship with Raukawa
- SWDC needs to understand:
 - Trustees are the mouthpiece of Raukawa
 - Marae should be consulted individually
 - Relationships should be at different levels with all levels of community
 - Not reaching the people-ordinary people
 - Communication generates korero & understanding, this builds unity.
 - Suggest hui, Wananga to build communication and understanding
- Maori urupa
- Raise Kapa Haka- host Kapa Haka champs
- Increase Maori profile
- Subdivisions- Maori consulted?
- Signage plantings- native not pine

How should Maori talk to Council in future?

- Kanohi ki te kanohi
- Make it understandable- 0800 number, Maori pamphlets, plain language
- Acceptance of differences/ values
- Better networking within Iwi/ Maori/ Tangata whenua
- More open forums with public/ people and Iwi, Maori, Tangata whenua
- Hold hui on Marae
- Lists of people representing interests- issues
- Take time to talk to representatives
- Monitor/feedback/representing issues
- Broaden representatives in the forums
- All parties (Councillors etc.) must be accountable for representing the views of Maori

- Overview needed of the whole district- Iwi/ Maori/ Tangata whenua & Council
- Key points:
 - Tangata whenua view
 - Iwi view
 - Maori view
 - Distinctive policy on use of Maori kupu (e.g. Taonga)
- Maori ward
- Recognise input of Tangata whenua
- More consulting with Tangata whenua over land use planning
- Maori youth input
- Council to go to the people
- Youth Council
- Who are main stakeholders- More use of Papa O Te Aroha facility
- Area for hosting more events for stakeholders