

CREATING OUR FUTURE

community outcomes
**PROGRESS
PAPAKURA**

In many towns and cities throughout New Zealand people are coming together to build sustainable communities. Communities that are safe, vibrant, liveable and healthy.

In Papakura, the Papakura District Council with support from Sustainable Communities aims to build a community plan based on what the community wants for its future.

We aim to involve interested members of the Papakura community, iwi and hapu, local, regional and central government agencies to all contribute to making this vision a reality.

We are calling this partnership “Progress Papakura”. Together we’re working to create a vision and way forward to achieve:

- a healthy natural and built environment;
- enhanced social well-being (including the provision health and education services);
- greater economic prosperity; and
- enhanced cultural well-being.

In essence, a successful District. A place where people enjoy living. Where they feel safe, where it’s easy to get around and there are employment choices. Where the environment is enjoyed and also protected for our children’s children. It’s a place where people are proud to live.



Sustainable Communities

For Progress Papakura, the Papakura District Council has active support from the Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Social Development, Counties-Manukau District Health Board and the Auckland Regional Council, through a partnership called Sustainable Communities. Sustainable Communities is a joint project under the Auckland Sustainable Cities Programme.

Progress Papakura began the initial planning to identify community goals for Papakura’s future late last year. In December 2004, community and government agency representatives working in Papakura were asked to contribute to designing the process for identifying community outcomes.

Your vision for Papakura

Over the past few months, Progress Papakura has been talking with people in the District, about their vision for their community’s future.

We talked to them about what they valued about the District and their community, what they would like to see changed, and how they think things should develop over the next ten or so years.

We’ve received this feedback from the community in various ways, including focus groups, youth expo survey, telephone survey, kids art activity, feedback forms, hui a iwi, business forum, and District bus tours. From this feedback, we developed the following summary of Community Outcomes Themes.

Accessible and cared for natural environment



- Appropriate recreational facilities are available around water and forest areas
- There is sustainable recreational use of the natural environment

- Access to the natural environment and recreational opportunities is encouraged through integrated physical infrastructure (e.g. roading, walkways)
- People take collective responsibility for the care of our natural environment

Safe and stable community

- Our physical environments enhance personal safety
- There is minimal graffiti and littering in the District

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A regional partnership with the Sustainable Development Programme of Action

Department of Internal Affairs • Auckland Regional Council
Counties Manukau District Health Board
Ministry of Social Development • Papakura District Council

Community Outcomes: Together, we are building a better future for the District. Join us.

- A range of quality housing in well-planned neighbourhoods is available throughout the District
- Residents demonstrate commitment to the long-term wellbeing of the District
- People living and working in the District are aware of and can influence decision-making that affects the community

Fostering involvement in arts and recreation

- The District has well developed and maintained centres for arts and recreation activities
- A variety of accessible and attractive places and opportunities for recreational activity cater for people of all ages and abilities
- People are healthy through involvement in recreational activity

Pride in our community and heritage

- Papakura District has a strong and positive identity
- Our important cultural and heritage sites are known and protected
- There is a sense of community pride and belonging among District residents
 - People in Papakura celebrate and support our cultural heritage



Town centre as the heart of the District

- The town centre is vibrant and attractive
- The town centre area has both a strong business presence and a variety of leisure opportunities
- The town centre has a distinctive identity embraced by residents
- There is a mix of boutique and chain stores in the town centre

A well planned built environment



- The District's infrastructure is sustainable and caters for the community's diverse needs and activities
- New developments are designed to enhance people's quality of life, health and social connectedness
- Roading and public transport infrastructure is integrated and functions
- Beauty and functionality are balanced in our built environment

Healthy lifestyles

- The way we plan and use our environment promotes healthy lifestyle choices
- People have access to and are encouraged to participate in a range of activities that promote personal health and wellbeing

Releasing the potential of our rangatahi



- A range of quality educational and vocational opportunities are available to our youth
- Youth development is supported by role models and mentors
- Quality facilities and events encourage youth participation in recreation and leisure activities
- Youth initiatives within the District are encouraged and supported

Next steps

Currently we're reviewing the next steps towards developing a draft Community Plan by the end of December this year and we'd really like you to be part of that development.

We aim to involve interested members of the Papakura community, iwi and hapu, businesses, community and sports groups, and government organisations in developing this plan and in playing your role to work towards these community outcomes. If you'd like to take an active part in building Papakura's future, please contact Craig Forbes at Papakura District Council on 295 1344, or Ann Kendall at Department of Internal Affairs on 263 7746 or 027 4511372.