

# Community Outcomes

*As stated in the Ruapehu District Council 2006-16 Long Term Plan, Council undertook a consultation process with the Ruapehu District community to identify the Community Outcomes. These Community Outcomes are collective statements of community goals and aspirations - the things that the community think are important for its wellbeing. These Community Outcomes were collected by way of input from the community through a number of focus groups, as well as surveys of residents, outside ratepayers, community groups and high school students. The Community Outcomes Statements were then developed for each of the four wellbeings from the aspirations as developed by the community. This extensive consultation process provided the set of Community Outcomes below.*

## Cultural Wellbeing

- 1 A community that understands, embraces, respects and celebrates the traditions and history of all ethnic groups.
- 2 The history of the community and district is preserved and appreciated through museums, libraries, places of interest and historical attractions.
- 3 Events and festivals which are unique to the district are fostered and celebrated.

## Social Wellbeing

- 4 A district which takes ownership over issues of health provision, education provision and infrastructure maintenance.
- 5 A district where a range of medical services are provided and accessible.
- 6 Leadership is respected, trusted, transparent, accountable, visionary and has integrity and a positive attitude.
- 7 Leadership facilitates a coordinated approach in providing effective solutions.
- 8 A community that provides excellent role models, good parenting, career and life skills guidance for youth.
- 9 A community that provides excellent activities and facilities for youth.
- 10 Core facilities, services and infrastructure planning and provision (water, sewage, solid waste, power, roading and medical) keep pace with development.
- 11 Average household incomes increase as the economy prospers.
- 12 Key service providers consult with the community and common goals are identified and worked towards.
- 13 A community that recognises and rewards excellence and achievement in sport, arts/cultural pursuits, community service and business.
- 14 Personal development and increased self esteem are enhanced through upskilling and educational opportunities.
- 15 A sense of community pride and togetherness is fostered where people work towards common goals and speak positively about the community.
- 16 A community that encourages participation in planning around community or district issues and promotes community responsibility.
- 17 Excellent standards of health practice in the community are promoted and individuals take personal responsibility for their health.
- 18 Excellent standards of safety in the community are promoted and individuals take personal responsibility for their safety.

# Community Outcomes (continued)

- 19 The incidence of crime and violence are reduced and police are open and accessible.
- 20 A community that respects the welfare and safety of others.

## Environmental Wellbeing

- 21 Quantity of native flora and fauna is retained and the quality is enhanced.
- 22 An environment which has an excellent quality of water, soil and air.
- 23 River catchment areas and waterways are protected from erosion and pollution.
- 24 A community which promotes a zero waste outlook and encourages minimisation of the impact of waste on the environment.
- 25 Retains the natural beauty, aesthetic values and vistas of the District.
- 26 Retains the quality and number of parks and reserves
- 27 Tourism growth is managed to retain the natural beauty of the district's ecosystems, bush, mountains, waterways and open spaces.
- 28 Renewable energy resources and alternative means of energy generation are promoted and available.
- 29 Public access to bush, waterways, open spaces, and mountains is retained and enhanced.
- 30 Farming, commercial and industrial practices ensure that the environment remains clean and retains its natural character and value.
- 31 An urban environment which is tidy, clean, safe, easy to get around and beautified.
- 32 A community that respects and promotes understanding of the environmental values of tangata whenua.

## Economic Wellbeing

- 33 Modern telecommunications networks encourage tourism and business development.
- 34 A community that has a range of quality retail, entertainment, hospitality business services and facilities.
- 35 Key organisations facilitate business growth through a co-ordinated approach and support beneficial business and economic conditions.
- 36 The promotion of tourism includes emphasis on rivers, railway, bush, farming, and mountains, upon the history of life in the district, is coordinated across the district and is unified under a common brand/slogan.
- 37 A rail and roading network which is reliable, well-maintained and meets the needs of users.
- 38 Employment opportunities for school leavers are encouraged and supported through apprenticeships and affirmative employment action by the local business community.
- 39 The district's core tourism function is complemented with additional activities throughout the year.
- 40 A district that promotes economic diversity and retains its core economic strengths of farming, forestry, tourism, and horticulture.
- 41 A district that has a wide range of business activity, that facilitates and encourages business and economic growth, and provides upskilling and a range of employment opportunities.
- 42 The provision of excellent medical, educational, leisure and retail services attract families and skilled workers to the district.

# Feedback

Council is interested in receiving your feedback and would value any comments or suggestions relating to this State of the District Report 2008. Please send your comments to:

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## Did you know?

- Non-resident ratepayers own over 38% of the District.
- 16% of the District's population was born outside NZ.
- In 2002 there were 92 sheep and 12 cattle per person in the District.
- There are over 2,000 kms of unformed 'paper' roads in the District, but only 1,337 kms of maintained roads.
- The Tongariro National Park was the first one in NZ and only the fourth place in the world to be recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Area.
- Mt Ruapehu's name is taken from the Maori *rua* "pit" and *pehu* "to explode".



## Our People

Demographic breakdown of the District's Usually Resident Population in 2006:

Ages	0-14 .....	25%
	15-24 .....	13.4%
	25-44 .....	26%
	45-64 .....	25%
	65 plus .....	10.5%
Ethnicity	NZ European .....	59%
	Maori .....	36.5%
	Pacific Peoples ...	2.1%
	Asian.....	1.9%
Overseas migrants	No of people.....	1,032
	% of population.....	7%
Gender	Male.....	52%
	Female.....	48%

