



# WE WORK.

To revitalise our townships.

Public feedback to Taumarunui

## Bespoke Concept Plans

Version 1.



We are.  
Ruapehu.

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Need to be seen  
as visitor  
friendly

Teaper Stage  
for music

Buy the Railway  
Station !!!

KIN Rail could  
do a lot better  
in the maintenance  
& building needs  
pointing out. - Not a good  
look for fix-passenger!

Sliding seats  
to make stage  
at top of  
one way street  
would be cool  
Use as street closer

Get steam  
engine  
back.  
A.S.P.

Railway Station  
needs new  
public toilets -  
our town is  
judged on this!

lots of  
public  
artworks  
- quality stuff

Please make  
sure this  
is safe!

Plant  
more  
trees

love the  
living  
wall

needs  
more.  
Shade.  
in town  
Centre.

BUY THE  
RAILWAY  
STATION -  
MAKE IT SPECIAL  
AN ASSET.

love the  
organic wall  
matching the  
Bridge towers

love more  
living trees  
for shade.

Where is the  
Loo with a  
View.  
Awesome idea!

Engage local  
Architect to  
have input into  
features/Arch

Don't like  
play towers  
rather like  
towers in  
camps in  
the war pow  
camp  
towers!

retail  
Library  
History  
gallery

Showers &  
Toilets !!  
for walkers

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trees on  
Miriana Street  
obscure traffic  
coming out of  
driveways

Make sure  
we have enough  
disabled  
parking.

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Don't hide  
toilets from  
a safety viewpoint!  
visually  
unsafe for  
people

Spread  
centre green  
space further  
South

Public  
toilets to have  
need to have  
showers for  
public use.  
There is a huge  
demand for this

Agree!  
Artworks that  
reflect Maori  
culture

Lardvale -  
50m north  
Te leka  
needs give  
or stop  
Way  
Byars Ave

What's on  
Display

This is  
mat

Love  
Manmade  
Street  
design

yeh! You got  
to watch out  
for them  
gypos !!

Robin  
Radcliff  
Alison Dicks  
Bryann Carran  
put money  
in

Lines  
Compan !!  
Fit

Domain  
5 + 6  
wrong  
way  
round

Fencing  
along play-  
ground

Diagonal  
parking on  
main street?  
From market to  
mahantle st  
on mansons  
gardens side.

Looks good!

Question is  
about the  
funding +  
timing

Need to  
bypass the  
main st  
for trucks

Include  
thinking about  
train museum  
location

and  
signage  
and  
open  
hours.

Agreed!

Leave library  
+ transfer  
the railway  
museum. on  
glass displays  
when closed.

Looks great.  
Will Council pull / fix  
down the earthquake  
prone buildings?

→ No, but will  
give opportunity  
for green space if  
owner wants to pull down

The scale looks  
like wouldn't  
all fit in  
the space

What sort of shops  
will we have in  
Manuatu St.

Antiques?  
Rail enthusiasts?

Safety at playground  
by road  
is paramount.

Like: nature feel  
seats  
water play  
wooden wall  
living wall  
in town centre.

LET'S DO  
IT!

Signage &  
upgrade track  
to Te Peka from  
King Tauraro  
Area.

(16) Pathway needs  
to be placed on inside  
of domain otherwise  
parking is best to events  
and sporting facilities  
Make the walk more  
picturesque

Manuatu St

History  
Antiques  
Rail

Bring history to life  
with horse & cart,  
shop keepers dressed histor-  
ically - think ~~Oamaru~~  
Oamaru stone quarter.

INCORPORATE  
MAORI  
DESIGNS  
THROUGHOUT

ANGELED PARKING  
EASIER & MORE  
INVITING FOR  
PEOPLE TO STOP  
IN HAKIHIA  
ST.

DON'T TOUCH  
MANSON  
GARDENS.  
& BIG  
TREES.

Love it all  
We'll definitely  
get more  
tourists

Signage to  
direct to  
Cherry Grove etc.  
All same  
design

Please, please  
involve the Iwi  
and allow their  
culture and  
artwork to be  
also celebrated  
as well as  
European achievements

Needs plenty  
of signage on  
entering town from  
S to the Domain etc.

Love the town -  
needs much  
encouragement  
& development of  
history details, Maori  
influences, attractive  
picnic areas

Divert traffic  
from Hakihia  
Trucks & <sup>smelly &</sup> noisy &  
run atmosphere.  
Maybe Miriona & Bell?



This will be  
massive for  
local business  
& future investment.

Like towers but  
not style  
as proposed.

more in  
history

RE-OPEN  
our station  
for passengers!

Indoor  
criccket  
in empty  
buidy

Safety for  
kids re  
roadway  
planting

Good reasons  
to stop are  
important -  
like playground  
idea.

Dog stop  
in Town  
Center

We need this!

This will stop  
people calling  
the Our town  
a hole! 😊

needs more  
recognition of  
our Maori  
history +  
presence.

This town  
is stagnating  
we need to bring  
life back into it!  
A chance to  
start

Find tenants  
for shops!

Heritage signage

DO NOT cut down  
or remove the  
100yr old Ginkgo  
tree beside the  
old Library!

Plenty Parking  
next to toilets  
Please  
or close to  
stops people

Woo  
woo

Get trains 2 ✓✓  
Stop again!! ✓✓  
Yes! ✓✓  
DOUBLE ✓✓

Wheres the  
Consultation from  
Ngati Hauora?!?

Manu. aute  
(toe)

Tau (toe)  
ma - ru  
- nu - i

More  
Awacais

Connect town  
with river  
& show places  
where to  
swim <sup>signs</sup> etc.

Save  
the  
established  
Trees

No Freedom  
Camping  
Use the Camping  
Ground! ✓  
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Railway Station  
needs  
more street  
front appeal/  
access  
from street level

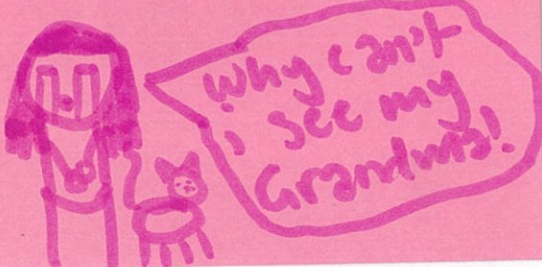
Interesting warped timber fence, but maintenance to keep it nice?

Remember to provide shade esp. for parking. Too hot to park & wander in summer

Lower train station - make it lighter - add shops?

The TRAINS  
Need to  
Stop here in  
TAUMARUNUI

Let the trains stop in Taumarunui please I really want to visit my Granmas more...



The trains should stop here in Taumarunui

make the train stop here  
Improve the station

Trains should stop here again

AWA nui YES

Need a decent  
backpackers  
in town.

PLEASE, PLEASE  
DO THIS PLAN  
IT'S ESSENTIAL  
FOR THIS TOWN'S  
SURVIVAL.

Looking forward  
to seeing  
the town look  
so wonderful

As travellers we  
always stop here for  
coffee but are never  
enticed to stay.  
Needs encouragement

Awesome!

It will really  
put the town  
back on the Map!

They need a  
bus taking  
people to town.  
ie. old people  
with no  
transport.

More planting  
of trees  
More places to  
sit, gather,  
relax

Love the  
sliding seats.

Block of  
one way

use stones  
instead grasser  
to capture the  
river theme  
through town

Bypass heavy  
traffic from  
main street

You need to  
include the  
BMX Track  
Please!!  
in renovation's too!

River RD  
EXTENSION TO  
RUGBY CLUB TO  
MAKE IT EASIER FOR  
TOURIST TO  
CONNECT WITH  
CHERRY GROVE.

Loads  
of  
Art work

Fantastic  
!!!

How will you  
ENSURE IT IS  
NOT USED JUST AS  
A HANG OUT FOR  
MUSE WITH NOTHING  
MUCH TO DO, DURING  
THE DAY  
NOTE: THE BAKHOUSE

Make toilets  
look like  
TRAINS!

people will stop

Railway Building  
~~to be~~ turned  
into railway  
museum with  
cafe that has  
old fashioned  
tea + sandwiches  
etc.

Get the bridges  
taken off the  
main trunk  
line and use  
throughout  
town (for steam  
engine - being  
stored in town)

Get railways  
to gift us one  
of the diesel  
engines being  
stored at yard  
for around  
the town

Train  
Tracks around  
the town with  
a locomotive  
(steam). Around to  
Cherry Grove &  
beyond

Jiggers and  
Turnstile as  
tourist  
attraction

Greenery  
could be  
dangerous unless  
it is really  
small.

Main development  
area  
Push back  
into railway  
land

Cherry Grove Upgrade  
Yes

Continue what is started

But I have some doubt  
about some of  
proposals

Keep the old  
facades above  
the shops.

Paint them  
smarten them  
up.

Rebuild the  
verandahs - the  
shop verandahs  
but ensure they  
fit in with the  
old style building  
facades. eg roll  
top

Shop verandahs  
need to be  
lighter - more  
~~light~~ to come  
through - more  
use of glass.  
perspect

Great  
Parking will need  
to be clearly  
signposted  
No parks - No people

backward  
angle  
parking

Need angled  
parking in  
Main St & <sup>concur</sup>  
yes Yes!!!

Need  
New Toilets  
& Showers  
on main  
street



# Ohura Township Revitalisation Plan Feedback Form



bespoke  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

The proposed plan is a good representation of the things I would like to see worked on. The pathway and extending of Tui St are much needed. Ohura market was a success but

What don't you like?

highlighted deficiencies in visitor parking & services.

Nothing happening! 😊

What would you change?

Walkway (zebra crossing) at Ngauruanui Bridge. Blind spot for drivers not being able to see people crossing. Therefore, its a danger.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yes, most definitely. This plan is as much for locals as it is for visitors. Having outdoor spaces to be utilised by visitors and locals is a must.

Do you think the concept plans if built as proposed will encourage travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes, because now they have a reason to stop!

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better

# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan Feedback Form

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

Well thought out plan for the future

What don't you like?

Not <sup>seeing a</sup> defined dog area

What would you change?

Just include a safe dog park

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yes

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



See other side...

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# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan Feedback Form

RUAPEHU DISTRICT  
COUNCIL No. 2

**LODGED**  
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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

That you are doing it! I like the idea of closing off the  
1 way st. I like the sliding seats and natural wooden  
playground - definitely better than bright colours. I like the  
upgraded park areas and walkways around the river and the  
Taumarunui Domain.

What don't you like?

Could we put this into brick/paving (like has been done in  
Hamilton) and possibly make it a shared space all the  
time (and still close for market days).

Metal beam archway art - its too square.

What would you change?

You are taking out all the angled parking. nobody wants  
to parallel park these days!

Also, could we have Māori signage, history,  
art etc. This is so important to our town

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yes - although I think it would be neat to have some  
out door music facilities - ~~music~~ I guess by the rail seating  
is the best option. A small stage (maybe like a band  
rotunda) that has a locked power box that musicians could  
use would be cool.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Maybe to stop for a coffee, but I'm not sure  
about longer term - could we have events in  
these spaces. we need upgraded, modern, relaxed  
spaces for events. music etc.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



See other side...

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15-12-16  
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# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan Feedback Form



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

Shading trees  
No cars in Manuauite Street  
Sitting on railway ☺

What don't you like?

Cars in Manuauite Street  
Not enough shade around the sitting area

What would you change?

Possibility for stalls in Manuauite Street  
⇒ monthly market.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yes, definitely!

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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Date: 15-12-16.

# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan

## Feedback Form



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like? *The idea of hiriama St, although I can't see the design fitted into that amount of space.*

What don't you like?

What would you change? *Shift the Railway museum into the "Relinway Building, open daily + mand if possible."*

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

*only if there is something of interest to see + do.*

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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What do you like?

The Domain + Cherry Grove  
Stronger pedestrian connection to rail station - stronger

What don't you like?

Need more information like @ 4 as not everyone comes by bike  
Make sure to keep all existing shrubs + trees.  
Don't agree with outside movie theatre - too rarely useable. Make sure enough pedestrian areas + crossings

What would you change?

~~the~~ I would not have seniors building but would update parking by it.  
~~Just this~~

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Maybe.

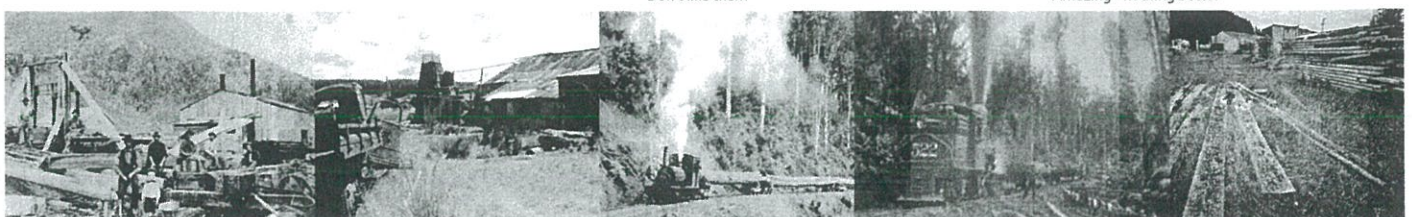
Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan Feedback Form



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

Great ideas - lots of planting. Don't lose the rhododendrons - they are what attracted us here in Oct/Nov 2015.

What don't you like?

If you walk down the main street from the side without shops and look back across the road, many of the shops roofs and facades need water blasting and a coat of paint.

What would you change?

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Extend tearooms onto footpaths and divide with removable plantings.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

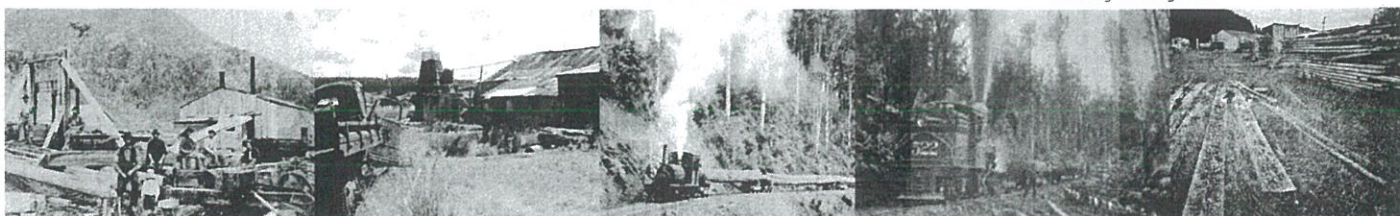
With more signposting.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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Interview 15-12-2016

# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan Feedback Form



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

Well Thought out

What don't you like?

Manuawte St.

What would you change?

Traffic signage,  
done years ago & not upgraded  
with change of traffic ie Byers avenue  
no stop sign buses difficulty in turning  
to Te Huriri Drive  
yes.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

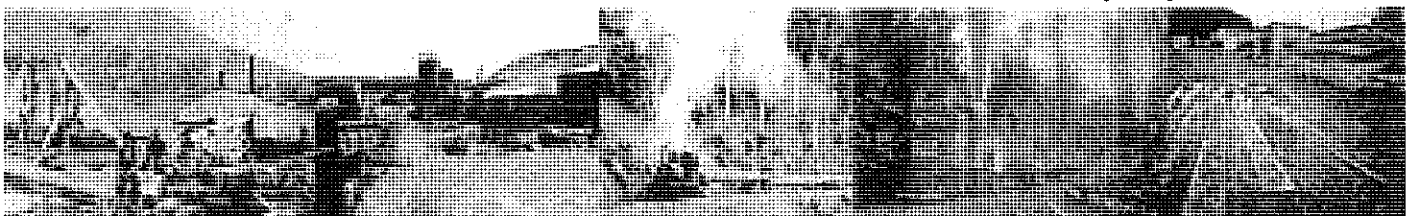
don't like the grasses. can go too tall  
& may not be able to see what/where  
shops are.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like? *The overall concept of marketing Taumarunui*

What don't you like? *There is little reference to education and the need for a strong network of early childhood, primary and secondary options. It appears that education is only about getting a job - not being a good person.*

What would you change?  
*In the plan, I would change Cherry Cove back to Cherry Grove, I believe there is history behind that name.*

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?  
*Yes*

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?  
*Yes*

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan Feedback Form

RUAPEHU DISTRICT  
COUNCIL No. 2

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

- love the use of small, forgotten spaces, the use of our heritage to celebrate who we are

What don't you like?

- needs more cultural symbolism and celebration of our tikanga and history pre-dating European influence in this area.

What would you change?

- there are three iwi here that need more recognition and confidence of their place in this town and their part in who we are.
- CANCEL THE FREEDOM CAMP.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

- absolutely!

- please reflect + perhaps have an entire space dedicated to the Maori history of this town and their battles which go on to this day.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

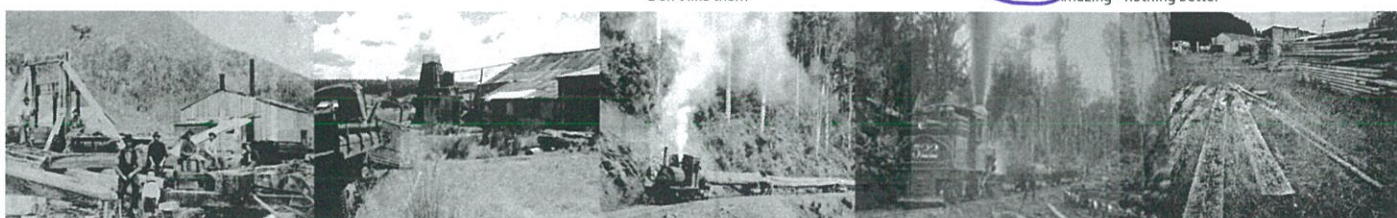
- please incorporate a really great, airy + light design for the public toilets - the idea of a two-way mirror for the toilets looking out on the new spaces is a really terrific one!

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



PLEASE NO FREEDOM CAMP!!

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# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan Feedback Form

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL No. 2  
**LODGED**  
8 DEC 2016  
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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

Inlay street LOVE the markets on the 1 way street idea.  
Train museum opening in i site.  
Flow from back street through to main st.  
Amazing looking town centre!! I just question heights because we do have little monkeys here. 😊

What don't you like?

Nothing to not like!

Its improvements to our town. 😊

Is there upgrades to the i site building? Its a bit of an eye sore.

What would you change?

I would have love to see the whole town centre put into the 1 way street. 1 way street closed. But I am still happy with the plans. *to encourage business to open down there*

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Definitely! Im a teacher ; I would love to do adventures with my class locally.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Well if it didn't then there is something wrong with them. Its a pity we couldnt have a lovely restaurant open so we capture tourists at night as well.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan Feedback Form

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

POST INDUSTRIAL RAIL CORRIDOR  
MAKING THAT AREA SUITABLE FOR USE,  
INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE GOOD IDEA:  
OLD STEAM TRAINS ON DISPLAY / CARRIAGES,  
PLANT MORE TREES TO BEAUTIFY THIS AREA

What don't you like?

NOT ENOUGH THOUGHT GIVEN TO NORTHERN GATEWAY  
TOILETS IN CENTRE OF TOWN - POOR FACILITY.  
CONVERT OLD LIBRARY BUILDINGS INTO INFORMATION OFFICE  
KEEP OLD STATION OPERATIONAL (FUTURE TRAINS SERVICE)

What would you change?

MORE FACILITIES AT NORTHERN GATEWAY  
1/ NEW LANDING STAGES FOR RIVER RIDES  
2/ INTRODUCE A "PADDLE STEAMER" TYPE BOAT RIDE ON RIVER  
3/ NEW WALKWAY ALONG RIVER BANK [UPGRADE FOR WHEELCHAIRS]  
4/ MAKE USE OF "PONY CLUB" LAND

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

YES.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

NOT YET.

NEED → CENTRAL FEATURE SHOULD BE PEDESTRIANIZED (NO CARS)  
CLOSE OFF 1-WAY STREET FOR OUTDOOR TABLES / CAFE'S etc  
CHERRY GROVE UPGRADE WITH WASH / TOILET FACILITIES  
MORE DEVELOPMENT OF RIVER BANKS

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like? I like the concept of Manuate Street being able to be used as a 'mall' at times, say Xmas Parade day - with stalls, sausages for sale etc etc. Market days - like a 'Farmers Market'. There must be some nice, clean Public Toilets in the Main St area.

What don't you like? I don't like the idea of a kids playground being developed on the other side of a busy main road, & right beside the Main Trunk line! A disaster waiting to happen! There's no need for a playground in the main shopping area. Safety!  
Retain the old library - & use it as a retail/museum building.

What would you change? I would put the playground in the area under & around the 'Southern Gateway' bridge - where there's lots of room & far safer! Toilets would need to be available - even with the existing plan for the area.

'Cherry Grove' area needs toilets.

Open up 'Cherry Grove' for self-contained Freedom Camping Motorhomes.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Only if dog-owners 'clean up' after taking their dogs walking! Provide plastic bags for 'doggie doos' like the Taupo District Council do.

Do NOT cut down the beautiful Ainiko tree beside the old library building.

What about some big picture boards with photos of the <sup>historic</sup> railway days. Because ~~of~~ everybody knows the song 'Taumarunui on the Main Trunk line'.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Motor homes would not like to park over right beside the Main Trunk line - no view, too noisy!

Try to get the passenger train to stop at Taumarunui again.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like? - all of it.

What don't you like? - Nil.

What would you change? - you must retain the old library as a MUSEUM & HISTORY Gallery. This will if prominently signed, definitely encourage people to stop. It is a large building and the

Would you like to spend time in these spaces? people of the town & district do NOT want it taken away !!

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town? Yes - provided

the town reverts to the historical method of parking -  
- i.e. Angle parking.  
1. twice the parks - they will not stop if lack of parking!  
2. safer  
3. easier to park and leave

How do you rate the plans out of 5?

★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
Don't like them Amazing - nothing better



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when town had angle parking - there was still ample room for basic trader - stock bank etc. (24)

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9 DEC 2016  
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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

These plans are fabulous, but we really need to find tenants/buyers for empty commercial premises. They don't seem to be listed with the real estate agents - why?

What don't you like?

What would you change?

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

yes

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

yes but refer to comment above.  
Tourists need things to do.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

I think the plan looks great & hope the town can employ gardeners to maintain the new green spaces as the reserve along South St is choked with weedy creepers & rubbish.

What don't you like?

What would you change?

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Hope so as long as we entice more innovative shop keepers to interest travellers and provide more accommodation.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

that there are more trees  
down Mauate and side streets

What don't you like?

Lack of over head shelter  
for winter -

What would you change?

Consider Over head shelter  
to encourage winter foot tourist traffic.  
Consider toilet stop - good parking, clean inviting  
facilities - maintained daily / 1/2 Daily  
(similar to Taupo's Super Loop / 2 Day toilets)

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

definitely - Summer - seated areas  
are shaded. -

Winter - Focus areas have  
shelter.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like? ~~That the council wants to~~  
residents get a say

What don't you like? The streets need repairing

What would you change? ~~need more parking spaces~~  
~~maybe~~ need more parking spaces

Would you like to spend time in these spaces? ~~Yes~~ No it's not good enough

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

If we have enough funding maybe we could redesign it then people might spend more time in town

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like?

What don't you like?

What would you change?

Maybe incorporate a shower with the new toilets  
Numbers of trampers v cyclists now requiring this?? Anne Hodges 07-8958765

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

Cool Manuauite st!

What don't you like?

Killing the eels Moreo stream.

What would you change?

up grade motels.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Employment-

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes!  
Nga Mihi.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

Additional greenery in both Hakiara and Manuata streets

What don't you like?

Not clear how much parking will be available in Hakiara St.  
Main Hakiara St needs to be off limits to big trucks / sheep trucks. Divert around Miriama Street.

What would you change?

If parking is going to be a potential issue clear signage needs to be developed for the benefit of visitors to show them where the parking precinct off Miriama street is.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yes.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes. Looks inviting

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

What don't you like?

Any of the main street being blocked to trucks etc. One way street ideal for blocking off updating.  
No swimming pools. Aussis have sprinklers up!!

What would you change?

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

yes.  
Ongoing concerns for "health system" what is old (what new) including old people conserving

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

No deterrent to traffic and safe streets for loose kids. Careful planning for safety to use toilets etc.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?

Good initiative ?? ★ ★ (★) ★ ★  
Don't like them Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

*encourage baskets - quality ones*

What don't you like?

What would you change?

*Shops frontages painted brightly above  
verandahs repaired and below*

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

The whole ideas  
A better walk way up TE PEKA RESERVE + SIGNAGE  
walkways to cherry Grove - along the rivers

What don't you like?

empty shops  
we need industry - big employers  
of people - more people - more shops -  
more teachers etc

What would you change?

nothing - add more!

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

yes

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

possibly...

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

General concept excellent!

What don't you like?

At the moment it's like that Aussie song "A pub with no beer"!

There is provision for a Rail Museum.  
We have a rail system and a train station but no trains!

What would you change?

Make Kiwirail resume a passenger train service to Taumarunui. Bring tourists in by rail into town. This would connect nicely with Railcart and our other attractions!

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yest! Congratulations to RDC and all who put their thinking caps on.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes. Many should be able to arrive and depart from TAUMARUNUI RAIL STATION. Get modern. RE-OPEN our rail link.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

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John Bowler



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To the Mayor  
• Chief Executive

What do you like?

The Meeting to launch this plan was a total "cock-up"

What don't you like?

The space was too small, too many people. It was too hot, you couldn't hear. The people that should have been there weren't there. (not that that is your fault).

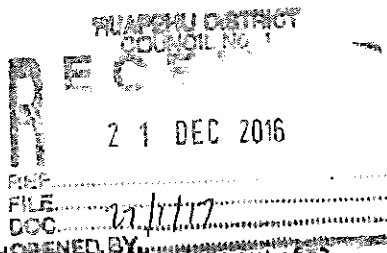
What would you change?

The meeting needs to be held again & done properly.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Jamie Harland

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?



How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like?

PLAYGROUND, USE OF STRIP WHERE LIBRARY 1-SITE IS (NOT SURE ABOUT WOOD STRIP WALLS THOUGH)

What don't you like?

PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING ELSE  
~~NOT GREAT COMMUNITY~~  
NOT CONVINCED OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS VS COST

What would you change?

NARROW FOCUS  
MORE THOUGHT ABOUT BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY VS TRAVELLERS

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

MAIN ST YES.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

YES.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

I like that they are creating natural connections between the spaces Taumarunui already has. Connections between town, Chemygrove, the river walkway, domain, ~~and~~ the backstreet parking, and the 1-site (Railway space).

What don't you like?

That it's not there already.

What would you change?

The river walkway needs to be an iconic walkway/cycleway e.g. like the one in New Plymouth that everyone uses all the time.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yes. I would use the walkway/cycleway on a daily base if it was easier to use and access.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes. Something eye-catching. Something for people to interact with.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

I Love the idea of an identity for the town. I like that the town would be made for the people who live here

What don't you like?

That it isn't done.

What would you change?

More focus on cycleways and links to tracks outside of town

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

YES

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

The new footpaths & playground.

What don't you like?

No Maori representation  
- insulting to ~~the~~ local Maori who live here  
not represented as the people portrayed walking  
down the streets.

What would you change?

Plant cherry blossom trees along main & side  
streets.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

yes -

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

\* possibly depending on the  
quality of shops here.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

the hole idea

What don't you like?

other people and  
there dis likes

What would you change?

nothing

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

yes

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

maybe

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

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What do you like? *its open, River side walk/cycle way loop track*  
~~Too many planter boxes down Manawatu st~~

What don't you like? *Big trees too close to the roads*  
*Too many planter boxes down Manawatu st (oneway st)*

What would you change? *A platform to look up & down the mainstg rail yard. Maori art & culture items as part of the revamp. Historical fact plaques. Use lower growing plants by the roadside. Reduce the height of the playground. keep the existing bollards by the roadside. Place for a stage to be set up for events. Have one or two more bench seats on the shop side of the main street. What you do to one or two main bridges do to all bridges. Making it has low maintenance costs.*

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?  
*Yes and I do now*

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?  
*They might stop more travellers*  
*They are already doing that now*

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

Everything. This is groundbreaking stuff for this region and this town. Long overdue we have to do this in its entirety.

What don't you like?

That there is still a chance it might not happen.

What would you change?

The speed at which this might happen!

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

yes. Absolutely all of these spaces but especially the town centre & One way St. (on market days). Love the sliding box seats awesome idea.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

yes!!! I frequently stop in towns just because they have an interesting space or playground. People will absolutely stop. Even better they will tell others, the knock-on effect will be awesome!

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better

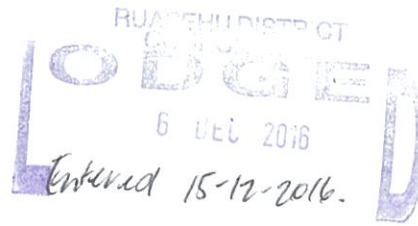


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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like?

Features of interest and practical eg seating, play,  
attractive and inviting to stop/wander through at leisure.

What don't you like?

Need good attractive  
signage & large  
sign/map of area  
featuring places of  
interest.

What would you change?

Utilize side streets  
eases parking on  
main street.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yes

feature side streets?  
make attractive.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like?

Time to revitalize this town - Open spaces to wander & rest  
The concept of a pedestrian only thoroughfare for Manatue St

What don't you like?

Loosing the mature trees which offer shade and a calm place to sit  
Not convinced about parking spaces - As a <sup>Resident &</sup> NZMCA Member we get a lot of seniors stopping off in Motorhomes or towing caravans they require easy access parking visitors won't stop if they can't easily find a parking space

What would you change?

The plantings as depicted in the drawings - this area is native bush not tussock & grasses & whilst some grasses are ok I wouldn't let these dominate the planting

I am for Freedom Camping (self contained) but don't think Cherry Grove is the place to have this

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

If they are kept free of rubbish and don't become hangout areas for adolescents or homeless -

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

If it is signposted properly - I would like to see a good quality market offering local goods & produce & open every weekend

How do you rate the plans out of 5? 3.5



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

The one way street view but what about Hikina, Marae & Katarina Sts?

What don't you like?

Lack of consultation with council & maori & this should've been done earlier this year. WHY XMAS?!?

What would you change?

Get rid of the water slide, by the time that gets pulled up & an earthquake <sup>occurs</sup> we might as well not have it. & have a sign @ Northern entrance to turn left/right to our town

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

of course

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

only if these ideas were realistic

How do you rate the plans out of 5?

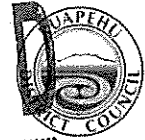


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What do you like?

Looks good but! - basically, most parking spaces in  
Maincote St have high occupancy. These plans  
almost eliminate this parking.

What don't you like?

An apparent lack of easily accessed car parking.  
Any reduction of available parking along the main  
street will discourage visitors passing through from  
stopping.

What would you change?

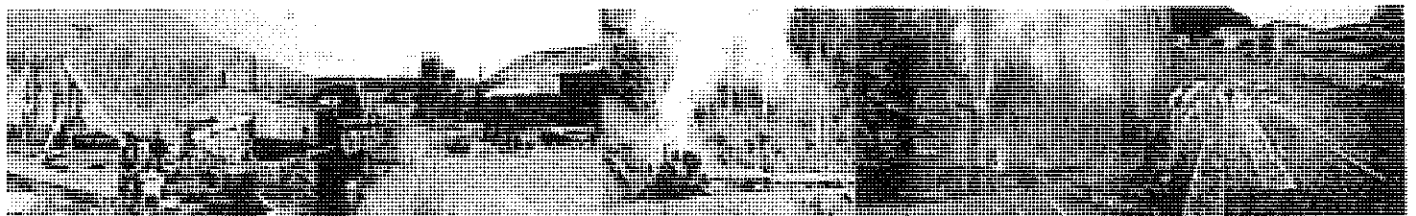
Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Not really. I only go in to town for business and  
necessary shopping.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

No - for the parking difficulty reasons outlined above

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like?

North and South entrances to town

What don't you like?

Central Hakisha St design.  
No Taumarunui History displayed.  
The playground is poorly designed

What would you change?

Put Museum in old Library building

Build only on tower as viewing  
site built as a full size replica  
of steam engine filling  
tank as in Whangamomona

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

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Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

not really

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

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What do you like? love the natural look, sympathetic, yet modern to our environment and history. love the use of grasses, but not sure about allergies for sufferers of hayfever.

What don't you like? The water towers. They remind me of guntowers + young Germans + Israeli's who travel here for our natural environment know what they are, as does our older generations. Also, the slide. We are north facing and metal/plastic would heat + be dangerous.

What would you change?

Where the toilets are. Travellers want to see quickly + clearly where the toilets are. Hidden, they are also a danger zone for children.

Create a window to view the railyard/trains.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Don't at the moment. Maybe. As a local, its not an area that I need to go to.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes, and locals. like the integration to Manuauke Street.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like?

*General concept*

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What don't you like?

*The cost - no further burden on the rate payers.*

What would you change?

*Make manoeuvre St no traffic and move play area there, away from danger of Hakiaka St traffic*

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

*Yes*

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

*Yes*

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like? the basic idea of tidying things up is good

What don't you like? the whole plan is over the top. I would hate to think what the cost will be. The ongoing maintenance looks to be costly.

What would you change? Plan takes up too many parking spaces. Keep the angle parking in Manuka St if possible - angle parking in the Main St.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces? It's always nice to be in a nice space but me personally wouldn't have the time. It's more for the "image of the town"

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

You can't expect travellers to stop if there is no parking

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

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What do you like?

What don't you like?

What would you change?

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

*Arbetta*  
 Can we turn the one way street into a full on public seating/undercover park hangout spot - make it an extension of the other park bit (any maybe have an underground walkway. The shops that are there could move - it could become the hub/hangout area of town. Take out the <sup>road</sup> cars or make it a 5kmph shared space. A nice space wouldn't cost much, but would ~~be~~ look much better than empty shops. Plus you could still have a market there and maybe add a band rotunda in the middle for musicians.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

The consideration given to Manuata St upgrading - prefer closed off completely to traffic - walking only - Cagle's + Beautiques flowing out on to pavements

What don't you like?

The situation for playground - not really feasible. DO NOT cut down the 100yr old Ginkgo tree next to old library

What would you change?

To see all the shop owners re-create & refresh the shop frontages - would lift the town immensely. Make big picture graphics of the historic photos on page 004 displayed clearly in the town.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Yes in Manuata St.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Yes if you make provision for camper vans + motor-homers - somewhere near the river, Cherry Grove.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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paint every Verandah, Shopfront pole, facade etc. at N/A cost to the Property owner - this will get co-operation.

What do you like?

The Concept is excellent. Incorporating Miriamua and the side streets of Turaki, Hikaia, Manuake, Meneke and Katarina is essential. The more trees the better - trees from Northern entrance to Southern entrance. Encourage an ICE CREAM/WAFFLE concession in the Town Centre/Manuake with signage on Hakaia St.

What don't you like?

Paint to create a "HERITAGE" look.

Taking the previous library away is wasteful, stupid and contrary to the public wishes. This large building is perfect for a gallery of old Taumarunui and King Country photos - plus a museum - Information Centre also. - perhaps Restroom like Tempo has.??

What would you change?

To away with present inefficient and wasteful parallel parking. Go back to angle parking on both sides of Hakaia. Retain angle parking on Manuake. Twice the number of carparks as a result = twice or 3 times the number of people stopping. Parking easier and safer.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces? yes, provided I can easily park and provided there is something "special" to look at. The existing pipework must be kept and roofed to create both shade and rain shelter. The toilets should have 2 showers available - apply at Gallery/Museum for Key.!

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Visitors will stop - and spend - if they see a large sign saying "HISTORIC GALLERY - MUSEUM". It would be willingly attended by volunteers - including opening/closing etc. It is a large sound building that simply needs painting - walls & roof. Educational for children and adults alike. There is plenty of room both side of this building

How do you rate the plans out of 5?

★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
Don't like them Amazing - nothing better



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

What do you like? This is an exciting proposal - about time for a positive outlook for Taumarunui. I generally like all the proposals. Especially the improvements + enhancements of the entrances to Taumarunui. Taumarunui is relatively unique in that travellers only see the main street of the town, not realizing the true extent of the town. So having gateways is important. The other proposal I really like is in the greening of the side streets esp. Miriama St.   
↳ to give a strong sense of arrival.

What don't you like? Unfortunately the concept drawings of the towers in the play area will probably distract some people from positive comments on the rest of the design concepts. As well the civic centre perspective implies that there is a lot more space available than there is.

What would you change? One glaring omission is there is little or no acknowledgement of local Maori history and culture. (see thematic overlays for example). Instead of the towers perhaps something reflecting the fact that Maori were the first residents as well as the fact that Maori are a large percentage of the local population. Engagement of local iwi should be encouraged.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces? Definitely! Revitalising Manuante Street as an "Eat Street" would be great - Trading Post Building is a fabulous space ideal for ~~as~~ a bar/bistro.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town? Yes - having a lively, fresh appearance will make travellers think yes this will be a good place to stop in and have a look around.

Having worked in the Sydney City planning department I have seen many of these design concepts that did not come to fruition. It would be a shame if none of these ideas ~~is~~ eventuated.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like? Playground, But people will keep driving if the car parks aren't right next to it. Maybe extend the railway car parks right up to the toilets & get rid of the bush pond, etc.

What don't you like? River walk should be a stroll, not a walkway crowd down in not necessary. Manvate street - This won't fill the slot or fix the problem of the earthquake prone buildings that need knocking down. These could be green spaces. Council should spend on encouraging owners to demolish these buildings.

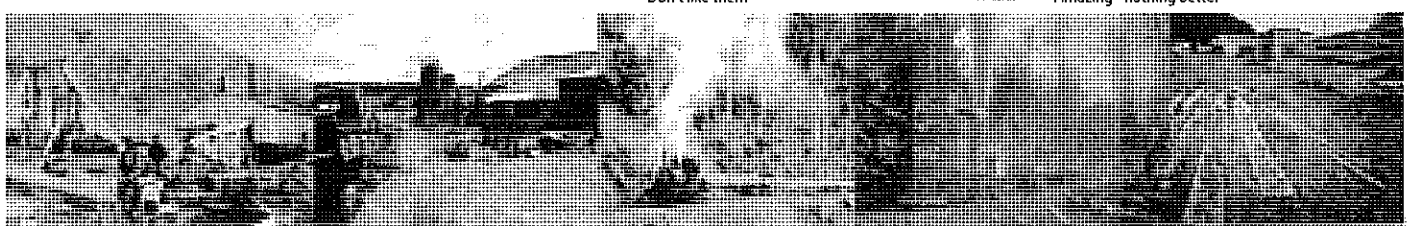
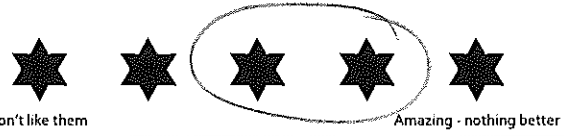
What would you change? I would add a kiddy playground with kid safe fence so that they aren't exposed to the state highway. (like the "Thames" playground). I would paint the memorial hall + keep our town entrances maintained. I would encourage the main street shop owners to fix & tidy up the of their buildings.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces? Probably probably not but tourist will, & spend more time & money in our town. Just one thing won't work. Need a mix.

- You need .....
- Museum for the older generation
  - Adventure sports + activities for teenage onwards
  - Culture for the tourists
  - playground for young kids + parents

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town? The nice toilets & playground will do that if it has car parks where you can park right up next to it. otherwise alot of them will keep driving through.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like?

What don't you like?

What would you change?

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

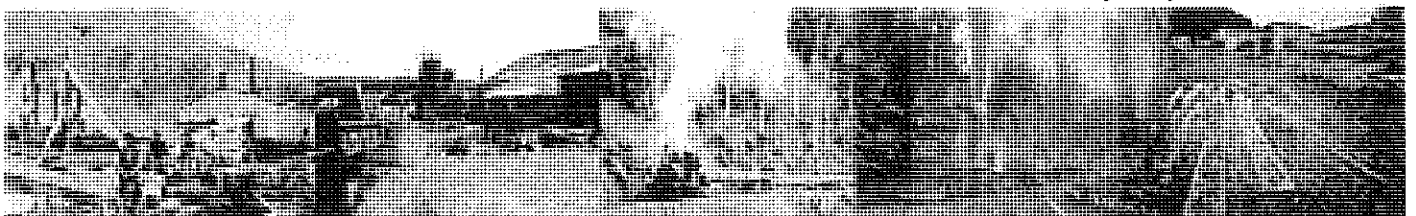
horse rides around a loop  
in town - (free horse manure)

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Don't like them

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What do you like?

Not much !! Just as well nothing is set in STONE !!  
Perhaps extending Mansons Gardens into the available  
space would further beautify the street.

What don't you like?

The idea of a Childrens playground in Hakiaha St. How  
ridiculous !! The danger of crossing a main Highway that is  
very busy during the day. Who is going to use it. The Plan is  
just about as stupid as the position. Maintenance!!

What would you change?

Enhance the playground on the domain / Signage to put up to say  
there is a playground, etc. How many of the passing traffic  
know we have that facility. Plenty of room for expansion.  
Signage to Cherry Grove? ~~When~~ Visitors have no idea the area exists.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Making Manuate St into a mall. How stupid! Who would go and use it?  
What would encourage people to use an area that has absolutely  
nothing down there except empty buildings? The car parks again would  
be reduced significantly. It is a cold area at the best of times.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

I doubt it very much.

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What do you like?

What don't you like?

where's the signage for Information centre.

What would you change?

Remove ped xing with no markings -

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

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What do you like?

I love the Herring of the area.  
I love the living wall.

What don't you like?

Relaxing area needs more.  
Shade.  
Station needs Decorating in line  
with

What would you change?

~~needs more historical  
images~~

Improvements.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

YES.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

YES.

5 STARS.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like?

All the parking available for shopping. right now  
is heaps better than changing anything.

What don't you like?

I Don't like anything proposed.

What would you change?

Nothing at all.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

No thank you.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

No!

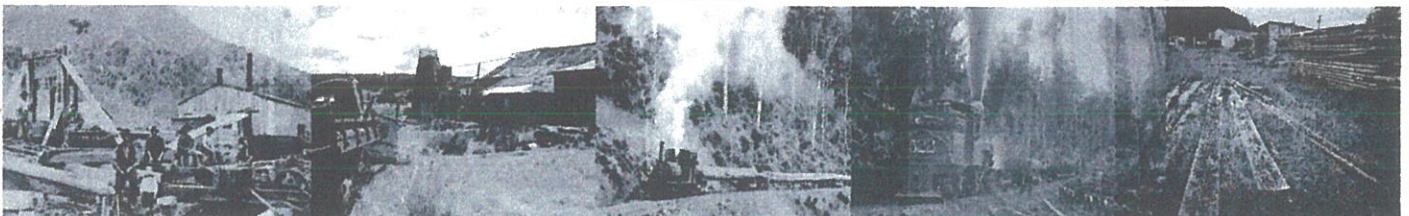
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Don't like them



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What do you like?

Nothing

What don't you like?

CHILDRENS PLAY AREA ACROSS A BUSY MAIN HIGHWAY  
A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN.  
REDUCED PARKING, IN ONE WAY STREET AND ON  
HIGHWAY. IF THERE ARE NO PARKS NO ONE STOPS.

What would you change?

ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS AN EXTENSION ~~OF~~  
SIMILAR TO EXISTING GARDENS INTO THE AREA  
MAYBE THE CONCRETE PART OF THE LIBRARY FLOOR COULD  
BE USED FOR SOMETHING TO SAVE REMOVING IT

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

UPGRADE TOILET FACILITY

No

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

No LACK OF PARKING WILL DO THE OPPOSITE

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



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What do you like?

None of it.

What don't you like?

Childs playground for a start. A dangerous place. I suggest you sit outside ANZ Bank for 2 hours and watch the traffic + pedestrian crossing

What would you change?

The whole concept  
The street isn't wide enough.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

No

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

No

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

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What do you like?

none of it

What don't you like?

a playground next to a busy road will be dangerous.  
a reduction of carparks in the one way street and main street will encourage less vehicles to stop here wait more.

What would you change?

Remove the library and convert the area into gardens

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

no

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

no

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What do you like?

MAKING MANUAITE STREET MORE USER  
FRIENDLY WITH SEATING + PAINTING BUILDINGS  
maybe play area here!

What don't you like?

THE ATROCIOUS GUN TURRET STRUCTURES ON MAIN  
STREET. STUPID place for play area. dangerous.  
THE GROSS WOODEN FENCE! OR WHATEVER ITS  
MEANT TO BE, HIDEOUS. ~~THE~~ OUR BEAUTIFUL TREES  
ARE 100% BETTER. MORE SEATING HERE.

What would you change?

ANY <sup>✓</sup>SUGGESTION ON DESTROYING/REMOVING  
OUR GLORIOUS SHRUBS + TREES. ON MAIN ST.  
LEAVE THEM ALONE

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

NO WAY. WOULD RATHER SIT UNDER THE  
TREES

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

NO WHY WOULD THEY ITS HIDEOUS.  
THE ONE WAY STEET IS VERY GOOD, BUT  
COULD DO WITH A PAINT JOB

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

Nothing - it's a waste of time. Who is going to pay for all these changes? Pie in the Sky stuff!

What don't you like?

Everything - for example - the playground where the old library stands. How many accidents will be caused by children running across the road to it? Also, there is a playground on the "ree", if money is available it should be spent there.

What would you change?

No need to change, change costs money, with no guarantees it will improve anything for the people paying the bills.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

No - Manuata Street is an example of the silliness of the concept.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

No - people will only stop if there is car parking, not if it looks "pretty". (At a cost)

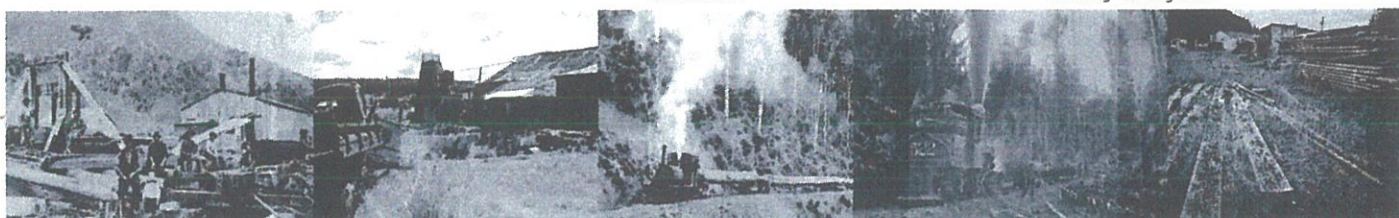
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Don't like them



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What do you like?

Manvate St - Perspective

What don't you like?

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What would you change?

Better look of Main Road - (HAKIANA) ST -  
LIKE OTOMORANGA -

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

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Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

How do you rate the plans out of 5?

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Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

The play playground by the clock.  
and the one way street looks great

What don't you like?

What would you change?

eg. one way will  
Tide the shops down the  
way go street hopefully something  
into the empty shops.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

yes

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

for sure.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?

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Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

What don't you like?

Please. Keep parking in Manuata St.  
Keep 2 lane in main street through town,  
especially in view of trucks, campervans etc.

What would you change?

No need for playground in main  
street area -

Short term <sup>hangover</sup> parking - campervans directed to  
holiday or Manuata area & utilises the  
old sports grounds out there.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Direct people with a bigger  
sign to domain - improve toilet facilities  
there or build another this end of  
domain - people like trees & need them  
in summer. - do up pool.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

We need a museum or something of  
interest for our history instead of  
playground in main st.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?

Very enlightening!



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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## Candice McNaught

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**From:** Maggie Flonk on behalf of Info  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 April 2017 9:52 a.m.  
**To:** Candice McNaught  
**Subject:** FW: Township Beautification Project and Enterprising Taumarunui Submissions

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ray and Te Rangimarie Wiley.Pakau [mailto:wiley\_pakau@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 April 2017 8:35 a.m.  
**To:** Info <info@ruapehudc.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Ray and Te Rangimarie Wiley.Pakau <wiley\_pakau@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Township Beautification Project and Enterprising Taumarunui Submissions

Dear sir/madam

The draft plan I have tried to download on numerous occasions however, it is too big.

This in brief is to say that I do not agree with:

\*having a play area in the middle of Hakiha Street, purely for safety issues \*I do not agree with blocking off the one way street, as this comes at a huge cost and I believe, this would be best used in a more productive and effective/efficient manner.

I am available to speak at any forum in regards all of the above.

I look forward to your response and appreciate being given this opportunity, to be apart of this huge project.

Cheers and thanks  
Te Rangimarie Pakau  
Phone 022 383 9200  
Resident/rate payer:  
2/31 Taitua Street Taumarunui  
And  
44 Ward Street Taumarunui

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N.B. Shift Field Gun back to North end of Hakiha St lawn - Gun is hardly noticed at present at top of Rangaroa Incline.

What do you like? WE LIKE ALL OF THE CONCEPT PLAN - EXCELLENT AND POSITIVE.!! THE VIEWING PLATFORMS IN TOWN CENTRE ARE GOOD AND WILL ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO STOP. THEY SHOULD BE LIT UP AT NIGHT. THE HIGH POINT ON HOSPITAL <sup>HILL</sup> SHOULD ALSO BE LIT UP AT NIGHT.

What don't you like? - THERE IS NOTHING WE DO NOT LIKE - THE CONCEPT IS GOOD AND SHOULD APPEAL TO ALL TOWN AND FARMING HINTERLAND FAMILIES ALIKE.

WHAT WOULD YOU ADD? - AT NIL COST TO PROPERTY OWNERS - PAINT ALL BUILDING VERANDAS AND BUILDING FRONTS WHITE <sup>HIGH GLOSS</sup> WITH GREEN OR PALE GREY TRIM - FROM KATARINA ST TO TURAKI ST. THIS WOULD GIVE TAUMARUNUI A UNIQUE LOOK AND MAKE OUR PLACE THE TALK OF N.Z.!! RADICAL BUT BRILLIANT

What would you change? <sup>Cost? \$1000x60 = \$60,000</sup> EXTEND GREEN/TREES PLANTING SOUTH MIRIAMA AND LEFT INTO TURAKI ST. TO JOIN HAKIAHA. TREES SHOULD EXTEND SOUTH HAKIAHA (BOTH SIDES) - TO JOIN SOUTH ENTRANCE TREES. TREES SHOULD ALSO BE LINING HIKIAHA, MANUA TEVU, MARAE AND KATARINA STREETS.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces? YES - PROVIDED THE "ATMOSPHERE" IS THERE TO SIT, REST, LUNCH, SNACK, READ, VIEW, CONTEMPLATE AND ABOVE ALL - PLENTY OF CLOSE PARKING - ANGLE PARKING - IN HAKIAHA ST.  
2. VERY IMPORTANT TO RETAIN OLD LIBRARY BUILDING AS A "MUSEUM" TYPE BUILDING - PAINT IT WHITE WITH BLACK "TUDOR" STYLE "BATTEN" LOOK - GREEN ROOF

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town? <sup>N.B. - ALL OF PUBLIC WANT THIS BUILDING RETAINED AND BLENDED IN.</sup>  
1. YES - PROVIDED ANGLE PARKING IS RETURNED TO HAKIAHA ST & OUR MAIN ST. - THIS CREATES TWICE THE CAR PARKS! - EASIER TO PARK - SAFER TO PARK - HISTORICALLY WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD ANGLE PARKING. - 45° DOES NOT ENCROACH ON CARRIAGEWAY.  
2. CREATE NO PARKING REGION - ZEBRA CROSSING TO TOWN CLOCK AREA (TOWN CENTRE AREA)  
3. ASK ALL RETAILERS/RESIDENTS TO PARK IN SIDE STREETS AND CAR PARK MIRIAMA AND NORTH AND SOUTH ENDS OF TOWN.  
How do you rate the plans out of 5? ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



N.B. - PROMOTE TAUMARUNUI AS "THE ADVENTURE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH ISLAND" See other side... (16)

BE SURE YOU ACTIVELY SEEK FEEDBACK FROM THE FARMING COMMUNITY - IT IS THE "GIANT" REVENUE FROM FARMING THAT KEEPS TAUMARUNUI ALIVE - NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THIS FACT!

**What happens next?**

These concept plans are part of the conversation Council is having with residents and other stakeholders to narrow down what people like, don't like, feel is important, not important, the order and stages of any development, etc.

We will gather all community feedback on concept plans, work on areas that need changing and then begin to discuss with the community on how to make the desired vision become a reality.

**How much will it cost and how will we fund it?**

The final cost will not be known until the community has confirmed what they want and the stages they want to do it in. Council would like to see this discussion and scoping phase to be completed in time for the consultation on the 2017/18 Exceptions Annual Plan in April next year.

We are confident that it will be affordable and could be funded from existing budgets and Long Term Plan / Exceptions Annual Plan rounds, potentially crowd sourcing and sponsorship opportunities.

**More information and further comment**

Please contact Rebecca Van Orden at Council  
 ph: 895 8188 email: rebecca.vandorden@ruapehudc.govt.nz

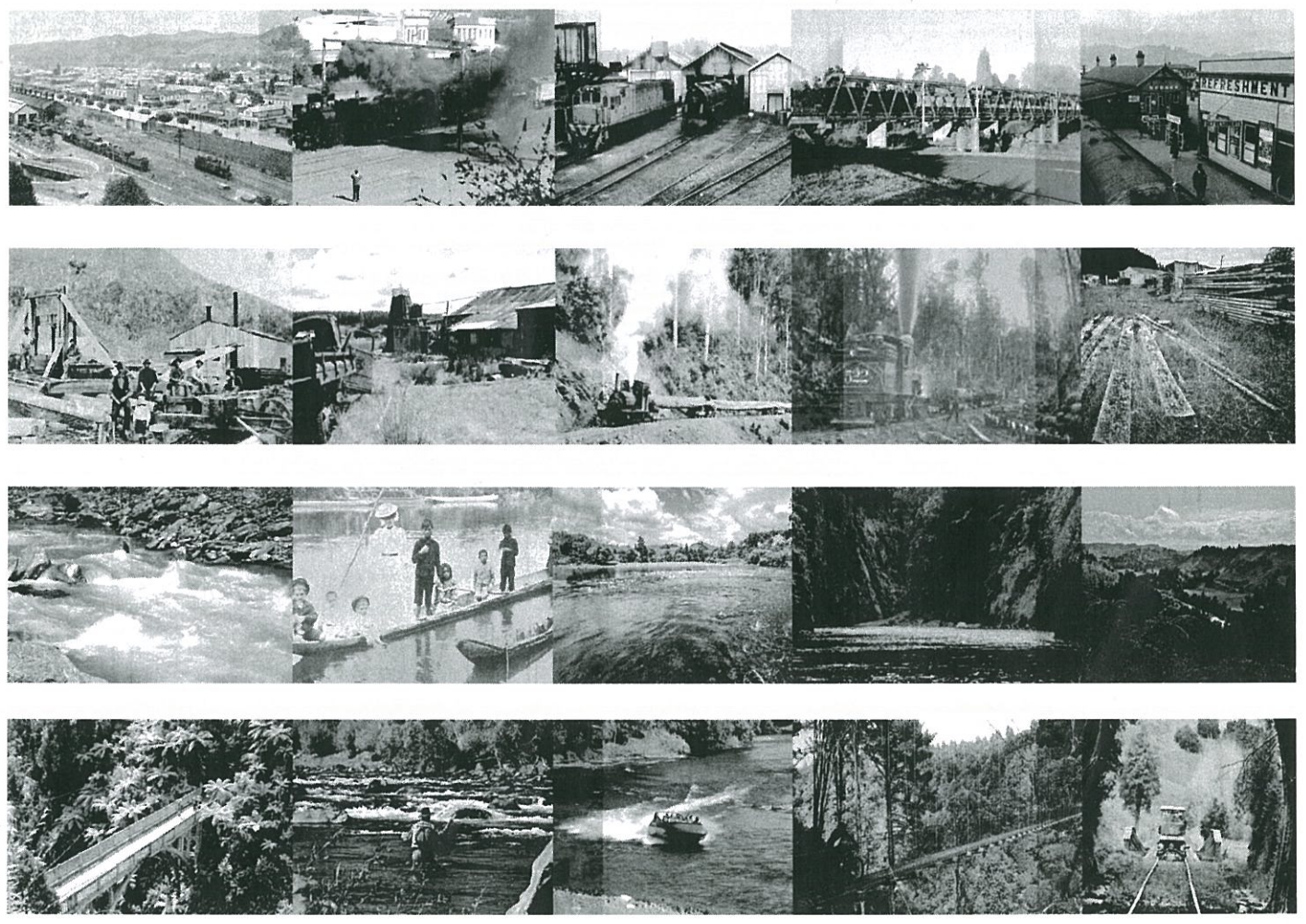
You can also provide feedback via Council's website: [ruapehudc.govt.nz](http://ruapehudc.govt.nz)

**Contact details** (optional)

If you would be happy for Council to contact you for further comment if required or advised of up-coming meetings or any decisions or other outcomes please provide a contact email.

"TOWN CENTRE" GENERAL RATE THAT WILL ANNUALLY RAISE ON AVERAGE SAY \$50.00 p.a. ON ALL PROPERTY - INCLUDING FARM PROPERTY - IN RUAPEHU DISTRICT FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS.  
 E.g., \$50,000 p.a x 5 years = \$250,000 ✓  
 yes ✓.

SUBMITTED BY → PETER AND ROSIE BUCKLAND - 23 TARRANGOWER AVE.  
 @HOME 895-8300  
 7/12/16.



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What do you like?

All the rest seems fine.

What don't you like?

The two intended lookouts. They immediately reminded me of Prison guard look outs. A slide play ground in the centre of town not safe. The look out towers will be a good sleeping, drinking place come night time (not good). A drunks toilet. The town clock needs to be more reliable. (I never see it working often)

What would you change?

The one way street needs to be cleared from shops and that area used as a sitting area or family picnic area or parking area. Too many shops = empty shops = not a good look. We do not need more shops to fill in as op shops, eating shops, banks. We have enough already. OR fill in the street with one or two shops to fill the street gap - no more than that. Wooden posts age-weather. Toilets need to be visible not hidden entirely.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

yes but colour in gardens draws the eye. The grasses look a bit boring. There are too many gardens and not enough side parking for travellers easy use of toilets etc.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

For toilets yes. Food yes.

A town built on train history without a train that doesn't stop is ironic. Having a big banner of what is on offer in the surrounding areas would be better ~~than~~ painted on toilets or a big plaque in front of the toilet to give interest + awareness

How do you rate the plans out of 5?

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ than wooden sticks as a wall

PTO ← and as on back (004) ↘

Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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Heather Hughes

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What do you like? The cycle tracks + walkways.

Trees - as long as they are not going to cause problems 5-10 years in the future.

What don't you like? Relocating the Senior Citizens Club Rooms. (Do not think their rooms distract from the entrance to the Domain)

The "Playground" in Hakiaha Street (Too dangerous with the traffic)

What would you change? Enlarge and beautify the present playground where children have plenty of room to run around. But would need much more signage from Hakiaha St. so it is easier for people to find. Keep all the parking in Hakiaha St, not less with lawns + picnic tables.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Probably not.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

Not with the present proposal.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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What do you like?

What don't you like?

What would you change?

I would like to see the Whanganui Awa + Whi acknowledged on the southern entrance to Taumarunui by the placement of 2 carved poles similar to what's on the Waikato on the new motorway near Hamilton (by the Waikato river)

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

\* inorganic/non inorganic public rubbish bins in town  
\* also an ~~bi~~ quarterly rubbish along the ~~the~~ Ohakura saddle / forgotten highway.

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them



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What do you like?

COUNCIL IS LOOKING FORWARD.

What don't you like?

THE MAIN STREET IS WHAT EVERY TRAVELLER SEE'S  
YOU HAVE NARROWED THE MAIN STREET YET HAVE  
NOT MADE ANY PROVISION FOR HEAVY THRU TRAFFIC

What would you change?

PUT IN A ROUNDABOUT AT SHORT AND RIVER ROADS  
DIRECTING HEAVY DOWN ONTO MIKIAMIA/MOERERO/TURAKI  
TO ANOTHER ROUNDABOUT, PUT IN TRAFFIC ISLANDS AT  
MOERERO/HIKARIA TO STOP TRAFFIC INTO HIKARIA FROM MOERERO  
~~ONE~~ AND VICE/VERSA.

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

PUSH HAYES LANE RIGHT THRU TO MANUAUTE  
PUSH KYDD LANE RIGHT THRU TO MANUAUTE  
SHIFT RUAPEHU COMMUNITY ARTS TO ANOTHER PART OF CBD  
OPEN THAT BUILDING WITH TOTAL REFIT FOR BAR/CAFE/RESTAURANT

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

REMOVE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING  
REMOVE RAILWAY MUSEUM TOTAL OR TOTAL REFIT TO  
MODERN CAFE.

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



Don't like them

Amazing - nothing better



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MOSIE + PETER BUCKLAND M 825 8300  
 — EBONY — WHITE FACINGS — GREEN ROOF —  
 — GREEN + RICH CURTAIN ?  
 — OTHER ?

HAVE SIMILAR AT CHAKUNE / RAETHI  
PAINT IN HERITAGE COLOURS.  
 OVERLAY SHINGLES WALLS? (glue on?)  
 OR TUDOR LOOK - ? DOORS BOTTOM  
 OR VERTICAL BOARD + BATTEN

CONCRETE  
 OVERHEAD COST POWER  
 LIGHT CEILING - SHINGLES  
 EYE COVERED BY PICTURE  
 ON SALES OF PICTURES

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 OFFICE OR WORKPLACE.



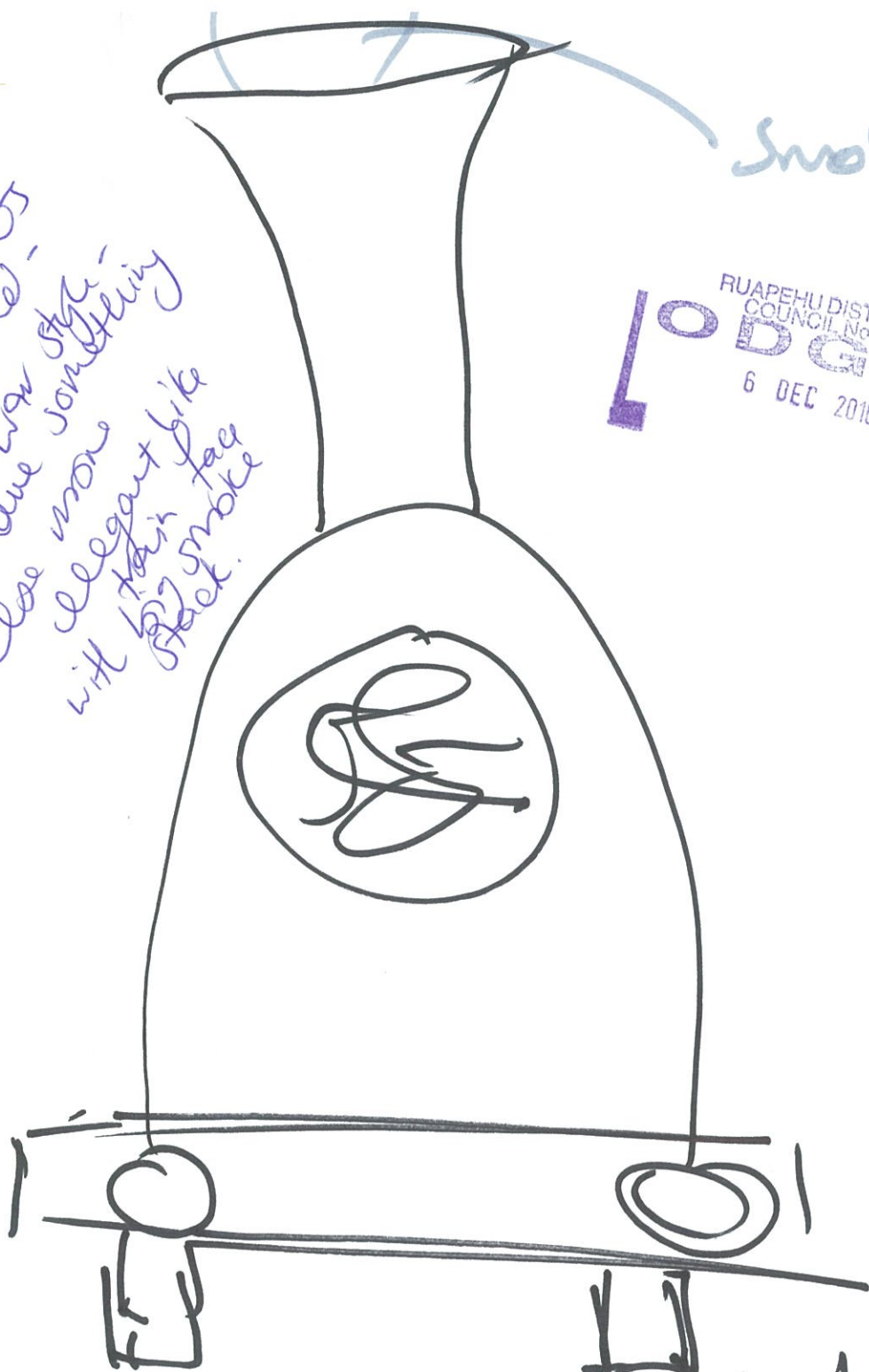
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In relation to towers  
in playgrounds -  
could have low styl-  
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# Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan

## Feedback Form



bespoke  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

1. WHY DESTROY THIS VALUABLE BUILDING AND REPLACE IT WITH A CONCRETE AREA WITH SEATING  
2. VISITORS/TRAVELLERS WILL STOP TO VIEW THIS HISTORIC GALLERY - (Charge signage)  
3. LINKS THE TOWN WITH ITS HINTERLAND - FARMING PEOPLE  
4. A PERFECT PLACE TO DISPLAY OUR LARGE COLLECTION OF PHOTOS, ARTIFACTS  
5. THE PEOPLE WANT THIS BUILDING KEPT. IT IS SOUND AND IN AN EARLIER STRENGTHENED BY COUNCIL. DO NOT DESTROY IT! IT IS AN ASSET AND A FEATURE FOR THE TOWN CENTRE PROJECT.

What do you like?

What don't you like?

What would you change?

Would you like to spend time in these spaces?

Do you think the town centre design space will make travellers stop and spend time in the town?

How do you rate the plans out of 5?



See other side...

SIXTH IN A SERIES

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PAINT IN HERITAGE COLOURS - cream & green - black/white/green - other.

# roll back the years....

② DRESS FRONT WITH AN OLD STYLE BULK-NOSE VERANDAH + SUPPORT COLUMNS  
Patiently piecing together the history of the central King Country TO ACCENTUATE HISTORIC LOOK.

# Vol 6

- PAINT, COSMETIC (small) CHANGES PLUS IMAGINATION! and with.



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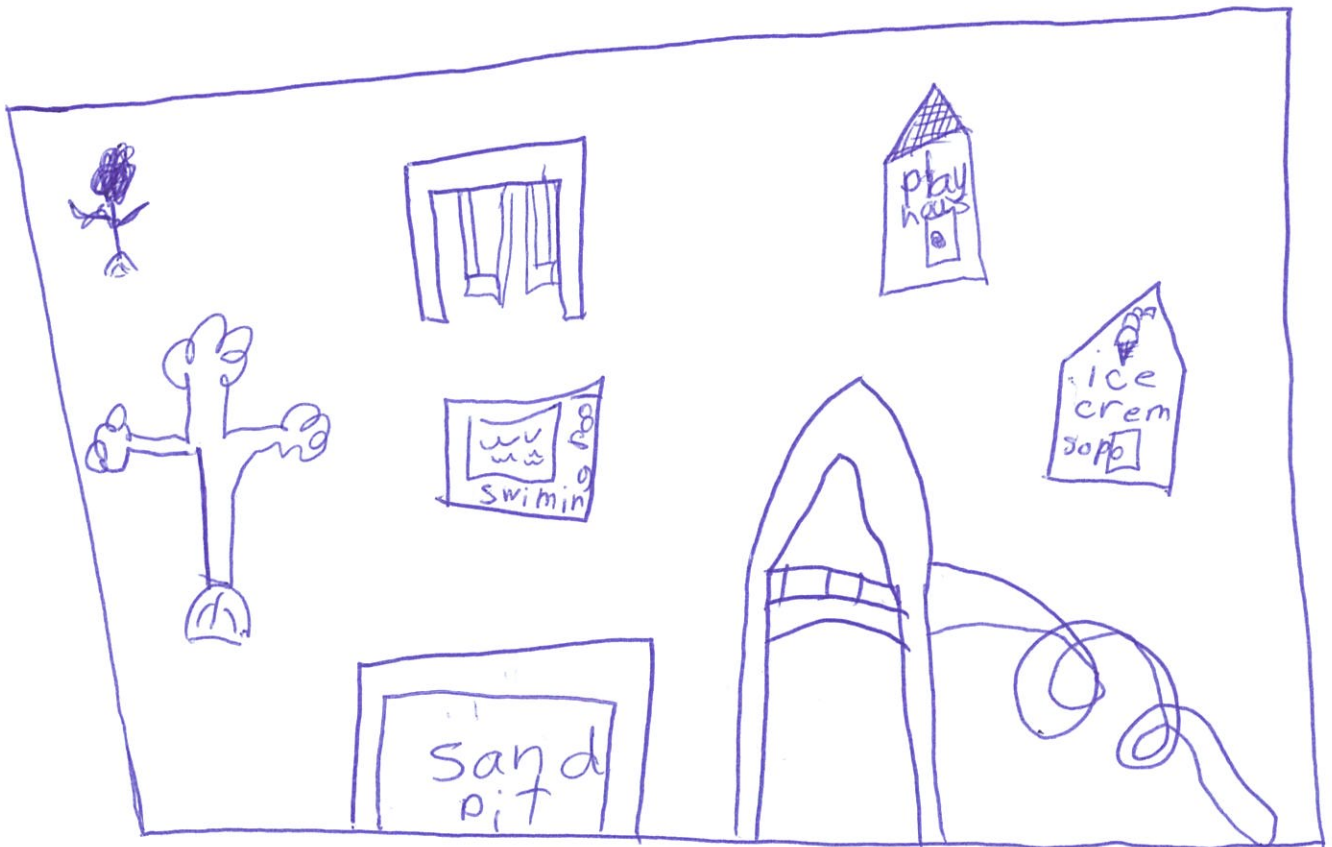
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## TAUMARUNUI TOWN CENTRE AND MASTER PLAN

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*What do you like?* The 4 concepts

A fresh approach embracing potential of what we already have

Use of trees – walkways that extend into town

A sense of fun and usability

Essence of Taumarunui but with so much more.

*What don't you like?* Plan just being on paper. This needs to be actioned asap and not left. Urgent revamp of loos especially.

### PERSONAL IDEAS TO SHARE

Maximise use of old buildings e.g. Memorial Hall; move together the arts centre and old library.

Multi use old train station ?? working craft hub and train museum.

Have Taumarunui as a request stop for the train as in other countries – passenger indicates they wish to board.

Train clock toots the hours/1/2 hours

Perspex covers over one way street; like the pedestrian choice but include something for children as well and plenty of seating and rubbish bins.

Boutique shops and ones of interest like off the rails.

Seasonal planting rather than grasses e.g. annuals and spring bulbs. Like the trees.

Encourage music, entertainment; bring more life to the town.

Farmers markets; extend the concepts.

A native tree maze involving high school and other community groups.

Develop more sheltered and safe places for swimming with perhaps wooden pontoons.

Focused themes e.g. spring/autumn festivals involving garden rambles, some of the old as well as new e.g. country balls, harvest dinners. Involve Pati, community choir and others for events. Sponsored Christmas trees as fund raiser decorated by local firms/organizations, groups. ? judged by public, resulting revenue going to e.g. local charity.

Hope dogs will be welcomed as in other tourist areas. And please don't forget to continue employment/trades skills for young and not so young.

**PTO**



If we work together this is an excellent platform to take Taumarunui positively into the future with all of what it has to offer. Well done now lets just put this into action.

NB.

I had a stall for Monday Fun Day in one way street at the Christmas parade and noted there were no seats for especially the elderly, there were no rubbish bins with all the food stalls and there could have been some festive music. It was a good step forward but there is definitely room for improvement.

Thank You.

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The advantages of being a small town is that there is a tremendous sense of community closeness. This means that because of its small population and isolation, the community bands together and is able to amalgamate its services and resources to ensure daily operations within its central infrastructure is cost effective and sustainable. The disadvantages are that much of its population is likely to relocate to greater regionally areas for employment and other opportunities.

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Much of the Taumarunui population resides in its township and serviced by a number of private retail enterprise within its Central Business District. Other service centers include a hospital and a number of general practitioners (GP). There are also a number of Marae, reserves and parks, two local swimming pools, a number of primary schools and a high school.

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Taumarunui continues to remain populated despite the current trends showing a decline. Its township continues to service the community although a number retail enterprise have also declined. Health and social services continue to remain strong despite the trends.

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<sup>1</sup>.idCommunity demographic resources: <http://profile.idnz.co.nz/ruapehu/about?WebID=150>

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Housing -

Adventure hub -

Community -

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Between 2006 and 2013 there was a downward trend in the total number of occupied private dwellings while the total number of unoccupied dwellings increased, but this may be due to the fact that some of these homes are currently only used as holiday homes. A high percentage of the occupied homes are rentals. The cost of housing in Taumarunui is very low and has attracted families from big cities to relocate and live. It has also attracted homes buyers from overseas to make haste on the real estate market.

Although geographically limited, Taumarunui is surrounded by some of the most stunning natural advantages in New Zealand. It has provided a platform to increase productivity for the community's infrastructure. In recent years it has built on its reputation as the gateway for tourism, and is becoming the centre for the Cycle ways in the area. Its location enables residents to be closer to the snow, bush, mountains, rivers and lakes and is sees up to 125,698 visitors annually. Its sense of community is tremendous. Amalgamating services and resources ensures daily operations within its central infrastructure has been effective.

Reference /~~to~~

- 2013 Census.

- Visitor # 125,698.

## About Us: Colville

### History:

Here, whoever is putting in the funding application, will explain their trust etc

### Our Communities:

#### Physical:

The communities of the Upper Northern Coromandel Peninsula are rural, remote and diverse.

The small township of Colville is located 26 kilometres north of Coromandel town and is the northernmost town on the peninsula. The settlement of Port Jackson lies 28 kilometres north-west of Colville, and the settlement of Port Charles lies 20 km to the north-east. Distance, however, is not an accurate indicator of access for these communities, as the roads are narrow, rough and mostly gravelled. Generally roads are only graded annually, and travelling times can take an hour to travel less than 30km.

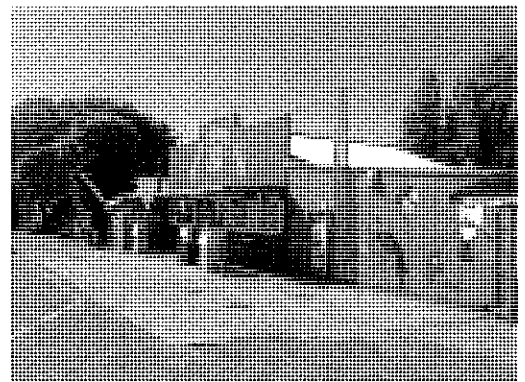


Figure 1: Colville Store / Township

Colville is a town of few houses. It is serviced by a co-operatively-owned general store, a volunteer-run Postal Delivery Centre, a volunteer fire brigade, a two-teacher primary school (years 1-8), Colville Social Services Collective Trust and the health clinic. Colville also has a community hall and a café which operates under seasonal hours.

Just beyond Colville town is the beginning of the Te Moehau Range, which forms the bulk of the northern end of the Coromandel Peninsula, and contains valuable ecological areas, including a population of the threatened North Island Brown Kiwi.

#### People:

**Population:** the estimated population of the Coromandel-Colville Community Board area is 2817 people, a decrease of 1.88% since the 2006 Census.



**Population Age Spread:** Our communities have an aging population, with 51% of our population being over the age of 50 years and just 29.9% aged 18-49 years. The largest changes between the 2006 and 2013 census are increases of 61% in the population aged 60-69 years and of 32% in those aged 70-84 years; and decreases of 30% in those aged 25-34 years and of 17% in those aged 34-39 years. Compared to the general Waikato region, our area has substantially lower rates of those aged 49 years and under, and higher rates of those aged 50 years and above.

**Ethnicity:** The main ethnic groups of the Coromandel-Colville Community Board area are Pākehā (75.4%) and Māori (29.4%). Compared to the 2006 census results, there has been an increase in those identifying themselves as Māori (29.4% compared to 20.7%). There are more Māori in our region (29.4%) than across the general Thames-Coromandel (TCDC) district (15.8%) and the Waikato generally (20.7%).

**Qualifications:** More people in our area have no qualifications (26.3%) than across the general TCDC (24.7%) and Waikato (21.9%) regions. Compared to the wider TCDC district and the general Waikato Region, our population has less people with a school or post-school qualification (including tertiary study).

**Volunteering:** Although our area has a higher rate of volunteering than the general Waikato region (21.6% vs 15%), there has been a decrease in our volunteering of almost 10% between 2006-2013.

#### **Socio-Economic:**

**Social Deprivation:** The Upper Northern Coromandel Peninsula comes under the Coromandel-Colville Community Board, which is the most deprived area within the Thames-Coromandel District. In addition, according to the Social Deprivation Index (2006), our area is amongst the most nationally deprived, with a deprivation ranking of 8, where a ranking of 1 is not deprived and a ranking of 10 is most deprived.

**Employment:** Between 2006 and 2013, the number of people in the labour force in the Coromandel Colville Community Board area decreased by 8.74%. However, there are also now 10.54% fewer people employed (with 15.31% fewer in full-time employment), and an increase of 26.09% in those unemployed. Compared to the Waikato region, our population has 9.6% fewer people in the labour force; and while there is a higher percentage of people employed part-time, there is a lower percentage employed full-time.

**Industry:** The main industries in the wider Coromandel-Colville area are: agriculture, forestry and fishing (17.3%), accommodation and food services (12%), construction (8.8%), retail trade (8.5%), manufacturing (8.3%), and both education and training, and health care and social assistance (7.3%) each. However, during the 2006-2013 periods, there has been a total decrease across these areas of 7.67%.

Compared to the general Waikato region, our area has a larger number of people employed as labourers (17% vs. 12.3%) and managers (24.1% vs. 19.9%), and fewer employed in the education, social services, health, administrative, professional and wholesale/retail trade industries.

**Income:** While our area has a higher rate of individuals receiving annual incomes of between \$5000-\$30 000 than the general Waikato region, it has substantially fewer individuals receiving annual incomes above \$30 000 (28.8% vs. 42.6%).

Our population has a substantially higher rate of population receiving annual household incomes of between \$1-\$30 000 (32.2%) than the general Waikato region (19.8%), and a substantially lower rate of those receiving annual household incomes above \$70 000 (19.2% compared to 36%).

The top four sources of household income for the Coromandel-Colville area (compared to the general Waikato region) are: wages salaries, commissions, bonuses etc., 48.2% (64.1%); NZ superannuation or veteran's pension, 31.5% (23.7%); self-employment or business, 28.4% (23.4%); and interest dividends rents, etc., 26.9% (25.9%). The biggest differences over the 2006-2013 period are decreases in households gaining income from wages (down by 2.5%) and self-employment (down by 12.8%); and increases in households gaining income from an invalids benefit (up 33.33%), superannuation/pension (up 30.3%), other super, pensions or annuities (up 22.22%) and other government benefits (up 41.2%).

**Dwellings:** In following with the high number of holiday homes in our area, 45% of dwellings are unoccupied private dwellings.

**Rentals:** Similar to the 2006 Census (21.6%), 21.7% of our areas population are renters. However, although there has been a drop in the number of rentals in the medium lowest quartile (18.7%) since the 2006 Census, there has been a 13.8% increase in the number of rentals in the low rental quartile (which has also increased from \$0 - \$135 to \$0 – 191) and an increase in 44.5% of the number of rentals in the medium-highest' quartile (which has also increased in value from \$212-\$290 to \$288-\$379). This suggests there are more people living in smaller/poorer quality houses and that fewer rentals are available in the medium-lowest range. There is little social housing rental available in our area (1.2%) compared with the general Waikato region (3.4%), with almost all of that available in Coromandel town, rather than in the Colville area.

**Access to Telecommunications:** People of the Coromandel-Colville area have less access to telecommunications than their general TCDC and Waikato counterparts. Access to a cellphone is at 75.1% (vs. 78% & 79.3%); access to a telephone is 70.9% (vs. 78.6% & 78.3%); and access to the internet is 59.2% (vs. 65.2% & 68.8%). A total of 3.9% of households have no access to telecommunications (compared to 2.6% & 2%).

**Main Identified Issues:**

- Remoteness, isolation and lack of access to services.
- High levels of social deprivation.
- A substantially aging population.
- High levels of no or only school-level qualifications.
- High increases in unemployment.
- Low levels of existing industry.
- High number of households within the low-income bracket.
- High increases in the number of people whose income is derived from a government benefit or pension
- Low levels of available rental housing.
- High increases in private rental rates and little access to social housing.
- Poor access to telecommunications.

## What is happening now

- There is a great opportunity to collaborate with other community service providers in the area.
- Current building not adequate.
- There is an increase in the patient base and an increase in the number of casual patients in the summer because of the high visitor numbers.
- Dr Kate has a fellowship so can train qualified doctors to be GP's (mentor)
- Colville Social Services Collective Trust (CSSC) secured funding in 2015 for a part time Community Worker (Dept of Internal Affairs). The Community Development Worker has some hours to resource a management group to develop the need for a community hub to house multiple community groups and services.
- A Management Team of representatives from CSSC and CCHT has been formed.
- An architect is assisting with the development of a feasibility study.
- The Management Team is seeking 2 quotes for the performance of a feasibility study.
- Funds for the feasibility have been sourced from Trust Waikato and DIA so far.

## In the next 3 years we will see:

- People feel more supported by their community
- Another doctor and community nurse with visiting students
- An integrated community
- Provide all services from one point with new and up to date equipment
- More employment
- Strong governance with clear policies and procedures
- Community engaged in the hub

- Still forward thinking
- More aged people with increased living options e.g. a partnership with Housing NZ
- More partnerships
- More people will know who we are



Change to Positive - Quite negative as numbers. 23/01

### About Us: Taumarunui

Situated

Taumarunui is a small rural town in the Ruapehu District and Manawatu-Whanganui Region. It is also in the boundary of the King Country in the central North Island of New Zealand. The township is located on State Highway 4 and the North Island Main Trunk Railway. It is on an alluvial plain set within rugged terrain on the upper reaches of the Whanganui River, 65 km south of Te Kuiti and 55 km west of Turangi.

Its surround  
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Major features within the Taumarunui area include the world-renowned Tongariro National Park, Pureora Forest Park, Forgotten World Adventures, Taumarunui Golf Club, Taumarunui Hospital and Cherry Grove Domain. There are also a number of reserves and parks, two local swimming pools, a number of primary schools and a high school.

Historically, Taumarunui was a Māori settlement, positioned at the junction of canoe and trade routes linking the central North Island with downstream villages. Taumarunui is where Maniapoto, Tuwharetoa and Whanganui Iwi came together. These Maori tribes are still prominent today. European settlement in Taumarunui began in 1874.

The population of Taumarunui taken from the 2013 census is 4,500 people. However, between the 2006 and 2013 census there has been a population decrease of 555 people. In terms of population age spread there is a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (under 15) along with a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (of 65+). In terms of a percentage, 24.7% of the population is aged between 0 and 14, and 17.6% are aged 65 years and over. The main ethnic groups in Taumarunui are Maori and Pakeha. Overall, 59.0% identify as European, 48.5% as Māori and 2.7% as Pacific Peoples. Since the 2006 census, the Maori population has increased from 43.1% to 48.5%.

According to the NZDep2013 index of deprivation, the Ruapehu District is one of the most socio-economically deprived areas of New Zealand. Taumarunui has been consistently ranked 10 on the index scale since 1996. The District has a wide range of income-related challenges, which are compounded by its rural isolation. This creates challenging living circumstances for individuals, families and the wider community. Furthermore, 63% of schools in the District are decile one or two.

Socio Dep

Taumarunui's labour force in 2013 was 1,896 people. Of which, 447 were employed on a part-time basis while 1,200 were full time employees. As a percentage, the labour force in Taumarunui compared to the Ruapehu District shows that there is a lower proportion of those employed and a higher proportion unemployed. Overall, 86.9% of the labour force was employed (48.6% of the population aged 15+), and 13.1% unemployed (7.3% of the population aged 15+), compared with 91.9% and 8.1% respectively for the Ruapehu District. Analysis of the labour force participation rate of the population in Taumarunui in 2013 shows that there was a lower proportion in the labour force (55.9%) compared with the Ruapehu District (66.2%). Between 2006 and 2013, the number of people employed in Taumarunui showed a decrease of 261 persons and the number unemployed showed an increase of 84 persons. In the same period, the number of people in the labour force showed a decrease of 177 persons, or 8.5%.

Despite what stats. Then

There are alot of stats  
Maybe look at this from what  
i.e. a large number of un employment

Qualifications: Results from the 2013 census show more people in Taumarunui have no qualifications compared to the general Ruapehu District. There are less people who hold formal qualifications than employed largely unemployed population etc.

→ Follow this through the rest of the info. ....

qualifications (Higher degrees, Bachelor degrees and Post School (excluding university qualifications)). Overall, 51.2% of the population aged 15 and over held educational qualifications, and 32.7% had no qualifications, compared with 58.3% and 28.3% for the Ruapehu District.

**Volunteering:** Voluntary assistance in Taumarunui in 2013 compared to the Ruapehu District was relatively similar (20.6% Vs 20.8%) however there was a decrease of 99 people in voluntary work between 2006 – 2013.

→ Could be that he became employed hence, the decrease.

#### **Socio-Economic:**

**Social Deprivation:** According to the NZDep2013 index of deprivation, the Ruapehu District is one of the most socio-economically deprived areas of New Zealand. Taumarunui has been consistently ranked 10 on the index scale since 1996. The District has a wide range of income-related challenges that are compounded by its rural isolation. This creates challenging living circumstances for individuals, families and the wider community. 63% of schools in the District are decile one or two.

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✓ **Industry:** During the 2013 census results show the three most popular industries in Taumarunui were: Education and training (195 people or 12.1%), Retail trade (189 people or 11.8%) and Health care and social assistance (177 people or 11.0%). Combined these three industries employed 561 people in total or 34.9% of the employed resident population.

→ where does farming fit?

✓ **Income:** Results from the 2013 census shows individual income levels in Taumarunui compared to the Ruapehu District were fewer people earning a high income (earning more than \$70,000 per annum) 4.0% Vs 7.1% and a high number of low income persons (earning less than \$15,000 per annum) 31.1% Vs 27.9%

It would be part of the surrounding area?

A similar pattern is also reflected through household income levels in Taumarunui in 2013 compared to the Ruapehu District showing fewer numbers of high income households (those earning more than \$70,000 per annum) and higher numbers of low income households (those earning less than \$30,000 per annum). Overall, 15.4% of the households earned a high income, and 36.1% were low income households, compared with 22.6% and 28.3% respectively for the Ruapehu District.

? **Dwellings:** Between 2006 and 2013 the total number occupied private dwellings decreased by 126 while the total number of unoccupied private dwellings increased by 135. According to the 2013 census the total number of dwellings was 2208 an increase of 12 since 2006.

surrounding? →

→ Is there more unoccupied dwellings than occupied ie, absent owners live in the Taumarunui Area?

**Rentals:** Taumarunui has a high percentage of renters at 35.5%. Between 2006 and 2013 the number of renters increased by 72. Weekly housing rental payments of households in Taumarunui compared to the Ruapehu District shows that there was a fewer number of households paying high rental payments (\$400 per week or more), as well as a fewer number of households with low rental payments (less than \$150 per week). Overall, 0.0% of households were paying high rental payments, and 40.5% were paying low payments, compared with 0.6% and 50.7% respectively in the Ruapehu District. The total number of households renting their dwelling in Taumarunui increased by 69 between 2006 and 2013. The most significant change during this period was in the lowest quartile which showed an increase of 78 households.

**Access to Telecommunications:** Taumarunui has less access to the internet compared to the wider Ruapehu District however has a higher percentage of access to a cell/mobile phone. Overall 48.6% of households had access to the internet, and 71.0% had access to a cell/mobile phone, compared with 56.2% and 69.2% respectively in the Ruapehu District. The largest changes in access to telecommunications in Taumarunui, between 2006 and 2013 were: Access to a telephone (-201 households), access to a cellphone/mobile phone (+177 households), access to the internet (+171 households).

**Main Identified Issues:**

- Geographically remote and isolated
- High levels of social deprivation.
- An increasing number of young people (under 15) and increasing numbers of elderly (over 65)
- Low levels of educational qualifications
- Increase in unemployment.
- High number of households within the low-income bracket.
- Poor access to internet

**What is happening now:**

- High level of consultation with community
- Increase collaborations with Iwi Maori
- Increase collaborations with youth
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**In the next 3 years we will see:**

- People feel more supported by their community
- An integrated community
- More employment
- More aged people with increased living options

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### **Your thoughts, ideas, aspirations.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

My request is to consider rezoning the present Industrial zoned area in Taranui Street, to Residential or Rural. The only six properties existing on the street are residences . Further, could the refuse station be relocated to an area outside of this built up residential area.

Yours sincerely,

Vaughn Wright.

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**Team Leader Policy Planning**  
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**From:** ROBERTS, Michael (Mike) [mailto:Michael.Roberts@Police.Govt.NZ]  
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**To:** Rebecca Van Orden <rebecca.vanorden@ruapehudc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Submissions on concept proposals

Afternoon,

I would like to take the time to make some submissions concerning the recent Taumarunui Town Centre concept proposals.

I am supportive of the project in its entirety. I believe it is necessary for Taumarunui to become a more attractive recreation destination.

From what I understand of the plan it appears well thought out and I believe it is likely to achieve the desired outcome.

My submissions are as follows:

1. On page 20 it is unclear how much the warped timber fence (14 on the legend) would allow views of the rail. I submit enhanced views are preferable as it allows the visitors to connect with and experience an iconic aspect of the town.
2. In the approach to town from the north one of the first structures you see is the Ross Curtis joinery workshop. This collection of buildings is a visually unappealing eyesore and adds no aesthetic value to Taumarunui. I also believe it deters travellers from stopping. The council should acquire that land with a view of developing a park, natural play area or freedom camping opportunity on the western bank of the Ongarue river.
3. Access to the High Point via the North Gateway is unlikely to be used by travellers due to its obscurity. More obvious signage is required with consideration for this also being signposted for motorists who prefer to travel to the High Point by vehicle instead of walking.
4. A consistent signage theme is necessary to achieve a coherently beautiful town.
5. The proposed developments (bridges etc.) and shop fronts could be enhanced by seasonal floral arrangements and ornamental or decorative lighting. Consideration should also be given to both ornamental and functional street lighting incorporating a railway theme.
6. Another significant eyesore affecting the overall appearance of the town is the mismatched style and general conditions of shop fronts. This needs to be addressed through by laws which demand a higher standard, more consistent theme and hold property owners accountable for the presentation of their buildings.
7. A reduction of the speed limit on Hakiaha Street could encourage more travellers to stop.
8. I believe the highest priority for development should be Hakiaha Street because it is the thoroughfare used by all visitors.
9. Although it is perhaps beyond the scope of this project I would also encourage investment in an outdoor gym for local fitness and recreation. I suggest placement immediately south of the skate park in Taumarunui Domain. Examples can be found on this site:  
[http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=\\_93L2FXN0xocSpEesM1R3FpRngETLPA5OVhg2iiGcg&u=http%3a%2f%2foutdoorfitnessequipment%2eco%2enz%2fproduct-category%2fgo-zone-series%2fmuti-jungle%2f](http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=8510&d=_93L2FXN0xocSpEesM1R3FpRngETLPA5OVhg2iiGcg&u=http%3a%2f%2foutdoorfitnessequipment%2eco%2enz%2fproduct-category%2fgo-zone-series%2fmuti-jungle%2f)  
 Funding for a project of this nature may also be available from the Waikato DHB.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike

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### What do you like?

Development of cycleway/shared track from town to Mananui. As one of the most picturesque rides in NZ To further develop the town a functional mountain bike park will bring in tourists who will stop & stay. We have the geographical features required (hills) to make it interesting & fun. Perfect location over from Victory Bridge at Sunshine track along towards Mananui or from Kuraurau Road. Tracks of all grades to make a extra reason to visit for 42 Traverse/ Old Coach Road/Fishers track users, as well as family oriented low grade fun and pump tracks. Look to develop range of substantial graded loop footpaths to take tourists from the town via our magnificent scenery with the paths returning them to the town. Once cycle & walking paths are in Dept of Corrections can maintain them for free.

In town the idea of reverse glass toilets in the town will put us on the world tourist map not just NZ. Look at Hunterwasser loos near Whangarei - Give tourists a reason to stop , selfie/photo opportunities, souvenir buying opportunities. Would create a must see/ experience on tourist NZ trip itineraries.

### What don't you like?

Playground, towers & train are good but not a reason to stop unless you have kids. From another perspective may be a reason to drive on through if you don't have kids. Lets face it there are themed playgrounds in every town. Is that a real must stop opportunity for everyone?

### What would you change?

Stronger branding & messaging and clear large signage in the town. Use history and the King Top Hat & Railway history story more to create identity from the past and more current tourist focused information branding "Base camp

for adventure" prompting people to stop and buy supplies? "Action begins here !!" showing we have recreation options.

One way street shops given enterprise zone status/ free or heavily discounted rent/rates to encourage niche crafts/antiques/arts / artisan produce village including workshop experiences for interactive involvement, potters wheels/painting /beekeeping /baking workshops at weekends etc. Create national identity for being a skills fun hub.

**Would you spend time in these spaces?:** Yes

**Do you think the town centre space would make travellers want to stop?:** Maybe

**How do you rate the plans out of 5?:** 3 stars

**Email address:** [peter1616rance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:peter1616rance@yahoo.co.uk)

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Attn Town Upgrade/Bespoke Proposals

Ruapehu District Council

Taumarunui

Dear Sir/Madam

Re Upgrade proposals for Taumarunui and the bespoke ideas/proposals.

Attached are my thoughts and concerns about where council is heading and my feelings on the issues we should be concentrating on as first steps in any town upgrading proposals.

My apologies for lateness, the reason is explained in my submission.

I will be available to discuss any issues raised at any time and day if I have a couple of days notice.

I would be grateful for information on the questions asked.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

  
Stuart Shaw

Ps I intend to share my comment with other interested parties.

## CAITLIN WALLACE

Visitors are surging to Ngaruawahia's Hakarimata Summit.

The Department of Conservation recorded an annual 140,000 visits compared to 5000 five years ago. To put that into context, it would like filling a fifth of the Waikato Stadium and then the next week filling it five times over.

Runners, puffed first-time walkers and even baby bearing mothers eye the ultimate goal of conquering the 1349 steps each week.

The steps success is good news for the town and a great example for other small towns to follow suit, says BNZ chief economist Tony Alexander.

Other towns should take stock of their attractions and work out what would work best for them, Alexander said.

"It's good in terms of economically... the local community need to think what else can we offer people." He said opportunities for growth only come around "every now and again" so it would be "unwise to pass up".

But benefiting from its success should be factored into long term plans, he said, especially with the impending \$12 million government infrastructure fund set to be invested into small communities.

Reg Hohala, 58, has climbed Hakarimata Summit nearly every day for four years.

"The local business people should be drawing up their desire for what that infrastructure should be."

For other small centres across the country, there's chances to do the same. The trick is not to dwell on Auckland's rapid growth but to take advantage of it by promoting assets.

## "There's nothing out there like this that you can do in an hour."

Erin Parker

"Get the chip off your shoulder about Auckland's growth, look at how you can link into Auckland's growth."

Waikato District mayor Allan Sanson said he knew the summit track was popular but had no idea the numbers were so high.

"We've got people travelling from far afield to come here, they're coming from Auckland, they're coming from Tauranga. There's some quiet little competitions about the fastest they can go up it."

While the Waikato is home to plenty of outdoor trails to tick off the list, it's hard to compete with the famous stairs.

"[There's] Nothing quite as impressive as the tracks."

Waikato DOC operations manager Ray Scrimgeour said the stairs' popularity was beyond anyone's expectations.

"I think the lesson for us in the Hakarimatas is probably we wouldn't have predicted that. Several factors that came

One of hundreds a week to visit the Hakarimata Summit steps is Te Aroha's Mat Honeyfield who was passing through on his Te Araroa tramp.

PHOTO: TOM LEE/FAIRFAX NZ



into that was the style of the track and the length of the track."

Because of its popularity, investment into maintenance and improvements will be a priority, he said. Social media was partly to thank for the success.

The track has its own dedicated Facebook page with champions of the stairs sharing their success.

One man even conquered it in high heels - something plenty of women probably wouldn't contemplate.

Te Aroha resident Mat Honeyfield was on his way down from doing the loop as part of the Te Araroa trail travelling from Cape Reinga to the Bluff.

He had never heard of the summit track before Monday but said it was his favourite so far.

"It's beautiful, it's a good thing to do." After his trek, he planned on heading back up to tackle it again.

Hamilton friends Kirshni Bhula and Erin Parker were back from Otago University for a study break and didn't waste any time hitting the steps.

"It's still a struggle but it's really cool," Bhula said.

Learning about it through sports students at their school two years ago, they decided to have a go and have been regulars ever since.

"There's nothing out there like this that you can do in an hour," Parker said.

*An example of attractions that visitors enjoy. A reason to visit any community is a necessary first step*

Minds



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Originally dated 12/12/16

Comment on Taumarunui Town Centre and Master Plan as presented by bespoke landscape architects on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016

My apologies for the late comment. My computer system failed when I was part way through the exercise prior to Christmas and I have only recently got a replacement.

Perhaps much of it is too late but I am sharing it with Council so my thoughts are known on the proposals.

The recent display of ideas and concept plans from bespoke raises a number of questions which others in the community have asked me and I have asked others in return.

The original idea was that bespoke were given a brief to present proposals for the upgrade of the area from the old library building to the town clock, excluding the replacement of the toilets, and including the northern end of Manuate Street. My understanding was that there was a budget of \$15,000 for this work.

We have been presented with ideas for upgrading virtually the whole of the CBD plus considerably more, e.g. northern and southern entrances including both bridges, Cherry Grove, the domain and brief mention of an opportunity to engage with the Ongarue River off the end of Miriama Street.

Questions

- (1) Who made up the original "ideas" groups ?
- (2) Who decided that the brief should be expanded and why ?
- (3) What was the increase in cost for the greatly expanded bespoke exercise ?

Some years ago the community took part in a similar exercise .All who were interested were invited on to a focus group and many took part in an exercise that ran for several months (from memory). Many ideas came forward but the end result in my mind is that very little positive progress forward ,if any, resulted. I could be wrong on this.

My concern, shared by many, is that the “ideas” groups and those who made up these groups are not well known in the community. Certainly there was not the same opportunity for interested ratepayers to become involved as there was in the earlier exercise.

Of interest to the ratepayer, at this early stage is, will the total cost of any improvements to our town fall on the local ratepayer or the district, and will there be any government assistance ? My comment is that the community which benefits will pay the bill and I can't see any government assistance for cosmetic improvements to any town. Perhaps there may be some assistance for badly needed toilets but years ago the argument was “as Taumarunui was not on a popular tourist route, that our ratepayers making use of toilets in other towns offset the use of the public toilets in our town.” This situation surely must have changed because of the visitor increase that we keep hearing so much about.

It seems that today's steady increase in tourism activity means that all communities are having to spend megabucks on cosmetic town improvements, the costs of which impacts mostly on the lower income majority in small towns.

It appears by the comments stuck on the board, at the display, some people support many of the ideas put forward and the general concerns, that I am hearing, are--

(a) the possible costs (i.e. future rate increases) and

(b) are the supporters local ratepayers ? If so are they business people who will directly benefit from increased visitor numbers and therefore pay a greater share than the residential ratepayer ?

I am concerned at the very large increase in the bespoke exercise and feel that a heap of expensive administration time will be spent on an *unaffordable outcomes for our community.*

Points to note are

(1) our town is not a Rotorua, Taupo, Waitomo, or even Ohakune. We do not have an outstanding natural attraction that would encourage tourists to visit. Accepted Taumarunui is not much more than 30 mins drive from some of the above and an attractive town coupled with competitively priced accommodation could attract visitors to stay several days, i.e. use Taumarunui as a base.

(2) being honest what are our local attractions within walking distance from town and what are the negatives impacting on them ?

(a) two rivers, both only a fraction of what they were in the days of the river boats because of water extraction for electricity generation from the Whanganui River and extensive pine plantations in the upper Ongarue River catchment. The Ongarue River can become little more than a small stream in the dry summer months and jet boating would not be an option for long periods. Removal of native forests and farming have affected both catchments.

(b) our 3 ecologically very important remnant native forest reserves, Manunui, Sunshine and Rangaroa.

Each has fine examples of the mighty forest trees that once covered much of the Ruapehu District area and the latter has an undeveloped relic of the early steam train era, a water storage area to supply water to the thirsty engines of yesterday. The water catchment area became a reserve and development of the old dam site coupled with suitable signage would be a significant attraction and complement the local rail museum.

Very sadly these valuable reserves have been largely neglected by Councils over the last thirty plus years.

Considerable spasmodic effort has gone into work in each of the reserves over the years, e.g. Manunui Reserve. The Taumarunui Rotary club has a one day a year working bee visit, Taumarunui Ngahere Trust (weed control and planting funded by horizons Regional Council over several years in the late 1990's), the Manunui Walkway group, the Manunui School and a number of individuals. The King Country saw-millers have a memorial at the entrance to the reserve but there is no other information available. Much of the effort has been wasted because of no ongoing management of the reserve. The reserve is largely a flat river terrace and tracks are easily maintained.

Some years ago the Taumarunui Lions carried out extensive work on the bridge and lower section of the Sunshine Reserve track. The upper section of track, on a steep face, was not upgraded and has always been of poor standard. This reserve must have some history as there are a number of Rhododendron trees not far into the reserve, and over the ridge off the top end of the track an impressive stand of Redwoods is found, which also has some interesting history.

The Rangaroa Reserve has had some track work done within the last 10 years, my understanding funded by Council, and not done to a lasting standard. The tracks are in poor condition.

No reserve has well maintained walking tracks or interpretive signage.

Our towns newest reserve, Te Peka Reserve(Utility), compliments the recent development at the northern entrance to town and a well developed and often used walking track gives access to the Lookout overlooking town.

As well as over 2.5 kms of walking tracks and other facilities the reserve has a partly completed monument and area commemorating a visit to the reserve by a group of students and staff from Hidaka, Japan, in 2000. As a symbol of their visit a small area of the reserve became known as "The Forest of Hidaka" and some months after their visit the Te Peka group received a stainless steel plaque from Japan, commemorating their visit.



The dwindling volunteer resources of our group and the lack of promised support from the Taumarunui High School's Japanese class has meant that this development remains unfinished some 16 years later. Completed development of this project would be an attraction to Japanese tourists passing through our community. A sign, in both English and Japanese, put on SH 4 adjacent to the northern track entrance would encourage tourists to visit the reserve.

(c) The main problem we have is that there is no affordable option to get heavy traffic off our main street.

This will always be a negative for our town as heavy traffic along a relatively narrow main street will have to be an important factor in the types of development and facilities which attract people, especially children, to gather and play. I suspect that there would be a limit on how many "obstructions" a Council would be allowed to incorporate in any main street upgrade for the purpose of slowing traffic down if there was no convenient alternative route.

Our main street has many "food shops" several with outside seating and table facilities and no doubt the regular smelly stock trucks going past, while people are dining, causes some bad comment about our town.

(d) The present NZ wide shortage of builders and professional people will mean that costs for non-essential cosmetic work, such as that being proposed by bespoke, will probably be considerably over priced by reputable builders as they will still be around to deal with problems that may show up, or more reasonably priced by the "cowboy" builders who won't be around "tomorrow" to fix up any problems.

The complicated looking designs of much of the works will no doubt mean that the best of materials, the best workmanship, and regular maintenance will be required to ensure a "new look" is kept. Each will impact on the price to our community into the future.

I suggest that the shortage of builders will last for some years because of the housing shortage and the continuing record migration into NZ.

I am not sure who “drives” all of the volunteer work in developing community assets in Ohakune, or who is responsible for Health and Safety issues, nor how much input/control RDC has on this issue, but the volunteer efforts must be of huge value to what gets done in that community and what continues to be done and to what standard. These volunteer efforts get regular news coverage in the local paper and advertisements seeking the assistance of volunteers and other help are not uncommon for new projects. Taumarunui does not seem to have the “community drivers” that Ohakune has.

I salute Councillor Ngatai for her volunteer efforts in our community, but my general feeling is that neither Council nor the Elected Members encourage volunteer work in the north end of the district.

(e) Should Council try to encourage volunteer effort to upgrade facilities and tracks in our 3 remnant forest reserves supported by funding of Task Force Green type schemes (employment and training for our unemployed – possible government funding ?) with possibly some partnership support from horizons, DOC, possibly Iwi and the Probation Service, before spending huge amounts on the cosmetic improvements suggested by bespoke.

I feel that support for environmental projects is more likely to attract funding/support from other agencies than cosmetic improvements will. Central town improvements will not provide any employment opportunities for our unemployed or be of any benefit to our valuable and sadly neglected natural environment areas, both of which are issues of national importance. I.e. high unemployment and the state of our environment.

My personal feeling is that as Council is now largely an office bound rules, regulation and inspection organisation it has lost the will/ability to get involved in any “out in the community” practical work ,i.e. everything must be done by outside contractors to ensure that it has no risk under the Health and Safety Act in the world of physical work.

The development proposals, by bespoke, raise the questions—

(a)Do we develop our town centre to encourage people to visit/stay before we develop reasons for visitors to come and stay ?

My preference is for the latter.

(b)In an earlier submission I suggested removing the old library building and creating some off street parking. The rest of the area is quite attractive as it is.

(c)Replacing our very substandard toilets should have much greater priority than any of the suggested bespoke works.

I make a suggestion that needs Council’s consideration after community consultation/input.

I travel to Hamilton fairly regularly, often to take others to the Waikato Hospital, and a regular rest stop is at the Otorohanga toilets in both directions. There is always parking close by and the main street is a short walk through an interesting arrangement of displays. Te Kuiti, like Taumarunui, relies on street parking on a main street and one may walk 50 or more metres, quite often in wet weather, because of no free parking spaces.

My suggestion is that our new toilet should be placed on the green space behind the Memory Bank. There is plenty of parking and good access to the main street and side streets. Relocating the toilet to this area would free up the existing site and would allow construction of a new toilet with the recently suggested shower facility, and not cause a “no toilet” disruption in our town for several months.

Relocating the toilet to this area would solve main street parking problems which can only get worse if any of the bespoke ideas for development of the main street area take place in future. Bespoke proposals clearly reduce the present number of parking spaces while at the same time encouraging more people to stop will increase the demand for parking spaces.

I have spent many hours on this exercise and like others I am concerned at very big increase in the scope of the brief given to bespoke. It is a big ask of the average ratepayer to get seriously involved in such a massive and possibly very expensive exercise when most are doing their best to make ends meet. I feel that this gives Council the opportunity to move forward in the ratepayer confusion with the well used words of "that's what the community wanted" and supported by media headings of "majority vote for change to town centre" Ruapehu Press 22 Feb. Without any mention of who made up the majority and possible costs it is clearly the answer one would expect.

I am concerned at the possible costs of Councils administrative time and the cost of several bespoke exercises before an affordable amount of cost is "nailed down" and known by the ratepayer. It seems that we are starting at the top unaffordable option, then it will be pruned down to an upgrade option that the community can afford

To the bespoke documents.

2 mistakes. Page 1 Reference to High Street instead of Hakiha Street and page 7/8 shows track to lookout in Te Peka Reserve from northern entrance to reserve from SH4 instead of the information area by the bridge.

Page 7 The river engagement opportunity with the Ongarue River off the end of Miriama is interesting but any development would have to consider flood clean up costs because of the amount of silt and debris that is left by floods.

Cherry Grove development. At the launch meeting there were a number of comments made re consultation with Maori, or lack of consultation, and I ask that this be given priority in this area.

Page 8 I am concerned at the amount of tree planting shown in the picture along the west bank of the Ongarue River. The area is a flood channel. Please check with horizons.

Page 9 I do not agree with any changes to the bridge. The bridge is part of SH 4 and does not need any cosmetic improvements which may distract drivers and slow traffic. There are busy intersections at both ends of the bridge. I love the depiction of the river and canoeists under the bridge, very, very, misleading.

Pages 10/11 Southern entry bridge. Proposed changes unaffordable in the near future. This bridge needs a walkway for pedestrians, quite regularly seen on the raised narrow side edges and footpath access on the town side to the bridge. b

Pg 10 area 3 I am not sure that anyone would want to picnic in this area. Passing travellers would never see it. I would support development of the narrow area between the NIMTLine and the road off Hakiaha Street to Taupo Rd on the town side of the bridge. Regular weed eating of this area must be costly.

Page 12 My feeling is that there needs to be full and thorough consultation and agreement with Iwi before any development takes place in this area.

1 & 8 I support.

7, I do not support dividing this large multiuse sport area with trees and a multiuse cycle/footpath track. There is ample shade around and to divide the area could obstruct large open field events in future.

Page 13 2 I would not support a new pedestrian entrance to the domain on this busy corner. Site line for drivers is obstructed by a hedge on the north west corner. There is little room to develop a footpath on the top area of the domain and it is a poor area for pedestrians to cross to the existing footpaths.

I note that the entrance to the domain off Morero Terrace by Huia St has been left off the diagram.

Pg 13 7,8,9. The embankment on the west side of the domain needs some TLC but I do not support 2 walkways at road and domain level as shown. To develop the creek as shown in the drawing, would be possible because of our abundant supply of metal, but would be costly. Left as is there will be regular maintenance but never attractive.

My understanding is that the underground pipe work is faulty between the inlet on the domain and the outlet near the river. Perhaps the first need is to replace this so any stream upgrade flows freely. The inlet is very obstructed at present.

Pg 15 6 I am not in favour of a green way along Miriama St or Katarina St because of cost to put in place, the mess from falling leaves and the ongoing maintenance costs.

12, 13,14 Support

19, 20 do not support, already good access

Pg 21 Train museum requires big debate.

If they want their large steam crane (not train) as part of their display then an out of CBD site is necessary. Splitting the display between 2 sites is a poor option. Perhaps the larger items could go on the unused line noted for a possible rail car experience but a permanent display on this line would detract from the recently painted mural on the back of the bill boards.

Pg 21 22 This parking area is well used and I would be opposed to the area being used as a camper van park.

Pg 21 24 Not sure what comment means. I would be against what appears to be a lot of plantings over this greenspace. It is a handy open space for community events.

Pg 21 25 I am against so many trees in the CBD. Trees are for reserves not along relatively narrow main streets which are part of a SH. They cause regular ongoing maintenance problems.

Pg 21 26 What is meant by the comment made ? The intersection has never caused any problems unless the stop sign is ignored.

Pg 21 28 As stated earlier a busy corner with restricted visibility, it does not make any sense adding pedestrians to this area.

Pg 21 30 Strongly oppose suggestion. There is close parking and users have an excellent view over the domain area.

Pg 21 31 Accept and support as a longer term project. It wont be cheap but would make a huge improvement to the area. The underground out flow problems from the north end of the grandstand to the river, as mentioned earlier, need attention first.

Thank you.

About Us: Taumarunui

History:

Here, whoever is putting in the Details for funding application, will explain their trust etc

Physical:

Taumarunui is a small rural town in the Ruapehu District and Manawatu-Whanganui Region. It is also in the boundary of the King Country of in the central North Island of New Zealand. The township is located on State Highway 4 and the North Island Main Trunk Railway. It is on an alluvial plain set within rugged terrain on the upper reaches of the Whanganui River, 65 km south of Te Kuiti and 55 km west of Turangi. It is under the jurisdiction of Ruapehu District, Manawatu-Whanganui Region.

Situated

NP - North of [circle]

Major features of within the area include the world renown Tongariro National Park and other features such as the Pureora Forest Park, the Forgotten World Adventures, Taumarunui Golf Club, Taumarunui Hospital and Cherry Grove Domain. There are also a number of reserves and parks, two local swimming pools, a number of primary schools and a high school. Taumarunui Pool and includes the 15 schools (1 high school and 14 primary schools).

historically centred

Originally Historically, Taumarunui was a Māori settlement, positioned at the junction of canoe and trade routes linking the central North Island with downstream villages. Taumarunui is where the boundaries Maniapoto, Tuwharetoa and Whanganui Iwi of three predominant Māori tribes come together. Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Tuwharetoa and Whanganui. These Maori tribes are still prominent today. European settlement in Taumarunui began in 1874 and flourished making up 59.0% of the current Taumarunui population whilst Maori make up 48.5% the remainder is made up of pacific, asian or other.

Perfect

At the time of the 2013 census, Taumarunui had a population of 4'500 people. A large majority of this number was made up of young people (under 15) and a large number of elderly (65+) indicating there was less working age people to support the sustainability of the services and infrastructure within the community. Taumarunui's labour force in 2013 was 1,896 people, of which 447 were employed part-time and 1,200 were full time workers however there is still has a high number of people who are unemployed. Between 2006 and 2013, the number of people employed showed a decrease of 261 persons and the number unemployed showed an increase of 84 persons. During the 2013 census results show the three most popular industries in Taumarunui were: Education and training, Retail trade and Health care and social assistance. Combined these three industries employed 561 people in total or 34.9% of the employed resident population.

Its surrounding areas are prominently farmland, forestry and ~~and natural region~~ Set within rugged terrain on the upper reaches of the Whanganui. It is centrally central location is

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According to the NZDep2013 index of deprivation, the Ruapehu District is one of the most socio-economically deprived areas of New Zealand. Taumarunui has been consistently ranked 10 on the index scale since 1996. The District has a wide range of income related challenges that are compounded by its rural isolation. This creates challenging living circumstances for individuals, families and the wider community. 3% of schools in the District are decile one or two.

End statement

Half of schools

Taumarunui Central @ decile 1 or 2.

Tourism / Farming.



The District has a wide range of income-related challenges that are compounded by its rural isolation. This creates challenging living circumstances for individuals, families and the wider community. Between 2006 and 2013, the number of people employed in Taumarunui showed a decrease of 261 persons and the number unemployed showed an increase of 84 persons. In the same period, the number of people in the labour force showed a decrease of 177 persons, or 8.5%. During the 2013 census results show the three most popular industries in Taumarunui were: Education and training (195 people or 12.1%), Retail trade (189 people or 11.8%) and Health care and social assistance (177 people or 11.0%). Combined these three industries employed 561 people in total or 34.9% of the employed resident population.

those who stay are either the lucky few with employment, or those that through social and economic circumstances cannot leave

high unemployment, low incomes, low levels of education, young people permanently leaving and an ageing population.

Firstly, jobs. People looking for work will leave because they can't get a local job and are able to find work when they relocate to another community. This is a fundamental reason for decline and is quantifiable

Ethnicity: The main ethnic groups in Taumarunui are Maori and Pakeha. Overall, 59.0% of the population identified themselves as European, 48.5% as Māori and 2.7% as Pacific Peoples, compared with 66.7%, 40.7% and 2.2% for the Ruapehu District. Since the 2006 census results there has been an increase of the Maori population from 43.1% to 48.5%.

**People:** This area encompasses the Census area units of Manunui, Sunshine Hospital Hill, Tarrangower and Taumarunui Central.

**Population:** It's population taken from At the 2013 census the population of Taumarunui was 4,500 people. This shows a population decrease of 555 people between 2006 and 2013, there was a population decrease by 555 people.

**Population Age Spread:** Breakdown of the five-year age groups of Taumarunui in 2013 compared to the Ruapehu District shows that there was a higher proportion of people in the younger age groups (under 15) as well as a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (65+). Overall, 24.7% of the population was aged between 0 and 14, and 17.6% were aged 65 years and over, compared with 23.4% and 13.2% respectively for the Ruapehu District.

**Ethnicity:** The main ethnic groups in Taumarunui are Maori and Pakeha. Overall, 59.0% of the population identified themselves as European, 48.5% as Māori and 2.7% as Pacific Peoples, compared with 66.7%, 40.7% and 2.2% for the Ruapehu District. Since the 2006 census results there has been an increase of the Maori population from 43.1% to 48.5%.

**Qualifications:** Results from the 2013 census show more people in Taumarunui have no qualifications compared to the general Ruapehu District. There are less people who hold formal qualifications (Higher degrees, Bachelor degrees and Post-School (excluding university qualifications)). Overall, 51.2% of the population aged 15 and over held educational qualifications, and 32.7% had no qualifications, compared with 58.3% and 28.3% for the Ruapehu District.

**Volunteering:** Voluntary assistance in Taumarunui in 2013 compared to the Ruapehu District was relatively similar (20.6% Vs 20.8%) however there was a decrease of 99 people in voluntary work between 2006 – 2013.

#### Socio-Economic:

**Social Deprivation:** According to the NZDep2013 index of deprivation, the Ruapehu District is one of the most socio-economically deprived areas of New Zealand. Taumarunui has been consistently ranked 10 on the index scale since 1996. The District has a wide range of income-related challenges that are compounded by its rural isolation. This creates challenging living circumstances for individuals, families and the wider community. 63% of schools in the District are decile one or two.

**Employment:** The size of Taumarunui's labour force in 2013 was 1,896 people, of which 447 were employed part time and 1,200 were full time workers. Analysis of the employment status (as a percentage of the labour force) in Taumarunui in 2013 compared to the Ruapehu District shows that there was a lower proportion in employment, and a higher proportion unemployed. Overall, 86.9% of the labour force was employed (48.6% of the population aged 15+), and 13.1% unemployed (7.3% of the population aged 15+), compared with 91.9% and 8.1% respectively for the Ruapehu District. Analysis of the labour force participation rate of the population in Taumarunui in 2013 shows that there was a lower proportion in the labour force (55.9%) compared with the Ruapehu District (66.2%). Between 2006 and 2013, the number of people employed in Taumarunui showed a decrease of 261 persons and the number unemployed showed an increase of 84 persons. In the same period, the number of people in the labour force showed a decrease of 177 persons, or 8.5%.

**Industry:** During the 2013 census results show the three most popular industries in Taumarunui were: Education and training (195 people or 12.1%), Retail trade (189 people or 11.8%) and Health care and social assistance (177 people or 11.0%). Combined these three industries employed 561 people in total or 34.9% of the employed resident population.

**Income:** Results from the 2013 census shows individual income levels in Taumarunui compared to the Ruapehu District were fewer people earning a high income (earning more than \$70,000 per annum) 4.0% Vs 7.1% and a high number of low income persons (earning less than \$15,000 per annum) 31.1% Vs 27.9%

A similar pattern is also reflected through household income levels in Taumarunui in 2013 compared to the Ruapehu District showing fewer numbers of high income households (those earning more than \$70,000 per annum) and higher numbers of low income households (those earning less than \$30,000 per annum). Overall, 15.4% of the households earned a high income, and 36.1% were low income households, compared with 22.6% and 28.3% respectively for the Ruapehu District.

**Dwellings:** Between 2006 and 2013 the total number occupied private dwellings decreased by 126 while the total number of unoccupied private dwellings increased by 135. According to the 2013 census the total number of dwellings was 2208 an increase of 12 since 2006.

**Rentals:** Taumarunui has a high percentage of renters at 35.5%. Between 2006 and 2013 the number of renters increased by 72. Weekly housing rental payments of households in Taumarunui compared to the Ruapehu District shows that there was a fewer number of households paying high rental payments (\$400 per week or more), as well as a fewer number of households with low rental

payments (less than \$150 per week). Overall, 0.0% of households were paying high rental payments, and 40.5% were paying low payments, compared with 0.6% and 50.7% respectively in the Ruapehu District. The total number of households renting their dwelling in Taumarunui increased by 69 between 2006 and 2013. The most significant change during this period was in the lowest quartile which showed an increase of 78 households.

**Access to Telecommunications:** Taumarunui has less access to the internet compared to the wider Ruapehu District however has a higher percentage of access to a cell/mobile phone. Overall 48.6% of households had access to the internet, and 71.0% had access to a cell/mobile phone, compared with 56.2% and 69.2% respectively in the Ruapehu District. The largest changes in access to telecommunications in Taumarunui, between 2006 and 2013 were: Access to a telephone (-201 households), access to a cellphone/mobile phone (+177 households), access to the internet (+171 households).

**Main Identified Issues:**

- Geographically remote and isolated
- High levels of social deprivation
- An increasing number of young people (under 15) and increasing numbers of elderly (over 65)
- Low levels of educational qualifications
- Increase in unemployment
- High number of households within the low income bracket
- Poor access to internet

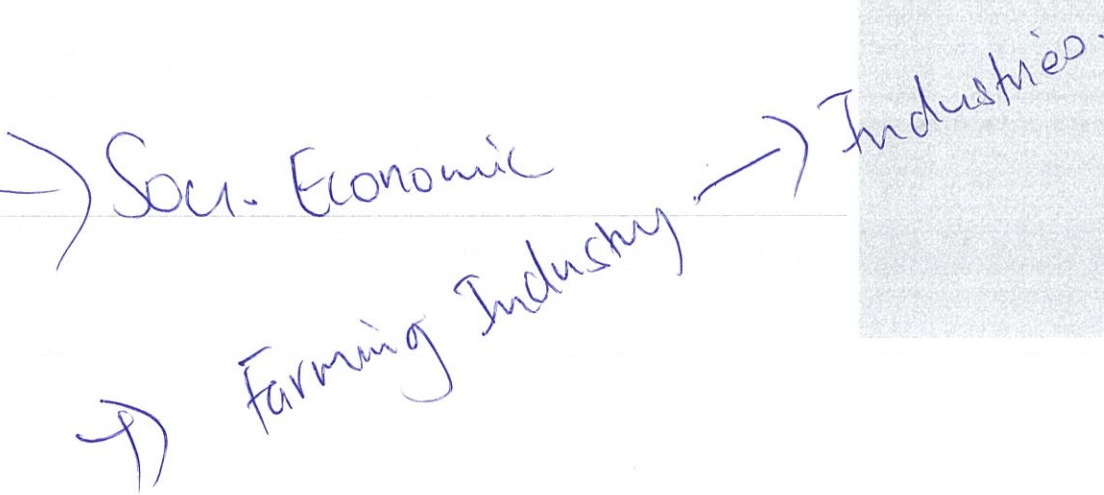
**What is happening now:**

- High level of consultation with community
- Increase collaborations with Iwi Maori
- Increase collaborations with youth
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**In the next 3 years we will see:**

- People feel more supported by their community
- An integrated community
- More employment
- More aged people with increased living options

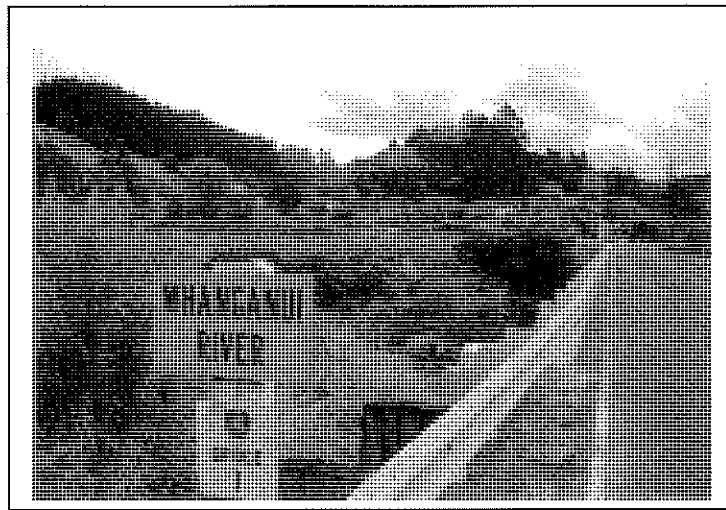
significant population and employment decline



\* Farming Industry. ~~A~~ productive.

Tasmania has always had a thriving - and provides  
~~many~~ training and employment opportunities for youth.

To: Ruaphehu District Council



**Southern Entrance to Taumarunui**

Submission for alteration to Council's proposal for improvement to the southern entrance to Taumarunui.

- a) Manunui is officially now part of the borough of Taumarunui and is therefore the southern part of the town.
- b) The area near bridge #1 on SH41 which crosses the Wanganui River is historically of great importance to Maori as the area where incoming tribes were met.
- c) It is an attractive site with beautiful views of the Wanganui river.



Picnic tables and an information board in this area would be popular with travellers, fishermen, and locals. It may even stimulate commerce in the shape of coffee carts, icecream carts, pie carts and long term give Manunui a higher profile. The entrance could be off SH4 far enough away from the junction to be safe. The Ministry of Transport own it and would surely consider its use as a picnic area.

Marion Johnston

Ratepayer

## Candice McNaught

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**From:** Rebecca Van Orden  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 January 2017 11:24 a.m.  
**To:** Pauline Welch  
**Cc:** Margaret Hawthorne  
**Subject:** FW: Feed back on the Bespoke plans

Pauline, some feedback from facebook, not sure how you want to deal with it, but each comment should be considered as separate feedback.

Margaret, I haven't replied to Mark.

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Rebecca Van Orden ext: 276  
**Team Leader Community Property**  
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**From:** Mark Tyrrell [mailto:info@elandesign.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 January 2017 9:21 a.m.  
**To:** Rebecca Van Orden <rebecca.vanorden@ruapehudc.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Margaret Hawthorne <Margaret.Hawthorne@ruapehudc.govt.nz>; Don Cameron <Don.Cameron@ruapehudc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Feed back on the Bespoke plans

Morning

over the last few days I have asked the question of the community what do you think of the Plans presented by Bespoke on the facebook page 'You know you're from Taumarunui'

I wanted to do this so that there was a transparent indication of what the public are thinking outside of the private Feedback forms (that the public will never see) presented by council. I also felt that these forms were hard to find on the Council website especially if you are not very computer literate which is the case for many in Taumarunui. Hopefully by placing them in a public domain you will receive more comments

As a designer I know that that there is a terrible temptation to stick with the first idea you come up with if you initially think the design is working. This can be a trap and I experienced this many times myself. You become emotionally invested in the idea only to discover it can be interpreted ambiguously or the design does not pan out in some way. That is why in our profession we set the discipline of creating several concepts for each project to ensure that we look at the brief from every angle. Interestingly a number of people in the Gallery for instance have made the comment that the Slide towers on the playground also look like Concentration camp guard towers as an example. I am sure the Bespoke designer never intended this. This illustrates how easily a design can be misinterpreted and how easy it is to only see the brief from the coloured vision of the particular designer.

Human nature being what it is Those who created the brief will also be emotionally invested in seeing the playground put in place because it's there baby. However it seems apparent from the feed back on this post that there is a vast majority that don't think the playground idea is a good one. There are other parts of the plan that are good but this part needs rethinking. Please accept this feedback as valid and genuine and add it to feedback gathered by your online forms. I have been encouraging everyone to use the voting process so I hope they are doing this.

Can you tell me please what is the next step? Will there be a public meeting to discuss the feedback. I think it's great that council is hiring a economic development officer. One of the candidates came into the Gallery and quizzed us about our vision for the town.

I am personally staying out of the brainstorming sessions at the moment because there are so many people and it is apparent to me that this is a very consensus based process.

The post I put up has 40 likes other than the comments below so it must resonate with others in the town

My post:

Thanks for everyone's comments. There are some great ideas here. Council being what it is will likely only consider 'official feedback' through it's feedback forms. Please make the effort to fill this in. The Plans presented by Bespoke are a great starting place and now it's up to us the community to say what we want. Click on this link to go to the feedback page <http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/.../Bespoke-Concept-Plan-Feedbac...>

As everyone knows who lives in Taumarunui we are going through a transformation process. Bespoke have presented some concepts. I personally think the Hakiaha Street concepts are off target as the plan is to put in a playground where the old library building is. From what I could see of the plan if I was a young child I would rather play at the Taumarunui Primary school Playground which looks fun and inviting as opposed to the proposed playground which Bespoke have suggested. To me it doesn't look inviting.

The big question I have though is why are we targeting young families with the intent of making them stop and spend when the demographics of who is coming through town are young adults on Bikes and Mature adults to do the rail trail? Would it not be more logical to target these groups and the endless motorcyclist who come through town spring to Autumn? What features would attract these people. It would be good to have a public discussion about this outside the environment of the council feedback forms so what do you think? What would you like to see in that spot? Personally I think we should mirror the gardens on both sides of the street strengthening verandas and place landscape gardens on their roofs with a art or sculpture walk. Maybe even a rooftop cafe above the Jasmine Cafe and Copper tree Cafe . That's the sort of thing that would make people stop and spend time here not a budget playground. What's your opinion?

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**Eileen McIlroy** Personally, I feel it is good for our local Council to focus on our younger generation that are here living in and around the Taumarunui Area.

I feel there could be more focus made towards the attractions for our youth. Yes our tourism is a big bread winner for the community but as many may have noticed our numbers in this town are dwindling. Many families are leaving Taumarunui as there is no future for their young ones. Our Council has already spent so much time and effort to attract tourist and the finaces they bring but to what avail?

I personally think the new proposal for the main st is awesome. It is progress. Weather it is the best for all will always fall on the fence as many like myself will have different views.

But I say focus on our young ones that are already here. Give them places to enjoy being together and sharing and making new memories for years to come. Do this and I guarantee, youth crime would drop dramatically, our high school numbers will increase because of the opportunities given to our youth in our town and last but not least, families who are already here and want to move here will see there is opportunities available for there up and coming young adults.

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**Linda Fowler** Mark, you have brought up a good point, I have seen the plans and thought it was eye pleasing. On reflection and after reading your comment I am thinking that a playground is not such a good idea, next to the main road. I think the building of a new, smart info centre which has the capacity to show case whats going on in Taumarunui. Visual displays on large screens, showing snippets of the activites available. Information which is easily accessed, interesting and at your finger tips with the knowledable staff helping visitors. Yes there should be a focus on youth but it appears there is also already plans in place for them. By appealing to the other age groups, ones who have the time and money to spend we may also encourage growth in numbers.

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**Tracey Smallman** Really. The last time I was in Taumarunui Nz. The roads were getting ripped up. So whay are the council spending money on. Iwould rather they would change the pipes. Make sure the water is all good. Just a thought District Council.

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Mark Tyrrell here's a link to a online version of the proposed plan <http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/.../Taumarunui%20Concept...>  
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Mark Tyrrell There is a feedback form. Have your say. <http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/.../Bespoke-Concept-Plan...> It's important we as a community get this right as we'll only get one crack at this. The council are very open to what you think so no matter how weird and wonderful your ideas are, add them to the pot so we can create our own unique flavour.



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Benjamin Te Moananui Play ground in the main street??? Why? whats wrong with the play ground by the town pools??? I gather the proposed play ground will have a high fence all around it for kids safety from the abundance of traffic going through town?? Hence why the play ground is situated where it is. Theres better ideas to think about than a play ground in the centre of town. When I was growing up in Taumarunui, the pool & park were the hit for everyone on a hot day. Half of Taumarunui were down there. So wouldnt it be better & cheaper to upgrade the pool & park to cater all. There a lot of ground down there to be used. Just a suggestion.

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Anita Phillips replied · 9 Replies



Tracey Smallman True that Mark I was born and bred in Taumarunui Nz. Bring my kids home any time I can.

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Ka-lani Mua Ianusi The design submitted seems another clinical cookie-cutter suggestion for a town and region that actually has a history that reaches back further than bridges, trains, settler's farms etc - and the same rural accessories shared with the larger part of NZ. It's both impersonal and lacking in creative or original thought. What sets us apart from Otorohanga? Or Morrinsville? Or Te Kuiti? Each of our 'individual quirks' are derivative of the same rural theme focused on industry. And I believe history is more involved than just the industrial aspects of such. I don't claim to have the answers or the right to speak as a true local, but this place holds a cultural significance for not only Tangata Whenua but the wider struggling indigenous community around the world. This is one region that has birthed a lot of 'firsts' for the world and they don't all fall under the woolly colonial blanket of industry. A lot of our greatness is in the strength of our First Nations people, the political movements to protect and guard our natural resources (which ALL of our children are fortunate enough to thrive on) and of course the unique and peaceful strategem implemented to retain a rich cultural heritage. For example, (On 30 August 2012) an agreement was reached that entitled the Whanganui River to a legal identity, a first in the world. According to the New Zealand Herald, the river "will be recognized as a person when it comes to the law—in the same way that a company is, which will give it rights and interests". Believe me, this is not an attempt to make anyone feel uncomfortable with something as convoluted and emotionally triggering as 'race-relations', rather an opportunity to maybe look deeper into the past (one we all share, blood and all, ESPECIALLY in Taumarunui!) and maybe build upon a foundation that is more wholesome, more meaningful and truly unique than another Third-Form-social-studies-project approach to glorifying something with meaning, not just the hackneyed patriotic advertising narrative. That's all.

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Dale Amohia Kia Ora whanau, I think there are good points from everyone here as a playground is good for the Tamariki to entice people to stop there also needs to be something to entice the adults to stop and also as said in a previous post look at what sort of tourist is predominantly coming thru town. I saw a comment on the amount of motorcyclists coming thru and as an avid rider the one thing we love is a nice big eatery with somewhere to sit inside and out so you can take your gear off and relax, maybe a western style theme. Maybe someone get in touch with a bike tour company if it hasn't already been done and show them what's available. On Saturday I went for a walk up the Main Street and I was a bit shocked by the look of the front shops. I think owners of the buildings should be made to keep the frontage clean. I saw the ANZ bank was covered in small cobwebs all over the glass and others are looking old and dreary. If I'm riding through a town and it doesn't look bright and comfortable to stop at I won't and I speak for a lot of riders. I swear If I won lotto I would come home and do this cause it is a Beautiful part of the country to ride. Just throwing it out there folks.

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Heather Carston As an ex media advisor for Destination Rotorua, I got to see both sides. Your town needs, as Tirau did, to reinvent itself and make itself into a destination. Create opportunities for those with the disposable incomes you need to come visit you. A play...See more

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Moana Joesph replied · 1 Reply



Benjamin Te Moananui Does Taumarunui have a museum?

Like · Reply · 2 · 4 January at 09:21



Doreen Kyle replied · 9 Replies



Benjamin Te Moananui Does Taumarunui have a Cyber cafe?? Tourists use cyber cafe.

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Candice McNaught Taumarunui has free WiFi down the main street

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Ellen Lauder Being a biker myself, we look for good food, possibly a garden area where we can maybe park the bike in, if no parking available outside the cafe. A TV with bike videos running would be a real draw card. In the winter it could be a ski/snowboard video running. Free wifi an added bonus.

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Benjamin Te Moananui Free wifi in cafes,does Spark have free wifi near phone boothes?

Like · Reply · 4 January at 20:52



Mark Tyrrell lot of good ideas here. Make sure you use the link to the feedback forms above and let the council know your thoughts or we'll get what we're given

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Benjamin Te Moananui I would but I dont have the savvy mind. Feel free to forward my ideas Mark. I tried putting my ideas to Sue Morris in 2003 but hung on deaf ears. I hope the council is a lot different than back then,I also hope someone on the council will take these ideas seriously for once. I drew a rough idea of the pool & passed it on to Sue back then. Obviously this maori boys ideas wasnt good enough.

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Mark Tyrrell Benjamin i'll pass on these ideas to council and lets see what happens. The language they're using is suggesting that they are keen to get it right. The concepts supplied so far a just a starting point so they but they will be a finishing point if they don't get feedback. Hopefully this feedback will help. Maybe this time it will be different. Here's hoping.....

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Benjamin Te Moananui One thing that got me when I last came home was very little to do after 5.30,everything's closed.

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Tracey Smallman Im sorry Benjamin but do we know Mark Tyrrell? I know you and I grew up in New Road. Not a person I remember from our childhood.


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 Mark Tyrrell My purpose in starting this conversation was to create a discussion outside the controlled environment of Council so that we the public can see if there is a trend in thinking. So far I am really pleased everyone is listening to each other respectfully. I will send this conversation to the council so it can be added to the feedback process. Tracey, Lynne and I help run the community Gallery on Hakiha street. We have lived here for the last two years and had holidays here for 10 years prior to that. We are like many people moving from the cities looking for a life more in harmony with nature. We have Taumarunui's best at heart. I just want to see that the process is fair and that everyone is listened to.


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 Tracey Smallman Ok Mark but the links you have given don't suffice and neither do you.


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 Benjamin Te Moananui Hi Tracey. No I don't know Mark but because I reside in the deep south I'm hoping Mark will do right for our town & put our ideas forward if we unable to. Im sure since Mark has Taumarunuis best at heart then our ideas will be heard. I tried when I went home in 2003 with these same ideas,maybe this time someone might listen


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 Mark Tyrrell Ok just so we don't get the wrong end of the stick. All I'm doing here is opening a conversation. When the conversation comes to an end I'll pass on the transcript to 2 or 3 people in Council. Hopefully your ideas will be listened to but I have no ...See more


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 Tracey Smallman Ok Mark we will let sleeping dogs lie.


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 Mark Tyrrell What sleeping dogs???


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 Yorleen Cameron Musing, why does someone have to be known by others?Surely, if you live in Taumarunui and it is your home you can voice opinions freely.

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 Benjamin Te Moananui You can Yorleen.

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 Anita Phillips A indoor sports complex

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 Yorleen Cameron Just a point of view. I think aspects of the Town Center Project are brilliant, some don't go far enough. Seriously though, until mindsets change we are not going to see anything dramatic happen here, but more of the same. The mindset at the moment is to attract the 'visitor' or 'passers through'. Until that is thrown out and changed to a 'destination place' strategy, nothing much will change. We need people in the rest of the nation saying, "OMG have you been to Taumarunui, the blah, and the blah, are truly amazing. We must go and do it, make a weekend of it! Honestly, put it on your bucket list!". That's what will bring in another aspect of prosperity to the town for further development. I suspect the base is already here, and could be developed with or without the Town Center project. Forget the mountains, the bush, some cycle trails, Te Araroa Walkway, they are in our nook but they aren't 'Ours' to develop but only to sponge off (and, of course, treasure) with those "visitors". Our greatest asset is the Whanganui river, so much could be developed around this from yesteryear days through to the future. For instance: river bike trails through to Kakahi along the river, onto the 42 Traverse, canoeing schools, river user friendly assets down Cherry Grove (coffee/ice cream carts) history center about the Whanganui - the pre-European, Settlers, flora and fauna info, a watershed map and the river's reaches, and so on. Make the area interesting, acknowledged and vibrant, a river outdoor event/adventure hub.. But sadly, what do we do? Have dogs shit down there and then run the walking track, most times not on leash. Shows no respect for the mana of the river. Whatever comes forward let's hope the brick walls stacked in council, don't keep stymieing the future. Footnote: I am hoping that what I speak of is already rolling into Cherry Grove (cut down all the trees and mass plant with Awanuis, an attraction and spectacle to behold). Here goes.....

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 Irene Dempsey Good points Yorkers, we need to promote our unique "off the beaten track" status.

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Irene Dempsey Oh god, Yorleen, sorry about the mis spell of your name.

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Tui Hall A playground? Seriously? Wtf.

Like · Reply · 2 · 7 January at 08:44



Candice McNaught It's not just a playground there is way more to the plans and I think it's really cool. You should check it out before u judge it.

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Leiana Baker A really cool playground?? Lol

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Tui Hall Candice McNaught yeah I'm just thinking the obvious why put a kids playground on a Main Street so close to the road. Are the plans online?

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Tui Hall A sound shell for performances or art Deco town square where people could go and eat or both would be good. Even the old fullas idea of a superloo sounds better than putting a playground there. I suppose though something is better than nothing. Or is it?

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Candice McNaught Lol check the plans out Tui almost all of what u said is in there. there is green space cool seating that moves along on tracks so u can push them together for big groups or pull them apart for smaller while supervising your children.

There's a water ...See more

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Mark Tyrrell Yes Candice the designs are a good start point and there are some good ideas among them . Personally though I just don't think the playground idea is a good idea nor is it working as a design. The two towers with slides look like they belong to a con...See more

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Mark Tyrrell Tui Hall here is the feedback form<http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/.../Bespoke-Concept-Plan...> the links seem to have broken in the last couple of days here it is again and here are the online

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Tui Hall Hi mark, thanks for the reply I've seen the plans and spoke to a couple of council members about the project and I'm pretty excited about it. It's a positive start to revitalize the town. Good luck to all involved

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Mark Tyrrell Yes I agree it is a a good start. I just hope that the council genuinely listen to the public and design accordingly.

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Eric Hamon Taumarunui will never be the same after the shut down of the Railways. The Squash Club, Rugby Clubs, Golf Club, Cossie Club and many more Cubs and Schools have never been the same since the Rail shut down.

Like · Reply · 7 January at 13:17



Irene Dempsey No it's not Eric, but that's change that has affected small towns like ours for years. Politics & urban drift has left its mark on us alright. It's different now but that's not such a bad thing. It's still a beautiful safe place to live so we need to b...See more

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Doreen Kyle I agree with everything you say Irene except the pet stop. Everyone should be accountable for their animals and carry their own plastic bags for 'you know what' then transporting 'that bag' home with them!

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Irene Dempsey Agreed Doreen - but I've seen far too many people who don't.

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Noel Harris It was a lovely town in the old days and Auckland has all the people they forget there is good places south of there there is a good rail so why not put ware houses in the small town give them work thats dick heads running our country can not see past there noses.

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Doreen Kyle Don't let the Warehouse come to Taumarunui, most of it is junk. There may be jobs for Taumarunui people but it's a step in the wrong direction. There are some great ideas above at the beginning of this chat and I think the most important aspect is -

Everyone submit a proposal to council of what you think of developments because if you don't, the council will believe you agree with their decision whatever that may be, so its very important to have your say!

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Ethan Corban Well said mike!!!

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Judith Jones I am an ex Taumarunui-ite and was a visitor this weekend. On the way there I passed through Shannon, a small town in Horowhenua which was about on its last legs, old decrepit buildings and not the place anyone would want to stop. However what a change this time. The place is still small but really buzzing- a whole group of little boutique stores which were obviously attracting a lot of people. Later today I passed through Otorohanga and their floral baskets and decorations were outstanding. These towns have been lucky enough to pick on something that makes people want to stop and I hope Taumarunui can do the same. I know nothing about the plans but think the idea of a playground next to a main road is crazy.

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#### **What do you like?**

For the town centre, the plantings along and in the middle of Hakiaha Street add beauty. The abstract looking wooden/steel fence between the play ground and railway stands out and would look fantastic, especially with the varying heights. Maybe save a space for our Pie Nui coffee cart in the midst of this area? Miriam Street needs serious attention. The empty shops add to the forlorn outlook of this area but huge congratulations to The Youth Council for their store front competition held at the end of the 2016. It has certainly made a difference.

#### **What don't you like?**

The street lighting perhaps looks too simple and straight edged. Railway themed lighting would be great as this is what Taumarunui was reknown for (Main Trunk line). The Ohakune street lighting is unique and attractive. Ours should be too.

#### **What would you change?**

I can't see anything about our public toilets. In my view, clean, modern public toilets are a must. I know that during any travel we do, we'll make a point of stopping in towns that we know have good public amenities.

The old Library building should be revamped and made into a new Information Centre or more should be done to its current location (railway centre) to make it more of a 'hub'. I don't think its clear, to out-of-towners, of the Info Centre's whereabouts.

Council should work with NZ Rail to make more of the rail building.

**Would you like to spend time in these spaces?:** Yes

**Do you think the concept plans will encourage travellers to stop and spend time in the town?:**  
Yes

**How do you rate the plans out of 5?:** Four stars

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**From:** Rebecca Van Orden  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 January 2017 3:21 p.m.  
**To:** Pauline Welch  
**Subject:** Submission from Don Buchanan for TMN CBD revitalisation

Question: will it make travellers stop?

No. Will drive through and think town has spruced up but need to do something special to make people stop. Need a loo that will be a talking point for all members of the family and they will stop.

No use spending 1,000s sprucing town up, needs to have something really specific or special to make it stop. Don is prepared to put a substantial financial contribution if a new toilet (a spectacular one).

Thinks that the toilets in the plan don't go far enough / not special enough.

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**Township:** Taumarunui

#### What do you like?

Councils vision:-

Create & retain local employment. Industry is required to achieve this.

Encourage/increase local business. Support & grow local income which in turn will increase the rate payer base.

At the very least the above is required first and foremost to warrant sustainable growth within the local community projects such as the proposed town centre alterations..

#### What don't you like?

The proposed timing and design of the Bespoke adventure.

This should not happen prior to establishing the above otherwise the investment is mainly for passing trade and would be seasonal as opposed to ongoing

#### What would you change?

The timing.

I would concentrate on building a firm sustainable local economy base as a priority.

Industry that is year round operational and employing locals.

From such a base comes spin off businesses, i.e. food suppliers, house hold services, other supply industries with sustainability and permanency about them. Increase hospital services. Scheduled train stops.

The town requires long term employment for the locals so they can better fund their existence and pour money into the local economy.

This will drive prosperity in this town, not a park that requires ongoing maintenance and up keep.(more funds)

**Would you like to spend time in these spaces?:** No

**Do you think the concept plans will encourage travellers to stop and spend time in the town?:** No

**How do you rate the plans out of 5?:** One star



## Candice McNaught

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**From:** Rebecca Van Orden  
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**To:** Pauline Welch  
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#### What do you like?

It is time Taumarunui upgraded its look and this is interesting and fresh. With our great seasonal variations in tree colours I hope that you would make sure the plantings are fantastic autumn colours. The playground will be an asset on the railway side. I would like to understand the cost and the projected number of tourists.

#### What don't you like?

When I go into a town I like to be able to park close to the shops/cafes rather than park my car out of sight. I am concerned that the plan loses too many car parks. I like the planting in the centre of town but not down either end or on the one way street.  
I also know from experience that plantings around a pedestrian crossing is hazardous, I actually don't want the traffic slowed up by narrowing the street with the middle plantings.  
New toilets are essential.

#### What would you change?

I would like to see a road from the Ongarue bridge to cherry grove, not just a cycle trail. How many people come into town on bikes? They come in in cars and the link from that bridge to the Whanganui river must be simple. I would also like the walkway from the Ongarue bridge to victory bridge be improved considerably. This would be an asset used by locals, not just tourists.

**Would you spend time in these spaces?:** Yes

**Do you think the town centre space would make travellers want to stop?:** Yes

**How do you rate the plans out of 5?:** 4 stars

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**Township:** Taumarunui

#### What do you like?

Aspects of the concept design which i thought were positive-

- Strong links to the historical values of the area, e.g. use of railway and timber mill reference.
- Ecological tourism links and opportunities to enhance existing business development.
- The thought behind what would a typical tourist want to do during a stop off e.g. have a picnic, stretch legs in safe park space, take a short recreational walk or read some local history.
- The creation of more of a link that connects the key areas of the town and provides a sense of cohesion.
- Reference in the design concept to key activities local people hold value in eg. enhancement of sport grounds for rugby and safe children's play areas.

#### What don't you like?

Without wanting to sound highly critical, I noticed that the initial concepts would benefit from having use of imagery that is more relevant to the local community. More realistic reflection of the diverse ethnicities rather than just white upper middle class models might get better buy in during community engagement.

Also greater consideration into the actual realistic everyday activities that would take place in the Taumarunui CBD, taking into account average income and job types- what type of activities would people hold in most high value? A safe play area for kids rather than an upmarket street vendor space. Providing a wide range of activities that local people could access for free or low cost with more targeted retail spaces around tourist areas.

Plant selection in streetscape and park upgrades- What about tapping into the local ecological landscape and draw on the plants that are unique to the area (with some educational signs around). Plants that historically may have cultural significance to people in the area- present and past that are both suitable for park and street plantings.

Further down the track, consideration of employment opportunities for locals in the input and creation of the town revitalisation. This may have a more positive long term impact at keeping new areas free from vandalism if sense of ownership or pride is there? Also thinking about this project as a key opportunity to draw the community closer together with open days/ competitions that would build community motivation and buy in.

Good luck with the project- really excellent idea!

Kind regards  
Amelia Ward

**What would you change?**  
See above.

**Would you like to spend time in these spaces?:** Maybe

**Do you think the concept plans will encourage travellers to stop and spend time in the town?:** Maybe

**How do you rate the plans out of 5?:** Three stars

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