

KAPITI COAST : CHOOSING FUTURES

**COMMUNITY
OUTCOMES**

**RAUMATI SOUTH
LOCAL OUTCOMES**



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Foreword – Alan Milne, Mayor, Kapiti Coast District

In 2003 – 2004, when the major initial consultation was undertaken to prepare our first Long Term Council Community Plan *Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures*, we found we had a full set of broadly districtwide Community Outcomes as well as a number of chosen outcomes focused on specific localities and communities within the District.

Turning the seven principal districtwide outcomes into reality requires the Council to take the vision and develop timescales, funding and action plans. Among the action plans was the promise to work with local communities to give shape and form to their local outcomes.

This series of local outcome documents takes the districtwide outcomes and gives them a local focus. From there the specific local outcomes are presented along with programmes developed in consultation with the community to redefine the outcomes into practical visions and programmes for the future.

The vision for the Kapiti Coast's future is an exciting one but each community has its own view of the flavour and colour of that future. For some it is one of growth and expansion while for others growth must be limited but conditions provided for the community to continue to thrive.

To achieve the greatest long term benefit for the District, the way we proceed into the future needs to be focused and managed in a way that meets the needs of the people while retaining the essential character of the town and country.

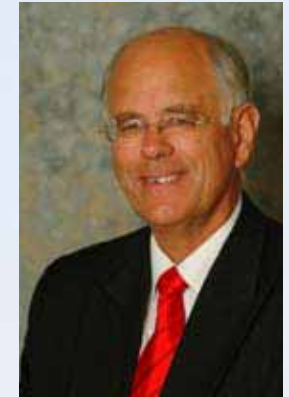
The local outcome documents were developed through a series of meetings and design workshops involving many of the people and most of the significant groups in each community.

Their aim is to provide a framework or touchstone for options and actions for the future as local communities and the wider district evolve over time.

The challenge for each of us in our own community, for the District and the Council is to take these documents and their vision and ensure we shape a Kapiti Coast which is responsive to the needs of people and flexible enough to meet the forces that will form the District and this country in the years to come.



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Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures – Raumati South Local Outcomes

This document builds on *Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Community Outcomes*. Under the umbrella of those broader community outcomes, this document sets out a further layer of information about the community's vision for the Raumati South Village and its surrounding area.

Residents and business people from the Raumati South community have participated in a number of design workshops since the initial *Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures* in 2004. The material from these later workshops along with the detailed material from the original *Choosing Futures* workshops, builds up a clear picture of desired future direction.

The *Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures – Community Outcomes* document covers areas such as the natural environment, growth management, protection of character, access, efficient use of resources (e.g. water, reduction of waste, energy), building local employment choices, creating a place that works for young people, and general enjoyment of what the Kapiti Coast offers. It is not intended to repeat these *Community Outcomes* here in any detail.

This umbrella *Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures – Community Outcomes* also acknowledges the particular character of communities and places along the Kapiti Coast. It does this in broad terms and much of the focus of the *Raumati South Local Outcomes* document is to provide more guidance on what this means for Raumati South.

Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures – Community Outcomes and any *Local Outcomes* documents, have status under the Local Government Act 2002. Provided that the desired community

outcomes are consistent with a sustainable development approach and support the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of people and communities (both local and districtwide), the District Council and central government agencies must show how their actions progress this community vision.

The broader *Community Outcomes* and *Local Outcomes* cannot bind an agency to a future direction or a particular level of investment, especially as these issues need to be balanced against needs and requirements in other areas and across the District as a whole. However, these documents together become the basis against which the performance of agencies in supporting the community's wellbeing can be assessed. It also forms a more concrete basis for engagement between communities, agencies and institutions and discussion of particular issues.

The *Community Outcomes* and the *Local Outcomes* are not just documents intended to shape the response of the Council and other agencies. They signal a collectively desired direction for Raumati South as a place and as a community. In many cases the challenge is for the residents to become involved, to do things in their community to make things work. Raumati South already has a community where people get very involved in issues and decision making. Some people work very hard for the community. These Outcomes present a challenge for everyone into the future.



Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 1

There are healthy natural systems which people can enjoy

This Outcome area contains a number of very specific detailed outcomes:

- key natural areas shaping the fundamental form and quality of the District's settlements including:
 - Kapiti Island is recognised as the symbolic heart of the District for iwi and the wider community;
 - the coast in its entirety is recognised as being central to the local culture and lifestyle;
 - the District's streams become major natural features in all the settled areas;
 - the District's urban parks become major features of the District as places of beauty and enjoyment.
- the Kapiti Coast becomes nationally recognised for an extensive cycleways, walkways and bridleways network:
 - a coastal walkway and cycleway from Paekakariki to Otaki and north;
 - extensive linkages through built up areas to key natural features such as rivers, streams and areas of bush;
 - good local linkages to schools and centres.
- that vulnerable areas of native vegetation and wildlife are protected including:
 - remaining dunes;
 - that people know about their natural areas and how to care for them.



Further Local Outcomes for Raumati South

- 1.1 That there is good access to the beach, along the coastal foreshore, Tennis Court Road Reserve and Queen Elizabeth Park for the whole community as part of the cycleways, walkways, bridleway network;**
- 1.2 That the natural landform of dunes and hollows in Raumati South is retained and the natural areas are enhanced with native planting.**
- 1.3 That property owners are encouraged and supported to plant locally indigenous native trees on their properties, to assist in creating ecological corridors with Queen Elizabeth Park, Raumati Escarpment and Kapiti Island.**





Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 2

Local character is retained within a cohesive district

This Outcome is concerned with the recognition of the uniqueness and character of the string of communities along the coast while also concentrating on those things that link people together to create a sense of the whole. The first brings a focus on such things as local landscape, the style and scale of buildings, the design of local roads and the feel of a place. The latter includes a focus on access, on community networks and on participation in decision making. In summary:

“that the role, nature and character of each of the Kapiti Coast’s towns and special areas is recognised and retained, and shapes the future form and quality of the District”

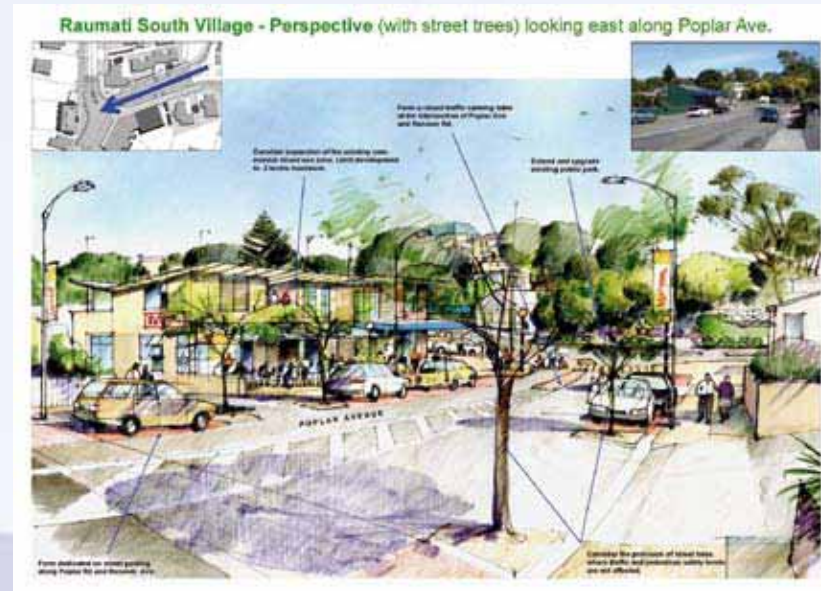
The umbrella document *Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures – Community Outcomes* acknowledges all of the communities along the coast. It has this to say about Raumati South:

- maintain the character of low-rise, large section sizes of the surrounding area;
- support the local shopping area, where possible explore some medium housing around shops;
- continue to enhance the park area and provide access along the coastal walls.



Further Local Outcomes for Raumati South

- 2.1 That Raumati South continues to be known for relaxed low density living where the low density character, natural landforms and views of the beach are retained. Housing intensification should only be explored within easy walking distance of the proposed Raumati South railway station, once this is developed.
- 2.2 That the Raumati South Village centre is supported by street upgrades in Poplar Avenue. This upgrade will include large street trees, textured paving, distinctive tree planting changes to pedestrian crossing points, and traffic calming, with a strong entrance to the village developed at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Glen Road.





- 2.3 That any new commercial development is built to the street with interactive street frontages at ground level and a continuity of pedestrian shelter and verandahs to provide an enhanced street edge definition as an integral part of building design.
- 2.4 That physical and visual connections from the Raumati South Village centre to The Esplanade and the sea are strengthened through footpath design, public art features and street furniture including more seating for the elderly.
- 2.5 That the Esplanade beachfront is upgraded with an attractive innovative solution to the bank erosion and beach access, providing a destination for local residents with easy beach access for all ages and abilities.
- 2.6 That community character and cohesion is not destroyed by the development of regional transport infrastructure and there is a clear entrance to Raumati South from the State Highway.
- 2.7 That traffic speed is reduced within the Village centre to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, access to shops and links with the coast.
- 2.8 That public transport and other infrastructure is enhanced to support increased use of the Village centre by residents who travel more sustainably to other locations in the region. This could include linkages to Paekakariki via historic Trams.
- 2.9 That children and families have safe routes for walking and cycling, especially to schools.



Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 3

The nature and rate of population growth is appropriate to community goals

This Outcome records the community's vision of how the District should develop and respond to population growth pressures over time. It is significant, given the population pressures on the District. The key points include:

- that there is a focus on accommodation of local natural population growth in the short and medium term and that the Kapiti Coast does not simply react to external population pressure.
- that intensification is explored in specific areas and where it clearly contributes to wider community goals of:
 - improved public transport;
 - supporting the vitality and character of specified town centres;
 - increased safety of specified town centres;
 - providing housing choice.
- that the specified areas for exploring medium density housing are:
 - Paraparaumu Town Centre;
 - Waikanae Town Centre;
 - Paraparaumu Beach, provided it is away from the beach itself;
 - around rail stations.

- that where possible the location of new population supports the development of a local 'district' economy.

The Council has also developed a Development Management Strategy over the past 12 months. The Strategy builds on the *Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures – Community Outcomes* and the *Community Plan* which was prepared under the Local Government Act 2002.

The following statement is applicable to Raumati South:

a) Specified areas identified for medium density housing or apartments;

- *other nodes and centres, where there is community agreement via the Local Outcomes process for such an approach.*

The encouragement of intensification of residential activities around centres and public transport nodes is a key aspect of managing urban growth and creating vibrant centres.



Further Local Outcomes for Raumati South

- 3.1 That there are opportunities for medium density housing within easy walking distance of the proposed Raumati South Railway Station to support public transport, but the low density character of the rest of Raumati South is retained.
- 3.2 That mixed use, retail, office and apartments are encouraged within Raumati South commercial area with high design quality and careful consideration of existing low density character.
- 3.3 That some expansion of the commercial area is explored to provide more retail opportunities with off street servicing and parking (servicing/carparking from rear of sites).



Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 4

The District's resources are used wisely

This Outcome records the community's vision about how the District's resources should be used. This is summarised as follows:

Quality of Public Spaces/Landscapes:

- the quality of the streams and rivers is improved;
- the coast is managed as a linked ecosystem.

Access

- the linkages between Paraparaumu and Waikanae are improved to reduce travel time and energy use.

Design

- there are opportunities for innovative design of subdivisions, housing and infrastructure to reduce energy and resource use.



Further Local Outcome for Raumati South

- 4.1 That all opportunities to provide for a sustainable transport infrastructure for Raumati South residents are explored to promote a healthier lifestyle and minimise pollution. A variety of routes may be needed to cater to different needs and destination options.**





Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 5

There is increased choice to work locally

This Outcome is not just concerned with making sure as many people as possible in the District are in employment, it is also concerned with building a local economy, including increased business activity in and around our District, local and neighbourhood centres. Achieving this includes improved support for business development and set-up, more effective and reliable infrastructure and good internal District transport for people working locally. In summary:

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- there is more usable commercial land available in the District, where possible, the location of new population supports the development of a local District economy.

Quality of Public Spaces/Landscapes

- key focal points are managed in a way that welcomes visitors, but protects their essential qualities.

Access

- there is improved internal public transport access for the work force.

Design

- there is greater acknowledgement of the economic benefits of good design and good quality urban environments;
- existing commercial, industrial and retail areas and local neighbourhood shops, are more attractive and show more design innovation.

Community and the Individual

- that there is a strong business development and mentoring focus;
- as much as possible the local labour force is employed in skilled work in the District.



Further Local Outcomes for Raumati South

- 5.1 That economic benefits of good design are recognised and design controls placed on developments to promote a quality environment in which to live, work and play.
- 5.2 That off street parking within and adjoining the Village centre is maximised with the creation of a further off street carparks .



Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 6

The District is a place that works for young people

A major theme expressed by parents, young people and many older people was a concern that the Kapiti Coast be more responsive to the needs and aspirations of young people.

- the beach destinations at Otaki and Paraparaumu have better facilities for young people in keeping with the character of those areas;
- the town centres are youth friendly, safe and interesting for young people to use;
- the public spaces are safe and welcoming for young people;
- that there is a better range of shops catering for young people;
- affordable flats and housing for young people;
- there are playgrounds within walking distance for all residential areas;
- improved range of entertainment facilities and events for young people;
- greater range of quality recreation facilities;
- young people are involved in decisions about themselves;
- people feel enabled to take action and act responsibly.



Further Outcomes for Raumati South

- 6.1 That Raumati South is recognised as an appealing place for families to live, which offers healthy lifestyle options for youth and adults.
- 6.2 That the Memorial Hall is recognised as a key location for local youth events with provision for good sound and DVD equipment so youth can have local events; and this is supported by outdoor facilities for sport, play and relaxation at Kawatiri Reserve.
- 6.3 That a safer walkway from Tennis Court Road to Raumati South and Te Ra schools is explored to encourage children to walk and cycle more.
- 6.4 That consultation is a continuing process including contribution from local schools, parents, teenagers and grandparents. Key meeting spaces need to be identified and better utilised (eg. playgroups, kindergartens and school halls).



Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 7

The District has a strong, healthy and involved community

This Outcome is concerned with the direct health and wellbeing of each person in the District, the sense of community and the general enjoyment of what the District has to offer, a sense of fun and happiness. Other Outcomes will contribute to this but there are specific concerns here that people have identified as important. These include:

- the main public places, including beaches, are safe and attractive;
- there is good easy access to the beaches for everyone at the main beach settlements, including older and disabled people;
- the District's centres are more 'alive' at night;
- the District has high quality civic and local centres;
- there are extensive safe linkages within the District;
- good easy access to beaches;
- there is a greater range of housing available;
- there is a comprehensive planned approach to recreational facilities – including outdoor events and aquatic centres;
- there is a high level of community control over community decision making;
- people have access to information about their local community, district and wider world.

Further Outcomes for Raumati South

- 7.1 That the Raumati South community are kept well informed of local events and issues, community groups are well communicated with by the Council and seen to be a valuable resource for both community and the Council.**
- 7.2 That the local hall and vibrant Village centre are recognised as local assets for informal and formal meetings and these are clearly linked by walkways and signage.**

