

KAPITI COAST : CHOOSING FUTURES

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OUTCOMES**

**RAUMATI BEACH
LOCAL OUTCOMES**



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Kapiti Coast District Council
in partnership with the community

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.

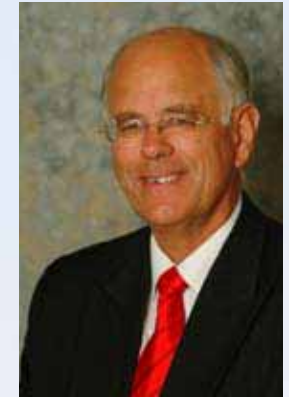
The vision for the Kapiti Coast's future is an exciting one but each community has its own view of the flavour and colour of that future. For some it is one of growth and expansion while for others growth must be limited but conditions provided for the community to continue to thrive.

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 Beach Local Outcomes

Introduction

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

Residents and business people from the Raumati Beach community have participated in a number of design workshops since the initial *Choosing Futures* in 2004. The material from these, along with the 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. These are not repeated 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 Beach Local Outcomes document is to provide more guidance on what this means for Raumati Beach.

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.

While 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, these documents together become the basis against which the performance of agencies in supporting the community's wellbeing can be assessed. They also form 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 the Raumati Beach Village 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 Beach already has a community where people are very involved in issues and decision making. Some people work very hard for the community. In other cases, such as the way individual shopping choices affect the local economy, things are less obvious. 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 Beach

- 1.1 That there is good access to the beach for the whole community, along the coastal foreshore and Wharemauku Stream as part of the cycleways, walkways, bridleways network.**
- 1.2 That Wharemauku Stream is restored with riparian planting to improve water quality and stream character.**
- 1.3 That connections from Wharemauku Stream Reserve and Weka Park to the Village centre are enhanced through formalising pathways and the planting of signature trees along Weka and Raumati Roads.**
- 1.4 That physical and visual connections from the Village centre to Marine Gardens are strengthened.**
- 1.5 That connections to the beach along Garden Road are enhanced through footpath enhancement and design/public art features.**



Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 2

Local character is retained within a cohesive district

This Outcome is concerned with 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 former brings a focus on such things as local landscape, the style and scale of buildings, the design of local roads and the feel of 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 Beach:

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

Since September 2004, the Raumati Beach community has participated in a number of community design workshops which have defined the community vision, particularly in terms of the nature and character of the Village.



Further Local Outcomes for Raumati Beach

- 2.1 That the retail area is supported by street upgrades in Raumati, Margaret, Rosetta and Matatua Roads. These upgrades will include street trees, textured paving at intersections, roundabouts, changes to pedestrian crossing points, and smooth footpaths.**
- 2.2 That in the longer term more public toilet facilities are provided to support greater visitor and shopper numbers. The Council will work with landowners to provide facilities within any new or upgraded commercial developments.**
- 2.3 That all age groups are catered for at Raumati Beach and Marine Gardens, including youth, families and older people.**
- 2.4 That a strong entrance to the Village is developed at the intersection of Weka and Raumati Roads with welcome signage and a sculptural feature in the vicinity of the grass area opposite the school.**
- 2.5 That the industrial / service zone on the northern side of Raumati Road is replaced with a 'mixed use' zone providing for retail, offices and apartments.**
- 2.6 That a 'special feature roundabout' at the Raumati / Rosetta Roads intersection and Raumati / Hillcrest Roads intersection is provided in the longer term to mark the entry points to the Village and address traffic issues.**
- 2.7 That roundabouts are built at the intersections of Rosetta / Garden Roads and Matatua / Alexander Roads in the longer term to create a slow vehicle area around the Village heart.**
- 2.8 That there are opportunities for medium density housing within easy walking distance to support activity patterns within the wider area and to provide a variety of housing choice.**
- 2.9 That new development is built to the street boundary with a continuity of pedestrian shelter and verandah to provide an enhanced street edge definition.**
- 2.10 That interactive street frontages at ground level are provided with verandahs as an integral part of building design.**
- 2.11 That the commercial area along Raumati Road is treated as a restricted vehicle frontage, with servicing / carparking from rear of sites.**
- 2.12 That in the commercial area, active street frontages are required at ground level with windows and entrances facing the street.**
- 2.13 That design quality of new buildings in the commercial area are promoted with the use of design guidelines.**
- 2.14 That access to the western branch of Weka Road is restricted to 'left in only' to improve traffic flow.**

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 Beach:

- 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 Beach

- 3.1 That mixed use, retail, office and apartments with high design quality are encouraged within Raumati Beach commercial area.
- 3.2 That off street parking within and adjoining the Village centre is maximised with the creation of a further 100 carparks within and in the vicinity of Weka Park and within Marine Gardens.
- 3.3 That underground or integrated parking buildings are explored with new or redevelopment of commercial buildings to achieve greater parking.
- 3.4 That traffic speed is reduced within the Village centre to improve access to shops and links with the coast and Marine Gardens.
- 3.5 That the footpath on the southern / sunny side of Raumati Road is widened and enhanced with tree planting.
- 3.6 That the northern footpath is enhanced with feature lights to complement the rhythm of trees on the southern side.
- 3.7 That paving patterns and street furniture, including more seating for the elderly, are used to enhance the image / activity of the Village heart.
- 3.8 That distinctive tree planting along Raumati Road takes place to create a 'boulevard' feel.



Kapiti Coast: Choosing Futures - Outcome 4

The District's resources are used wisely

This Outcome records the community's vision of how the District's resources should be used. Key points include:

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 Outcomes for Raumati Beach

- 4.1 That Raumati Beach is known for quality mixed use design of housing that is energy and water efficient.
- 4.2 That Wharemauku Stream is known for its environmental quality and is an example of good practice for urban streams.
- 4.3 That well used, safe pedestrian and cycle routes connect Raumati Beach with Paraparaumu and Raumati South.
- 4.4 That increased street trees, better street lighting and public gardens are provided.
- 4.5 That entrances to Marine Gardens are designed as an integral part of the Village heart.
- 4.6 That the connections from the Village centre to the beach are enhanced with visual markers along Garden Road.



- 4.7 That connections through Marine Gardens are improved for safety and quality reasons:
 - existing trees along all roads and access ways are pruned, or limbed up to improve light penetration and visibility, while retaining a mature specimen canopy;
 - any new walkways or associated planting to be in line with CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) principles / recommendations;
 - the 'swimming pool' area, particularly its east side to Marine Gardens is integrated with the rest of the park (open up entrance and build east facing windows when swimming pool is converted to another use).
- 4.8 That parking for primary school staff on Education land along Kapiti Road be explored with the Ministry of Education.



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 Beach

- 5.1 That Raumati Beach is a key visitor destination in the region for beach activities and local employment opportunities are enhanced by boutique shops.
- 5.2 That public transport and other infrastructure is enhanced to support increased use of the Village centre by visitors and enables residents to travel more sustainably to other locations in the region.
- 5.3 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.





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 Local Outcomes for Raumati Beach

- 6.1 That family entertainment and activities are promoted and enhanced including upgrading the existing Marine Gardens to accommodate events.
- 6.2 That an open air amphitheatre is created for outdoor events.
- 6.3 That a wider range of employment opportunities are available for young people.
- 6.4 That Marine Gardens is safe and welcoming to young people and that a wider range of recreational facilities are made available including:
 - petanque court;
 - additional picnic tables;
 - space for beach volley ball;
 - coin operated BBQs;
 - extension of Miniature Railway (to follow existing contours and in line with the Sea View Track Extension);
 - fitness trail.



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 Local Outcomes for Raumati Beach

- 7.1 That local people are heavily involved in the range of sports groups and facilities within the Village centre.**
- 7.2 That access to the beach from Marine Gardens car park is improved for elderly and disabled users. That accessible public beach access points are clearly marked.**
- 7.3 That local retailers and residents are involved in the design of the Village centre upgrade and lead the re-branding process.**

