

# APPENDICES MINUTES

**Ōtaki Community Board Meeting** 

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# **Ōtaki Main Street Town Centre Draft Principles**

	DRAFT PRINCIPLES (TO GUIDE ACTIONS)	RATIONALE
1.	Identity: reinforce Ōtaki's distinctive cultural identity.	<ul> <li>Te Reo Māori and Nga Toi Māori set Ōtaki apart from other centres in the district.</li> <li>Raukawa Marae and Te Wānanga o Raukawa anchor the ends of Main Street.</li> <li>Sustainable design expresses kaitiakitanga and inter-generational timeframes.</li> <li>Recent development at Te Wānanga o Raukawa demonstrates state-of-the-art design practices.</li> </ul>
2.	Environment: showcase restored watercourses and other natural features.	<ul> <li>Linking past present and future, Taiao provides a foundation for cultural identity.</li> <li>Watercourses increase connectivity by contributing off-road pathways.</li> <li>Natural features complement the regular geometry of Ōtaki's grid.</li> <li>Responsiveness to natural systems frequently enhances resilience.</li> </ul>
3.	Intensify: retain a joined-up street network that connects people, activities and places.	<ul> <li>Ōtaki Town's existing street grid is legible and pedestrian friendly.</li> <li>Small rectangular blocks are efficient and receptive to intensification.</li> <li>Development can occur incrementally if the existing spatial structure is retained.</li> <li>Few new links are necessary because the centre is already highly connected.</li> </ul>
4.	Connect: concentrate activity between Raukawa Marae and Te Wānanga o Raukawa	<ul> <li>Town centre activity is bracketed by Raukawa Marae and Te Wānanga o Raukawa.</li> <li>Each side of Main Street has an almost unbroken pattern of shop fronts and shelter.</li> <li>Continuous frontages emphasise Main Street's pedestrian orientation.</li> <li>At approximately 300m, Main Street is a comfortable length for walking.</li> </ul>
5.	Centralise: build a civic and community offering around Raukawa Marae and Māoriland Hub.	<ul> <li>Raukawa Marae and Māoriland Hub provide counterpoints to commercial activity.</li> <li>A cultural focus at the east end of Main Street balances Te Wānanga o Raukawa in the west.</li> <li>Ōtaki Library and Memorial Hall upgrades can complement other cultural activities.</li> <li>Sites on the corner of Rangatira, Aotaki Streets, and Mill Road are further development opportunities.</li> </ul>
6.	Develop: frame town centre activities with new housing that offers diverse lifestyle choices.	<ul> <li>Many Ōtaki Town houses have been occupied by the same family for generations.</li> <li>New development can be directed away from these 'generational houses.</li> <li>Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki is investigating greenfield development on Anzac Road.</li> </ul>

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**Ōtaki Main Street Town Centre and surrounding area** 



#### **Ōtaki Main Street existing activities**



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## **Ōtaki Rail Town Centre Draft Principles**

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Complement: diversify activity within a consolidated Town Centre area.	<ul> <li>Mixed-use development can compensate for lost shopping activity.</li> <li>Ōtaki Rail's retail offering can complement that of Ōtaki Town.</li> <li>Arthur Street currently marks the northern limit of dual street frontages.</li> <li>New World supermarket anchors the southern end of the town centre.</li> </ul>
2. Environment: showcase open spaces, restored watercourses and other natural features.	<ul> <li>An enhanced natural environment reinforces Ōtaki's distinctive cultural identity.</li> <li>Public open spaces become more important as residential density increases.</li> <li>Ōtaki Rail sits astride the Mangapouri stream.</li> <li>The Mangapouri stream engages Centennial Park, Jean Hing Place reserve and Ōtaki College.</li> <li>Existing waterways are heavily modified and frequently traverse private property.</li> </ul>
3. Intensify: facilitate medium-density housing between Arthur Street and Mill Road/Rahui Road.	<ul> <li>Large commercial sites are receptive to comprehensive redevelopment.</li> <li>Rural Production Zone land is out of place between the rail corridor and old highway.</li> <li>Future residents can walk to shops, schools, public transport and open space reserves.</li> <li>To the north and west, the area is framed by housing.</li> <li>The Palmerston North to Wellington passenger rail service is being upgraded.</li> <li>It is desirable for Metlink's suburban passenger service to be extended to Ōtaki.</li> <li>A high-quality public transport experience supports residential development.</li> </ul>
4. Connect: create a high-amenity environment for walking and other active modes.	<ul> <li>New links can significantly expand the centre's pedestrian catchment.</li> <li>Ōtaki Railway Station is a heritage building that helps to identify the town.</li> <li>Ōtaki Rail can serve as a hub for 'track and trail' activities within the district.</li> <li>The railway station occupies a vehicle-oriented area with few pedestrian amenities.</li> <li>Jean Hing Place and Pare-o-Mātangi Reserve are poorly connected to the centre.</li> <li>Ōtaki College is less accessible because it occupies the centre of a superblock.</li> </ul>
5. Anticipate: a high-amenity public transport hub at Ōtaki Railway Station.	<ul> <li>The Palmerston North to Wellington passenger rail service is being upgraded.</li> <li>It is desirable for Metlink's suburban passenger service to be extended to Ōtaki.</li> <li>A high-quality public transport experience supports residential development</li> <li>Ōtaki Railway Station is a heritage building that helps to identify the town.</li> </ul>

### **Ōtaki Rail Town Centre and surrounding area**



# Ōtaki Rail existing activities







Kāpiti Coast Trails Trust Ōtaki perspective

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