

The Principles



Community Aspirations

To ensure that the Horowhenua Open Space Strategy accurately reflects the aspirations of the Horowhenua community, the following documents were considered:

- Shaping Horowhenua (Survey 2010);
- Horowhenua Community Needs Analysis (2005);
- Horowhenua Youth Strategy and Implementation Plan (2010);
- Horowhenua Positive Ageing Strategy and Implementation Plan 2010-2013);
- The Walking and Cycling Strategy (2009);
- Long Term Community Plan (2009-2019)
- Long Term Plan (2012 - 2022)

The key aspirations that related to open space were extracted from these documents and can be summarised into eight categories.

Healthy lifestyles: To encourage all sectors of the community to increase physical activity, and where necessary improve the access, coordination and range of activities for people with disabilities, the elderly and the young.

Heritage: To celebrate, acknowledge and know our history.

Economy & Education: To take advantage of the opportunity for developing outdoor recreation for tourism and education opportunities and for increasing tourism numbers and spending.

Coast: To ensure access is maintained, whilst protecting the coastal environment.

Infrastructure: To provide walkways and bike tracks, improved camping facilities and toilets.

Outdoor Recreation: to recognise a range of recreation opportunities, develop outdoor recreation opportunities to attract the 20 – 30s demographic that is largely missing from the district.

Facilities: To increasingly consolidate, coordinate, co-locate recreation facilities, and pursue the provision of arts and sports together in a mixed facility.

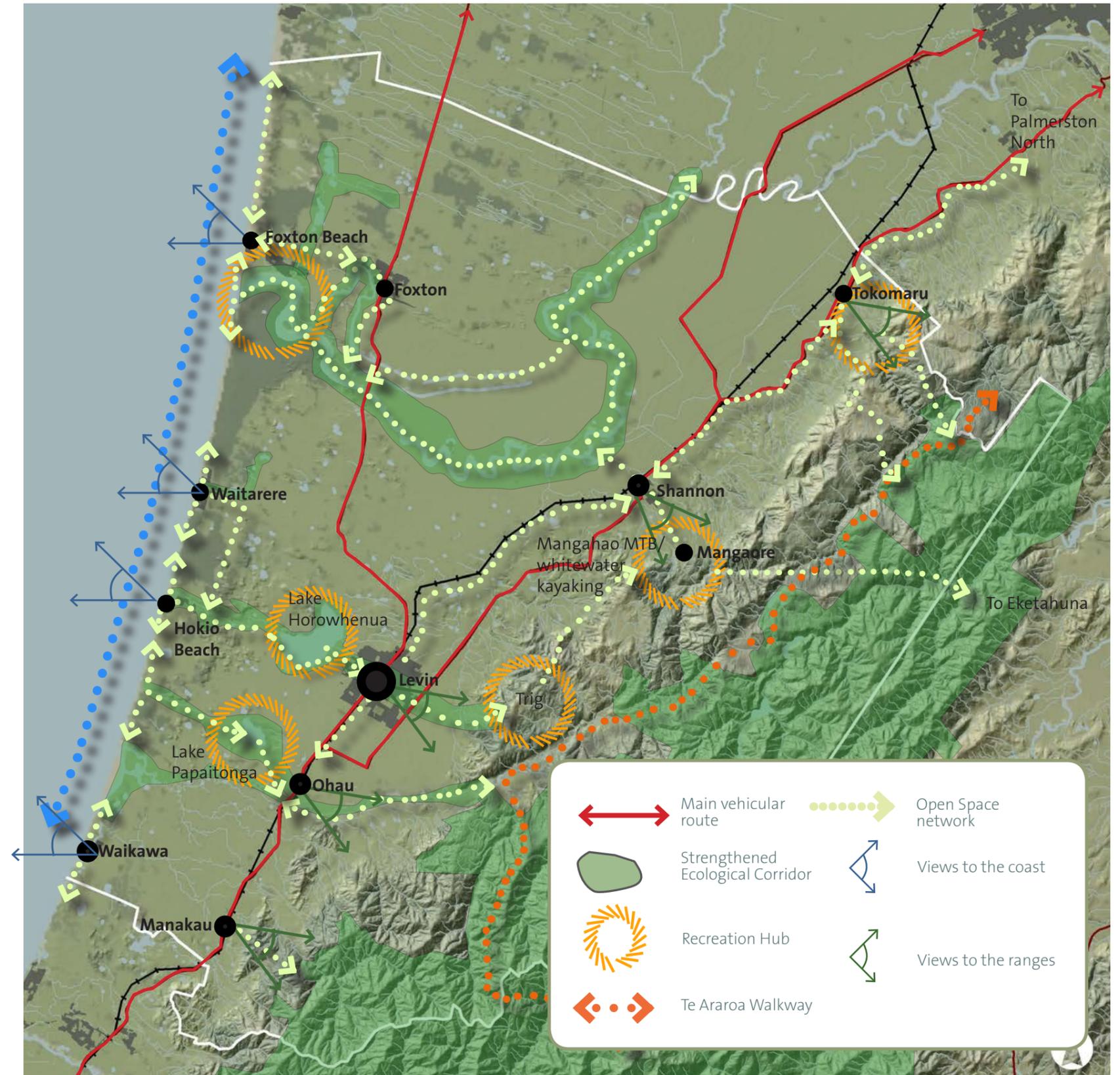
Natural Values: To protect and enhance natural features, identifying Lake Horowhenua and the Ohau River as specific examples for restoration.



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From these community aspirations eight guiding principles have been derived. These principles drive the Open Space Strategy at both a district-wide and settlement level.

- Provide for healthy and active lifestyles for all sectors of the community
- Utilise natural corridors for recreation and ecological benefits
- Enhance open space experiences by providing a variety of open spaces and routes for a range of abilities, functions & needs
- Create continuous walkways/cycleways that are safe, legible and accessible
- Create & enhance activity focal points as well as protecting & enhancing local spaces
- Enhance people's enjoyment of the Horowhenua landscape
- Create multiple-use/function facilities and open spaces
- Enhance and strengthen partnerships



Principles applied across the Horowhenua District

