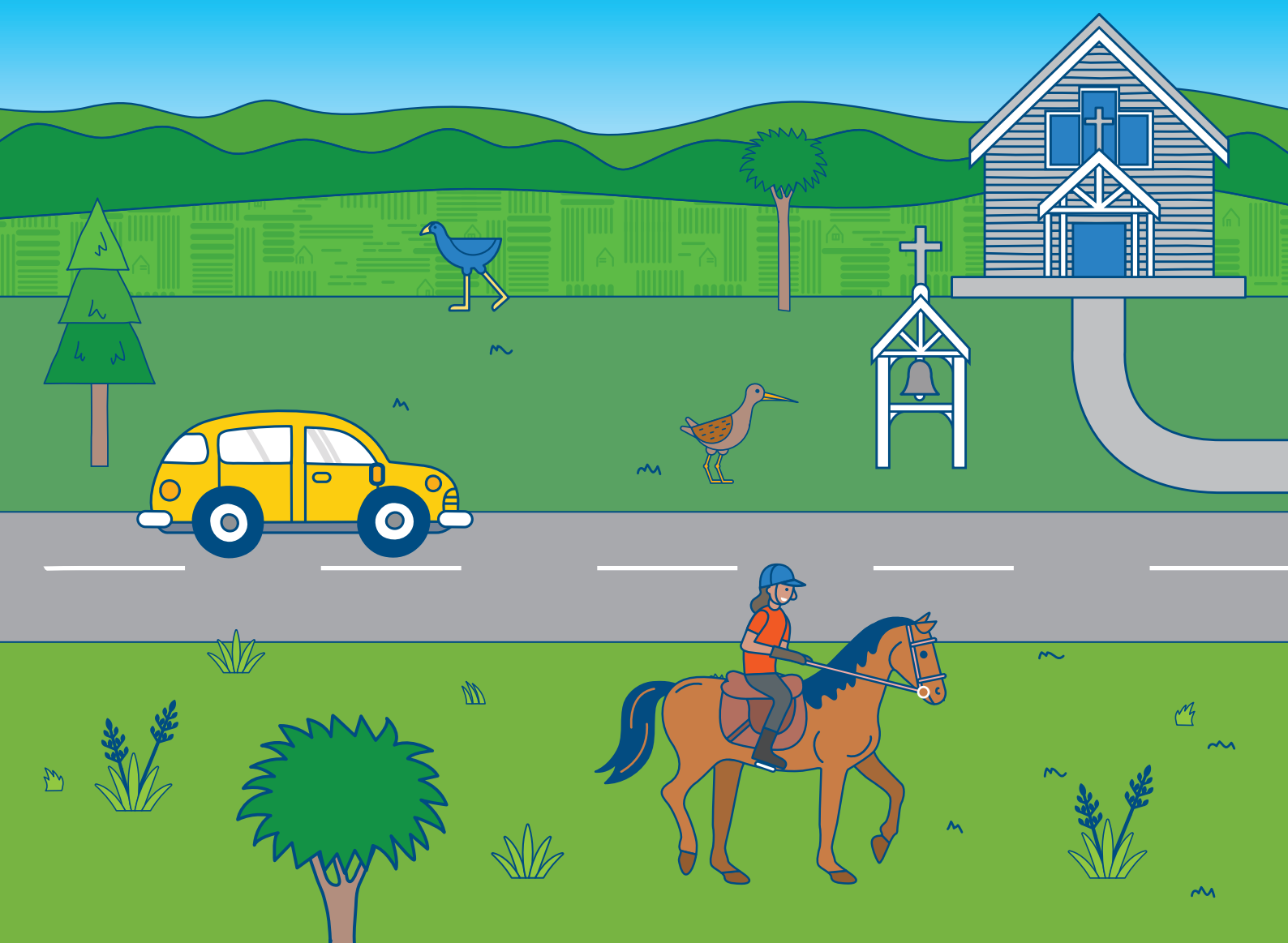


# Te Mahere ā-Hapori o Manakau

## Manakau Community Plan

October 2020



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## Community Outcomes

Community Outcomes are what Council aims to achieve to meet the current and future needs of the communities it represents.

Council has identified the following Community Outcomes:



## The Vision for the Horowhenua District

He rau ringa e pakari ai ngā taura whiri I ō tātou kāinga noho me ō  
tātou hāpori – mai I te pae maunga o Tararua ki te moana

With many hands the threads which weave our neighbourhoods and  
communities together will be strengthened from the Tararua Ranges  
to the sea.

# Te Aronga o tēnei Mahere - Purpose of this plan

**The Council and the Community have worked together to develop the Manakau Community Plan** (*referred to from this point as the Community Plan*).

The purpose of the Community Plan is to give the Manakau Community a voice and to encourage the people, groups and organisations to work together to achieve the things that are important to this Community now and in the future.

This Community Plan establishes an overall vision for Manakau and it also identifies key

priorities and actions to achieve this vision. It will inform Council's decision making for matters relevant to Manakau, and help ensure that Council's planning and actions are better aligned with the Community's aspirations.

It should also help the Community to work together to achieve the things that are important to them.

## Ngā Takahanga i puta ai te Mahere Development of this plan

**The Community Plan has been developed by Council based on the feedback and ideas of people who have a connection to Manakau.**

This included an online survey, a community drop-in event, and a session with students from Manakau School (see Appendix 1 for an overview of the Community Engagement).

The Draft Community Plan was released for public feedback in August 2020. The feedback was used to refine and improve the final version of the Community Plan. It is envisioned that this Plan will be amended/ updated over time as the Community's needs, priorities change.



# Te Horopaki ake o Manakau

## Manakau Context

### Manakau Village and Surrounds

Manakau is a small, rural settlement in the Horowhenua District which is located 12km south of Levin and approximately 80km north of Wellington.

State Highway 1 (SH1) passes through the settlement of Manakau. On the eastern side of SH1 is the core part of Manakau Village which includes residential properties, Manakau School, the community hall, the bowls club, Driscoll Reserve and several former commercial buildings. The Village has a unique and beautiful character, enhanced by its rural surroundings and by having the Tararua Ranges as its backdrop. The streets have narrow carriage ways and wide berms (the majority of which do not have footpaths). Residential sections are generally large with well established landscaping/gardens.

There are rural lifestyle properties on the edge of the Village. These are larger and integrate with the wider rural environment which is a mixture of pastoral grazing and horticulture.

Further towards the Tararua Ranges and to the south of the Village are several rural lifestyle developments that were established in the early 2000s (i.e. Manakau Heights and Mountain View).

Ngāti Wehi Wehi Marae is located to the north of Manakau Village on the western side of SH1.

There are a number of businesses located along SH1 as you drive through Manakau including several cafes, a fruit and veggie shop, the Manakau Store and garden centres.

On the corner of Waikawa Beach Road and SH1, is a small residential area. Manakau Domain is located down Waikawa Beach Road, just to the west of this residential area.

Around 30 rural lifestyle properties are located on the southern side of Waikawa Beach Road as you head out towards the beach from Manakau (including those down Ketemaringi Way).

It is recognised that there is a strong link between Manakau and Waikawa Beach. Many locals residing in each of these two settlements strongly associate with the other settlement. Rural property owners living between the two settlements feel a connection to both Manakau and Waikawa Beach.



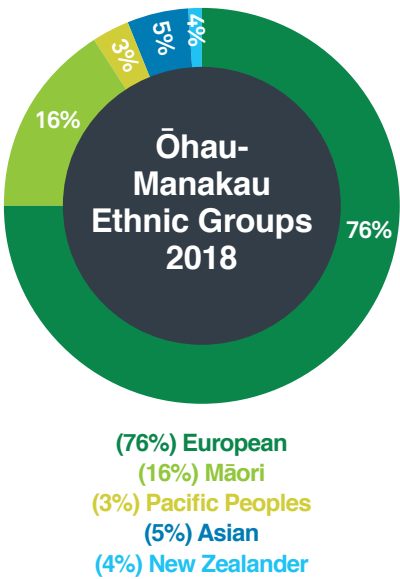


# Manakau Community Stats

At the time of preparing the Draft Community Plan, preliminary data from the 2018 Census was available for the Ōhau-Manakau combined area. \*Council has used the Ōhau-Manakau Combined Area Population statistics because this is how statistics New Zealand has defined the area. For the combined area there was a population increase of 369 people between the 2013 Census and 2018 Census, resulting in a total population of 2,154.

Council anticipates that the Manakau population will continue to grow over the next 20 years. The Horowhenua Growth Strategy 2040 identifies that an additional 95 houses will need to be built in Manakau over this period to accomodate growth.

In 2018, the largest ethnic group for the Ōhau-Manakau combined area was European, followed by Māori.

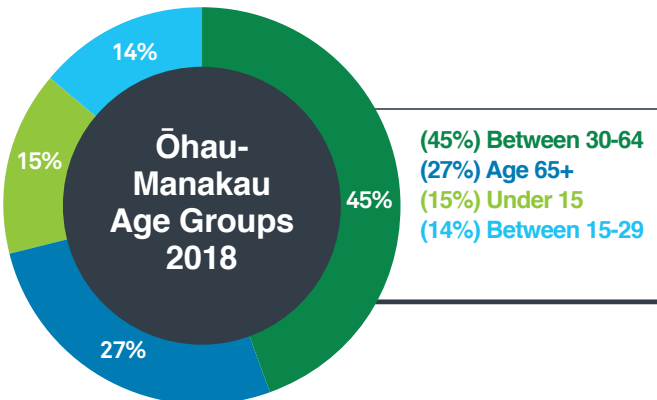
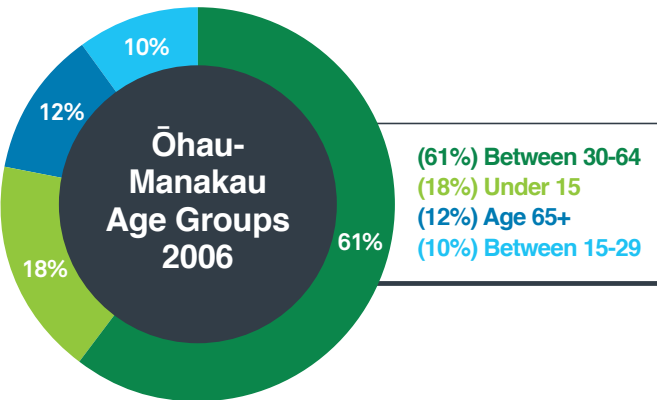


As of 2018, the largest age group within the Ōhau-Manakau combined area was the 30 to 64 year old group, followed by the over 65 age group.

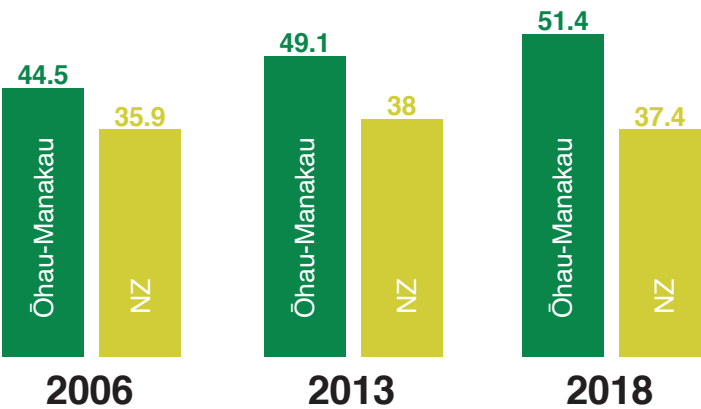
The over 65 age group was the fastest growing age group between 2006-2018. It is noted that Speldhurst Country Estate is located in the combined area therefore

the age distribution for Manakau may look different in reality (ie. Speldhurst is a retirement village and may be distorting the figures).

The following graphs show how age group distribution has changed in the Ōhau-Manakau area.



The median age in Ōhau-Manakau combined area increased from 44.5 in 2006 to 49.1 in 2013, and to 51.4 in 2018. The graph below shows the median age trend for Ōhau-Manakau compared with the rest of New Zealand.

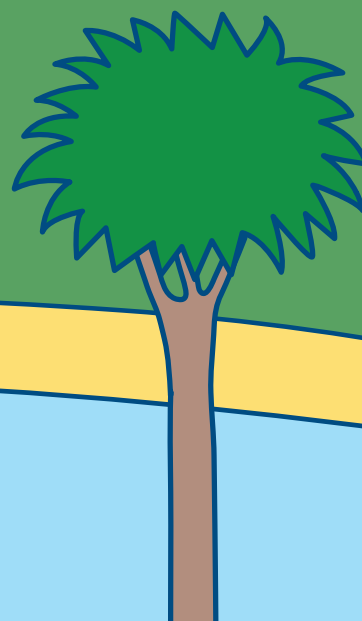


An illustration of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a grey road with white dashed lines runs horizontally. To the left of the road, a brown and orange bird stands on a green field. To the right, a person wearing a green long-sleeved shirt, blue shorts, orange socks, and a blue cap with a headband is running towards the right. The background consists of rolling green hills under a blue sky with stylized white clouds.

## **Te Matawhānui ā-Hapori o Manakau** **Manakau Community Vision**

**Kia hora te taurikura, te whanaungatanga me te haumarū, kia arohatia te āhua ake o Manakau, kia ora te taiao māori, kia kaha hoki te tūhonohono ki wāhi kē atu.**

**A thriving, friendly and safe rural community with a strong sense of place, a healthy natural environment and good connectivity to other places.**



# Ngā Take Matua Manakau Community Priorities

**Below is a list of four priorities (*in no particular order*). The Community Priorities have been identified based on the common themes from the feedback provided by people during the engagement that was done to inform the development of this Community Plan.**

**The priorities are things for the Community to strive for as it works towards achieving its vision and these are:**

- A.** Protect the special character and heritage values of Manakau.
- B.** Ensure growth occurs in a sustainable and integrated way.
- C.** Improve traffic safety and provide more transportation options.
- D.** Improve recreational spaces and water quality.

The following parts of this Community Plan expand on each priority and also identify some actions towards achieving them. The actions are not an exhaustive list. New actions may present themselves or the priorities for Manakau may change over time. Therefore this Community Plan should be regularly updated to ensure it remains current.





# ! Take Matua A - Priority A

Kia tiakina te āhua ake o Manakau me ōna tuku ihotanga.

Protect the special character and heritage values of Manakau.



**A clear message from engagement was that people value the special character of Manakau (the village and surrounds).**

The following were the things people considered to be important features/ characteristics of Manakau:

- **The core of Manakau Village**  
Small and picturesque with beautiful heritage buildings. The wide, tree-lined streets, with narrow carriageways. Large residential sections with established landscaping/gardens.
- **Local Heritage**  
Ngāti Wehi Wehi Marae, sites of significance to Māori, Manakau School, the old Manakau Hotel, the former Post

Office, Manakau Community Hall and Saint Andrews Anglican Church.

- **Rural character**  
The rural outlook of the village. The rural lifestyle properties on the edge of the village and nearby. The rural, productive land of Manakau (used for horticulture and pastoral farming).
- **Friendly and neighbourly community**  
The friendly and relaxed nature of Manakau. People want to know their neighbours.
- **Central Location**  
Good access to the beach, the ranges, Levin, Ōtaki and Wellington.





## Actions



### Undertake an assessment of the character of Manakau

#### What

- Assess the character of Manakau Village (e.g. street layout, pattern of development, density of housing, open spaces, landscaping, and heritage features).
- Assess the character of rural lifestyle development around the village, along Waikawa Beach Road and to the south of the village.
- Look at integration of the urban environment with the surrounding rural environment/landscape.
- This assessment will be undertaken by a suitably qualified person and will be used to help inform future planning for Manakau including how growth can be provided for in a way that does not compromise or detract from the existing character of Manakau.

#### Who

- Led by Council with input from the Community.

#### When

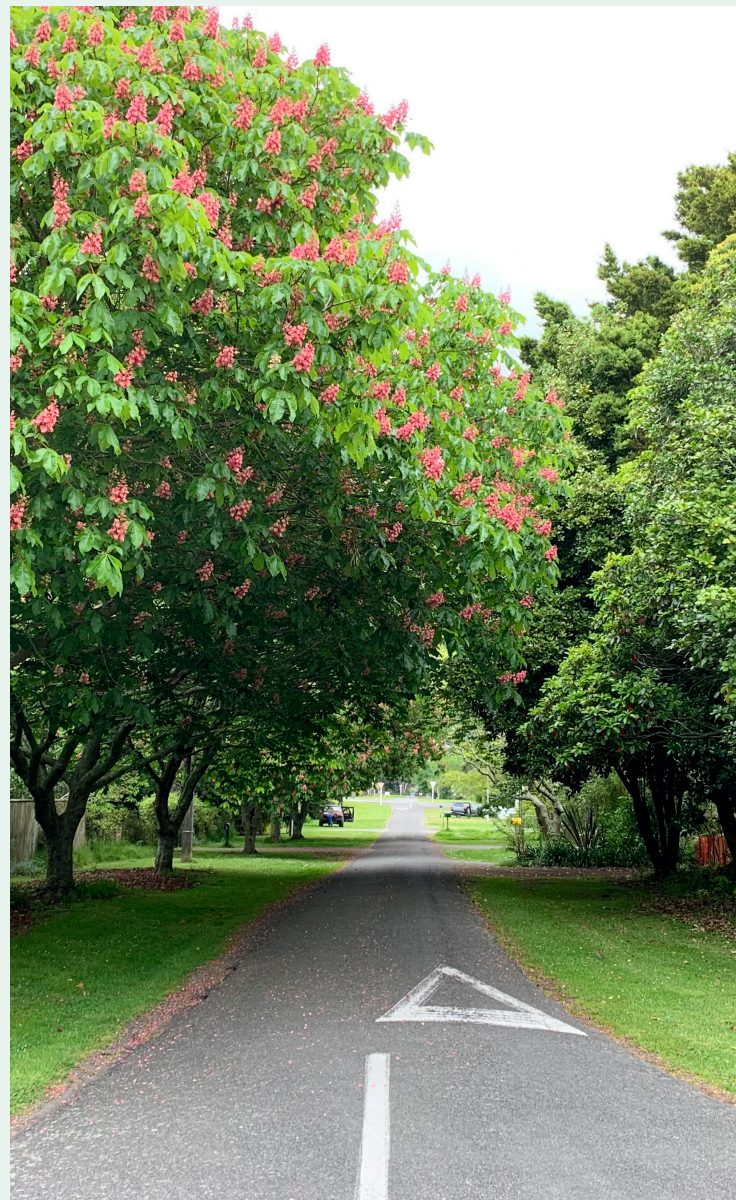
- By the end of 2021.

#### Success indicators

- That the assessment is used to inform future planning for Manakau.
- This assessment could inform an updated version of the Horowhenua Growth Strategy 2040 and/or a change to the District Plan to provide for growth in Manakau.

#### Funding

- Funding has not been allocated for this assessment and as such it will need to be budgeted for as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.







## Identify and protect local sites of cultural significance

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### What

- That Council will work with local Iwi and Hapu to identify sites of cultural significance to them and establish a plan for how these sites might be protected (e.g. undertake a Plan Change to the District Plan).

### Who

- Council in partnership with local Iwi and Hapu.

### When

- Timeframes will be discussed and agreed with Iwi and Hapū.

### Success indicators

- That sites of cultural significance are identified in a way that Iwi and Hapu are comfortable with.

### Funding

- Funding will need to be allocated in the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.



## Identify and protect significant local heritage features

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### What

- The assessment and protection of significant local heritage features (e.g. buildings, structures, sites, or notable trees) which are not already listed in the District Plan or by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

*For example: The Manakau Hotel and what the children of Manakau School referred to as 'the climbing tree' – a large Pohutakawa Tree located in Driscoll Reserve.*

### Who

- Led by Council with input from the Community.

### When

- Call for nominations and assessments done by the end of 2022.

### Success indicators

- That Council works with the Community to identify heritage features (buildings, structures, sites, or trees) that are considered to have local historic significance. These are assessed and any that meet the relevant criteria are proposed for protection in the District Plan.

### Funding

- Funding has not been set aside for the assessment of local heritage features and as such it will need to be budgeted for as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.





# Learning about and celebrating the history of Manakau

## What

- Manakau has a rich and varied history. During engagement a lot of people highlighted historic buildings or places with heritage values that held special memories for them. Capturing and celebrating the unique history of Manakau will assist in ensuring that this area retains its identity as it grows.
- Council could assist the local community – both Māori and non-Māori to capture and record local knowledge, stories, and the history of the area. This could include key events, prominent figures within the community, or stories about important landmarks or sites.
- Council or the Community could use this information to make help protect important local heritage features, make local history more visible, and to create a unique sense of place. Some examples would be displaying local history information at Driscoll Reserve or by recognising local history in the naming of new streets.

## Who

- Council, local Iwi/Hapū and the Community.

## When

- Ongoing.

## Success indicators

- The knowledge of locals and visitors about the history of Manakau is increased and important historic events or features are recognised.

## Funding

- Funding has not been budgeted for this work. Some of the work can be done alongside the identification and protection of significant local cultural and historic sites/buildings.





# Hold additional community events and/or undertake community projects

## What

- During engagement people expressed a desire for more community events and/or for community projects such as beautifying the area around the Community Hall or Manakau School; developing a community garden; or doing some place-making around the Manakau Hotel.
- People enjoy/value events like the quarterly Quiz Nights and the Masquerade Ball that was held in Manakau in 2018.
- The Community is encouraged to explore options and ideas for events and community projects.

## Who

- Interested members of the Community.

## When

- Ongoing.

## Success indicators

- That interested members of the Community work together on one or two small pilot projects or events.

## Funding

- Council has a number of funds that could support initiatives, depending on the nature of the event or project. These include:
  - Horowhenua Events Grant (maximum of \$250 per event)
  - Vibrant Communities Grant (total funding pool of \$12,500 per year)
- Council also administers the following grant on behalf of Creative New Zealand:
  - Creative Communities Grant (two funding rounds per year, each with \$13,500 available)
- Other funding options are also available (e.g. charge a small fee to attend an event to cover costs or fundraise).





# ! Take Matua B - Priority B

Kia toitū, kia tōpū hoki te āhua o te tipu haere o Manakau.

Ensure growth occurs in a sustainable and integrated way.



**Thriving**  
communities



**An exuberant**  
economy



**Stunning**  
environment



**Enabling**  
infrastructure



**Growth was a consistent theme in the feedback received during engagement, although people's perception of growth and what it could mean for Manakau varied.**

Some people saw growth as a positive for Manakau. Bring more children to Manakau School, new houses and more opportunities for local businesses to establish or grow.

Many people identified challenges they felt growth could bring including, increased traffic (on roads they considered to already be unsafe or at capacity), loss of the quiet and friendly village lifestyle they enjoy, loss of fertile/productive land to housing, negative environmental effects (e.g. water quality),

need for reticulated services, and increase in house prices resulting in reduced affordability for locals.

Initial data from the 2018 Census indicates that Manakau is growing. It is acknowledged that this data is not specific to Manakau (it includes the Ōhau area), but Council's subdivision and building consent data also indicates that there is growth in Manakau.

Council anticipates that Manakau will continue to grow in the near future. Therefore, Council seeks to ensure that growth is provided for in a way that is sustainable and is well integrated with the existing environment.



## Actions



## That growth at Manakau is provided for and managed in a sustainable and integrated way

### What

- Council's Horowhenua Growth Strategy 2040 (which was adopted in November 2018) seeks to provide for and manage growth in a co-ordinated way.
- The Strategy identifies towns/settlements in the District where there is considered to be a 'shortfall' of appropriately zoned land to accommodate projected residential and rural lifestyle growth over the next 20 years.
- Four potential growth areas have been identified in the Strategy for Manakau.

- Further investigation of these areas is required to assess their suitability for rezoning for residential or rural lifestyle development. To rezone land Council needs to amend the District Plan and this would be a public process, (e.g. people would be able to submit in support or opposition).
- Council may also look at whether a small commercial area could be identified and provided for in Manakau.

## Who

- Council in consultation with the Community, local Iwi and Hapū and other key stakeholders.

## When

- Assess growth areas and prepare plan change by the end of 2022.

## Success indicators

- Any changes to the District Plan to rezone land to provide for growth are not out of character with the existing built or natural environment.

## Funding

- Council has budgeted for District Plan changes to accommodate growth. Therefore, this action will be carried out within existing budgets.



# Investigate the provision of reticulated water and wastewater

## What

- As part of the Long Term Plan 2018-2038, Council committed to deciding whether to undertake a feasibility study for the delivery of reticulated water and wastewater to Manakau in Year Four of the Long Term Plan (i.e. 2021/2022).
- If a feasibility study is undertaken then this will help determine whether these services could/should be provided to Manakau.

## Who

- Council and the Water Working Party.

## When

- In the 2021/2022 financial year.

## Success indicators

- That Council makes a decision in 2021/2022 about whether to undertake the feasibility study on the delivery of reticulated water and wastewater to Manakau.

## Funding

- If Council decides to do the feasibility study then it will need to be budgeted for in the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.



# ! Take Matua C - Priority C

Kia pai ake te haumarū o ngā huarahi, kia whānui ake hoki ngā kōwhiringa waka tūmatanui.

Improve traffic safety and provide more transport options.



**SH1 currently passes through Manakau, with the majority of the residential properties being located on the eastern side.**

A major theme from the feedback received during engagement was traffic safety concerns in relation to SH1 including:

- local intersections with SH1 being dangerous;
- the difficulties faced by people trying to get from properties on the eastern side of SH1 to the Manakau Store, cafes/shops or the Manakau Domain;
- people trying to get from Waikawa Beach Road to Manakau School or other facilities (including shops on the western side of SH1); and
- Speed of vehicles travelling through Manakau.

Lack of transport options compounds local traffic issues. With people indicating they have to drive to places when they would rather walk or cycle because it is not safe for them to use alternative transport methods. People want more choice including public transport, cycle lanes, and footpaths along key roads.

Desire was expressed for a shared pathway to be established between Manakau and

Waikawa Beach, and between Manakau and Levin. It was highlighted that the bridges between Manakau and Levin along SH1 made it particularly dangerous to cycle between the two places.

People expressed mixed feelings about the Ōtaki to North of Levin Highway (Ō2NL). Some consider that it will relieve the pressure on the existing SH1 and make it safer for locals to travel north and south on this road as well as to get to places locally.

Many people indicated they were frustrated with the current uncertainty of where the Ō2NL Highway will be located within the identified corridor. There was also concern expressed that the Ō2NL Highway will cut off valuable parts of the community as the preferred corridor affects the rural lifestyle developments to the south of Manakau. Lack of certainty creates stress for affected property owners and impacts on the wider community as these community members are forced to relocate. This has been further compounded by the delays of Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) in progressing the proposed highway.

People also identified that they have concerns about the potential amenity effects associated with the Ō2NL Highway including noise and visual effects.



## Continue to Advocate for Ō2NL (progress and mitigation) and for safety improvements along the section of SH1 in Manakau

### What

- Council welcomed the recent announcement from NZTA that it is moving forward with Ō2NL.
- Council will continue to advocate for appropriate mitigation and to encourage NZTA to keep the Community informed and minimise unnecessary delays.
- The Ō2NL Highway will provide safety improvements for Manakau, however, it is still some years away from construction and in the meantime the Community have substantial safety concerns about the current SH1.
- Council will continue to advocate to NZTA to address safety issues with SH1.

### Who

- Council, the Community and NZTA.

### When

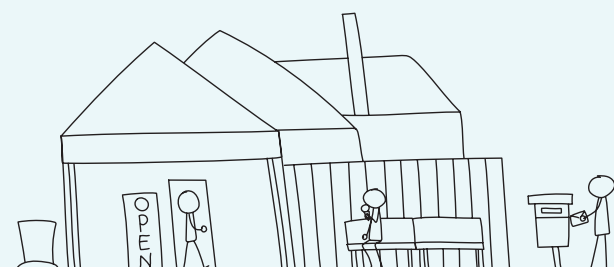
- Ongoing.

### Success indicators

- Appropriate mitigation is secured through the Notice of Requirement/ Designation process for Ō2NL.
- NZTA commits to undertake safety improvements to SH1 within the Manakau area.

### Funding

- Council advocating to NZTA is provided for in existing budget.
- Any works relating to Ō2NL or safety improvements to SH1 should be funded by NZTA.







# Advocate, and investigate options, for improved connectivity between parts of Manakau

## What

- SH1 currently presents a significant barrier for people in Manakau wanting to get from one side of the state highway to the other side, either by motor vehicle or by another form of transportation (e.g. walking or cycling).
- Council will advocate on behalf of the Community for safer means of travelling locally on SH1 whether driving, cycling or walking.
- Council can also investigate options for safer ways for people to walk and/or cycle along local roads that provide better access to core facilities (e.g. the School and the Manakau Domain).
- Council to look at how to improve connectivity between the Village and Waikawa Beach. Provide safer means to walk/cycle between these two places.

## Who

- Council and NZTA.

## When

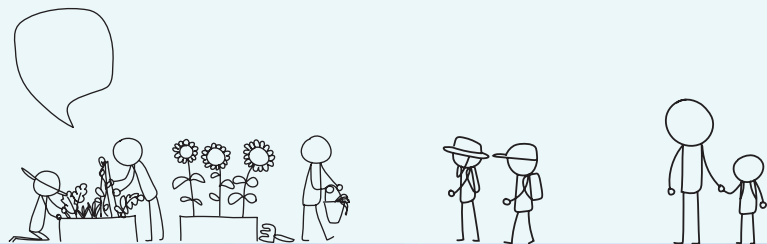
- Ongoing.

## Success indicators

- NZTA committing to undertake safety improvements to SH1 within the Manakau area.
- Council investigates options to better enable walking and/or cycle along some local roads to provide better access to facilities.

## Funding

- Council advocating to NZTA is provided for in existing budgets.
- Council will need to budget for investigation work.







# Advocate for Public Transport

## What

- Horizons Regional Council are the primary body responsible for providing public transport in the Manawātū-Whanganui Region. However, Horowhenua District Council has a role in advocating for the communities within the district.
- Council has prepared and adopted the Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy. This will be an integrated, multi-modal transport strategy for the District. It will provide an overarching strategic vision and principles for the District that will be used to guide and inform transport planning. It includes a suite of Action Plans to inform investment and delivery over the next 30 years.
- Therefore, the District's public transport needs will be investigated as part of this Strategy, with the Strategy potentially providing a tool to advocate for public transport to serve the Manakau community.

## Who

- Horowhenua District Council and Horizons Regional Council.

## When

- Ongoing.

## Success indicators

- Feasibility of public transport to/from Manakau is understood and set out in the Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy as a vehicle to advocate with the Horizons Regional Council.

## Funding

- Advocacy will be done within existing budgets.
- Provisions of public transport would ultimately be funded by Horizons Regional Council.



# ! Take Matua D - Priority D

Kia pai ake ngā wāhi o rēhia me te kounga o te wai.

Improve recreational spaces and water quality.



**Thriving**  
communities



**Stunning**  
environment



**Partnership**  
with Tangata Whenua



**Enabling**  
Infrastructure

**Most of the people who provided feedback during engagement mentioned some form of active or recreational activity they either enjoy doing or would like to be able to do locally.**

People talked about walking, jogging, cycling, swimming, horse riding, walking their dog, and playing sports.

People want to see the existing recreational spaces in Manakau improved so that locals and visitors can get more out of them. Some of the things identified in the feedback were:

- Upgrading the entrance to Manakau Domain and providing a proper parking area;
- Having an off lead area to walk dogs;
- Having a picnic area at one of the reserves;
- Providing a public toilet;
- Having a playground at Driscoll Reserve;
- Putting in a jogging track at Manakau Domain; and
- Improving signage and also providing signage in Te Reo Māori
- Pitch improvements at Manakau Domain
- Improvements to planting, lighting and fencing at Manakau Domain.

Better access to recreational spaces was mentioned in the feedback (e.g. providing a pathway to Manakau Domain).

Along with a desire to see more planting on recreational spaces, especially of native trees.

People also mentioned a need to clean up our waterways including wanting to have clean places where people can go and swim, fish, or collect kaimoana. People want to see freshwater quality improved so that this important resource can be used and enjoyed by future generations.

The Manakau Domain and ideas for the future development and use of this reserve was a popular topic in the feedback received during the development of this Community Plan. People were keen to see it better utilised by the community including improving access to the Domain, upgrade facilities there, and providing for a greater variety of users. It is noted that while Council owns Manakau Domain this reserve is currently administered by the Manakau District Community Association, with maintenance of the Domain being undertaken by user groups (e.g. the Manakau United Football Club).

It is acknowledged through the feedback on the Draft Community Plan that the Manakau United Football Club (with the support of the Manakau District Community Association) submitted a 'blueprint' for the future development of the Domain. This blueprint will need to be considered by Council and discussed with MDCA in the future.





## Actions



### Undertake the actions identified in the Driscoll Reserve Development Plan

#### What

- Council has prepared a Development Plan for the Driscoll Reserve. This Plan identifies a number of actions including undertaking further planting on this reserve, assessing some of the trees for notable tree status, installing benches, and installing an additional entrance sign.
- The Development Plan will be updated in the future as the Reserve is developed over time.

#### Who

- Council and the Community.

#### When

- Ongoing.

#### Success indicators

- That Council does the things that it has outlined in the Development Plan within the identified timeframes and that the Community has the opportunity to get involved in things like planting days.

#### Funding

- Some budget is available but Council will also need to consider providing additional budget for the development of this Reserve in the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.



### Improve Freshwater Quality

#### What

Horizons Regional Council is primarily responsible for managing water quality in the region and is working to improve freshwater quality, including (but not limited to):

- Helping to fence off rivers and streams so stock do not get into water and contaminate it;
- Helping rural land users to stop soil eroding from hills and into water;
- Ensuring waste that has to go into water is properly treated to meet water quality standards; and
- Monitoring water that is taken out of the

river so there is enough for everyone, including the fish.

Horowhenua District Council can continue to communicate the Community's aspirations to Horizons Regional Council. The Community can assist by taking part in planting initiatives, following best farming practice, and making sure to follow good environmental practice when visiting rivers.

- Council is also aware of the Waikawa Stream Community Catchment Project. This is a project that the NZ Landcare Trust secured funding to deliver a Community catchment initiative in the Waikawa Stream Catchment. This project proposes to engage the Community,

and increase its connection with the waterbodies within the Waikawa Stream catchment.

- A project group has been formed and a 'whole of catchment' strategy and action plan are being developed. Interested community members and key stakeholder groups can either get involved or continue their involvement in this project.

## Who

- Horizons Regional Council, NZ Landcare Trust, the Community and Council.

## When

- Ongoing.

## Success indicators

- Water quality monitoring points improve.

## Funding

- No cost for Council.
- Costs and funding unknown for Horizons Regional Council and NZ Landcare Trust.



## Investigate and provide shared pathways/recreational walkways

## What

- People identified shared pathways, recreational walkways and bridleways as a priority action for Manakau. Council has a Shared Pathways Strategy and is working on a concept and implementation plan.
- As part of planning for shared pathways throughout the District the Council is prioritising projects based on factors including safety, ease of delivery and 'bang for buck'. Prioritisation of projects could change over time. For example, if a shared pathway connection became easier to deliver (i.e. a willing landowner proposing to subdivide) then it may move up the priority list.
- Manakau Community could seek to influence this prioritisation process through avenues such as the Shared Pathways Reference Group and Council's Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes. The Community could identify and prioritise what type of shared pathways they want and where. For example, traditional shared pathways

(walking, cycling, mobility device users) or multi-use (including users such as horse riders) as well as which connections are the most important to the Community.

## Who

- Council and the Manakau Community.

## When

- Ongoing.

## Success indicators

- Council considers shared pathway needs for Manakau.

## Funding

- Council currently has some budget available for shared pathway development. Depending on Manakau's aspirations for shared pathways additional funding will need to be planned for.

# Aspirational sketch of Manakau

This drawing is an aspirational sketch of Manakau which identifies some of the existing key features of this community as well as some of the ideas people put forward during consultation for the development of this Draft Community Plan for what could make this little rural village even better in the future.

**Some existing key features of Manakau are shown and labelled as:**

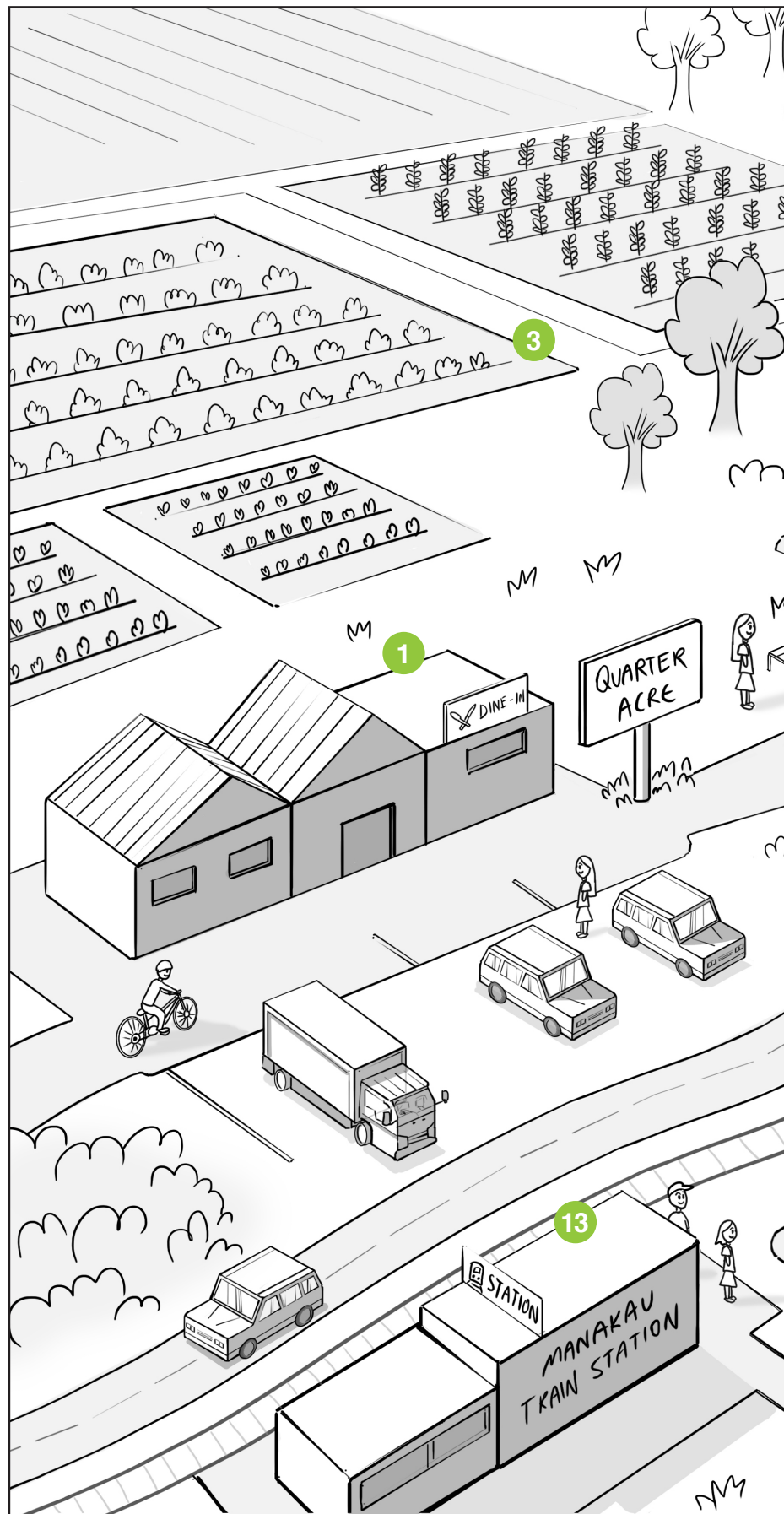
1. Quarter Arce Café
2. Manakau Store
3. Market gardens
4. Wehi Wehi Marae
5. State Highway 1
6. Railway line
7. Driscoll Reserve
8. Manakau Hotel

NOTE: This list of existing key features is not exhaustive and the location of some of these features is not reflective of their actual location.

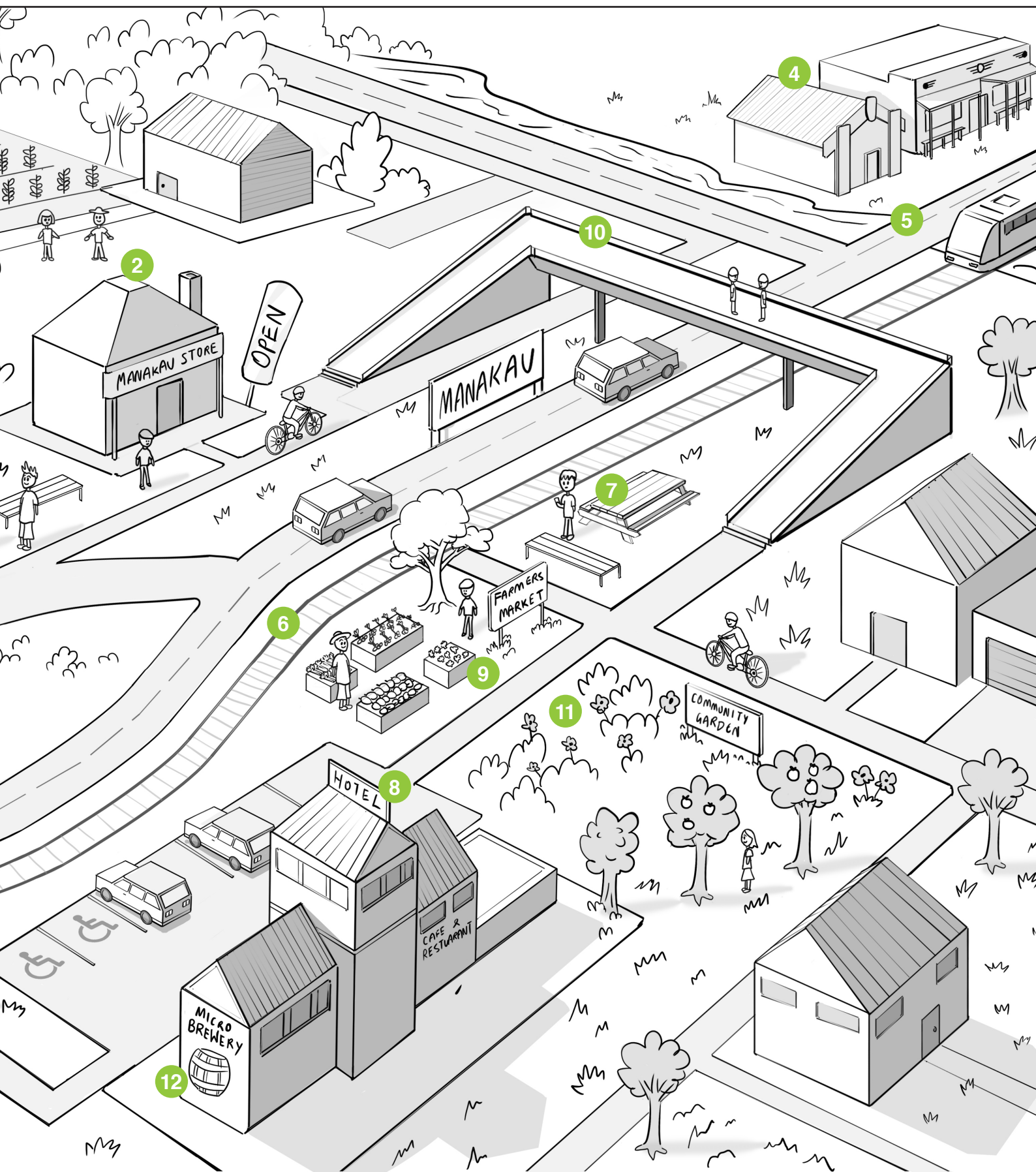
**Community ideas for the future are shown and labelled as:**

9. Farmers Market
10. An overbridge for pedestrians and cyclists
11. Community Garden
12. Micro brewery and café at Manakau Hotel
13. Manakau Train Station

NOTE: This list is not exhaustive, they are simply some ideas. The location of these ideas is not necessarily reflective of where they could/would be located if developed in the future.







## Te Whai Wāhitanga Mai o te Hapori Community Engagement



### Manakau School Engagement

Council officers visited students from Manakau School on 1 July 2019 to get their perspectives on the future of Manakau. The students that participated in the sessions were Years 5 to 8 and they were split in to two sessions (session 1 was with Years 7 and 8 and session 2 was with Years 5 and 6).

Each session was about 45minutes. The students were asked two key questions. The questions and key themes from their answers are below:

#### *What do you like about Manakau?*

- Manakau School.
- The fact that Manakau is a small, quiet and friendly community.
- Local stores and cafes (e.g. Manakau Store, the fruit and veggies shop, Quarter Acre Café).
- Being able to swim locally (e.g. Waikawa Beach and Yellow Bridge).
- The 'Climbing Tree' in Driscoll Reserve.

- The open space and rural land surrounding Manakau Village.
- Local water bodies (the streams and the beach).

#### *What could be improved about Manakau?*

- Safer access across the State Highway 1 (walking and cycling).
- More community facilities (e.g. a library/ community hub, a playground and a swimming pool).
- Footpaths or shared pathways around the community and to the beach.
- More recreational spaces as well as improvements to existing ones (e.g. picnic tables, planting, rubbish bins and better accessibility to Manakau Domain).
- Improvements to the School (e.g. new netball and basketball hoops, new soccer goals and better car parking).
- Cleaner waterways.
- Planning for climate change.
- More shops and places to do activities locally.





## Manakau Community Drop in Session

The Community was invited to a drop in session held in the afternoon on 28 July 2019 at the Manakau Community Hall.

Information was displayed for attendees to view, Council officers were available to speak to and ask questions, some key questions were scattered around the hall to get people thinking and enable them to provide their feedback/ideas. Around 30 people attended this session.

## Community Plan Engagement Survey

The Community was invited to provide feedback via a survey during July and August 2019. Approximately 50 responded and provided valuable feedback via the survey.

## Further workshop/ meetings on the Manakau Community Plan

In late November 2019, a targeted workshop was held with some members of the Manakau District Community Association and other interested locals. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss key themes from the feedback received from the Community during consultation and how this would best be captured and incorporated into the Manakau Community Plan.

In February 2020, Council officers were invited to speak about the development of the Manakau Community Plan with the Committee for Wehi Wehi Marae.

## Consultation on Draft Community Plan

Consultation on the Draft version of the Community Plan took place throughout August 2020. It was originally planned for earlier in the year but delayed due to COVID-19.

Following the close of the feedback period, the feedback was analysed and the Community Plan was updated and finalised.



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