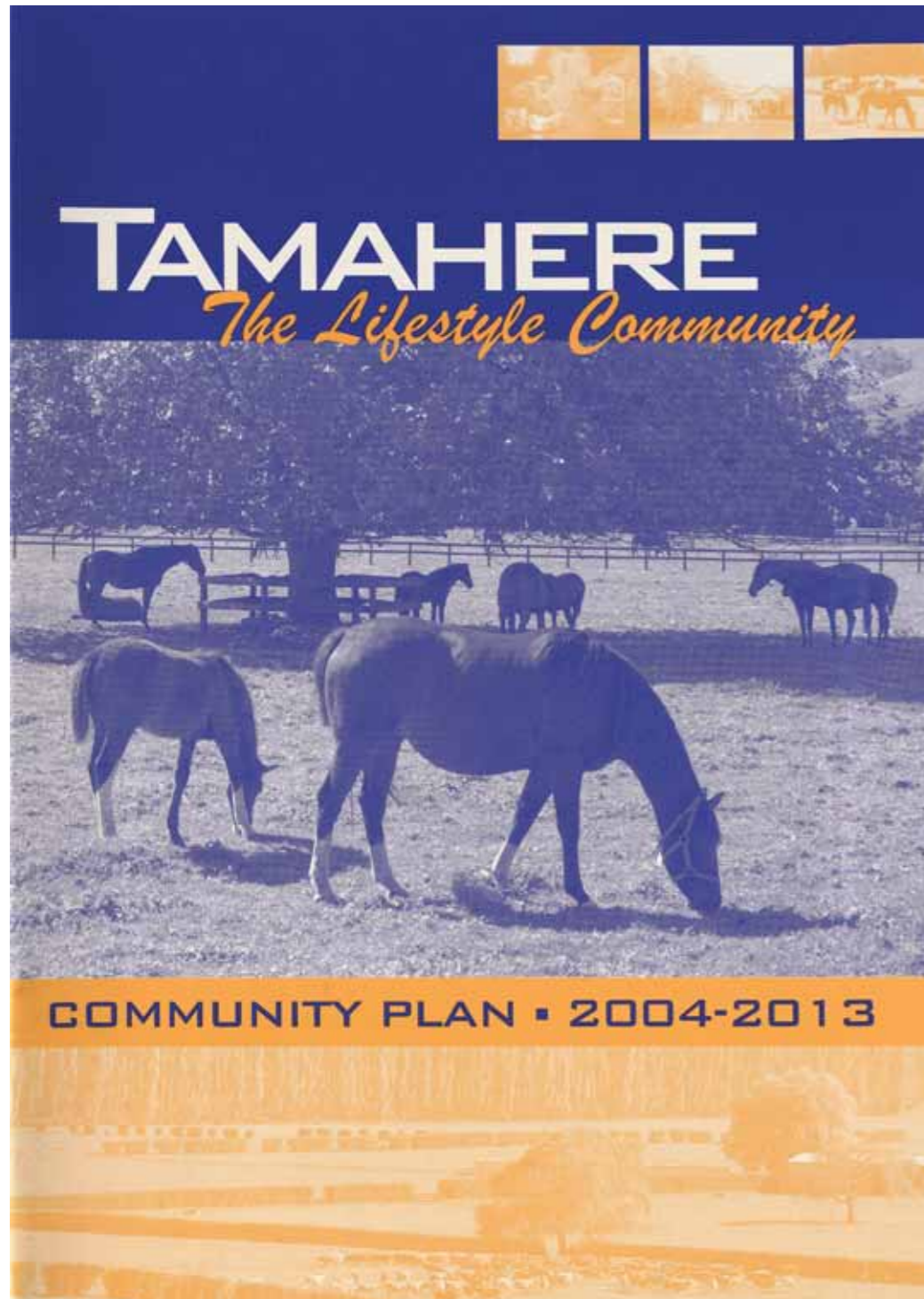




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### THE TAMAHERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE TAMAHERE WARD COUNCILLOR, WALLY HAYES.

The purpose of the Committee is to act as a sounding board for Council and Wally Hayes. In particular the Committee's focus is on the ongoing development, review and implementation of the Tamahere Community Plan, "The Lifestyle Community", 2004-2013.

The Committee meets monthly with Councillor Hayes along with the Mayor, other elected councillors and staff members on a regular basis.

The Committee's aim is to act as a portal for Community views on Council planning and issues that impact on the Tamahere community.

In preparing this submission the Committee has worked with Councillor Hayes to undertake a full review of the Tamahere Community Plan which is now four years old.

#### This review has taken into account the following:

- > WDC LTCCP 2006 – 2016
- > Tamahere "The Lifestyle Community" 2004-2013
- > Future Proof
- > WDC Annual Plan 2008/2009
- > WDC Draft Growth Strategy

#### 1. Population Growth

Tamahere over the period to 2021 is the highest population growth area by both percentage and actual gross population numbers (as per LTCCP 2006-2016). This growth needs to be taken into account more overtly in the LTCCP in respect to services and initiatives

#### 2. Integrated Planning

The Committee has spent significant time in the last six months understanding, reviewing and submitting on a raft of council plans and strategies. It has become apparent that there is not a single place for the Community of Tamahere to go to look at the full plan for the Tamahere District. It is therefore very difficult to get an overall view and even more difficult to make meaningful judgements and views of the future.

**The Committee believes that the lack of an overall integrated, well organised and well communicated plan for the Tamahere District is the singly biggest and most important issue.**

**The Committee strongly recommends that a master planning project be undertaken for Tamahere as a matter of urgency.**

#### The Master Plan will:

- a. Consolidate and bring together all Tamahere elements from all other WDC plans, schemes, policies and documentation
- b. Consult with the Community and other stakeholders on the design and planning for a Tamahere Community Hub development centred around the Community Centre, Tamahere Model Country School, St Stephens Church and WDC land holdings

- c. Develop a people movement plan integrating roading, cycle ways, foot paths and walkways with development concepts, investment levels and timeframes
- d. Act as a focus to ensure community consultation is through and that any development plans take into account the views and concerns of neighbours, community groups, community organisations and ratepayers.
- e. Allow for commercial partnerships and commercial development consistent with Future Proof and the size of the Community.
- f. Consult with Future Proof partners and recognise Tamahere as a key gateway and buffer zone with Hamilton City.

The masterplan will serve as a focus to build a genuine heart for Tamahere. Our strongly growing area needs this focus.

The masterplan can easily be funded from rating growth and currently available reserve funds.

The Committee has been in contact with a senior Waikato based planning consultant who estimates that the masterplan, concept planning and design and consultation will cost in the order of \$200,000.

The Committee believes that this amount should be included in this LTCCP review to be undertaken in the next three years. Then at the next LTCCP review any projects arising from the Masterplan can be reviewed and included.

#### 3. Roading

The Committee strongly supports the Newell Road/Devine Road/Airport roading concept proposed by Councillor Hayes. We believe that this realignment will solve many of the traffic issues on Newell Road and the area. This concept should form a key part of the masterplan review.

#### 4. Issues Arising from the Tamahere Community Plan 2004-2013

The Community Plan prepared in 2004 is a well researched document that went through considerable robust process.

The Plan is widely understood by the Community and is accepted as the vision and process for the future through to 2013.

The balance of this submission covers a review of the plan implementation and notes items yet to be completed along with timeframe. A number of updates to the Plan are also noted.

These implementations and updates are noted on each page of this submission along side the relevant section of the plan.

These items should be grouped into the relevant sections of the LTCCP review, costs estimated and a timeframe set through to 2019.



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### *Vision for Tamahere*

#### **"TAMAHERE IS LIFESTYLE"**

Lifestyle is all about:

- being a vibrant and safe community
- having a sense of privacy and space
- having pride in the local environment.

#### **ABOUT THIS PLAN**

The Tamahere Community Committee has developed this community plan to provide clear direction for the future development of Tamahere. The wider Tamahere Community has had much input into this document through, first, electing its representatives on the Committee and, secondly, providing feedback on the draft document via a questionnaire in December 2003. Now it is finalised, the plan will be a living document and will undergo a regular monitoring and review process.

This community plan will feed into Waikato District Council work programmes in Tamahere over the coming years and, where appropriate, the Council will also pass information to other government departments and agencies that may have a role in implementing this plan.






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MAP OF THE  
TAMAHERE  
AREA

### *Snapshot of Tamahere today*

Tamahere is a rapidly growing community on the outskirts of Hamilton City. People live in Tamahere because the nature of the area offers quality lifestyle opportunities with space, tranquility and low-density living.

Recent changes to the rules regarding subdivision have further increased opportunities for growth, with the area moving toward a fully integrated rural residential lifestyle community.

The people of Tamahere generally use Hamilton for most services (commercial and recreational), but do acknowledge the need for a common vision that will create a 'sense of community'.

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### *Key issues and projects*

The key issues facing Tamahere have been identified on the following pages, and possible solutions have been signalled as projects for the future.

The Tamahere Community Committee has grouped the key issues identified, and the corresponding projects, into seven key areas:

- Rooding
- Infrastructure
- Environment
- Financial
- Development
- Historical
- Community

The Community Committee has prioritised these projects into three categories.

- A** - Projects that should happen in the next three years, and which the community will promote as essential for meeting the Tamahere Community Plan's vision.
- B** - Projects that are desirable and that should be achieved in the next 4-6 years. These projects are seen as necessary for the ongoing development of Tamahere, but do not need to happen right now.
- C** - Projects that are desirable and that can be developed in the next 7-10 years with external funding.



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**Roading**

**ISSUES**

- Additional roads are needed to ensure ease of movement around the community without using State Highways.
- Speed on a number of roads needs to be reduced to reflect the rural residential nature of the community.
- Traffic calming measures need to be put in place to control traffic movement and speed.
- Walkways, footpaths, cycle ways and horse lanes need to be put in place, where required, to separate vehicle traffic from residents undertaking these activities.
- Roadside drainage needs to be addressed and improved to meet a modern rural residential style of living.
- Through traffic on local residential roads needs to be diverted back to the State Highway and/or arterial roads.
- The impact of the new expressway on Tamahere needs to be recognised.

**PROJECTS**

**A - YEARS 1-3**

**DEVINE**

- Purchase land and develop a roading link between Birchwood Lane and Koppen Road and also between Newell Road and Devine Road.
- Upgrade the following intersections for traffic safety reasons:
  - Bruntwood Road/Tauwhare Road
  - Woodcock Road/Tauwhare Road
  - Pencarrow Road/Airport Road
  - Bruntwood Road/Lee Martin Road
  - Lee Martin Road/Tauwhare Road.
- Change the entrance onto Newell Road so that through traffic will be prevented from using Newell Road as a short cut.
- Slow traffic down on local roads to a speed that reflects the residential and pedestrian use of the environment, with priority given to:
  - Woodcock Road
  - Windmill Road
  - Pencarrow Road
  - Rosebanks Drive
  - Newell Road.

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Add safe crossing of main arterial roads as a key issue

Delete walkways and horse lanes as key issues

### PARTIALLY COMPLETED

Add the purchase of land and development of a roading link between Birchwood and Devine Road

### (TO BE INCLUDED IN LTCCP) ALL OUTSTANDING

Add Devine Road/Newell Road and Annebrook/SH1 to list

Revise this strategy to adopt and implement the plan proposed by Councillor Hayes to resolve the Newell Road through traffic issues



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### Roading

#### PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

- Improve drainage along roads to an appropriate standard for a rural residential area, establishing swale drains but still retaining grass verges that can be regularly mown.
- Develop walkways, cycle ways and horse lanes on reserve land, where required, to ensure safety.

#### B - YEARS 4-8

- Work with Transit New Zealand to minimise the safety problems at intersections with State Highway One, with priority given to the Cherry Lane/State Highway One intersection and the access to Eventide Home.
- Develop a better roading network around the Tamahere Model School for ease of movement when dropping off children.
- Upgrade the Bruntwood Road/Brinkworth Road intersection for traffic safety reasons.



Develop footpaths, cycle ways and main arterial road crossings to ensure safety

**COMPLETE**

Develop a better roading network around the Tamahere Model School by adopting the and implementing the Cr. Hayes Plan

Provide safe pedestrian and cycle access to Tamahere School, the Hall, Bus Stops and the Tamahere Community Village Hub from the Woodcock Cell



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**Infrastructure**

**ISSUES**

- Additional land is required to cope with growing recreational needs.
- A community hall/centre is required to cater for community growth.
- All power and telephone lines should be underground, where possible.
- Reticulated water supply for domestic consumption needs to be extended, with quantity and quality to be guaranteed to a potable standard.\*
- Consistency of utility supplies needs to be ensured.
- Provision of sewerage and gas supplies needs to be investigated.

**PROJECTS**

**A - YEARS 1-3**

- Purchase properties in close proximity to the school for future community purposes.
- Construct a new community hall/centre.
- Acquire access ways to link esplanade reserves with roads, and ensure that the reserves are properly maintained.

**C - YEARS 7-10**

- Develop the tennis courts into a modern facility with Astroturf and floodlights.

**\*Note:**  
Reticulating a potable water supply throughout Tamahere is a project that is self-funding and can be undertaken at any time.

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COMPLETE

Include broadband

(TO BE INCLUDED IN LTCCP)

Continue to purchase & hold properties in close proximity to the school for future community purposes

COMPLETE

Main focus to be on Waikato River long distance walkway



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### Environment

#### ISSUES

- Private planting of native trees in a park-like manner needs to be encouraged.
- Better weed and pest control needs to be undertaken.
- Public land needs to be developed for public enjoyment.
- There is scope for gully development/restoration to encourage wildlife.

#### PROJECTS

##### A - YEARS 1-3

- Implement an effective recycling collection in the Tamahere area that takes plastics, paper and cans.
- Support the ecological restoration of native bush and wildlife, especially in Tamahere's gully system.
- Develop selected gullies in Tamahere (identified through consultation) to provide local walkway tracks that are safe for public use and have the potential to link with the city walkways.
- Work with Environment Waikato to ensure that pest and weed control issues are addressed, in particular on Council-owned land.

and the creation of walkway networks

Develop rain water, grey water and solar power strategies that will lead to greater sustainability within the community

**COMPLETE**

As part of the Masterplan project, produce a plan for the area, a timetable for implementation, a map of walkway routes, identify land already owned by WDC, identify on the map which walkway routes are still subject to consultation and/or land purchase

Within the Masterplan, develop a strategy and a map showing how all projects link back to the Community central "hub."



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*Financial*

**ISSUES**

- Tamahere needs value from Waikato District Council based on the total amount of rates paid.
- Tamahere must ensure that a fair share of financial contributions from subdivision development in Tamahere is spent in the area to address the increased infrastructural demands.

**PROJECTS**

**A - YEARS 1-3**

- Ensure that Waikato District Council spends a fair share of the financial contributions from subdivision for roading and reserves purposes in the Tamahere area to ensure that expected growth needs are catered for.
- Inform Council on a regular basis that Tamahere is a substantial rate supplier and that the community expects its fair share of that rate money to be spent back in the community, in addition to the financial contributions.

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The Masterplan project and Community consultation will demonstrate to Tamahere residents that current and intergenerational equity is seen as an important issue within WDC and is maintained

To liaise with Council on rate contribution and distribution the Tamahere Ward must at all times have a Community representation

To ensure liaison with Council meets legislative requirements an elected Community Board should be established for the Ward. This would ensure parity of discretionary funding within the WDC



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### *Development*

#### ISSUES

- Ensure that Tamahere is retained as a rural residential low-density community.
- Concentrate commercial operations in one area.
- Cater for future schooling needs - eg high school, crèche etc.
- Recognise that the Tamahere community does not wish to encourage any further industrial development.

#### PROJECTS

##### A - YEARS 1-3

- Ensure that land subdivision and development rules permit only rural residential, low-density living.
- Encourage the under-grounding of all power and telephone lines for future development, and ensure that all reticulated services are of a high standard and able to cater for the demands of future growth.



Cater for future schooling needs

Recognise that the Tamahere Community does not wish to encourage any further industrial development within the Ward or in the adjacent boundary buffer of 1 km to the Country Living Zone



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*Historical*

**ISSUES**

- There is a need to preserve historical assets, including the building at Tamahere Model School.
- Maori history and areas of significance need to be identified and respected.

**PROJECTS**

**A - YEARS 1-3**

- Better identify the land area in Bruntwood Road that has historical significance relating to the New Zealand wars.
- Ensure that the historical building at Tamahere Model School is protected.
- Protect any areas of historical significance that are brought to the community's attention.

*Community*

**ISSUES**

- Tamahere needs to continue to foster a 'sense of community'.
- More emphasis needs to be placed on individual and community safety.

**PROJECTS**

- Support the community newsletter circulated by Tamahere Model School.

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As part of the Masterplan, preserve and establish links to the "Hub", walkways, and tourism for the Maniapoto pa on Ngati Haua Tribal Lands on Tauwhare Road and the Pa[Help do not know the name] on Titoki Estate on Matangi

Preserve and protect Mellow Manor and its Oak Trees

Provide annual funding of \$5,000 to support the Community website as part of consultation, information gathering and communication initiatives