

Community Outcomes



2.1 Community Outcomes

Community Outcomes in the Plan are what the Community believes to be important towards its current and future social, economic, environmental and cultural well being.

Community Outcomes define the future of our District.

Community Outcomes are not Council outcomes, but belong to the Community. Council will work with other agencies and the Community to make the outcomes happen.

Clean, accessible, respected environment

Where

- Natural resources (water, land, air, flora, fauna and habitat) are protected and conserved
- Cultural heritage, values and sites are recognised and protected
- Development is planned, managed and controlled
- Waste is managed comprehensively
- Renewable resources are utilised
- The Community is educated and involved in environmental care
- Environmental parks, reserves and recreational facilities are enhanced
- Environmental legislation is actively enforced

Strong and prosperous economy aligned to Community values

Where

- Good employment opportunities are available for all
- New businesses are actively encouraged and supported
- Existing businesses and added value businesses are further developed
- Regional assets (tourism, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry) are developed collaboratively
- Regional and national funding for new initiatives and infrastructure is easily accessible
- Economic growth is balanced with social and environmental responsibility

Focused Community leadership and governance

Where

- There is a clear, progressive and well communicated vision
- Councils, agencies and central government work together to achieve the Outcomes
- Plans deliver sustainable growth
- Councils and the Community work in partnership
- All sectors of the Community are consulted, involved and treated equally
- Community leaders are dynamic and visible
- Leadership is strategically, tactically and financially astute
- Local solutions are found for local issues
- Regulations are user friendly and easy to understand

Education and training opportunities for all

Where

- Affordable, quality education meets the District's needs for all ages
- Participation in learning is encouraged and opportunities are available for all
- Education and training is in place to support economic growth
- Education values our cultural heritage and promotes cultural awareness
- Young people are prepared for, and supported to find meaningful employment
- Local education services are integrated and rationalised

Safe, caring communities

Where

- People live without fear of crime, family violence and trauma
- Drug, alcohol and gambling abuse are eliminated
- People respect and care for themselves, others and the environment
- Communities help themselves
- Diversity is valued and strong bonds exist between different cultures, genders and ages

- Youth have a purpose and gain from, and contribute to, the Community
- Community values are preserved

Healthy people and housing

Where

- There are planned and managed local health programmes and facilities for all
- Quality preventative, primary and secondary health care is accessible to all
- Proactive and appropriate support is in place for the disadvantaged, disabled and those who need it
- Appropriate, affordable housing is available for all
- Initiatives are in place to encourage self sufficiency in housing

Reliable and affordable infrastructure

Where

- Roading in all areas is safe, reliable and sensitive to pedestrians, horses and bikes
- Air, rail and sea links are maintained and developed
- Communication technology is available in the District (mobile coverage and fast internet access)
- Public transport is available throughout the Bay of Plenty
- Infrastructure and public transport ensures convenience not congestion
- Councils work collaboratively to develop infrastructure assets (e.g. drainage and sewerage)
- Infrastructure is aesthetically designed
- Infrastructure development supports economic and environmental development (e.g. cycle tracks, walkways and public toilets)
- Infrastructure is affordable and designed to withstand natural disasters
- Civil defence planning and management is transparent and inclusive

Diverse, creative and vital communities

Where

- All cultures and the history of the region is celebrated, recognised, promoted and valued

- Facilities are in place to accommodate a wide range of sport and recreational activities
- Funding opportunities for art and recreation development are accessed
- The region is developed as an events centre to support economic growth

Continued Independence and Viability

Where

- The Kawerau District retains its independence
- Kawerau remains a financially viable District

2.2 How the Outcomes were Identified

The process to identify Community outcomes between October 2004 and June 2005 included stakeholder forums, public meetings, hui, feedback forms to all households and consult-a-councillor sessions in Tarawera Mall, backed up by a public awareness marketing campaign.

At the beginning of the process in November and December 2004 four Eastern Bay of Plenty stakeholder forums and a hui were held, at which draft themes for Community outcomes were identified.

These themes were then subject to consultation within the District which included several meetings with interest groups, consult-a-councillor sessions in Tarawera Mall and a questionnaire in the Kawerau Voice newspaper.

2.3 What Council will do to Achieve the Outcomes

Clean, accessible, respected environment

Activity/Sub Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Advocate	
Environmental Services - Resource Management	Regulator	Council's Operative District Plan Resource Consents
Environmental Services - Building & Other Inspection	Regulator	Building Consents
Water Supply	Provider	The provision of a potable water supply in compliance with resource consents and DWSNZ 2005 standards
Waste Management	Provider	The provision of a wastewater disposal system that enhances Community health and safety and the environment. The provision of a refuse collection and disposal system that will encourage a healthy, tidy and clean District. The provision and operation of refuse recycling initiatives to minimise waste to landfill for environmental benefits.
Leisure & Recreation	Provider	The provision of parks and reserves that enhance the health and well-being of the Community.

Strong and prosperous economy aligned to Community values

Activity/Sub Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Advocate	
Economic Development	Funder	To promote the District by making available an event marketing fund of at least \$5,000 annually. To promote the District by making available rate remissions for developments. Funding of \$5,000 p.a. to Toi EDA (the Regional Economic Development Agency).
	Advocate	To ensure that there are sufficient suitably zoned and serviced industrial sites available in the District to meet current demand.
- Environmental Services - Resource Management	Regulator	Council's Operative District Plan Resource Consents.
	Provider	Implementation of Regional Growth Advantage Strategy.

Focused Community leadership and governance

Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Provider	Community leadership & governance

Education and training opportunities for all

Activity/Sub Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Advocate	
- Library	Provider	The provision of a suitable Library facility to enhance Community knowledge and information opportunities.

Safe, caring communities

Activity/Sub Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Advocate	
	Funder	Funder of Neighbourhood Support
Environmental Services	Regulator	Building & Other Inspection, Environmental Health & Dog Control
- Civil Defence	Provider	The delivery of Civil Defence measures, covering all aspects of preparation for, response to, and recovery from major emergencies within the District.
- Community, Cultural & Social	Provider	The provision of specified Community and social services to improve the social fabric of the Community.

Healthy people and housing

Activity/Sub Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Advocate	
Environmental Services	Regulator	Building Inspection & Environmental Health
Waste Management	Provider	<p>The provision of a wastewater disposal system that enhances Community health and safety and the environment.</p> <p>The provision of a refuse collection and disposal system that will encourage a healthy, tidy and clean District.</p>
- Swimming Pool	Provider	The provision of a year round swimming pool complex to contribute towards meeting the need to encourage the health and well-being of the Community.
- Recreation Centre	Provider	The provision of a Recreation Centre for public hire as a suitable venue for sporting and recreation activities.
- Parks & Reserves	Provider	The provision of parks and reserves that enhance the health and well-being of the Community.

Reliable and affordable infrastructure

Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Advocate	
Transport Management	Provider	Provision of the roading network and stormwater network.
Water Supply	Provider	Provision of the water supply network.
Waste Management	Provider	Provision of the wastewater network and refuse transfer station.

Diverse, creative and vital communities

Activity/Sub Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Advocate	
Leisure & Recreation	Provider	Provision of facilities to accommodate a wide range of sport and recreational activities.
- Community, Cultural & Social	Funder	Administration of Creative NZ Funding applications.

Continued Independence and Viability

Activity	Role	Action
Democracy	Advocate	
	Provider	The provision of effective and efficient local government in the Kawerau District.

2.4 How Council will work with other organisations to further Community Outcomes

Central Government

During 2005, senior officials of local government and central government with authority in the Bay of Plenty agreed to work collaboratively on Community Outcome Processes emerging with the implementation of the Local Government Act 2002. A Terms of Reference document has been developed by nine local and regional authorities and some fifteen government departments.

The Terms of Reference point to a number of processes. Governance meetings guide and give direction, and to receive reports and recommendations. A Working Group of strategic leaders/managers from

participating local and central government agencies and authorised by signatories to the Terms of Reference leads the operational work, part of which will be undertaken by a Monitoring and Reporting Group.

In late 2005, the Working Group met to identify specific actions and outputs for 2006.

The following Work Plan was completed and finalised in January 2006 and includes:

- Stocktake of key roles and responsibilities and projects planned or current within or relevant to the Bay of Plenty.
- Identification of opportunities for collaborative work.
- Community Outcomes Monitoring and Reporting.

Maori

Council has been working with local Iwi (Te Runanga Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau) to develop a draft protocol or memorandum of understanding aimed at defining and enhancing the relationship between Council and Tangata Whenua. The first step is to put in place a protocol.

2.5 How Community Outcomes link to Other Strategic documents

Council's Regional Advantage Growth Strategy is intended to provide the basis upon which Council can make longer term planning decisions that will encourage managed growth and the provision of adequate resources and infrastructure to sustain the Kawerau Community's regeneration aspirations over the next 10 years and beyond.

The Community Outcomes illustrate what sort of community the people who live in Kawerau want to see in the future.

Council takes the Regional Advantage Growth Strategy and the Community Outcomes into account when developing other strategies such as its Zero Waste Strategy.

2.6 How progress to the achievement of the Community Outcomes will be measured.

The following measures will be used to identify progress towards the achievement of the Community Outcomes.

Council is still working with other local authorities and Central Government Agencies in the Bay of Plenty on further measures.

Clean, accessible, respected environment

- Measurement of chemicals dissolved in water, and biological activity.
- Consented water use and actual water use.
- Concentrations of airborne chemicals and particulates against air quality standards.
- Exceedences of air quality guidelines for particular matter (PM10), and carbon Monoxide (CO).
- Total number of contaminated sites.
- Total solid waste collected.
- Total waste diverted into recycling.

Strong and prosperous economy aligned to community values

- Unemployment rate in the Kawerau District.
- The number of businesses in the Kawerau District.
- The number of jobs in the Kawerau District.
- Building consents issued.
- The median household income of people in the Kawerau District.

Focused community leadership and governance

- Residents rating the performance of the Mayor and Councillors.
- Percentage of residents satisfied with the way rates are spent on services and facilities.
- Residents rating the way Council involves the public in the decisions it makes.
- Percentage of enrolled electors voting at general elections.

Education and training opportunities for all

- School Rolls.
- Education Review Office reports of schools and early childhood education centres.
- Percentage of students who leave school with a qualification.
- Early childhood education attendance by year one students.

Safe, caring communities

- Percentage of residents who feel the quality of life in Kawerau is good.
- The number of crimes recorded and the percentage solved.
- Do residents feel Kawerau District is generally a safe place to live?
- Percentage of residents who feel the community spirit in Kawerau is good.
- Percentage of residents who feel that the Kawerau District is a better place to live than 3 years ago.

Healthy people and housing

- Range of recreation and leisure opportunities (swimming pools, sport grounds, playgrounds, walkways, libraries).
- Percentage of houses owned and rented.
- Average household size.
- Number of occupied private dwellings.
- Determine affordability by calculating the average weekly rent paid for private dwellings, together with Housing Corporation rentals.

Diverse, creative and vital communities

- Proportion of the population with telephone and Internet access.
- Proportion of the population that speaks the 'first language' of their ethnic group.
- Proportion of Māori speakers in the Māori population.

Continued Independence and Viability

- Continue to operate as an independent District Council.
- Rates based on the value of an average house compared to the rates of an average house to be at the lower end for towns within the BOP region.

2.7 Monitoring & Reporting

Council is responsible for facilitating reporting on progress towards the achievement of Community Outcomes. Council will report annually on the implementation of Council's actions towards achieving the Outcomes, and at least once every three years on progress towards the Outcomes for the District as a whole.