

Shore Futures

A collective vision for healthy harbours and communities in the Kawhia and Aotea catchments.

Shore Futures update

March 2009

Since the last newsletter

The Shore Futures Community Reference Group and staff from participating agencies met in December 2008 to review two chapters of the Preferred Futures Report. The reviewed chapters deal with growth and development and the natural environment. The final chapter for the Preferred Futures Report, which addresses heritage issues, is expected to be reviewed by the Governance Group and the Community Reference Group in April 2009. The draft Preferred Futures Report will now be out for public comment in June 2009.

Key directions identified for Shore Futures

To date, the Shore Futures project has highlighted the need to balance further growth, the capacity and limitations of infrastructure and the natural environment, whilst reflecting the character and values of the community.

A number of key directions, outlined below, have been identified through community consultation and the technical information that has been gathered.

- Restrict development to specific areas within existing townships and retain the character of those areas.
- Investigate opportunities for papakainga housing around existing marae.
- Provide for some limited development outside the townships, provided such development meets criteria related to landscape, natural character, hazards and cultural heritage.
- Ensure that current low intensity use in rural areas continues in order to protect environmental values such as water and soil quality.
- Restrict development in hazard-prone areas that are found within areas of outstanding natural character and areas with significant features and landscapes.
- Protect waahi tapu, wetlands and areas of important indigenous vegetation.
- Take account of amenity concerns such as building design and settlement layout, avoidance of ridge line building and use of planting measures to soften the impact of any development.

Otorohanga District Plan review

Otorohanga District Council is currently reviewing the Otorohanga District Plan. The directions and information from the Shore Futures Project will be incorporated as part of the review. By being involved in the plan review process, you can influence council's decision making. For more information on Otorohanga District Council's plan review process, including key dates, check out their website www.otodc.govt.nz and search using the key words 'district plan review' or phone Reg Proffit on 07 873 8199.



Councils' 2009-19 LTCCPs due out for comment soon

Environment Waikato and Otorohanga, Waikato and Waitomo District Councils will soon have their draft 2009-19 Long-Term Council Community Plans (LTCCPs) out for public comment. An LTCCP outlines each council's work programmes for the next 10 years, and provides a key mechanism for delivering services to the community.

Keep an eye out in your local library and your council's website for more details, and make a submission to an LTCCP. By letting your council know what you think about their proposed plan you can influence the decisions they make.

The dates each council has their LTCCP out for submission are:

- Otorohanga District Council 23 April – 29 May
- Waikato District Council 20 March – 20 April
- Waitomo District Council 17 April – 18 May (tentative dates)
- Environment Waikato 20 March – 20 April

Contact information for Shore Futures

If you would like to talk further about any aspect of Shore Futures, please feel free to contact any of the following people:

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