

DEVELOPING OUR PLAN

Our community plan is important for the people of Tapawera and surrounding valleys as it reflects our vision, hopes, priorities and values. A community plan was also essential as a result of Tapawera becoming a partner in the Community-led Development Programme (CLDP). Tapawera Connect signed a CLDP agreement on behalf of the community with the Department of Internal Affairs in late-2022.

Tapawera Connect took the initiative to facilitate a community plan, and we acknowledge financial support provided by DIA for this project.

This plan is the result of many conversations that have taken place over at least the past eight years, reflecting the community's voice. A big thank you goes to all who put forward ideas over the years.

Based on those conversations, meetings, and surveys, 20 recommendations were presented to our community during October and November 2023. Community members were asked to indicate which of the recommendations were important for Tapawera. And if they considered a recommendation important, what level of priority they thought it should have.

Many of the recommendations sat naturally alongside others so the recommendations were grouped into five focus areas:

We are:



Caring and
Connected



Building a Sustainable
and Resilient Community



Active and
Healthy








Proud of our
Community



Guardians of our
Mountains and Rivers

We received an excellent response from 130 people from all over our area, and attendance at feedback events was good. This is what our community said about the recommendations:

| Feedback on Recommendations listed in Focus Areas | | No. of people in support out of 130 total responses | Priorities (% of total responses) | | |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|
| | | | High | Medium | Low |
|  WE ARE CARING AND CONNECTED | | | | | |
| Community Hub | | 114 | 42% | 33% | 12% |
| Advocate for increased Seniors Housing | | 102 | 37% | 28% | 14% |
|  WE ARE BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY | | | | | |
| Support community planting incl. fruit trees and pollination pathway | | 110 | 41% | 35% | 9% |
| Advocate for a more robust power network/improved telecommunications | | 108 | 44% | 29% | 11% |
| Support local businesses in exploring opportunities for economic stability/employment | | 106 | 51% | 24% | 7% |
| Support School and Community Garden | | 103 | 28% | 42% | 8% |
| Investigate flexible, affordable and accessible community transport | | 102 | 44% | 27% | 8% |
| Facilitate Tapawera community preparedness plan | | 101 | 35% | 33% | 10% |
| Support growth of local food networks to increase food resilience in Tapawera* | | 63 | 43% | 31% | 4% |
|  WE ARE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY | | | | | |
| Advocate for increased health services including family and mental health | | 111 | 62% | 19% | 4% |
| Promote Shedwood Bush and other recreational areas | | 109 | 29% | 38% | 18% |
| Investigate cycling hub concept and feasibility of more off-road trails | | 100 | 23% | 31% | 23% |
| Investigate covering/heating pool | | 99 | 33% | 24% | 18% |
|  WE ARE PROUD OF OUR COMMUNITY | | | | | |
| Support landscaping route to the river, including a recreation area | | 108 | 39% | 13% | 12% |
| Facilitate annual event/celebration for Tapawera | | 102 | 35% | 38% | 8% |
| Support smaller events through the year | | 99 | 28% | 18% | 7% |
| Facilitate development of comprehensive village and environs plan | | 88 | 20% | 39% | 10% |
|  WE ARE GUARDIANS OF OUR MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS | | | | | |
| Support project to promote and safeguard birdlife on semi-braided section of Motueka River | | 106 | 36% | 14% | 11% |
| Support efforts to improve safe access to Kahurangi National Park over the Dart River | | 103 | 33% | 15% | 7% |
| Support environmental programmes with our local school | | 102 | 41% | 14% | 8% |

*Percentages for this recommendation are of the responses received, not the overall total of responses, as (in error) the first informer form did not include it.