

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Rural Community Plan for the Horokiwi area. This plan has been developed jointly by the Horokiwi Community Association and Wellington City Council, and follows extensive community consultation with people interested in the future management of the Horokiwi rural area.

The purpose of the Rural Community Plan is:

- To spell out important Horokiwi issues
- To provide a vision for the area's future
- To identify steps to achieve that vision.

This is the fourth rural plan to be prepared within the Wellington rural area. The Council and the Makara/Ohariu Community Board have completed similar plans for South Karori, Makara and Ohariu Valley. This work has been undertaken as part of the Wellington City Council's 'Rural Area Review'. It has identified useful steps to address significant issues within the rural area, including a better working relationship between the resident community and the Council, and in some instances, changes to Rural Zone provisions in the Wellington City District Plan.

At the same time, it is recognised that Wellington's rural areas have distinct characteristics, and the management issues within each area can often be quite different. The way towards improved management in each of these places may therefore be quite different.

This plan seeks to provide a meaningful summary of the issues in Horokiwi, and some practical steps to address these issues, where necessary. The proposals contained within the plan are therefore based on the views expressed by the Horokiwi community and other stakeholders, in particular:

- (i) the community feedback received at the Horokiwi Rural Community Open Day held at the Horokiwi Quarry on 24 March 2002; and
- (ii) input received through direct consultation with the Horokiwi Community Association, other interested Horokiwi residents, and other stakeholders, including a period for written submissions in mid-2002.

A summary of the submissions received is available separately from the Wellington City Council.¹

Lessons learned through the other Rural Community Plan processes have also been incorporated where they are relevant to Horokiwi.

The plan development process has also given significant regard to the direction signalled in the Rural Area Objectives (RAO) adopted by the Council's City Development & Business and Environment & Recreation Committees in January 2001. These objectives have helped guide the plan process. They are identified, with some amendment, in the sections that follow. It is intended that these objectives will assist achievement of the "Vision" proposed for Horokiwi. A full set of the original WCC Rural Area Objectives is provided in Appendix One.

¹ Wellington City Council (2002), Horokiwi Rural Community Plan – submission summary, 18p.

The process followed to develop the Horokiwi Rural Community plan is summarised in Figure 1.

The development of the Horokiwi Plan is distinct from the Northern Growth Management Plan process (NGMP), currently being delivered by Wellington City Council. The two plans have been run in parallel although have different objectives. The Rural Community Plans seek to enable communities within unique rural or rural-residential environments to develop a vision for the future which sustains that environment. The Northern Growth Management Plan is a complex process and is attempting to deal with the range of land uses and market demands that will contribute to the overall viability of the City over the next 20 years. However, the relationship between the NGMP and the Horokiwi Rural Community Plan does require careful management. The relationship between the two processes is further discussed in [Section 2: Defining the Horokiwi area](#), with a proposal to manage that relationship then described in [Section 5.2: Horokiwi’s rural character](#).

An explanation of how the community plan works, including the place of ‘vision’, ‘issues’, objectives’ and ‘methods’, is explained in Figure 2. A guide to the methods is provided in Appendix Two.

And finally, thanks must go to the Horokiwi Community Association and other residents and stakeholders who have given their time to assist development of the Community Plan. Further acknowledgement of their assistance and contribution is given in Appendix Three.

Figure 1: Horokiwi Rural Community Plan process

Steps	Timeframe
1. Horokiwi Rural Community Plan concept discussed with Horokiwi Community Association.	March 2002
2. Characteristics of the Horokiwi area identified.	March -
3. Open Community Planning Day.	24 March 2002
4. Draft Plan developed in consultation with the Community Association and following analysis of comments from the open day.	April / May
5. Consultation on a draft Community Plan: Mail-out plan & call for submissions.	June / July
6. Final Plan developed in consultation with the Community Association and following analysis of submissions.	August / September
7. Horokiwi Rural Community Plan adopted by Wellington City Council.	November 2002
8. Recommendations implemented.	November 2002 –

Figure 2: How the Horokiwi Rural Community Plan works

