

Mercury Bay South Draft

Communities Outcome Document

Incorporating the Community Plans of:-

***Cooks Beach/Ferry Landing & Flaxmill Bay
Hahei***

Hot Water Beach

&

The Rural Communities of:-

Whenuakite

Coroglen

Kaimarama

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The Communities Outcome Document

Issues that are common to the Mercury Bay South Communities

This document identifies and prioritises actions and deals with issues that are common within Mercury Bay South e.g. roading, green waste dump, education.

The context and reference points from where the issues have been drawn, are the community plans of Cooks Beach/Ferry Landing, Hahei, Hot Water Beach and the rural community plan of Whenuakite, Coroglen, Kaimarama and The 309 Road.

Reporting

There will be an Annual Report to the Community Board which will be distributed in the first instance to the Ratepayer Associations and then the wider community.

Reporting on this outcome document each year will enable the communities to record achievements and to check that the identified priorities are still correct. It will also be a chance to include new information and new ideas. The Annual Report will enable success to be measured and information to be checked and updated.

How will this Communities Outcome Document work?

Individuals, groups and others will be able to pick up leads and develop activities that provide opportunities which may lead to employment creation. The Community Board will continue to liaise with the Mercury Bay South Communities and take an active role in promoting the outcomes document to the community and where appropriate, facilitating project development.

This document – a collection of aspirations and priorities in future direction – is a framework which can be used to guide decision making. For example, individuals and groups who may be searching for a community project to undertake could use the Outcome Document to determine priorities for action or to support their requests for external funding.

As part of the Council's planning process, the Mercury Bay Community Board will use this document to determine local priorities and to recommend future work programmes to Council.

In turn, for its annual and longer-term work programmes, the Thames Coromandel District Council will take into account the principles and priorities of the local community, as outlined in this document and the individual Community Plans.

The Council will use the document as a basis for developing new policies for desired growth within the District.

Others who have an interest in the future of Mercury Bay South will also find the document an essential planning guide. These include:

- Government Agencies
- Other Councils
- Developers/Investors
- Visitors and Tourist

Access to the Outcome Document

This document is readily available from local offices, Mercury Bay Libraries, Mercury Bay Information Centre and District Council's Service Centre at 46 Albert Street, Whitianga.

How will progress be measured and success reported?

A central record of activity will be kept at the District Council office, 46 Albert Street, Whitianga and through the Mercury Bay Community Board; progress will be reported to the community on an annual basis. Maintenance of the Outcome Document will keep it up to date and "alive".

Maintaining the integrity of the document and monitoring its use is a necessary part of the implementation. At a time to coincide with the preparation of Council's annual plan budgeting process the Community Board will ensure the highest priority outcomes are reflected in the Council's timetable.

This document will be reviewed three yearly following the review of the individual Community Plans on its anniversary or if called for by the community, or by the Community Board and will involve public consultation and input. Therefore the first review for this Communities Outcome Document will be 2009.

How well the whole process is working will be evaluated by Council staff who, as part of the Council's own strategic planning process will evaluate and report to Council on the utilisation of locally developed plans.

How can new ideas be incorporated?

The central record of activity, maintained by Council, will form the basis of the annual report to the Community Board, Ratepayer Associations and Community.

All comments on, or contributions to, this Communities Outcome Document should be made in writing to the Thames Coromandel District Council's, Mercury Bay Area Manager, 46 Albert Street, Whitianga.

Related Plans

The Mercury Bay Community Board has completed the Whitianga Community Plan first and has a program to complete further plans for our area:-

- a) Mercury Bay North – Whangapoua, Matarangi, Kuaotunu, Opito, Otama

All these individual plans and this Outcome Document will create the future vision for the greater Mercury Bay.

As these plans are developed they must be read in conjunction with the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 – 2016

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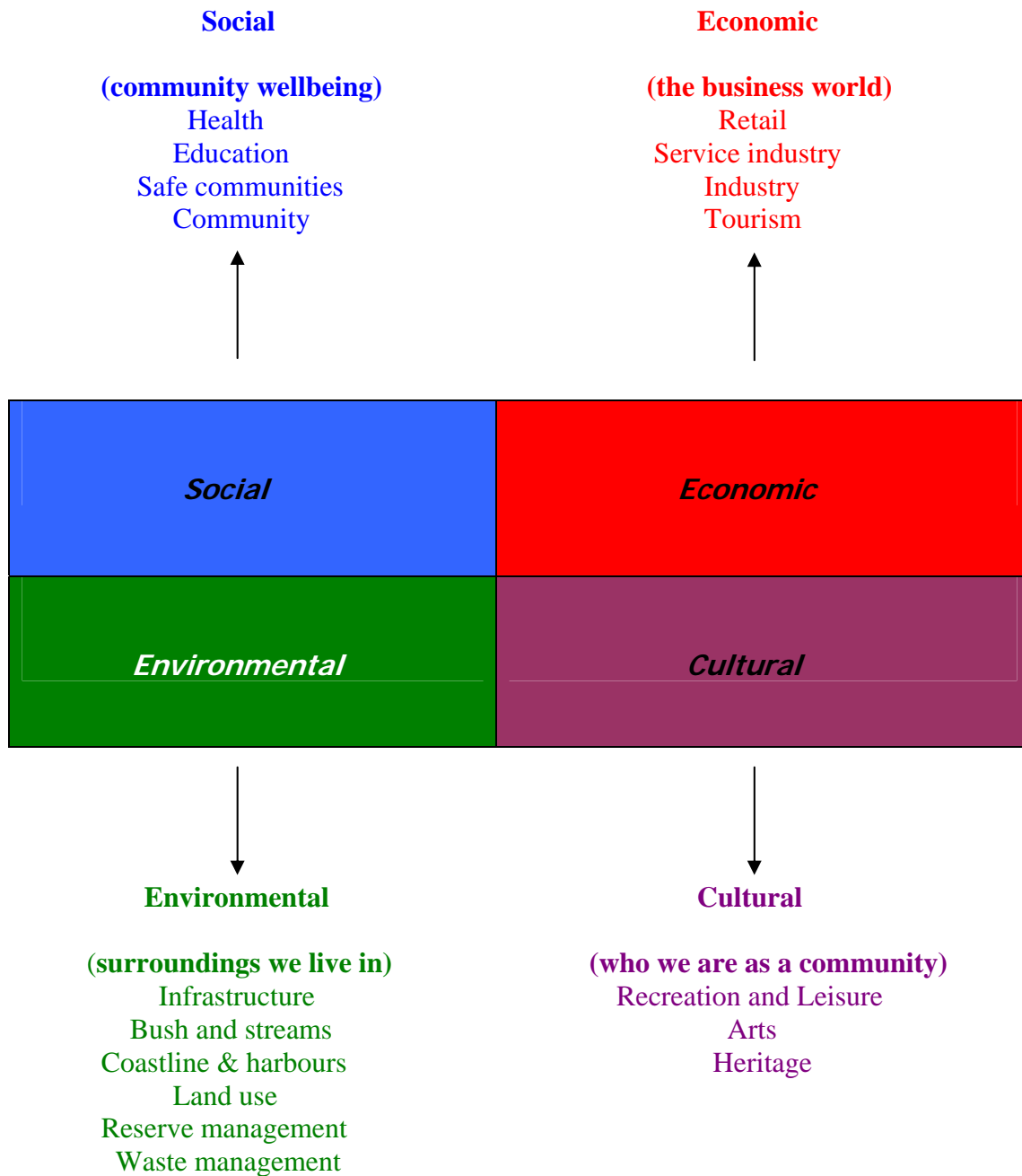
The Mercury Bay Community Board would like to acknowledge the involvement of outside agencies such as Work and Income, Department of Conservation, Environment Waikato, NZ Police, Tourism Coromandel and Ngati Hei.

We thank the citizens of Mercury Bay South who have participated in the consultation process to enable the formation of this document.

Our Process So Far!

Date 2006	What We Did	No. of Participants
Nov 2005	The Hahei community completed their plan in November 2005 and presented it to the Mercury Bay Community Board at a workshop meeting held Monday 28 November 2005 and it was received by the Mercury Bay Community Board at their Board meeting held 13 December 2005.	620 questionnaires
March 2006	The Hot Water Beach community completed their plan in March 2006 and presented it to the Mercury Bay Community Board at their Board meeting held Tuesday 14 March 2006.	50 attendees
Jan to April 2006	Facilitated preparation of Cooks Beach/Ferry Landing Community Plan	980 letters
March 2006	Facilitated preparation of Community Planning meeting for the rural communities of Whenuakite, Coroglen and Kaimarama & The 309 Rd	570 letters with over 100 attendees
8 July 2006	Mercury Bay Community Board received the Mercury Bay South Draft Community Plan where it was agreed to refer it to representatives from each of the Mercury Bay South Communities	
24 July 2006	Meeting with focus group representatives from all the communities in the Mercury Bay South to formulate this Outcome Document.	11
24 Aug 2006	Meeting to discuss Communities Outcome Document with focus group representatives.	12
Commencing 31 Oct thru to 7 Dec 2006	Advertisements for submissions to Mercury Bay South Draft Communities Outcome Document.	
All November 2006	Submissions to the Mercury Bay South Draft Communities Outcome Document. Submissions closed 8 December 2006.	
13 February 2007	All submissions heard by the Mercury Bay Community Board with amendments agreed.	
May 2007	Forwarded to Council for approval.	

Key Areas of Focus



SOCIAL

Safe Communities

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Emergency management planning	Developing community civil defence planning for each community	Civil Defence TCDC	NZ Police Fire St Johns	*	On going	On going
Police presence	Extension of police presence and traffic enforcement	NZ Police	TCDC	*	On going	On going
Unreliable power supply	Provider to upgrade power line	Power-co		*	On going	On going
Beach safety	Increased lifesaving services including a base at Hot Water Beach	Bay of Plenty Life-saving	TCDC Iwi DoC	*	On going	On going
Unreliable and limited telecommunications and radio communications	Access to high speed telecommunications and improved radio frequency	Tele-com	Broadcasting NZ	*	On going	On going

Community

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Provision of Social Services	Ensure continued provision of Social Services in Whitianga including holiday programmes and housing for the aged	Work and Income Mercury Bay Community Fund Inc	Housing NZ	*	On going	On going
Passenger transport	Provide access to Ferry Landing and Whitianga	Independent Pro-	TCDC EW		*	On going

		vider				
Enforcement of By-laws	Greater presence and monitoring during peak population demands	TCDC	Police and contractor	*	On going	On going
Campervan/ Camping facilities	Retaining and enhancing public facilities as part of holiday culture	TCDC	Private DoC		On going	On going
Infill and extra density housing	Tighten/strengthen District Plan rules to better control infill housing/accessory buildings	TCDC		*	On going	On going
Community identity	Support individual community plans	TCDC	EW DoC	*	On going	On going
Physically active communities	Ensuring all agencies involve communities in decisions	Sport Waikato	TCDC DoC	*	On going	On going

Health/Education

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Access to education facilities	Retain and improve education and training opportunities for all ages	Ministry of Education			*	On going
Access to health facilities	Development of high quality central medical facility and services in Whitianga available 7 days a week	PHO DHB	Community Trust		*	On going
Provision of emergency services	Retain fire service and improve access to ambulance in the area	NZ Fire St Johns	Police		*	On going

ECONOMIC

Retail

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Residential development in commercial areas	Retain existing boundaries, change current District Plan rules to ensure commercial activity is provided for on ground floor areas	TCDC	Private Developer	*	On going	On going
Cleanliness and appearance of commercial area	Businesses to be responsible for their own waste/rubbish/litter control around their premises	Individual Businesses	TCDC		*	On going
Development of secondary/light service industries	Retain Whitianga as main service centre	TCDC	Private Developer		*	On going
Better liaison between businesses	Explore possibility of formation of a Business Association	Individual Businesses	Destination Mercury Bay		*	On going
Lack of fuel dispensing outlets	A service station/fuel dispensing outlet as provided for in the Cooks Beach/ Purangi Rd Structure Plan. Future planning at Whenuakite	Fuel Company and developers	TCDC		*	On going
Issuing/Management of concessions	A robust procedure for the issuing and management of concessions, administered under the Reserve Management Plans and Council bylaws	TCDC	DoC	*	On going	On going
Upgrading of service lanes	Form and utilise service lanes around commercial areas	TCDC	Developers		*	On going

Service Industry

Professional services: Legal, information centre, veterinary, real estate agencies, accountancy

Service industry: Garage services, plumber, electrician, boat and car sales, motel/hotel staff

Medical/Education: Education providers, medical services

Government: Council, police

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Unreliable power supply	Provider to upgrade power line	Power Co Transpower	Private Property Owners		*	On going
Services meeting holiday demand	Facilitating the establishment of varying types of business	Tourism Coromandel	TCDC		*	On going
Management of SH25 entrance to Whitianga	Clear rules and guidelines to be established along McLeod's Straight in consultation with owners	TCDC	Transit Private Property Owners		*	On going

Industry/Agriculture/Horticulture/Forestry

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Unreliable power supply	Provider to upgrade power line	Power Co Transpower	TCDC		*	On going
Unreliable and limited telecommunications and radio broadcasting	Access to high speed telecommunications and radio frequency	Telecom	Broadcasting NZ Vodafone Private providers		*	On going

Degradation of water quality	Consistently applied riparian management e.g. clean streams Environmentally sustainable practises	EW Federated Farmers	Forestry companies Farmers		*	On going
A reliable labour force	Incentives for the provision of an all year round labour force including accommodation	Work & Income Housing NZ	Private Businesses Horticulture NZ		*	On going
Poor roading infrastructure and management of high rain fall events	Ensure roads are designed and managed to cope with all rural activities Access and entrance ways to be appropriately designed and built Better management of road drainage/run off during high rain fall events	TCDC Land Owner TCDC	Opus McBreens Fonterra	*	On going	On going
Stock crossing roads	Agencies to work together to facilitate stock underpasses	TCDC Land Owners	Opus Transit	*	On going	On going

Tourism

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Lack of co-ordination & collaboration between agencies to meet tourist demands	Expand the Business Association to incorporate all of the Mercury Bay South	Tourism Coromandel Individual businesses	DoC Destination Mercury Bay	*	On going	On going

Impact of tourism activities on local communities	Better planning & funding for the provision of services and facilities to meet tourist demands across the peninsula Improved infrastructure E.g. public toilet facilities, sealed roads	TCDC	Local Communities	*	On going	On going
International signage	Improved international signage for tourists and visitors	Transit TCDC	Opus DoC Local Community	*	On going	On going
Growing number of independent travellers e.g. campervans	Support the continuation and enhancement of camp ground facilities	Tourist Operator	TCDC DoC	*	On going	On going
Issuing/Management of concessions	A robust procedure for the issuing and management of concessions, administered under the Reserve Management Plans and Council bylaws	TCDC EW	Operators DoC	*	On going	On going
Promotion of tourism	Co-ordination of Coromandel Peninsula promotional activities Promotion of the communities as family holiday destinations	Tourism Coromandel	TCDC Businesses DoC Local communities	*	On going	On going
Size and scale of businesses	Encourage the Establishment and promotion of small boutique businesses and accommodation	Tourism Coromandel Private Businesses	TCDC DoC	*	On going	On going

ENVIRONMENTAL

Infrastructure

Infrastructure is the generic name for services to properties including roading, energy supply, telecommunications, water and the transmission from properties of stormwater and wastewater.

Provision and maintenance of infrastructure is essential for the life of a community, having environmental, social and economic consequences.

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Roading						
Lack of clear Council policy on sealing	Council to develop clear policy on seal requirements	TCDC	Opus	*	On going	On going
Management and maintenance of unsealed roads	Better management & maintenance of unsealed roads	Opus	TCDC MBCB	*	On going	On going
	Quarterly audit reports of performance	Opus	McBreens			
Health issues around dust and general safety	The community Board to establish a priority list for dust seal programme Implement a new seal extension programme Examine use of dust suppressants at critical locations e.g. Rangihau Rd	TCDC MBCB	Opus	*	On going	On going
Poor traffic/roading facilities, network and signage	Improved roading , parking and transport links incorporating standards of signage	Transit TCDC	Opus	*	On going	On going
Pedestrian safety	Implement community plan priorities	TCDC	Opus Transit	*	On going	On going

Deterioration of sealed roads	Better management & maintenance of sealed roads Quarterly audit reports of performance	TCDC Opus MBCB	Transit Opus Works TCDC	*	On going	On going
Access and sight lines onto one lane bridges Road side vegetation	Improve access and traffic management at one lane bridges Maintenance of all sight lines	Transit TCDC	Opus Contractor Local community	*	On going	On going
Flooding of sealed roads	Plan and programme improvements to alleviate flooding at identified sites e.g. Dalmeny Corner	Transit TCDC	Opus		*	On going
Energy						
Unreliable power supply	Provider to upgrade power line	Transpower	Power Co	*	On going	On going
Telecommunications						
Unreliable and limited telecommunications and radio broadcasting	Access to high speed telecommunications and radio frequency	Telecom	Broadcasting NZ Vodafone Private providers		*	On going
Water						
Potable water supply	Status quo with communities continuing to provide for their own water supplies Examine the options for provision of water in Hahei	Property Owners TCDC Private Water Associations	Ministry of Health Local Communities		*	On going
Stormwater						
Maintenance of reticulated system	Better management, maintenance and monitoring of stormwater system including open drains/swales and	TCDC Contractor	Local communities Opus	*	On going	On going

Maintenance of rural roadside drains	detention areas Introduce & implement a better management system					
Wastewater						
Management of on-site systems	Introduce improved measures and performance standards for on-site systems	EW	TCDC Property Owners		*	On going
Management of Council reticulated schemes	Quality well maintained treatment and disposal systems that are capable of meeting the demands of residents and visitors	TCDC	Contractor		*	On going
Campervan waste disposal sites	Provision of waste facilities for campervans	TCDC	DoC		*	On going
Provision of upgraded plant at Hahei	Continuation of present investigation	TCDC EW	Local Community	*	On going	On going

Bush & Streams/Coastlines & Harbours/Reserve Management

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Water quality	Consistently applied riparian management	EW	TCDC DoC Forestry Companies Private Land Owners	*	On going	On going
Significant natural landscapes and reserves	To ensure protection of our significant landscapes and reserves through planning documents	TCDC	DoC Land Owners	*	On going	On going
Recognition and preservation of Historical Sites	Better identification and preservation of historic sites of significance to both European and Maori	TCDC Iwi	DoC Reserve Management Groups	*	On going	On going
Coastal and river erosion	Community involvement	EW	TCDC	*	On	On

	in determining agreed solutions to manage coastal and river erosion		DoC Land owners		going	going
Plant and animal pests	Develop and implement a programme with all agencies for the eradication/control of all animal and plant pests which incorporates education as a key component	EW	TCDC DoC Private land owners Reserve Management Groups Animal Health Board	*	On going	On going
Management of TCDC Reserves	Implement management plans in conjunction with dune care and Reserve Management Groups	TCDC MBCB	DoC Reserve Management Groups	*	On going	On going
Reserve development funding	Ensure that the Development Impact Fee (DIFs) collected on development for reserves is spent in the area collected	TCDC		*	On going	On going
Management of marine resources	Facilitating with agencies to manage and police marine resources	Ministry of fisheries	TCDC EW Doc Iwi		On going	On going

Land Use

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Management of development	Adherence to the District Plan rules Greater attention given to Community Plan	TCDC	Local Communities EW	*	On going	On going

	priorities by Council Planners					
Infill and extra density housing	Tighten/strengthen District Plan rules to better control infill housing/accessory buildings	TCDC	Local Communities	*	On going	On going
Management of the green backdrop	Creation of environmental enhancement zones (District Plan) to protect the green/rural backdrop and allow for appropriate development	TCDC	DoC Land Owners	*	On going	On going
The development adjacent to SH25 leading to the entrance to Whitianga	To maintain the existing rural/coastal character and amenity of this area Retain the rural/coastal zoning and restrict commercial/residential/ industrial development through the provisions of the District Plan	TCDC	Transit Land Owners	*	On going	On going

Waste Management

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Lack of waste disposal systems	Provision of :- 1/ a green waste facility 2/ a Transfer station	TCDC	Local Communities Contractor	*	On going	On going
Lack of education re recycle, reuse and reduce	Implement education programme re recycle, reuse and reduce	TCDC Contractor	Ministry for Environment	*	On going	On going
Littering including alongside roadways	Public education	Local Communities	TCDC MBAS	*	On going	On going

CULTURAL

Recreation & Leisure

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Lack of boat launching facilities	Improve boat launching and trailer parking facilities at Purangi.	TCDC	Reserve Management Groups EW DoC Iwi	*	On going	On going
Lack of pedestrian and cycle way linkages	Develop and implement plan to introduce safe pedestrian and cycle way links throughout and connecting the communities	TCDC	DoC Reserve Management Groups	*	On going	On going
Lack of sports facilities	Support the ongoing plans to establish the Mercury Bay Multi Sport Development in Whitianga, Kotare Reserve and Cooks Beach Reserves	TCDC	Reserve Management Groups Local communities	*	On going	On going

Arts and Heritage

PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Issue	Action	Lead Agency	Partner Agency	Priority/Timeline		
				06/07	09/10	12/15
Preservation and enhancement of our historic sites and place names	Ensuring preservation and enhancement of our historic sites through various Management Documents	DoC TCDC	Iwi	*	On going	On going
Record of our history	Continuing support for the Mercury Bay Regional Museum	Regional Museum	TCDC Iwi	*	On going	On going

			Local Historians			
Recognition of Maori and European history	Maintaining relationships in recognising our history	TCDC Iwi	Historic Places Trust	*	On going	On going