

WHAT ARE COMMUNITY OUTCOMES?

One of the key elements of the LTCCP is the identification of community outcomes.

An outcome is a desired future state of affairs. Community outcomes describe the community's vision for its future. They describe the sort of place the community would like Tasman District to be in 10 years time. It is those things the community considers important for its wellbeing.

The Council's role in the outcomes process is to:

- Facilitate a process that encourages the community to identify outcomes.
This involves Council engaging with the community. Individual residents, Iwi/Maori, resident and rate payer associations, community and business associations and central government agencies all participate in this process of identifying community outcomes.
The process will result in the identification of a very wide range of community outcomes – from housing and education through to the traditional Council activities such as roading, maintenance of public infrastructure, parks and reserves. Contributions from a variety of central and local government agencies, non-government organisations, communities and individuals will be required to further the outcomes. The outcomes are a road map for all stakeholders. The outcomes will help the various stakeholders in our community to work together and source funding for their activities in an integrated and coordinated way. The outcomes will help our community to work together to achieve the common vision.
- Consider how it will promote the community outcomes when preparing LTCCPs. Council, as one of a range of agencies that is capable of promoting outcomes, needs to consider its role along with that of other agencies.
- Monitor the progress towards the achievement of community outcomes, together with other parties.

“INTERIM” COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

For this July 2004 LTCCP, the transitional provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 provide that Council may adopt an LTCCP with “interim” community outcomes developed from information already in its possession. In accordance with these transitional provisions of the Act, the Council proposes the following “interim” community outcomes which have been developed from existing Council information gathered from a variety of sources described on page 16 of this volume and from submissions to the draft LTCCP. In compliance with the Act, for the 2006 LTCCP, the Council will facilitate a process that encourages the public to identify its own community outcomes.

PROPOSED EIGHT INTERIM COMMUNITY OUTCOMES ARE:

- Our unique and special natural environment is bountiful, healthy, clean and protected.
- Our built urban and rural environments are functional, pleasant, safe and sustainably managed.
- Our transport and essential services are sufficient, efficient and sustainably managed.
- Our vibrant community is safe, well, enjoys an excellent quality of life and supports those with special needs.
- Our community understands regional history, heritage and culture.
- Our diverse community enjoys access to a range of spiritual, cultural, social, educational and recreational services.
- Our participatory community contributes to district decision making and development.
- Our growing and sustainable economy provides opportunities for us all.

SOME COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROPOSED INTERIM OUTCOMES

Below are some contributions from district individuals and groups that have helped to build the interim outcomes:

OUR UNIQUE AND SPECIAL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS BOUNTIFUL, HEALTHY, CLEAN AND PROTECTED.

- Our natural environment is freely enjoyed by local people and visitors in sustainable numbers.
- We sustainably manage the interaction between the community and the environment.
- We retain and rehabilitate our natural areas.
- Pests are controlled with efficiency and ingenuity.
- Our waterways are clean and teeming with life.
- People still call it paradise.
- The coast is peaceful and open to all.
- Children reap the rewards of our stewardship.

OUR BUILT URBAN AND RURAL ENVIRONMENTS ARE FUNCTIONAL, PLEASANT, SAFE AND SUSTAINABLY MANAGED.

- Trees are a valued part of our townscapes.
- Our built environment enhances the qualities of our unique and special natural environment.
- Built structures are designed for low visual impact.
- Our built environment is robust and meets the needs of all its users.
- Our built environment is well-planned and well-maintained.
- As a community we have developed methods and strategies to manage future development.
- Our most fertile lands have been reserved for agricultural use.
- We retain our rural character, peacefulness and sense of belonging to a small community.

OUR TRANSPORT AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES ARE SUFFICIENT, EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLY MANAGED.

- Our future growth and development trends are carefully researched and monitored.
- Our transport and essential service systems are steadily and realistically upgraded to meet our needs.
- Our communities are linked together by a network of roads, cycle lanes and walkways.
- Our effective roading system is well maintained and safe for all users, including non motorised users.
- Public and cooperative modes of private transport exist along the main routes.

OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY IS SAFE, WELL, ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT QUALITY OF LIFE AND SUPPORTS THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

- Living in style!
- We enjoy a personal sense of “belonging” to life in this area.
- We enjoy healthy lifestyles, work and living spaces.
- We have access to the healthcare facilities that we need.
- We rest in the knowledge that we have the services and support we need to keep us well.
- We have access to a range of adequate and quality housing.
- We care for and support our vibrant youth and positively aging groups.
- We are proud of our District’s safety, culture, friendliness and families.

OUR COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDS REGIONAL HISTORY, HERITAGE AND CULTURE.

- We celebrate the different contributions we have to make.
- We celebrate our heritage.
- The special place of Maori in our community is recognized and respected.
- Conventional food production, seeds and indigenous biodiversity are protected.

OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY ENJOYS ACCESS TO A RANGE OF SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES.

- Our community lives in faith, hope and love.
- The members of our community know what community facilities are available to them.
- Members of our community explore the potential and plan for new facilities and services together.
- We have access to the education and training opportunities we need to enhance our lives.
- Our youth are engaged in thinking about and creating our future.

OUR PARTICIPATORY COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTES TO DISTRICT DECISION MAKING AND DEVELOPMENT.

- We think, discuss and plan ahead to ensure our population is balanced and resourced.
- We work together to make things happen, especially for those who can’t do it on their own.
- We have taken responsibility for our future.
- We actively work together with the authorities to make the best locally supported decisions.
- Our planning is proactive, thorough, realistic and anchored by a shared vision, a big picture against which we reference our choices.

OUR GROWING AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR US ALL.

- We encourage businesses which complement the character of our area.
- There are stable jobs across diverse industries.
- There is support for small scale initiatives.
- Our bountiful sea-life and clean water enables several local aquaculture and fishing ventures to operate sustainably and viably.
- Our District speciality industries are managed in a responsible and sustainable way.
- We welcome visitors and newcomers and share our distinctive lifestyle with them.

ABOUT THE “INTERIM” COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

HOW THE OUTCOMES WERE IDENTIFIED

Phase 1: Records of previous consultative and planning processes initiated by District community groups and received by Council contributed to the development of these interim outcomes. Records of recent consultative & planning processes initiated by the Council were also reviewed.

A comprehensive list of community contributions to Council’s planning and policy processes and operational activities is set out in the Acknowledgments page in this plan.

Through these, many individuals, communities and special interest groups have contributed to and influenced the shape of these interim outcomes. Council acknowledges and thanks the District community for these contributions.

Phase 2: The interim community outcomes were reviewed alongside the outcomes that the “Talking Heads Group” are working toward.

Talking Heads is a group that has been meeting regularly for several years, drawing together the decision makers from Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough. It includes the mayors of the three councils as well as the chief executive officers and managers of government departments and institutions delivering services to the Top of the South region. Many of these departments, such as the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, deliver services to the whole region. It is envisaged that some common planning processes will help to achieve better outcomes for everyone. Talking Heads formed a working party to provide coordinated input into the LTCCP processes. Through the Talking Heads process, the following shared issues were identified by Top of the South decision makers:

- Environment
- Transport
- Energy
- Economic
- Housing
- Income
- Health
- Iwi & Maori capacity
- Culture & Identity
- Safety & Security

The regional issues provide a basic reference set of possible outcomes for the LTCCP and assist in establishing systems and processes for sharing information and monitoring progress toward shared outcomes.

The outcomes identified by Council and set out above underpin this LTCCP. They should be viewed as “interim” community outcomes developed from information in Council’s possession. In compliance with the 2002 Act, for the 2006 LTCCP, Council will initiate a process that encourages the public to contribute to the identification or review of community outcomes.

The Draft LTCCP requested comment on the Interim Community Outcomes and ideas on what kind of process Council should embark on to encourage the District community to contribute to the identification or review of community outcomes for the 2006 LTCCP . The 2006 outcomes will provide a framework for and guide future Council policy, planning and activities.

After consideration of these submissions, Council outlines the following process:

- October - December 2004:** Council will consider the information arising from the consultative process and in the light of that information, review Council's vision, objectives, activities and programmes.
- January - February 2005:** Council will hold preliminary consultative meetings with resident, rate payer, community associations and interest groups to discuss possible and preferred ways forward.
- March 2005:** Council will agree a process for consultation.
- April 2005:** Implementation of consultation process, incorporating a review of Council's Activity Management Plans.

HOW THE OUTCOMES RELATE TO OTHER STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

These outcomes are linked to an extensive network of related Council planning documents and processes as well as to the plans and processes of other organisations, such as neighbouring local authorities. Key documents include:

- Tasman Resource Management Plan
- Tasman Regional Policy Statement
- Environment Today! Tasman 2000 State of the Environment Report
- Council Building Policies
- Regional Land Transport Strategy
- Council Asset Management Plans for all the Engineering Services
- Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan
- Council Property Asset Management Plan
- Draft Council Community Facilities & Parks & Reserves Asset Management Plan
- Council Ward Reserve Management Plans
- Tasman District Recreation Strategy
- Council Positive Aging Policy
- Council Activity Management Plans

HOW COUNCIL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHERING THE OUTCOMES

Part 4, the next part of this document shows how Council's activities will contribute to the achievement of community outcomes, particularly in the short to medium term. Council will consider and take the outcomes into account when making policy, strategic & operational decisions.

HOW COUNCIL WILL WORK WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO FURTHER THE OUTCOMES

Community outcomes involve a wide range of issues that will be achieved progressively over time by organisations working together. Contributions from Maori and a variety of organisations such as central and local government agencies, the business sector, non-government organisations (NGOs), communities and individuals will be required to further the outcomes. Council will contribute in a variety of capacities such as provider, purchaser, funder, regulator, educator, advocate and partner.

Below are some examples:

PROVIDER:

Council may directly provide the services that help to achieve an outcome. For example, the provision of libraries that contributes to Tasman residents enjoying access to a range of spiritual, cultural, educational and recreational activities.

PURCHASER:

Council may purchase all or part of the services that help to achieve an outcome. For example the purchase of specified engineering services contributes to Tasman transport and essential service systems being sufficient, efficient and sustainable.

FUNDER:

Council may fund all or part of a service that helps to achieve an outcome such as grants to community organisations that conserve and protect our environment. This contributes to Tasman residents enjoying access to our unique and special natural environment that is bountiful, healthy and clean.

REGULATOR:

Council may regulate an activity which encourages or discourages an activity that affects an outcome. For example Council responds to enquiries and discharges inspectorial responsibilities under the Building Act. This contributes to the Tasman built environment being functional, pleasant and safe.

EDUCATOR & ADVOCATE:

Council may distribute information to ensure people are informed about issues confronting the region. For example education assists with the implementation of the zero waste management strategy. This contributes to Tasman transport and essential service systems being sufficient, efficient and sustainable.

PARTNER:

In many cases Council partners with other organisations to contribute to an outcome. For example Council is partnering with Nelson City Council through the Saxton Field Extension Development to provide a recreational and sports centre. This contributes to Tasman residents enjoying access to a range of spiritual, cultural, educational and recreational activities.

In most cases, Council is not the only contributor to an outcome. Council assists and collaborates with others working toward the achievement of community outcomes, depending on the opportunities and resources available.

HOW COUNCIL WILL ASSESS PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE OUTCOMES

Progress made toward achieving outcomes will be measured by Council at activity level, and in the longer term, at the overall level of outcome. Currently, indicators for the overall community outcomes are based on Council State of the Environment reporting, Council surveys, such as the Triennial Communitrak Survey, and the indicators from relevant central and regional government organisations.

HOW COUNCIL WILL MONITOR & REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE OUTCOMES

An LTCCP will be prepared every 3 years.

An Annual Plan published in the intervening years will inform the community how the Council's work, based on decisions made in the LTCCP, is going to be financed.

The Annual Report will detail progress made with achieving community outcomes.

INTRODUCTION

This part of the LTCCP sets out how Council plans to promote the environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the District communities and respond to the interim Community Outcomes. The chapter contains the information relating to Council's planned activities in detail for the next three years and in outline for the remaining seven years of this LTCCP.

The diagram on the next page describes how Council has grouped similar activities, in relation to the four areas of community wellbeing – environmental, social, cultural and economic, the interim community outcomes and Council objectives.

REPORTING BACK ON ACTIVITIES

Council reports back on its activities to its community primarily through the Annual Report. In addition, monthly financial and operational reports are prepared by Council staff, distributed to departmental and operational managers for the respective activities and are included in the agendas for six weekly Council Standing Committee meetings.

SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE EFFECTS TO BE ADDRESSED

Unless specifically mentioned, Council activities are considered to have no significant negative effects.



THE FOUR WELL BEINGS, INTERIM COMMUNITY OUTCOMES, COUNCIL OBJECTIVES, GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Community Wellbeing	Interim Community Outcomes	Council Objectives	Council Groups of Activities	Council Activities
Environmental Wellbeing	Our unique and special natural environment is bountiful, healthy, clean and protected.	To ensure sustainable management of natural and physical resources and security of environmental standards.	Environment and Planning	Resource Policy Resource Information Resource Consents and Compliance Environmental Education, Advocacy & Operations Regulatory Services Mapua Rehabilitation
	Our built urban and rural environments are functional, pleasant, safe, and sustainably managed. Our transport and essential services are sufficient, efficient and sustainably managed.	To sustainably manage infrastructural assets relating to Tasman District.	Transportation Sanitation, Drainage and Water Supply	Land Transportation Coastal Structures Aerodromes Refuse Wastewater Stormwater Management Rivers Water Supply
Social and Cultural Wellbeing	Our vibrant community is safe, well, enjoys an excellent quality of life and supports those with special needs. Our Community understands regional history, heritage and culture.	To enhance community development and the social, natural, cultural and recreational assets relating to Tasman District.	Cultural Services and Grants	Libraries Cultural Services and Community Grants
	Our diverse community enjoys access to a range of spiritual, cultural, social, educational and recreational services. Our participatory community contributes to district decision making and development.		Recreation and Leisure	Community Recreation Camping Grounds Parks and Reserves
Economic Wellbeing	Our growing and sustainable economy provides opportunities for us all. the Tasman District.	To implement policies and financial management strategies that advance.	Community Support Services	Community Facilities Emergency Management Community Housing Governance
		To promote sustainable economic development in the Tasman District.	Council Enterprises	Forestry Property Council Controlled Organisations