

Community Engagement

SUMMARY Feedback for:

Duntroon / Kakanui / Hampden / Moeraki / Palmerston



Background

The Waitaki District Plan is currently under review. Council is required to review the District Plan every 10 years. We are now commencing the public consultation phase of the review process.

A first round of community engagement took place in March 2019 for the settlements of Duntroon, Kakanui, Hampden, Moeraki and Palmerston.

How did we engage with the community?

An interactive online survey was developed for the townships of Duntroon, Kakanui, Hampden, Moeraki and Palmerston. A paper version of the survey was also made available.

Drop-in sessions were held during March 2019 in Duntroon, Kakanui, Hampden, Moeraki and Palmerston to provide an opportunity for members of the community to discuss and put forward their ideas, suggestions and feedback. The drop-in sessions were hosted by staff and Councillors.

WAITAKI 2030
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DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

What's YOUR vision for the future of Palmerston, Kakanui, Moeraki, Hampden & Duntroon?

WE ARE GROWING...
The Waitaki district is experiencing rapid growth - growth in the demand for housing, tourism and business. How do we accommodate this growth over the next 10 years? Where should it go? What should we be protecting? What do we need to be improving? Council needs YOUR views about your town to feed into its review of the Waitaki District Plan - the rulebook for land use and development in the District.

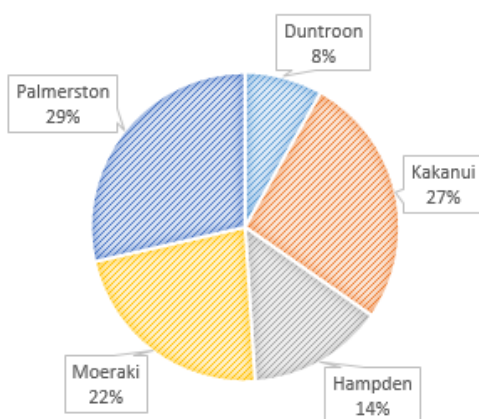
WE NEED YOUR HELP...
We need your opinions, ideas and feedback to help us draft the new District Plan. Some of the questions we have are:
► Where should new housing, businesses, car parks, community and recreational facilities, visitor accommodation be located?
► Should we be increasing housing density in certain areas?
► What works well in your township?
► Does your town need more recreational facilities or green spaces or is there a surplus?
► What needs to be improved?
► Are more public footpaths needed?
► How can we improve local streetscapes?

SHARE YOUR IDEAS...
Use our online interactive maps and survey to share your ideas here:
www.waitaki.govt.nz
These will be available to access by 1st March 2019.
If you prefer to avoid technology, we also have hard copies available. These can be found at Waitaki District Libraries and Council offices in Palmerston and Oamaru during the same period.
If you'd prefer to talk to a real person about your ideas please visit us at the:
KAKANUI COMMUNITY HALL
Thursday 14 March 4pm - 6pm
PALMERSTON SERVICE CENTRE
Friday 15 March 4pm - 6pm
MOERAKI COMMUNITY HALL
Thursday 21 March 4pm - 6pm
HAMPDEN COMMUNITY HALL
Friday 22 March 4pm - 6pm
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For more info, please contact the District Plan team on 03 433 0300 or email districtplan@waitaki.govt.nz

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
Once all feedback has been assessed by Council, follow up workshops will be held. This will lead to:
► the development of a formal Master Plan and/or new District Plan provisions.

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SURVEY PARTICIPATION



Engagement Response

- 22 online submissions received
- 27 written submissions received
- 49 responses in total

What did we ask the community?

The online survey invited participants to use an interactive mapping tool which allowed users to draw directly onto the maps and to make related comments.

Participants were then asked a series of questions;

- Question 1. Should we be providing for housing at higher densities in [your township]?
- Question 2. What do you like most about [your township]?
- Question 3. Do you agree that [your township] has a unique character that is different to other townships in the area?
- Question 4. What do you see as [your township]'s biggest challenges at the moment?
- Question 5. And finally, what are your aspirations/visions for [your township] for the next 10-20 years?



Your Opinions Matters

We'd love to hear your thoughts on what you think the 'character' of Kurow is. Are there any particular areas in the township that have special features or design characteristics that are unique to the area or invoke a special sense of place.

Do you agree that Kurow has a unique character that is different to other townships in the area?

YES NO

Please tell us more about what you consider to be the unique character of the township. (optional)

Let us know your thoughts...

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Your Opinions Matters

And finally, what are your aspirations/visions for Kurow for the next 10-20 years?

Please, make your comments here.

Let us know your thoughts...

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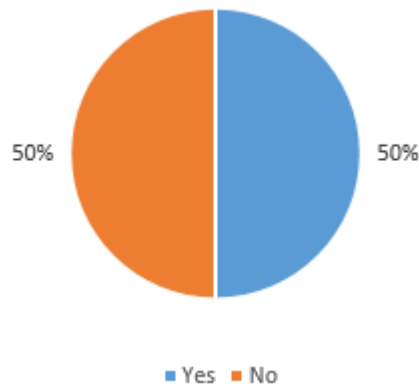
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Engagement Results

DUNTROON

(4 respondents)

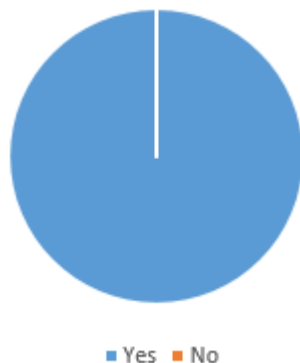
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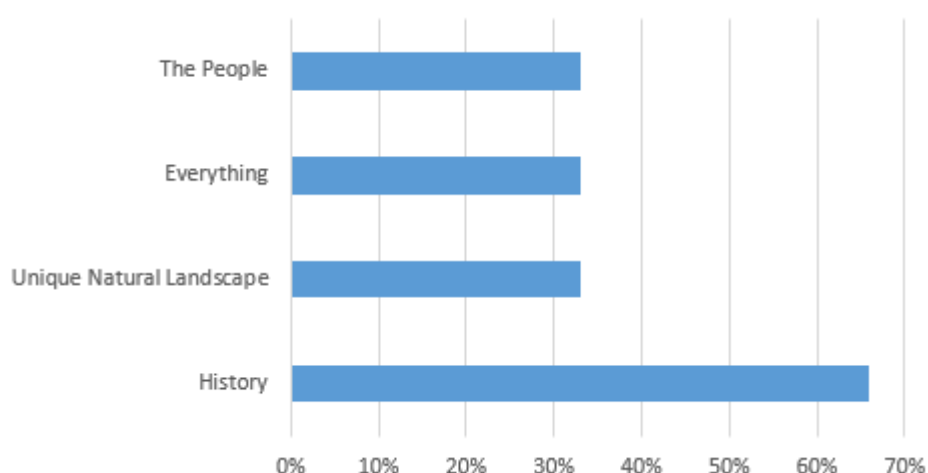
Housing density comments received;

- There are many unused vacant residential sections in the Duntroon Village area. Chronic Land banking for some reason. Have approached a number of owners and no one is interested in selling. Most are 1012 m square so plenty of room.
- Small sections lead to issues around installing septic tank systems
- New development – new housing: Adjacent farmland if negotiable
- New car parking: Incorporated in and around Vanished World Centre CBD of Duntroon
- New “promised” public toilets to be implemented
- High density: 300m² already is too small for a residential site in Duntroon

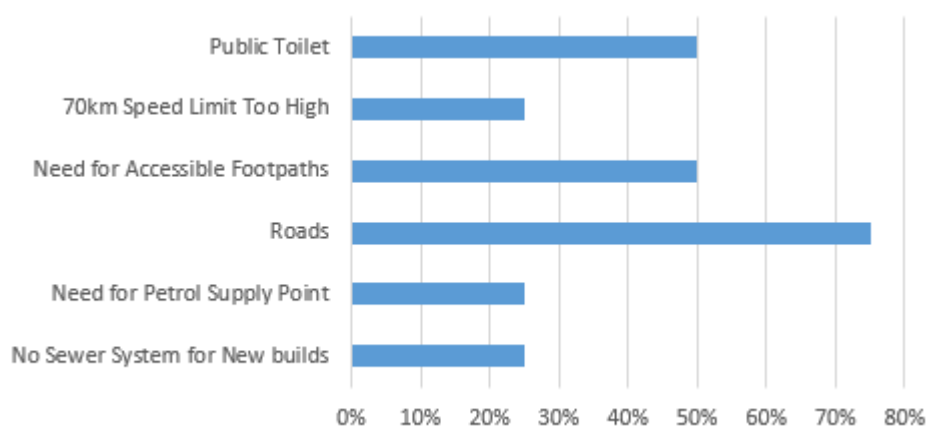
Q2. Do you agree that Duntroon has a unique character that is different to other townships in the area?



Q3. What do you like most about Duntroon?



Q4. What do you see as Duntroon's biggest challenges at the moment?



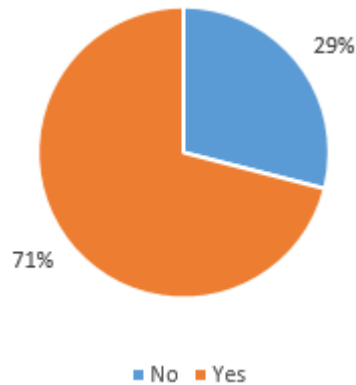
Q5. What are your visions and aspirations for Duntroon in the next 10-20 years?

- A Village with it's own special essence with new homes and a new energy celebrating its past by investing in the Future NOW.
- Better roads wider
- Future Development of the Vanished World Centre – as part of the Geopark is uncertain at this stage. Keep the centre within Duntroon or develop a new centre near Elephant rocks.
- Locate the future Holiday Park closer to the centre of the village.
- Speed limit be lowered from 70km through the town. Electric signs and the footpath to be upgraded to be suitable for wheelchairs.
- As tourism grows the town will need more greenspace – perhaps the land between the Chemist and the Blacksmith Shop
- More growth with the Duntroon wetland project
- More attractions along the route
- DDA's current project the Old Pharmacy Shop really flourishing. Plans for a mini-museum piece another tourist attraction in one of the last remaining shop sites in Duntroon
- A better site for the current camping ground – be privatised and shifted to higher ground (away from the floodplain along the lines of the Kurow Holiday Park)

KAKANUI

(13 respondents)

Q1. Should we be providing for housing at higher densities in Kakanui?

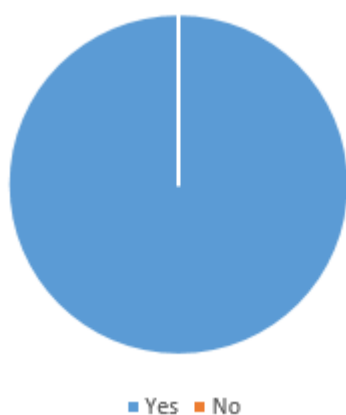


Housing density comments received;

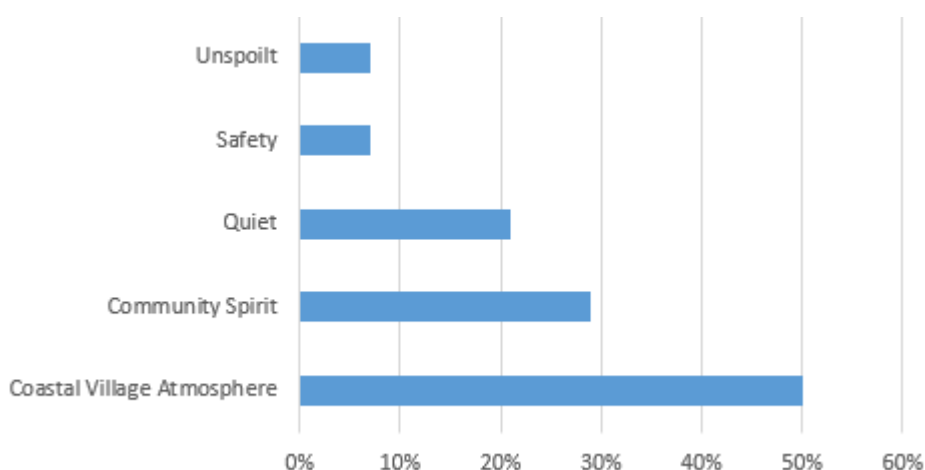
- Formalise parking for fishermen and freedom campers
- Housing on elevated land in area
- Kakanui needs more housing in areas not at risk of tsunamis etc. Due to the erosion of the coastal road, making land available for housing on higher areas with easy access to SH1
- It shouldn't be high density. It will be spoilt. There should also be a height limit, one storey, in Kakanui as people who have been here years are having their views and privacy taken by new builds
- Block vehicular access to this area. It was a nesting site for the South Island pied oystercatcher. Get cars and SUV's off this area.
- New housing should be developed in North Kakanui on the higher ground available with a mix of residential and rural residential.
- Future development of North Kakanui
- Providing sections on higher land with a manageable size, a mix of residential and rural residential.
- This will ensure sections can be maintained and land not wasted.
- This is a generic marker to represent a need for a stormwater plan for all of the south side of Kakanui. Recent development has intensified this area and the current stormwater is inadequate. If development contributions have been taken for infrastructure, they should be used for it. If they haven't then urgent budget needs to be set aside for planning and building stormwater networks. Climate change predictions are being taken seriously in your long term plan, especially for roading, but the current stormwater capacity is very low. Both ends of Anderson Street were flooded at different times last year and there are other drainage issues towards Nasmyth Street. Erosion has started opposite the south end of Anderson Street and if left as is Harbour Terrace will eventually fall away like Beach Road has. Set a level of service for 1 in 50 year flood at minimum
- The infrastructure to support it isn't there. With in-fill housing - more sq m of hard surfaces & there's no stormwater system to manage the run-off. More cars, more \$ on road maintenance
- Consider allowing food trucks to use this area for monthly markets
- Would prefer there are no permanent commercial zones established in the south side of Kakanui.
- Upgrade stormwater capacity on chambers street
- Upgrade stormwater to prevent damage to houses, mould and other health risks. It is particularly under performance in this area
- Zoned as rural residential
- Climate change is likely to cause significant losses to residential properties in Kakanui. The opportunity to move to higher ground with secure contact to SH1 will be important in maintaining Kakanui.
- New development - New Housing: if necessary on the south side of the river

- Revitalisation of traditional businesses like market gardening would be good.
- New Community Infrastructure: Toilet on the north side, preferably near the hall
- New Tourism related Infrastructure: Toilets and a rubbish bin at the hall and another at Kakanui Beach or end of Cobblestone Road near river mouth
- A regular or twice a week bus service to and from Oamaru
- 300m² will lead to overcrowding without even adding higher density
- New Housing: Adjacent to Clayton Street and Magdala St. Only real options with existing infrastructure and minimal effect on existing neighbours.
- New Business: Some allowance for a temporary or mobile outlet at Campbell's Bay.
- New Tourism Infrastructure: Upgrade of toilets at Campbell's Bay and All Day Bay. Some way of generating income from those areas. Also some allowance for extra dwellings on existing titles to allow for tourist accommodation.
- Density: No, it is sufficient (300m²). As I say if it can be used for tourist accommodation. Separate titles should be kept to at least 800m² to preserve the relaxed feel of the town. 10 acre blocks should be disallowed. Total waste of highly productive land. Maybe down to 5000m² but within a very tight radius. Definitely single storey dwellings only.

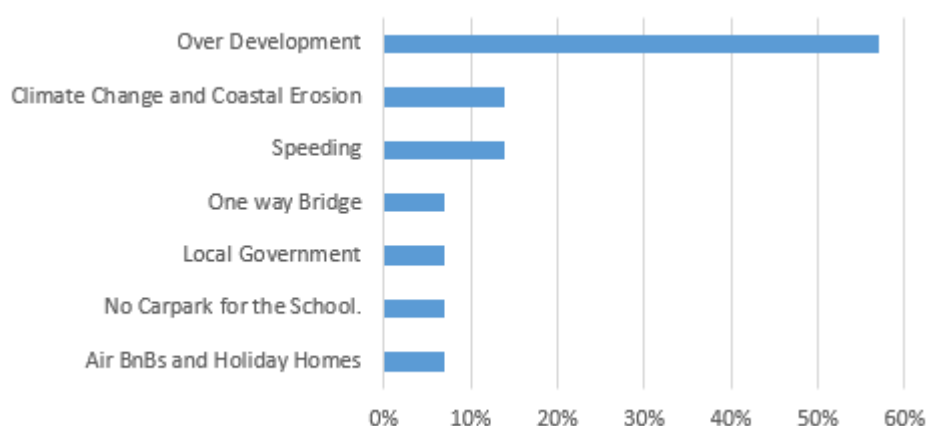
Q2. Do you agree that Kakanui has a unique character that is different to other townships in the area?



Q3. What do you like most about Kakanui?



Q4. What do you see as Kakanui's biggest challenges at the moment?



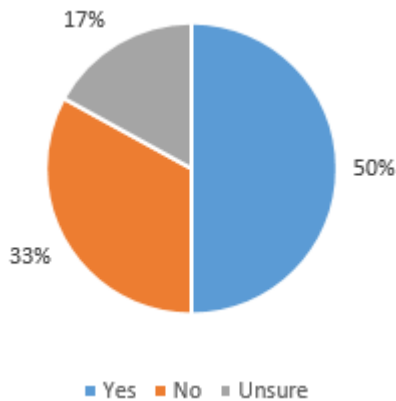
Q5. What are your visions and aspirations for Kakanui in the next 10-20 years?

- It remains as is.
- To allow Kakanui to grow towards inland without ruining the coastal area with infrastructure
- Safer roads for children, better walkways (better maintained) around river. Better car parks at school and beach.
- To grow a little in a way that's respectful to the environment and residents. May be a cafe/gallery, small businesses of some kind that have a good impact not a big impact. We left our last town as it was ruined by unsustainable ideas & a 'we're better than you' attitude which totally changed the feel & atmosphere of the place. It would be a real shame if Kakanui headed the same way.
- We came here from wellington because we liked its present qualities. Don't lose them in the name of progress.
- For it to stay as it is.
- That it keeps its character and does not substantially change in any way.
- Keeping it unspoilt
- Planning to move properties to higher ground.
- Keeping the village within reasonable boundaries without promoting ribbon development.
- Keeping sections to a manageable size so that land is not wasted and becomes a burden to maintain
- The village progressing within reasonable boundaries which will continue to support the school, fire station, store, community hall, and local activities.
- No promotion of ribbon development.
- I'd love to see it a little less bland - a destination park, some better connection with Maori history, a pou. encourage self sufficiency - rainwater collection, solar. A shared transport system to oamaru. Not sure what the deal is with the KRAIS and the campground, but would like to see expanded focus the esplanade all the way around. And wind shelters and seats (perhaps memorial seats) on the way around the esplanade. Small, simple enhancements that people can enjoy, navel gaze, or star gaze
- Survival of a thriving friendly coastal community with strong family orientation and beautiful beaches to enjoy.
- I would like Kakanui to remain as a pleasant seaside town with a sense of community and as well as being a good place to live, providing opportunity for families to spend and enjoy a relaxed holiday. (Antidote to Wanaka)
- Maintaining and growing community spirit e.g. supporting the school, local market, shop etc. and any new community initiatives. Catering for and enhancing tourist visitor experience. Supporting the community to be able to benefit from the tourism growth. Allowing for modest growth while protecting the productive land and village feel.

HAMPDEN

(7 respondents)

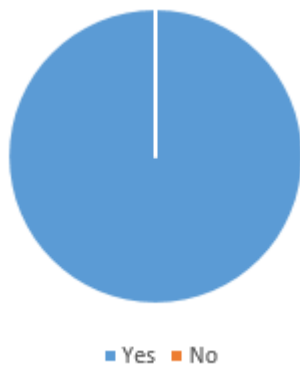
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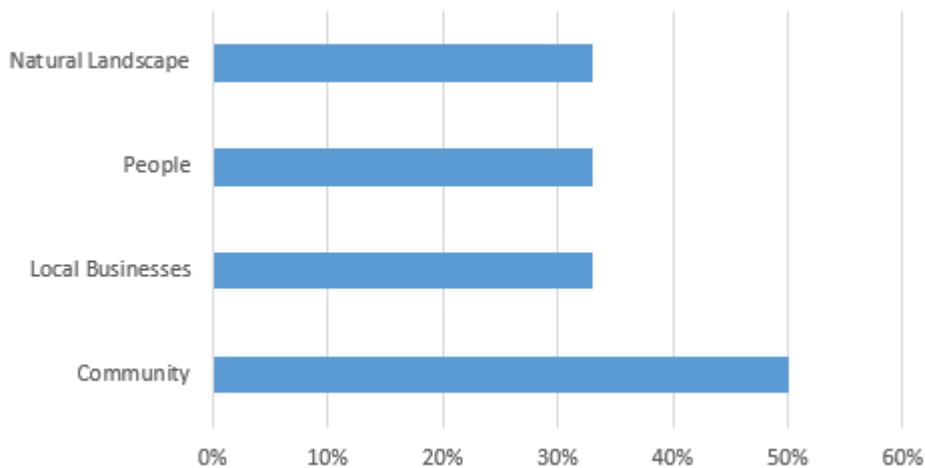
Housing density comments received;

- SH1 is the feature which bisects our community. If you plan to develop the township a basic structural change, for aesthetic, lifestyle, and safety reasons, is to have foot access along each side of SH1. This would minimise the need to be crossing SH1, would make walking a lot more pleasant, and would give SH1 at least the appearance of an avenue as it goes through the township.
- Higher density would mean that there would be insufficient land for on-site sewage disposal. Off-site sewage is not a viable option, as it simply aggregates the same problem, Composting loos perhaps
- More land should be available but not at higher density. 500sm sections for new development but aim to keep the current 1000sm sections the same.
- Sewage system in Hampden and stormwater.
- Yes, because it has easy to service and the main
- Infilling while retaining green spaces
- Low impact centrality; higher impact (noise, odour) within designated commercial zones.
- New Community Infrastructure: If this means sewage and effluent disposal than need a system that recycles nutrients and water and avoids the need for complex treatments.
- New Car Parking: No special provision required – plenty of side roads
- Location of all provisioning systems and building's needs, to conservatively accommodate sea level rise, storm surge and related erosion potential. It also needs to retain compact form to keep infrastructure afford and anticipate the future.
- Not yet anyway. With climate change and the persistent lethargy in the global economy that could result in another and potentially more serious GFC it is important that people have some land for a vegetable garden.
- New housing: West of Appleby Street in Hampden village.
- New Community Infrastructure: Stormwater pipes and economical sewage scheme
- New Car Parking: This can be muddles around the Hampden toilets and the Hall
- Historic Heritage Trail and Derby Street – Bakery at back of the shop and Vintage Collectables.
- Heritage Athenaeum Library (Hampden Hall) began in 1860s
- Density: Many places in and around the Hampden Village – if a reasonably priced sewage system was put in and storm water and storm water – drainage pipes also put in.

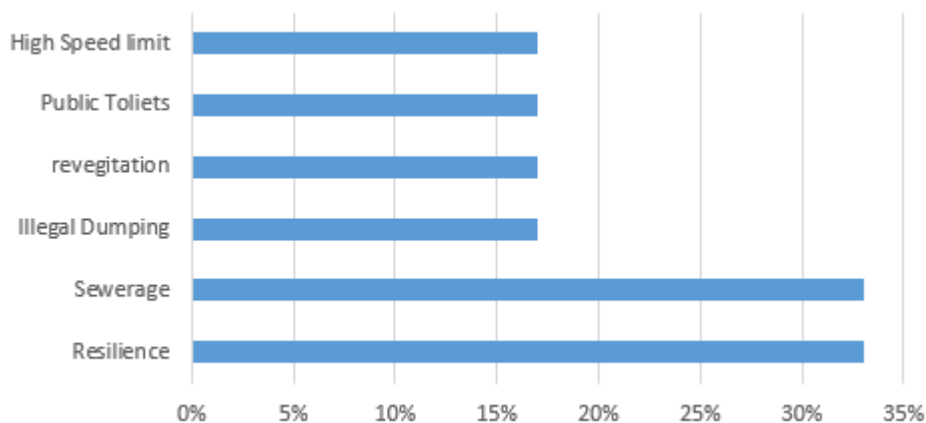
Q2. Do you agree that Hampden has a unique character that is different to other townships in the area?



Q3. What do you like most about Hampden?



Q4. What do you see as Hampden's biggest challenges at the moment?



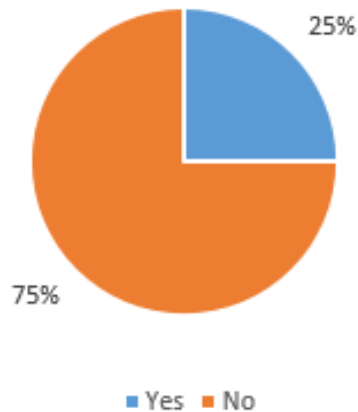
Q5. What are your visions and aspirations for Hampden in the next 10-20 years?

- I would like to see some more things that could attract younger people – like a bike shop.
- I would like some more native trees around Hampden.
- Having a full on native forest, a bike track, shops and a better skate park (more ramps and rails etc.)
- That we have the systems in place to make it possible to live here in a carbon-constrained world without too much privation.
- Would like to see waste water and sewerage system in place. Encourage the village atmosphere ensure the camping ground stays. A cycle track to Oamaru would be great and perhaps other tracks.
- A sewage system. Storm water.
- We have to make a distinction between “wants” and “needs”. In any view what we want is no longer the primary driver. All planning and infrastructure provision needs to be based in an understanding of the global risks that we are now encountering and what is going to give us the best opportunity to mitigate and adapt to these and preserve wellbeing.
- Please check Julia Steinbergers work on “Designing and Provisioning Systems” based on this approach (Leeds University) – go on YouTube. They are designing for “need satisfiers” and “well-being” markers than economic growth, while complying with planetary processes and natural resource indicators.
- Key to resilience is a stable community, where people can both work and play in place and where there are lots of opportunities for people to bump into each other and build trust and mutual support systems such as informal sharing.
- Continue the English Village layout and theme.
- Keep the library, School and Hall amenities.
- Hampden has NZ 1910-20s cottage style houses with picket fences....a good look.

MOERAKI

(11 respondents)

Q1. Should we be providing for housing at higher densities in Moeraki?



Housing density comments received;

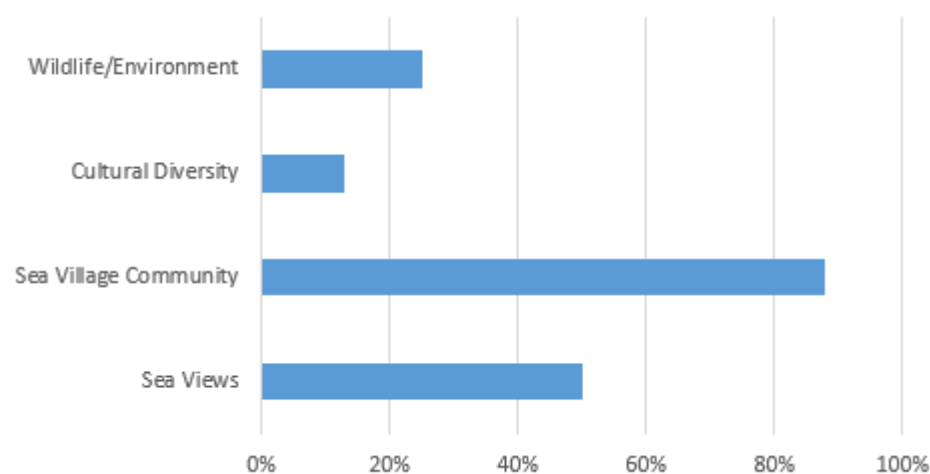
- 30km speed limit for the village to begin from here
- Concerns if the land and water pipes can handle any additional houses than are already there
- The biggest issue in Moeraki is overdevelopment. Given how unstable the land is this seems crazy. Many of the newer houses are large and imposing and not in keeping with the Moeraki fee
- High Density: Development in Moeraki should be carefully managed. It already has quite intensive housing in a haphazard sort of way. There are geological issues and limited infrastructure to support intensive development.
- New Community Infrastructure: Extending the town zone.
- High Density: Yes, in the RG Zone
- New Housing: Infill areas between Tenby and Haven Streets where suitable then South of Tenby.
- New Business: Foreshore and adjacent
- New Community Infrastructure: Seal Lighthouse Road. Develop Millers Bay picnic area
- New Tourism related Infrastructure: Improved facilities at the light house – café/information centre?
- New Car Parking: Enhanced wildlife viewing
- Light spill issues – needs to be limited and that hours of darkness are just that.
- High Density: No, not appropriate for Moeraki Village
- New Housing: Infilling while retaining green spaces
- New Business: Low impact centrality; higher impact (noise, odour) within designated commercial zones.
- New Community Infrastructure: If this means sewage and effluent disposal then need a system that recycles nutrients and water and avoids the need for complex treatments.
- New Car Parking: No special provision required – plenty of side roads
- Location of all provisioning systems and building's needs, to conservatively accommodate sea level rise, storm surge and related erosion potential. It also needs to retain compact form to keep infrastructure afford and anticipate the future.
- Density: Not yet anyway. With climate change and the persistent lethargy in the global economy that could result in another and potentially more serious GFC it is important that people have some land for a vegetable garden.
- New Business: It will be great when the fish shop opens on the water front. So many people will patronise it.
- New Tourism Related Infrastructure: A coffee caravan at the lighthouse. We're not utilising this wonder tourist attraction enough.

- Maybe Millers Bay could be used as a carpark.
- New Business: At the Port I can't see any problem with the new business trying to open, selling fresh fish!
- High Density: No
- New Housing: East of Cardiff Street, North of Kaika Rd – areas on stable land with a view, close to the water and sewage infrastructure.
- New Business: Along the business/waterfront area, near Fleur's and Tavern.
- New Community Infrastructure: Moeraki Museum with photos in a room at the Moeraki Coronation Hall.
- New Tourism Infrastructure: Well-maintained Millennium Walkway. Moeraki's main walking track amenity.
- New Car Parking: and boat trailer parking spaces created.
- The road kept open to the Moeraki Boulders Beach at the west end of Millennium Walkway.
- High Density: Yes, on any areas of Moeraki with good views and stable land – close to where there is water supply and sewage system around Moeraki Village.

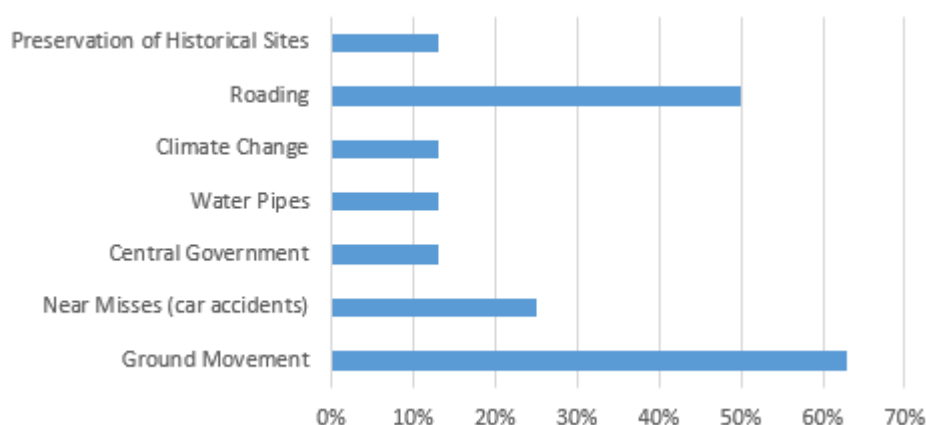
Q2. Do you agree that Moeraki has a unique character that is different to other townships in the area?



Q3. What do you like most about Moeraki?



Q4. What do you see as Moeraki's biggest challenges at the moment?



Q5. What are your visions and aspirations for Moeraki in the next 10-20 years?

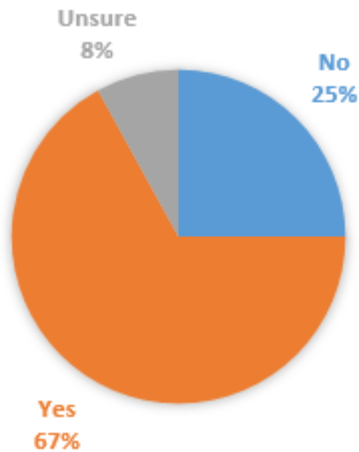
- Not to become commercialised (within reason). Still retain the seaside village, community feel. A coffee shop or basic amenities (milk, bread, ice cream) at the camp ground office, like it was in the 80's would be great lol. Sooner rather than later!
- Land repairs in place and continual upkeep maintained.
- Rein in overdevelopment and have new houses more in keeping with the original smaller cribs/cottages.
- Would love to see a concerted effort to do serious revegetation - there are so many areas with weeds and no shrubs/trees. Could Council offer incentives for land owners to revegetate? This would also help to soften (or offset) the ugliness of some of the newer houses.
- That Moeraki retains its character by being a friendly place for people to visit – enjoy. That the excesses of Qtown-Wanaka do not transplant themselves to the area.
- That roads are appropriately signposted safe for all users.
- That the beach frontage and access be protected.
- That the Council works with the community to re-establish some pride in the area. The name Moeraki is a significant marketing opportunity used by the Council so lets not continue the decline.
- What's good for the locals is good for the Tourists.
- Peaceful, unique fishing, beaches, wildlife for everyone to enjoy
- The retention of the existing townships character. Of course there should be progress but not at the expense of what residents and visitors clearly view as unique attributes of our community.
- We have to make a distinction between “wants” and “needs”. In any view what we want is no longer the primary driver. All planning and infrastructure provision needs to be based in an understanding of the global risks that we are now encountering and what is going to give us the best opportunity to mitigate and adapt to these and preserve wellbeing.
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- Key to resilience is a stable community, where people can both work and play in place and where there are lots of opportunities for people to bump into each other and build trust and mutual support systems such as informal sharing.
- To keep the quaintness and uniqueness of the village while encouraging the present business and other small businesses. To encourage younger folk to the area – not sure how this could be done.
- We hope Moeraki remains the tranquil little township it is – but we would both like to see more input by residents to keep our entry and roadside gardens and greenery kept to a high standard and show we care.
- To keep the characteristic tranquillity and charm of the village in the future via the District Plan.

- To keep the land as stable as possible with regulations around new building sites in the slip areas and those draining and connecting into the slip areas as per the Tonkin and Taylor report.
- To have adequate storm water systems put in place and draining off roads in Moeraki to protect the land.
- To put District Plan rules on place to protect wildlife in our District (Yellow-eyed penguins) Protect them from human visitor harassment.
- Creative attractive plantings along the Millennium Walkway with views of the Ocean as much as possible.
- A museum of photos and local history information – incorporated into the Moeraki (supper room) Coronation Hall. It already has a fishing boat theme and would be enhanced with 1860s – 1960s photos and info.

PALMERSTON

(14 respondents)

Q1. Should we be providing for housing at higher densities in Palmerston?



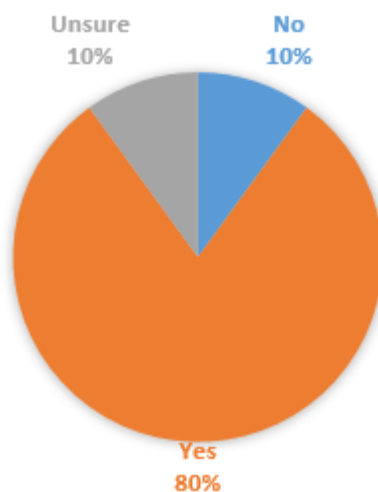
Housing density comments received;

- Higher density is not part of Palmerstons DNA
- Given that a fair proportion of Palmerston residents are associated with the mining operations at Macraes, low maintenance accommodation would be advantageous for sole occupants
- New Housing: Type – community housing – number of small dwellings on a larger area to create community.
- New Business: Lack of adequate area for the CBD is a limiting factor to create more business spaces.
- Community Infrastructure: Existing – keep ALL the garden plots, pavements, Waihemo centre TIDY PLEASE.
- New Tourism related Infrastructure: Bring back the i-site! Needs to be on SH1 and open every day!
- New Car Parking: Not much scope to increase this. Pedestrian crossing sited better and made more visible – petition NZTA?
- Other: The landscaping and furniture is great but limited space. A town centre please! But where? Pedestrian access only if lower Sanday Street and Bond Street developed – bus access only.
- High Density: Yes, many people want small sections – easy care etc. Many can only afford a reasonable rental. Many are singles or solo parents and may appreciate living in community style housing.
- New Housing: I see possibilities for a youth training/ retired builder collaboration to start putting up new houses in Palmerston.
- New Business: As things stand this is up to private enterprises. The Gateway to Gold Committee is very supportive of the UNESCO Geopark – this development will promote new businesses. Council support is anticipated.
- New Community Infrastructure: Increases in tourism esp bike (cycle) traffic is creating a demand for a camping ground. More shelter/shade trees are required in the town centre.
- New Car Parking: No. Increased bus parking is more important. Diverting logging trucks away from the town centre is important – as well as other heavy freight traffic.
- Higher Density: Higher densities on existing plots may be the answer without the necessity to go below 300m². Is cross leasing out of favour these days? Small sites are OK for old people who cannot manage a larger site, but Palmerston needs more young people, so don't make sites too small.
- New Housing: Let the developer decide
- New Business: What? Business is closing! I-site for example!
- No lime scooters.
- High Density: Hard to say
- New Housing: Anywhere the local plan allows
- New Business: Not in Palmerston the Council's hand is too heavy.

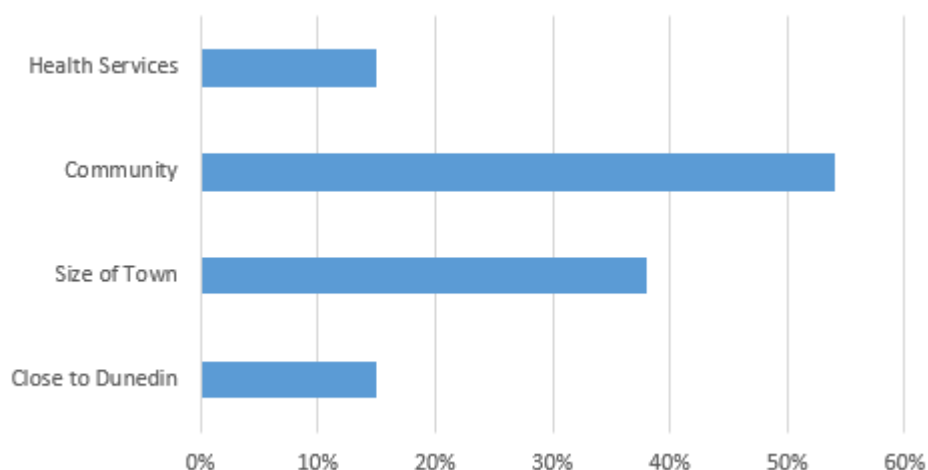
- Allow capitalist investors decide. One cannot plan for the future 10 years ahead or 20 years.
- High Density: Let the investor, customer/home buyer decide
- It would be more important to fix up/ renew our roading and water mains before planning ahead with new infrastructure; and our streets and pathways have become overgrown and dangerous due to grasses and plantings.
- Housing: We need sections to open up because those left within the town boundaries are not suitable for building, natural water courses that flood etc. Is it possible to extend the residential sections into the area S.E. Craig Street, shown on the current plan bordered by Stour Street (map 75).
- Preferably by creating access off Craig Street which would utilise the less steep areas. Water and sewage already handy.
- Business: I do not think there is any demand for more retail, but we will need industrial land within 10 years. Areas to look at could be Goodwood Rd, or Horse Range Rd, both near the railway lines and less suitable for residential housing.
- Community: I would really like to see a building suitable for a Mens Shed to be used for practical activities to be manned by some of our very skilled retirees, hopefully passing on skills to the next generation esp those who do not see varsity as their next step. It should help reduce vandalism and the uselessness of drug taking. Oceana Gold could be partners.
- Parking: Seems to be coping as is, although the toilet area may need some future planning.
- High Density: Yes, there should be some areas of both smaller and larger sized sections to meet demand. Small/Tiny Housing could have an area to cater for approx. 12 houses, with a land footprint of no more than 150m², within the Craig Street newly proposed area, serviced with communal sewage disposal and water taps. With house prices rising and jobs limited it could be a way of keeping our young families in the district by providing cheaper housing.
- For those who still want room for a pony and some distance from neighbours we need to challenge the 10 acre block concept which just turns land unproductive, and create 2ha, or less say 1.5ha sections instead. Modern septic tanks etc do not require the room that they once did. I would look at the areas both sides of Brough Rd, (map 74).
- It is no use planning ahead with these until our basic infrastructure is renewed i.e. water mains and roading. In many areas streets are reduced to one way due to the grass growth on sides.
- In my view, the best place for expansion is off the main street and to the back of Palmerston, near the showgrounds, but not in the showgrounds. In the area of the showgrounds, or further back. Brough Rd – Taieri Peak Rd area.
- This may suit new housing, with community infrastructure, business, and tourism related stuff including parking.
- Look at the new developments in Christchurch. They created business sectors, with café, etc, within new housing developments.
- Higher Density: Not one unit per but more than one unit per 100m² or 300m² or whatever it is. Consider older people, single people, smaller lots, mixed age communities.
- 100m² or smaller will enable community sizes where the buildings can be well designed, soundproof and include
 - Shared garden
 - Less living space
 - More productive space
- Look at the European model. It is probable that in 10 years, and in reality, now, that being able to live together in separate houses, built for people's needs, on collectively owned land will be the only way to go for many. Consider reduced/loss of employment, wages lower than the cost of living, and the rising single person, older person demographic.
- What can be done for older and abandoned farm houses> These could be support another family.
- It is important to plan in a way that acknowledges reduced employment. This is a major reality for the decades to come.
- Productive space = food producing and recreation areas.
- Dense Housing = European style/separate community living/ single unit dwellings, not necessarily Body Corporate.
- Essentially – enable to have more than one dwelling on the land.

- Enable to live on residential lots in the community
- Make it less complicated and less costly.
- In this context support smaller lots 100m²
- If you are wanting permission to create more housing on less than 100m², being a single dwelling on smaller lots closer together, in the traditional sense, as we have now then I cannot support this.
- New Housing: Yes please. Many of the empty sections are unsuitable for building. There's a current rental shortage.
- New Business: More retail space in Palmerston, particularly commercial kitchens and allow for food carts.
- New Community Infrastructure: Some roads could use sidewalks, like the far side of Tiverton, maybe a sidewalk up Stronsa across the rail lines.
- New Tourism Infrastructure: i-site visitor information centre. Local camping area.
- Other: Encourage people to plant along verges and in empty spaces. Natives and food plants especially. See Wellington City Council for ideas. Council owned properties that have been used for radiata or leased should be managed for multiple and ongoing uses, instead of whatever is most profitable over the short term. Residents of the township should be able to make use of all Council owned property in the township.
- High Density: Denser housing for mine workers and pensioners may be of value.

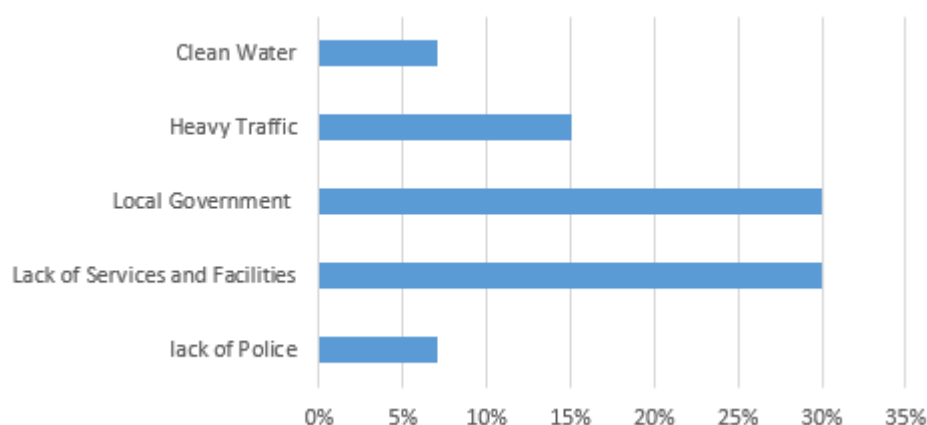
Q2. Do you agree that Palmerston has a unique character that is different to other townships in the area?



Q3. What do you like most about Palmerston?



Q4. What do you see as Palmerston's biggest challenges at the moment?



Q5. What are your visions and aspirations for Palmerston in the next 10-20 years?

- Have a police station that is open and staffed by a copper that lives in town.
- Looking back on history for the past 150 years.. the people of this area don't like change..?and can't see beyond their own wants and needs.. and saying this is all about Palmerston and not the greater area just proves that council are just as narrow minded.
- Palmerston is growing, more people are moving into the area ... we need to move along with the times and start accommodating the people.
- For Palmerston to keep rejuvenating and attracting more people who are passionate about making it a great community like we are. Have more celebrations as a community eg Santa Parade, events etc to have things to attract people and entertain people like the kids bike park. (but you need a fence separating State highway one and the playground, bike park area etc)
- Would be great to see facilities that will attract people and get people out like bike trails, recreational walks more playgrounds
- installation of roundabout to: a slow traffic going through the town, b, provide better flow for traffic
- Pedestrian crossing footpath needs to be extended into road as when trucks park to the south of the pedestrian crossing, pedestrians cannot see vehicles coming down the hill and of course vehicles cannot see pedestrians waiting to cross - a hazard that needs remedy. Would suggest putting an island in the middle of the road and / or speed bumps either side of the pedestrian crossing.
- upgrade sports hall to be multi purpose: insulate, and clad, block all holes, upgrade kitchen, upgrade toilets (and include showers), open up or extend to have community rooms available and remove need for three council facilities (chambers, community centre and sports hall). Demolish and rebuild in similar style to Waikouaiti Events Centre (an asset to the town).
- Dog park (location just indication)
- Footpath (children walk up and down this street to school and there is no footpath). Seriously unsatisfactory.
- redefine current landfill space to be used for recycling centre (including all plastics, tin, aluminium, card, paper, metals, compost and green waste).
- Narrow road (using protrusions) and install large 50km signs (as done in Waikouaiti) to slow traffic
- install road calming measures to slow traffic travelling both north and south through this stretch of road. Suggest chicanes, changing straight piece of road to road with bends.
- 50km sign or automated speed indicator sign. Even though traffic heading up hill, speeds through this section of road regularly exceed 60km. not a case of if, but when, someone is killed.
- permanent speed camera installed
- better place to live
- Retain out present population mix plus a steady but measured increase in families to ensure we keep our schools, health services and other infrastructure.

- Hopefully Palmerston will be the Southern gateway to the Geopark and this should enable entrepreneurs to bring visitor attractions.
- Palmerston Library – Unfortunately only a collection of books – this do not a library make! The staff are too busy answering their phones, as calls are redirected from Oamaru, to really interact with library users. Please visit Waikouaiti Library which is a library first and foremost, “personned” by trained librarians, and a service centre second. Also, as long as the staff are sitting in their cubicles, cut off from the public, the disengagement will continue. This is not a criticism of the staff but of the system.
- I believe that in general, there is ample opportunity to build on the existing development possibilities. For instance there are many vacant sections (some not very suitable), the old Town Hall is ripe for redevelopment, defined access to the top of Puketapu (Gateway to Gold is working on this at the moment and we intend to put a proposal to WDC in the near future).
- I think we need a town planning assessment of Palmerston by qualified people who would analyse all of the existing characteristics, attributes and problems and open the eyes of all of us to the development possibilities. Function and aesthetics do not rule out each other and both are vitally important. The worst thing is ad-hoc development by disconnected developers and businesses.
- So where is the overall plan? I suppose that the District Plan is all we have at the moment. This is a legal framework only – what can, and cannot be done. What about actually designing the development of the town?
- To become like Queenstown – big, bustling, by say 2040
- I’ll be dead in 20 years – Short horizon. National population 8 million therefore Palmerston will grow to be Queenstown.
- Cleanliness and tidiness – with someone living local to keep our friendly town this way. Also when plantings have been done, not to neglect them. Have our approaches to the town centre more inviting.
- Water and other infrastructure services need to be delivered more equitably between town and country. If Palmerston were to grow strongly, future water could be a problem and I do not believe it should be solved by expensive pipelines. Remembering why people live here now and that they can not afford large rate increases. Restricted access for town users may be needed, rural people have coped for many years. All new builds should have rainwater tanks.
- I would propose that a block of the cemetery be designated as eco-friendly. Where a grave can only be marked with a wooden cross and a planted tree. A plaque on a boundary wall could be a lovely permanent reminder.
- Further delegation are needed by our community board, esp in areas of water and roading. Local Govt Commission have best practise guidelines which could/should be followed.
- Someone appointed to live in the area and work as a “Villageman”. Encourage Landowners to keep sections tidy and large trees removed by cheaper green waste at the tip.
- Stay out of debt Palmerston and slowly develop. It would be good if the local café (McGregors) would improve the interior to be modern and contemporary.
- All the business buildings along Ronaldsay Street need improvement. That in itself is too detailed to put in this document. It is unfortunate that McGregors painted over the logo, that in my view, should have been refreshed and accentuated. It is my view that visitors want to see these things and that the generation up and coming in twenty years will too.
- It would be good for Palmerston to have a light make over. Assistance is needed by business and property owners. Tidying up the Township first before spending money on other things (that will likely require continued financial support) as opposed to improving what we have now.
- Support the local business person. There are ventures underway. The photographer in the Post Office. Go and find out what they consider ‘support’.
- A new backpackers with a modern, warm contemporary café would be ideal.
- More resilient landscape with preparations and actions for a shifting climate. More small farms and farmers. More biodiversity, more forest cover. Easy bike and rail links from Palmerston to Oamaru & Dunedin. Faster internet. More green power, ideally locally owned and operated. Local dog control, not someone 40 minutes away. Some sort of local Council handy person to fix things and do what needs to be done locally. No more Downer, and preferably quality work done by locally owned outfits.