



Despite the challenges of COVID-19, community groups are still working hard to put in place initiatives that have been identified in their community plans.

Our communities have shown themselves to be resilient over the past two years, and we will continue to call on those strengths in the year ahead.

While some communities are carrying out actions in their plans, or renewing them, others are working on their first-ever plans with neighbourhoods coming together to highlight what's needed to improve wellbeing.

Council's role is to help communities consult with residents to develop their plans, and it also assists with the processes and relationship-building that grows from the plan.

In this month's newsletter, read about some of the results we've seen this quarter – from a new rock wall installed along the coast to prevent erosion and inundation, to new basketball courts, road safety improvements and new road signage.

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work this year and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and New Year.

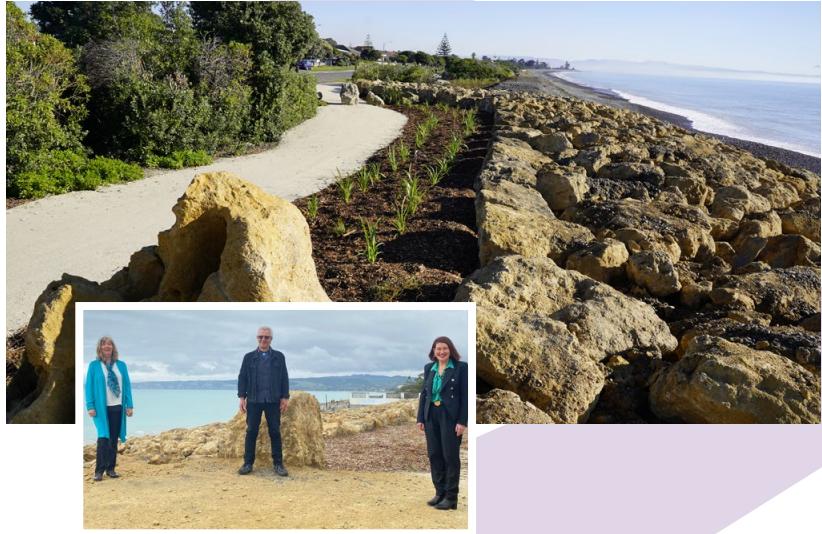


Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor, Hastings District Council

CAPE COAST *update*

The 120m rockwall at Cape Coast Corner has been completed, and plants installed alongside it.

Two new information kiosks were officially opened in late July as part of the Cape Coast Art and Heritage trail. Located on the Haumoana side of Black Bridge and at Clifton Beach, they showcase coastal historical information and bookend the small information stands that are dotted along the Coastal cycle path.



Tsunami warning signage has now been erected in key locations at Haumoana and Te Awanga, providing evacuation instructions for residents and visitors.

Council has adopted a package of recreation enhancements including the purchase of a new reserve at Te Awanga Terraces. The playground

at Te Awanga Domain is to be upgraded and extended along with the replacement of a new toilet block. Community consultation on the playground will commence later this year.



RAUREKA *update*

Council continues to implement actions within the Raureka Community Plan.

A new basketball half court has gone into the Whenua Takoha Reserve with an official opening

being planned. Traffic calming measures outside the schools are planned in the 2024 financial year.

Council officers met with the Pastor of the Station Church to discuss using the church building for community

classes and events. The Church already provides space for monthly HBDHB hearing and vision testing for the under 5s, a weekly 'community connects' coffee morning for the community (which is often frequented by the disabled sector) and a weekly Friday morning 'Get Up and Go' session for the over 65s. The Church is happy to see this space further utilised.



FLAXMERE *update*

The Flaxmere Planning Committee are consulting on the development of the new Flaxmere Community Plan and finalised a community survey. This will be distributed electronically through Flaxmere Facebook Pages, www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz and at Flaxmere Schools.

Hard copies will be available at community locations including Flaxmere Community Centre and Library, schools and Swansea village.

If the traffic light system allows, workshops for the Samoan and Tongan communities and translators will be held.

Consultation with skaters and young people continues on the development of the new Skatepark in Flaxmere Park with a draft design developed.

The construction of a new basketball at Flaxmere Park as part of the Hoops In Parks was completed at the end of November, and officially opened on December 6.

Hastings District Council, Basketball New Zealand, Basketball Hawke's Bay, and Sport Hawke's Bay have worked together to fund and install basketball facilities into parks in Flaxmere.



WAIMĀRAMA *update*

A community drop-in meeting was held with the Waimārama community identifying six key priority areas: roading, parks and reserves, waste, safety, youth development and motor vehicles on beach.

Council officers are currently working through these actions.



TE PŌHUE *update*

Work is well under way with the Harapaki Wind farm in and around Te Pōhue.

Over the past few months, Meridian Energy has been busy establishing the site-based project team and undertaking and enabling works as they move closer to starting bulk earthworks in the district.

Meridian has also installed the project village that allows all members of the Meridian team overseeing construction to be located on site.

The community (and functioning non-entities) have voted to create a Charitable Trust. This is at the planning stage as further work is needed with the appropriate documentation and registration required to meet the legal requirements.





MAHORA

update

Community engagement is soon to commence on the Mahora Community Plan. The next step is to establish a core community group to determine the process and timeframes and identify the best methods of engagement.



CAMBERLEY

update

The creation of a new Camberley Community Plan has made progress with the formation of a Camberley Planning Committee made up of residents, ex-residents and stakeholders.

Discussion is underway with the Council's parks team about the possibility of repurposing the changing sheds at Kirkpatrick Park as a community gym, and Te Aho Jordan has started as the new Youth Coordinator at the Camberley Community Centre.



MARAEKAKĀHO

update

Final quotes and a Resource Consent application are currently being prepared for the signage at the entry to the village, and ground preparation for future planting for traffic calming is underway.

With assistance from the community plan budget the community have repurposed and upgraded their existing community noticeboard.

During Mental Health Awareness week, Focus MKK shared "Farmstrong" messaging via their Facebook page. A community walk is planned to promote river access and picnic spots. The planned pathways have been marked and provide a number of route options for people of differing abilities.



MAYFAIR *update*

Council Officers have met with representatives from Anglican Care Waiapu and the Heretaunga Seniors Hall to discuss the option of the Heretaunga Seniors building being developed into a Mayfair community hub. The hall is located next to Mayfair school on Willowpark Road. The Waipu Diocese is assessing the options and opportunities. The current plan is now under review.



WAIPATU *update*

The Waipatu plan is mostly complete after the key upgrade to and along SH51. The plan will be reviewed and the community will decide if they wish to develop a new plan.



WHAKATŪ *update*



Council and the community acknowledge the passing of Des Ratima and Chee Seow and their service to the people of Whakatū. Des was instrumental with the development of the first Whakatū Community Plan and Chee was a long time Whakatū community member and supporter who ran the Whakatū store for more than 20 yrs and owns the Whakatū Hall.

The current community plan is under review, with the community taking this time to see if they would like to develop a new plan. Currently there are two major projects underway, creating the water storage facility at Ngāruroro Reserve and the road plan for Railway and Station Roads.

In October, the new sculptures along Te Ara Kahikeatea were officially blessed.



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