

# **Hikuai Community Plan 2014**

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**TO** Tairua-Pauanui Community Board  
**FROM** Lorna Price - Community Coordinator Tairua-Pauanui  
**DATE** 28 August 2015  
**SUBJECT** **Hikuai Community Plan 2014**

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## **1 Purpose of Report**

To endorse the Hikuai communities Community Plan.

## **2 Background**

In 2006 members of the Hikuai community mobilised to address the current issues and future needs of the community, resulting in the Hikuai Community Plan 2006. The plan was also used as a vehicle to guide the local Tairua-Pauanui Community Board and the Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) as well as to communicate the concerns and needs of the community with regard to future infrastructure, fiscal spending and services provided in the area.

The purpose of the 2014 Survey was a natural extension of the original survey to create a similar document that could be submitted to the local Community Board.

Approximately 150 surveys were distributed to the residents of Hikuai in early 2014 with 53 surveys completed and returned. The survey was developed by the Hikuai Community Group based on a previous survey done in 2006, the themes of the questions were similar but the 2014 community group took the opportunity to expand on previous questions.

A strong desire to remain as a very special rural community was a recurring theme throughout the survey responses. Coromandel promotion generally reflects a coastal paradise and playground. Hikuai offers a valuable alternative and enriches the landscape and activity experience for residents and visitors of the Coromandel. The Hikuai community wants to build on its strengths and is eager to work with local and regional government to reach that goal.

## **3 Issue**

The Hikuai Community Plan serves to inform and direct both local and regional government of the short and long term needs and the desired outcomes for the Hikuai community.

## **4 Discussion**

Three main areas of concern were introduced in the 2006 survey and remain pertinent today with the addition of a focus on stakeholder relationships. The areas of concern are:

- Condition of the roads and road signs
- Commercial zoning in Hikuai
- Managing the natural resources of Hikuai to maintain its rural landscape
- Relationship with the local, regional and national government departments working in and around the Hikuai area.

## **5 Suggested Resolution(s)**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. Endorses the Hikuai Community Plan as presented and notes the following community recommendations:
  - a) Seal Puketui Valley Road
  - b) Speed limits on SH25 and secondary Hikuai Roads
  - c) Install a Hikuai locality sign.
  - d) Install road signs for Broken Hills Camp and Hikuai School
  - e) Protect Hikuai from human and pest damage
  - f) Improve consultation and interaction between the Hikuai Community and Thames-Coromandel District Council and other government agencies about what happens in Hikuai.
3. Utilises the Plan as a primary resource for the ongoing management, planning and future development of the Hikuai community.

## **References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments**

**Attachment A** *Hikuai Community Plan 2014*

**Attachment A - Hikuai Community Plan - 2014**