

6. Conclusion

This Community Plan has sought to identify and bring together in one document, issues and action points relating to the management of the Makara rural area. Despite the broad scope of the plan, community attention has had a strong focus on a narrow range of issues - predominantly related to the types of activities that are appropriate in Makara, provision of community facilities, and roading and traffic matters. On the whole, it is worth noting that many people are happy with Makara how it is and do not want to see too much change.

Key methods have been identified in this plan to address the concerns expressed by the community during the consultation on this plan. Whilst some proposals will be initiated by Council (for example, work on District Plan amendments), other proposals are best initiated by the Makara/Ohariu Community Board on behalf of the community. This sits well with the general trend towards greater community self-management and decision making for areas (an example of this is the \$50,000 allocated to the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to prioritise roading works for the 2001-2002 financial year, over and above normal Council spending in this area).

The Community Plan has been particularly important in determining what is valued by the Makara community within a framework based on the premise that the responsibility for achieving goals is shared amongst the Council, the Community Board and individual members of the community. The vision expressed in the Community Plan will now set the platform for the future management of the area, which will span both regulatory and non-regulatory methods.

The implications of all this are hopefully much greater than the production of this plan. The Community Planning process has allowed the Makara community to take a look at itself, to think about what is unique and important to the area, and to empower itself to strongly influence and have control over the future of this unique part of Wellington.