

## 6. Conclusion

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This Community Plan has addressed a wide range of issues for Ohariu Valley, in order to tackle the needs of the area in a holistic manner. Despite the broad scope of the plan, community attention has had a strong focus on a narrow range of issues - predominantly related to subdivision and traffic. This may reflect the fact that, on the whole, the Ohariu Valley community is generally happy with its area and the way it is managed.

Key proposals to address the concerns expressed by the community have been outlined in the 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 spelling out what is valued by the Ohariu Valley community, which is the first step in determining a future vision. 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.

But the implications of all this are hopefully much greater than the document you have before you in your hands. Hopefully, the Community Planning process has allowed the Ohariu Valley community to take a look at itself, to think about what is unique and important to the area, and to empower the community with the opportunity of strongly influencing the future of its own area.

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