

Tolaga Bay

Township Plan



Update and Implementation Plan

2011

Introduction

The Tolaga Bay Township Plan Update (2011) builds on the work we did in 2008 to identify our community's long-term vision for Tolaga Bay township. The Plan is intended to evolve with the support of our community, so this year we have again worked with Council to review the plan.

A few things have changed since the plan was first developed. Many of the actions in the 2008 plan have been completed and new priorities have emerged. While our Vision Statements and Goals remain the same, the actions have changed. Council has also requested we do some further work to prioritise the actions so that Council can better assist us in delivering on those things that are most important to our community.

This update focuses on prioritising the projects over the next 10 years for implementation. Background information is in the original Township Plan.

Content of the Plan

In this review we focused on reporting what we have achieved and identifying and ranking our priority projects. The top five priority projects are what we suggest we would like to work with Council and other agencies to achieve over the next 20 years. All other actions that we still think are important are included in the backlist at the end of the document. The backlist will be considered alongside the priority projects during the next Township Plan review in three to five years.

Implementation and Reporting

The section "How will we make it happen?" (pages 6 – 7) includes draft implementation tables for each priority action. The tables identify the key tasks, estimated costs, timeframes for completion, progress indicators and funding options. The funding options column is separated into two columns – one to identify who the funder is likely to be and the other to identify when the funding would become available – where "to be confirmed – tbc" is written, no funding has been confirmed for the task. All projects requiring some Council assistance have been put forward to Council to consider for funding in the Ten Year Plan 2012-22, however their decisions confirming funding will not be known until June 2012.

Council has established a system to enhance communication with our community on the priorities in our Township Plan. A nominated contact person will keep us up-to-date on a quarterly basis, at least, with how Council and other agencies are progressing priority projects and will provide a written annual report to the community on Township Plan implementation as part of Council's Annual Report process.

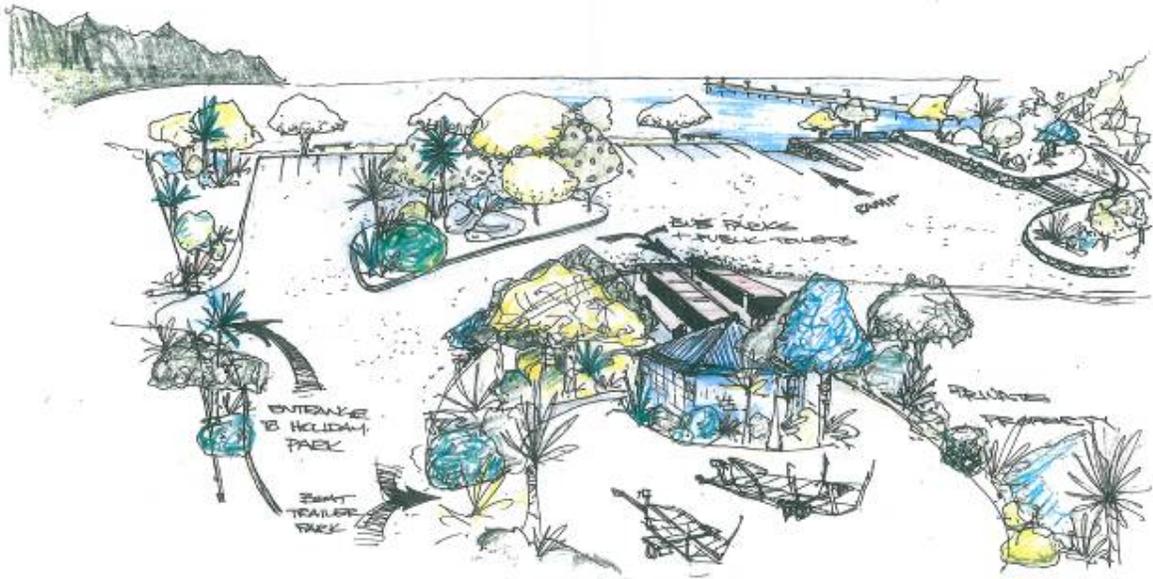
Community Successes

After many years of community effort, the Tolaga Bay Wharf is close to being restored. The wharf is now classified as a Category 1 historic place by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and is treasured by our local community.



Funds for restoration have come from the NZ Lotteries Grant Board, the Eastland Community Trust and donations from numerous individuals and organisations who recognise the iconic status of the Wharf.

The opening of the restored Wharf will coincide with the Transit of Venus, a rare astronomical event, next occurring in June 2012. Captain James Cook observed the Transit in 1769 shortly before anchoring in Tolaga Bay. Because of this connection, Tolaga Bay is the centre of national celebrations of the event.



To improve access to and amenity of the Wharf, in preparation for the Transit of Venus celebration, the community is working with Council to improve the entrance to the Wharf. Elements of the concept plans (above) are currently being implemented ready for June 2012.

Our reserve facilities for the township have been improved as well to include new play equipment, picnic tables and seating. Council has retained the rugby ground and upgraded the playing field surface.

We have worked together during community planting days to beautify our township. Native trees have been planted in and around the township, including in the main street reserve.

Our Vision

What are our key goals?

- ❖ Infrastructure that meets our needs
- ❖ A place visitors want to stay for a while
- ❖ Our local history and traditions showcased
- ❖ Development through education and innovation
- ❖ An empowered community

What are our priority projects?

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| ❖ Tolaga Bay Wharf | (Priority 1) |
| ❖ Main street upgrade | (Priority 2) |
| ❖ Drainage improvement | (Priority 3) |
| ❖ Service retention | (Priority 4) |
| ❖ Foreshore enhancement | (Priority 5) |

How will we make it happen?

Priority 1 - Tolaga Bay Wharf

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Upgrade the mainstreet including lighting, footpaths, pedestrian access, planting					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Complete maintenance of handrails along the Wharf	\$240k	NZ Lotteries	2012	Jun 2012	
2. Complete Wharf entrance to improve access and amenity	\$250k	GDC	2012	Jun 2012	

Priority 2 - Main street upgrade

 Complete
  On target
  Behind schedule

Upgrade the mainstreet including lighting, footpaths, pedestrian access, planting					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to upgrade the street lighting in the township with focus on the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks St (bowling club) • main bridge (kohanga) • corner Gore/Solander • along Parkinson St • Pauhura (boat ramp) • Cook St (Fire Brigade) 	\$400k	GDC NZ Transport Agency	2015	Dec 2016	
2. GDC to upgrade the footpaths in the township with focus on Cook and Monkhouse St					
3. GDC to improve pedestrian access across Cook Street, including reducing traffic speed and providing pedestrian refuges					
4. GDC to improve amenity in the main street with planting and design					

Priority 3 - Drainage improvement

 Complete  On target  Behind schedule

Address drainage and stormwater issues					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to improve drains in Parkinson Street	\$10K	GDC	2012	Mar 2013	
2. GDC to improve drains in Gore Street from Banks to Solander Street	\$250k	GDC	2013	Mar 2014	
3. GDC to improve drains in Monkhouse Street	(tbc)	GDC	(tbc)	-	

Priority 4 – Service retention

 Complete  On target  Behind schedule

Enhance local employment and education					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. Retain rural fire service	-	NZ Fire Service	-	Ongoing	
2. Employ local contractors and staff where possible	-	-	-	Ongoing	
3. Investigate opportunities for education facilities for school leavers	-	EIT	-	Ongoing	

Priority 5 – Foreshore enhancement

 Complete  On target  Behind schedule

Beautification and promotion of Tolaga Bay					
Task	Cost (est)	Funding options		Timeframe	Progress
1. GDC to remove wood debris from beaches before summer and liaise with forestry to reduce debris	\$10k	GDC	-	Ongoing	
2. GDC to retain freedom camping	-	-	-	Ongoing	
3. GDC to investigate installing a public toilet at the boat ramp	-	-	-	Jun 2014	

Other Ideas

The top five priority projects are what we suggest we would like to work with Council and other agencies to achieve over the next 20 years. All other actions that we still think are important are included in the list below. This backlist will be considered alongside the priority projects during the next Township Plan review in three to five years.

- Increase the play facilities for children of all ages (particularly pre-schoolers) including lighting, fencing, picnic tables. (Uawa Community Association has raised \$1,300 so far)
- Develop a secure waka ama facility for the boat ramp
- Lobby to have a cash machine installed in the township
- Review sewage system issues including:
 - potable water and on-site wastewater systems below standard, poorly maintained or situated on unsuitable or saturated soils
 - land in the commercial zone is on small sites with no ability to fit on-site wastewater treatment services. Consider rezone
 - develop community-based systems that service a small area
- Consider the feasibility of a locally sourced power supply with priority given to sustainable modes of generation
- Funding for an extra week of lifeguarding at Tolaga Bay over the summer period
- Restore the Tolaga Bay Wharf
- Ensure development along State Highway 35 follows Transit's access limits. Currently these limits are exceeded
- Retain Council-owned land (foreshore and rugby league field) for community benefits
- Develop a business incubator and support facility for new local businesses to access information and guidance
- Seek advice on community involvement in seaweed commercialisation venture
- Consider the character of the township when assessing new developments
- Monitor the state of the beach including activities such as gravel and sand extraction
- Remove the car wrecks at the refuse station or screen them with further planting around the boundary
- Upkeep and maintain the melia trees in the main street as they are an asset to the township
- Ensure development and environmental policy is implemented consistently across all parties, including GDC
- Ensure appropriate and ongoing consultation with the community regarding development within the township
- Possible dump charging by GDC

