

# PATUTAHI



## township development plan

April 2008

## Tena koutou

Township development plans are an important tool for our community. It was pleasing to see a good number of interested community people participate in the township meetings, and I thank you all for the wonderful ideas you have contributed.

I am particularly pleased to see so many of our young people making a contribution. As we say, they are our future and what a wonderful opportunity for them to get involved now. The Councillors and I appreciated your ideas and we say thank you, you make our job easier by telling us what you hope for.

It is great to dream and put those ideas onto paper. We need to have courage to explore new ideas that will meet the needs of the township, ones that will allow us to stand out as a unique and special community in which to live and visit.

From now it takes action - an action plan I am committed to with your agreement. I look forward to the progress we are going to make in your township, and we hope that your community will be inspired to do more and complement what has been proposed.

Be inspired, be courageous, and most importantly of all, take action.

Thank you all, we look forward to working with you.



Meng Foon  
Mayor, Gisborne District



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# Introduction

The Patutahi Township Development Plan (2008) captures the Patutahi community's long-term vision for Patutahi township. The Plan is a living document with the potential to evolve with the support of the community

## Community engagement

The Gisborne District Council (GDC) wanted to draw on the knowledge and experience of the Patutahi community in preparing the Plan so several public engagement tools were used to encourage a range of people to take part in the process:

- open day
- strategic planning workshop
- ideas box at the Patutahi Tavern
- design workshop and community barbecue
- children's art competition
- an opportunity for written submissions.

## Content of the Plan

The community has identified three Vision Statements that form the basis of the Township Development Plan:

- A cohesive and connected community
- A community actively engaged in decision-making
- A community growing active and healthy young people.

The Plan describes the Vision Statements in terms of Key Goals.

The community has also identified three Priority Projects for the township to be achieved over the next few years. All other ideas identified by the community are listed in Appendix 1.



## **Community commitment**

This Plan is an expression of the community's aspirations for the future and will need to be driven by a cohesive and concerted community effort.

## **Gisborne District Council commitment**

The Plan will guide GDC in planning for the future development and viability of Patutahi over the next 20 years.

The Plan will be an important consideration in the development of Council's Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and will also be considered by all GDC staff where their activities may have an effect on the Patutahi community.

Appendix 2 is a table of GDC implementation estimates. For each priority project/action, it identifies if there is funding available in Council's LTCCP. It also identifies which department within Council is responsible for implementation. Where no funding is currently allocated, this will need to be considered for inclusion during future reviews of the LTCCP and Annual Plan.

Where GDC can work with the community and other agencies to meet the goals, it will.

A lot of ideas were submitted that are beyond the capability and mandate of GDC alone.

GDC will forward copies of the Plan to relevant agencies to encourage them to follow up in areas where they may be able to work with the community or other agencies to help achieve the community priorities.



# Patutahi Township Aerial Photo



# Patutahi People



**Visions Statements  
Key Goals  
Priority Projects**



## Vision Statement

### **A cohesive and connected community**

The Patutahi community is diverse. While the township has a population of 375, many people from other areas have historical and sporting connections to the community.

For the Patutahi community, a cohesive and connected community is one the whole community takes pride in and works toward. It would involve the following Key Goals:

### **Key Goals**

- Ensure regular and varied opportunities and facilities for community members to meet.
- Create a town centre to serve as a social and recreational focal point for the community.
- Develop attractive streetscapes and well-maintained infrastructure.
- Foster growth of the township to improve access to important day-to-day services.
- Pursue opportunities to work together for a common purpose.



## Priority Projects

### Patutahi Town Centre

- Investigate how planning mechanisms could be used to foster growth of residential and commercial activity in appropriate areas within the township, noting that:
  - development retains the rural flavour of the town
  - development is focused around the town centre, not dispersed, to create a sense of community, improve personal safety and minimise infrastructure costs

*GDC*
  
- Beautify the town centre by:
  - establishing a well-maintained public garden with native flora to attract birdlife and shaded seating
  - maintaining tidy roadsides and buildings

*GDC*
  
- Develop a strategy to encourage essential retail services back into the community

*GDC/  
Community*

### Patutahi Committee

(see page 13)



## Vision Statement

### **A Community Actively Engaged in Decision-Making**

For the Patutahi community being actively engaged in decision-making would involve the following Key Goals:

#### **Key Goals**

- Opportunities for early and meaningful input into significant decisions.
- Direct community participation in local decisions.
- Greater GDC Councillor and staff visibility and accountability.



## Priority Project

### Patutahi Committee

- Elect a community committee to improve social connections and organise community events:
  - events to include family days, sports competitions, dances
  - committee members already nominated are John Drummond, Stephanie Jones, Danny Knight and Jandy Solomon
  - other committee members could include:
    - someone from the Reserves Board
    - at least one youth representative
    - advisors from other agencies e.g. Sport Gisborne, GDC
  - GDC can help the initial set-up of the committee and assist with funding applications and administration
- Ensure ongoing dialogue between community and GDC Councillor and staff, including involvement in community meetings as appropriate
- Committee to develop a charter at their first meeting to:
  - establish the purpose of the committee
  - determine meeting frequency and who can attend
  - determine how the committee will contact other community members and GDC and vice versa

*Community*

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Councillor*

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GDC*



## Vision Statement

### **A Community Growing Active and Healthy Young People**

For the Patutahi community, growing active and healthy young people would involve the following Key Goals:

#### **Key Goals**

- A variety of opportunities for local active recreation accessible to all young people.
- Young people with a voice in community decision-making.
- A safe town and access to health information and services.



## Priority Project

### Patutahi Hall

- Expand use of existing Patutahi Hall. This includes the use of the hall by younger community members for indoor sports (e.g. soccer, netball, basketball, volleyball and as a fitness centre) and activities (dancing, after school care and homework centre)
- Investigate 'best practice' for sustainability of the community hall. This may include developing relationships with additional organisations such as Sport Gisborne, SPARC and the YMCA
- Seek funding to retrofit the hall to allow for indoor sports such as basketball and indoor soccer
- Ask youth to design murals for exterior graffiti-prone walls of the Hall to encourage youth ownership of the facility and reduce graffiti and property damage. Funding available through the Ministry of Justice

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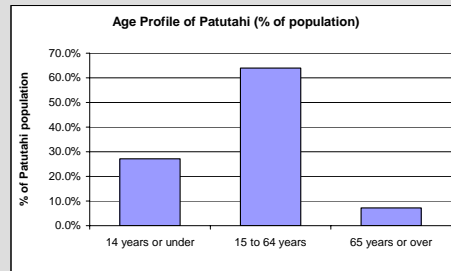
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## Background Statistics

### Population

- The population of Patutahi township is 375 people.
- Patutahi has a relatively young population with more than a quarter aged 14 years or under.
- More than half (52.8%) identify themselves as Maori, while 40.8% identify as European.



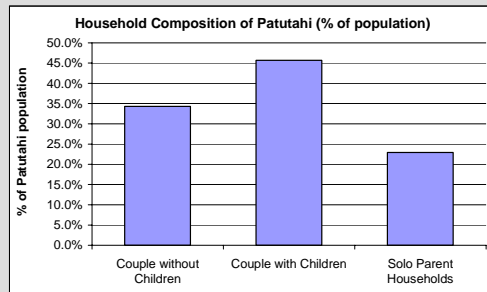
### Business and Employment

- There are a number of services and community facilities in Patutahi including sports clubs, play group, marae, Anglican church, fire brigade.
- There are no restaurants/food outlets although the Patutahi Tavern has food available on weekend evenings.
- The dairy/post office has recently closed, however, there is a centre where residents can collect their mail as there is no door-to-door delivery.
- There are several vineyards in the area.
- The main sectors of employment in the township are horticulture, agriculture and viticulture (increasing rapidly).
- Some residents work in Gisborne and commute daily.



## Households

- There are 120 occupied dwellings in Patutahi township.
- The majority of households are single family households.
- Nearly half of Patutahi households are couples with children, while around one third are couples with no children.
- Total household income is less than \$50,000 per year for around a third of households, while a further third have a total household income of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 per year.
- Less than half of all households have access to the internet.



## Appendix 1:

### Other ideas identified by community members

#### Vision Statement

#### A cohesive and connected community

- Ask GDC to improve the entry sign into Patutahi town
- Attractive streetscapes and well-maintained infrastructure
- Attractive public gardens with shaded seating. Tidy buildings and roadsides
- Beautify the town centre with plantings of native flora, particularly those that attract birdlife. GDC to provide plantings and fund their establishment
- Develop a community notice board 'What's Happening in Patutahi' in the centre of town for the purpose of improving community communication and connections. To be managed by Patutahi Committee and maintained by GDC
- Develop the public toilet block and lobby Telecom to have a public telephone installed
- Develop a strategy to encourage essential retail services back into the community
- Erect a bus shelter outside the Patutahi Hall
- Excellent public amenities
- Excellent road infrastructure and drainage
- Increase overall street lighting in the town to appropriate levels (i.e. design not to interfere with 'dark sky')
- Install cameras to find perpetrators of graffiti and vandalism in the town and ensure those responsible for graffiti and vandalism play an active part in repairing damage



- Investigate opportunities for further appropriate retail development
- Investigate Patutahi as a 'dark sky' centre for astronomy. Other benefits include use of less electricity and therefore less CO2 emissions
- Investigate possibility for self-sustaining alternative electricity generation for town, including using sewage to generate electricity and using fuel cells to power some facilities e.g. the community hall, (may resolve electricity issues for Civil Defence). Consider funding from international organisations
- Investigate the viability of a 'family orientated' establishment overlooking the sports grounds
- Regular mowing of long grass on road verges and maintenance of drains

### **Vision Statement**

#### **A community actively engaged in decision-making**

- Encourage increased involvement in community meetings and decision-making through regular community discussion fora
- Encourage local youth to be more involved in community activities
- Expand agency consultation methods to beyond newspaper advertising and post office box mail drops
- Improve community reporting of road and drainage issues to GDC (particularly via the Annual Plan process)
- Investigate various funding avenues for community assets, including lobbying GDC for increased financial assistance for maintenance of community assets



## **Vision Statement**

### **A community growing active and healthy young people**

- A thriving school that focuses the community
- Community hall to be made available to all community members via a booking system. Users of the hall should contribute towards the cost of electricity and other use-generated expenses. Exemptions to be made for youth and other activities at the discretion of the Patutahi Reserves Board
- Develop a 'computer library' or encourage 'Computers in Homes' programmes
- Develop a public swimming pool
- Develop links with Maori Wardens
- Develop the local school as a central focus for the community
- Expand the sports and recreation facilities available in the town (basketball hoop, skateboard park, children's playground, hockey training ground)
- Give youth a voice in community decision-making and responsibility
- Improve existing sports and recreation facilities in the township including lighting, drainage of rugby fields, drainage of car parks, re-design of the hall car park to prevent skids and improve parking and resurfacing of court surfaces
- Investigate the viability of extending existing weekend Gisborne bus service to include Patutahi, particularly Friday and Saturday evenings
- Lobby District Health Board for a GP and community clinic for Patutahi and improve emergency services



- Divert large vehicles around town centre to provide safe walking and cycling
- Look to investigate the feasibility of reticulation as high water tables and septic systems are creating environmental and health concerns
- Operational details of the hall and other sport and recreation facilities (including improvements, bookings and use) to be handled by the Patutahi Reserves Board in close conjunction with the Patutahi Committee
- Support youth to develop regular community activities, with youth, for youth
- Young people with a voice in community planning and decision-making



## Appendix 2: Gisborne District Council Implementation Estimates – April 2008

### Priority Projects

Patutahi Committee	GDC Team Responsible	Estimated Cost	Current General LTCCP Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elect a community committee to improve social connections and organise community events:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ events to include family days, sports competitions, dances etc.</li> <li>▪ committee members already nominated are John Drummond, Stephanie Jones, Danny Knight and Jandy Solomon</li> <li>▪ other committee members could include:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ someone from the Reserves Board</li> <li>○ at least one youth representative</li> <li>○ advisors from other agencies e.g. Sport Gisborne, GDC</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ GDC can help the initial set-up of the committee and assist with funding applications and administration</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Committee to develop a charter at their first meeting to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ establish the purpose of the committee</li> <li>▪ determine meeting frequency and who can attend</li> <li>▪ determine how the committee will contact other community members and GDC and vice versa</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Community Development (support)</i>	\$500 <i>(set up cost)</i>	<i>Officer time</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erect a community notice board in the town centre to improve community communication and connections. To be managed by Patutahi Committee</li> </ul>	<i>Parks and Reserves (lead)</i>	\$5,000 <i>(set up cost)</i>	<i>Notice towers \$5,000 annually across the District</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure ongoing dialogue between community and GDC Councillor and staff, including involvement in community meetings as appropriate</li> </ul>	<i>Councillor (lead)</i>	<i>Nil</i>	

<b>Patutahi Town Centre</b>	<b>GDC Team Responsible</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Current LTCCP Funding</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate how planning mechanisms could be used to foster growth of residential and commercial activity in appropriate areas within the township, noting that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>development retains the rural flavour of the town</li> <li>development is focused around the town centre, not dispersed, to create a sense of community, improve personal safety and minimise infrastructure costs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Planning Policy (lead)</i>	\$15,000 (Change to Combined Regional Land & District Plan)	District Plan \$26,000 (2008) across the District
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beautify the town centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>establish a well-maintained public garden with native flora to attract birdlife and shaded seating</li> <li>maintain tidy roadsides and buildings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Parks and Reserves (lead)</i>	\$30,000 (set up cost) \$5,000 (annually)	Nil
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a strategy to encourage essential retail services back into the community</li> </ul>	<i>Economic Development (lead)</i>	\$5,000	Nil

<b>Patutahi Hall</b>	<b>GDC Team Responsible</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Current LTCCP Funding</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand use of existing Patutahi Hall. This includes the use of the hall by younger community members for indoor sports (e.g. soccer, netball, basketball, volleyball and as a fitness centre) and activities (dancing, after school care and homework centre): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate 'best practice' for sustainability of the community hall. This may include developing relationships with additional organisations such as Sport Gisborne, SPARC and the YMCA</li> <li>Seek funding to retrofit the hall to allow for indoor sports such as basketball and indoor soccer</li> <li>Hall should be made available to all community members via a booking system with users contributing toward costs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Reserves Board (lead) Parks and Reserves/ Community Development (support)</i>	\$10,000 Administration, cost estimates and funding applications	Officer time  Nil additional funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask youth to design murals for exterior graffiti-prone walls of the Hall to encourage youth ownership of the facility and reduce graffiti and property damage</li> </ul>	<i>Reserves Board (lead) Community Development (support)</i>	Nil Funding through the Ministry of Justice	

## Gisborne District Council Implementation Estimates – April 2008

### Other Ideas

<i>Description of Idea and Council Department Responsible</i>	<i>Estimated cost</i>	<i>LTCCP General Funding</i>
<b>Roading</b>		
• Divert heavy vehicles around town centre to ensure safer walking/cycling	New road	Nil
• Erect a bus shelter outside the Patutahi Hall	\$20,000 (set up cost) \$2,000 (annually)	Nil
• Extend Gisborne's existing weekend bus services to include Patutahi (Friday/Saturday evenings)	\$10,000 (annually)	Nil
• Improve the entry sign into Patutahi town	\$2,000 (set up cost) \$1,000 (annually)	Regional maintenance \$1,000 annually across the District
• Improve general standards of roads	Increase level of service	Nil
• Increase street lighting to appropriate levels i.e. design to not interfere with 'dark sky' concept	Increase level of service	Nil
<b>Parks and Reserves</b>		
• Develop the public toilet block to an excellent standard	\$30,000 (set up cost)	Public amenities Patutahi upgrade \$30,000 (2012)
• Expand the sports and recreation facilities (e.g. basketball hoop, skate park, children's playground)	\$50,000 (set up cost) \$2,000 (annually)	Nil
• Improve drainage including more frequent mowing of grass verges and clearance of roadside drains	Increase level of service	Nil

<b>Description of Idea and Council Department Responsible</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>	<b>LTCCP General Funding</b>
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### **Community Development**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage youth involvement in community activities and decisions</li> </ul>	Additional staff 0.25 FTE \$10,000 (annually)	Nil
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give youth a voice in community decision-making and planning</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support youth to develop community activities for young people</li> </ul>		

### **Economic Development**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate viability of becoming energy self-sufficient including using sewage and fuel cells to power community facilities. Funding may be available from international organisations</li> </ul>	\$3,000	Nil
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### **Councillor**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage involvement in community meetings and decision-making - regular discussion fora</li> </ul>	Nil	Nil
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lobby Telecom for a public telephone</li> </ul>	Nil	Nil

### **Strategic Policy**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand agency consultation methods beyond newspaper, mail drops and public meetings</li> </ul>	Nil	Advice and consultation \$375,000 annually across the District
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### **Utilities**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the feasibility of reticulated sewage and water supply as high water tables create environmental health concerns with existing septic systems</li> </ul>	\$25,000	Nil
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