

MERCURY BAY NORTH COMMUNITY PLAN 2020 -2030

This plan will help Council to understand what is important to the community and allow Council to make informed decisions on the prioritising and funding of services and activities through the review of the Long Term Plan.



A map of the Mercury Bay North region, highlighted in green. The map shows the coastline and internal boundaries of the ward. The text 'MERCURY BAY NORTH' is written across the northern part of the map.

MERCURY BAY WARD

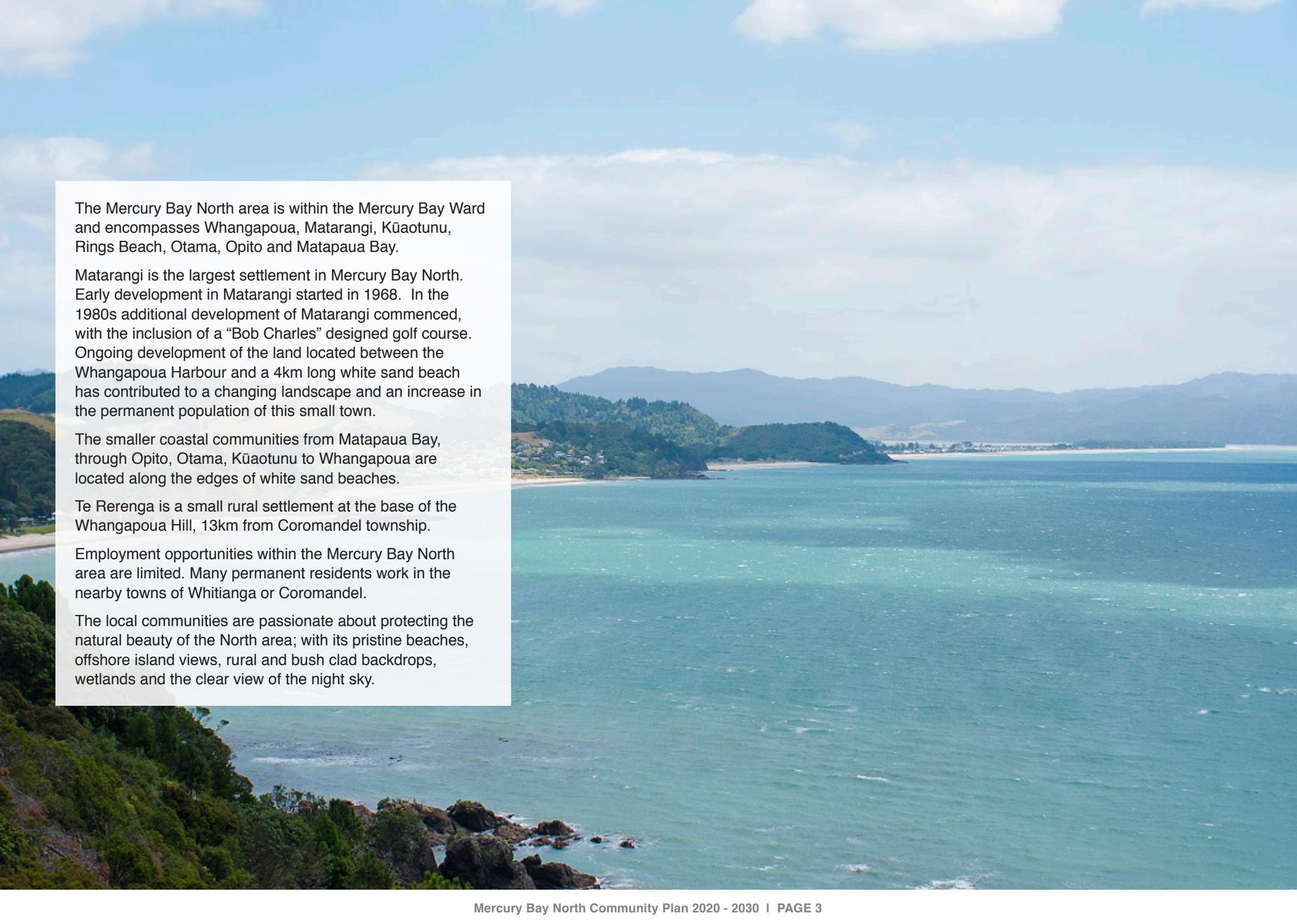
Mercury Bay, situated on the eastern coast of the Coromandel Peninsula was first named Te Whanganui-o-Hei, the great bay of Hei, by Māori. Te Whanganui-o-Hei refers to Hei, a tohunga tārai waka (expert canoe builder) from the great ocean-going double-hulled waka, Te Arawa. The local iwi is called Ngāti Hei.

Captain James Cook, the British explorer and navigator, named the area Mercury Bay whilst circumnavigating New Zealand. In November 1769, the then Lieutenant Cook sailed into the area on the HM Bark Endeavour to observe the transit of Mercury across the sun in order to determine the longitude to establish the exact position of New Zealand on the world map.

The Mercury Bay Ward runs from Pauls Road in the South through to the Whangapoua Hill in the north.

Whitianga is the largest town and provides the main retail and commercial hub in the Mercury Bay Ward.

The Mercury Bay Ward is made up of 17 communities that encompass towns, coastal villages and rural settlements. The proximity to the safe harbour provides easy boat access to nearby beaches, outlying islands and good fishing grounds; making the Mercury Bay Ward a desirable place to live work and play. The usual resident population increases significantly during the peak summer period as visitors come to share this unique environment.



The Mercury Bay North area is within the Mercury Bay Ward and encompasses Whangapoua, Matarangi, Kūaotunu, Rings Beach, Otama, Opito and Matapaua Bay.

Matarangi is the largest settlement in Mercury Bay North. Early development in Matarangi started in 1968. In the 1980s additional development of Matarangi commenced, with the inclusion of a “Bob Charles” designed golf course. Ongoing development of the land located between the Whangapoua Harbour and a 4km long white sand beach has contributed to a changing landscape and an increase in the permanent population of this small town.

The smaller coastal communities from Matapaua Bay, through Opito, Otama, Kūaotunu to Whangapoua are located along the edges of white sand beaches.

Te Rerenga is a small rural settlement at the base of the Whangapoua Hill, 13km from Coromandel township.

Employment opportunities within the Mercury Bay North area are limited. Many permanent residents work in the nearby towns of Whitianga or Coromandel.

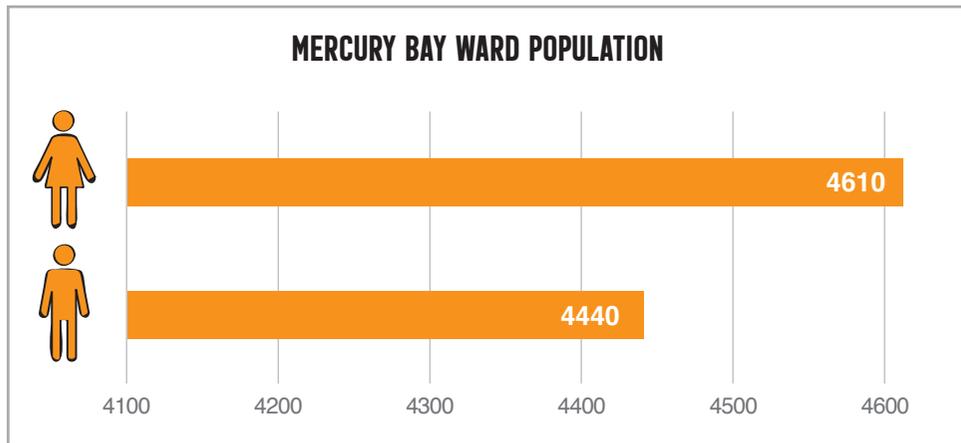
The local communities are passionate about protecting the natural beauty of the North area; with its pristine beaches, offshore island views, rural and bush clad backdrops, wetlands and the clear view of the night sky.

WHAT WE KNOW

POPULATION

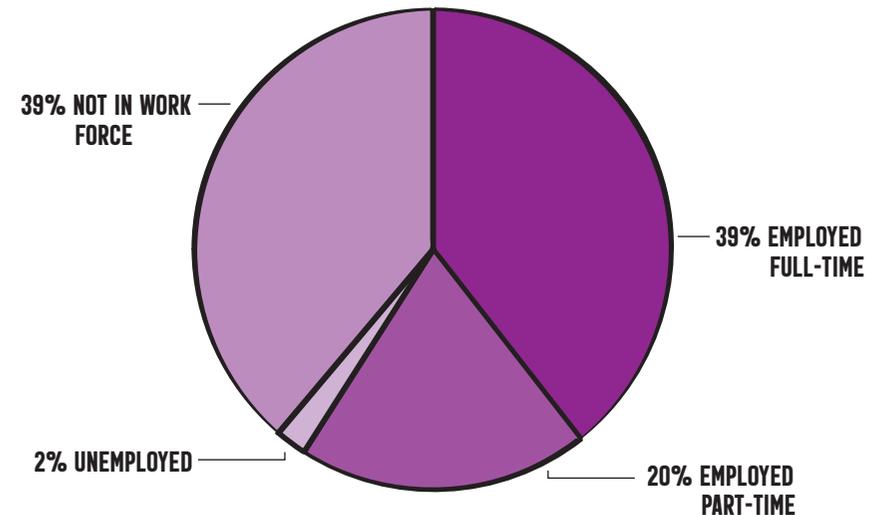
In 2018 the population of the Thames-Coromandel District was **30,800**

And the population of Mercury Bay Ward was **9,050**



EMPLOYMENT

2018 EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS FOR MERCURY BAY WARD



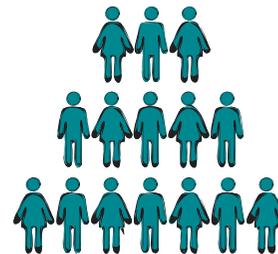
LIVING

3,762

Occupied private dwellings

4,788

Unoccupied private dwellings



ETHNICITY

The population by ethnicity vs the total population – totals differ due to some people being 'double counted' in multiple ethnicities

8,172

New Zealand / European

1,146

Maori

165

Pacific peoples

249

Asian

39

Other

The data above covers the Mercury Bay Ward and is from the Thames-Coromandel District Community Profile and provides demographic analysis for the District and its suburbs based on results from the 2018 census.

LANDSCAPES AND SITES OF INTEREST



COMMUNITY FACILITIES



3 WATERS – WATER SUPPLY, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER

- Council operates a water supply, stormwater system and a wastewater (sewerage) scheme in Matarangi.
- There are plans to ensure that the Matarangi water and wastewater capacities are sufficient for future development of the area and meet current treatment standards.
- Other Mercury Bay North communities rely on private water supplies, private wastewater schemes, and on-site wastewater disposal systems.



RUBBISH/RECYCLING

- The Mercury Bay North area is serviced with rubbish and recycling collections in most locations.
- A refuse transfer station and molok bins are situated in Matarangi.
- A rubbish compactor located at Kuaotunu and molok bins at Whangapoua and Opito assist with waste management.



ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND STREETLIGHTS

- The Mercury Bay North area has a network of local roading. The roads are maintained to various levels depended on the volume and usage of the road; these vary from sealed roads to gravel/dirt roads.
- Kerbing channelling and streetlights are provided for in varying degrees through the area. Some communities prefer less light pollution, retaining the natural rural or beach environments and the view of the night sky.



HALLS/LIBRARIES/ MUSEUMS/SCHOOL

- The Council owned hall at Kūaotunu is managed by the Kūaotunu Hall Committee.
- Council provides a building that houses the voluntary run community library in Kūaotunu.
- Kuaotunu has a Steiner Kindergarten.
- Council provides financial support for the Mercury Bay Museum which holds history of the Mercury Bay Ward.
- Te Rerenga has a small rural primary school providing for Years 1 to 8 students.
- Mercury Bay Area School, located in Whitianga, provides education for Years 1 to 13 students.



RESERVES, PLAYGROUNDS AND PUBLIC TOILETS

- The Mercury Bay Multi Sport park provides a destination sporting facility for the use of the whole Mercury Bay District.
- Council owns and maintains several tennis courts in Matarangi and Kūaotunu.
- Tennis courts located on Council reserve at Whangapoua are managed and maintained by a community group.
- Council owned and maintained playgrounds are located at Kūaotunu, Matarangi and Whangapoua.
- Council is supported by volunteer Reserve Management/Beach Care groups who assist with maintenance of local reserves and dunes.
- Reserves in the Mercury Bay North area encompass scenic, recreation, esplanade, local purpose, neighbourhood open space and foreshore reserves.
- The Mercury Bay North area has twelve Council managed toilets.



CEMETERIES

- The Mercury Bay North area is serviced by a cemetery at Ferry Landing. As available space is limited a new district cemetery is being developed at Kaimarama.
- Historic cemeteries are located at Kūaotunu and Whangapoua.



HARBOUR FACILITIES

- Council managed boat ramps are located at Kūaotunu, Matarangi and Whangapoua.
- Alternative beach access points are located at Opito, Kūaotunu and Matarangi.



AIRFIELDS

- The Mercury Bay North area is serviced by the Mercury Bay Aero Club, who own and manage a grassed runway to the south of Whitianga.



MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY

- The Mercury Bay North area is serviced by medical centres in Whitianga and Coromandel, with the nearest hospital at Thames.
- Whangapoua, Matarangi and Kūaotunu Fire & Emergency Services provide cover for the Mercury Bay North area, with support available from Whitianga, Coromandel and the wider Mercury Bay area.
- Police, St John, Land Search & Rescue, Coastguard and an emergency helicopter all provide emergency cover to this area.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Along with day to day interaction with the community, a series of focus group meetings and an on-line survey were undertaken to give the Mercury Bay North community the opportunity to tell us what is important to them.

The community was asked to consider *Our people, Our Environment, Our Infrastructure and Our Future*.



ALL THE COMMUNITIES SAID THEY LIKED

- THE BEACHES
- THE FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
- THE SIMPLE, QUIET LIFESTYLE
- THE SAFE, CLEAN AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES
- THE SCENERY
- THE PEOPLE



Whakataukī

Ma te kōrero ka mōhio
Ma te mōhio ka mārama
Ma te mārama ka mātau
Ma te mātau ka ora ai tātou

Through discussion comes awareness
Through awareness comes understanding
Through understanding comes wisdom
Through wisdom comes wellbeing for all



COMMON CONCERNS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITIES

To address concerns raised in the following sections on “Our People”, “Our Environment” and “Our Infrastructure”; Council can support and work with communities to pursue initiatives through Council processes, Regional Council, Central Government agencies and community groups.

OUR PEOPLE

He aha te mea nui o te ao
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world?
It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID	WHERE TO FROM HERE	WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE?
THE COMMUNITY NEEDS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Advocate to Government agencies for equitable access to affordable housing.	The provision of more affordable housing for the permanent residents.
DEMANDS ON THE MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES ARE INCREASED DUE TO AN AGING POPULATION.	Advocate to the District Health Board and health support agencies for access to improved health care.	Emphasis on provision of greater social and medical services throughout all sectors of the community.
WE NEED IMPROVED ACCESS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES	Advocate to emergency agencies for increased and more readily accessible emergency responders.	Qualified emergency responders will be available in a timely manner.
WE WANT TO RETAIN OUR YOUTH IN THE AREA	Advocate for improved health care, economic development, education and affordable housing will assist in retaining youth in the area. Review Council’s 2013 Youth Strategy.	Youth have a sense of belonging and can choose to stay or return to their hometowns. The Youth Strategy is reviewed through engagement with the youth community.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA ARE LIMITED	Implement the economic development strategy to recognise business opportunities that will assist the local economy and provide employment opportunities.	Increased economic development growth to allow for employment opportunities.
LOCAL HISTORY AND A SENSE OF PLACE ARE IMPORTANT	Explore how best to acknowledge our history through library and museum services. Explore with Hauraki iwi how best to promote our diverse history.	The community will have an increased knowledge of the diverse heritage of the area.
WE WOULD LIKE INCREASED SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS	Advocate to Council for community project support. Communities can apply for annual Community Grant funding to support new and ongoing community projects.	Communities will understand the process to engage with Council on community projects.
VANDALISM WAS SEEN AS AN ACTUAL AND PERCEIVED THREAT	Advocate to local Police to increase the police presence in the Mercury Bay North communities.	No graffiti or vandalism occurs.
KŪAOTUNU COMMUNITY WANTS TO “KEEP KŪAOTUNU, KŪAOTUNU”	The Kūaotunu Residents & Ratepayers Association has worked with their community on an individual Community Plan for Kūaotunu to get people involved in decision making for their community.	Kūaotunu residents and property owners have a document that encapsulates their community spirit.

OUR ENVIRONMENT

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID	WHERE TO FROM HERE	WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE?
<p>INCREASING TOURISM PUTS PRESSURE ON OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND KEY ATTRACTIONS</p>	<p>Work with Destination Coromandel, commercial tourism providers and other stakeholders to educate visitors to the region.</p> <p>Develop policy and access available funding sources to improve tourism services within the district.</p>	<p>Visitors to the area will be respectful of our natural environment and way of life, encompassing the principals of the Tiaki promise – https://tiakinewzealand.com/</p> <p>Provision of an enjoyable visitor experience in a sustainable environment.</p>
<p>WATER QUALITY OF OUR RIVERS, STREAMS AND OCEAN NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED.</p>	<p>Participate in national freshwater policy initiatives and in the review of the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan.</p>	<p>Improvement of water quality across the coastal marine area so kaimoana/seafood can be safely harvested, and people can swim safely.</p>
<p>OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT AND ONGOING PEST PLANT AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT IS NEEDED</p>	<p>Monitor and remove plant and animal pests on Council land and work with Department of Conservation, Waikato Regional Council, community groups and individuals on pest management.</p> <p>Communities can advocate to Council to use alternative weed control measures (limit use of Glyphosphate).</p>	<p>Proactive, ongoing management of plant and animal pests that threaten the natural environment, including the protection of kauri.</p> <p>Weed control would not use potentially harmful chemicals.</p>
<p>WE WANT COUNCIL TO INFLUENCE BETTER CONTROLS OVER MARINE AREAS</p>	<p>Advocate to Central Government and Regional Council to increase controls over marine areas, including the provision of marine reserves.</p>	<p>The marine environment will be protected and enhanced for all marine life and for future generations.</p>
<p>MINING AS AN INDUSTRY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE</p>	<p>Ensure compliance with the provisions of the District Plan (Appeals Version Section 37) in respect to mining activities.</p> <p>Communities can advocate to Central Government and other agencies to support their No Mining stance.</p>	<p>No mining within the Mercury Bay North area.</p>
<p>WE WANT COUNCIL TO DECLARE A CLEAR POSITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE</p>	<p>The community can advocate to Council on their climate change position.</p>	<p>Council consider its position on climate change.</p>

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OUR ENVIRONMENT (CONTINUED)

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID	WHERE TO FROM HERE	WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE?
<p>HOW DO WE PROTECT OUR ICONIC AND HISTORIC LANDSCAPES?</p>	<p>Enforce the environmental protection provisions of the District Plan to protect special landscapes and participate in national and regional policy initiatives.</p> <p>Consult as to the best adaptive coastal management pathways via the Shoreline Management project.</p> <p>Implement the actions of the Mercury Bay Coastal Erosion Strategy.</p> <p>Educate where possible and implement and enforce, where appropriate, bylaws to prohibit vehicle access on to beaches from non-approved access points.</p>	<p>Ongoing enforcement of the District Plan provisions to protect the iconic and historic landscapes.</p> <p>Protection and enhancement of our coastal areas including making them resilient to natural events.</p> <p>Safe beach use through appropriate education and bylaw processes.</p>
<p>PROTECTING NATIVE SPECIES FROM DOGS OFF LEAD, IS IMPORTANT TO ALL MERCURY BAY NORTH COMMUNITIES</p>	<p>Explore opportunities/needs for enhanced monitoring and enforcement of the Dog bylaw.</p> <p>Identify opportunities for cooperation between our community and the lead agencies as a tool to improve educative and enforcement approaches.</p> <p>Council to include feedback relating to dog issues in the Bylaws Issues Register, to be considered at the time of a future dog bylaw review.</p>	<p>Endemic bird species are at a reduced risk of harm from dogs on our publicly accessible beaches.</p> <p>Dog owners are responsible and take practicable steps to ensure birds and nests are not at risk due to their dog or their actions.</p> <p>The community continues to work together to improve life expectancy and breeding outcomes for certain species.</p>
<p>WE WOULD LIKE INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING RELATING TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Consultation/public feedback opportunities continue to be advertised via multiple mechanisms (eg: Council websites, newspapers, emails, radio, social media).</p> <p>Consultation will be guided by the principles and legislative requirements of the Local Government Act and the Resource Management Act.</p> <p>Open dialogue continues between Council staff and community organisation representatives.</p>	<p>Stakeholders continue to have the opportunity to participate in District and Regional Plan reviews.</p> <p>Communities feel that participation processes are undertaken.</p>
<p>EXISTING RESERVE SPACE NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED</p>	<p>Manage and maintain reserve space in line with the Reserve Management Plans and operational processes.</p> <p>Consider how best to provide recreational opportunities when reviewing the Reserve Management Plans and Long Term Plan.</p> <p>Consider commercial concessions when reviewing the Reserve Management Plans.</p>	<p>Council owned reserves will be maintained and enhanced, where possible, to provide quality recreational space for all sectors of communities.</p>
<p>MANAGEMENT OF PLANTATION FORESTRY NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED</p>	<p>Lobby Central Government, Regional Council and commercial forestry owners to improve existing management practices, including advocacy for a mandatory 100 metre indigenous planted set back from all watercourses.</p>	<p>Production forest will be managed in accordance with best practice to ensure ongoing protection of the natural environment.</p>

OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID	WHERE TO FROM HERE	WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE?
<p>THE ROADING NETWORKS, BOTH LOCAL AND STATE HIGHWAY NEED TO BE IMPROVED</p>	<p>Advocate to New Zealand Transport Agency to adopt best traffic management strategies for the Peninsula including upgrading the State Highway one-lane bridges.</p> <p>Advocate for better public transport.</p> <p>Implement the long-term infrastructure management strategy in relation to roading.</p>	<p>Regular maintenance and improvement of state highways and local roads to improve safety, access, prevent wear and tear on vehicles and to be less prone to slippage resulting in temporary isolation during weather events.</p>
<p>OUR COMMUNITIES NEED SAFE FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS</p>	<p>Work with the Mercury Bay Cycle Steering group to implement the Mercury Bay Cycle Strategy actions.</p> <p>Consider a pedestrian network policy in its long-term infrastructure management strategy.</p> <p>Advocate to the New Zealand Transport Agency for extension of footpaths along State Highways in the Kūaotunu area.</p> <p>Include a mobility policy in the long-term infrastructure management strategy.</p>	<p>People can safely move around their communities and safely commute between other settlements.</p>
<p>STORMWATER DRAINAGE TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM UNNECESSARY FLOODING IS A PRIORITY</p>	<p>Implement the long term infrastructure management strategy in relation to the three waters (water, wastewater, stormwater).</p> <p>Investigate alternate methods of stormwater management.</p>	<p>Flooding from inefficient stormwater drainage reticulation will be mitigated.</p>
<p>IMPROVED WASTEWATER (SEWERAGE) DISPOSAL NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED</p>	<p>Implement the long-term infrastructure management strategy in relation to the three waters (water, wastewater, stormwater).</p> <p>Consider reticulation of smaller communities.</p> <p>Property owners with on-site wastewater disposal systems will meet their obligation to maintain systems in good working order.</p>	<p>No ingress of wastewater into the surrounding environment, particularly in coastal communities.</p>
<p>OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO BE RESILIENT IN THE FACE OF NATURAL DISASTERS?</p>	<p>Work to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters in association with national and regional Emergency Management & Civil Defence agencies.</p>	<p>Community response planning to assist with preparedness for emergency events.</p>

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OUR INFRASTRUCTURE (CONTINUED)

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID	WHERE TO FROM HERE	WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE?
MARINE AND RIVER FLOODING CONTROLS NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES	Consult as to the best adaptive coastal management pathways via the Shoreline Management Project.	Reliable sea defenses and erosion controls are in place to protect our communities from marine and river flooding.
WE WANT BILINGUAL SIGNAGE	Replacement or new signage will be bilingual where appropriate.	Inclusion of Te Reo Māori on signage throughout the Mercury Bay North area.
IMPROVE WASTE (RUBBISH AND RECYCLING) MANAGEMENT	Address improved recycling opportunities and waste collection when reviewing the waste management strategy.	Reduction in waste going to landfill.
FASTER, SECURE INTERNET OPTIONS	Advocate for secure fast internet and investigating private provider options.	Most of the Mercury Bay North area will have access to a fast and reliable internet service.
WE NEED A RELIABLE POWER SUPPLY	Advocate to energy supply providers for improvements to the power network.	Mercury Bay North residents within the power network will be able to connect to a reliable power source with limited power outages.



OUR IWI TOLD US WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID	WHERE TO FROM HERE	WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE?
SUPPORT FOR PAPA KĀINGA (MĀORI HOUSING SETTLEMENT)	Papakāinga is provided for in the District Plan for Māori Land.	Papakāinga developments that support whānau, hapū and iwi to achieve their housing aspirations.
WE WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMERCIAL CONCESSION ON RESERVES PROCESS	Consider the request for inclusion in the concession process.	Collaboration between all stakeholders to ensure that concessionaires are fully cognisant of the history and the cultural importance of the reserves to local iwi.
WE WOULD LIKE A MĀORI AREA SET ASIDE AT THE KAIMARAMA CEMETERY	Develop an area for interment of Māori who live in the area (not Mana Whenua) and who do not want to be taken back to their home area.	A Māori section will be included in the layout of the Kaimarama Cemetery.
WE WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A COMMUNITY MARAE IN WHITIANGA	Investigate options to utilise land for a community marae.	A community marae will be established for the use of the community.
IWI SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN CONSULTATION FOR ALL COUNCIL PROJECTS IN THE MERCURY BAY WARD.	Include appropriate iwi consultation in all project development.	All stakeholders including iwi, will have been consulted and know that their views have been heard.
IWI SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN CONSULTATION FOR ALL BYLAW REVIEW IN THE MERCURY BAY WARD	Include appropriate iwi consultation in all bylaw review processes.	All stakeholders including iwi, will have been consulted and know that their views have been heard.
INCREASE ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN COUNCIL AND MĀORI	Hold regular hui with Māori communities within the Mercury Bay Ward area.	Māori will know that their views have been heard.
WE WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH COUNCIL TO REALISE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES	Implement the economic development strategy to recognise business opportunities that will assist Māori with their economic objectives.	Economic opportunities will be recognised.
WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MĀORI REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY BOARDS	Consider Māori representation through the representation review.	Māori are represented on Council and its committees.



THE PROJECTS THE COMMUNITIES WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN

Individuals, community groups and organisations throughout our communities have told us these are the projects they believe should be given priority when Council is considering its Long Term Plan.

WHANGAPOUA

Recycle/Reuse Facility

Investigate the placement of the existing Recycle/Reuse Facility

William Mangakahia Lagoon Reserve upgrade

Reserve improvements to maximise the use of the reserve for locals and visitors to Whangapoua Beach and Wainuiototo Bay (New Chum Beach)

Wainuiototo Bay (New Chum Beach)

Installation of a toilet on the walkway to Wainuiototo Bay (New Chum Beach)

Whangapoua Wharf/Boat Ramp

Investigate options for increased Boat Trailer parking
Extend walkway/cycleway south from the Wharf area

Protection of dune systems

Protect dunes as outlined in the Mercury Bay Coastal Erosion Strategy

OTAMA / OPITO

Otama

Install toilet at the Otama Beach carpark (western end)
NB: There is mixed community feeling on the toilet proposal.
Boat launching access point for light boat launching only

Black Jack Road

Seal road and reduce speed limits

Protection of dune systems

Protect dunes as outlined in the Mercury Bay Coastal Erosion Strategy

Night Sky Reserve/Sanctuary

Work with all stakeholders to enable the Kūaotunu Peninsula to become a Night Sky Reserve or Sanctuary under the International Dark-Sky Association

MATARANGI

Upper Harbour walk

A walkway from Omaro Reserve (Matarangi Boat Ramp) via the harbour edge to the Matarangi Village commercial business district

Matarangi Spit

Improvement to existing Spit walkway including erosion mitigation

Omaro Reserve/Matarangi Boat Ramp

Upgrade of reserve including possible relocation of public toilet

Tennis Court upgrade

Two courts require upgrading

Matarangi Village Green

Develop playing field surface

Matarangi Open Space/Golf Course

Protection of Matarangi Open Space area

Fire Hydrant near Water Tanks

Access to water during an emergency

Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade

Upgrade the Matarangi Wastewater treatment plant capacities are sufficient for future development of the area and meet current treatment standards.

Water Supply

Investigate options to future proof Matarangi water supply

Protection of dune systems

Protect dunes as outlined in the Mercury Bay Coastal Erosion Strategy

KŪAOTUNU/RINGS BEACH

Rings Beach

Maintain and improve closed road to a walking track standard

Rings Beach to Grays Beach walkway/cycleway
Public Toilet

Grays Beach

Walkway/cycleway from Grays Beach to Quarry Point

Kūaotunu Boat Ramp

Improve Kūaotunu boat launching facilities

Waitaia Road

Extend the concrete path from Waitaia towards Kūaotunu

Footpath Extension

Extension of path from the end of the NZTA path to opposite 94 SH25 Kūaotunu-Wharekaho

Kūaotunu Village

Investigate concepts for a shared traffic zone through the Kūaotunu village precincts

Kūaotunu Skate Ramp

Work with all stakeholders to secure a suitable location for a Skate Ramp (Half Pipe)

Protection of dune systems

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COUNCIL PLANS

Where does this Community Plan “fit” with other Council plans?

The Council has several other plans in place.

The Community feedback in this plan will help form the development of Council Plans.



THE LONG TERM PLAN (LTP)

Outlines the overall direction and expected costs of Council activities over a ten-year period. The LTP is prepared every three years. In the intervening years, Council produces an Annual Plan, which serves as an update on the LTP for that year.

THE DISTRICT PLAN

Promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in the Thames-Coromandel District, primarily by managing the effects of land use on the environment. The plan responds to local government issues in terms of community needs and aspirations. If those needs and aspirations change, then plan changes may be needed.

COMMUNITY PLANS

Capture the shared vision of specific communities and outline the key issues and projects facing that community over the next ten years. The plans provide a clear focus for Community Boards and Committees to progress key issues within their areas.

RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Reserve Management Plans contain policies that apply to all reserves that are owned and/or administered by Thames-Coromandel District Council. This allows for a consistent approach to the management of reserves.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Upon completion of the final consultation and the plan being finalised, the Mercury Bay Community Board and Council will adopt the Community Plan.

While some key issues and projects in this document will require more resources than are available and may take longer than a few years to realise, we can be assured there is a plan in place.

The Mercury Bay Community Board and communities will continue to work with Council to prioritise issues and projects through planning such as the Long-Term Plan (LTP), Annual Plan and work programmes.

Please contact the Mercury Bay Community Board if you would like any further information customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

