

The Tamahere Community Committee supports long term planning and initiatives for the future together with monitoring of outcomes and revision to meet the needs of the community wanting to live outside of the City in a country living zone or rural lifestyle zone.

Priority initiatives for 2023 – 2033 (and beyond)

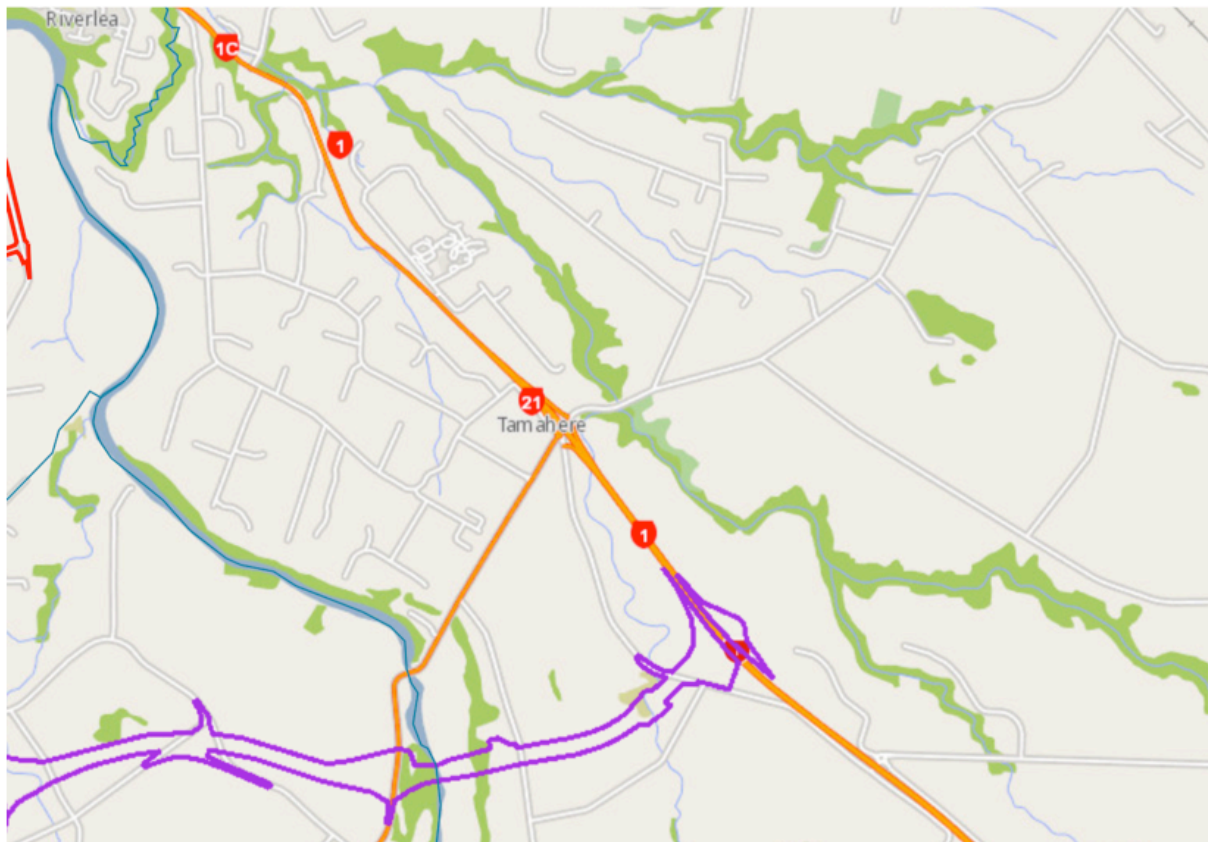
- 1 = Top priority (as soon as it can be done)
- 2 = High priority
- 3 = Medium priority
- 4 = Moderate priority
- 5 = Low priority, at present

Theme	No.	Action	Priority
Identity	TM1.1	Promoting Tamahere Village & Piazza, Community Centre and school as the centre of the community, the place for meeting up and events	1
	TM1.2	Erection of “heritage story boards” at Tamahere Village and other locations of historical importance	1
	TM1.3	The local community markets and promoting a regular farmers market with standard T&Cs for such events (no consent for each)	2
	TM1.4	Recognising and promoting our place on the Waikato River corridor, the unique qualities of the local area – particularly the gully network, its walking tracks, trees and water ways	1
	TM1.5	Promoting a “Wiremu Tamihana Memorial Day” (celebrating history and heritage)	3
Nature	TM2.1	Support restoration, revegetation and construction of walking tracks along the gullies in Tamahere and the Mangaone Stream (mostly Council reserve land plus the rear of private properties, in consultation with and agreement of private property owners).	1
	TM2.2	Urge Council to complete the MOU with the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust to expedite restoration of overgrown and weed infested land along our gullies and waterways, arranging and providing access tracks, boardwalks and bridging plus the planting of native and specimen trees (on land owned by Council, DoC and privately)	1
	TM2.3	Tree planting and development in the recreation areas of Tamahere Village & Piazza, grounds and Community Centre including shade for the play grounds	2
	TM2.4	Promoting the “Pest Free Tamahere” program	2
Community	TM4.1	Support the ongoing use of the Council office and Community space at Tamahere Village.	1
	TM4.2	Establish an “Events Co-ordinator and Promotor” for the Piazza, Community Centre and sports grounds and a proactive “sports and facilities booking system”	1
	TM4.4	Summer shade for the play grounds at Tamahere Village	1
	TM4.5	CCTV for the Tamahere Village & Piazza, playground and skate park	1
	TM4.6	Additional Toilet facilities for the Tamahere Village & Piazza	2
	TM4.7	Support a media for communications to and from the community (including the ability to email information of importance to	1

		Tamahere property owners and residents). tamahereforum.co.nz has historically filled this roll but urgently needs a new operator/owner – something the Tamahere Community Committee would consider (funding)	
	TM4.3	Establishing a dog park (for off-leash exercise, socialisation) and training facility	2
	TM4.8	Promote the ongoing Council requirement for each home in Tamahere to have water storage of not less than 25,000 litres and urge Council to vary the terms of its agreement with the Hamilton City Council to defer the requirement for water storage and pumping station in Tamahere until the Council acquires additional land for the Tamahere Village centre which can accommodate water storage and a pumping station (in close proximity to SH21)	2
Growth	TM5.1	Future proof the Tamahere Village as the community centre by securing more land for future growth (parking/park and ride/bus stops/dog park/sports and recreation/business facilities) to prevent sprawl in locations which are not connected to the Village and Piazza, school and Community Centre. Include possible additional employment land for office development is needed	1
	TM5.2	Zone change to “Country Living Zone”, for the land corridors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH21, Tamahere Drive and the proposed southern links route (excluding the Tamahere Country Club village zone) • between the Waikato River and Pencarrow Road/Hooker Road 	1
	TM5.3	Support the Council removing reverse sensitivity restrictions on Tamahere properties affected by the Waikato Regional Airport (as a result of changes since those restrictions were introduced)	1
	TM5.4	Provision of additional toilets at the Village and Piazza to cater for public events and regular sporting fixtures, including upgrade of sewage system as required	1
	TM5.5	Widen Wiremu Tamihana Drive to cater for 4 lanes to ease congestion as a result of increased SH21 traffic, the Te Awa Cycleway and the success of the Tamahere Village development.	2
Economy	TM6.1	Promote the use of the Piazza and Village facilities with regular events (day and evenings including a “Farmers Market”)	1
	TM6.2	Support local Village businesses, other employment initiatives associated with existing businesses and facilities (the quarry, elderly housing, leveraging off the Te Awa Cycle route, Southern Fresh Foods, home-based employment, horticulture)	2
	TM6.3	Support the Tamahere Community Centre as a Civil Emergency Centre with self-sufficiency in a crisis/emergency, including solar panels, battery/generator, satellite communications, potable water, medical triage centre, “marae” style overnight sleeping and food distribution centre.	1
	TM6.4	Identify if, how much and where, possible additional employment land for retail development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan.	5
Transport and Connectivity	TM7.1	Advocate with NZTA to construct a two lane roundabout at the intersection of SH21 and Wiremu Tamihana Drive.	1
	TM7.2	Support the completion of the Southern Links four lane roading link between SH3 and SH1 Waikato Expressway to relieve traffic congestion in Tamahere – particularly on SH21.	1
	TM7.3	Urge Council to complete arrangements for EV chargers (3+) in the public parking area in the Tamahere Village.	1

Transport and Connectivity	TM7.4	Support speed reduction on SH21 from the Expressway to the Narrows Bridge (currently 80kph)	2
	TM7.5	Support the community with the extension of shared paths (walking/cycling) through natural areas and the ongoing development of walking tracks along our waterways and gullies.	1
	TM7.6	Promote the provision of secure bike stands at the Tamahere Village	1
	TM7.7	Support the Regional Council/NZTA/Council with the bus trial for public transport providing services into and out of Tamahere Village.	2
	TM7.8	Urge Council to upgrade Birchwood Lane to a primary commuter road (renaming it as Birchwood Road)	1
	TM7.9	Urge Council to secure more land for parking, including a “park and ride” adjacent to bus services into Hamilton City, etc, at Tamahere Village	1
	TM7.10	Support the addition of road signage in and around the Tamahere Village and Waikato Expressway to make it easier to identify the appropriate direction of travel and avoid confusion – NZTA and Council	1
	TM7.11	Support the Council completing footpaths on Woodcock Road and Devine Road	1

Southern Links designation – Tamahere



Consultation feedback and priority initiatives – 2018 - 2020

During Council consultation sessions in 2018-2019 the following key issues and ideas for Tamahere were put forward:	Outcome June 2023	Tamahere Community Committee review June 2023
Tamahere’s natural assets make the place attractive.	Ongoing	Keeping a country living and rural focus is a priority
The restoration of the gully system and the development with public walkways is driven by the local community and should be supported.	Ongoing	Support the extensive work of the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (targeted rate) supported by Council work
There is a desire to grow the zero-waste initiative.	Review	Do not want removal of rubbish bins in Tamahere
Southern Links south of Tamahere may provide an opportunity to zone more land for residential development.	Ongoing	Extend the country living zone to the land between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport Rd and Southern Links route, and • Waikato River and Pencarrow Rd/Hooker Rd
Growth may be needed for viability of services and can be accommodated through slightly smaller properties, but the character of the settlement should be maintained.	Ongoing	Country Living Zone requires minimum of 5,000m ² land for each dwelling/title and this should not be reduced
The development of The Hub currently underway will result in an appropriately sized centre for Tamahere.	Ongoing	The Tamahere Village requires more land for future development of supporting services, more parking (park and ride) and bus stops
There are several economic opportunities, such as home-based businesses (based on lifestyle choice), elderly care, recreation, tourism leveraged off the Te Awa river ride, the proximity of the Airport, Mystery Creek etc.	Ongoing	Tamahere Country Club, Tamahere Eventide Home and Atawhai Assisi Home and Hospital are now established with expansion ongoing. Te Awa cycle way is complete. Village businesses are developing. Home based businesses have limited appeal to the rural/residential character of the area. Industrial and Commercial development, outside of the Village is not appropriate.
The markets are very successful. Consideration should be given to increasing the frequency and an additional venue.	Ongoing	Consolidating the success of the markets at Tamahere is supported, perhaps with a weekly Farmers market at the Village Piazza
State Highway 21 provides a barrier between the regional cycle route and Matangi’s services and facilities. Crossing the state highway should be made easier and safer.	Remedy completed	Underpass provides a safe crossing of SH21 for cyclists and pedestrians.
There is a desire to improve public transport accessibility.	Ongoing	Trials for 2023-2025 are being developed and will focus on solutions that are effective.
Southern Links is needed to reduce through-traffic and improve safety.	Ongoing	SH21 has a greater volume of traffic than projected and now necessitates

		the need for construction of the Southern Links route connecting SH3 to the SH1 Waikato Expressway
In September 2020 Council determined that the top priority initiatives for Tamahere include:	Outcome June 2023	Tamahere Community Committee review June 2023
Building a strong identity for the town.	Ongoing	Tamahere Village and Piazza is a focal point for the Community to embrace and develop
Supporting Mangaone Stream revegetation efforts and the construction of a walking and cycleway along this stream.	Ongoing	Support the extensive work of the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (targeted rate) supported by Council work
Advocating with NZTA to provide a pedestrian and cycle bridge across SH21.	Underpass built	Maintain strong communication links with NZTA as traffic movements mature with the Waikato Expressway and the proposed development of the Southern Links
Supporting the community with the extension of shared paths (walking/cycling) through natural areas.	Te Awa cycleway is complete	Promote walking and cycling through the extensive network of roads, streams and gullies in Tamahere

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