



Bainesse/Rangiotu *Community Plan*

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What you will find in this Plan

This Community Plan has been prepared on behalf of the Bainesse/Rangiotū community which covers the area outlined in the map on the right.

The content in this Community Plan is a summary of discussions from a community planning workshop held in November 2021.

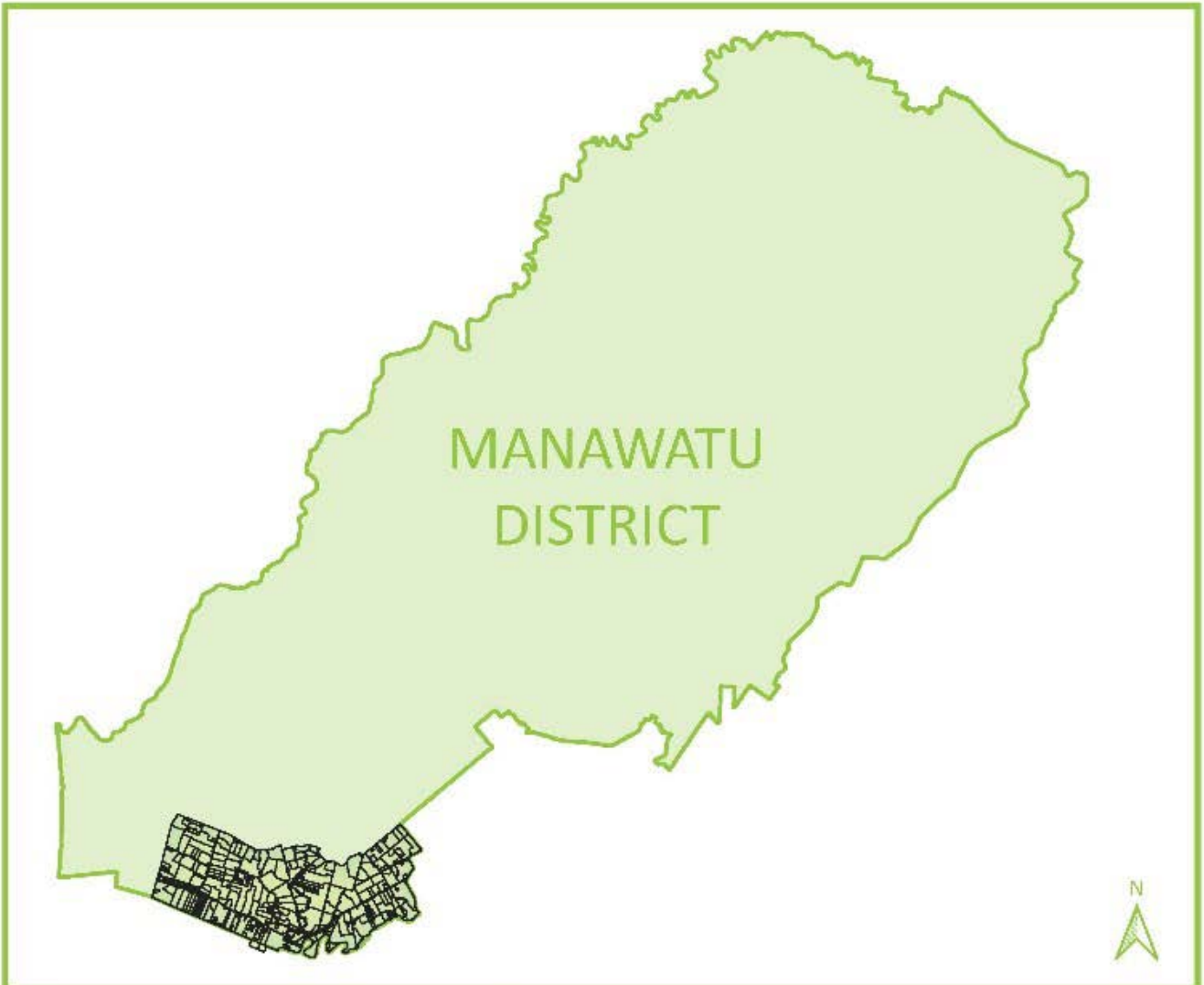
The Community Plan provides:

- History of Bainesse/Rangiotū;
- A summary of the Community Planning process;
- A shared community vision statement;
- Three strategies that will help implement the vision;
- A list of actions that have come from the community;

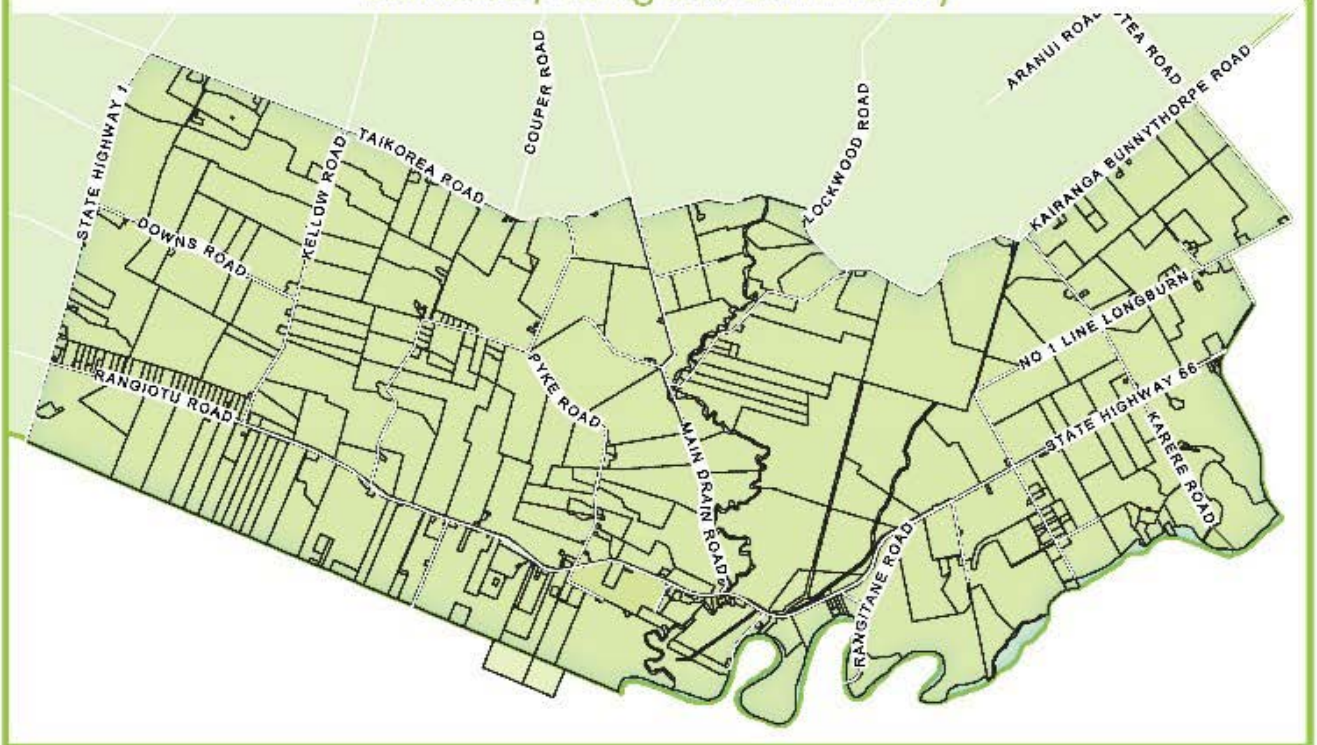
This Community Plan is intended to be a living document that is updated and refreshed on a regular basis.

Please contact the Bainesse/Rangiotū Community Committee for further information on this Community Plan.





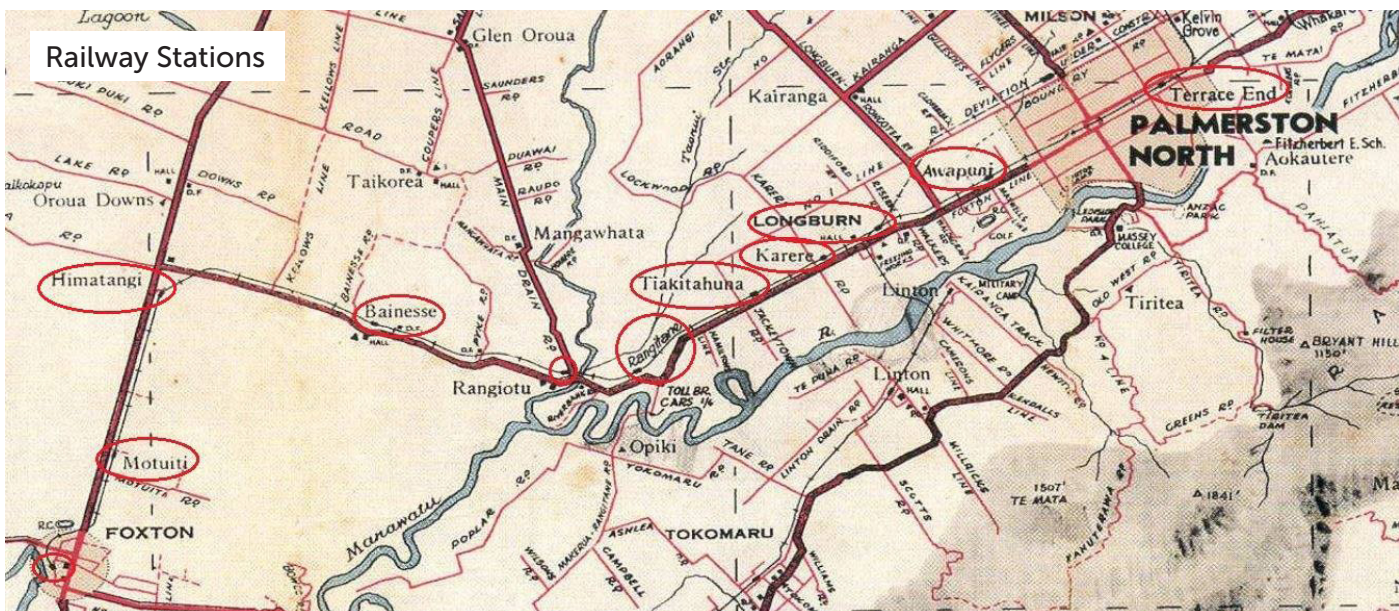
Bainesse / Rangiotu Community



Bainesse/Rangiotū 'Back in the Day'

The Bainesse-Rangiotu (including Tiakitahuna and Karere) Community Committee area is at the lower extreme or southern end of the Manawatū District as defined in the map below. It is a rural district which grew around the Himatangi to Longburn portion of the highway and tram/railway which was surveyed in 1865-66 and completed in the early 1870's to provide a link between the Port of Foxton and the fledgling town of what is now Palmerston North. In our area the Railway had stations at Bainesse, Rangiotu, Rangitaane (Alve Road), Tiakitahuna and Karere which provided transport for goods, people and stock for everyone living along the road/railway including the roads which branched off the highway. The Railway closed on 19th July 1959 as the Foxton Port no longer operated and people moved to road transport for services and communication.

The community was known for its stands of native trees including Totara, Ngaio, Matai, Kowhai, Rata, Kahikatea, Nikau Palms, Cabbage Trees, Clematis and lots of Flax which led to numerous Flax and Sawmills being established. Much of the area was swamp and was subject to flooding as well as vicious mosquitos, but with the clearing and draining of the land, it is now a very important agricultural district. There are many agricultural support businesses and other enterprises being run from large and small properties.



Bainesse was the name bestowed on the farm station of an early settler Mr C. Simpson and is understood to be named after his home in England. It is probably meant to be Bayness in Yorkshire which means "Welcome". Bainesse Railway Station was erected around 1879 and at one time

Bainesse had a Cheese Factory including a Post Office / Telephone Exchange, a Railway Station and a School. Only the School remains today and its slide, which spirals from the hilltop where the School is situated down to the carpark next to the highway below, makes it a local landmark as well as being the centre for local community activities.



Bainesse station 1955



Bainesse Railway Station

Rangiotu was originally named Oroua Bridge, but due to confusion with other nearby settlements containing the name Oroua, it was renamed after the Māori Chief who lived there. A small township grew up there on land made available by the local Māori owners. It had a Marae, Post Office/Telephone Exchange, Saw Mills, Flax Mill, General Store, Dairy Factory, Blacksmith, Service Station/Garage, Church, Community Hall, Billiard Saloon, Tennis Courts, Boarding House, Railway Station with a Goods Shed, and Cattle Yards and Schools at two different sites. There was a Senior Rugby Team (Huia), Rifle Club, Tennis Club, Basketball Team and a Cinema in the Hall. Only the Marae, Hall and Church remain operational today.



Rangiotu Railway Bridge

Tiakitahuna (Jacktown Road) was established from 1868 and there was a Pa alongside the Manawatū River. The settlement contained a General Store, Post Office, Community Hall, Cheese Factory and School. All have since gone. The local community erected a Rocket on the corner of Jackytown Road and State Highway 56 to remind us all of the district's past and where Tiakitahuna is. This was done around the time of the first Moon Rockets.



Karere Railway Station destroyed by a cyclone 1936

Karere. The Karere Road intersection was a busy place with a Post Office, Dairy Factory, Railway Station and Sale Yards. The Railway Station Platform at Karere is all that remains today of activities that once defined the area.



Tiakitahuna Rocket



Men rescuing hay bales, Rangiotu
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Old Station Provides School's Name
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Community Planning Day

The community planning workshop was held in November 2021. This helped establish shared goals, ideas and identify some of the challenges for the community. Those who attended the workshop worked together to answer three questions:

- 1 What do you like most about living in Bainesse/Rangiotū?
- 2 What would make Bainesse/Rangiotu an even better community?
- 3 What are your priorities to improve Bainesse/Rangiotū?

The answers generated from these questions have directly inputted into the content to this community plan.

// The Community Planning Programme is a partnership between district communities and council to develop and implement shared visions //



The Things We Like About Bainesse-Rangiotū



Vision Statement

Our shared vision statement for Bainesse/Rangiotū has been developed through a community workshop. The vision provides us with an overarching aspirational statement that is specific to our community.



Bainesse/Rangiotū is a rural community who cares about each other and their environment, and works together for their future wellbeing.



Directions Towards Improvement

We have identified three strategies to help implement our vision. Each strategy has a list of actions that we see as priority. This list of actions can be reviewed and updated on a regular basis making this community plan a 'living document' that's kept up to date and relevant.



Community

We are a multi-generational community who stay connected and support each other.



Environment

Our natural and social environment reflects our pride in our people, our history and our land.



Infrastructure and Amenities

Our infrastructure and amenities enables locals and visitors to enjoy what our community has to offer.





Community

Action Plan

Organise regular community events

Investigate ways of increasing the community's participation on Community Committees and Working Parties

Encourage residents to be part of Neighbourhood Watch to keep our community safe

Investigate ways of welcoming new residents into the community





Environment

Action Plan

Advocate for an increased Police presence in the community

Identify projects that would help to protect the environment and develop a plan

Develop a beautification plan which includes a public resting area

Establish a community working group to identify places of interest and to erect information boards

Investigate ways of getting people to stop in Bainesse/Rangiotū to enjoy what the community has to offer

Organise regular community working bees to protect the environment





Infrastructure and Amenities

Action Plan

Partner with other stakeholders to develop cycling and walking tracks

Advocate to Council for an improved roading network particularly the side roads

Investigate the level of support with the community for centralised recycling bins

Advocate for improved cell phone coverage

Complete the upgrading of the Rangiotū Memorial Hall







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