

Design your ideal library

Design the hours, spaces, services and access that would suit you best. Closes 27 September 2026.

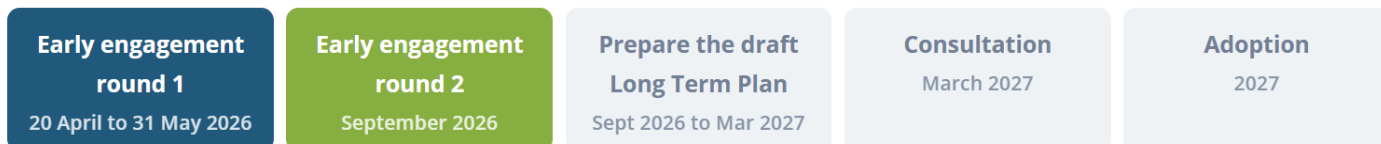
New to the Long Term Plan? Read this first

A Long Term Plan, or LTP, is the 10 year plan every council in New Zealand must prepare. It sets out the services we deliver, the projects we fund, and how much it costs the people who live here and the people who pay rates here. We refresh it every three years, and that includes having conversations with the community before we put pen to paper.

We started conversations about the next 10 years in April this year through the Budget Challenge.

Learn more at: www.tararua.govt.nz/long-term-plan

Timeline of the Long Term Plan



How to give feedback

There are three topics to choose from - libraries, footpaths and economic development. You can give feedback on all three, or just the one that matters most to you.

If you're filling in more than one form, you only need to complete the **About you** and **How did we do** once. Just keep your forms together when you send them back so we know they are all from the same person.

Fields marked * are required.

Let's get started: How are you currently using libraries?

Do you use our libraries?*

- ☐ Yes, I do ☐ In the past, but not lately ☐ I've never used them

If you said **yes**, where is your main library?*

- ☐ Dannevirke ☐ Eketāhuna ☐ Pahiatua ☐ Woodville

If you said **not lately** or **never**, what might bring you back or what is getting in the way?

When would your library be open?*

Mark or colour the squares to show us what hours you would most likely use the library.

	Before 9am	9 to 11am	11am to 1pm	1 to 3pm	3 to 5pm	After 5pm
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						

For comparison, here are the hours right now:

Dannevirke Monday to Friday Saturday	9am to 5.30pm 10am to 1pm	Pahiatua Monday to Friday Saturday	9am to 5pm 10am to 12pm
Eketāhuna Monday to Friday	10.30am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 4.30pm	Woodville Monday to Friday	9am to 5pm

Anything about the days or times you selected that we should know?

Would you like to see increased access to your library? For example:

- ☐ **24/7 access.** I would like the library open for self-service access at all hours, outside staffed hours.
- ☐ **Public holidays.** I would like the library to be open on public holidays.

If you ticked **24/7 access**, any concerns about people being in the library outside staffed hours?

- ☐ Security ☐ Lack of staff support ☐ Accessibility
- ☐ Antisocial behaviour ☐ Technology not working ☐ Personal safety
- ☐ Other: _____

Roughly how often would you drop in? * Tick any.

- ☐ A few times a week ☐ Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Other: _____

What would you use it for, and what would you add or improve?*

What would you mostly use the library for?* Write 1 beside the thing you would use most, 2 beside the next, and 3 beside the one after that.

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| ☐ Books, magazines, newspapers | ☐ Computers, internet, printing |
| ☐ Council or community information | ☐ Local history or research |
| ☐ A safe public or social space | ☐ Children's activities |
| ☐ Seed library | ☐ Seed library |

Optional: Keep going, continue numbering all the way up to 8, in order of what you would use the most.

Is there anything else you would use it for?

What would you add to your ideal library? Tick as many or as few as you like.

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| ☐ Digital space or support | ☐ Study or quiet work space | ☐ A cafe |
| ☐ Youth activities | ☐ Council services or support | ☐ Meeting rooms |
| ☐ Makerspace or creative space | ☐ Bilingual storytime | ☐ Community events |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | |

Would your library work better somewhere else?*

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| ☐ No, the location is good | ☐ Yes, somewhere else |
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If you said yes, where would you put it, and why? Be specific.

If we could only improve a few things, what things are the most important to you?* Write 1 beside the thing you would use most, 2 beside the next, and 3 beside the one after that.

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| ☐ Weekend access | ☐ Daytime access |
| ☐ Evening access | ☐ Consistent hours across towns |
| ☐ Longer staffed hours | ☐ Programmes and events |
| ☐ Access to technology | ☐ Access to books and resources |

Optional: Keep going, continue all the way up to 8, in order of what change would mean the most to you.

Did you know

Most of our libraries run a seed library, and one is coming soon to Woodville. You can take seeds to grow at home, then return seeds from your harvest to share with others.

About you

Help us to understand how the different parts and people of Tararua District feel about each topic.

Privacy

A summary of all submissions, including the answers to the below questions, will be made publicly available on our website and through council meeting agendas. If you would rather not share your age, gender, connection to the district, please select "Prefer not to say". We are not collecting contact information for this engagement. Any personal contact information you choose to include is kept confidential and will not be published.

Age*

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| ☐ Under 18 | ☐ 18 to 29 | ☐ 30 to 44 | ☐ 45 to 59 |
| ☐ 60 to 74 | ☐ 75 and over | ☐ Prefer not to say | |

Gender*

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| ☐ Female | ☐ Male | ☐ Another gender | ☐ Prefer not to say |
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Connection to Tararua*

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| ☐ Resident | ☐ Ratepayer | ☐ Resident & ratepayer | ☐ Visitor |
| ☐ Business owner | ☐ Business owner & resident | ☐ Business owner, ratepayer & resident | ☐ Prefer not to say |

Where do you live?*

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| ☐ Ākitio | ☐ Dannevirke | ☐ Eketāhuna | ☐ Herbertville |
| ☐ Norsewood | ☐ Ormondville | ☐ Pahiatua | ☐ Pongaroa |
| ☐ Weber | ☐ Wimbledon | ☐ Woodville | ☐ Outside the district |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | | |

How did we do?*

How easy was it to give feedback?*

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| ☐ Very easy | ☐ Easy | ☐ OK | ☐ Hard | ☐ Very hard |
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Did we clearly explain the choices, including the costs and the rules Council has to work under?*

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| ☐ Yes, clearly | ☐ Mostly | ☐ Sometimes | ☐ Not really | ☐ No, not at all |
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Giving feedback on more than one topic?

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When you're done

Drop your form in to any Libraries Tararua branch or service centre, or post it to Tararua District Council, PO Box 115, Dannevirke 4942. Nothing proposed in this feedback form is locked in. We are gathering views now so we can come back for formal consultation in March 2027. Follow our socials or download the Antenna app for updates.