

TAIERI MOUTH

Our Place

Community Plan



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INTRODUCTION

Clutha District Council's goal is to promote living and working in the Clutha District.

This community plan has been developed with help from the residents of Taieri Mouth, and identifies five key projects intended to support and promote living and working in this area.

This plan ties closely with the *Living and Working in Clutha Strategy* which aims to help generate growth and develop the Clutha District as a great place to

live and work. This plan and its projects provide a structure and means to implement the *Living and Working in Clutha Strategy*. Similar plans have also been developed for the District's main towns and rural areas.

Although this plan is primarily about Council infrastructure and facilities, it is also intended to help support and guide the activities of community groups when they make decisions about the assets owned and managed on behalf of their community.

Living & Working Strategy

Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan



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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Community feedback played a crucial part in developing this plan

Consultation was designed to stimulate interest in the project, encourage feedback and provide information about future projects and initiatives in Taieri Mouth.

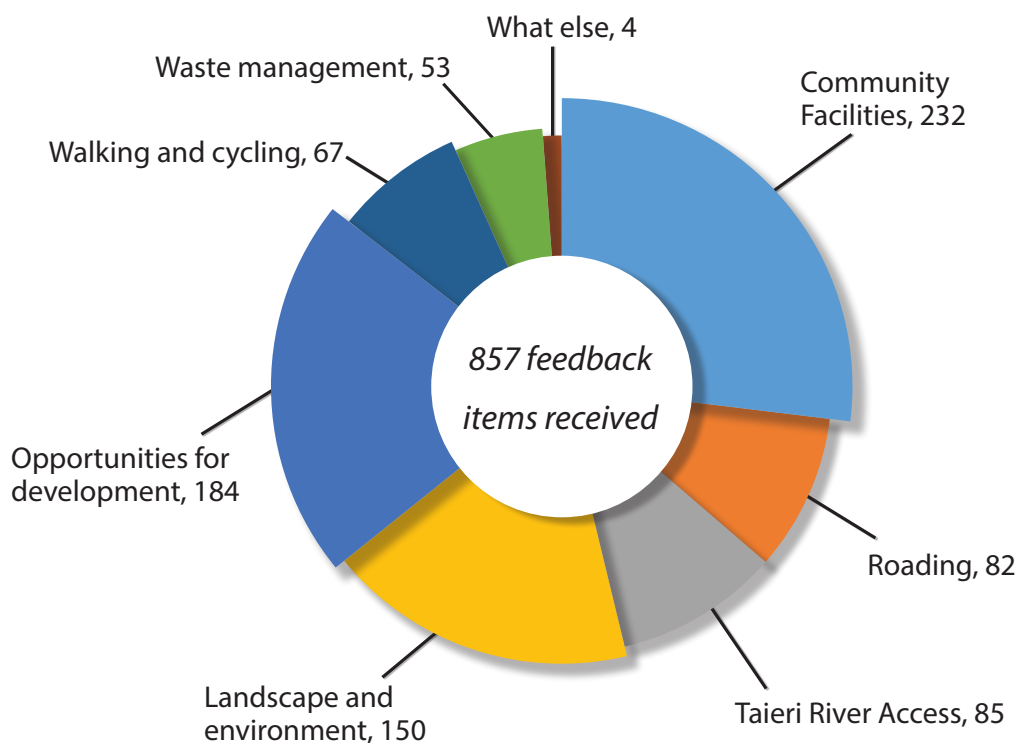
Council's elected members provided input and leadership, as well as approving consultation material and assisting with consultation activities.

Public consultation took place from January to March 2024. Council staff, the Mayor and councillors attended a number of meeting and drop-in sessions in Taieri Mouth.

A consultation document was developed to help prompt ideas and discussion. It was delivered to households in the Taieri Mouth area and was also available from Council Service Centres and website.

Several focus topics were identified, representing key feedback areas (see graph below). There were 857 feedback items received in total. These were from one-on-one conversations, notes from meetings and written submissions.

The topics people talked about the most

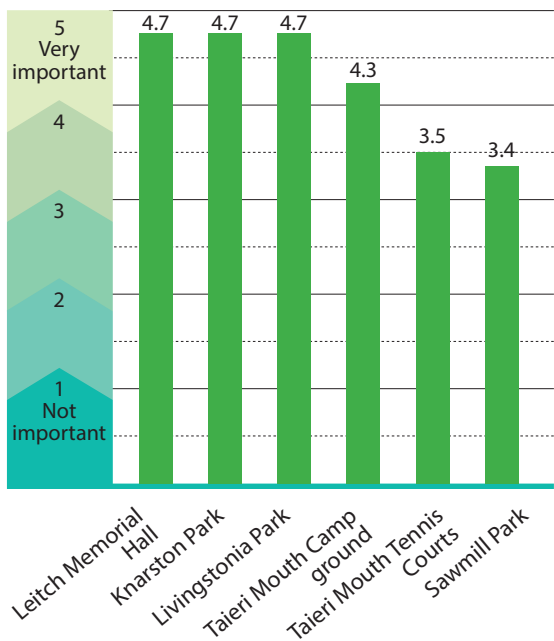




SURVEY RESULTS

What topics should we focus on?

Survey results – existing facilities



Facilities and priority projects

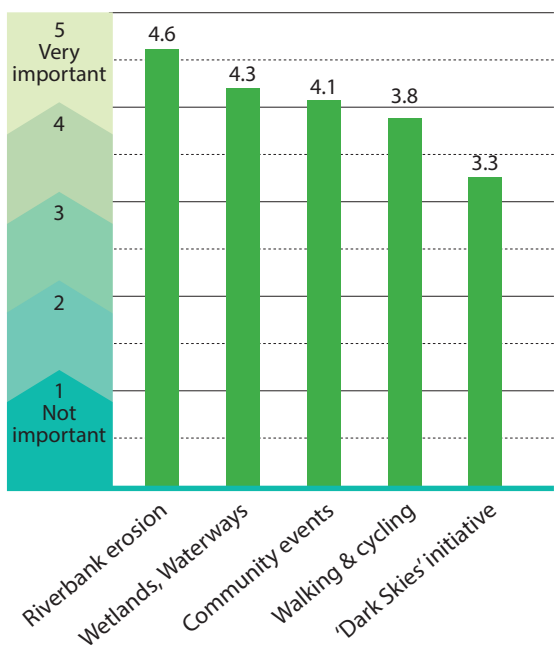
Consultation included a survey for respondents to rate the importance or priority of various items on a scale between 1 (not important) to 5 (very important). The average rating for each item is shown on the two graphs on the left.

The top graph shows the average rating for existing community facilities. The Leitch Memorial Hall, and the two main reserves in Taieri Mouth all had the same high rating of 4.7 out of 5.

The lower graph shows the average rating for potential projects or ideas which could be undertaken in Taieri Mouth. Addressing issues with riverbank erosion was rated highest at 4.6 out of 5. Other projects were rated (on average) as follows:

Environmental restoration projects (e.g., wetlands, dunes and waterways)	4.3
Community events to maintain walking trails or remove rubbish from roadside areas	4.1
Improved walking and cycling opportunities	3.8
Investigating a 'Dark Skies Taieri Mouth' initiative	3.3

Survey results – new projects

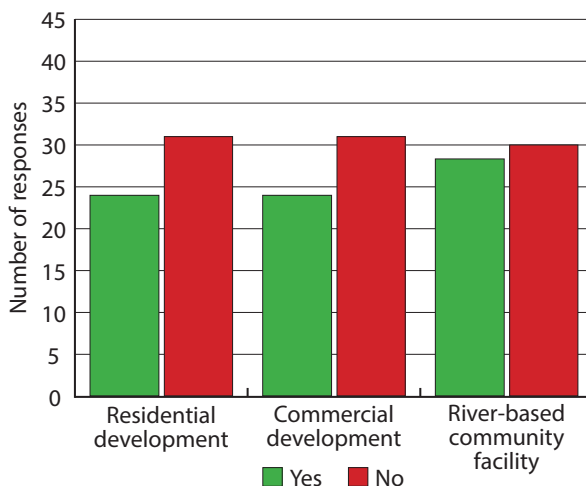


Additional development

We asked whether Council should help to enable different types of development in Taieri Mouth, and the results are shown in the graph below.

A clear majority of respondents were not in favour of Council supporting additional residential or commercial development, and a common theme from the feedback was to 'leave it as it is'.

The survey also asked about whether people were in favour of developing a river-based community facility. Feedback on this was more evenly split.



MAKING IT HAPPEN

Implementing Our Place Taieri Mouth

The priority projects on pages 6-8 summarise the key outcomes that are anticipated, who is leading them and describes why they are important to the community.

The timeframe and scope vary between each project. In some cases the scope is clearly defined, while other projects which simply reflect community aspirations may not yet have specific funding allocated, or an implementation plan in place. These will likely take longer to develop and are included to help guide planning and decision-making.

Updates on progress for all projects will be made available on Council's website (www.cluthadc.govt.nz).

Council has made it clear that projects can generally proceed where financially it is rates neutral, but where a project would be seeking additional Council funding it may require additional consultation through the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes.

Alternative sources of funding will also be considered, and Council will work alongside community groups and other agencies to make progress on projects.

As noted, some of the projects in this plan may not be progressed immediately, due to budget constraints or other limitations. However, in the short term, Council has built into each project a requirement to consider "easy wins" as a priority.

Council's role

Council's role will be to help facilitate community plan projects. This will vary from project to project, but examples of the type of support Council may provide include:

- Staff and contractors undertaking work as directed, within existing budgets and work programmes.
- Advocating on behalf of the community for actions or decisions by other agencies, to progress priority projects.
- Direct involvement of a Council Project Manager, to direct and implement work.
- Providing administrative support to groups or organisations which have been set up to manage projects.
- Providing other technical support (e.g. mapping, guidance on consenting issues).
- A contribution towards funding for specific projects.



PRIORITY PROJECTS COUNCIL IS BACKING

Project 1: Community facilities

Outcome

Community facilities in Taieri Mouth are well maintained, fit for purpose, and well used by residents and visitors.

Who's leading it?

Maintenance, repairs or upgrades to community facilities will generally be led by the facility owner.

However, this project will also provide a partnership approach, to enable Council and the community to work more closely to achieve the intended outcomes.

Description

Community facilities are important to Taieri Mouth residents, and the community made it clear that maintaining and protecting existing reserves and facilities should be the priority.

Based on the feedback received, four separate projects are included in this plan.

1. Improved maintenance of existing facilities, including toilets, playgrounds and the Leitch Memorial Hall.
2. Knarston Park projects, including an assessment of options to address riverbank erosion.
3. Livingstonia Park projects, including facilities and managing vegetation.
4. Potential new community facilities.



Leitch Memorial Hall, Taieri Mouth

Project 2: Landscape and environment

Outcome

Protection and enhancement of landscape and natural environment values in Taieri Mouth and the surrounding area.

Who's leading it?

Environment enhancement work is generally community-led because local projects which have community buy-in are more likely to reflect community aspirations and to be successful over the long term.

Other stakeholders with key roles to play include mana whenua, Clutha District Council, Otago Regional Council and the Department of Conservation. Opportunities to work with neighbouring Dunedin City should also be considered where appropriate.

Description

Key components of this project include:

1. Working with relevant agencies to bring together water quality monitoring information at Taieri Mouth, and communicating the results within the community.
2. Council to demonstrate support for environmental restoration and protection programs, including pest management and native planting projects.

Other work which aims to protect and enhance the natural environment may be undertaken as part of this project in the future.

Project 3: Taieri River access

Outcome

The project is focused on improving access to the Taieri River, and ensuring the safety of those who use it.

Who's leading it?

This will be a community led project, with project management and technical support from Council where appropriate.

Description

This project includes two key components:

1. Improvements to the boat ramp area.
2. Supporting initiatives to improve water safety awareness and education at Taieri Mouth.

Other initiatives which aim to improve access to the Taieri River may be included within this project in the future.



Taieri River at Taieri Mouth

Project 4: Roothing

Outcome

Improved safety on Taieri Mouth roads, including the investigation of additional improvements to the roading network.

Who's leading it?

This project will be Council-led, with support from the community.

Description

This project aims to improve road safety by implementing a range of measures, from education through to roading and parking improvements. The focus is on creating a safer environment for both drivers and pedestrians.

As well as general road safety improvements, investigating potential roading and parking improvements at Riverside Road is included as a key component of this project.



View to the north from Akatore Road

Project 5: Walking and cycling

Outcome	Who's leading it?	Description
The existing footpath network is improved, and extensions to the walking and cycling network are investigated.	To be successful, this project will require ongoing community engagement and support, as well as technical expertise in trail and footpath construction and project management. The project will therefore have a joint leadership structure, with community leaders and Council playing key roles. The typical process to develop a new trail is shown below.	Through the Our Place Taieri Mouth consultation, the following projects were identified as priorities by this community: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Extending and improving the existing footpath network within the village.2. Establishing a trail from one end of the village to the other Other feedback in favour of a trail to Brighton or upgrading the Millenium Track alongside the Taieri River was also received, although these options were seen as less of a priority at this time.

