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Executive summary

Brief introduction to come here, but basically the tables below summarise where we arrive. The section that follows is more of a working document, hopefully making visible that we drew on both qualitative and quantitative data to draw our findings. In doing that, we've been able to rationalise some of what we found to reduce repetition. It is important to note that we still have the survey findings, including people's actual words, reflecting the depth of their thinking and their very real love for Pukerua Bay.

Our vision

A friendly, caring, and vibrant community in a beautiful natural setting, that cares for its environment and has good local infrastructure and facilities.

Our values

We share three overarching values:

- Manaakitanga (kindness, compassion, hospitality, and mutual respect)
- Kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the natural environment)
- Whanaungatanga (belonging and connection)

Our priorities

When asked about the qualities they value, the community ordered them as follows:

1. Protecting our beach and marine environment
2. A natural environment
3. Making PKB a safe place to walk and cycle
4. A desirable place to raise children

5. Supporting neighbourhood accessibility and safe movement
6. Enjoying a quiet peaceful life
7. Being resilient
8. Maintaining connections with friends and family in the Bay
9. Supporting local businesses

Methodology

We wanted to be able to compare what is important to the community now to what was identified as important ten years ago. For this reason, while the survey design built upon previous survey questions and structures, we also spent a lot of time consulting with residents about new topics, issues, and ideas that should be addressed. This period included a community workshop, a focus group, and a presentation by school students.

In the first part of the survey, we asked residents to respond to sets of ideas that had arisen from the prior consultation. These were organised in relation to four key areas: infrastructure, recreational facilities, movement in and around the Bay, and social connections. Residents both rated the suggestions and were invited to comment upon them.

The ratings enabled us to get a sense of suggestions for which there was strong support and suggestions in which there was interest, but it was not as strong. Further inquiry and checking may be required to decide whether and how to respond to these suggestions.

There was no requirement for people to comment, but there was rich information in what they said, including some exciting new ideas. Therefore, we analysed the comments to identify emerging themes.

The pre-survey consultation period surfaced the fact that people wanted us to have a much longer vision - to look forward to the next twenty years, and to address significant issues like the impact of the completion of the Transmission Gully route and the Northern Growth Plan. We added this as a new section and, interestingly, the greatest number of written responses were to the question about people's twenty-year vision. Around two-thirds of respondents answered this question.

Constructing our village plan

[This will be the long version to support the summary]

In this part of the Plan, we describe the method through which we developed the Plan and then what we learned.

Our vision

A friendly, caring, and vibrant community in a beautiful natural setting, supported by good local infrastructure and facilities.

Our values

Three overarching values seem to run through the responses and have been tested out and socialised through through *Kōrero*:

- Manaakitanga: kindness, compassion, hospitality, and mutual respect
- Kaitiakitanga: guardianship of and connection to the natural environment
- Whanaungatanga: relationships, kinship, a sense of familial connection

Manaakitanga is about showing respect, compassion, and hospitality to others. It embodies a spirit of kindness, care, and humility. The word *manaakitanga* comes from the root word *manaaki*, which itself can be broken down to the words *mana* (power, force, authority) and *aki* (to encourage or urge on). When we manaaki another person, we acknowledge and uplift their mana in such a way that our own mana is also enhanced. Everybody feels that they are valued and belong.	*He aroha whakato, he aroha puta mai.* *If kindness is shown, then kindness you shall receive.*
Whanaungatanga is about building and maintaining relationships. Its root word is *whānau*, so it is about creating a sense of family	*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari, he toa takitini.*

connection. We grow a sense of whanaungatanga through working together and having shared experiences. People in whanaungatanga relationships take responsibility for each other's welfare. They care about each other and work for the good of the group. Everybody matters and everybody belongs.	*Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many.*
Kaitiakitanga is a way of understanding and managing the environment, based on a Māori world view. Within te ao Māori, humans are seen as part of the environment, and not superior to it, and so the health of the environment is closely connected to the health of people. A *kaitiaki* is a guardian or protector, somebody who protects the *mana* (spiritual power), *tapu* (spiritual restrictions), and *mauri* (life force) of the human, natural, and spiritual realms. The notion of kaitiakitanga invites us all to form relationships with the local environment that protect it for future generations.	*Ko au te whenua ko, te whenua ko au.* *I am the land, and the land is me.*

The qualities we value

i. Response to suggestions

The community's top four priorities remain the same as when previously surveyed. The whole list reads, in order:

1. Protecting our beach and marine environment
2. A natural environment
3. Making PKB a safe place to walk and cycle
4. A desirable place to raise children
5. Supporting neighbourhood accessibility and safe movement
6. Enjoying a quiet peaceful life
7. Being resilient
8. Maintaining connections with friends and family in the Bay
9. Supporting local businesses

ii. Themes from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Café/community hub/a place where we can connect	4
Support local services and businesses	3
Actively appreciate the diverse cultures in our community	3
Respect mana whenua, become more bicultural	2
Better utilise our open spaces	2
Healthy environment	2

A safe community, including safe footpaths	2
Maintain our unique village identity	2
Maintain the history of the village and people	1
Community directory of tradespeople	1
Open minded and welcoming community	1
No power tools at community garden	1

iii. What people said …

Maintaining our distinct identity and not being swallowed up by other developments. Respecting mana whenua, becoming more bicultural, and getting better at actively appreciating our diversity.

An open minded and welcoming community that can be open to change…

Having a central hub - similar to the 'Raumati Social Club' cafe for the community to gather, grab a coffee and listen to local musicians while enjoying great food and atmosphere.

Maintaining a healthy environment and air quality. Supporting local services, as well as businesses.

Areas for action

1. Infrastructure

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

Residents strongly support the following actions:

1. Install a drinking fountain at the end of Te Araroa escarpment track, near Muri Station
2. Install a drinking fountain for people and dogs at the toilets at the south end of the beach
3. Build more toilets at either Pukerua Bay Station or Muri Station.
4. Landscape the top part of the Muri Road Reserve (the part that is still a paddock) and install play equipment and seating
5. Set up an emergency food store, to be replaced each year

There is also support for exploring the following:

- Have facilities in place at Muri for walkers and gardeners
- Prioritise effective use of current facilities (e.g., the RSA) over building more
- Ensure all facilities should be wheelchair accessible
- Install a shelter on the main road for south going buses
- Protect the library
- Would like a cafe
- Support local businesses (especially Greedy and Co.) and have more shops

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Businesses and services	
Café/community hub (St Mark's, Plunket rooms, RSA, tennis club)	18
Support the library	6

More shops/businesses	5
Move the coffee van to a different location eg undercover/at the beach	3
Expand kindergarten to serve under-3s	2
A bus shelter on the main road	1
Provide wheelchair access into local amenities	1
Toilets	
Toilets at Muri Station	6
Toilets at the main station	2
No more public toilets	2
Upgrade toilets at beach	1
Safety	
Safer road intersections	7
Better street lighting	3
Improve footpaths, use/create more walking tracks	3
Improve safety of Muri Road	1
Community amenities	

Comments on the loss of the community hall	3
Investment in outdoor recreational/sports facilities	2
Community outdoor art	1
More playgrounds	1
Protected Foraging Zone	1
Community noticeboard	1
Coin operated BBQ at Muri Reserve	1
Other	
Accommodate more housing without losing village identity	1
Develop a long term plan for protection of our beach and natural amenities	1

iii. What people said …

The coffee cart is wonderful. Hopefully Greedy & Co will one day operate out of premises. Having official Protected Foraging Zone in Pukerua BAy and surrounds, recognising that people find food through foraging, so that apple trees on walkways such as Te Ara Harakeke are NOT CUT DOWN as two were on te Ara recently. The Community Hub is awesome, as well. Ensuring that continues and is supported by Council.

I love that we now have the coffee caravan and the access to land at St Marks and the Church building that can be activated- it is a great asset to the community as a gathering space and for pop-up shops and providing opportunities for people to connect like this everyday and on special occasions are so important. I hate the thought this will be gone when the Church people turn this into housing. There is so little space for business in Pukerua Bay - just a few shops on the highway. Without becoming a place for big box operators it would be lovely to see more opportunities for some shops.

Food forest may cater for the emergency food supply. Also diverse catering at the dairy.

Caravan cafe should move to a better location, under cover or drop in. New toilets should be at Muri Station, The library is vital. We must NOT let it be relocated to the Plimmerton Development area.

Value the library and playground. Value the different halls and buildings such as the scout hall and tennis club but does currently feel disjointed.

Pls don't over engineer everything. We like the bay because it's natural and peaceful. If you start putting toilets, fountains and BBQs everywhere, it will change the feeling and bring in more-out-of towners. That said, a BBQ in Muri Reserve would be great but pls no playground!! The community uses it for Easter egg hunts and wants more community picnics there. We don't want goal posts or a playground there. There are plenty of playgrounds already. If we are going to add something somewhere, how about a zip line at Green Meadows?

Wheelchair access into Tennis Clubrooms and the Scout Den.

Upgrade toilets at the beach

Would like a community centre but not at Raroa Reserve. Would like the School and Community Hall upgraded and extended. It should be large enough for a full netball court. The footprint is big enough.

iv. Proposed next steps

- Grow the business directory on the community website
- Provide opportunities for local businesses to advertise in Kōrero
- Engage with PCC on opportunities to integrate sustainable business development into planning
- Ask local businesses what their issues are and what might help

2. Recreational facilities and activities

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

1. Find a space for younger residents as an alternative to the skatepark.
1. Install a BBQ in the picnic area at the south end of the beach
2. Put up shade and landscape the seating area at Brendan Beach
3. Find a site for more sporting facilities (e.g., rugby posts on Muri Reserve)
4. Work with younger citizens, families, and teachers to further develop the skatepark

There is also support for exploring the following:

- Fence the bottom field at Greenmeadows and turn it into a dog park
- Build a community centre, perhaps on Raroa Reserve
- Ensure recreational amenities take the needs of people with disabilities tinto account

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Toilets at Muri Station	3
Drinking fountain at Muri station	2
Cafe	2
Create more walking tracks which are accessible to dog owners	2
Dog park with good lighting and native shade trees	2
Safe biking areas	2

iii. What people said …

The bottom field at Green Meadows was messed up by a council tractor a few years ago, making it dangerous to run on. The ruts need filling in and drainage checked at Western side more regularly. There is less space for field games at school now so this facility will be more in need in future to get the kids outside and off computers. I understand yoga is held there & a number of people train there. Perhaps people should be free to walk dogs there, without leads, when no children are around.

The walk to the lookout through the reserve on Raroa Place. We live near this pathway and it is being used more and more - by parachute clubs, dog walkers, young people, families etc. We would love community support for more regular rubbish removal there and also to keep pressure on the Council to maintain the track. The track is eroding with significant water run off during times of heavy rain.

What is going to happen to the building that the pre entry was in? Will it be left to become derelict - can it be removed and that whole area and playground by the library be improved. Please keep our library but can we activate that space?

The dog park could have native trees so the dogs can run in and out and they and their owners can have shade. Would like an outdoor shower at the beach and a place where people can fill their water bottles and give water to their dogs. There should be water stations at every park and playground, at the shops and by the community garden. I would like to see more shaded areas at all playgrounds to protect the children from the sun. Short term there should be covers, but in the long term, lots of big trees. There should also be plenty where people walk. We need a flying fox and a large slide for the older kids.

iv. Proposed next steps

- Familiarise ourselves with Universal Design principles and demand their implementation in the design of these (and all) amenities
- Conduct focused inquiry into future use options for Green Meadows and Muri Reserve

3. Natural environment

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

We strongly support the following actions:

1. Press Wellington Water and the City and Regional Councils to put properly address the problem of blocked drains causing flooding
2. Improve the track along the coast to Plimmerton.
3. Run another anti-graffiti programme.

There is also support for exploring the following actions:

- Create opportunities for people to take action on the environment (e.g., through litter drives, an annual event addressing weeds)
- Be clear about where dogs are and are not allowed on leash
- Get rid of pest plants and animals

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Community projects	
Reduce/remove litter, including regular community clean up events & more litter bins	9
Extended predator trapping programme	3
Encourage guerrilla planting, especially on berms	3
PCC responsibility - plants	
Improve weed control, not just along main roads	3
Encourage native planting in public areas	3

PCC responsibility - water	
Improve/clear storm water drains	2
Signage	
Install signs about the local biodiversity	2

iii. What people said …

Could Council tap into some of the natural water springs (e.g. in Sea Vista) and make fresh water available to all. Current PCC approach to mowing and weed control is hopeless!

Vegetation and drainage on State Highway below Te Ara Road. There has been some work done, but problems not solved. The original rock walls are falling down and noxious weeds are dominating. Copper Butterfly breeds here!

Have shared composting bins in suitable public areas. Have an inorganic collection day for people who can't get to the dump themselves. Encourage guerilla planting and people to 'adopt a spot'. Communicate with the Council about the plants we value and want to protect (including trees from which we forage fruit) and those that we would like to eradicate (like the wattles). Have a bin at the beach for people to put weeds - some people like pulling them out when on walks. Continue to develop the Food Forest. Encourage people to plant their berms - which might include herbs and other plants from which people could forage.

Have another bin at the big carpark so people (like me) who gather rubbish on the coastal walk have somewhere to put it. There is an ongoing problem on Toenga Road with water coming through the culvert that goes under the tracks. It's been improved but needs more work to get the water into the stream. I really like the work Te Ara Heritage is doing. The fisheries signs are unclear to me. They have compass points, but not everyone can follow them. The mark on the north end is pretty nebulous. Could be explained in words.

There needs to be more care with mowing at Onepu Road. There are parts that they keep leaving out.

I would like to see more shaded areas at all playgrounds to protect the children from the sun. Short term there should be covers, but in the long term, lots of big trees. There should also be plenty where people walk.

Beach protection is needed. PCC appears to be unwilling - but the beachfront needs rocky revetments to stop coastal erosion. PCC has tried compacted gravel - this just wears away. More effort is required by PCC and more permanent moves are needed, like rocks and sea walls.

Develop a long term plan for protection of our beautiful beach and natural amenities.

iv. Proposed next steps

- Raise awareness of opportunities that already exist. Opportunities include using *Kōrero* and having a 'gala day' to promote them.
- Have an annual environment day. A litter collection, encouragement to 'adopt a spot' of public land to care, or a chance to learn about transition towns and consider becoming one.
- Invite people involved in community, environmental, and other activities to come together to share and identify what is already happening in our community. Explore how they can or could connect. Look for opportunities for the different groups to support each other in their activities.
- Find out and monitor what our carbon footprint is
- Ask Sustainable Coastlines what is being discovered from the lottery surveys and use this to find out what actions we could take to help reduce the amount of litter on our beach
- Walk our streams to find out what is happening to them and make a plan for their care. Invite the school to help us monitor stream health and develop and implement the plan.
- Map features of the natural landscape and create a plan for its care.

4. Movement in and around the Bay

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

We strongly support the following actions:

- Make it safer and more accessible for people walking around Pukerua Bay, on all roads and paths

There is support for exploring the following actions and issues:

- Improve safety for pedestrians on SH1 through creating another safe crossing. Several people suggested a pedestrian crossing

There is also support for exploring the following:

- Improve the dangerous state of footpaths, including the blocked and overflowing drains that make them slippery
- Improve pedestrian safety on Muri Road, especially in light of the new housing developments
- Take into account the needs of people with disabilities, including wheelchair users

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
PCC & NZTA responsibility - roads	
Install more pedestrian crossings over the State Highway	13
Lower speed limit on SH59 through the village	9
Traffic lights	6
Roundabout	4
Install traffic calming measures on SH59	2
Reliable street lighting	2

PCC responsibility - paths	
Better maintenance of vegetation along footpaths	3
Repair footpaths	2

iii. What people said

A permanent solution to the erosion of the two main paths to the beach. Reinstate walkways that have been captured (probably inadvertently) by local residents (e.g. the one from Grey's Road to Muri). Ensure there are shade trees over paths to protect walkers from the sun. Deal with drainage issues that can make footpaths slippery and dangerous,

Improve the cycle path between Pukerua Bay and Paekakariki - it needs to be wider and kept clean of debris.

Following completion of Transmission Gully, when the highway through PKB becomes a secondary road, install traffic calming measures plus pedestrian crossings at strategic locations including Onepu-Toenga, Beach Rd- Ara and Teihana West-East.

Development and housing at Muri Rd is happening now and the increase in traffic flow will be substantial - what is being done about the road and safety for people to walk or bike this area? What about increase in traffic flows from Mr Welcome farm housing developers, and what is being proposed on the West side farm- the community needs to be aware and advocate strongly about the impacts of all this.

Safe footpath for my children to get to school. the footpaths along sh1 are often cracked, broken, narrow, etc. many road crossings are potholed or with a hard curb. it is incredibly difficult for someone in a wheelchair (or with reduced mobility) to get from the northern end of puk bay to the southern. can these paths/road sections be repaired? could a small 'bus' be put in place so those who cannot walk along the motorway can still travel through puk bay without a car?

More trees between Plimmerton and Pukerua Bay, need to separate walkway from road for sound and safety reasons. A bit scary for kids on bikes.

iv. Proposed next steps:

- Used these responses to review and revise the Neighbourhood Accessibility Plan
- Hold targeted consultation round the future of the highway after Transmission Gully closes
- Familiarise ourselves with Universal Design principles and demand their implementation in the design of pedestrian and roading infrastructure

Social connections

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

Issues: A clear majority believe social isolation and loneliness are likely to be problems in our community. People think the issues are primarily around particular groups. Those named, include:

- older residents
- new residents who haven't made connections (especially young mothers)
- teenagers
- disabled young people
- residents without children at kindy or school
- the housebound
- those without access to social media.

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Ways to make this a friendly community	
A wider range of regular events eg quiz nights, street parties etc, in different locations, open to all	11
A central community space eg a café	10
New groups eg menzshed, friendship groups, games groups, sports groups, walking groups	5
Kōrero	3
Make sure existing groups provide information about themselves so new people can join in	3
Better moderation of the FB community groups	3
Neighbourhood caring groups (rather than Neighbourhood Watch)	2
Create a welcome pack for newcomers (eg *Kōrero*, Emergency Management Guide)	2

iii. What people said …

We know there are many people who don't know anyone else in PKB. There are limited community facilities for people to go to and connect. The library is small and if there was a larger space in that area where people could gather it would be great.

It would be good to be able to access more continuing education classes/fitness within the Pukerua Bay community - Art/Sport/Languages (Pottery/painting/yoga/dance/woodwork/tai chi/floristry/book clubs...)

If people don't have children it can be hard to meet others as a lot of things centre around the school. Suggest more proactive communication of other things that go on in the community.

There are not many 'third spaces' in the Bay, if not connected with kindy or school. Also there have been some instances of racism and calling out 'outsiders' via social media etc which could ostracize some people and prevent them from being more involved in the community.

I think people working from home has improved things - we've talked about shared office space so people can work together and have more flexibility to not have to commute as much, freeing up time to do more for neigbours potentially.

Korero is a really good initiative, as not all residents use Facebook.

Greater understanding of the history of Pukerua Bay and tangata whenua would be advantageous.

iv. Proposed next steps:

- Build upon the work already being done to generate social connection by multiple groups and initiatives (including the Hub, RSA, and Kōrero). Support their continuation and seek opportunities for more. (e.g., through offering community classes.)
- Hold a fun community 'gala' where current groups promote what they are doing and invite participation
- Further explore the possibility of a place where people can come together, including the possibility of a community centre or shared work space
- Make greater use of existing spaces, such as the Community and School Hall.
- Probe the experiences of specific groups identified as potentially feeling disconnected. Check our assumptions and identify what they may see as solutions they could get involved in and support.

Future focus

Completion of Transmission Gully route

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

There is very strong support for the following actions:

- Push for the highway to be made a scenic route, taking advantage of the historical significance of the area and its ecological value (especially, Taupō Swamp) (75% support)
- If highway status is revoked, lobby NZTA to ensure that the highway is in good condition when it is handed over to PCC including pedestrian- and cycle friendly facilities (over 90% support)

There is support for exploring the following:

- Ensure that it is safe and in good condition
- Ensuring input from tangata whenua
- Having a plan and timeline for next steps

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Install pedestrian crossings across SH59	4
Need input from tangata whenua on scenic route idea	2
Make SH59 more cycle friendly	2
Consider impact on traffic of new housing developments	2

iii. What people said …

Input from tangata whenua is essential for the scenic route suggestion

Ask about the new housing developments on present farm area and how it will affect roading...will there be constant trucks on the road. Orange cones are prolific everywhere

Pedestrian crossings required. Probably three. Traffic calming, required, maybe small roundabouts. Integrated planting, landscaping and bicycle lane required. Outdoor art, sculpture etc placed along the roadside at regular intervals. Maybe financed by donations through memorials etc placed on the installations.

iv Proposed next steps

- Push for the highway to be made a scenic route, taking advantage of the historical significance of the area and its ecological value (especially, Taupō Swamp)
- Engage in consultation with PCC and Waka Kōtahi on how we can retain the gains in terms of improved safety and connection with the construction of the Transmission Gully route, given the likely increase of pressure on transport instructure as new developments are built

Te Araroa walkway

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

We strongly support the following actions:

1. Accept that we are now a 'destination'. Support local entrepreneurs who want to take advantage of this in ways that 'do no harm'.

2. Engage with Kāpiti Coast District Council, Paekākāriki Community Board and the Plimmerton Residents Association in this discussion.

There is support for exploring the following actions/approaches/priorities:

- The need for toilets and signs for walkers is reiterated.
- The point is made that custom from walkers could offset the loss of trade for businesses with the opening of Transmission Gully.

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Support/introduce more local businesses	6
Install toilet at Muri Station	4

iii. What people said …

We have the 'downside' of lots of people coming through and getting lost and confused - we should get the 'upside', too! We need to mitigate their impact with things like toilets (so they don't use the undergrowth) but also take advantage of their presence. We could lose the shops with far fewer people driving through the Bay, but with good signage and a pleasant walkway, we could encourage people who are walking the Track to spend their money at our dairy and with Greedy and Co.

Encourage the council to view PKB as the gateway to Porirua from the scenic route and provide help to enable business which can get people to stop and enjoy what we have to offer, areas to bike, walk, have a coffee etc.

paekakariki gets all the commercial benefits from the escarpment because we have nowhere to welcome visitors to stop a while and have food or drink.

It would be better for the business community if the track took people through the shopping area. This could also bring more people to the coffee cart, and this would be another way to increase opportunities for social interaction. The people on the walkway could offset loss of business from opening Transmission Gully.

Drinks stations urgently needed along track. Toilet facilities urgently needed either end of track. Cafe needed at PKB end.

iv. Proposed next steps

- Engage with PCC planners/economic development to identify opportunities in Pukerua Bay so they can use their connections to encourage appropriate businesses
- Adopt a welcoming approach to commercial enterprises associated with the track

Northern Growth Plan

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

We strongly support the following actions:

1. Take part in consultation around the new developments, with a focus on protecting the ecology, ensuring they offer quality, affordable housing, and addressing issues such as roading, access to public transport, and education.
2. Push to maintain a green belt around the community that includes 'wild spaces' where children can roam.
3. Engage with the Plimmerton Residents Association in this discussion.
4. Stamp our identity with a northern gateway sign and more outdoor art along the highway

There is support for exploring the following actions/approaches/priorities:

- Strong support for green belt and consultation around new developments
- They want more housing but for it to be eco-friendly
- No high rises or urban sprawl

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Green belt to separate Pukerua Bay from upcoming Plimmerton housing developments (including native bush)	6
Encourage ecohousing developments	2

iii. What people said

Combating urban sprawl is vital. How many years will it take for PKB and Plimmerton to become joined together by development allowed by the recent sale of Plimmerton Farm? What a nightmare!

We strongly support the concept of a green belt. Ours should be a community that actively protects its natural environment for its own sake and because that is a way of looking after our people.

Will there be a village of houses suitable for the elderly in a gated area.....not necessarily run by the Ryman type companies...perhaps community owned.

Promote and support eco-friendly developments with trees, green spaces, protection for areas of native bush/swamp, smaller-footprint energy-efficient houses, permeable paving options (where paving is required), recycling, composting, walkways, cycleways and public transport. Lobby against self-serving, profit-driven, overly lengthy/restrictive covenants that create bland, soulless suburbs of synthetic car-focussed 'McMansions'.

I think we should think carefully about how to accommodate more houses and people and not lose the awesome vibe we have. I think we must prepare for population growth but let's front foot it and do it in a way that works for us.

If there is support for retail, the retail mix needs to be carefully curated. Avoiding generic-style cafes and creating a culture unique to PKB.

PCC needs to let PKB retain its character like the rest of old PKB. This implies narrower streets, building close to the road, planting pohutukawa on road frontages, and most importantly, a network of pedestrian paths connecting housing.

iv. Proposed next steps

- Have the district plan people out to share their vision and plans for PKB. Also present other examples of options. (See suggestions made in Q 16.)
- Create our own version of a structure plan

Climate change

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

We strongly support the following actions:

1. Engage with PCC on its work on erosion protection and on shoring up slips
2. Update the Civil Defence Plan and ensure everybody knows about it

There is support for exploring the following actions/approaches/priorities::

- Ensure climate change is be a factor in all thinking and decision making
- Address beach erosion
- Install a community composting scheme
- Become a transition town

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Address beach erosion with long term measures, not using synthetic materials	3
Engage at street level and with school for young people to increase involvement in civil defense	2

iii. What people said

Climate change is a fact that needs to be considered with every decision we make

Get young people/ rangitahi and the school engaged in civil defences. Young people have awesome ideas.

iv. Proposed next steps

- Engage with PCC and its climate change response planning.
- Ensure submissions on development emphasise the need to plan for impacts of climate change over many decades.
- Focus upon climate change in an issue of Kōrero
- Hold a community workshop to develop a planned approach

Housing

i. Response to suggestions presented in the survey

- Residents identify the biggest issues as availability and affordability
- There is some support for infill housing and intensification
- There is strong opposition to urban sprawl or high rise buildings
- They want good, eco-friendly design

ii. Themes and suggestions from within the comments

Theme	**Number**
Issues	
Purchase, rent and subdivision are all too expensive	13
Pressure to allow greater housing density and higher buildings	10
Lack of housing stock	6
Not enough affordable housing	5
More vehicles per household	5
Solutions	
Carefully managed intensification including appropriately-placed multilevel housing	11
Environmentally friendly infill housing	5
Vigorous liaison with relevant bodies eg PCC, MOE	3
Need diversification eg state housing	3
Include affordable housing	3

iii. What people said

Not enough affordable housing for kids who grew up here and would like to stay on. It's very expensive to subdivide and PCC can be picky about the wrong things. Older people can find themselves in big houses that may no longer suit their needs and be interested in subdividing so their kids can live on the property. But the cost and complexity can make it overwhelming.

Too much squeezing of housing into sections and no facility for parking resulting vehicles. Not suitable for high rise buildings.

If PKB does expand because of more housing, I think apartments of 3 or 3 stories should be accepted, as long as they don't affect their neighbours. At some stage, we have to let things happen in our own suburb. The same goes for state houses.

Not developing traditional, boring suburban layouts on flat land with wide footpaths and curving AusRoad compliant cul-de-sacs - instead, permit tight, innovative, densely packed housing connected with pedestrian paths. No more developments like Pukemere Way and the Gray St extension.

If we could influence PCC Plans around developments - whether eco considerations are even part of it. So not just plonking in a treeless suburb like Aotea or Grenada with plastic playgrounds and McMansions with little public transport.- the Plimmerton Farm development could have the most devastating impact on our wider area. We have to think systemically - how are other countries doing development? Let's look to models in cities like Portland or places like Vancouver where tiny house villages exist among more traditional dwellings and imaginative in-fill small and simple dwellings enhance neighbourhoods. We can't do that bulldozing flat acres of hillside as in parts of Whitby or Aotea.

iv. Proposed next steps

- As a community, get familiar with the District Plan and the other planning documents that affect Pukerua Bay
- Learn what we can do to have a stronger voice in the planning process
- Ensure housing development protects common spaces, such as amenity areas, green belts and gardens

Twenty-year vision

There were 64 written responses to this survey. Taken together, they tell us that our community wants us to keep and build upon what we have, including **being a friendly community that:**

- appreciates diversity and is welcoming to all
- actively builds connection around shared activities and spaces

- appreciates its natural environment and takes good care of it
- feels connected to Porirua as its northern gateway
- has maintained its distinct identity
- has successfully adapted to climate change
- exemplifies eco-friendly principles
- has embraced more people and housing, but has not become lost inside urban sprawl
- values its history
- still feels small but vibrant, with good amenities, including a café
- supports local businesses
- is bicultural and respectfully honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

What people said

Much like it is now, but more obviously bicultural with more facilities at its heart. (Literally - built around the tennis courts / shop /toilets area

A village. Strong environment focus. The lizard capital of NZ. Te Araroa Track bringing enviro people. Caring. Strong community garden support. Cultural diversity celebrated. A vibrant 'eco school' that extends its learning into the community,

We want to retain all the good things that make us want to live here in our old age and our kids want to come back to raise their children. A place where people can retreat and find peace and quiet but there are also plenty opportunities for people to socialise and engage with each other. A place that is connected to Porirua and the wider community but that has its own distinct identity. A place that clearly belongs in Aotearoa.

Even more vital, alive, and engaging. To be a village off the main track with a character all of its own. To have a cafe or two, to retain its own school and library and village shop. To still be a place where people want to raise a family

A harmonious relationship between residential amenities and the environment. It should still be good for families.

a beautiful natural environment which is nurtured - a vibrant and diverse community which takes action on social and environmental issues - a place where children and young people thrive and have a voice - a place which values its history and is committed to respectfully honoring Te Tiriti

A peaceful and welcoming village which is self- sustaining but connected. A place where all ages can enjoy the natural environment and leisure a

A stronger, more robust cared for natural environment with more people involved in restoring areas that are in difficulty, and clearer to people what we value.

I would love to see Pukerua Bay as a fun family-oriented community with lots of wild spaces for children to explore and many events to bring us all together.

A vibrant community where people know each other and have opportunities to connect both unplanned ways and actual events/ A community gathering space. A place with green open space, tall native Bush to walk in where children can play and be in touch with nature. Places to ride bikes and scoot and skate and walk safely. Great public transport to connect adults to work and kids to high school. A place where people come to visit because it is known for its natural beauty and friendly welcoming spirit. A place where business people can operate. A safe and clean beach where we can all swim and play.

Similar but more like a Transition Town where there is food produced, shared spaces, art and recreation. The Te Araroa will be a famous destination and Pukerua Bay will be an attractive place to live and stay like a mix between Christiania in Denmark (minus the hard drugs) and Sausalito (in San Fran). Interesting affordable homes, shared gardens and facilities and regenerating streams and rich marine life. You will be able to buy ice creams at the beach.

I think we should think carefully about how to accommodate more houses and people and not lose the awesome vibe we have. I think we must prepare for population growth but let's front foot it and do it in a way that works for us. There will be changes accordingly, and that's ok.

Maintain restraints on higher density housing projects. These are not needed in Pukerua Bay and would destroy the very soul and heart of the area.

The coffee cart is wonderful. Hopefully Greedy & Co will one day operate out of premises. Having official Protected Foraging Zone in Pukerua BAy and surrounds, recognising that people find food through foraging, so that apple trees on walkways such as Te Ara Harakeke are NOT CUT DOWN as two were on te Ara recently. The Community Hub is awesome as well. Ensuring that continues and is supported by Council.

Mid size settlement with additional multilevel buildings on eastern side of Muri rd houses, with a sports hall housing squash, table tennis, badminton and gym, with a public flower garden alongside current sh1 with daffodils, dahlias, roses,... with walkways on each side of every street, bigger library with near-by toilet facilities, flying fox at green meadows,....

Pretty close to what we have now ...but more opportunity to earn locally ...some boutique businesses and tourism and accommodation for travellers ....possible purchase of some of western and eastern hill slopes and turned into native forest ...the western pine forest is of concern as a fire risk and isn't attractive at all . It would be awesome if pukerua bay was seen as the gateway to the coast ...like a starting point or bookend of sorts .

A thriving, connected, sustainable community. A model for a more positive way of living.

I love it the way it is! I hope we protect our environment, & adapt to climate change so my grandchildren will be able to enjoy it too.

Lots of good walking/cycling tracks connecting communities (including those proposed in the northern growth plan). More housing - built responsibly and respecting ecology. Lots of green space. Shift from goods ownership to goods sharing within the community. e.g. "renting" community-owned items like lawn mowers, cage trailers, etc. so that every house doesn't need to each own the same tools that may get minimal use