



Community Planning *Ngā Mahere Hapori*



Why have a Community Plan?

He aha e whakarite ai i tētahi Mahere Hapori?

A Community Plan can be a really effective tool to support a community to achieve its goals and aspirations. These plans are essentially the voice of all sectors within the community, a collective vision, developed by the community for the community.

Community Plans can provide a platform to establish partnerships with councils, funding agencies, businesses and community groups. They can also be used as a tool to make submissions to councils' Long Term Plans and other processes.

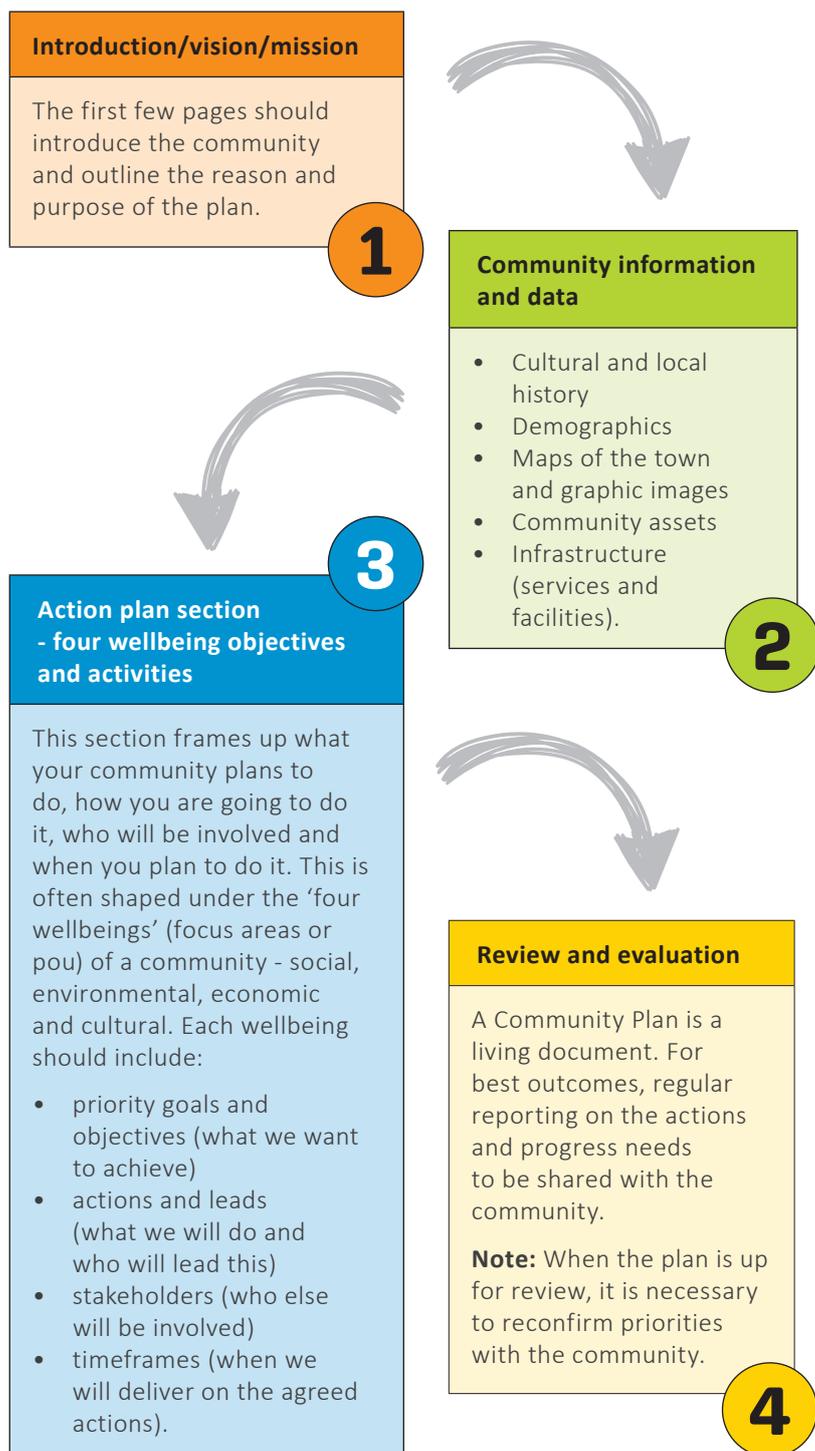
Other positive outcomes that Community Plans can initiate and accomplish:

- Empower and strengthen a community through a community-led process
- Identify the community's priority goals, aspirations and opportunities
- Provide a platform for addressing issues and improving amenities
- Build community capability and coordinate collective action
- Form or improve key partnerships and stakeholder relationships
- Enable funding opportunities to achieve community outcomes

There is so much satisfaction to be gained from being part of positive change for a community.

What is in a Community Plan? *He aha te ngako o te Mahere Hapori?*

There are some key fundamentals and sections that are essential to include in a Community Plan. It is important that the plan is well laid out, methodical and easily understood by the community, but it can still provide an opportunity for a community to showcase its unique design style. The following are headings for key content that forms a Community Plan.



Where to start? *Ka tīmata ki hea?*



Establishing a strong foundation and structure for a community team to lead the project is a vital step. This means identifying the right people and management structure that will best support the process of developing a Community Plan.

- A successful plan starts with having the right team. It is important to ensure there is representation from all sectors of community.
- There are different options to explore when deciding on a management structure, i.e. using an already established charitable trust, register as a charitable trust or incorporated society, or simply remain as a community group or collective.

Is your community ready to get started? Do you need support? *Kua rite tō hapori? He awhina ma koutou?*

Now that you have some information and more understanding about what a Community Plan is, you may decide that you want to start the process. If so, the Council's Community Partnerships team is here to support you with resources, templates and advice for each stage in your community planning journey. Kia kaha!

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