

ROTORUA'S COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

Underlying this report are the following high-level and detailed Community Outcome statements, which have been identified by Council through key stakeholder discussions over the period 2003/04 to 2008/09.

A safe and caring community – families and whanau are safe and strong; people are considerate and respect cultural diversity.

He Iwi Whanui e ngakau nui ana ki te manaaki motuhake.

- Strong sense of community spirit
- Respect for cultural diversity
- Support for New Zealanders to become part of the Rotorua community
- Support for young people and older people
- Safe homes and streets
- Less crime
- Fewer road accidents
- Organisations working together on agreed priorities
- Providing safe public spaces
- Families and whanau work, play and talk together

A community that respects its environment – people value, respect and understand the needs of our lakes, streams, forests and geothermal resources; commitment to sustaining, monitoring and improving the natural environment is owned by everyone.

He Iwi Whanui tenei e ngakau nui ana ki te Taiao.

- Looking after our air, land and water resources
- Improved lake water quality
- Beautiful, litter-free urban environments
- Waste reduction, re-use and recycling
- Kaitiakitanga (guardianship)
- People using and enjoying our natural environment
- Historical sites and buildings are protected and promoted
- Managing and protecting geothermal resources and our springs, trout, lakes, forests, geysers
- Enhancing our forests and farmland
- Conserving energy and reducing our reliance on non-renewable energy
- Encouraging sustainable modes of transport

A healthy community – health is holistic; people are supported to enjoy and experience physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

He Iwi Whanui tenei e ngakau nui ana ki tona oranga.

- Increasing recreational opportunities
- Good access to health services
- Safe drinking water
- Improving health status for all
- Improved youth health
- Effective responses to developing health issues
- Improved self esteem/confidence ability
- Partnerships to promote healthy living
- Healthy whanau, healthy communities
- Warm, healthy homes
- Clean air

A prosperous community – people and businesses are motivated to be successful; jobs are created and rewards are shared.

He Iwi Whanui tenei e kokiri whakamua ana i roto inga take Houkura.

- Rising average incomes
- Encouraging private enterprise
- Enhancing tourism as an iconic sector of Rotorua's economy
- Encouraging development of Māori land and resources
- Reducing unemployment rate
- More investment in our district
- More employment opportunities
- More new business
- Celebrating and promoting our district's unique qualities
- Encouraging growth
- An attractive and lively city centre
- Affordable housing that meets people's needs
- Sustainable development

A community with excellent facilities, services, activities and events – a community that plans well to ensure facilities and services are accessible, the district is easy to get around, there are lots of activities and events, and people welcome diversity and are inspired by creativity.

He Iwi Whanui tenei e mau pu motuhake ana ki ona taonga me ona ratonga, he Iwi Whanui tenei e tumeke ana.

- Easy to get from place to place
- Good, safe, maintained services and roads
- Good quality infrastructure for future
- Excellent reliable communication infrastructure
- Affordable facilities and reserves and services
- A great trans-Tasman Airport

A community that values its living Māori culture – The history of Te Arawa in the district and the value of Māori culture are recognised and fostered.

He Iwi Whanui e manawa nui ana ki te Ao Māori.

- Preservation and sustainable development of Māori resources
- Improved economic and social development opportunities
- A community that recognises the value of partnerships including the Treaty of Waitangi
- Fostering Māori cultural performance, arts, activities and expression
- Respecting Te Arawa as part of the unique heritage of Rotorua District
- Strengthening relationships between all cultures

A learning community – people of all ages and backgrounds are inspired to achieve and supported to learn and be well informed.

He Iwi Whanui tenei e ngakau nui ana ki te Ako me te Matauranga.

- Learning activities accessible for everyone
- Quality educational institutions
- Increased participation in early childhood education
- Addressing skill shortages through successful pathways into tertiary education, training and work
- Engagement and achievement at all levels of education and learning
- Improved literacy and numeracy achievement
- Increased availability and quality of Māori language education
- Whanau supported learning
- Commitment to science, innovation and research

A “happening” community – Rotorua is an exciting place with lots of activities and events, people welcome diversity and are inspired by creativity.

He Iwi Whanui tenei e tumeke ana.

- Lots of events including sporting, cultural, festivals, arts
- Leading edge activities and events
- Provision of good quality event, conference and tourism facilities
- Celebrating and nurturing traditional Māori culture
- Foster artistic expression, art, music, dancing, public performances and exhibitions
- Great facilities to visit, eg, museum, arts village, aquatic centre

Overarching the Community Outcomes above is a desire by Council to exercise:

Visionary Community Leadership – Visionary, inclusive leadership is supported and fostered within Rotorua communities.

He Matakiteanga – ma nga hapori o Rotorua te amokuratanga e taurima e tautoko.

- Rotorua communities have a clear vision for sustainable development, prosperity and well-being
- Communities are informed and engaged in planning and developing the District’s future
- Organisations and communities work together at all levels to achieve shared outcomes.
- Māori are respected as partners in decision-making and have a voice in issues affecting the District.