



Woodville Community Plan 2025-2027





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Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the Woodville Community Plan is to outline the aspirations of people who have a connection to Woodville - because they live there, own a property there, or visit often.

The Community Plan is designed to encourage community-led development, enhance collaboration between different groups and identify the community's priorities to inform Council's decision-making processes. The projects identified are reflective of the community's aspirations and do not necessarily have Council funding.

The Woodville Community Plan:

- ▶ Has been developed based on feedback and ideas from people with a connection to Woodville;
- ▶ Outlines the profile and assets of the Woodville community;
- ▶ Identifies priority areas and associated projects/actions;
- ▶ Supports a community-led approach for local projects; and
- ▶ Connects community aspirations to council's long term planning processes.



Tararua District Council Long Term Focus Areas

The Woodville Community Plan supports the Focus Areas identified in the Tararua District Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034:

Thriving District: We grow Tararua in a smart and sustainable way that values our identity. We use our resources sustainably and with care, to ensure they are looked after for our future generations.

Improving our Environment: We celebrate our environment and work together to enhance our local natural resources and minimise our negative impacts on them. Our district is home to a unique and beautiful landscape.

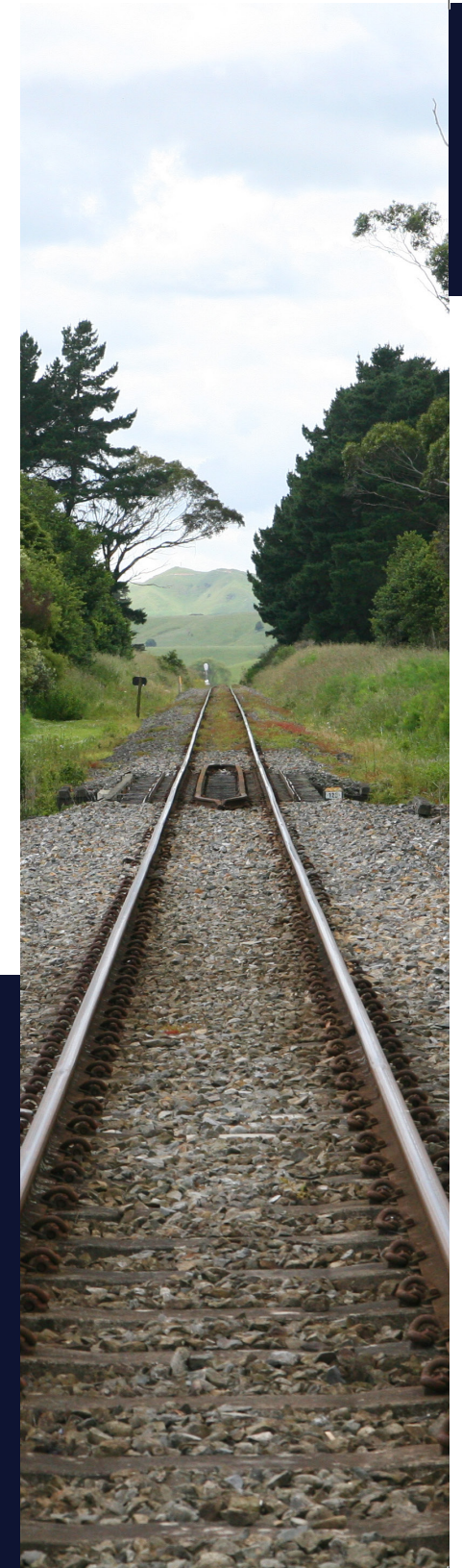
Connected Communities: We provide facilities and services that meet the needs of our communities, enabling whānau living in Tararua to thrive. Our district is enriched by our community that are actively engaged in, and contribute to, our thriving Tararua.

Interactive Council: We engage with our community and respond to their needs, continuously improving over time. Our Council provides fit for purpose services in an engaging way, improving confidence and encouraging our community to engage with us.

Vision for the Tararua District

*Mā te whenua, mā te waiora tātou e
ora ai hei hapori ngangahau hei hapori
honohono hoki.*

**Vibrant, connected communities where
our land and waters are nurtured and
our people flourish.**



About the Community of Woodville



Overview

Woodville is a charming rural town in the Tararua District, home to approximately 1,548 residents. This close-knit community boasts numerous assets, including a service station, garages, library, an onsite visitor center, local supermarket, museum/art gallery, multiple cafes and antique stores, sports clubs, a medical outreach center, a community radio station, and a horse racing community.

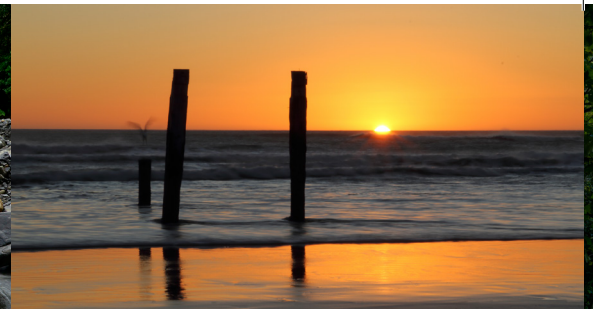
Named for its history as part of the Seventy Mile Bush, Woodville was one of three major timber milling towns in the region, alongside Dannevirke and Pahiatua. Historically, it served as a rest spot for hunters crossing the Manawatū Gorge and remains a key stopover for travellers.

Woodville's central location connects Wellington, Manawatū, and Hawke's Bay, making it an ideal gateway to the region. Notable landmarks include Whariti peak and the Te Apiti wind farm on Saddle Road.

The town is also home to the Woodville Pahiatua Racing Club, renowned in New Zealand horse racing. Czech artist Gottfried Lindauer, who lived and painted in Woodville, is celebrated at the Rinitawa Art and History Galleries on Vogel Street.

Fountain Square, a historic landmark, features a band rotunda, a playground, public toilets, and heritage trees. Woodville's central location makes it an ideal stopover for travellers, offering cafés, restaurants, and specialty shops. For outdoor enthusiasts, Woodville offers numerous walking tracks. The community radio station, broadcasting on 99.6FM, adds to the local culture.





District History

Our District

Tararua is our place, our being, our people, our whenua. It is our land, mountains, rivers and sea; rohe, maunga, awa and mātai. It is a land of ranges of untouched coastline, bush-cloaked ranges and sparkling fish-filled rivers.

The district's northwest boundary runs along the top of the Ruahine Range; its south-east boundary is the Pacific Ocean. The catchment of the Manawatū River generally defines the north and south extremities. The river catchment is also the reason the majority of the district is in the Manawatū-Whanganui Region. The Ākitio, Wainui and Owāhanga rivers flow from their headwaters in the Puketoi Range out to the Pacific Ocean. The Waihi River, a tributary of the Ākitio River, drops down the spectacular Waihi Falls.

Our Whenua

On one of his many journeys, Whatonga was said to be paddling inland on one of many rivers in the district. Intrigued by the towering ranges, he chose to climb the tallest one, which is today known **6** Te Āpiti, or the Manawatū Gorge.

Upon reaching the top, a vast vista of natural beauty greeted him, which stretched unendingly in all directions.

Legend says that the forest was so vast and intricate that the only way to navigate it was with the guidance of someone familiar to the land (whenua). Those who ventured in without this knowledge risked becoming hopelessly lost. The forest was so thick that, even on the sunniest days its canopy obscured the sky.

Yet for all its challenges, the forest was a treasure trove, teeming with food sources, offering shelter, and signifying natural beauty at every turn. In honour of this stunning scenery, Whatonga bestowed the name 'Te Tapere Nui o Whatonga'. Remnants of this forest can be seen at Pūkaha, which continue to grace the whenua of the Tararua district to this day.

Today, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua and Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua share the whenua with all other residing communities, including descendants of early Scandinavian settlers who saw the bush as a resource to be harvested. Through the late 1800's, these settlers worked hard to clear the land, transforming our district into a sturdy and thriving agricultural hub. Roads were forged through the ranges to the Manawatū

district, and northward to Hawke's Bay.

The towns of Dannevirke, Woodville, Pahiatua and Eketāhuna, the coastal settlements of Ākitio and Herbertville, and the rural settlements of Norsewood, Pongaroa and Ormondville all have their roots in this Scandinavian settlement that is called home by approximately 20,000 residents, including iwi, Māori and non-Māori. The settlements are set within what is now referred to as the Tararua District, bordered to the east by the Pacific Ocean and to the west by the rugged Tararua and Ruahine Ranges.

Tararua district is steeped in history, a history of beautiful lands, abundant forests and flowing rivers. As our whenua has cared for our people, it is our role to care for our whenua.

Iwi

Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua, who represent their many hapū with their own whenua and awa tributaries, have both signed deeds of settlement with the New Zealand Government and have partnership agreements with Tararua District Council. These memoranda of partnership recognise the relationship

and responsibility of Council to support iwi aspirations and hopes for the future of their whānau. While the Council has obligations to all Māori, it has a further responsibility to act in good faith and in a manner of mutual respect with its iwi partners. This includes acknowledging and respecting iwi priorities, their traditions, particularly ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, valued flora and fauna as well as other taonga.

To give effect to the relationships, all necessary information must be shared for iwi and Māori to make informed contributions to Council decision-making. This will not only allow for open and transparent engagement, but the foundation to build enduring trust and opportunity, for Council to iwi and iwi to Council.

Together with Council, Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki nui-a-Rua share a vision for a prosperous and healthy district that supports its people and their cultural values. These are the principles of kotahitanga and kaitiakitanga, where sustainability, care for the environment and appropriate management of natural and physical resources is achieved through working together.



Local History

Woodville's history is deeply rooted in its origins as part of the vast Seventy Mile Bush, a significant area during European migration. The town was established as one of three major timber milling towns in the region, alongside Dannevirke and Pahiatua. This dense forest provided ample resources for early settlers and played a crucial role in the town's development.

In the early days, Woodville served as a rest spot for hunters and travellers crossing the Manawatū Gorge. The area known as The Junction became a bustling campsite for contractors and workers building roads and bridges, linking Hawke's Bay, Manawatū, and the Wairarapa. The first sections of land in Woodville were advertised in Napier in 1874, attracting bush fellers, road contractors, bridge builders, and settlers.

Woodville's strategic location made it a pivotal stopover for travellers, a role it continues to play today, and with the opening of the Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū - Tararua Highway in 2025, Woodville remains an important connection point in the region.

The town is also known for its contributions to New Zealand's horse racing industry, with the Woodville Pahiatua Racing Club being a notable institution. The foothills of the Ruahine and Tararua mountain ranges, located to the west of Woodville, host New Zealand's largest wind farm, Te Āpiti, established in the early 1990s.

Cultural heritage is another significant aspect of Woodville's history. Czech artist Gottfried Lindauer lived in Woodville from 1890 and painted many portraits in his Pinfold Road studio. His legacy is preserved at the Rinitawa Art and History Galleries on Vogel Street.

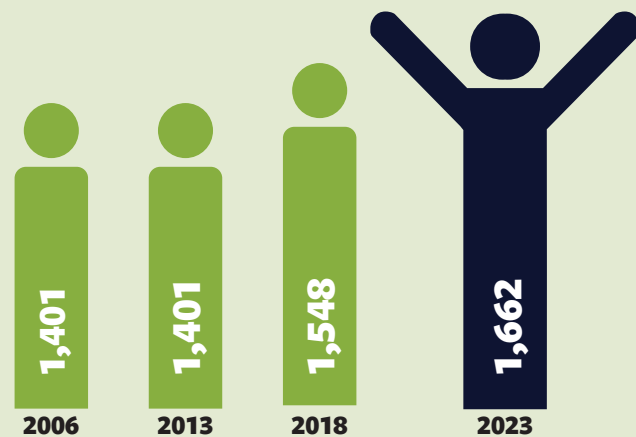
Fontaine Square, a historic landmark gifted by T.F. Fontaine in 1896, features a band rotunda, a children's playground, public toilets, and heritage trees. This square remains a central part of the community, hosting various events and activities.

Woodville's history is a tapestry of natural beauty, strategic importance, and cultural richness, making it a unique and vibrant community in the Tararua District.



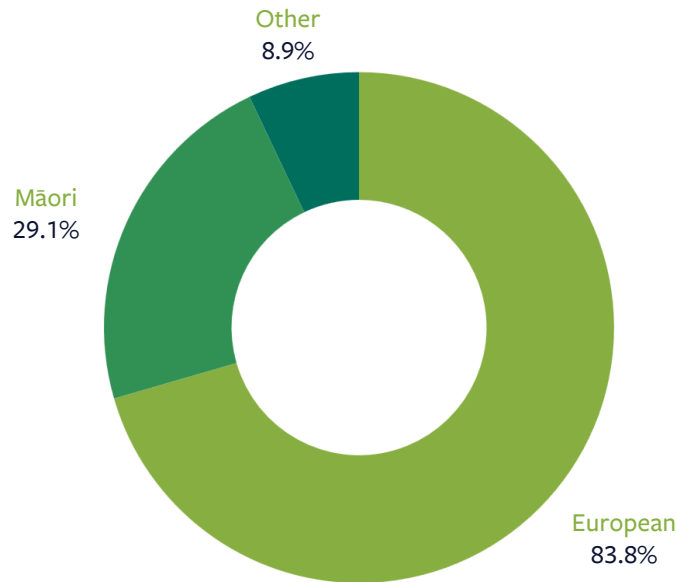
Community Profile

This profile has been built using NZ Census data available at the time of the most recent plan update. It provides an overview of the communities composition from 2006 to 2023.



Population

There was no change in Woodville's population between 2006 and 2013. In 2018, there was an increase of 147 residents, in 2023, there was an increase of 114 residents.



Ethnicity composition

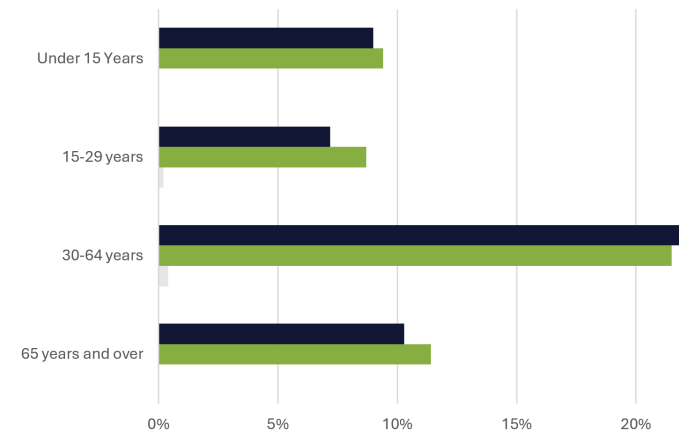
At the time of the 2023 Census, the ethnic composition of Woodville was made up of 83.8% European, 29.1% Māori 3.6% Pacific Peoples, 3.4% Asian, 0.5% Middle Eastern / Latin / African and 1.4% Other Ethnicity

Where a person reported more than one ethnic group, they were counted in each applicable group. For more information, visit the Source website.

Gender and age profile

The majority of the population are in the age range of 30-64 years, with a slightly higher number of males compared to females.

23% FEMALES
22.1% MALES



Dwellings

At the time of the 2023 Census, Woodville had 756 total dwellings with 696 dwellings occupied, 54 unoccupied and 9 dwellings under construction.



95.9% occupation of 756 total dwellings

A dwelling is any building or structure - or its parts - that is used, or intended to be used, for human habitation. Private dwellings are homes of any type. There can be more than one dwelling within a building.

Access to various telecommunications systems

Responses from the 2023 Census showed that Woodville had 1% of residents with no access to telecommunications, in comparison to the Tararua District at 1.2%.



No access
1%
TARARUA 1.2%



Access to mobile phone
93.6%
TARARUA 90.5%



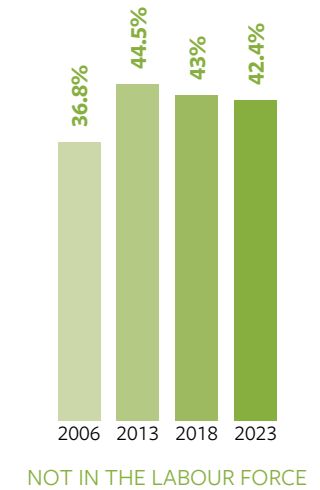
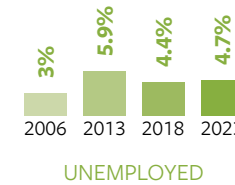
Access to telephone
32.4%
TARARUA 43.2%



Access to internet
79.9%
TARARUA 84.1%

Work and labour force

Between 2006 and 2023, there was an 4.6% decrease in full-time employment, a 2.6% decrease in part-time employment, a 1.8% increase in unemployment, and a 3.9% increase in those not in the labour force.



Not in the labour force: any person in the working-age population who is neither employed nor unemployed. For example, this residual category includes people who are retired, have personal or family responsibilities such as unpaid housework and childcare, attend educational institutions, are permanently unable to work due to physical or mental disabilities, were temporarily unavailable for work in the survey reference week or are not actively seeking work.

Stock-take of Community Assets



Woodville is a vibrant and resilient community in the Tararua District, offering an array of facilities and services that support its residents and visitors.

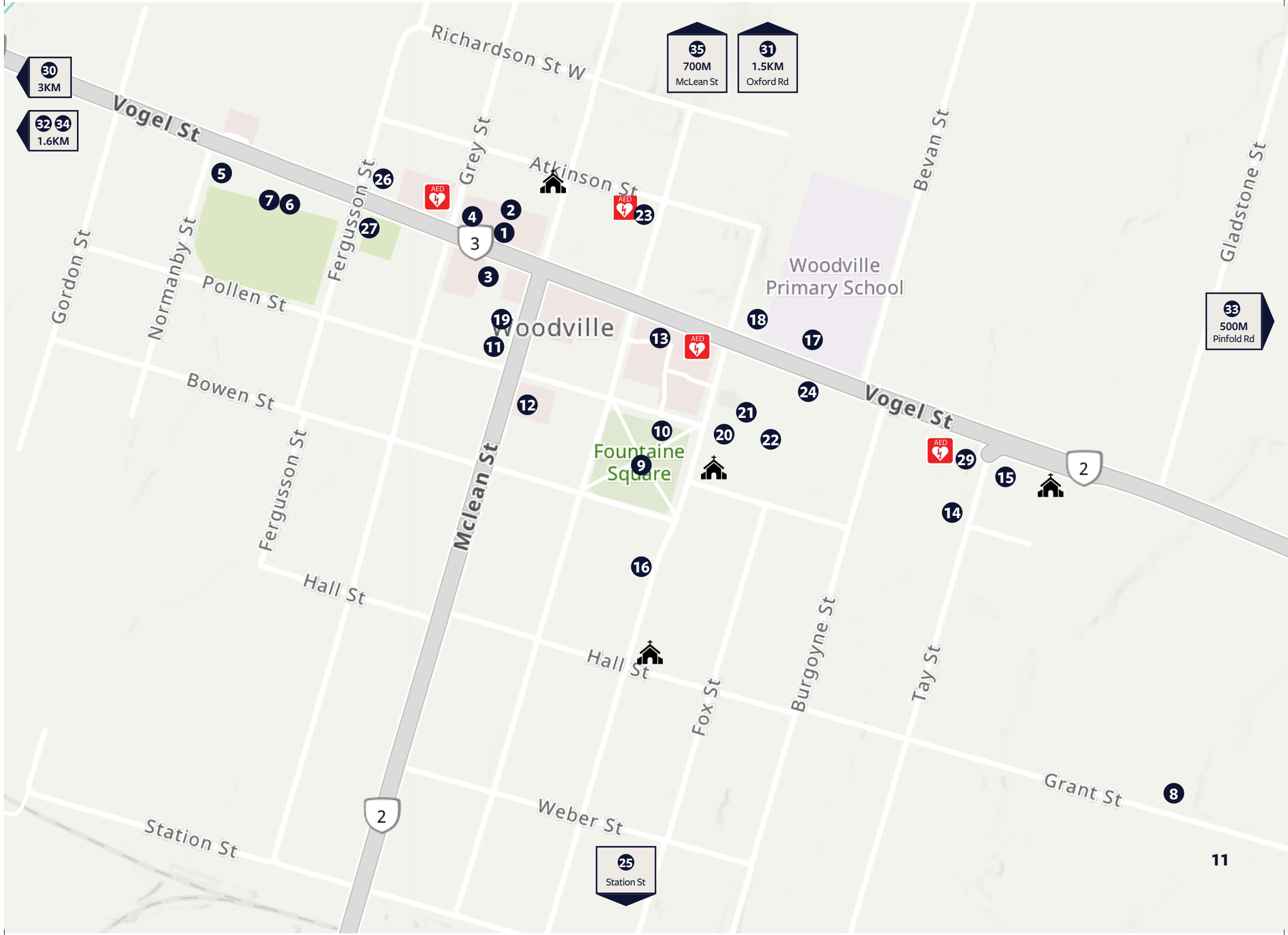
Despite the closure of the Manawatū Gorge road, the town remains a key connector between regions and a hub for recreation, culture, and education. Local amenities include a library, council service center, swimming pool, sports stadium, and well-maintained recreational grounds.

The town's creative and cultural identity is highlighted by the Rinitawa Art and History Galleries, Te Ahu a Turanga Marae, and Fontaine Square. Woodville also has strong educational foundations with Woodville School, Woodville Playcentre, and Te Kōhanga Reo o Atawhai providing learning opportunities for all ages. The community's sense of togetherness is further reflected in the activities of Radio Woodville and the Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club.

Woodville's diverse assets, combined with its rich cultural heritage and welcoming community spirit, make it a valued and dynamic part of the Tararua District.

Key

- 1 Library / Council Service Centre / isite
 - 2 DigitalSpaces Business Hub
 - 3 Rinitawa Art and History Galleries
 - 4 Public Toilet / EV Charging Station
 - 5 Swimming Pool
 - 6 Community Gym
 - 7 Recreation Grounds / Centre
 - 8 Football Grounds and Clubroom
 - 9 Fontaine Square & Playground
 - 10 Public Toilet & Dog Toilet
 - 11 Radio Woodville
 - 12 Medical / Health Centre
 - 13 Te Kete Hauora o Rangitāne
 - 14 Te Ahu a Turanga Marae
 - 15 Te Kōhanga Reo o Atawhai
 - 16 Woodville Playcentre
 - 17 Woodville School
 - 18 Woodville Early Childhood Centre
 - 19 Village Hall
 - 20 Sports Stadium
 - 21 Recycling Centre
 - 22 Campground
 - 23 Fire Station
 - 24 Police Station
 - 25 Railway Station
 - 26 Tennis & Basketball Courts
 - 27 Bowling Green / Club
 - 29 Horizons Regional Council
 - 30 Ferry Reserve / Ballance Domain
 - 31 Transfer Station
 - 32 RSA Cemetery
 - 33 Woodville Lawn Cemetery
 - 34 Old Gorge Cemetery
 - 35 Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club
-  Defibrillator
-  Church / Place of Worship



30
3KM

32 34
1.6KM

35
700M
McLean St

31
1.5KM
Oxford Rd

33
500M
Pinfold Rd

25
Station St

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Community Priorities



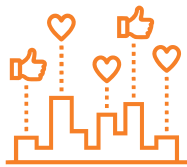
Community Priorities

Through community consultation, the Woodville community has identified priority areas for development:



High-quality amenities

We're committed to creating a welcoming and supportive environment. By enhancing our facilities and services, we aim to attract new residents and visitors who will enjoy everything our community has to offer.



Thriving business community

Our community supports local businesses and takes pride in our main street. We invest time and effort into beautifying the area and hosting events that benefit everyone.



Build our identity and tell our story

We embrace our history and culture to create a vibrant community identity. By celebrating our past and sharing our stories, we build pride and connection for generations to come.



Strong community connections

We believe in the power of connection. By building relationships and supporting each other, we create a vibrant community where everyone can thrive together.



Keeping focused on the priorities

It's important to make sure that each community project is connected to one (or more) of the agreed priorities.

Connection will be shown on each project page using the following key:

Connects



Does not connect



Community Projects



Community Projects

Below is a list of the projects that Woodville community is actively working on or working towards, and how they connect to our priorities.

The pages that follow contain summaries for each project listed. The project summaries are not definitive project plans and details may be added or changed over time.

Project summaries include:

- ▶ what - project description;
- ▶ who - stakeholders;
- ▶ when - timelines;
- ▶ why - success indicators; and
- ▶ how - cost estimates and funding options.

Skate Park



Celebrating 150 Years of Woodville



Dog Park



Solar Powered Heating for Community Pool



A little TLC for Fountaine Square

multiple projects - see page

Local Events - new and existing

multiple projects - see page

Recently completed projects

multiple projects - see page



But wait, that's not all!

We've also included a list of future projects the community would like to see happen. These are all the projects that have been identified by our people during community brainstorming sessions and consultations.

Some of these projects are quick wins, some will take a bit of time and effort, and others are long-term projects and ambitions.

Why are they future projects?

These projects do not yet have a lead or any resources behind them, and there are no plans that accompany them. If you think you might be able to help, check out the future projects at the end of this document.

Skate Park

Description

- ▶ The purpose of the project is to create an enduring and appealing skate park in Woodville, providing a safe and engaging recreational space for children and young people.
- ▶ This will be achieved by designing and constructing a well-thought-out facility tailored to skaters of all abilities, involving young people in the planning process, and leveraging community and expert input to ensure a sustainable and high-quality build.

Stakeholders

Who is **responsible** (leading):

- ▶ Positively Woodville

Who is **supporting**:

- ▶ Tararua District Council
- ▶ J-Stone Skate Parks
- ▶ Pahiatua Bush Multisport Trust (advisory role)

Who needs to be **consulted**:

- ▶ Positively Woodville – via committee meetings
- ▶ Woodville Recreation and Play (WRAP)
- ▶ Woodville Kids Sports Clubs and Activities

Who must be kept **informed**:

- ▶ Woodville residents – via community updates and social media
- ▶ Tararua District Council – via Community Plan reviews and long-term planning processes

** Waireka Community Trust funding is contingent on all project funding being secured and evidence provided that project is ready to proceed.*

Timeline

- ▶ 2024: Fundraising
- ▶ 2025: Commission Detailed Design from J-Stone Skate Parks; submit to Council for site location approval; and submit funding applications.
- ▶ 2026: Obtain resource consents and remainder of funding. Once obtained, construction starts.

Success Indicators

- ▶ Skate Park construction completed
- ▶ Active use of the facility by children and young people
- ▶ Positive community feedback on the facility
- ▶ Low ongoing maintenance costs due to high-quality construction

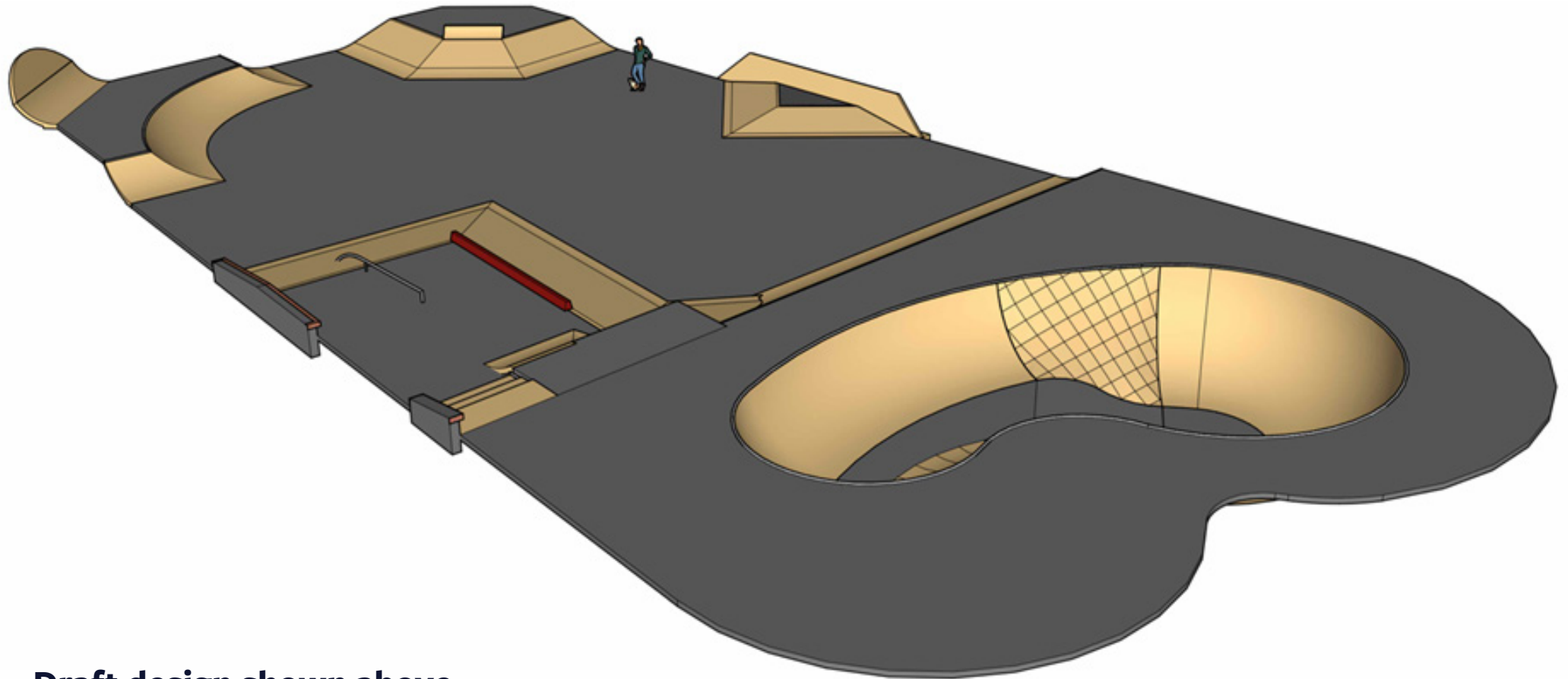
Anticipated Costs

- ▶ Total project cost: \$450,000–500,000
- ▶ Estimated annual maintenance: \$500

Funding

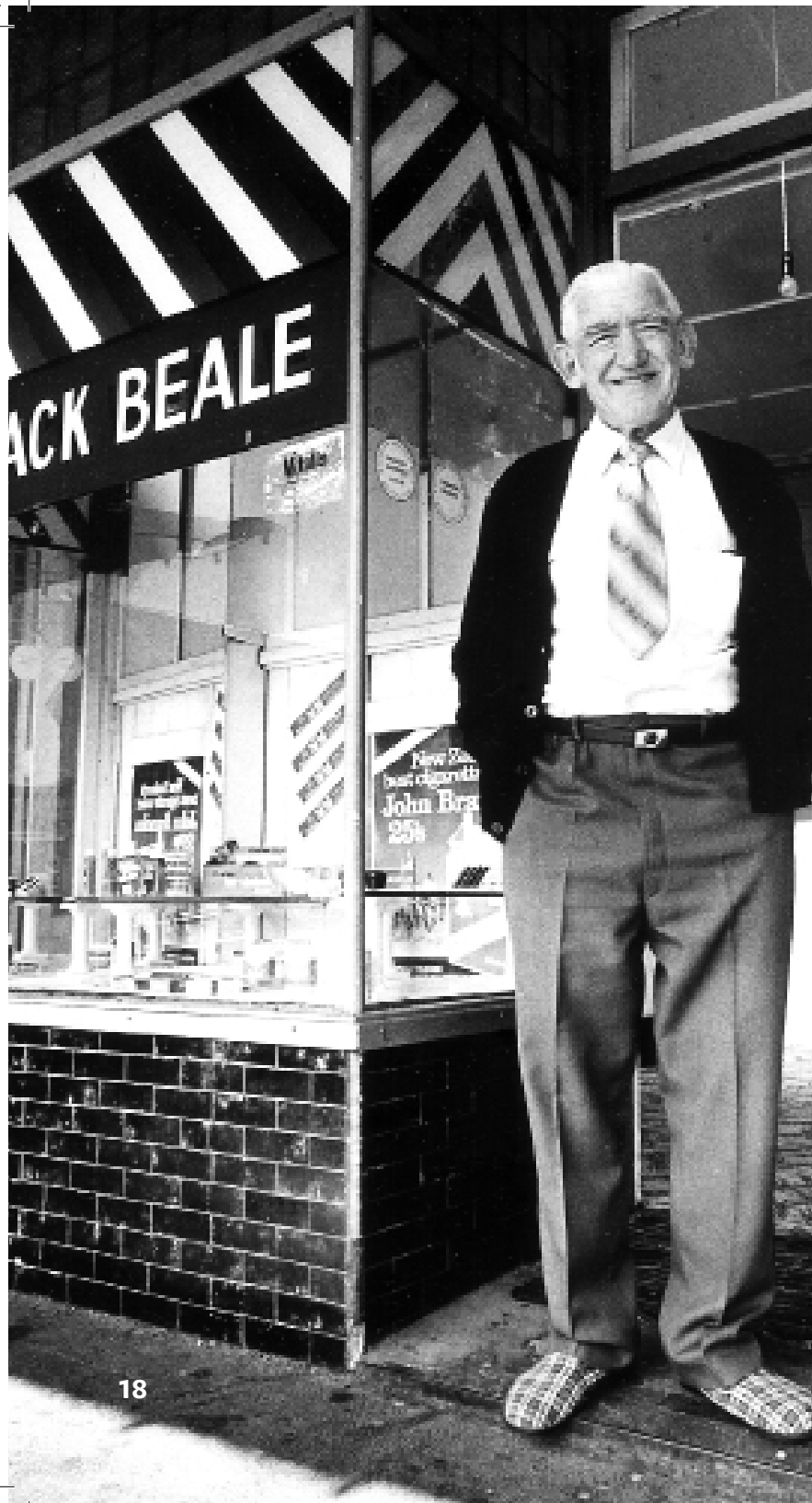
- ▶ **Total funding secured = \$301,000**
Positively Woodville (\$6,000)
Waka Kotahi Recreational Path Fund (\$25,000)
Tararua District Council (\$200,000)
Bush Charitable Trust (\$20,000)
Waireka Community Trust (\$50,000*)
- ▶ **External funding to be sought**
Application to Department of Internal Affairs
Lottery Community Facilities Fund.





Draft design shown above.

PLEASE NOTE: This is the draft design at the time of printing this plan. Please note, this may change slightly depending on how the project progresses.



Celebrating 150 Years of Woodville



Description

- ▶ The purpose of the project is to celebrate 150 years since the sale of the first town lots in 1875. This celebration provides an opportunity for the Woodville community to come together, reflect on its heritage, and promote local pride. Events throughout 2025 will highlight the past, present, and future of Woodville.
- ▶ Positively Woodville will coordinate and support groups, clubs, businesses, and individuals to host various events. Existing events will be encouraged to incorporate the sesquicentennial theme, while new events will also be developed.

Stakeholders

Who is **responsible** (leading):

- ▶ Positively Woodville

Who is **supporting**:

- ▶ Local businesses and organisations
- ▶ Community groups and clubs
- ▶ Tararua District Council

Who needs to be **consulted**:

- ▶ Positively Woodville Committee Members
- ▶ Local iwi and historical societies

Who must be kept **informed**:

- ▶ Woodville residents - via the Positively Woodville Facebook and Shop Window Display next to FourSquare
- ▶ Our local Council - via Community Plan reviews

Timeline

- ▶ 1 January 2025 - 1 January 2026

Success Indicators

- ▶ Broad community participation in events and activities
- ▶ Positive feedback from residents and visitors
- ▶ Increased visibility of Woodville's history and identity
- ▶ Strong engagement from local groups and businesses

Anticipated Costs

- ▶ \$10,000 - Event Planning and Publicity
- ▶ \$850 - Woodville 150 Years Logo Competition

Funding

- ▶ **Secured funds:**
Positively Woodville Tagged Funds - \$10,000
Positively Woodville Discretionary Grant - \$850
- ▶ **External funding:** No external funding has been sought for this project.

More information and confirmed events

In 2025, Woodville will be celebrating 150 years since the sale of the first town lots, marking the start of this resilient little community.

The town committee, Positively Woodville, is helping coordinate and support groups and organisations to host events of all kinds over 2025.

This is a special time for the community to come together to celebrate its history and its future.

Follow Positively Woodville on Facebook for updates on events and activities:

www.facebook.com/positivelywoodville

The committee is encouraging existing events to be part of Woodville 150 Celebrations. If you, your group, club, business or organisation would like to get involved please email positivelywoodville@gmail.com.

CONFIRMED EVENTS

1 January 2025: Picnic in the Park

Come dressed in your favourite period costume and bring a picnic along to Fountaine Square to enjoy some local music and to kick the year off!

22 February 2025: Horticultural and Industrial Show

Celebrating Woodville 150 year through floral designs..

8-9 March 2025: Woolville - Celebrating the wondering fibre Wool

Come and celebrate the wonderful fibre - NZ Wool. Stalls, exhibitions and much more.

3 August 2025: Music through the Years

Local community choir, Stand Up and Sing, will be hosting a concert with special guests including International Soprano Anna Leese.

23 August 2025: Holy Trinity Bazaar and Flower Show

The annual Bazaar and Flower Show will highlight the 150 year celebration with different categories and exhibitions.

19 October 2025: Church Service to Celebrate 150 Years Woodville

Holy Trinity Anglican Church will be hosting a church service to celebrate Woodville turning 150 years.

2 November 2025: Mad Hatters Day

Come and enjoy a day of fun and games at the annual Mad Hatters Day. Dress up in your favourite outfit and/or hat!



Watch this space!

Promotions will include the use of a distinctive "Woodville 150 Years" logo.

WOODVILLE
150
YEARS



Dog Park

Description

- ▶ The purpose of this project is to establish a dedicated dog park in Woodville, providing a safe, enclosed space for dogs to exercise, play, and socialise. This initiative aims to enhance community wellbeing by creating a space that promotes responsible pet ownership and offers residents and visitors a recreational facility for their pets.
- ▶ This will be achieved by identifying a suitable location, designing the park layout, and installing essential features such as fencing, waste stations, seating, and signage.

Stakeholders

Who is **responsible** (leading):

- ▶ Positively Woodville

Who is **supporting**:

- ▶ *To be determined - best practise would involve establishment of a sub-committee or formal working group to ensure consistent progress and reporting*

Who needs to be **consulted**:

- ▶ Woodville residents and dog owners – via surveys or public meetings
- ▶ Nearby property owners – regarding noise or other concerns

Who must be kept **informed**:

- ▶ Woodville residents - via the Positively Woodville Facebook Page
- ▶ Our local Council - via Community Plan reviews

Timeline

- ▶ *TBD – potential stages could include site selection, design finalization, construction, and opening (e.g., a 12-18 month process).*

Success Indicators

- ▶ Identification of a suitable site for the park
- ▶ Securing funding and necessary permits
- ▶ Completion of construction and opening to the public
- ▶ Positive community feedback and high usage of the facility

Anticipated Costs

- ▶ TBD – may include land preparation, fencing, waste disposal stations, and ongoing maintenance costs. Estimated cost is \$20,000 (minimum) to \$40,000 (maximum).

Funding

- ▶ **Secured funds:** Nil
- ▶ **External funding:** Fundraising activities for this project will likely include grant applications, business sponsorships and community fundraising.





WOODVILLE RECREATION AND PLAY (WRAP): Solar Powered Heating for Community Pool



Description

- ▶ The purpose of the project is to enhance the temperature of the Woodville Community Pool to enhance the delivery of additional swim safe activities.
- ▶ This will be achieved through two phases. The first phase is the installation of heat pumps (December 2024). The second phase is the fundraising for and installation of solar panels. Solar panels will generate energy for the heat pumps, accrue green credits for Tararua District and potentially power additional EV Charging Stations for Woodville.
- ▶ Future outcomes may include the extension of the swimming season and potentially using energy generated by solar panels for additional EV Charging Stations in Woodville.

Stakeholders

Who is **responsible** (leading):

- ▶ Woodville Recreation and Play (WRAP)

Who is **supporting**:

- ▶ Scanpower
- ▶ Eastern and Central Community Trust
- ▶ Tararua District Council
- ▶ Hato Hone (St Johns Ambulance)
- ▶ Woodville Volunteer Fire Brigade
- ▶ Woodville Lions
- ▶ Positively Woodville

Timeline

- ▶ December 2024 - Install heat pumps
- ▶ 2025 - Fundraising
- ▶ 2026 - Installation of solar panels (pending successful fundraising)
- ▶ 2027 onwards - Potential future outcomes

Success Indicators

- ▶ Heat pumps & solar panels installed
- ▶ Pool temperature allows the delivery of swim safe activities (such as aqua-aerobics, kayaking and swim lessons)
- ▶ (Future Outcomes) Extending activities and/or the swim season

Anticipated Costs

- ▶ Cost of heat pump installation - \$48,000
- ▶ Estimate cost of solar panel installation - \$45,000

Funding

- ▶ **Secured funds:**
Woodville Recreation and Play - \$12,500
Holy Trinity Church - \$5,000
Wharetiti Swim School - \$10,000
Eastern and Central Community Trust - \$22,000
- ▶ **External funding:**
Fundraising will take place during 2025 and will likely include external grant applications.

A little bit of TLC for Fountaine Square:



Band Rotunda

The purpose of this project is to carry out general maintenance and tidy-up of the Woodville Band Rotunda, ensuring it is in excellent condition for the community. This initiative will need to be led by the Tararua District Council (TDC) and supported by Positively Woodville and local community members (perhaps through working bees). The timeline aims to complete all work as part of the 150th celebrations.



Gym Equipment

The purpose of this project is to address safety concerns regarding the gym equipment at Fountaine Square, as much of it has passed its service life and does not meet safety standards. The decision has been made to remove any equipment that fails to meet these standards while retaining the equipment that is still safe for use, allowing the community to benefit from these assets until they too reach the end of their service life. Although the gym is utilised by some community members, there is not sufficient demand to justify the high costs of full replacement. Key stakeholders include Positively Woodville and the local community. The timeline for removal and assessment will be completed by mid-2025. Success indicators will include community feedback on the equipment retained and usage levels. Anticipated costs for this project are minimal, focused mainly on removal efforts, with funding sought from Positively Woodville.



Wheelchair Swing (possibly a future project)

The purpose of this project is to install a wheelchair swing at Fountaine Square, promoting inclusivity and accessibility for all community members. This addition will provide a safe and enjoyable play option for individuals with mobility challenges, enhancing the overall playground experience. Key stakeholders include Positively Woodville, local disability advocacy groups, and the wider community. A timeline has not been set as this is a future project. Success indicators will include community engagement, usage rates of the swing, and positive feedback from users and their families. Anticipated costs for this project are estimated at around \$30,000, factoring in the swing purchase and site preparation. Funding will likely be sought from external sources, such as grant applications and community fundraisers.



Local events we're delivering:



Mad Hatters Day (on-going event)

The purpose of this project is to bring the community together and boost the local economy for our retailers. It's an opportunity to build our identity and tell our story. The annual event is hosted by Positively Woodville, and supported by Woodville Lions, Property Brokers, local retailers, community groups and stall holders. The annual budget for the event is around \$8,000 and this is funded through Positively Woodville.



Community Movie Night(s)

The purpose of this project is to create a fun and engaging series of Community Movie Nights that bring residents together and promote local connections. These events will feature family-friendly films in an outdoor setting, encouraging community participation and enhancing local spirit. Key stakeholders include Positively Woodville, local businesses, and community groups. The timeline will span several summer evenings, allowing families to enjoy the outdoors together. Success indicators will include attendance numbers, community feedback, and social media engagement. Anticipated costs for hosting the movie nights are estimated at around \$2,000 per event, with funding primarily sourced from through external sponsorships and funding applications.



Event Signage

The purpose of this project is to construct permanent signage board frames for event promotion at high-visibility locations on the outskirts of town. These boards will provide a platform for advertising Positively Woodville events and projects, as well as activities organised by other community groups. Key stakeholders include Positively Woodville, local businesses, and community organisations. The timeline for installation aims to be completed as part of the 150th celebrations. Success indicators will include the number of events promoted, community engagement, and feedback on the effectiveness of the signage. Anticipated costs for this project are \$2,500 (4 signs), with funding sought from Positively Woodville and potential external sponsors to support ongoing community initiatives.

Recently completed projects



Flower Baskets for Vogel Street

The purpose of this project was to design, construct, and install new flower baskets along Vogel Street. This enhanced the visual appeal of our town, contributing to **high-quality amenities** that residents and visitors can enjoy. It also plays a role in **building our identity and telling our story** by adding to the character and charm of Woodville's main street. Additionally, by creating a more attractive environment, we're support a **thriving business community** and **strengthening community connections**.



FlagTrax® Streetflags System for Events

The FlagTrax® Streetflags system is an innovative solution for the easy installation and swapping of promotional flags on lamp posts, allowing communities to display vibrant banners that highlight local events and businesses.

In Woodville, this project involved installing the system on 22 lamp posts to enhance the town's visual appeal and create a welcoming atmosphere. Community groups can book and use the system to promote their events, contributing to **high-quality amenities** and encouraging community engagement.

By showcasing local culture and activities, the project helps **build our identity and tell our stories**, while also supporting a **thriving business community** by increasing visibility for local enterprises. Overall, the FlagTrax system **strengthens community connections** by inviting participation in local celebrations.



Find Our Friends in Fontaine Square

The purpose of this project was to create a community scavenger hunt in Fontaine Square; a simple, low-cost, high-impact initiative designed to make the space more interactive and engaging. By encouraging people to explore, play, and connect, we're enhancing **high-quality amenities** that locals and visitors can enjoy. This project supports **building our identity and telling our story** through playful discovery, while also **strengthening community connections** in the heart of Woodville.



Woodville Heritage Gas Lamps

The purpose of this project was to install the Heritage Lamps in the heart of Woodville - a meaningful gift from the late John Beattie and his family to the town he loved. These restored gas lamp posts not only enhance our **high-quality amenities**, but also help with **building our identity and telling our story** by celebrating Woodville's history and heritage. Through the collaboration of Positively Woodville, the Woodville Lions, and Scanpower, this project contributes to a **thriving business community** and **strengthening community connections**, bringing a warm glow to our town — especially when they light up the night.



Future projects identified by the Community

Projects our community wants to see happen

These are all the projects that have been identified by our people during community brainstorming sessions and consultations. Some of these projects are quick wins, some will take a bit of time and effort, and others are long-term projects and ambitions. They are not listed in any particular order.

Why are these all "future" projects?

These projects do not yet have a lead or any resources behind them, and there are no plans that accompany them. If you'd like to volunteer to lead on any of the projects or you have access to resources that may help, please contact the Positively Woodville Community Committee (contact information on back of document).

What are the coloured marks?

To ensure we're working towards shared visions, all projects must link to at least one of the community priorities:

-  High-quality amenities
-  Thriving business community
-  Build our identity and tell our stories
-  Strong community connections

 Colour Your Business: A Community Paint Initiative	 Mural Makeover: Refresh Our Community Art	 Boundary Beauty: Enhance Our Town Entrances	 Tararua Taonga: Giant "Hill Figures" Across the District
 Design and launch local Treasure Trails	 Bring a Music Festival to Woodville: Event Organiser Wanted!	 Wearing Our Waste Community Fashion Show and Competition	 Wacky Races Lawn mowers, go-karts, race to the top of wharite, banana boats, and more!
 Investigate the potential for a Woodville Water Park	 Feasibility study for a youth hub and training centre in Woodville	 "Post Your Story" a community art installation using carved and painted fence posts	 A new tourist attraction? Whariti Peak Luge Track? 70-Mile Bush Adventure Park?
 What to do with the Woodville Tree Sculpture	 Woodville Community Vehicle (for community and sports travel)	 Alternative community gardens (orchards, sensory)	 YOUR IDEA GOES HERE...







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