

Shaping our Future

Hāwea Community Visioning Forum Report– 13 November 2021

This report summarises the outcomes of the workshop held with the Hāwea community on the 13th of November 2021. The workshop took place over the course of five hours allowing for significant discussion of priority issues, values, vision, priority themes and actions, and next steps. In total of 39 people attended the session.



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1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this report is to capture the outcomes of the workshops in a way that can help the Task Force shape its recommendations to the Shaping our Future Board. It records the community's long-term aspirations, their views about current challenges facing Hāwea, priority issues and they believe should be addressed in the shorter-term.

2. HOT TOPICS AND CURRENT ISSUES

2.1 Challenges and Successes

Upon arrival, the participants were asked to provide two words as follows:

- a. One word that describes the biggest challenge currently facing the community, the following words were offered:



- b. One word that describes success for the community, the following words were offered:



2.2 Priority Issues

A facilitated discussion followed on what's on everyone's mind with regards to hot topics and burning issues. Participants were asked to write down what they think are the current priority issues for Hāwea:

The following concepts and ideas came through:

- Lack of meeting needs of the community: services, moving around, facilities.
- Lack of integrated design
- Limited schooling, no high school
- Representation of council
- Lack community support, lack of funding, reliance on volunteers
- Councils are not listening: disconnect between community, professionals, developers
- Growth: grow bigger to enable more local facilities or stay small and retain sense of community
- Council is 20 years behind
- Lack of community essential services: supermarkets, chemists etc.
- No business hub
- Water security: urban and rural
- Need support for camping grounds
- Public transport: school buses are overcrowded
- Urban growth
- Hawea and Hawea Flat are two very different communities
- Affordable housing
- Don't want one group dominating
- Set an urban growth boundary
- Keep productive land
- Struggling physical infrastructure & amenities: Power, road, wastewater, drinking water, stormwater, Internet/data
- Infrastructure planning: lack of transparency
- Parks and recreation
- Commercial
- Medial
- Lack of sustainable approach to new developments
- Tenuous movement linkages
- Rampant developments: no sense of community
- False consultations
- Environmental issues: Nitrate in water, noise, dust, smoke, degradation, loss of ecosystem
- Locals' voice is lost in decision-making



4. VALUES

Participants were asked to think about Hāwea’s aspirational values. What does Hāwea represent to you? What makes it unique?. The following concepts and ideas came through:

- Slow-paced lifestyle
- Farming network
- Community heart x1
- Taonga: special place
- Access/open/welcoming x2
- Wilderness/natural aspect
- Sustainability x2
- Freedom/non-compliance/expression
- Environmentalist/climate change/biodiversity
- Care & community/resilience/self-determination
- Safety and trust
- Eclectic mix/diversity
- Skilled, highly educated community
- Recreational activities
- Open, unspoiled lake front
- Gateway to activities
- Awareness of the environment
- Arts, crafts and musicians
- Multi-generational
- Talented community
- Grateful
- Authentic
- Lake Hāwea/Hāwea Flat complementary communities



5. PRIORITY THEMES

Priority Theme: Environment			
Issue/Priority	Driving Influences	Ideal Future Outcomes	Solutions/Next Steps
Energy Consumption	Expansion Human activity intensification Regulations on consumptions Humanity (growth) Disposable mentality Increased demand	Educate to reduce consumption	<i>Solar/passive homes/embracing technology/plan</i>
Water Quality		High quality/good reserves	<i>Push to Lake quality monitoring programme</i>
Climate Change		Less dependency on upgrading, longer life span of products uses	<i>Waste reduction/ community-led local recycling facilities. Low emissions roadmap.</i>
Pest Control		Education	
Freedom camping		Better planning for less congestion/pollution	
Littering		Ban coal/ switch to low emissions	
Sustainable life and death		Tighter restrictions	
Public transport		Education	<i>Electric buses, ban coal, require low emissions options.</i>
Air quality			<i>Switch to low carbon technologies and renewables</i>
Lake level/erosion			<i>Lake level management/involvement in Contact energy consent renewals. Require Contact to pay for riparian planting to mitigate erosion.</i>

Priority Theme: Ecology			
Issue/Priority	Driving Influences	Ideal Future Outcomes	Solutions/Next Steps
Pesticides Herbicides Fertilisers	Farmers Gardeners QLDC- contractors	Educate for best practice Research information Education	<i>Ecology built into subdivisions. Landscape plan for Hawea that takes into account contours.</i>
Funded research and plans	Lack of access for funding for research	Seek more funding sources	<i>Economically viable project</i>
Water quality	People speak results	Record previous practice for education as what not to do4	<i>Where do rates go?</i>
Pests: animals and plant management	“This is how we have always done it”	More diversity, ecology, protection	<i>Request for ecology toll gates</i>
Flora: food, native and exotic	Lack of pest control Mana Whenua interests		<i>Research and on the ground observers Jobs for nature, scholarships: local and from government</i>
Population expansion and its effect on existing trails	Greater population, greater frequency of use	Excellent maintenance of tracks, walkways and facilities	<i>Establish a health checklist for the whole area appointing personnel. Create a “Guardian Hub with appropriate funding</i>
Ecological tourism	Minimal footprint	Education from school up	<i>Get info into from resources to be easily digestible and available</i>

Priority Theme: Community			
Issue/Priority	Driving Influences	Ideal Future Outcomes	Solutions/Next Steps
Rapid change: housing, infrastructure	Growth, desirable location, “cheaper” than Wānaka International population growth	Growth planning Growth management to retain community heart	<i>Introduce policies for growth planning Hāwea community association statement: design guidelines, planning</i>

Community heart	Locations to connect: lakefront, school and facilities, community centre.	Sustainable and affordable housing and infrastructure	<i>Distil info for shorter communications</i>
Events for changing demographics: young professionals, teenagers	Locals can find their ideal job and work in Hawea	5	<i>Community events to serve current population</i>

Priority Theme: Economy			
Issue/Priority	Driving Influences	Ideal Future Outcomes	Solutions/Next Steps
Inevitable growth No circular economy Targeted attraction of “appropriate industries”	Demand, desirable Easy access to Wānaka Need for ability to live and work in Hāwea	Planned, managed Variety if infrastructure to support industry Multiple thriving industries	<i>Plan for double of what is expected. Long-term plans Better zoning, less red tape Attractive finance for startups Seed funding Incubators, entrepreneurs</i>
Sustainable development	Water, soil, air Materials Investment Regulation frameworks	Carbon-positive Hāwea Aesthetically positive Establish benchmarks, standards, small goals	<i>Support, funding and research Establish a Hāwea working group to put standards in place New agreement & council to empower and enact Hāwea Pay Hāwea working group</i>
Eco-tourism	Call for regenerative tourism Tourists who can give back to the community	Tourists contribute to community financially and through activities	

House prices/rent affordability and diversity	Re-assess demand. Eco- homes, shared allotments, tiny-houses	Regulations for smaller and diverse land use Planning regulations	<i>State housing communities need to be sustainable and eco</i>
Opportunities Social equity Worskforce Council not aligned with Hāwea community	Affordability Urban boundaries	Write new policies in consultation with sub-groups (ethnic, age, activities) Don't wait for council to ask, draft own regulations	<i>Hāwea working group/parties to write new guidelines for our community: chair, admin paid, spokesperson Hāwea community groups join up</i>

Priority Theme: Culture			
Issue/Priority	Driving Influences	Ideal Future Outcomes	Solutions/Next Steps
We have many different groups and we want to be consulted. Developers should consult the community, councils should not override community	We feel no one is listening There is no avenue to speak More person to person talk Developers do whatever they like We feel ignored and not asked	Listening: online or in person Access to decision-making Hāwea has a community driven outline of development: how we want things done, what services we need and what aesthetics we like Council comes to Hāwea to listen regularly	<i>Party where different clubs meet Hāwea online forum what meets monthly with council</i>
More diversity on council. Allow freedom within subgroups			<i>Write a community development that is binding: eco-sustainable, kids, aesthetic. Through better consultation More meetings in Hāwea and specific to Hāwea 2-way communication</i>
Arts, financial support.	Lonely, underfunded pursuits Creative community	A place for expression	

Organisational support. Cultural hub Public art gallery			
Under 40's: under-represented, under supported	Time of consultations Transitioning people Young don't have time	Quick and easy access and readability if consultations Online conversation with social groups	<i>Publicise people who represent youth to inspire collaboration</i> <i>Showcase inclusive community to allow people to learn</i>
More community parties, social			
Self-determined Hāwea forum			
Dog ownership culture	Lack of facility, conflict of use	Community facility for dogs	<i>Dog park, Hāwea domain</i>

Priority Theme:			
Issue/Priority	Driving Influences	Ideal Future Outcomes	Solutions/Next Steps
Interconnectedness	Changing demographics	Inclusive events Embrace multi-generations and groups	<i>Funding against identified objectives</i> <i>Business transformation processes: employ, build, fund</i> <i>Streamlined access to resources</i>
Planning process	Address community issues	Shared and improved services Sustainable and innovative	
Understanding change		Increasing and effective communications	<i>Long term planning & costs/scale demainf</i> <i>Lobby regional council</i>
Education and welfare: health, birth and death	Aging, young families, population growth	Natural death options	

Waste water	Infrastructure suited to community		
Public transport			
Essential services			

6. ACTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

What can we do now?	Actions and next steps	Longer term aspirations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flora and landscape plan • Natural burials • Objective-focused business transformation processes • Engage with different age groups • Inspire representation of youth • Form a steering committee to write policy • Get paid positions for steering committee • Lobby ORC • Sharing/mapping across groups • Public transport mode shift • Benchmark biodiversity (seek funding) • Funding for objectives and resources • Lake level management consults • Report on workshop to action • Write an HCA statement to incorporate in future planning • Identify gaps • Community events • Solve council alignment with community • Cohesion between community groups • Incubator support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology is part of our education • Reduce pesticide use • Air quality: education to shift to low emissions • Modal shift to public transport • Community-led recycling and composting • “State housing” • Housing working group • Centre of learning relevant to community • Dog park • Funding for environment research and projects • Energy consumption: solar, passive homes, sustainable planning, waste minimisation initiatives • Regenerative and eco-tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular economy • Local to Hāwea: Healthcare and hospitality • Innovators, start ups • Growth management • Diversified economy • Community solutions • Information hub • Plan for twice what we expect to happen • Other forms of engagement • Build ecology into subdivisions • Hāwea standards for sustainable development • Understandable scientific information



7. APPENDIX

7.1 Workshop Attendees

The following people attended the Shaping our Future Hāwea Community Visioning workshops on 13th of November 2021 at the Hāwea Community Centre.

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