



# **PART 2** COUNCIL VISION AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

The purpose of this section is to provide a context for our District, and outline the Vision and Community Outcomes that Tasman District Council aims to achieve in order to promote the social, economic and cultural interests of Tasman's current and future communities; together with maintaining and enhancing the quality of our environment.

## COUNCIL VISION

### COUNCIL'S VISION IS:

THRIVING COMMUNITIES ENJOYING THE  
TASMAN LIFESTYLE

## COUNCIL MISSION

### TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S MISSION STATEMENT IS:

TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY WELL-BEING AND  
QUALITY OF LIFE

Council has retained the same Vision and Mission that was included in the Long Term Plan 2012-2022. The vision recognises that there are many different communities within our District, not just geographic communities, but non-profit organisations, environmental communities, art communities, church communities, sporting communities, to name just a few. We would like all these communities to succeed and to benefit from the many opportunities that our District provides. It fits well with the purpose of Local Government, which is to: "(a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses."

The activities and proposed expenditure in the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 supports Council's Vision, Mission and Community Outcomes.

## COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

### BACKGROUND

Community Outcomes are the outcomes Council is working towards in order to promote community well-being. They reflect what Council sees as important for community well-being and they help to build up a picture of the collective vision for the District's future – how we would like Tasman District to look and feel in 10 years and beyond. They also inform Council decision-making and the setting of priorities.

As part of the development of this Long Term Plan, Council worked together with Nelson City Council to align the Community Outcomes of both councils. The resulting set of joint Community Outcomes retain the overall direction of the previous Outcomes, however the wording in these new Outcomes has been amended slightly.

Changes made to the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) at the end of 2010 changed the definition of Community Outcomes from being those that are developed and implemented in conjunction with the community to those that Council itself aims to achieve. Notwithstanding this change Council believes that the Community Outcomes can only be achieved through working in partnership with the whole community, including individuals, businesses, government agencies and community organisations. Everyone's views on describing how our District would look if we achieved these Outcomes will be slightly different, but we have put a description below each Outcome to help you understand what we are working towards.

# MAP OF TASMAN DISTRICT



# COMMUNITY OUTCOME DESCRIPTORS

## OUTCOME 1:

Our unique natural environment is healthy and protected.

- Tasman is a place where everyone can enjoy the natural environment, while it is protected for the future.
- We recognise the importance of a healthy environment for tourism and productive land uses, and the need to minimise the impacts of human activities on the environment.
- We manage air quality, waste, freshwater and coastal waters.
- We treasure, protect and restore the special places, landscapes, native species and natural ecosystems of Tasman.
- Natural biodiversity is widely understood and valued.
- The value of introduced species is recognised and pests are controlled.
- Open spaces are linked and productive land is protected.
- We undertake an extensive monitoring programme of the environment, including air, water and soil health.
- We also provide and monitor resource consents and, if necessary, prosecute any breaches.
- The intergenerational kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of tangata whenua iwi is recognised; the community understands the concept and are involved in caring for ngā taonga tuku iho (treasure of the ancestors).

## OUTCOME 2:

Our urban and rural environments are people-friendly, well planned and sustainably managed.

- Our current and future urban and rural living environments provide the important features that we need to enjoy Tasman.
- Urban and rural areas are designed to be people-friendly, particularly for children, families and our increasing, ageing population.
- We think and plan regionally and act locally within that context.
- Our built environments are well planned and based on sound urban design principles.
- Urban areas are attractive, safe, accessible and have parks and reserves available for residents to use.

- Tasman has affordable roading services that meet the needs of our communities.
- There is a range of community housing and community facilities, with more intensification in towns/settlements and clear urban/rural boundaries.

## OUTCOME 3:

Our infrastructure is efficient, cost effective and meets current and future needs.

- We have good quality, sustainable, integrated, affordable, efficient and effective transportation networks (including roads, cycleways and footpaths), water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste services.
- Waste and pollution is minimised, so we have clean water, clean seas, clean air, healthy flora, fauna and soils, and public health needs are met.
- Growth is well managed.
- Our public transport services are well-utilised and our developing cycleway network is popular with residents and visitors alike.

## OUTCOME 4:

Our communities are healthy, safe, inclusive and resilient.

- We support the opportunities for Tasman residents to enjoy a good quality of life.
- We are a supportive and diverse community.
- Everyone is included and involved, can participate in decision-making and is able to enjoy a good quality of life, wherever they come from and whatever their age, abilities or income.
- We are a resilient community with a Civil Defence service that assists residents and businesses to cope with disasters or emergencies.
- Our communities health and wellbeing is safeguarded by ensuring standards of construction, food safety and registered premises operation are met, and that alcohol sale and consumption, risk from fire and nuisances (e.g. from dogs and stock) do not adversely affect quality of life.

# COMMUNITY OUTCOME DESCRIPTORS (CONT.)

## OUTCOME 5:

Our communities have opportunities to celebrate and explore their heritage, identity and creativity.

- We have a strong sense of community and are proud of our region, our communities and our diverse heritage.
- Important heritage items, sites and stories of the District are protected for future generations.
- Residents and visitors have opportunities to celebrate Tasman's heritage and support cultural diversity.
- We celebrate and acknowledge our heritage and our history and how that contributes to our distinctive identity.
- We tell our whakapapa (history) in an honest way and acknowledge the lessons that history has taught us.
- Māori culture and tikanga (traditions) are acknowledged as taonga (treasures) that represent our regional uniqueness.
- We value and support those things that make Tasman special and unique – our Maori history, our people, art and crafts, the outdoors, local food and wines and the relaxed atmosphere.
- The two marae in Tasman are an important part of our District's cultural services and these are essential to our community identity.
- Access to the coastal waters of Tasman is secured and safe boating practice is supported.

## OUTCOME 6:

Our communities have access to a range of social, educational and recreational facilities and activities.

- We have a good range of sports and recreation facilities for all ages, including youth and older residents.
- There is a wide range of recreation, educational and leisure opportunities for everyone to take part in.
- We support and encourage all culturally diverse groups to demonstrate their unique recreational activities to the wider community.
- There are many festivals and events held throughout the year in the Nelson/Tasman regions.

## OUTCOME 7:

Our Council provides leadership and fosters partnerships, a regional perspective, and community engagement.

- We work together effectively as a region, think of the generations that will follow and listen to the full range of views.
- Everyone has the opportunity to participate in the community's major decisions and information is easy to obtain.
- Leaders consult with and understand their communities and work for the good of all, including the wider region.
- Our leaders take responsibility for their decisions and act to improve the big issues facing our community.
- We continue to collaborate with community organisations and build effective Council-community partnerships.
- We support and mentor our youth to become the leaders of the future.

## OUTCOME 8:

Our region is supported by an innovative and sustainable economy.

- We all participate in the regional economy and it meets people's needs.
- We are a business-friendly region, and economic activity is sensitive to the environment, heritage and people of Tasman.
- We are skilled and adaptable and we see the benefits of a wide range of high-value industries and businesses.
- Small, locally-owned businesses are an essential part of the community.
- We encourage appropriate new investment into our community.
- Our youth can live, learn and work in Tasman.
- We recognise, support and celebrate innovation and achievement.