

CLUTHA VALLEY

Our Place

Community Plan



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INTRODUCTION

This community plan has been created to help revitalise the Clutha Valley Ward. Clutha Valley includes the settlements of Clydevale, Greenfield, Tuapeka Mouth and Warepa, and a large rural area. The plan has been developed with help from local residents and it identifies key projects which people said would help to enhance this area.

This plan ties closely with the *Living and Working in Clutha Strategy* which aims to generate growth and develop the Clutha District as a great place to live and

work. This community plan and its projects provide a structure and means to implement the *Living and Working Strategy* in the Clutha Ward. Similar plans have also been developed for other towns and rural areas in the Clutha District.

Although this plan is primarily about Council infrastructure and facilities, it is also intended to help support and guide the activities of community groups when they make decisions about assets which are owned and managed on behalf of the community.

Living & Working Strategy

Our Place Clutha Valley Community Plan



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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Community feedback played a crucial part in developing this plan

Consultation was designed to stimulate interest in the project, encourage feedback and provide information about future projects and initiatives in the Clutha Valley Ward.

Council’s elected members provided input and leadership, as well as approving consultation material, and assisting with consultation activities.

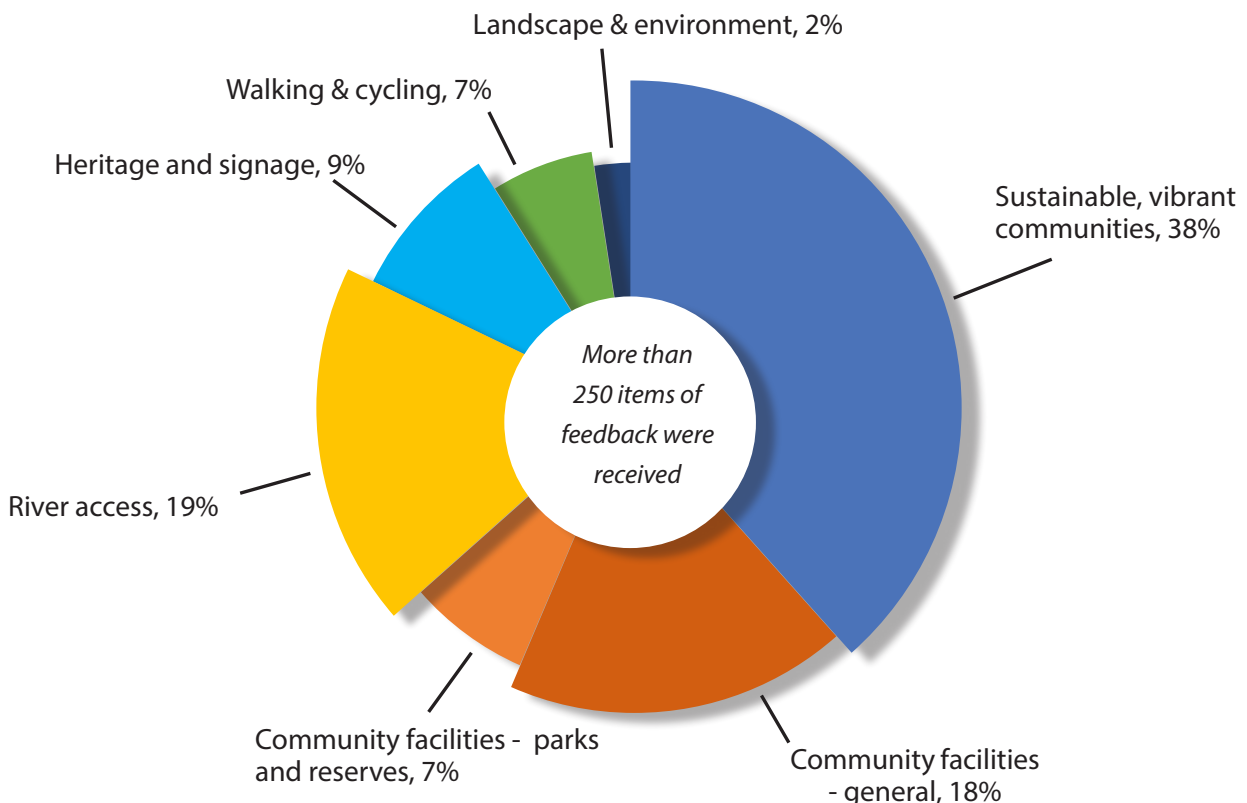
Public consultation took place from January to March 2023. Council staff and elected representatives hosted consultation events at Clydevale, Warepa, Greenfield and Tuapeka Mouth, visited local businesses and met

with approximately 140 school children.

A consultation document was developed to help prompt ideas and discussion. This was delivered to households in the Clutha Valley Ward and was also available from Council Service Centres and libraries, and from Council’s website.

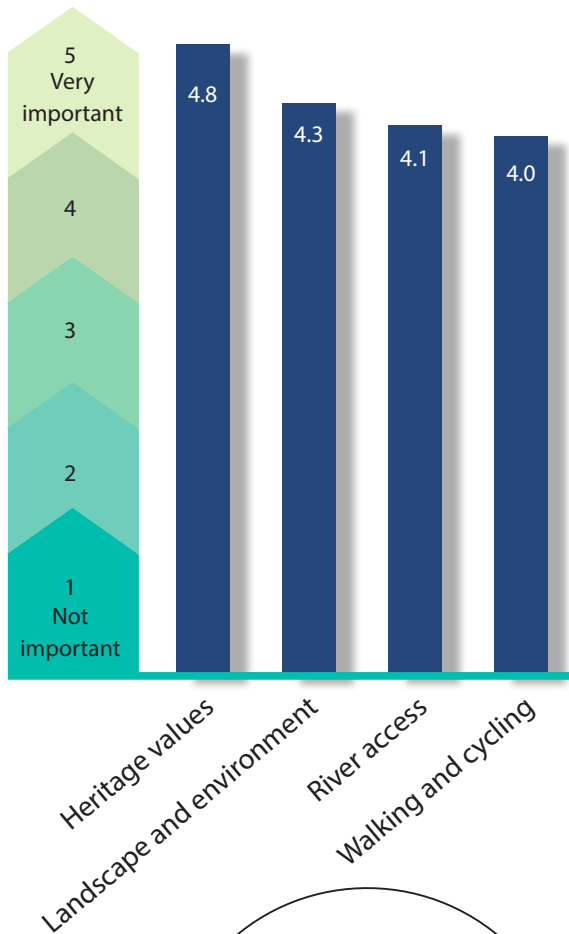
Several focus topics were identified (see graph below), representing key feedback areas. There were 256 feedback items received in total. These were from one-on-one conversations, notes from meetings and written submissions.

The topics people talked about the most



SURVEY RESULTS

Which topics should we focus on?



Part of the consultation included a structured survey for respondents to rank the importance (or priority) of existing facilities within the Clutha Valley Ward, as well as possible projects and ideas.

The survey asked respondents to rank various items, on a scale between 1 (not important) to 5 (very important) for four of the focus areas we asked about. The average rank for each focus area is shown in the graph on the left.

Heritage values were rated as very important by those who responded. This was followed by landscape and environment, river access and walking and cycling.

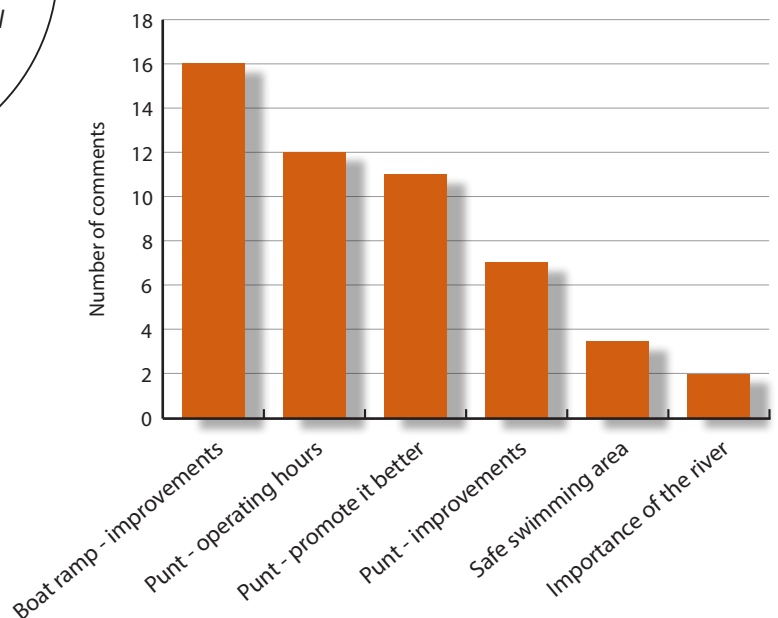


We received some great feedback from Clutha Valley residents and this has helped to guide the priority projects described in this plan. A big thanks to all those who got involved!

Simon McAtamney,
Clutha Valley Ward Councillor

River access

We asked what could be done to improve access to the Clutha River/Mata-Au. Most feedback related to the Clydevale boat ramp and the Tuapeka Mouth punt, as shown in the graph below.



MAKING IT HAPPEN

Implementing the Our Place Clutha Valley Community Plan

The priority projects on pages 6-8 summarise the key outcomes that are anticipated, who is leading them and describes why they are important to the community.

The timeframe and scope vary between each project. In some cases the scope is clearly defined, while other projects which simply reflect community aspirations may not yet have specific funding allocated, or an implementation plan in place. These will likely take longer to develop and are included to help guide planning and decision-making.

Updates on progress for all projects will be made available on Council's website (www.cluthadc.govt.nz).

Council has made it clear that projects can generally proceed where financially it is rates neutral, but where a project would be seeking additional Council funding it may require additional consultation through the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes.

Alternative sources of funding will also be considered, and Council will work alongside community groups and other agencies to make progress on projects.

As noted, some of the projects in this plan may not be progressed immediately, due to budget constraints or other limitations. However, in the short term, Council has built into each project a requirement to consider "easy wins" as a priority.



Council's role

Council's role will be to help facilitate community plan projects. This will vary from project to project, but examples of the type of support Council may provide include:

- Staff and contractors undertaking work as directed, within existing budgets and work programmes
- Advocating on behalf of the community for actions or decisions by other agencies, to progress priority projects.
- Direct involvement of a Council Project Manager, to direct and implement work.
- Providing administrative support to groups or organisations which have been set up to manage projects.
- Providing other technical support (e.g. mapping, guidance on consenting issues).
- A contribution towards funding for specific projects.

PRIORITY PROJECTS COUNCIL IS BACKING

Project 1: Community facilities

Outcome

Community facilities in Clutha Valley are fit for purpose and well used by residents and visitors.

Who's leading it?

This project will generally be community-led, especially where the assets are community-owned or managed. Council will provide support as appropriate.

Description

This project will include the following components:

- a. Ensuring that existing facilities are well maintained and upgraded where necessary.
- b. Development of new recreational facilities.



Clutha Valley Community Centre



Playground at Clutha Valley Rugby Club

Project 2: Parks and reserves

Outcome

Investigate improvements to the Tuapeka Mouth Domain and other key reserves.

Develop a Reserve Management Plan for the Clutha Valley Ward.

Who's leading it?

Improvements to reserves will be led by the community, with support from Council.

Council will lead the development of the *Clutha Valley Reserve Management Plan*.

Description

This project will include the following components:

- a. Improvements and maintenance at the Tuapeka Mouth Domain, and other reserves as identified. The objective is to enhance the environmental and amenity value of these reserves.
- b. Development of the *Clutha Valley Reserve Management Plan*, which will help guide future development and use of reserves.



Tuapeka Mouth Domain, also known as the Wasp Nest Cricket Ground

Project 3: Sustainable, vibrant communities

Outcome

This project is about supporting initiatives which will attract people to live and work in the Clutha Valley Ward.

Who's leading it?

Council will consider potential infrastructure improvements as part of the development of 2024/34 Long Term Plan.

Other, smaller scale initiatives will be community-led, with Council or Clutha Development providing support where appropriate.

Description

This project will align with the *Living and Working in Clutha Strategy*, as it aims to make the Clutha Valley Ward a better place to live and work.

Potential work areas identified through consultation include:

- a. Investigate options for additional residential development.
- b. Improved roading, bridges and road safety.
- c. Footpath upgrades.
- d. Reliable / improved water supply.



Clutha District Citizenship Ceremony

Project 4: River access

Outcome

This project aims to improve river access for locals and visitors.

Who's leading it?

Of the two specific initiatives identified through consultation:

1. Improvements to the Clydevale Boat Ramp Reserve will be led by the community.
2. Further development and promotion of the Tuapeka Mouth Punt will be Council-led.

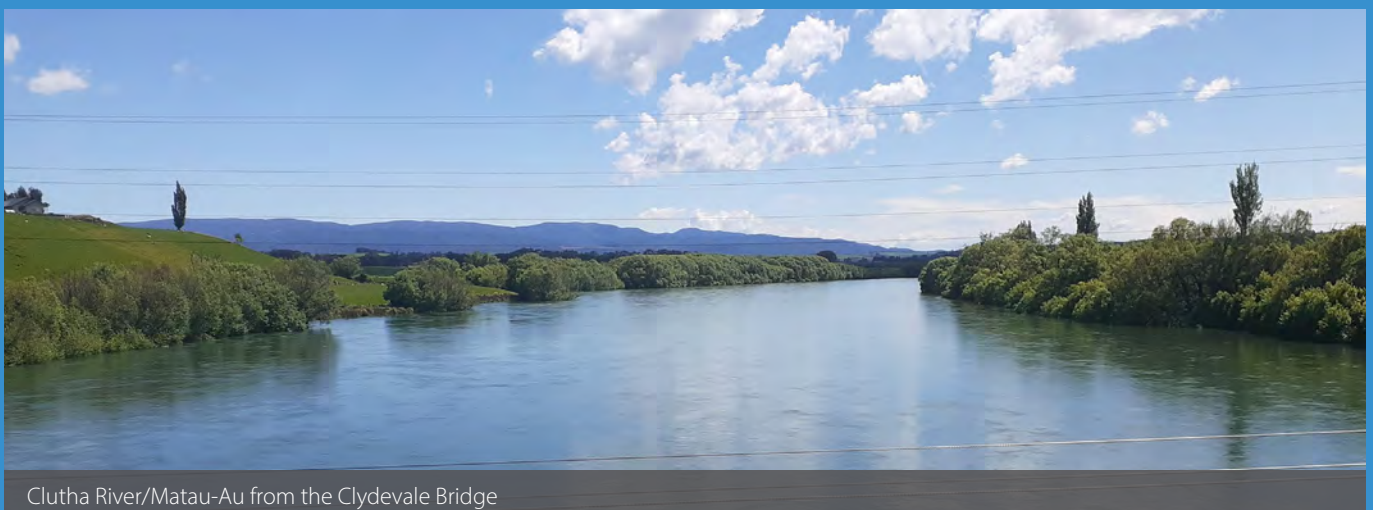
Other initiatives may be identified through further community engagement.

Description

Improvements to the Clydevale Boat Ramp Reserve may include upgrading the ramp and jetty, and development of the surrounding reserve.

Council will also investigate options to develop and promote the Tuapeka Mouth Punt.

This project will also need to align with the *Clutha Valley Reserve Management Plan*, once this is completed.



Clutha River/Matau-Au from the Clydevale Bridge

Project 5: Heritage

Outcome

This project aims to promote heritage destinations in the Clutha Valley, and to provide more information about heritage values.

Who's leading it?

This project will be Council-led with support from Clutha Development and the community.

Description

This project will involve working with community groups to find the best approach to make Clutha Valley a 'heritage' destination. Work may include:

- Directional signage from other parts of the district.
- Increased signage for the Tuapeka Punt.
- Development of a heritage-based trail linking various destinations through the Clutha Valley.
- Promotion of the Clutha Valley and its heritage attractions.
- Information panels, web content and brochures.

Project 6: Walking and cycling

Outcome

This project is intended to create connections to local destinations, and to improve existing walking and cycling assets.

Who's leading it?

Council and / or Clutha Development will work with interested community groups to identify options for improving or extending walking and cycling trails.

Description

Council will work with community leaders to initiate the first part of this project. This will involve investigating trail options and creating project plans, with the aim of developing walking and cycling trails in the Clutha Valley.

The second part of the project involves accessing funding, gaining access to land and trail construction. This part will be led by the community.

