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Our Place

Taieri Mouth

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“We’ve set a direction to promote living and working in the Clutha District. But what does that actually mean for Taieri Mouth?”



We want to take the lead and we’ve got some ideas and options we want to talk about.

We’re talking plans, partnerships and projects.

So what is this document about?

They centre on what can be done to improve community facilities, to make it easier for people to live and work here.

We want to work with leaders in Taieri Mouth to help make things happen. To get this underway, we will hold several consultation events in Taieri Mouth in early 2024.

We have some ideas and want to ask:

- What do you think of them?
- Which ones are priorities?
- What other ideas should be considered?

The *Our Place* community plan will identify key projects which Council and the community can progress, in order to make Taieri Mouth a more attractive place to live and work.

This document focuses on some key themes which could be included in the *Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan*.

Message from the Mayor

Bryan Cadogan

If you care about our community and want to help shape a brighter future for generations to come, then please get involved in this consultation process.

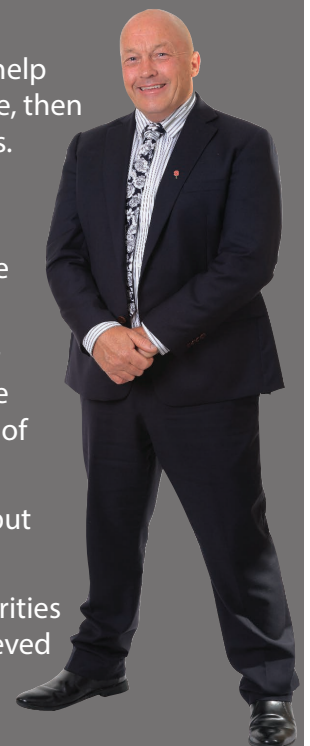
Have you ever thought ‘there’s a better way to do this’ or ‘wow, we do that well, I’d hate to see it disappear’? If so, then now is the time to have your say.

Like many of you, I have aspirations of how our district’s towns can look, both now and into the future, so I can’t stress enough the importance of what we’re trying to achieve here.

Council is conscious of the cost to ratepayers, but also aware of the cost of doing nothing.

It’s time we all talked about our vision and priorities for our community, listened to others and believed that, collectively, we can make a difference.

I look forward to hearing from you.



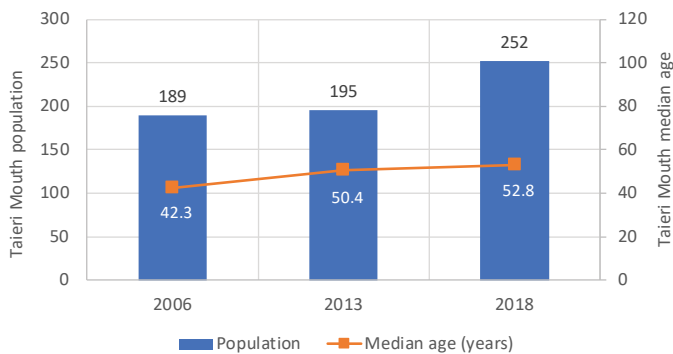


Let's talk

Opportunities for development

WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED?

The number of people living in Taieri Mouth including Taieri Beach has steadily increased in recent years, with 252 permanent residents at the time of the 2018 census. The median age of Taieri Mouth residents was 52.8 years in 2018, significantly older than that of the Clutha District (42.6 years) and New Zealand as a whole (37.4 years).



Given recent growth and the demographic make-up of the community, there are some key questions we'd like to ask about the type of development that should be supported in Taieri Mouth.

KEY CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The *Our Place* process is an opportunity to identify some clear aspirations about how Taieri Mouth should look, both now and into the future. What are the key elements of this community that should be protected, and what changes should we look to make?

Given the ageing population, should there be a proactive approach towards attracting more young people to move to Taieri Mouth? If so, what is the best way to do that? For example, developing more child and youth-friendly spaces and activities (see 'Community Facilities'), or an affordable home and land package for young families.

Other things to consider:

- Should additional growth be encouraged?
- If so, then:
 - Where should new development take place?
 - Are there limits on new buildings that should be imposed (e.g., height, density)?
- Is there a need for additional commercial development?
- What should Council's role be in facilitating additional development?



TELL US
WHAT YOU
THINK...

"We're open to your ideas and suggestions for Taieri Mouth. We need your feedback to help develop a great community plan, and make the best decisions on your behalf..."

Gaynor Finch, Bruce Ward Councillor





Let's Talk Community facilities

Leitch Memorial Hall

What do you love about the community facilities we currently have?

What would you change if you could?

Now's your opportunity to help shape the future of our most important facilities.

The *Our Place* process is an important opportunity to revitalise our communities. A great place to start is by thinking about the halls, reserves and other facilities which have served our community for generations.

What can be done to improve these facilities? How can we get the most out of them, so that they continue to benefit the community for years to come?

Some items for discussion are listed below. We would like to know what you think, and what your priorities are. We'd also like to know what other ideas you have.

LEITCH MEMORIAL HALL

This hall plays an important role within the Taieri Mouth community, and it is used regularly for meetings and other important community events. We'd like to know your thoughts about the importance of this hall, and what could be done to improve it.

- Is the hall being maintained to a reasonable standard?
- What improvements could be undertaken?
- Is there a better way to provide an attractive and well-used community facility in Taieri Mouth?

PARKS AND RESERVES

Taieri Mouth is fortunate to have some large reserves, including Livingstonia and Knarston parks. These reserves are a focal point for the community, and they provide important amenities such as playgrounds, public toilets, recreation/greenspace areas, and the Taieri Mouth Campground.

Council is keen to prioritise development and investment into well-used reserves, to help create vibrant destination parks throughout the district.

Some suggestions for Taieri Mouth's reserves are listed below. We'd like to know what you think of them, to help decide which ones are priorities. We'd also like to know what other ideas you have for these important public spaces.

- Improved tables or seating areas – e.g., sheltered spaces for picnics and BBQ's.
- Improved maintenance of reserve areas.
- Enhancing the natural value of reserves, including plantings or removal of pest species.
- Improved signage and information.

What work could be undertaken to improve usability and accessibility at these parks? What do you like about similar reserves in other towns that could work in Taieri Mouth?

Council also intends to review the Reserve Management Plan (RMP) for all reserves in Taieri Mouth. The updated RMP will set out a framework for determining which activities are permitted, what could be developed in the future, as well as any issues or barriers. Your suggestions will also help with the RMP review process.

ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Are there additional recreational facilities that would help to make Taieri Mouth a more desirable place to live, work and play? Options might include an environmental-themed playground which references the coast or the estuary, or other youth-friendly spaces and activities.

Should this type of development be a priority and where could it be located? How could Council help the community to make this happen?



Let's talk Landscape and environment

The natural environment is one of the key factors that make Taieri Mouth an attractive place to live and visit. Activities that aim to protect and enhance the environment are expected to form an important part of the *Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan*.

Taieri Mouth has all the classic elements of a typical New Zealand beachside community – a river, white sandy beaches, its own island, and plenty of native bush, all set against the vast Pacific Ocean.

However, the natural environment has been significantly modified over time – due to the impacts of farming, residential development and other human activities. The impacts of climate change will also have implications for this community in coming decades.

We all have roles to play to ensure that the recreational, cultural, landscape and ecological values of Taieri Mouth are maintained for future generations, and some excellent work is being undertaken locally to restore environmental values. The work being undertaken on Moturata (Taieri Island) by DOC and Moturata Taiari Whānau is just one example of this.

Updating the Reserve Management Plan for Taieri Mouth is another activity that Council will be leading, to help safeguard environmental values.

Potential environmental projects which have previously been identified by the community include:

- Restoration of wetlands, dunes and waterways.
- Investigating a 'Dark Skies Taieri Mouth' initiative.
- Community events to maintain walking trails and remove rubbish from roadside areas.
- Addressing erosion issues in Knarston Park and along Riverside Road.

Which of these do you think should be a priority? What other suggestions do you have to protect and enhance landscape and environment values?

**TELL US
WHAT YOU
THINK...**



"We want to know if these ideas could work and how we might work with the community to achieve what is best for this area."

Dean McCrostie, Bruce Ward Councillor



Knarston Park



Riverside Road



Let's talk Taieri River access

With a strong heritage as a fishing village, Taieri Mouth has always had a close connection with the ocean, as well as the Taieri River. The ability to make better use of the river could help make Taieri Mouth a more attractive place to live, work and visit. Two possible options are listed below. We would like to know what you think, and what your priorities are. We'd also like to know what other ideas you have.

OPTION 1: A RIVER-BASED COMMUNITY FACILITY

A concept raised through previous community consultation is to increase the appeal of the boat harbour area. Such a project could aim to provide a river-based facility which really puts Taieri Mouth 'on the map' as a place to live and to visit.

It might provide for commercial activities, such as a café, fish market, or kayak hire. It could incorporate existing infrastructure (ramps, wharves etc), or involve a new development. A facility that provides easy access for boat trips and excursions up the river has also been suggested.

This work could be staged over several years and may require a significant investment. Important considerations are parking and space for boats to load, launch, and refuel. Any development would also need to consider the natural environment and the characteristics of the Taieri River.

OPTION 2: IMPROVED SAFETY

Improving safety for people who cross the Taieri Mouth bar is an important concern - there have been numerous rescue call-outs and not everyone is aware of the dangers of crossing the river mouth and bar to the ocean.

A more comprehensive safety program, focusing on education and risk reduction could be identified as a priority in the *Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan*. Developing and implementing this program would involve a range of stakeholders, such as Police, Coastguard, and the Harbour Master.

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Would a riverside development help attract people to live, work or visit Taieri Mouth?

Should we include an initiative to improve water safety in this area?

What other options do you think should be considered?





Let's Talk

Walking and cycling

We've heard from other communities that improved opportunities for walking and cycling are important for them. Should walking and cycle trail improvements also be considered as a priority project for Taieri Mouth? If so, where should these be located and what type of trail should be developed? Perhaps it is improved footpaths, or a longer trail linking to other communities? We're keen to hear from you on this topic and understand what you see as a priority.

KEY CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

- Are there footpath extensions or improvements which should be prioritised? For example, a footpath or trail from one end of the village to the other.
- Are there walking or cycling links to other areas which could be developed?
- Are there other road safety improvements that could be made?

Let's Talk

What else should be considered?

How can Council best work with the community to help make things happen? Some other topics that have been put forward include:

RIVERSIDE ROAD PARKING

Parking can be at a premium along Riverside Road due to visitors wanting to access the river, and the popularity of the Taieri River track from Taieri Mouth to Henley Ferry.

What could be done to ensure this scenic area is accessible for visitors, and that residents can retain access to their property?

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council has an important role to play in managing and minimising solid waste within the Clutha District.

We currently provide a recycling drop off at Taieri Mouth. We also provide waste information and education services, including at Taieri Mouth School which is part of the Enviroschools programme.

What improvements could Council make to ensure that solid waste is well managed, and that recycling continues to be encouraged?

WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Council created a bylaw in 2022 to better manage vehicles on beaches in the Clutha District, and Otago Regional Council provided a grant to establish a predator trap library in 2023.

What else can be done to protect native birds and other wildlife in the Taieri Mouth area?



Let's Talk Consultation events

Come along and have a chat with Mayor Bryan Cadogan, local councillors, and Council staff at one of the following events:

- Our Place Taieri Mouth drop-in sessions at Leitch Memorial Hall on Thursday 8th February:
 - 4pm - 5pm and
 - 6pm - 7:30pm.
- Taieri Mouth Family Fun Day at Livingstonia Park, Saturday 10th February, starting at 1pm.

We will also be attending the Taieri Mouth Amenities Society AGM on 29th January, starting at 7:30pm.



Scan below to visit the online survey form.



We're keen to hear from you

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE

ON PAPER

Each page in this document has information that explains more about the ideas, issues and options. Use the form in the middle of this document to provide feedback.

ONLINE

You can find information online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz. You can also provide feedback via our website using the the online survey.

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MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SAY...

The consultation period finishes on Friday 1 March 2024. Please return the feedback form, or complete the online survey before this date.



**"We're ready to
hear your views and
suggestions. Now
is the time to have
your say..."**

Bruce Vollweiler
Bruce Ward Councillor