

# SANSON Community Plan

A GUIDE FOR THE FUTURE OF SANSON

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## 1. Foreword

This community plan represents a summary of outcomes from a series of community planning workshops and meetings that occurred from September 2012 through to April 2013. This document has been compiled by Boffa Miskell Ltd on behalf of Manawatū District Council and the community of Sanson. The observations, ideas and opportunities identified in this plan are intended to provide an over arching and holistic summary of the community's vision and a list of specific actions that help deliver this.

The shared vision in this document has been developed by key members of the Sanson community. This community plan also outlines the process used to establish the vision and illustrates some of the observations, constraints and opportunities for Sanson.

This community plan identifies 6 areas of focus that will help deliver the shared community vision. Specific actions have also been identified under each of these areas of focus to deliver the community vision.

## Gateway to Manawatū

– Big Bang - More business – development site -  
Iconic corner - Towns need to be Attractive – thriving happy place (colourful) - **Beautify**: trees, park, living spaces, youth services, skate park - **REST AREA** - main street playground, community gardens) - **Reason to Stop** - New Focus for Businesses - Market needs to be seen on Main Street – 7 days a week – **European Style Market** – semi permanent **Celebrate History** – ex tram line – preserve & celebrate - Entrance sign with lead in note – **signage** - Old country pub with food - Museum of the District - **Embrace motor homes & bike clubs** – cater for them (bike trails to and from Ohakea) - Transport to Feilding + Palmerston North - Swimming Complex - Safety for all – **safe community for our children** – safe crossing points (over bridge) - Joint Community – value each other - Village – the village is your family - Sports – developing a facility to encourage all families and individuals - **Embrace SH1** (customers & opportunity for new business) - Transparency is a must – **agree we have differences and agree that unity wins** - Have the lowest rates in NZ - Transport – links to air base - **more accessible** - Faster broadband – **COMMUNITY CARE** - sewage upgraded - Youth Facilities – hang out space, upgrade library, toy library – quiet place to study - **Upgrade Swimming pool** – year round - Create jobs for youths



## 2. Vision Statement

Our vision statement is:

Our Community Plan is intended to unite the Sanson community and summarise our shared views on how to improve Sanson as a place to live, work, learn, visit and recreation.

There are 6 key areas to focus on to achieve this goal. These are:

- Ensuring Sanson is a place for people to stop, rest and shop
- Creating walkways, links and accessible routes through the Town
- Building on the idea of Sanson being a 'food basket'
- Understanding and celebrating Sanson's heritage
- Getting things happening on the ground
- Enhancing links with Ohakea Airbase



### 3. Sanson and its community

Sanson is a small town in the Manawatū region. It is located just south of Ohakea Airbase, Bulls and the Rangitikei River; to the west the city of Palmerston North and Feilding Town Centre. The Sanson township is formed where State Highways One and Three meet. It is formed on a grid system with the central shopping and service area concentrated along State Highway One. This piece of road is heavily used and the traffic movements though Sanson on a daily basis are high, with commuting traffic between Bulls and Palmerston North and people travelling between Wellington and Taupo.

Sanson's main street is very wide and the limited tree planting accentuates its width. There is a concentration of shops and services at the main intersection where the highways meet. These include a garage, antique shop, book shop and a small collection of food outlets. Residential housing is set back from the road and a large rectangular block of small residential sections form the township. At the 2001 census the population of Sanson was 495, a 4.6% decrease from the previous census in 1996.

The topography surrounding Sanson is relatively flat cropping and farmland, depressions and swales frequent the landscape with one stream to the north of the township and the Rangitikei River to the north east. Further out the landscape becomes more undulating and the main form of activity is



Aerial Photograph of Sanson



Entrance to Sanson from Palmerston North



Local farmland surrounding the Domain



Sanson's Main Street with garage



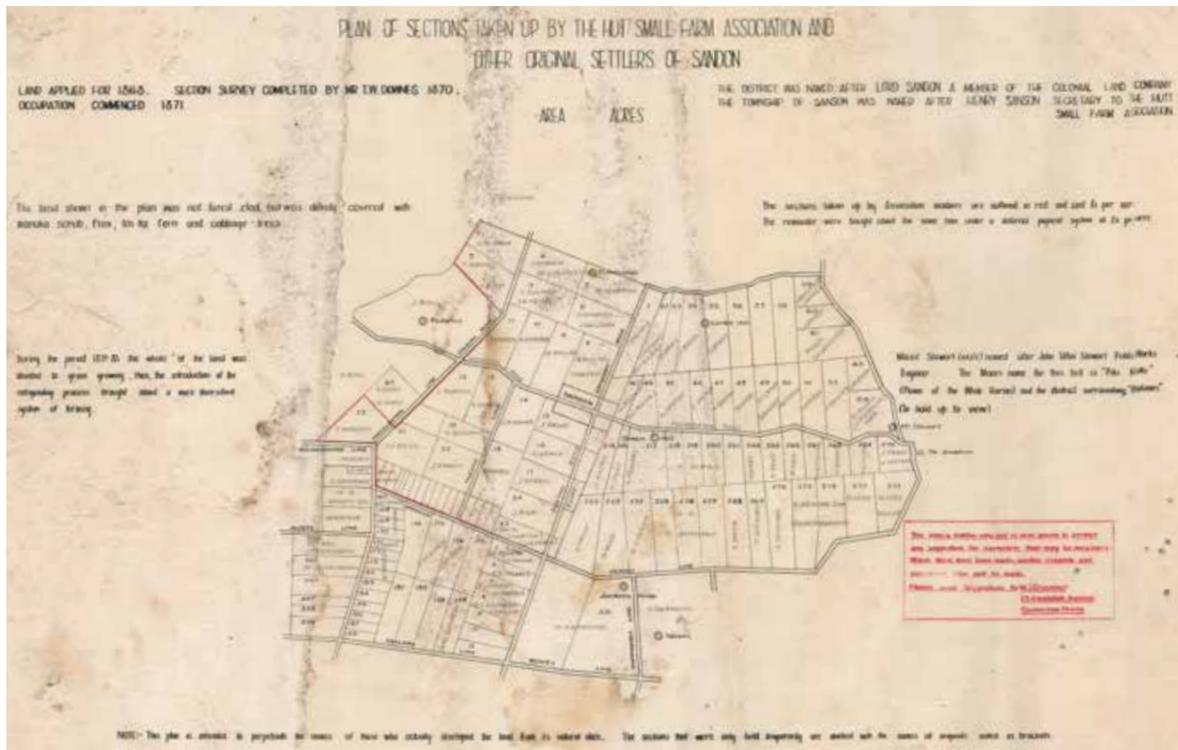
Sanson's Main Street with retail shops

# Sanson History

This brief history of Sanson is a summary taken from the Sanson Institute, written for the 1990 Project of New Zealand Country Women’s Institute.

Sanson was originally called Sandon. The name Sanson came about by honouring Mr H. Sanson who was the secretary of the Hutt Small Farm Association which started the major division of land in the area.

During and after the Maori Wars scripts were issued to soldiers for serving in the army. Scripts entitled soldiers to purchase land. A settler was only allowed a maximum of 5 shares which equated to 200 acres. The early settlers first arrived in Sanson by boat from Foxton, then travelled by bullock waggon, through heavy bush on the lower land and thick Manauka scrub, Flax, Toitoi and fern on the higher ground. These pioneers all had a difficult task to clear and prepare the land to build homes, often with a lack of water, limited tools and other external challenges.



Plan of Sections taken up by the Hutt Small Farm Association and other Original Settlers of Sandon

Sanson was expected to be a major town for the district but this did not eventuate, mainly because the main trunk line was to later pass through Palmerston North, Feilding and Marton bypassing Sanson. At the beginning Sanson grew into a very busy centre with a hotel, banks, lawyer, commission agent, storekeepers, blacksmith, bootmaker and saddlery.

Early settlers brought their religion with them and this become an important aspect of their lives and a way to unite the community on a regular basis to worship god. The local churches where funded, built and supported by the local community. The first church to be built in Sanson was the Methodist Church and this opened in February 1875.

The early settlers knew the importance of education for their children and initially some parents taught their children at home. At about the same time the Methodist Church was being built the first Sanson School was commenced.

The Sanson Railway called The Tramway was formed on country roads built by the council and reached Sanson from Foxton in November 1885. The opening was celebrated with almost the whole population of 200 was drawn to the streets to see the tram arrive from Foxton.



Sanson in the 1870's looking towards Palmerston North, Methodist Church built in 1875 on the right.



Sanson Tram running from Sanson to Foxton, 1910

When the Ohakea Air base was built prior to the Second World War, 30,000 tons of cement was carried to Ohakea, mainly for runways. After the war the well used and not well maintained railway was closed (60 years after opening) and replaced by alternative transportation methods as road construction improved.

The development of the Sanson Hall provided Sanson with a function centre that provided people with many fond and happy memories. The hall became the centre of social life for the district. Many organisation prospered in the early days in Sanson, including the Country Women’s Institute, Federated Farmers, Returned Soldiers Association, Plunket Society, Youth and Sports Organisations.



Sanson's Main Street with garage early 1960's



Sanson Grandstand 2010



## SANSON-FOXTON TRAMWAY.

# TIME-TABLE.

The following TIME-TABLE will come into force on and after  
**TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1910.**

	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.	Tuesdays and Thursdays.
PUKENUI depart	9 a.m.	11.15 a.m.
SANSON depart	9.30 a.m.	11.45 a.m.
RONGOTEA depart	10.5 a.m.	12.20 p.m.
HIMITANGI depart	11.30 a.m.	1.40 p.m.
FOXTON arrive	12 noon.	2.5 p.m.
FOXTON depart	2.40 p.m.	3.30 p.m.
SANSON arrive	4.45 p.m.	5.30 p.m.

Cheap Fares will begin from 1st February, 1910, and will remain in force for two months.

PUKENUI and SANSON - Return, 2s 6d.  
PUKENUI and SANSON - Single, 1s 6d.

Passengers for Wellington can catch Mr C. F. Johnston's Coach for Levin, at Foxton, the following being the Time-Table:

FOXTON depart	6.30 a.m.	LEVIN arrive	8.30 a.m.
FOXTON depart	2.30 p.m.	LEVIN arrive	4.30 p.m.
LEVIN depart	11.50 a.m.	FOXTON arrive	1.40 p.m.
LEVIN depart	7.30 p.m.	FOXTON arrive	9.45 p.m.

FARES Single 4s; Return 6s.

On through passengers by Tram and Coach a rebate of 1s will be made on total fare.  
Time-Table and Fares may be suspended on holidays and Special occasions.  
The Council does not pledge itself as to the arrival or departure of Trains at the exact time shown in the Time-Table. Should circumstances render it impossible or inexpedient for a Train to proceed, the fares paid will be returned. The Council cannot undertake to forward passengers in such cases.

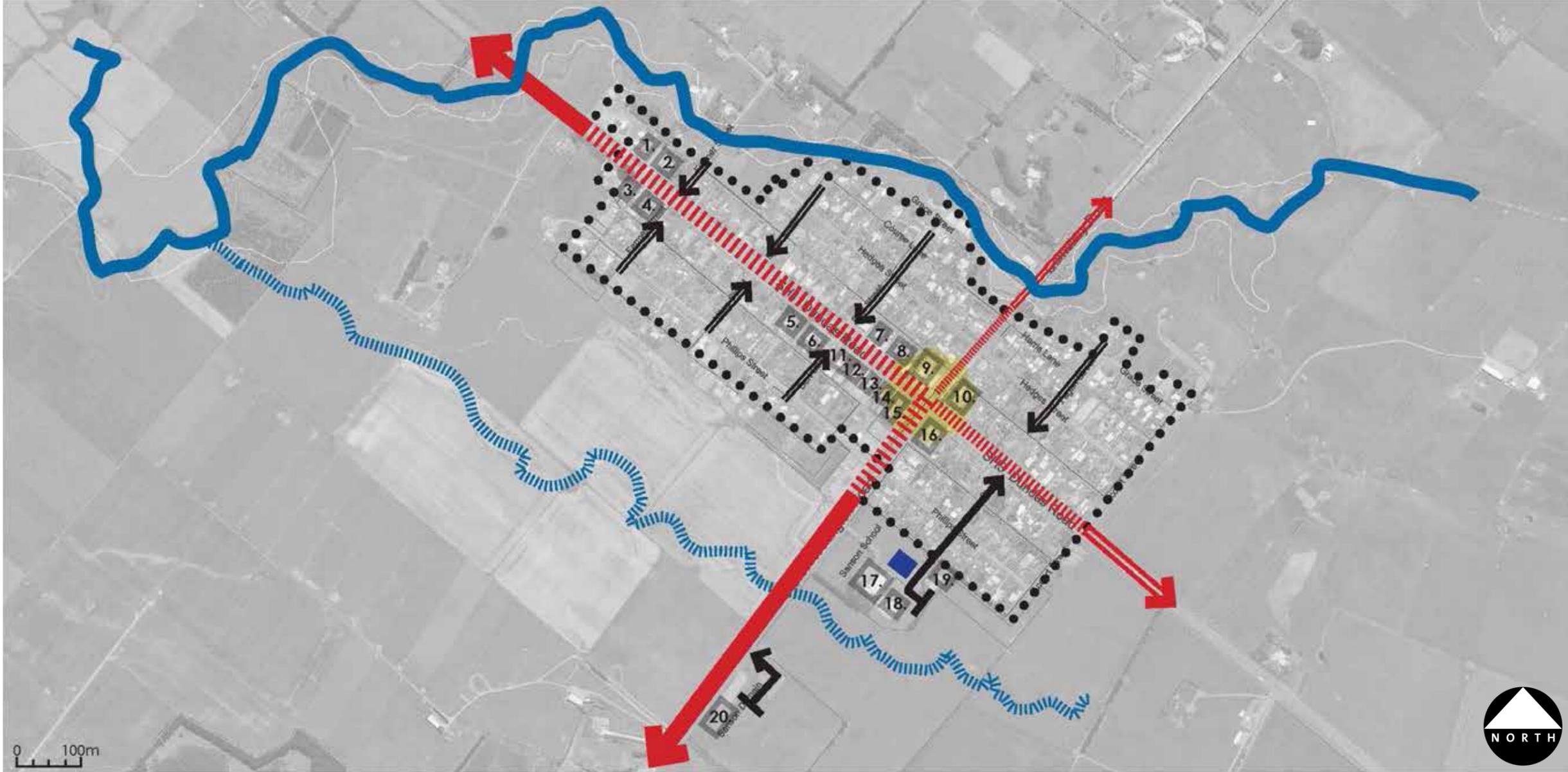
A. K. DREW,  
Tramway Manager.

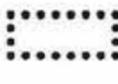
Sanson, 27th January, 1910.

FIELDING STAR PRINT

Sanson - Foxton Tramway Time Table, 1st of February 1910

OBSERVATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS PLAN:



-  SH1: overhead wires a dominate feature - large expansive wide road - high volumes of traffic - creates barrier - limited safe crossing points, 100km/h speed limit drops down to 50km/h
-  SH3: overhead wires a dominate feature - 100km/h speed limit drops down to 50km/h - unsafe crossing points & access towards school - large expansive wide road
-  CEMETERY ROAD: local road to cemetery
-  PLAY FACILITY: next to school but not visible from main streets
-  COMMUNITY BOUNDARY: Town consolidated - clear boundary
-  COMMUNITY CONNECTION: no links - lack of connections - no through routes
-  LOCAL CONNECTION: local streets focus only on the main road
-  INTERSECTION: stop / decision point
-  STREAM: no access and limited views to stream
-  SWALE - natural landscape features understated
-  1: craft shop 2: cafe 3: Sanson club 4: war memorial 5: motel, caravan park 6: cafe 7: retail shops 8: vacant shops 9: vacant shop 10: antique sop 11: retail shop/library 12: garage 13: park/ toilet 14: takeaway outlet 15: market 16: development site 17: school 18: community hall 19: school pool 20: grandstand/domain

## 4. The community planning process

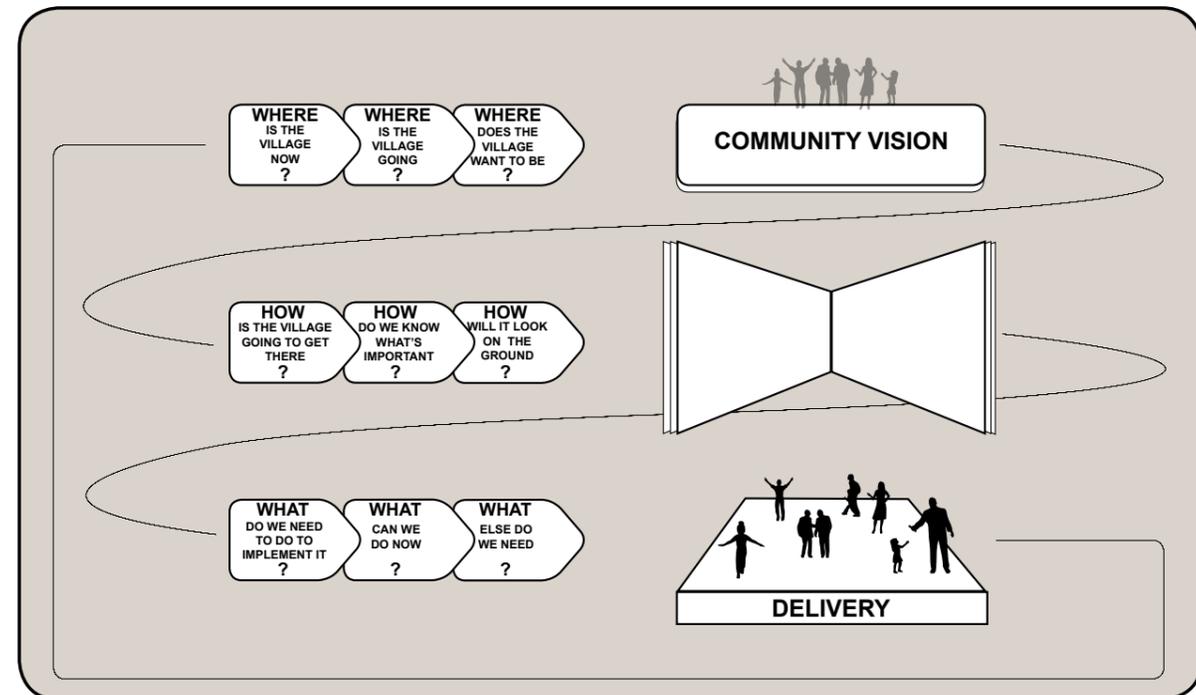
Sanson's Community Planning programme has been ongoing since September 2012. We have had a number of community workshops held in the community hall facilitated by Manawatū District Council.

The community workshops focussed on establishing a shared Vision for what we want our Village to be in the future. We discussed some of the current issues and constraints, but also focussed on opportunities for improvements. This information has informed our draft Community Plan.

The Community Plan is intended to summarise the vision and aspirations we have for our Village. It will also indicate a list of actions that we feel are important to the whole community. Some of the actions we have identified may be easy, others may be hard.

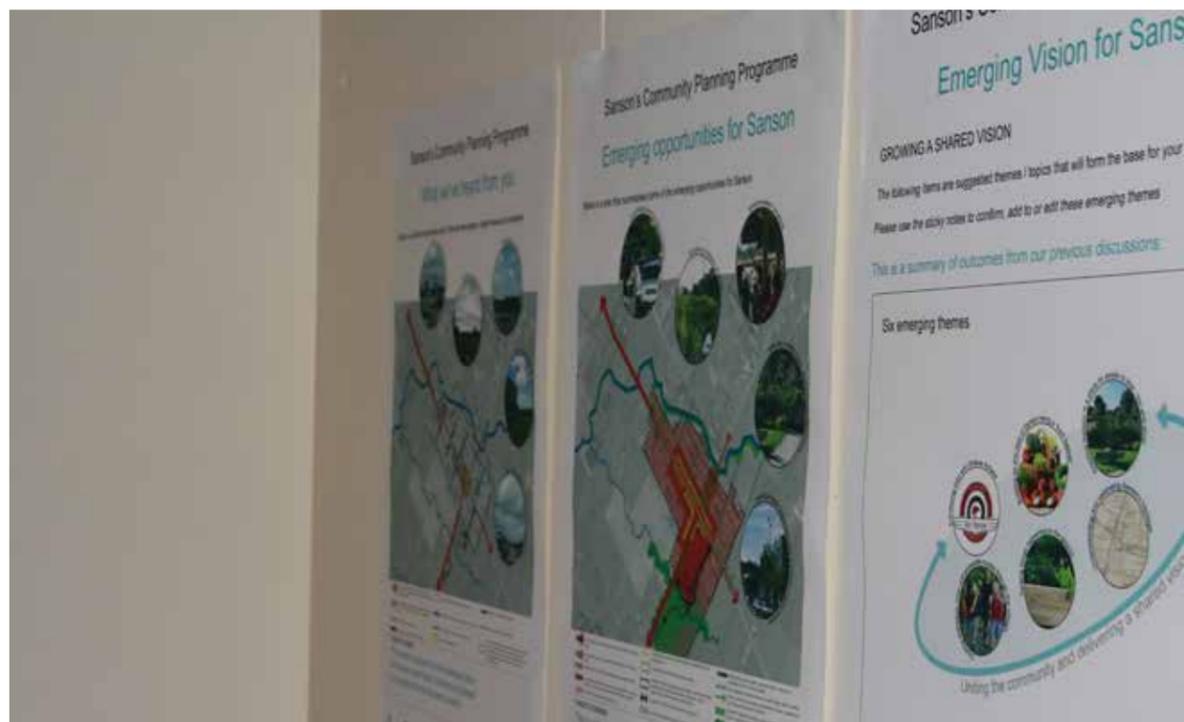
This Community plan and the list of preferred actions will be submitted to Manawatū District Council in May 2013 to help them identify future projects to be included in their Annual Plan.

The thoughts, ideas and drawings presented in this Community Plan are intended to encourage discussion and debate across the community with the aim of working towards a shared vision and plan for our Sanson community.



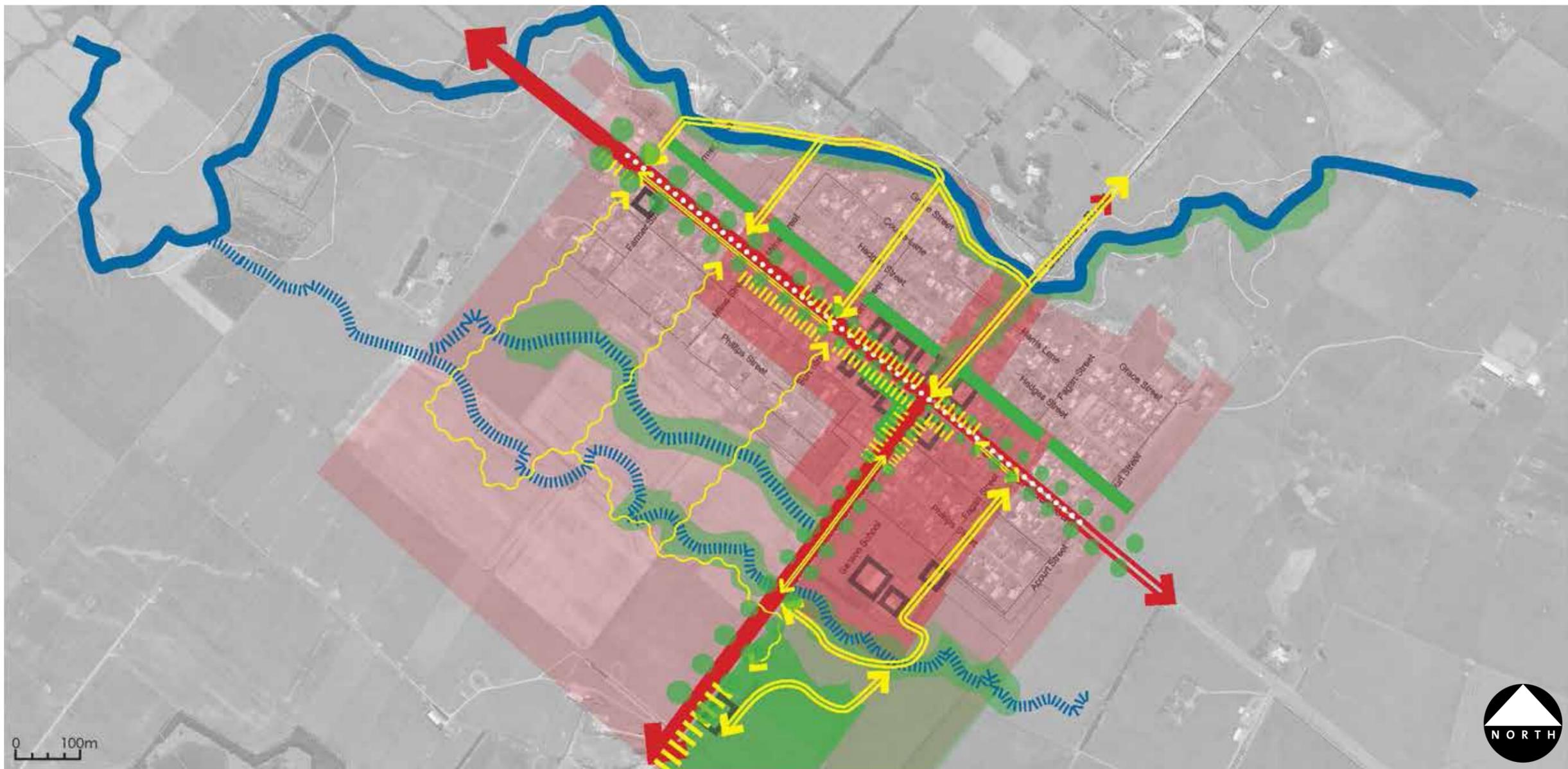
“Sanson is the Gateway to Manawatu, we want services that make people stop in the town”

Local Resident quote from the first workshop 29.10.2012





OPPORTUNITIES PLAN:



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> SH1: green with street trees - enhance entrance - safe crossing points and thresholds in town - improve street furniture - improve walk and cycle ways between Sanson and Ohakea</li> <li> SH3: green with street trees - enhance entrance - safe crossing points</li> <li> CEMETERY ROAD: slow traffic - green with street trees - complete footpath</li> <li> VILLAGE HEART: food basket - market town - allows opportunity to trade - street upgrades - 7 days a week - destination market town - thriving - heritage - destination playground - attract more businesses to set up - advertise Sanson as a place to buy food, arts and craft</li> <li> COMMUNITY: wider community that forms Sanson</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> ACTIVE STREET: community &amp; retail development - accessible footpaths - parking on street</li> <li> COMMUNITY BOUNDARY: extend and soften boundary</li> <li> COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: strengthen community activity - create and enhance local business - fill vacant shops - refurbish War Memorial gates - new toilets - youth centre - community notice board - upgrade library - year round access to swimming pool - heritage interpretation - share local stories and history</li> <li> COMMUNITY CONNECTION: allow connection - direct access</li> <li> POWER LINES: Underground power lines - create clear views</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> STREAM: improve water quality - increase access and views to stream - enhance as a ecological resource - low impact design</li> <li> SWALE: highlight natural form of land - low impact design - green - ecological</li> <li> LOCAL WALKING CONNECTION: increase recreational opportunities between domain and school - strengthen as a recreational resource - possible shared use cycle and walking tracks - finish Cemetery Road walkway - design and install fitness trails (loop)</li> <li> COMMUNITY GARDEN: plant fruit and nut trees on residential streets - locally grown produce for daily sale at market - source of the food basket - community involvement</li> <li> PLANTING: low impact design - enhance stream edge and swales</li> <li> FUTURE WALKING CONNECTION: increase recreational opportunities between domain and school - strengthen as a recreational resource</li> </ul> |
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## 6. Areas of Focus

We have identified 6 areas of focus to improve Sanson:

There are 6 key areas to focus on to achieve this goal. These are:

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The following pages identify a list of specific actions that relate to each of the areas of focus.

# How to use the Action Plans

The following diagram describes the general content and layout of the Actions Plans:

Vision statement for the area of focus

Action identified by community

Images to help describe the action

Area of focus

**Area of focus**

**Vision statement for the area of focus**

**Action identified by community**

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**Brief description of area of focus**

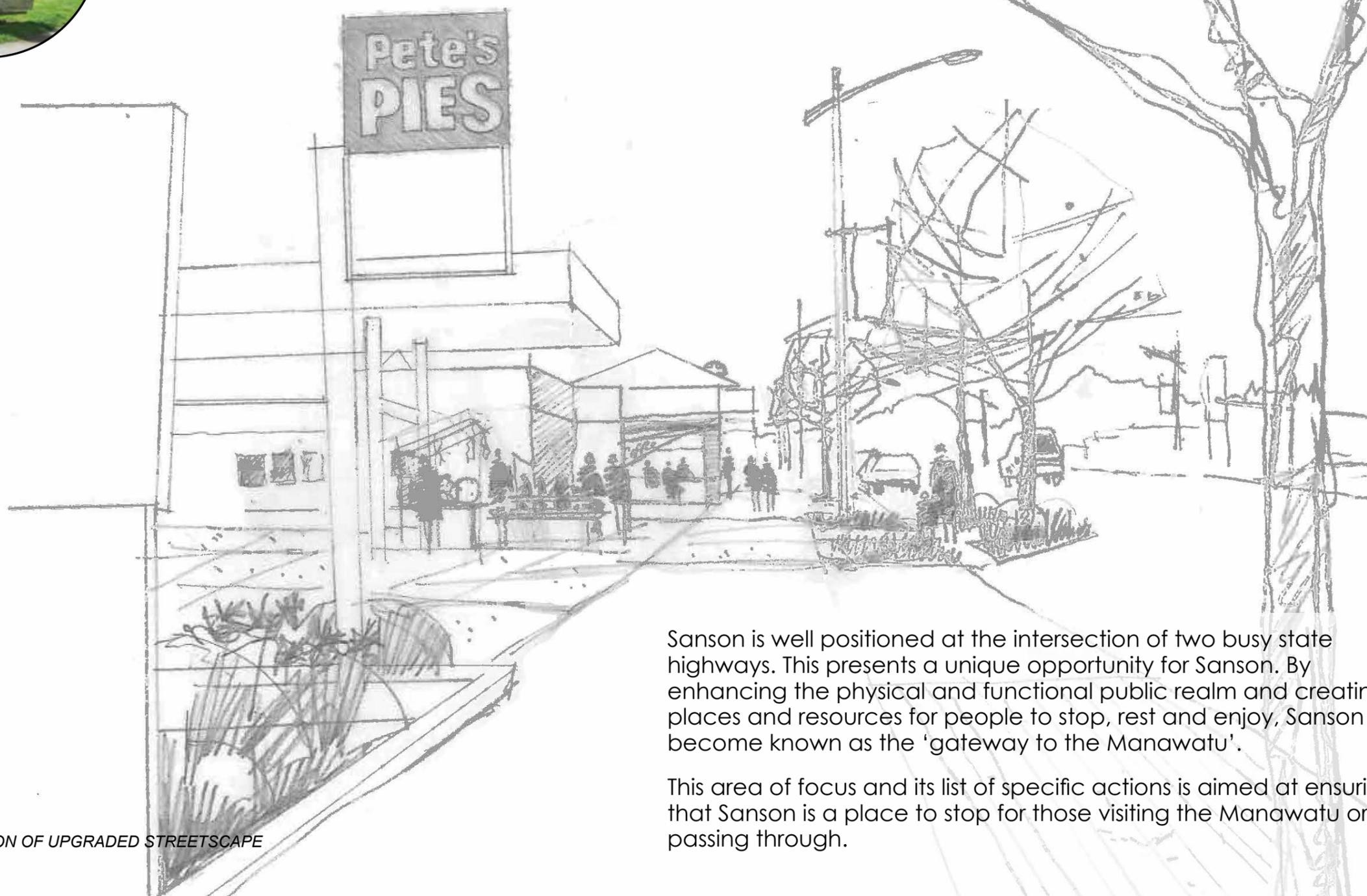
**Suggested action to start the process**

**Organisations that need to be involved in implementing the action**

IDEA:	WHO TO INVOLVE:	FIRST ACTION:
1. Attract more businesses to set up in Sanson	Manawatu Eastern Coast (MEC) Development Network, Sanson Community Committee (SCC), Sanson Community Advancement Trust (SCAT)	Set up a steering and task a promotional group
2. Create appropriate entrances / thoroughfares into the town	MEC, MEC, SCAT, SCAT Landscape Architect	Work to improve signage / promotion
3. Consider a destination playground for Sanson	MEC, MEC, SCAT, Sanson School & other groups, Landscape Architect	Organise meeting discuss requirements, develop brief, engage Landscape Architect
4. Improve facilities and amenities for visitors & residents	MEC, Development Network, MEC, MEC, Landscape Architect, Community Plan, Sanson	Working to discuss public art installation brief
5. Consider a youth centre and skate park for teenagers	MEC, Manawatu Sports Club, Sanson School and groups, MEC, SCAT, Landscape Architect	Set up steering group and do a needs assessment
6. Improve / upgrade street furniture	MEC, MEC, SCAT, Landscape Architect	Work to discuss signage
7. Design and install locally specific public art	MEC, MEC, SCAT, Local Artists	Work to discuss signage / promotion / budget



**We would like to enhance and create a range of areas and resources that will entice and attract people to stop, rest, enjoy and shop.**



*ARTIST IMPRESSION OF UPGRADED STREETScape*

Sanson is well positioned at the intersection of two busy state highways. This presents a unique opportunity for Sanson. By enhancing the physical and functional public realm and creating places and resources for people to stop, rest and enjoy, Sanson could become known as the 'gateway to the Manawatu'.

This area of focus and its list of specific actions is aimed at ensuring that Sanson is a place to stop for those visiting the Manawatu or passing through.



Attract more businesses to set up in Sanson



Create appropriate entrances / thresholds into the town



Creating a destination playground for people to stop, enjoy, play and have lunch



Improve facilities and amenities for visitors

IDEA:	WHO TO INVOLVE:	FIRST ACTION:
1. Continue to attract more businesses to set up in Sanson	Manawātū District Council (MDC), Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA), Sanson Community Committee (SCC)	Set up a meeting and form a promotional group
2. Continue to create appropriate entrances / thresholds into the town	NZTA, MDC, SCC, Landscape Architect	Meet to discuss scope / process
3. Improve facilities and amenities for visitors & residents	MDC, CEDA, SCC, Landscape Architect, Community Pool, School	Meeting to discuss: outline & establish brief
4. Consider a youth centre and skate park for teenagers	MDC, teenagers, sports clubs, Sanson School and groups, SCC, Landscape Architect	Set up steering group and do a needs assessment
5. Improve / upgrade street furniture	MDC, SCC, Landscape Architect	Meet to discuss scope
6. Design and install locally specific public art	MDC, SCC, Local Artists	Meet to discuss scope / process / budgets
7. Investigate installing themed rubbish bins in the village	MDC, SCC	Meet to discuss ideas, potential locations and approach



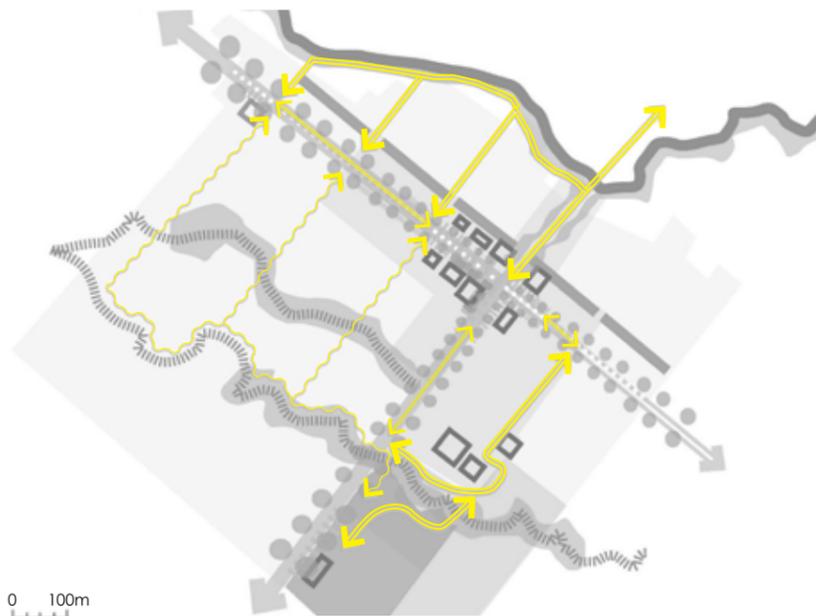
**We would like to develop and enhance new and existing walkways making them more accessible for locals and visitors.**



Enhancing and creating consistent and accessible walking and cycling tracks will make Sanson a better place to live and visit. Upgrading existing footpaths will also help people to move across the town without having to rely on motor vehicles.

The area of focus ensures that we are achieving a well connected network of publicly accessible routes across Sanson.

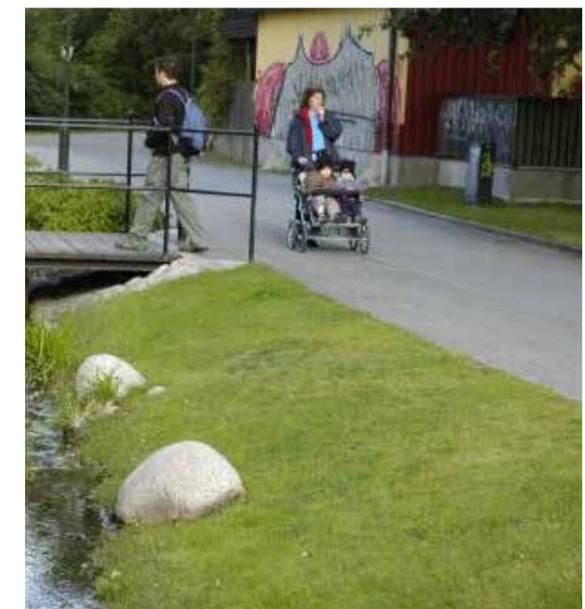
*ARTIST IMPRESSION OF WALKWAYS FROM THE DOMAIN TO THE SCHOOL*



Create a network of publicly accessible walking and cycling tracks throughout Sanson



Create new pathways & improved pedestrian crossing points

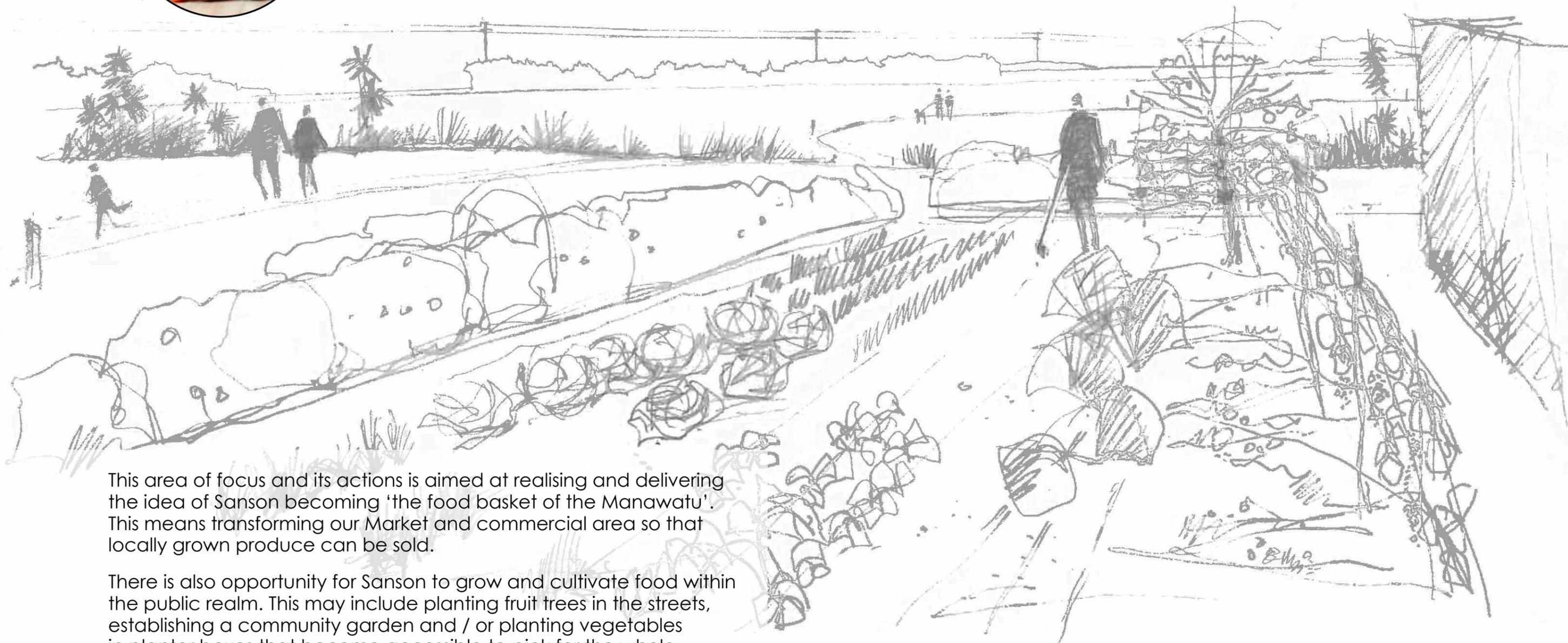


Upgrade footpaths along residential streets

IDEA:	WHO TO INVOLVE:	FIRST ACTION:
1. Maintain the Del Parker walkway on Cemetery Road	Manawatū District Council (MDC), Sanson Community Committee (SCC)	Agree plan and secure funding
2. Maintain the pathway from the school to the domain to ensure that it is kept safe	MDC, SCC	SCC to liaise with MDC to ensure that the pathway is included on a schedule to be maintained
3. Improve pedestrian crossing points including installation of pedestrian crossing lights and painting high visibility road markings to make the pedestrian more visible to the travelling public	NZTA, MDC, SCC, Traffic Engineer, Landscape Architect	Meet to discuss scope / process. MDC to advocate to NZTA for improved brighter road markings, signage and lighting at the crossing
4. Maintenance of existing footpaths along the residential streets and a programme of installing new footpaths on streets where no footpath exists	NZTA, MDC, SCC, Landscape Architect	Organise meeting: discuss opportunities, develop brief. Council to be requested to provide a footpath maintenance schedule as well as a schedule of new footpaths
5. Maintenance of existing footpaths along the state highway network	NZTA, MDC, SCC, Engineers and Landscape Architect	Meet to discuss scope / process



**We would like to establish a market (or markets) that has (or have) a good reputation for selling locally grown produce.**



This area of focus and its actions is aimed at realising and delivering the idea of Sanson becoming 'the food basket of the Manawatu'. This means transforming our Market and commercial area so that locally grown produce can be sold.

There is also opportunity for Sanson to grow and cultivate food within the public realm. This may include planting fruit trees in the streets, establishing a community garden and / or planting vegetables in planter boxes that become accessible to pick for the whole community.

ARTIST IMPRESSION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN



Green Sanson's streets with new trees and planter boxes



Advertise Sanson as a place to buy food, arts and crafts

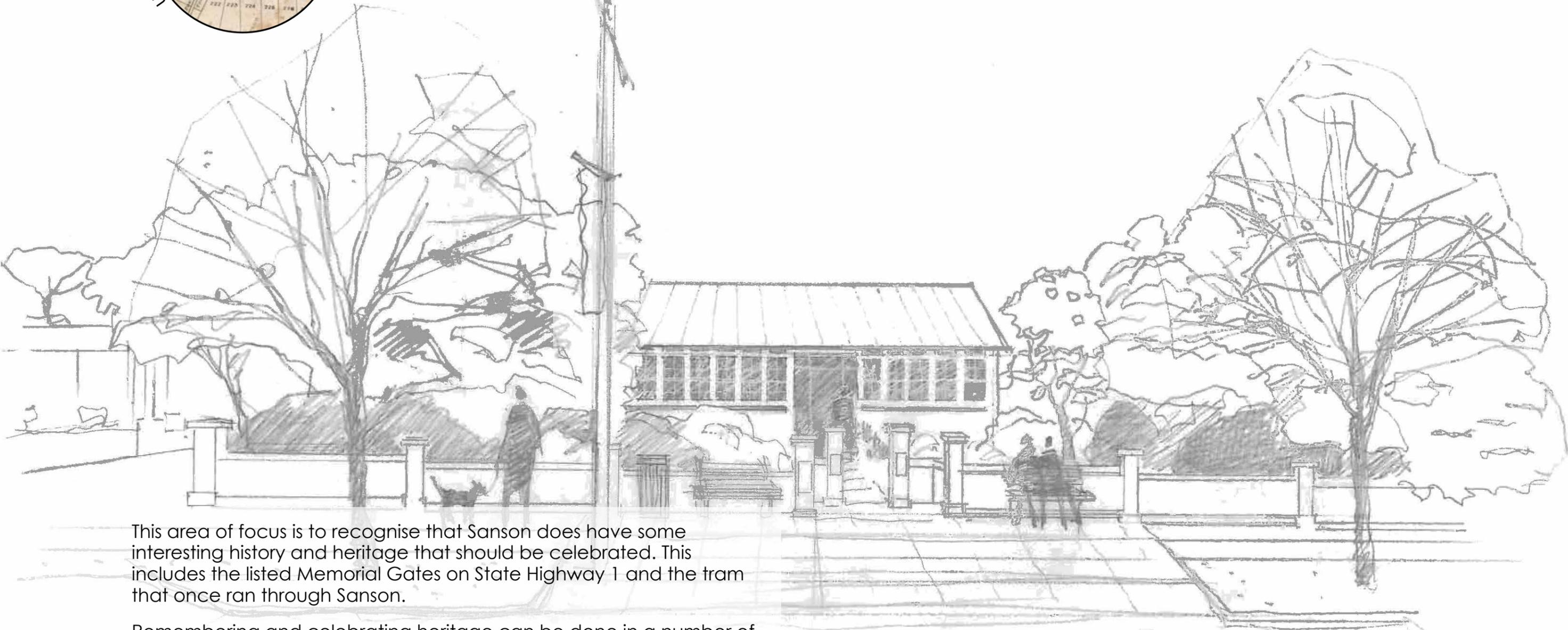


Set up more food markets selling locally grown produce

IDEA:	WHO TO INVOLVE:	FIRST ACTION:
1. Plant fruit and nut trees on the residential streets	Manawātū District Council (MDC), Sanson Community Committee (SCC), Landscape Architect	On site meeting to discuss opportunities, develop brief
2. Advertise Sanson as a place to buy food, arts and craft	Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA), MDC, SCC, Local Press	Advertise through Facebook and Website
3. Set up more food markets selling locally grown produce	MDC, SCC, CEDA	Organise meeting: discuss opportunities, develop brief
4. Continue establishing and maintaining community gardens	MDC, SCC	Organise meeting: discuss opportunities, develop brief
5. Provide areas for picnics and informal gatherings	MDC, SCC, Landscape Architect	Organise meeting: discuss opportunities, develop brief
6. Continue to plant vegetables in planter boxes along the street edge	MDC, SCC, NZTA, Landscape Architect	Meet to discuss scope / process / budgets



## We would like to celebrate the history and heritage of Sanson by highlighting existing heritage features and creating heritage trails with interpretation and information.



This area of focus is to recognise that Sanson does have some interesting history and heritage that should be celebrated. This includes the listed Memorial Gates on State Highway 1 and the tram that once ran through Sanson.

Remembering and celebrating heritage can be done in a number of ways, from physical enhancement to structures, through to integrated interpretation signage that is publicly visible and accessible.

*ARTIST IMPRESSION OF AN UPGRADED MEMORIAL GATES AND THEIR SETTING*



Refurbish the War Memorial gates and surrounding streetscape



Design and install a bus shelter that celebrates heritage



Share local stories in Sanson Library and the School. 'Peace Love and Vegetable Rights for Eternity' quote taken from Sanson Grandstand.

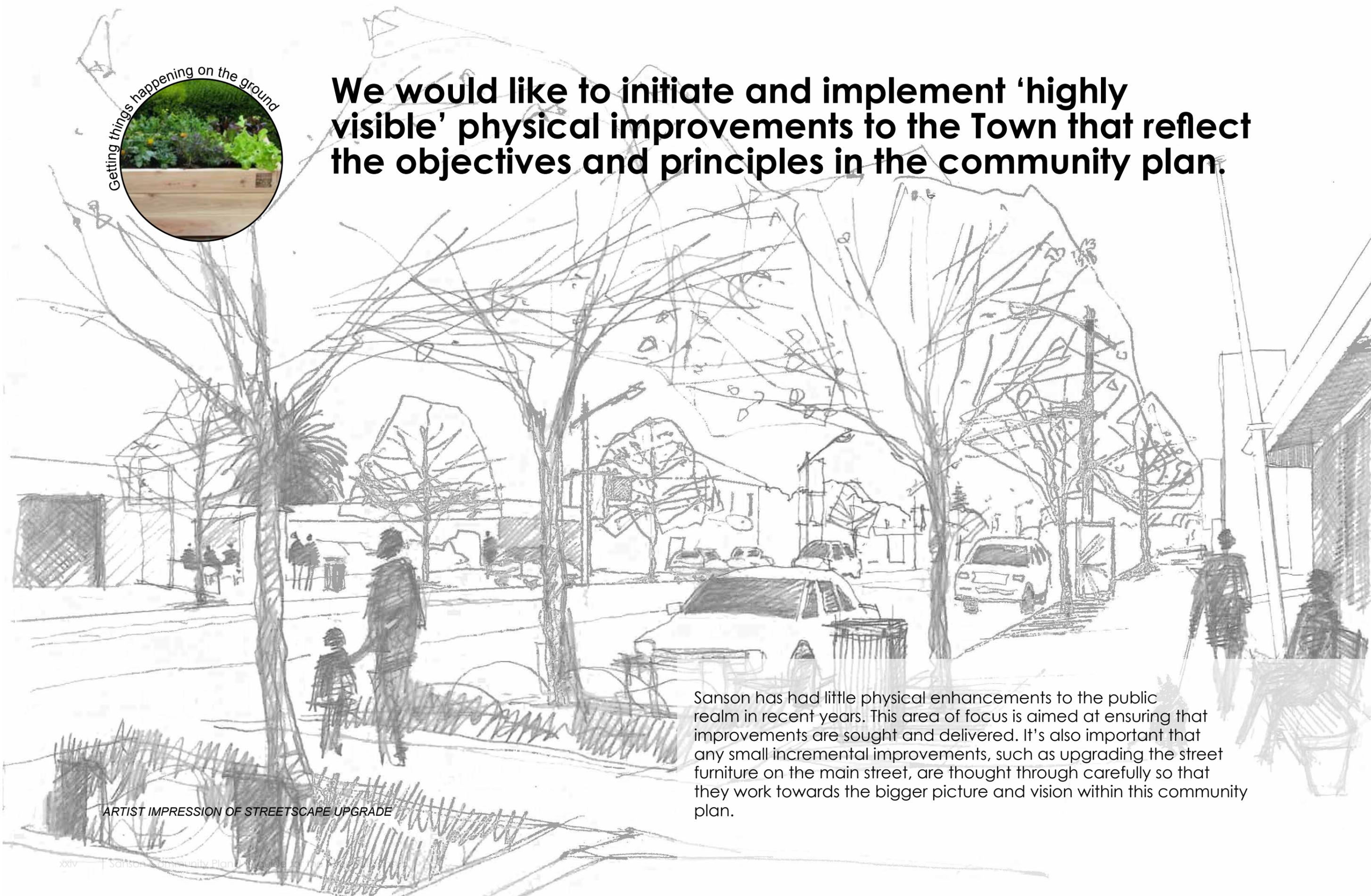


Design and install heritage interpretation boards about Sanson

IDEA:	WHO TO INVOLVE:	FIRST ACTION:
1. In conjunction with the property owner, refurbish the memorial gates and surrounding streetscape and investigate with the Historic Places Trust on how to register the memorial gates to be categorised as heritage	Property Owners, Manawātū District Council (MDC), Sanson Community Committee (SCC), NZTA	Arrange meeting with the current property owner executive
2. Design and install a bus shelter in the main street that celebrates heritage	NZTA, MDC, SCC, Horizons	Meet to discuss feasibility and demand
3. Share and record local stories	SCC, Local Press, Sanson School	Resurrect a local newsletter for local stories to be shared with community
4. Design and install heritage interpretation boards about Sanson	MDC, SCC, Local Historian, Landscape Architect	Collect and collate heritage information, stories and photographs
5. Design and install heritage interpretation about the Grandstand, Church and Country Machinery (Tram)	MDC, SCC, Local Historian, Landscape Architect	Collect and collate heritage information, stories and photographs

Getting things happening on the ground

**We would like to initiate and implement ‘highly visible’ physical improvements to the Town that reflect the objectives and principles in the community plan.**



Sanson has had little physical enhancements to the public realm in recent years. This area of focus is aimed at ensuring that improvements are sought and delivered. It's also important that any small incremental improvements, such as upgrading the street furniture on the main street, are thought through carefully so that they work towards the bigger picture and vision within this community plan.

ARTIST IMPRESSION OF STREETScape UPGRADE



Underground the power lines along the main street



Refurbish / paint frontages to existing buildings



Plant open drains /swales with native vegetation

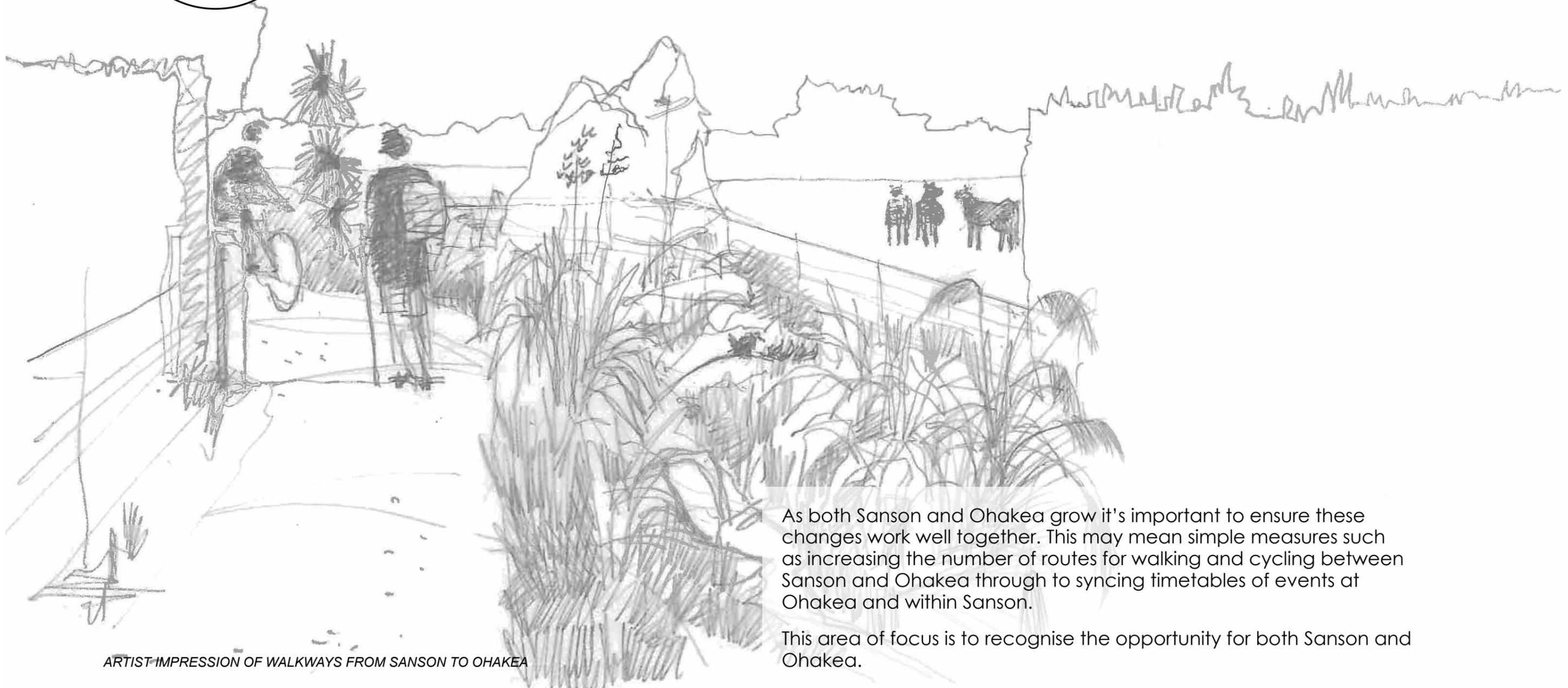


Enhancement stream edge with native vegetation

IDEA:	WHO TO INVOLVE:	FIRST ACTION:
1. Underground the power lines along the main street (SH1)	Power Company, Manawātū District Council (MDC), NZTA	Meet to discuss feasibility / process / funding
2. Refurbish / paint frontages to existing buildings on SH1/SH3	MDC, Sanson Community Committee (SCC), Property / business owners	On site meeting to discuss opportunities - develop priorities list
3. Plant open drains / swales with native vegetation	MDC, SCC	On site meeting: outline opportunities, develop brief
4. Enhance the stream edge with new planting	MDC, SCC, Landscape Architect, Land and Property Owners	On site meeting: outline opportunities, develop brief, engage Landscape Architect
5. Maintain a community notice board	SCC, Sanson School, Landscape Architect	Arrange for a location sign to the notice board to be placed at the playground
6. Investigate installing security cameras on entrances and cross roads of Sanson as well as around service lanes and on Cemetery Road to assist with reducing crime	MDC, SCC, Police, Neighborhood Support Manawātū	Meet to discuss scope/process



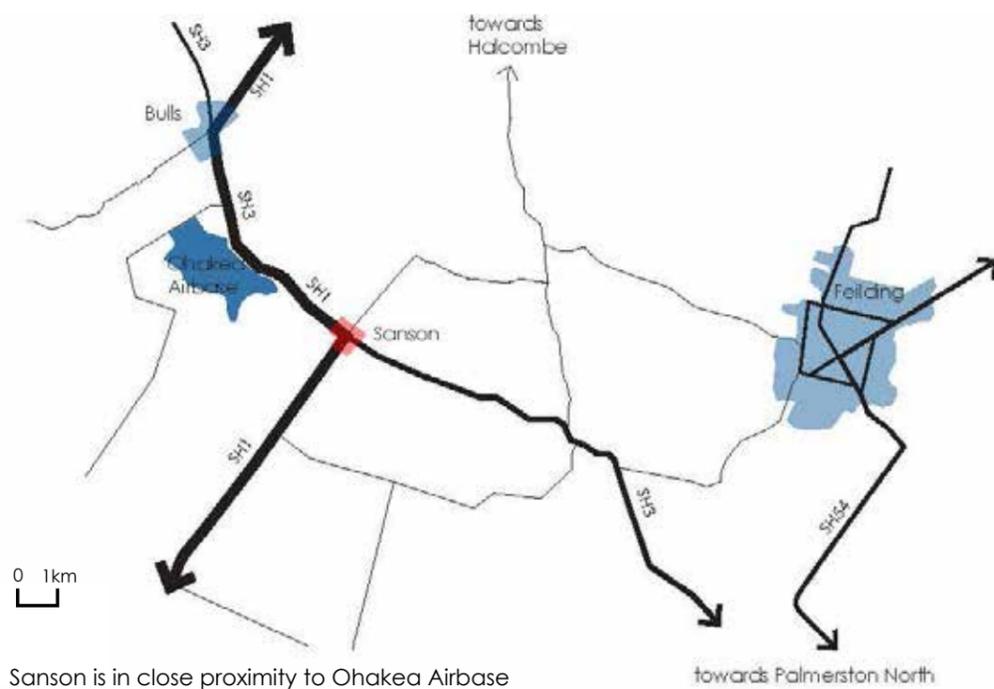
## We would like to ensure that future development and enhancements encourage links with Ohakea Airbase.



ARTIST IMPRESSION OF WALKWAYS FROM SANSON TO OHAKEA

As both Sanson and Ohakea grow it's important to ensure these changes work well together. This may mean simple measures such as increasing the number of routes for walking and cycling between Sanson and Ohakea through to syncing timetables of events at Ohakea and within Sanson.

This area of focus is to recognise the opportunity for both Sanson and Ohakea.



Sanson is in close proximity to Ohakea Airbase

towards Palmerston North



Enhance connections with new walk and cycleways between Sanson and Ohakea



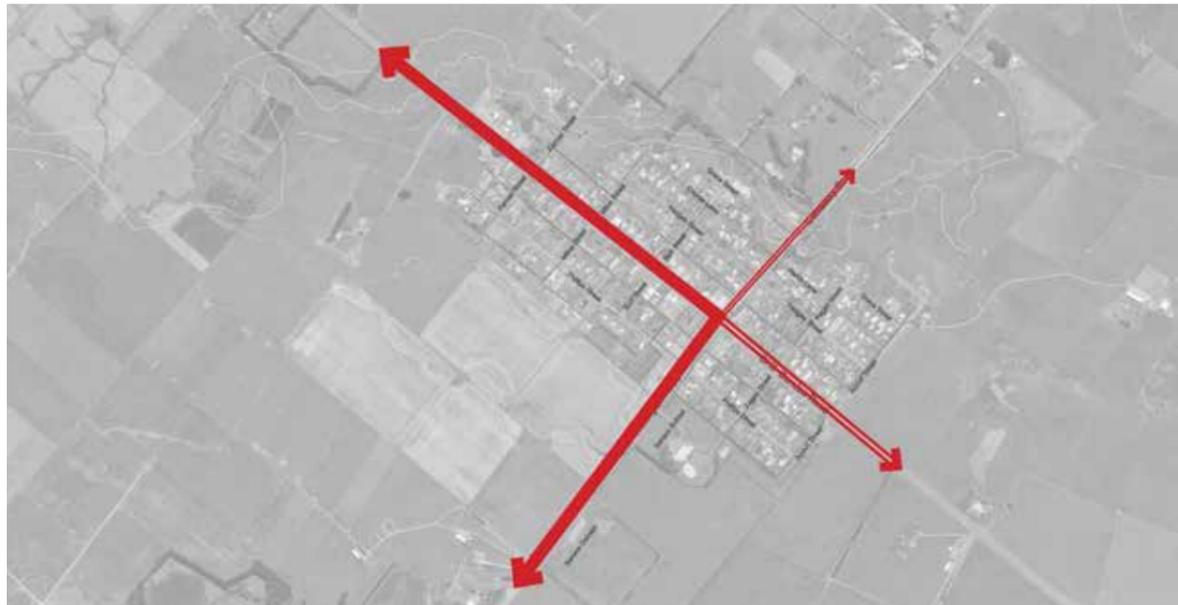
Work with Ohakea on an events calendar

IDEA:	WHO TO INVOLVE:	FIRST ACTION:
1. Promote Sanson as a place to visit	Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA), Manawatū District Council (MDC), Sanson Community Committee (SCC)	Set up a meeting to form a promotional group
2. Investigate design and installation of walk/cycle ways between Sanson and Ohakea	NZTA, MDC, SCC, Ohakea, Landscape Architect	On site meeting to discuss opportunities
3. Formalise a relationship between the Sanson Community Committee and Ohakea which would include working on an events Calendar	MDC, SCC, Ohakea	Work with all groups to form an Events Calendar - Advertise
4. Design and install fitness trails / loops within Sanson	MDC, SCC, Ohakea, School, Landscape Architect	On site meeting: outline & establish brief to engage Landscape Architect
5. Work with Ohakea on environmental improvements	MDC, SCC, Ohakea, Landscape Architect	Meet to discuss potential partnership projects

## 7. Summary of Recommendations

We have identified four specific projects that will help deliver a number of actions delivering all six of the areas of focus. Each project will require careful coordination and resources, and will typically involve a number of different stakeholders. Using these strategic projects as a guide will help deliver individual actions in a comprehensive and coordinated way.

Our recommendations are:



Prepare a **State Highway Upgrade Plan** for Sanson.

This should consider:

- Enhancement to the State Highway environment (eg: refurbish/paint existing buildings, install public art)
- Undergrounding the existing power lines
- Improving lighting & safety
- Upgrade memorial gates and surrounding streetscape
- Providing location for bus shelter
- Incorporating play experiences along the main street
- Providing a community notice board - share local stories
- Establishing community gardens/planting along State Highway and local streets
- Promoting Sanson and encourage more local businesses
- Promoting Sanson as a place to Stop, Rest & Shop
- Celebrating and recognising heritage



Prepare a spatial plan for upgrading the **Sanson Domain & the old Sanson Community Library Site**.

This should consider:

- Investigating alternative use of existing library site (eg: a market, place to stop, playground, commercial, flexible space, a kiosk)
- Investigating opportunity for the Domain to be transformed into a multipurpose recreational openspace (eg: cycling, walking, blokarts, lawnmower racing, picnic area)
- Improvements to safety, access, signage and wayfinding
- Improvements to drainage and vegetation
- Hardstanding / carparking
- Providing areas for informal gatherings and events
- Celebrating and recognising heritage and remembering the grandstand
- Sharing facilities with the school and Community Pool



Prepare a **Vegetation Framework** for Sanson.

This should consider:

- Enhancement of the State Highway & local residential streets with street trees
- Fruit Trees along residential streets
- Enhancement of streams and swales with native vegetation
- Appropriate tree and plant species selections
- Community gardens along the State Highway - vegetables in planter boxes
- Appropriate tree and plant species selections



Prepare a **Pathways and Informal Trails Framework** for Sanson.

This should consider:

- Completing the walkway along Cemetery Road
- Looking at opportunities for increased recreational trails between Ohakea and Sanson
- Creating a pathway between the Town Centre, Sanson School and Domain
- Improvements to safety and access
- Enhancement of pathways along residential streets
- Consideration of future development & access requirements



# Appendix: Community consultation

The following information in the Appendix records information gathered from the community events and exhibitions which has informed a prioritised list of 'Actions' for the Sanson community under the six Areas of Focus:

- Ensuring Sanson is a place for people to stop, rest and shop
- Creating walkways, links and accessible routes through the Town
- Building on the idea of Sanson being a 'food basket'
- Understanding and celebrating Sanson's Heritage
- Getting things happening on the ground
- Enhancing links with Ohakea Airbase

These 'Actions' have been used to develop the 'Action Plans' for the community.



Represent a Total of 5 Votes - these votes have then determined the prioritised list of 'Actions'.



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2. Create appropriate entrances / thresholds into the town	
3. Consider a destination playground for Sanson	
4. Improve facilities and amenities for visitors	
5. Consider a youth centre and skate park for teenagers	
6. Improve / upgrade street furniture	
7. Design and install locally specific public art	

ACTION / IDEA: CREATING WALKWAYS, LINKS & ACCESSIBLE ROUTES THROUGH THE VILLAGE	COMMUNITY SUPPORT
1. Finish the Cemetery Road walkway	
2. Create a new pathway from the School to the Domain	
3. Improve pedestrian crossing points	
4. Upgrade footpaths along the residential streets	
5. Upgrade footpaths along the main streets	

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ACTION / IDEA: BUILDING ON THE IDEA OF SANSON BEING A 'FOOD BASKET'	COMMUNITY SUPPORT
1. Plant fruit and nut trees on the residential streets	
2. Advertise Sanson as a place to buy food, arts and craft	
3. Set up more food markets selling locally grown produce	
4. Set up community gardens	
5. Provide areas for picnics and informal gatherings	
6. Plant vegetables in planter boxes along the street edge	

ACTION / IDEA: UNDERSTANDING AND CELEBRATING SANSON'S HERITAGE	COMMUNITY SUPPORT
1. Refurbish the memorial gates and surrounding streetscape	
2. Design and install a bus shelter that celebrates heritage	
3. Share local stories in Sanson's Library and the School	
4. Design and install heritage interpretation boards about Sanson	
5. Design and install heritage interpretation about the Grandstand	

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ACTION / IDEA: GETTING THINGS HAPPENING ON THE GROUND	COMMUNITY SUPPORT
1. Underground the power lines along the main street (SH1)	
2. Refurbish / paint frontages to existing buildings on SH1	
3. Plant open drains / swales with native vegetation	
4. Enhance the stream edge with new planting	
5. Design and install a community notice board	
6. School to help with library services	
7. Design and install new play experiences along main street	

ACTION / IDEA: ENHANCING LINKS WITH OHAKEA AIRBASE	COMMUNITY SUPPORT
1. Promote Sanson as a place to visit	
2. Improve walk / cycle ways between Sanson and Ohakea	
3. Work with Ohakea on an events Calendar	
4. Design and install fitness trails / loops within Sanso	
5. Work with Ohakea on environmental improvements	
6. Upgrade the library facility and its setting	

