Manawatū District Council
Community Development Strategy

Manawatū District Council wants everyone that lives here to have a good life.

This Community Development Strategy says what the Council will do to make the Manawatū District better.

This Strategy will:

- Start on 1 January 2020
- Be updated in June 2021.
Te Whare Tapawhā means a house that has 4 sides.

Te Whare Tapawhā helps us remember there are 4 things a person needs to be healthy.

4 things a person needs to be healthy are:

1. A healthy body and a healthy environment

   Environment is the surroundings in which a person animal or plant lives

2. A healthy brain

3. Healthy relationships with other people

4. A healthy spirit
When all 4 parts of you are healthy you are:

• Strong
• Healthy.

This is the same for our community.

When all 4 parts of the community are healthy the community will be:

• Strong
• Healthy.

Manawatū District Council’s Community Development Strategy wants all 4 parts to be healthy to make our community stronger.

What we want:

Where we live is safe.

People are nice to each other.

Our community is strong when bad things happen.

• People can have a good life when they get to use the things they need

• People feel safe

• We look after the natural environment.
2. A healthy brain

What we want:

Our people keep on learning things.

• People can learn things to have a better life

• People can choose what they want to do in their life

• People learn from each other

• People share with each other.
3. Healthy relationships with other people

What we want:

People can do things to make our community a better place to live.

- People do what they enjoy
- We celebrate different cultures
- We have fun together
- We work together to make our family / whānau and communities better
- Tāngata whenua are visible.

This means that Māori people and Māori culture are part of community life.
4. A healthy spirit

What we want:

People are not all the same as each other. This makes our community stronger.

- We are a welcoming community

- We value who we are and where we have come from

- Everyone has a sense of belonging and are proud of where they live.
Manawatū District Council already does many things to make our District a good place to live:

• We support some people who work hard to make our District a good place to live

• Community Committees are groups who make their local communities better.

  Council works with Community Committees

• We help people in the District to be prepared for natural disasters and other emergencies.

  For example a flood or an earthquake

• We make sure there are enough jobs in the District for everyone who is able to work.
There is a lot more that Council can do to make our community a better place to live.

We have a list of things we will do in the next 2 years to make our community a better place to live.

We also have a list of things that we will start working on in 2021.

We need to do a lot of planning before we can start these things.
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