



Okaihau Community Development Plan

Our Town: *Okaihau*

Vision for our Town:

Okaihau is an attractive rural town that serves and supports a thriving community of friendly, co-operative people.

Areas of Focus

	Area of focus	Vision
1	<i>Beautiful Okaihau</i>	<i>Beautiful, thriving, rural Okaihau</i>
2	<i>Leisure and Recreation</i>	<i>Safe and healthy for recreation and leisure</i>
3	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Okaihau is part of a safe and efficient transport network</i>
4	<i>Commerce</i>	<i>Progressive and thriving commercial practices</i>
5	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Children and youth are an integral part of our community</i>
6	<i>Lifestyle</i>	<i>Okaihau provides a vibrant and peaceful community lifestyle</i>
7	<i>Culture and Heritage</i>	<i>Okaihau values and promotes its unique culture and heritage</i>

Focus Area: OKAIHAU BEAUTIFICATION**Statement: Beautiful, thriving, rural Okaihau**

Goal	Key Actions	How it will be Done	Key Progress Partners	Timeframe
PLANTINGS	Planting Puriri Trees Pohutakawa tree lighting	Okaihau Primary School growing seedlings. Lions Volunteers will plant. Through FNDC support and finance.	Primary School Lions FNDC	2008- 2010
LIGHTING	Okaihau sign lighting. Further street lighting on Settlers Way and side streets.	Through FNDC Development Plan Map of lighting needed.	FNDC	2008- 2010
CAR PARKING	Pave area between the Okaihau Hotel and the Dairy and landscape the area.	Negotiation with Hotel, Dairy, FNDC, Transit, WCB, OCA	Hotel Dairy FNDC Transit OCA	2008- 2011
TOWN DRAINAGE	Close open drains in Lorne, Michie and Nova Streets.	Stormwater piping and fill	FNDC	2008- 2013

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Goal	Key Actions	How it will be Done	Key Progress Partners	Timeframe
THEMATIC DECORATION OF BUSINESS PREMISES	Themed colours and murals to maintain the town's general appearance.	Through discussion with business owners.	Business Owners	2008-2015
REGULAR AND EFFICIENT RECYCLING SYSTEM	Recycling bins and regular inorganic collections by a rubbish collection agency.	Discussion with Wasteworks, FNDC and the community.	Wasteworks FNDC Community	2008-2009
OKAIHAU COMMUNITY HALL	Open up north west face with double doors and patio area.	Approach FNDC for funding, design work and builders.	FNDC OCA	2008-2010

Focus Area: LEISURE AND RECREATION

Statement: Provision of facilities for safe and healthy recreation and leisure.

Goal	Key Actions	How it will be Done	Key Progress Partners	Timeframe
WALKWAY – OKAIHAU RIDGE – SETTLERS WAY TO COOKS ROAD.	Develop the walking path with historical and direction signage. Build covered resting stations.	Metal the path. Erect historical and directional signs. Build and maintain resting stations.	OCA Sport Northland 10,000 Steps campaign. Community, Landowners, FNDC, PD Workers.	2008- 2009
KAIKOHE/OKAIHAU RAIL/CYCLE WALKWAY	Supporting Kaikohe Cycle, Walkway Trust.	Correspondence and discussion to enhance the feasibility of the scheme.	OCA Kaikohe Cycle, Walkway Trust	2008- 2018
TENNIS COURT	Refence, resurface, marking for dual purpose, tennis and basketball courts. Tennis court signage.	OCA Okaihau College students. FNDC	OCA, Okaihau College Students, Tennis Club, FNDC, Contractors.	2008- mid 2009. In progress.
CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND	Build children’s playground beside the tennis courts.	Design playground with assistance of a design consultant with sunshade shelter.	War Memorial Committee FNDC OCA	2008- 2011

Focus Area: TRANSPORT AND SAFETY**Statement: Okaihau is part of a safe and efficient transport network.**

Goal	Key Actions	How it will be Done	Key Progress Partners	Timeframe
BUS SERVICE	Okaihau included in the Bay of Islands bus service as a pickup and drop off point.	In conjunction with FNDC designated contractor.	FNDC OCA Community	2008-2009
MAIN STREET JUDDER BARS/TRAFFIC CALMING	Construction of judder bars at western and eastern end of Settlers Way ie. Kohanga Reo and Bowling Club.	Discussion with FNDC and roading contractors.	FNDC Roading Contractors OCA	2008-2010
SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTIONS	70kph zone from State Highway 1 rest area for 1km down SH1 hill to Waihou Valley.	Discussion with and lobbying of Transit.	Transit OCA	2008-2010
ROADING CURBING AND CHANNELLING	Lorne Street and Nova Street kerbing and channelling. Old Valley Road sealed, curbed and channelled.	FNDC Contractors	FNDC Roading Contractors	2008-2013

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SPEED RESTRICTION ON LAKE ROAD	50kph speed restriction on Lake Road between Settlers Way and the end of the seal.	FNDC	FNDC	2008-2009
SAFETY RAILS FOR LAKE ROAD FOOTPATH	Safety rails to stop pedestrians falling off the footpath.	Construction of guard rails on high area of Lake Road footpath.	FNDC OCA	2008-2009
FOOTPATH OR WALKWAY	Footpath or walkway from the Hotel to 1km along Waiare Road.	Design, construction with FNDC and roading contractors.	FNDC OCA	2008-2018

Focus Area: COMMERCE**Statement: Progressive and thriving commercial practices.**

Goal	Key Actions	How it will be Done	Key Progress Partners	Timeframe
RETAIN CURRENT BUSINESSES	Promotion, advertising business, events via billboard and webpage (culture, heritage and business).	Through businesses and community support. OCA	Businesses Community OCA Aimee Ruka (webpage)	2008-2013
ENCOURAGE NEW BUSINESS	Accommodation e.g. Hotel. Encourage the development of new business – cottage industries, market days, catering company.	Community input Advertising Schools Marae	FNDC OCA Community	2008-2015

Focus Area: YOUTH ISSUES**Statement: Children and youth are an integral part of our community.**

Goal	Key Actions	How it will be Done	Key Progress Partners	Timeframe
SPORT	Encourage team sports through schools, churches, marae. Encourage volunteer assistance.	Dialogue with local clubs, schools, marae to find leaders to encourage further development of sport.	Sport Northland Community involvement.	2008-2018
CULTURAL PURSUITS	Encourage sports and cultural clubs to include youth.	Approach local clubs to include youth and encourage inclusions	Golf Club, Garden Club, Bowling Club, Dancing Club, OCA	2008-2013
OSCAR PROGRAMME	Development of an OSCAR programme.	Application for funding. Community Hall venue. After school and holiday programmes. Put together the programme.	OCA Community input.	2008-2009
ATHLETICS	Development of an Athletics Club.	Call a Rally Day. Use Ruby Club rooms	Sport Northland War Memorial Committee	2008-2009

Focus Area: OKAIHAU LIFESTYLE

Statement: Okaihau provides a vibrant and peaceful community lifestyle.

Goal	Key Actions	How it will be Done	Key Progress Partners	Timeframe
ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	Retirement village/units. Retain open spaces and views.	Reitirement centre in connection with property developer. Lobbying FNDC to limit development of lifestyle blocks.	Property Developer FNDC	2008-2023
SAFETY	Community Constable	Lobbying Police for action	Police	2008-2018
FURTHER CULTURAL INTEGRATION	Encouraging and celebrating cultural diversity.	Cultural festivals Sporting events	Local Marae Cultural Groups Churches	2008-2023

Focus Area: OKAIHAU HERITAGE**Statement: Okaihau values and promotes its unique cultural heritage.**

Goal	Key Actions	How it will be Done	Key Progress Partners	Timeframe
WALKWAY	Historical sites signposted	Obtain Maori and early settler history.	Pioneer Committee Community Members	2008-2018
HISTORY BOARD	Maintaining and updating, including railway line history.	OCA Community input	OCA Okaihau community	2008-2018
UPPER WAIHOU VALLEY SCHOOL	Relocate to a suitable location.	Pioneer Committee	Pioneer Committee	2008-2018
CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF OKAIHAU SETTLEMENT	Gather information on the history and key people	OCA – organising committee Pioneer Committee Lions	Pioneer Committee OCA Okaihau College Okaihau Primary School Marae committees.	2008-2018