



LOWER HUTT
**COMMUNITY
CLIMATE CHANGE
RESPONSE**

CENTRAL HUI

UNITING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

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LOWER HUTT EVENTS CENTRE



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About this document

// Central Climate Hui – Design Log

This document outlines the insights, action and energy of the **Central Community Climate Change Response Hui**. It is not intended to be a comprehensive report but a visual capture of the work done during the workshop. We reserve the right to make corrections.

We are extremely grateful for all those who came to our evening hui and gave us so much of their time. It was a wonderfully energetic evening with some vibrant discussion.

Lower Hutt Community Climate Change Response

Aug Update

The climate crisis requires government and all individuals, businesses and communities across the country to take prompt action to do our part to limit global warming. This is a big task and will take huge effort from the whole of our community to make it happen. The community engagement hui have provided extensive insight through May and June 2021. Thank you for your continued support and leadership in the face of climate change. **Keep the momentum going!**

Video link:

www.climate-action.co.nz/video



Share the video



Spread the word



Get involved

Community insights and priority areas *(to date)*

Lower Hutt Community Insights

During April – June 21 over 300 community representatives across 18 climate hui engaged in the process. In July we will be ramping up engagement with mana whenua and the Lower Hutt Chamber of Commerce is co-hosting the business engagement.

This document captures the community's input and voice 'in their words'.

It identifies the priority areas of interest for this group. The information in this document informs part of the community insights synthesis which can be found at: www.climate-action.co.nz/insights



Te ao Māori Principles



Community Education



Connected Community



Behaviour & Mindsets



Leadership



Keep it Up!



Transport Emissions



Electric Vehicles



Public Transport



Alternative Transport



Active Transport



Transport Infrastructure



Natural Environment



Renewable Energy



Energy Efficiency



Water Efficiency



Waste Management



Green Economy



Urban Design



Climate Resilience



What the Central community got up to!

It was a crisp night, with warm cups of tea and coffee and freshly baked biscuits to spur the conversation.

We opened the hui with a karakia and a showing of our video which participants described as both gentle and hard hitting. We then outlined the process of our growing community action to help Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt to zero net carbon emissions by 2050.

- We talked about Lower Hutt's carbon footprint which is heavily skewed to transport and stationary energy and the impacts of climate change already manifesting in flooding and sea-level rise.
- We asked the group three questions : What actions were the community already undertaking to address climate change, what they would like to do but can't currently and where change needed to happen.
- We concluded by asking what the unanswered questions were and how the community wanted to stay in touch.



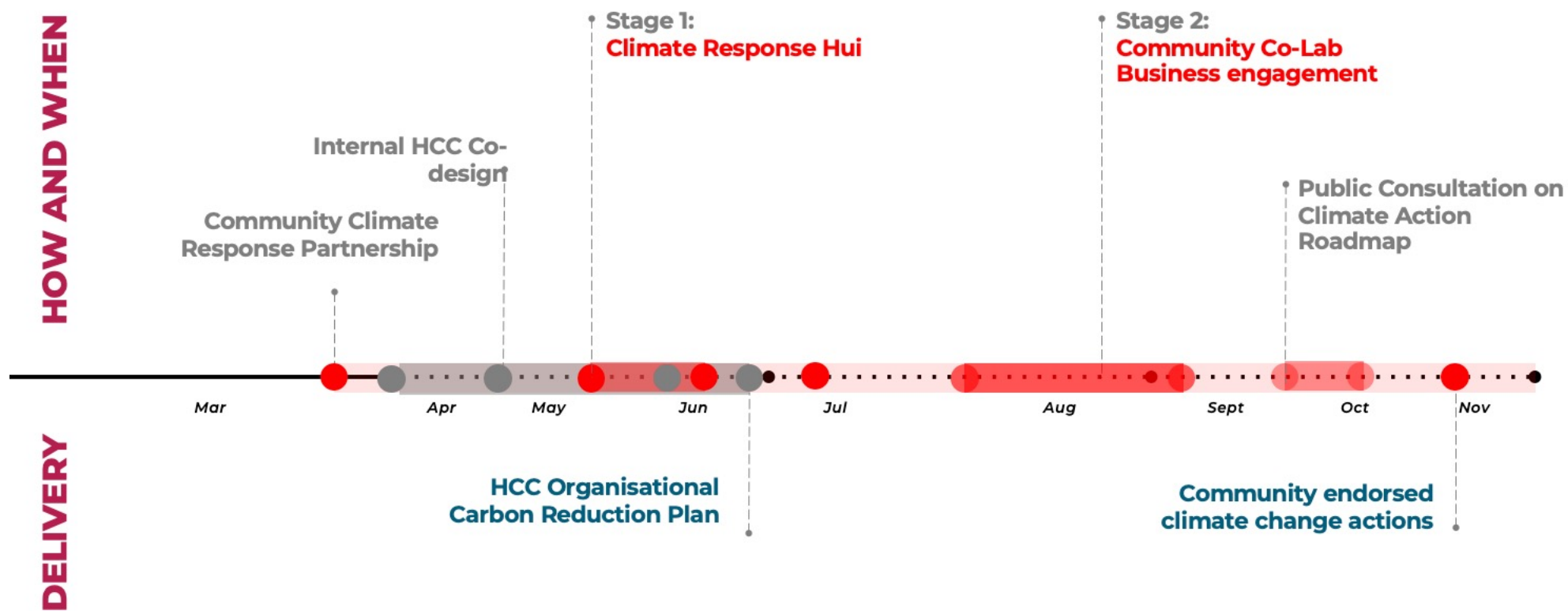
Starting with context

We shared with the community a little about our programme and the challenge we face in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt around climate change.



Starting with context

Community engagement 2021





Starting with context



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- The impact of climate change **will be far reaching** – affecting public health, biodiversity, property, infrastructure, communities and the economy.
 - Aotearoa has committed to **net zero carbon emissions by 2050**. Achieving this target requires all individuals, businesses, communities and government taking prompt action to do our part to limit global warming.
 - “Science is clear: if we fail to meet these goals, the disruption to economies, societies and people caused by COVID-19 will pale in comparison to what the climate crisis holds in store.” UN Secretary-General António

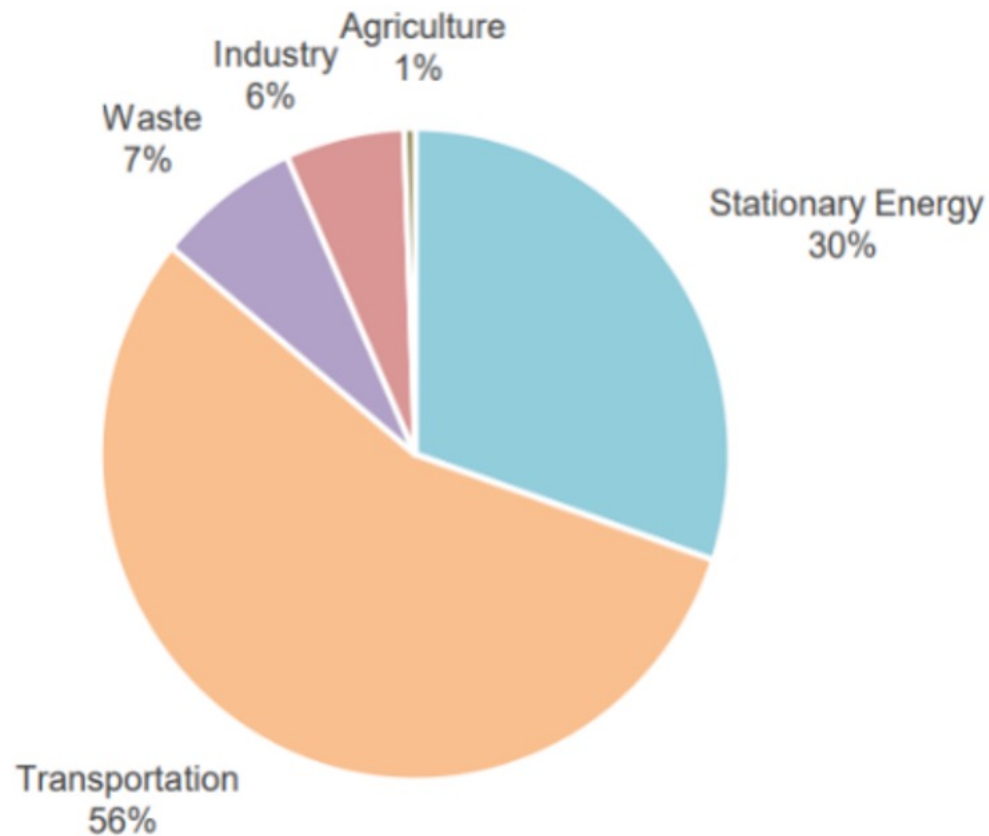
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Starting with context

Lower Hutt's GHG Emissions

To achieve **net zero emissions by 2050**, Lower Hutt needs to reduce net emissions by an average of **16,589 tCO₂e per year** – which is around **3.4%** of current emissions.





Lower Hutt's changing climate



Flooding

- Lower Hutt city is located on the most densely populated flood plain in New Zealand.
- More intense storms (large waves and tides), heavier rainfall and flooding from sea-level rise.
- Flood protection – e.g. RiverLink (safeguard up to 3,000 homes, five schools and 600 businesses).



Starting with context

Transport

TRANSPORT

HOW WE TRAVEL TO WORK:



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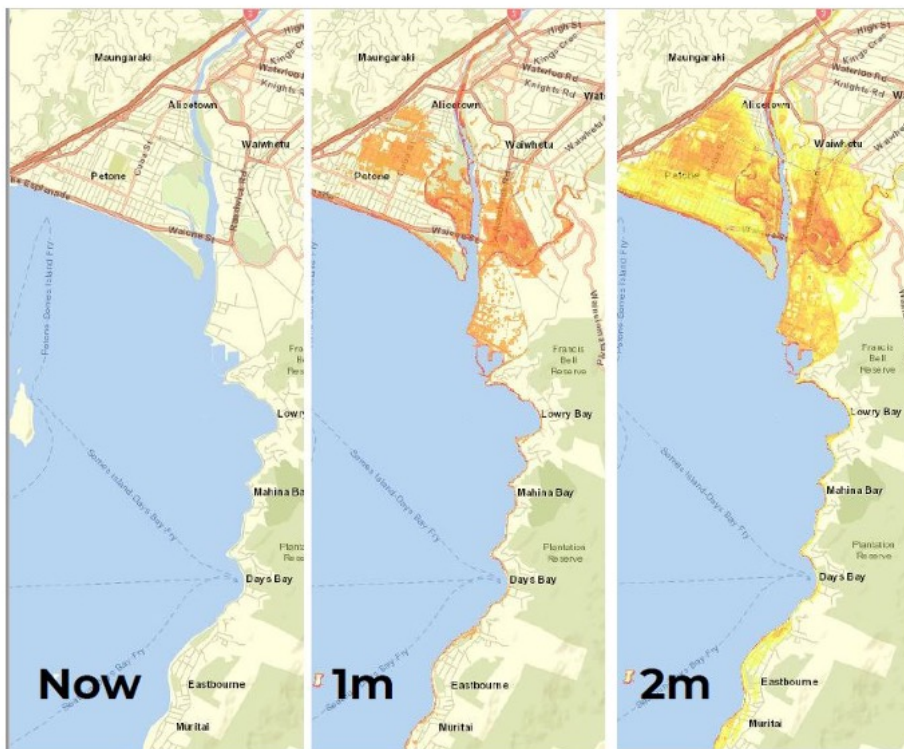


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Starting with context



Sea-level rise

- NIWA predicts between 40cm-1m sea-level rise by 2100.
- Two-thirds of New Zealanders live within 5 km of the coast.
- Nearly 178,000 people are potentially exposed to a one metre sea-level rise.
- Including Lower Hutt's low-lying coastal communities.

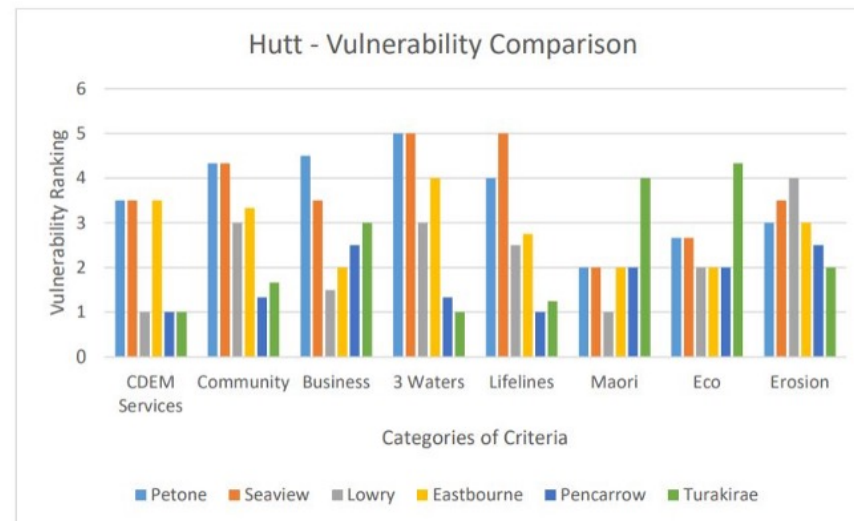


Starting with context

Lower Hutt's Coastal Vulnerability

1. **Seaview** is the most vulnerable coastal area.
2. Followed closely by **Petone**.
3. **Eastbourne** is the third most vulnerable coastal area.

(Mitchell Daysh report)





*"If you think
it's not your
problem then
you think you
are not the
cause"*

Central Cimate Hui 2021



*"Do something your
future self will thank you
for"*

Rangtahi (Youth) Cimate Hui 2021



Key Focus Areas

CENTRAL COMMUNITY



01 What community actions are already underway?



02 What would you like to do as a community or individual? What needs to change?



03 Where will we have the biggest impact? What are the overarching hui themes?



04 What else? How does the community want to stay in touch?



What has brought **you**
here tonight?

We opened by introducing ourselves and talking about what had brought us all together this evening.



Where has brought you here this evening?

"I'm always picking up rubbish but I'd like to get more into tree planting and pest eradication."

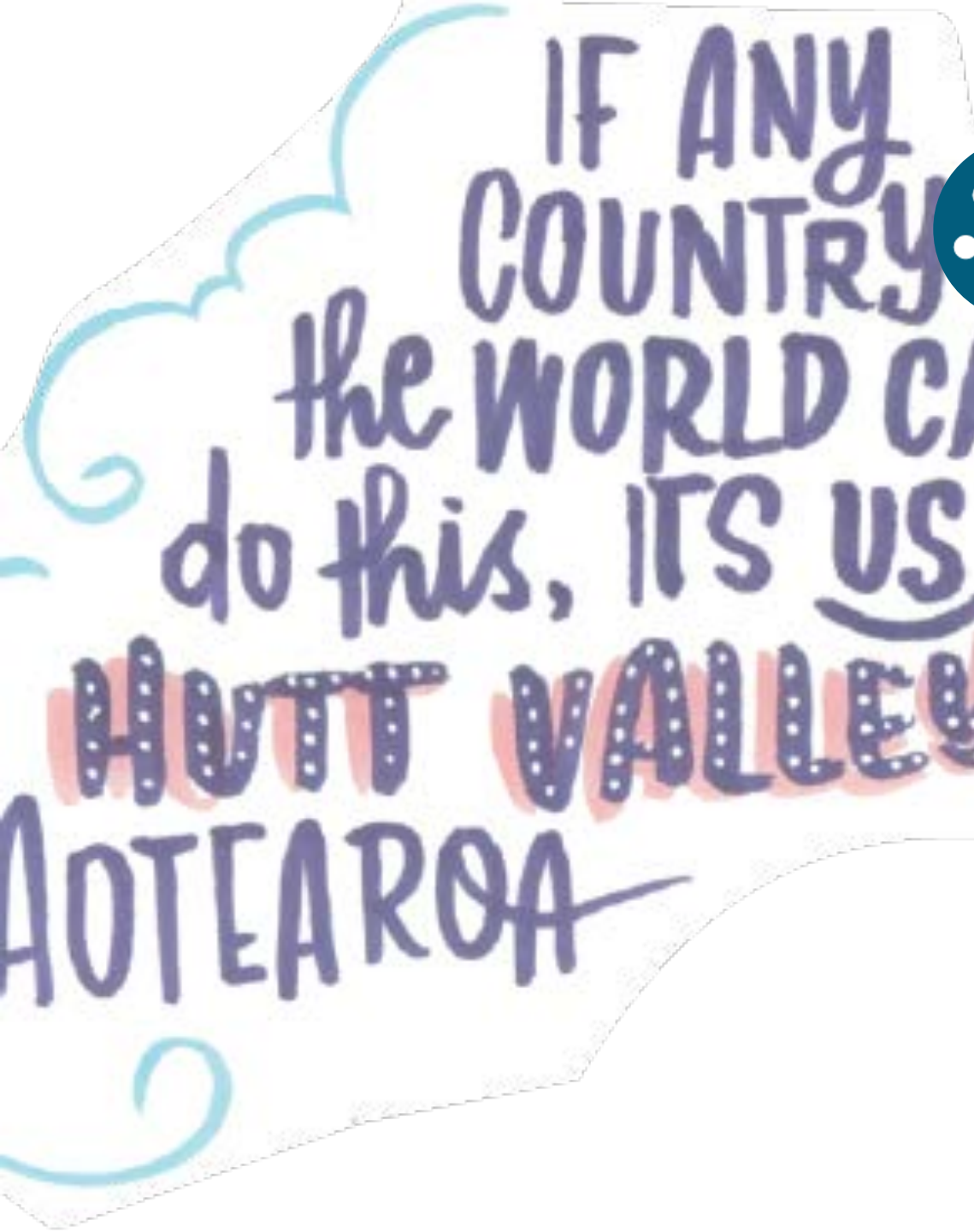
"I've lived 25 years in Petone and have long been concerned with climate change. I'm trying to take action around sustainability. I've managed to get rid of my car. Climate change feels overwhelming. Plea to the venue hire: get rid of plastic wrapped sweets."

"I'm a Petone resident. Petone is pretty vulnerable to Climate Change and I'm concerned about that as well as sea level rises across NZ where 75% of people live around coastal areas."

"I'm thinking about the future and that our ideas don't have future proofing. I want us to think beyond economic returns into what our decisions mean for the future."

"I'm from Moera which is vulnerable to sea level rise. I wear many hats - as a parent looking to the future of my children and as an educator. I'm interested in what climate education is needed as well as what our mitigation and adaptation approaches are. I want more localisation and community resilience."

"I came to the Eastbourne hui and now want to support more of a central effort."



Action spectrum

We asked participants “What are you currently doing to contribute to net zero-carbon emissions for Hutt City by 2050?” What do you want to do and what needs to change for you to be able to do that?

Individual reflections enabled participants to capture their views and then share through table discussion.

Participants explored three focus questions:

- What are you doing now?
- What would you like to do?
- What needs to change?



What are we doing now?



Transport

- Advocate for better public transport
- Carpooling with 3 people to work
- Using more public transport
- Catching the bus
- Walking and biking more
- Don't fly
- Electric car

Community Resilience

- Support schools with restoration projects
- Forming a trust to keep hutt valley beautiful
- Join like minded groups to make things happen
- Support climate justice group

Localising lifestyle

- Living closer to local facilities

Waste

- Composting household waste
- Using little to no plastic when possible
- Ensuring we use reusable bags
- Picking up the rubbish
- Reducing waste through buying hardly any packaged food
- Recycling bottles, cans etc
- Recycling or reusing where able to
- Have introduced a paper light office
- Facilitating projects to upcycle waste (through timebank)

Education

- Trying to educate others
- Working on sustainability education



What would you like to do?



Transport

Walk and bus more than I currently am

Walk and cycle more

Cycle to work- off-road

Live in a place where active transport is the norm

More focus on transportation alternatives for bus, train and ferry projects

Change to a car that uses electricity or a combination

Use PT more on the weekend

Energy

Drier and warmer housing

Have my house insulated

Waste

Have the ability to recycle more e.g. more plastic types

Reduce waste

Reduce my waste to zero

Less reliance on plastic in my life-eating, bathing etc

Remove unnecessary plastics from our day to day uses

Live waste-free

Shut down the mall and Pack n Save to reduce all the 'crap' that people buy

Education

Influence others positively

Educate young and old

Community Resilience

Live in a community where people have time and confidence to work on this



What needs to change?



Local Government Leadership

Council and government support

More government and council funding for retrofitting insulation and double glazing

Hutt city needs viable projects that don't just move traffic around rather than make it possible for other options to work

HCC and GWRC work together to improve PT infrastructure and services

Plastic

Banning or restricting the use of plastic wrapping and single use plastic

Get rid of unnecessary packaging

Product stewardship

Hutt city needs to expand their capacity or recycling i.e. more plastic types

Education

Have some accurate info/data

Transport

Encourage more electric car use with incentives

People need to use different modes of transport

More focus on safe, reliable and separated walking/cycling infrastructure

Community Resilience

Local food resilience

Encourage more volunteers

Urban Design

Make Lower Hutt a 15 minute city= close to local facilities for residents



What are we doing now?



What do we want to do?



What needs to change?

PRIORITY AREAS



Active Transport

Active transport directly reduces emissions and has positive healthy outcomes



Community Education

Educate in practical solutions for old, young and middle aged. Break past the idea that there's no point



Reduce Waste

Through reuse and recycling, refuse and reduce- this will reduce production of methane

PRIORITY AREAS



Reduce Plastic

Plastics create long term waste and are carbon-based



Natural Environment

Carbon reduction improves environment



Urban Design

Design toward local, community-based living where we are actively restoring our landscape in our everyday life

PRIORITY AREAS



Reduce Plastic

Big impact on emissions and on environment



Incentivise Behaviour Change

People's attitudes, priorities and capacity need to change for their own and the world's wellbeing. It's not about blame



Government Leadership

We need better and broader regional perspectives that enable communities to act.



Summary of hui themes - Central

Waste

Reducing waste through reuse and recycling, refuse and reduce

Reduce production of methane

Transition from plastics: Long term waste- carbon based

Plastics have to go: Big impact on emissions and on environment

Public Transport

Public and active transport: Directly reduce emissions including positive healthy outcomes

Local and central government

Better political leadership and better/wider regional perspectives will enable communities to act, emboldens, permits etc.

Education and engagement

Education in practical solutions, old, young and middle aged: Break down the idea that there's no point

People's attitudes, priorities and capacity- for their own and the world's wellbeing. It's not about blame.

Environmental protection

Plant more trees: carbon reduction improves environment

Community living

Design toward local community-based living-live in a place where we are actively restoring our landscape in our day to day



What else?

How does the community want to stay in touch?

At the end of the hui, we discussed what our unanswered questions were and how we might engage better with the Central community group moving forward.

- What are your unanswered questions?
- How can the Central Community help?
- How can we engage better and stay connected with the Central Community?



What else?

What are your unanswered questions?

- What will the impact of Lower Hutt's climate change response look like?
- How can we get businesses to take more responsibility for their waste production?
- How can we push for more sustainable transportation in the Hutt city, like EV car sharing?
- How can we personalise climate change to encourage more members of the community to get involved?
- How can we make the most out of our networks and resources to build momentum for this project?
- How do we ring-fence climate change into a local context so that we can make it relevant at a local level?
- How do we connect with schools and perhaps activate them?

How can we engage better and stay connected with the Central Community?

- Get the video out - it's a way to connect
- Offer free parking for electric vehicles
- Work at getting more volunteers - Keep Hutt Beautiful has many volunteers. Run an event, motivate people and give them the tools
- Build capacity to meet where people are such as at churches, sports centres, clubs
- Mobilise around neighbourhoods
- Think how you help people with those first steps
- Change values by developing the infrastructure to support the objectives
- Connect action with values amongst local residents
- Education is far reaching - work for the longer term with the young but more immediately on adults.
- We need to shift from blame to responsibility - positive no guilt messages
- Advertising hui using the local newspaper e.g. Hutt News
- Use online platforms such as social media- Facebook, Instagram
- Email
- Continue to encourage communication- community members will endeavour to bring friends and family along to future hui
- Networking, reaching out to people's families and friends to bring new people into the project



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