



Our vision for Hamilton Kirikiriroa

Improving the wellbeing
of Hamiltonians

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**Hamilton
City Council**
Te kaunihera o Kirikiriroa

Our Long-Term Plan

Every three years, Council develops a long-term plan, setting the projects, budget and financial strategy for the next 10 years, as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

The current Long-Term Plan is for 2021-31, and we are currently developing the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

Our five priorities

Everything we do is aimed at improving the wellbeing of Hamiltonians.

During the development of the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, we asked the community what they love about Hamilton Kirikiriroa and what would make our city an even better place to live.

This feedback was used to create our five long-term priorities for Hamilton Kirikiriroa over the next decade.



Shaping a city
that's easy to
live in



Shaping a city
where our people
thrive



Shaping a central
city where people
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Shaping a fun city
with lots to do



Shaping a
green city.

These five priority areas will guide our 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

Shaping a city that's easy to live in

Ahuahungia teetehi taaone e
tau ai te noho ki roto



We want a city that's easy to live in, explore, and connect.

What we will focus on:

1. We'll prioritise building **connected and safe** walkways and cycleways that allow us to move around our city quickly and easily and bring neighbourhoods together.
2. We'll revitalise our existing neighbourhoods and invest in the creation of our new neighbourhoods to make sure we have a **liveable, sustainable city**.
3. We'll encourage new developments in Hamilton Kirikiriroa to include a mix of housing, including **affordable housing options**.
4. We'll enable and support strong public transport connections that help Hamiltonians get **easy access to essential services** such as education, health centres and supermarkets.
5. We'll put more focus on our neighbourhoods having community identity and **supporting community spaces** across our city.

Shaping a city where our people thrive

Ahuahungia teetehi taaone e puaawai ai ngaa taangata katoa



We want to actively create opportunities for our people to thrive in their jobs, careers, and lives so they can leverage the wonderful lifestyle and opportunities our city has to offer.

What we will focus on:

1. We'll work with partners like central government and other councils to deliver **fast and efficient transport connections** to connect Hamilton Kirikiriroa quickly to places like Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau and Tauranga.
2. We'll look beyond our borders and work with our regional partners to **maximise the opportunities from Hamilton Kirikiriroa** being the hub of the Waikato region.
3. We'll make sure our economic strength is further leveraged and that **Hamilton Kirikiriroa is known as a great place to work and do business.**
4. We'll empower and enable our diverse communities to **share their voice, and shape their city.**
5. We'll **invest in the right infrastructure** to make sure Hamilton Kirikiriroa is an attractive place for businesses to succeed.

Shaping a central city where people love to be

Ahuahungia te pokapuu o teetehi taaone e arohaina ai e te taangata



We want our central city to be the beating heart of Hamilton Kirikiriroa which always has something going on for our diverse communities to come together and enjoy.

What we will focus on:

1. We'll **strengthen the connection and access** between the city centre and the Waikato River.
2. We'll **promote daytime and evening activity**.
3. We'll create performance spaces such as the new regional theatre and leverage existing central city spaces to **support arts and culture initiatives** which offer something unique to our city.
4. We'll support mixed inner-city living options in Hamilton Kirikiriroa which **encourage people to live in the central city** alongside vibrant retail, hospitality, and entertainment sectors.
5. We'll make it **easy to get into and around the city** through a range of alternative travel options.

Shaping a fun city with lots to do

Ahuahungia teetehi taaone
ngahau e tini ai ngaa kaupapa
papai hei whai



We want Hamilton Kirikiriroa to be an even better place for everyone to play, with things to do or see around every corner.

What we will focus on:

1. We'll **develop open community spaces** like Korikori Park in Rototuna and Minogue Park in Forest Lake that are accessible to everyone to enjoy.
2. We'll invest in and enhance Waikato Museum, Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton Zoo and Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park to **create new and unique experiences for our people and visitors.**
3. We'll **host and celebrate city events** like the Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival and Balloons over Waikato.
4. We'll actively celebrate and promote a city **where residents have the opportunity to have fun** with their friends and family.
5. We'll **support local sports events** by investing in play spaces and we'll work hard to **attract national and international sports events** to our city.

Shaping a green city

Ahuahungia teetehi taaone tiaki taiao



Shaping a green city involves investing in our city's natural areas, having a clear response to climate change, managing a safe and resilient water supply, managing our stormwater and wastewater and minimising the impact of waste.


What we will focus on:

1. We'll protect and restore our natural gully network and the biodiversity of Hamilton Kirikiriroa to increase how green our city is, **making it healthier and stronger.**
2. We'll **reduce the carbon footprint** of Hamilton Kirikiriroa and build a city that is resilient to the effects of climate change.
3. We'll **mitigate the impact of the city** on the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River and Lake Rotoroa (Hamilton Lake).
4. We'll **encourage and enable alternative ways to move safely and quickly** around our city.
5. **We'll plan our future as a sustainable city** - balancing the natural and built environments so they can live in harmony.

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