

WESLEY RĀTĀ VILLAGE VISION

Across the generations, everyone
contributing towards a good life

Nā tō kete, nā tōku kete, ka ora ai te iwi

With your contribution and my contribution, the community flourishes

Wesley Rātā Village is a place to re-weave community to support wellbeing and resilience.

It is a home to enjoy living in and a place to visit for inspiration and strengthening connections.

It's a place for all generations, with a special position for seniors/kaumātua.

Gifted 70 years ago to support the vulnerable in the Hutt Valley our 60 hectares of awa (rivers), ngahere (bush), māra (gardens), valleys, homes, and rooms is a significant community asset.

Wesley Community Action is privileged to be the kaitiaki of this site and the holders of the new vision.



The re-weaving of community at Wesley Rātā Village will involve many strands contributing to the overarching vision. The weaving is shaped by the community of people. Many partnerships and relationships will over time grow out of connections to the Village

The following touchstones guide the Village:

Kia hōnore te Tiriti Honoring the Treaty

Connections are strengthened with whānau, hapū and iwi

Taupuhipuhi Mutual exchange

Fostering opportunities for people to give and receive

Kia haumanu Restorative

A place for healing relationships with the land and each other

Kia toitū Sustainable

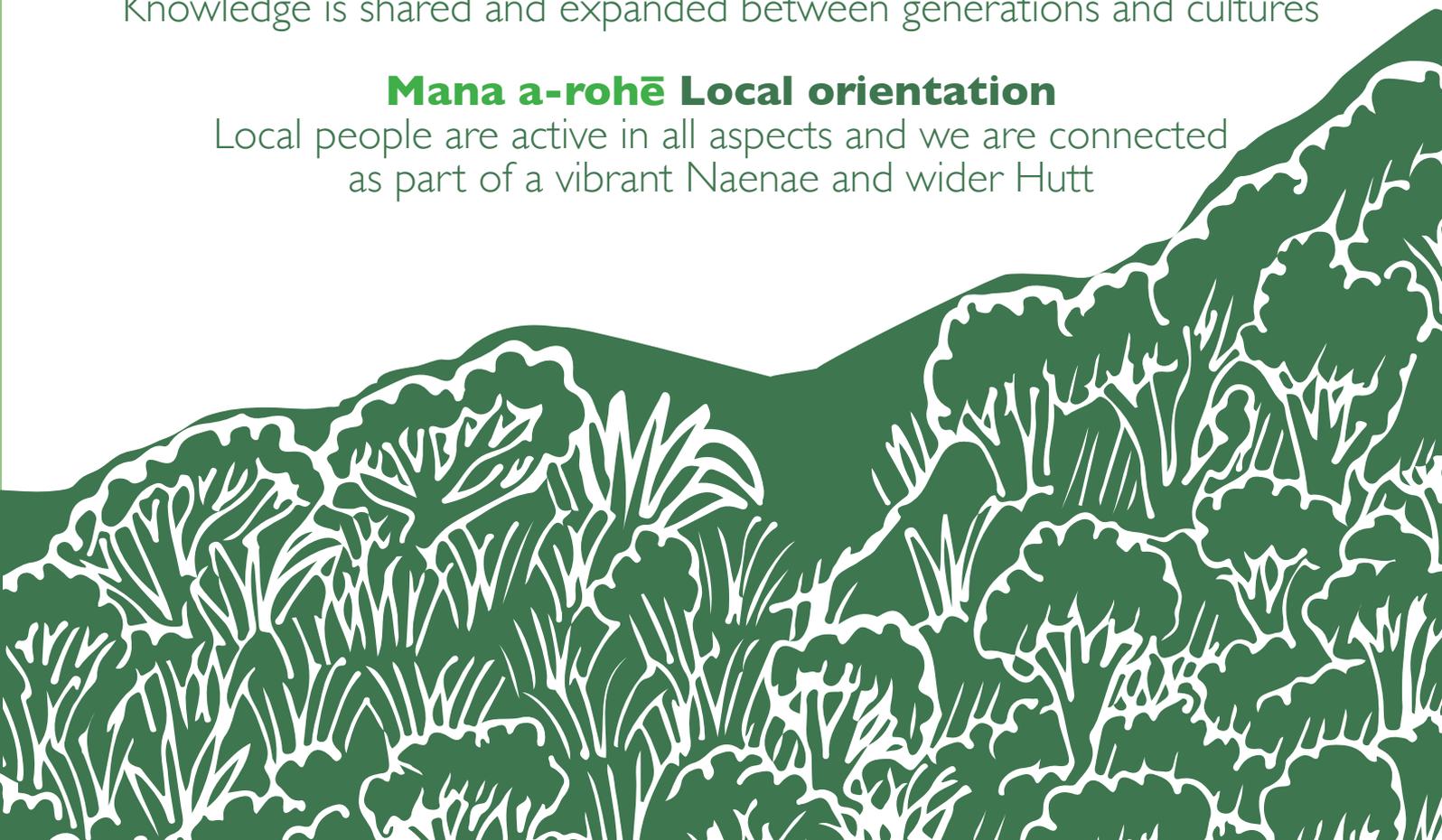
Enriching the physical, social, economic environment to support future stewardship

Ako Learning

Knowledge is shared and expanded between generations and cultures

Mana a-rohē Local orientation

Local people are active in all aspects and we are connected as part of a vibrant Naenae and wider Hutt



EARLY STRANDS OF ACTIVITY:

KĀINGA HOMES

Affordable rental housing in an intentional community

A core part of the land's history has been supporting older people. The future will build on this support particularly for those older people with limited choices. We have shifted our focus from institutional care, to a village of people wanting to live in their own place surrounded by opportunities to engage, contribute, and retreat. Warm and healthy rental units will be available for older people experiencing hurdles to finding a secure home and other people and whānau struggling in this difficult rental housing market. The community will evolve a shared tikanga for how they will live together.



MAHI JOBS

Skills and support for young people seeking a job

Many young people lack the confidence and experience to get their first job. Wesley Rātā Village will provide short term accommodation for young people needing practical work experience and mentoring to support them to get a job. In partnership with Kiwi Can Do, Wesley Rātā Village will be home for young trainees for 3 week courses. In addition, the community will provide a range of worthy practical projects for the trainees to build and renovate. The first being helping build 25 new homes.

TAMARIKI CHILDREN

Space for parents, babies and children to play and learn

Play groups of children and their parents meet regularly in Wesley Rātā Village. Next to the stream and bush, this is a time and place for children to play and explore. Elder residents visit and friendships form. Future steps include a forest kindergarten, playshops for parents and children and maybe a play-ground.



KIA TŪHONO NGĀ KAUMĀTUA CONNECTING IN AGEING Positive Ageing Network

Wesley Community Action is partnering with local people and organisations to craft a new model for how the community cares for people as they age. We have brought together a positive ageing group and a partnership with the Hutt Timebank as the first steps to provide opportunities for people with age-related issues to gather, share and contribute to the wider community. These are the first steps on a journey of innovation that will shift the care of our ageing population to ensure that seniors/kaumātua are positive and active participants in their ageing.

WĀHI HUI GATHERING SPACE

Hosting community

We are privileged to be the guardians of this community resource and to host and manaaki the community. Everyone, old and young, has something to contribute to our space and we will work in partnership with them to make this a vibrant community asset that supports wellbeing and resilience. We want the Village to be full of bumping and reflection spaces for the community to connect and support wellbeing and resilience.

We will develop our buildings and spaces into **community facilities** for people and organisations to use. We will work to keep our gardens, bush and stream healthy and vibrant as a **beautiful nature space** for our community to enjoy and protect. We will host events that let people **practice art, creativity and spirituality** so that they can connect and be inspired to dream about the future and what they can achieve.



TAIAO NATURE

Restoring the bush and environment so it can help restore us

An active group of people regularly walk through the current Rātā Street Loop track. Some run, some take their dogs, some seek reflective quiet space, some collect rongoa or work to help the bush regenerate. This secluded patch of bush boarding suburbia provides many opportunities. We will work in partnership to mobilise the community to use it, care for and learn from it.





We have identified six strategic outcomes
for our work at Wesley Rātā Village

WE ARE BUILDING A PLACE THAT GROWS:

Takune Intention

People plan for their own and their community's future

Whanaungatanga Connectedness

People spark connection to end loneliness

Whakatipuranga Generations

All stages of life are celebrated, and generations
mingle together to support wellness

Tino Rangatiratanga Agency

People, especially seniors/kaumātua, are able
to actively lead their own lives

Ngakau Reka Attitudes

A positive attitude to ageing flourishes

Koha Contribution

Everyone's contribution is encouraged and valued

Note: We want to share this mahi but would like Wesley to be acknowledged and actively involved in any discussions that this document triggers. This is a working document. Wesley welcomes your feedback.

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