
Long Term Plan 2018-2028

What is planned for Riwaka?

1.0 Introduction

The following information provides an overview of significant projects Council has planned for the Riwaka settlement in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028. These projects aim to address anticipated growth in demand, improve the services provided, and ensure that existing public infrastructure is maintained and fit for purpose. We've also included relevant growth information and the conclusions reached for the Riwaka settlement in the development of Council's Growth Model 2017¹. All information is current as at 1 July 2018.

Between 2018 and 2028, Riwaka's population is projected to grow by 3%².



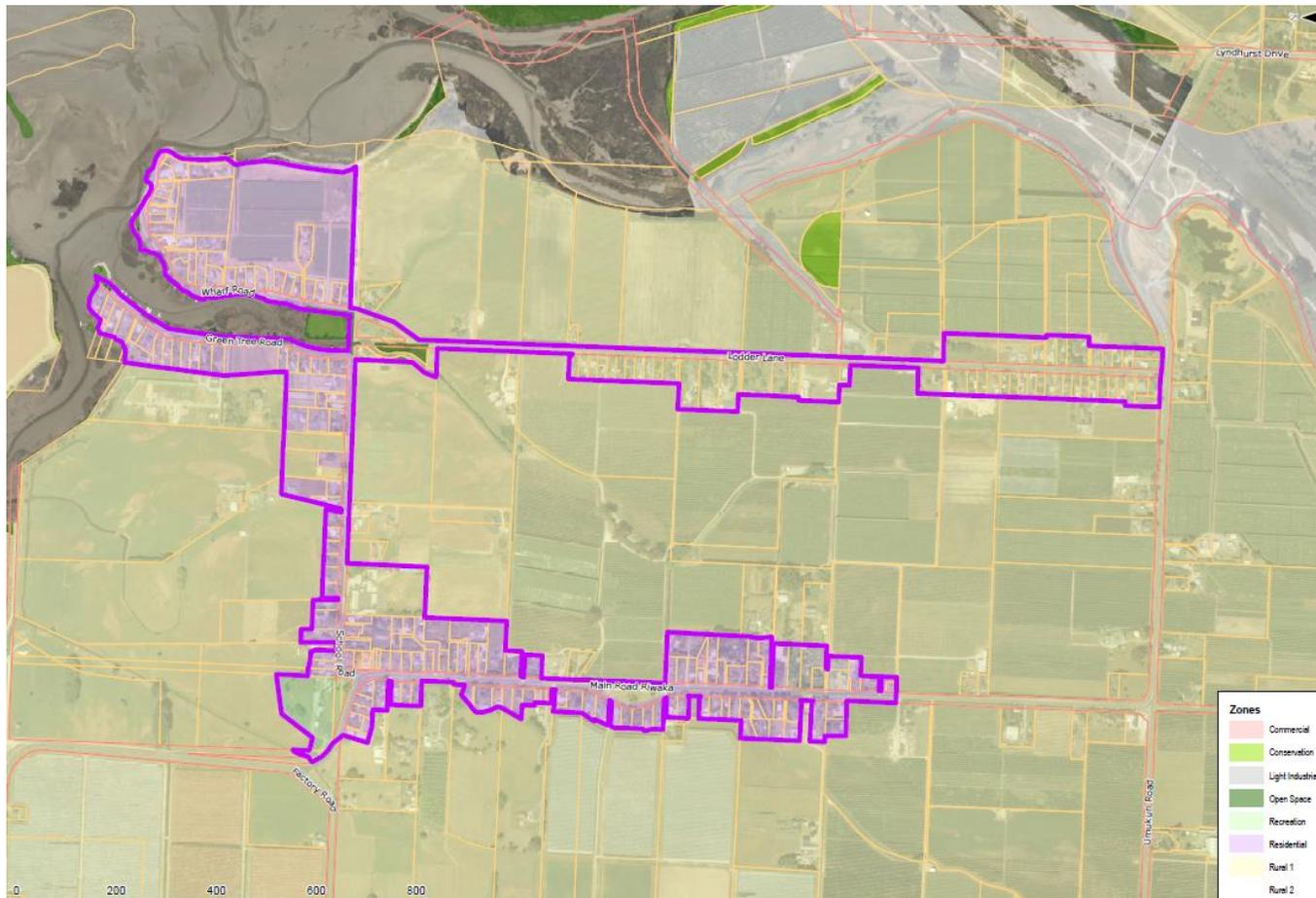
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¹ Council's Growth Model is a District-wide, long term development planning tool which informs the programming of a range of services, such as network infrastructure and facilities (through the Long Term Plan), and district plan reviews.

² Based on Stats NZ Subnational Population Projections 2013(base)-2043 update (released 22 February 2017), using the medium series for all years for the Riwaka area unit.

2.0 Settlement outline

2.1 **Zoning as at 1 July 2018** (note: the settlement outline in purple is for planning purposes and doesn't indicate the extent of future development. For updates and details on planning zones under the Tasman Resource Management Plan, please refer to [Top of the South Maps.](#))



2.2 Urban form and function

Riwaka sits on the Riwaka plains, land with some of the highest productive value in the District, hence the dominance of horticulture and agriculture in this area on these silt and sandy soils.

The settlement boundary of Riwaka is relatively large due to historic ribbon development that has occurred in Main Road Riwaka. The settlement is low lying and has a significant flood risk from the Motueka and Riwaka Rivers, as well as seawater inundation risk.

The settlement contains a small disjointed commercial area, school, sports facilities and hall. The coastal character of Riwaka includes a small jetty, moorings and tidal flats.

State Highway 60 transects part of the village. Tasman's Great Taste Trail also passes through Riwaka.

2.3 Environmental opportunities and constraints

Riwaka faces major flood risk constraints with overland flow (stormwater) affecting properties that are low lying. The settlement lies in the flood plain of the Motueka River. The threat of seawater inundation also poses a constraint for Riwaka's development.

Riwaka's high productive land value is another constraint to residential development.

2.4 Current infrastructure provision

Infrastructure is the physical assets that Council provides and owns in order to provide water supplies, stormwater, wastewater, rivers and flood control, and transportation services

Council provides water and wastewater to most residential properties in Riwaka via a combined scheme with Kaiteriteri. There is sufficient capacity available within the scheme for the level of growth projected.

Riwaka settlement does not include an urban drainage area for stormwater and has no plans to do so.

The settlement is primarily serviced by SH60 and Council also provides a rural-residential road network that includes some footpath connections. Tasman's Great Taste Trail also runs through Riwaka. Council considers the transportation network to be fit for purpose and has not planned any upgrades.

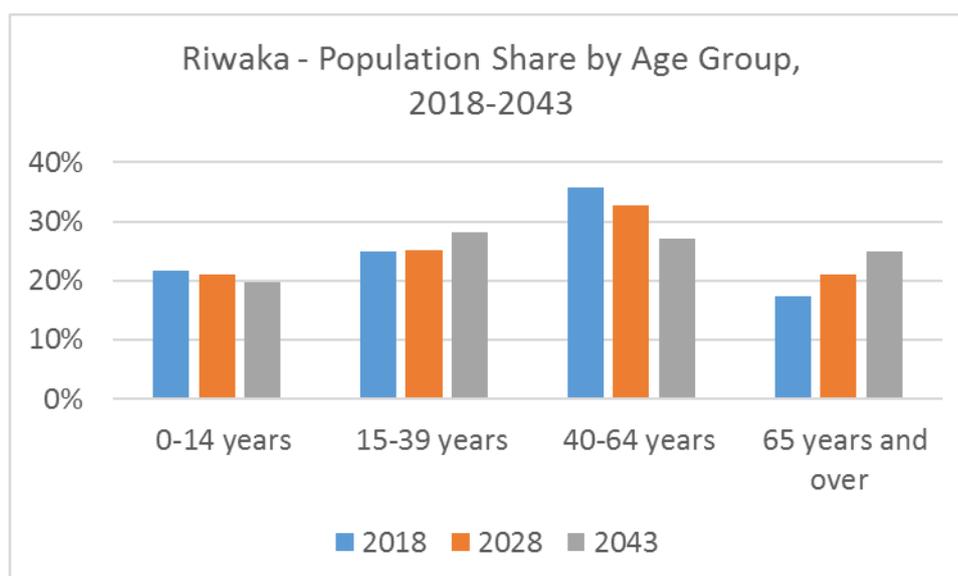
2.5 Parks, reserves and facilities

Most of the facilities for Riwaka are provided in Motueka. Riwaka Memorial Reserve provides tennis courts and pavilion, a scout den and potters shed, two croquet greens, and public toilets. There are also playing fields at the Riwaka Rugby Grounds (DSIR) and at the Cooks Recreation Reserve by the Riwaka Rugby Clubrooms. Council subsidises the pool at Riwaka School. There is also a network of esplanade reserves and strips adjoining the coastline near the residential areas. The community is also serviced by a community room at the Riwaka Hall and by the Riwaka Trustees Cemetery.

The development of Tasman's Great Taste Trail through the settlement is popular and has added to the existing levels of service for cycleways.

3.0 Future Demographics³

The population of Riwaka is projected to increase from 628 in 2018 to 649 in 2028 and then to 656 by 2043. The proportion of the population aged 65 years and over is projected to increase from 17% in 2018, to 25% by 2043. The average household size is projected to decrease from 2.4 people per household in 2018 to 2.1 people per household by 2043.



4.0 Growth

4.1 Anticipated development

Based on the above demographic trends, Council has estimated the following numbers of residential dwellings and business lots will be required. This is based on the best information at the time and is not intended to be an exact forecast of when and where development will actually occur. Population projections will be updated following the 2018 Census to reflect any significant population changes.

Council has not planned to meet demand in the Riwaka settlement area as this land is flood prone. This does not prevent new houses from being built in this area but it does signal that Council's preference is for this demand to be taken up elsewhere in the Motueka Ward area.

³ Based on Stats NZ Subnational Population Projections 2013(base)-2043 update (released 22 February 2017), using the medium series for all years for the Riwaka area unit.

	2018/19- 2020/21 Short term (Years 1-3)	2021/22- 2027/228 Medium term (Years 4-10) ⁴	2028/29 – 2047/48 Long term (Years 11-30) ⁵
Number of residential dwellings required	9	11	30
Number of residential dwellings planned	0	0	0
Number of business lots required	1	3	3
Number of business lots planned	1	1	1

4.2 Development options

The most recent Tasman growth model review did not allocate additional land for dwellings in Riwaka due to the flood hazard risk; and only very modest business land should be made available on appropriately zoned land. Work to potentially close the residential zones from further development ought to be investigated, as part of a District wide natural hazards plan change.

4.3 Growth-related infrastructure

The low level of growth projected for Riwaka can be provided for by existing infrastructure. No upgrades required.

5.0 Improvements and Renewals

This section covers projects which are primarily to improve the services already provided (improvements) and/or ensure that existing public infrastructure is maintained and fit for purpose (renewals).

5.1 Infrastructure improvements, replacements and renewals

Council has planned to work with residents adjacent to the Riwaka River who have been affected by flooding to help mitigate the risks they face. This work will start with a flood risk study starting in 2018/19 and be undertaken over two years. Works identified in this study are planned between 2021-2023 and a budget of \$660,000 has been allocated.

Council has also planned to replace the Kaiteriteri wastewater rising main on School Road in 2020/21, in order to increase capacity at a cost of \$313,500.

Council has budgeted \$593,943 over 2018-2028 to provide public recycling around the District, including for Riwaka.

Note: Although the full project costs are included in Council's budget, funding can be from a variety of sources, including targeted rates (for projects which serve a specific area), development and financial contributions, government funding, as well as general rates.

All future project costs are in current prices and have not been adjusted for inflation.

⁴ Years 1-10 represent life of LTP.

⁵ Years 1-30 accord with life of Infrastructure Strategy and the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity.