

RANUI ACTION PLAN



Creating Our Future Together

May 2002

CONTENTS PAGE

1. Introduction to the Ranui Action Plan
2. Background to the Ranui Action Project
 - How it all started
 - Current structures and processes
3. About Ranui... The Community Profile
4. The Consultation Process: The Community Visioning Process and the Ranui Futures Creation Festival
5. Governance and Policy development
6. The Action Plan Prioritisation Workshop
7. Action Plan
 - RAP Values
 - RAP Goals
 - Accommodation, Personnel and Training Needs
 - Action Themes
 - Young people's development
 - Public safety
 - Health and social services
 - Educational opportunities
 - Environment
 - Employment/economic development
 - Community pride/vitality/identity
8. Making the Plan happen
 - Relating the Plan to the Funding Allocation Policy
 - Ongoing Planning work with RAP Groups
 - Monitoring the Plan
 - Revisiting the Plan

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE RANUI ACTION PLAN

*"We're Ranui people with that Ranui pride
We're the best out west now that's undenied"*

*From the RAP RAP by
Ranui composer, Paul Wells*

Ranui is a great place to live. The purpose of the Ranui Action Project and this draft Ranui Action Plan is to make it an even better place to live!

What happens in our community and how it grows and changes is up to us. This Action Plan is our way forward based on the dreams, ideas and actions of local Ranui residents.

It's about how we want Ranui to be and what projects we think will make our community and our environment healthier, happier, safer and stronger. Some of these projects we can do ourselves, others we'd like to do in partnership with other groups and organisations.

With the support of our partners, the Ranui community is working together to create a better future for all of us.

*Na to rourou
Me toku rourou
Ka ora te iwi*

*- With my basket and your basket
the people will prosper*

2. BACKGROUND TO THE RANUI ACTION PROJECT

The Ranui Action Project has been going for about eighteen months. It's a community project and is about the Ranui community coming together and working together for the future of Ranui. Others may be providing funding and support for the project, but it's local Ranui people who are making the decisions about what the Ranui Action Project should be and doing the work to get the project off the ground.

HOW IT ALL STARTED.....

In 1999 the Waitakere Health Planning Group, which was made up of community representatives, major health service provider groups and the City Council, was created to look at future health service needs in Waitakere City. The Waitakere Health Plan, was completed in November 2000 and brought together eleven new projects which it was hoped would improve health outcomes for Waitakere.

Under the Health Plan each member of the Waitakere Health Planning Group was asked to lead the development of a new project. The project that Waitakere City Council was asked to start work on was a "community health action project". The Council talked to the Ministry of Health about funding a creative new three year community development project somewhere in Waitakere City which would focus improving community health in the broadest sense (eg. seeing employment, education, environment, cultural needs as key parts of health).

After some discussion, Ministry of Health funding of \$75,000 pa was approved and Ranui was approached by the Council to see if we would like to host the project. A meeting of local community leaders in September 2000 said "yes". From this meeting, a number of people volunteered to form the basis of an initial project steering group and so, the Ranui Action Project began.

In December 2000, the Ranui Action Project was approached by the Department of Child Youth and Family (CYF) to see if Ranui would like to host another pilot project – the Stronger Communities Action Fund (SCAF). This would see Ranui been given a pool of money (\$250, 000 pa for three years) to spend on projects that we believed would improve family and community wellbeing outcomes in our area. To this idea, we also said yes! We saw that this funding would support and strengthen the Ranui Action Project and mean we would have money to pay for the local projects we wanted to see happen.

WHAT IS THE RANUI ACTION PROJECT?

Improving health and wellbeing outcomes in Ranui is the main goal of the Ranui Action Project. It's about making our place an even better place to live.

The Ranui Action Project is about the Ranui community working together and deciding what the best ways are to make positive change within our community. Although others, such as the local Council and government departments, have provided the funding and support to get us started, it's about our community coming up with solutions to our problems and Ranui creating Ranui's future – we are the decision makers.

A THREE WAY PARTNERSHIP.....

We're not alone though. Both local and central government see themselves as "partners" to the Ranui Action Project and have made commitments to support and assist the development of community action and leadership in Ranui. Both the Mayor, Bob Harvey and the Minister of Social Services, Steve Maharey attended the launch of the Ranui Action Project on April 7th 2001 and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with our community to help and support us.

EVALUATION

The Alcohol and Public Health Research Unit were independently contracted by the Ministry of Health and Department of Child, Youth and Family funders to provide an evaluation of the establishment, implementation and impact of the Ranui Action Project. The evaluation team works with RAP in a collaborative approach to ensure that the evaluation objectives are met. These are:

1. To assist in ensuring that RAP is well planned and implemented
2. To document the way RAP is developed and delivered and who the project reaches
3. To assess the effect of RAP in contributing to health and wellbeing and building community capacity to reduce health and other disparities in Ranui
4. To report and assess the outcomes of implementing the SCAF Fund



3. ABOUT RANUI: THE COMMUNITY PROFILE

Ranui is a community of around 7000 people and is located on the urban fringe of Waitakere City.



Once a rural/orcharding area, Ranui is now a well-established, ethnically diverse community with a strong sense of local identity. Ranui first went through its first major development stage in the 1950-70s – with many families, who settled in Ranui during this time, still living here today. The last five years has seen Ranui grow again – with lots of new housing developments being either built or in the final planning stages.

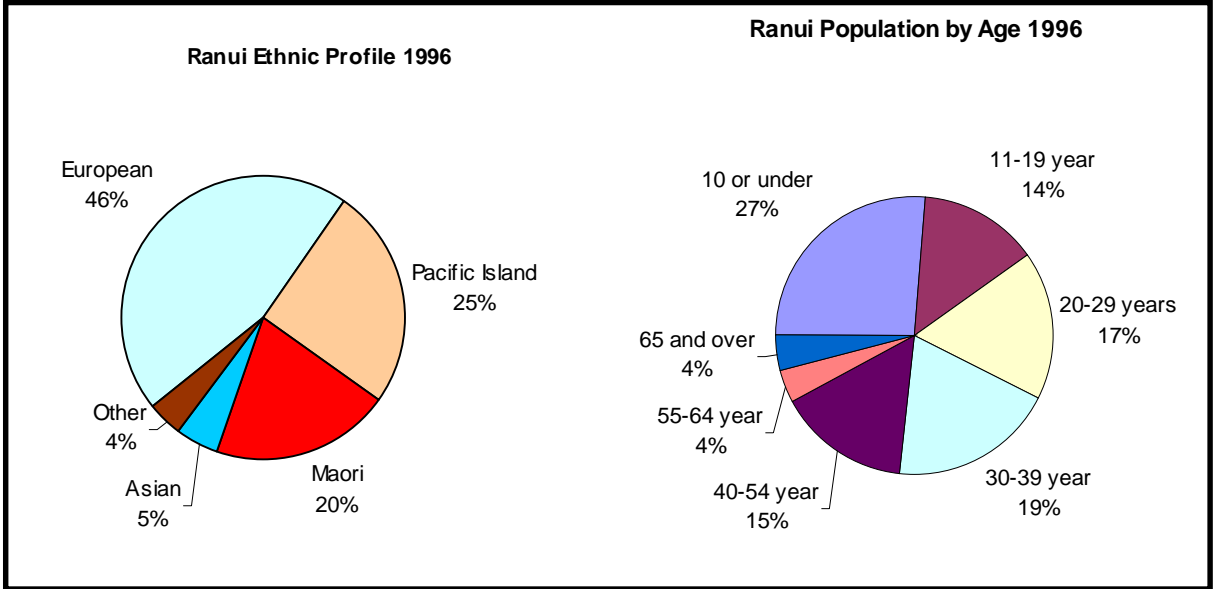
Working with our evaluation partners we have compiled a profile of Ranui and its needs. A large number of community and government organizations have provided the data and statistics about Ranui for this report. The evaluation team also undertook a community telephone survey. Gathering data and information for the Ranui Community Profile has helped us think about what project or actions we might take to make Ranui a better place to live.

Here is a summary of some of the things we've found out:

PROFILE OF THE PEOPLE OF RANUI...

1996 census data revealed that Ranui has a diverse demographic structure with many different cultures and a high proportion of young people.

Approximately one third of the population are under 15. Less than 10% are over 55





The population in Ranui is projected to increase by approximately 1000 people within the next 10 years, and approximately 2000 people in the next 20 years. The age of the overall population will also steadily increase within the next 20 years.

There are a number of small businesses in Ranui but the majority of residents are employed outside of Ranui, and are salary or wage earners.. 38% of households in Ranui have an income of less than \$30,000 per annum. The proportion of people on a benefit is higher than the national average, with the majority of these being job seekers. Approximately 12% of the population was unemployed and actively seeking work in 1996.

Ranui has a mix of housing characterised by a combination of private residential dwellings (ranging from low cost to high cost) and a number of large-scale low cost housing developments. Nearly 40% of households have 4-6 members. There is a comparatively high rate of residents living in Housing NZ accommodation.

Ranui has been identified as an area in need of special medical and primary care assistance. Ranui residents have significant rates of non-injury related potentially avoidable hospitalisations and higher rates of smokers (9% above the national average). Primary healthcare is not well utilised in Ranui and cost has been identified as a major barrier to accessing these services. Ranui has a range of public health services available but delivery is fragmented and not well integrated with secondary healthcare services.

Safety concerns related to public safety, crime, traffic and personal safety are evident. Burglary, theft, assaults and petty crime such as vandalism (graffiti) are the major criminal offences reported. Half of the total assaults reported in Ranui are related to domestic violence.

Educational facilities in Ranui comprise five preschools and two primary schools; but there are no high schools directly in the area. Pacific children comprise a major percentage of the school rolls for both Ranui (44.8%) and Birdwood Primary Schools (60.5%) in 2000. The predicted population growth and high number of younger children (particularly Pacific and Maori) indicates that provision of culturally appropriate

preschool services as well as opportunities for lifelong learning and development are important considerations.

There are a growing number of community facilities and organisations in Ranui including the community centre, the library, a high number of churches, sports facilities and parks,.

A survey of 458 Ranui residents was undertaken during late 2001, as part of an impact evaluation of RAP funded by the Ministry of Health. The survey gathered information on social cohesion and connectedness as a determinant of health for people living in Ranui.

The majority of respondents in the social survey reported positive perceptions of Ranui as a place to live, particularly Maori and Pacific peoples who reported a strong sense of belonging. The survey found that Ranui residents were aware of a substantial number of community resources and public spaces that were used as neighbourhood or community meeting places. The most commonly used locations were the Ranui Community Centre, Ranui Library and the Ranui (Swanson Road) shops. Parks were not well utilised. 70% of respondents had not attended a local community event in Ranui in the previous six months.

Like the many consultative meetings, where the wellbeing of young people in Ranui has been raised as a particular concern, the majority of respondents agreed that young people were valued in Ranui, but that there was not much happening for them. There was a perceived lack of recreational facilities and activities for young people.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR.....

In January 2001, the Ranui Action Project hired a "project manager" (Diane Jennings) and set up an office at the Ranui Community Centre. We spent most of 2001 working out how we as a community can come together. How the Project should be run, encouraging people to become involved in the Project, finding out more about local issues and needs, hosting the Ranui Fun Festival, the Ranui Futures Creation Festival and working towards creating this, our first Action Plan.



In recent months we have been developing our RAP Constitution, a Funding Allocation Policy and Communication and Decision-making policy. These works are now nearing completion. Whilst the RAP Policy Group has been working long hours to develop policy, 18 "Go Now" projects have been operating in the community (i.e projects with a budget of under \$1000). Projects like the "Raise the Level" Youth Talent Quest, " "Books for Keeps" redistributing second hand books to Ranui children and many others.

We are now at an exciting stage of the project as we finalise the Action Plan and make a definitive move from the developmental phase of the project to the action phase.

4. CONSULTATION PROCESS

THE COMMUNITY VISIONING PROCESS: THE RAP RAVE AND THE FUTURES FESTIVAL

Since the Ranui Action Project got started people have been talking about what Ranui needs. Children and young people from the local Birdwood and Ranui schools have done lots of thinking about what they would like to see happen.

Lots of locals also filled in questionnaires about what's needed at the Ranui Fun Festival in April.

After the Ranui Fun Festival and launch of the Ranui Action Project in April we knew our next job was to put a plan together for the future of Ranui. We also felt that having a plan was important because it would help us decide where the money that government had given to us, could best be spent.

We wanted the plan to be Ranui's. To do this we wanted to involve as many people as possible in putting the plan together and to make sure that everyone had the chance to have their say. We also wanted to do more than just look at old problems. We wanted to think about our future and to do some dreaming about what Ranui could be like for our children and grand children. We decided that the best way to do this was to put together a "community visioning process" and that's where we asked the Centre for Vision and Leadership to help us.

ABOUT THE RAP RAVE

Seeing that young people are a large part of the Ranui Community (32% under 15) and that their voice often gets lost among "adult" voices we held a special event to bring young people together. At the Rap Rave on August 11th, around 60 young people spent the afternoon at Birdwood School – drawing their future Ranui and having lots of fun. Young people's visions focused on having lots of things to do (shopping, leisure and recreation activities) and having a clean environment with no rubbish.



ABOUT THE RANUI FUTURES CREATION FESTIVAL.....

RANUI COMMUNITY VISION

RAP worked with Mike and Peter from the Centre for Vision and Leadership (CVL) to mutually design a community-visioning programme tailored to suit the needs of the Ranui community. . Groups with specific needs such as Maori, Pacific Island groups and Young were assisted to design individual processes.

Throughout July and August RAP and CVL lead a process of Community Visioning in the Ranui community. At a weekend workshop facilitated by Mike and Peter twenty-seven Ranui people were trained in the art of facilitating visions.

In August, around 400 people participated in the Ranui Futures Creation Festival. Trained facilitators expertly guided people through a visioning process at a number of workshops around young people's development, public safety, health and social services, education, environment, employment/economic development and community/pride identity. The process involved using the drawing of pictures as a visioning tool.

The event was capped off with a celebratory dinner prepared by community people and a concert that was attended by 500 plus people. It was a very successful community event in many ways, but most importantly we now had a community " wish list" for our Draft Action Plan.



GO NOW PROJECTS

20 smaller " Go Now" projects (projects with a budget of under \$1000) were given the green light to go ahead immediately. They include:

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Books for Keeps | Massage training/ sessions |
| Please Play in Our Parks poster competition | Ranui Branding development |
| Oral History Project | Ranui Quilters Show |
| Coaching for School Certificate students | Touch Day for Teens |
| "Raise the Level" Talent Quest | Stories Alive |
| Flax planting/Restoration of Native Bush | PI Driver License training |
| Kaumatua/kuia forum | PI Churches Rally |
| Edible gardens at Birdwood School | PI Gardening project |
| ClicIT! Computers for Community Use | Warrior Kids programme |

These projects have been invaluable at this stage of the project. They have created a sense of momentum while we work on developmental projects and have also been a very useful opportunity for learning. Larger project ideas from the Futures Creation Festival were fed into the Draft Action Plan.

CONSULTATION WITH COUNCIL, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND HEALTH PROVIDERS

Government agencies and Waitakere health providers were invited to Ranui to hear presentations from community facilitators about our "wish list". They responded positively and agreed to partner RAP to help us to achieve our visions and assist with projects. The Council met with RAP representatives at a separate forum to ensure that Council projects being planned in Ranui are in alignment with the RAP Draft Action Plan.



5. GOVERNANCE AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

In terms of a project structure, it's been pretty informal to date, but that's about to change. Now that we have a RAP Constitution the RAP structure is about to become formalised.

A RAP Policy Group has been meeting regularly to develop a governance structure and constitution, Funding Allocation Policy and Communication Policy. RAP contracted Helen Haslam, a skilled facilitator to assist with these processes.

RAP will soon become an Incorporated Society. The structure and constitution that have been developed truly reflect the innovative, inclusive and community driven nature of RAP in that it retains oversight and responsibility for the project with the wider community who delegate the legal responsibility and day-to-day decision making to the RAP Committee. It is anticipated that the legal entity process will be complete by June 2002.

STARTING WITH VALUES

We started by developing and agreeing upon our core values. This provided us with a basis and reference point for the governance structure and Constitution as they evolved. These values are our essence and will continue to underpin everything that we do at RAP. Our collective vision "Creating Our Future Together" was formally adopted by RAP at this time.

THE RAP SOCIETY

Until now the RAP Society (previously known as the Steering Group) has been the main decision making body. This has proved cumbersome at times but we have been loath to have all decisions made by the smaller RAP Committee (previously known as the Executive) because of our broad community focus. Our solution has been to develop a governance structure and constitution that allows for overall direction to be the responsibility of the RAP Society whilst the RAP Committee holds the legal responsibility.

The RAP Society meets on the third Monday of the month at the Ranui Community Centre at 7pm. Numbers at Society meetings can range from 15 to 50, with representation coming from a wide range of sectors, ethnic groups, agencies and members of the community. Anyone is welcome to attend RAP Society meetings, but only RAP Society members can vote. All Ranui people and groups are invited to become members of the RAP Society. People or organisations that do not live in Ranui but have a special interest in RAP can take up Associate Membership.

THE RAP COMMITTEE (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE EXECUTIVE)

The RAP Committee will be legally responsible for the Ranui Action Project. There are currently eight members and a representative from Waitakere City Council who regularly attend these meetings. After elections in June the RAP Society will have between 16 and 18 members. Seven of these positions will be selected by Focus Groups and the rest will be elected.

RAP FOCUS GROUPS

Focus groups have been formed to do some more in depth talking within specific communities in Ranui , i.e. Maori, Pacific Islands and Youth to date. Focus Groups have been finding the best processes for these groups to participate in the Ranui Action Project, supporting their members in managing Go Now Projects and having input into the Constitution and policies that have been developed.

RAP SPECIAL PROJECT GROUPS

A number of other project groups have been established to undertake specific tasks eg. organisation of the Ranui Fun Festival and Futures Creation Festival, be a reference group for the Project's external evaluation team.

WORKING GROUPS

The Health Group has been established to guide health related Action Plan projects. It is anticipated that other special interest groups will soon be initiated. E.g. Environment/Community Identity, Education, Employment/business

A Funding Committee will be initiated after the elections to co-ordinate funding processes and procedures and an Employment Committee will be established to develop employment policy and manage employment issues.

6. ACTION PLAN PRIORITISATION WORKSHOP

New ideas have been added to the plan since the Futures Festival as they have arisen. The plan has also been reformatted to include sections on the need (linking in Community Profile information) and what has been done to date – because a number of the smaller projects are already underway using RAP Go Now Funds or external funding. Eg ClicIT! - The Ranui Computer Room, Raise the level Talent Quest etc

On 25 May at the Action Plan Prioritisation Workshop around 60 people worked together to decide upon our priorities for funding. People were encouraged to list objectives and projects in relation to their value to the community and the dollar and time investment required to achieve them. This has enabled us to create a plan that allows us to “pick the ripe fruit first” i.e . to start with the projects that will render us maximum reward for minimum cost.

A significant outcome of the day was a need for more paid personnel to help drive the plan. This will necessitate finding a larger space to house RAP. The current office accommodation is already very cramped and is becoming untenable for our current operation.



7. RANUI ACTION PROJECT (RAP) ACTION PLAN

RAP VISION: CREATING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

RAP VALUES:

- **Diversity:** appreciating individual skills/qualities/uniqueness.
- **Inclusive:** all people. Advocacy for voiceless.
- **Honouring difference:** win/win resolutions and outcomes. Healthy conflict.
- **Accountable:** to community, each other and funders. Self-monitoring and evaluation.
- **To be the best we can be:** through support of each other and learning together.
- **Belief in ourselves/rap/ranui:** working towards the greater good of the community.
- **Honesty**
- **Appreciating others cultures**
- **Welcoming innovation and risk taking**
- **Trust**

BROAD GOALS

- IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OUTCOMES.
- EXPAND COMMUNITY CAPACITY.
- INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES
- REVITALISATION THE RANUI COMMUNITY

KEY THEMES

YOUNG PEOPLES DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PUBLIC SAFETY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EMPLOYMENT

ENVIRONMENT

EDUCATION

COMMUNITY IDENTITY, VITALITY
AND PRIDE

ACCOMMODATION PERSONNEL AND TRAINING NEEDS

PERSONNEL

- To employ another worker whose primary focus is youth development
- To scope the need for further paid personnel (part-time or full-time) from the activities in this years Action Plan

ACCOMMODATION

- To evaluate accommodation options for the project whether on a leased or purchased basis

TRAINING

- To scope the training needs arising from the project including those identified in the plan and from the various RAP groups



Young People's Development

The Need

- 1/3rd of population under 15
- No natural youth-focused centre
- Survey indicates lack of recreational facilities
- High level of petty crime

Now is a good time because ...

- Pool of youth leaders/young people actively involved
- Youth "have spoken"
- Supportive leadership in local schools

Activities so far include

- RAP "Rave Event" involved 100+ youth
- Youth development workshop at Futures Festival
- Touch Tournament
- Organisation of "Raise the Level" Talent Quest
- Warrior Kids Programme in place
- "Books for Keeps" initiative
- Youth attendance at conferences
- "Raise the Level" Talent Quest

Case Study

- "Books for Keeps" Initiatives

Goal: To establish a safe, caring and stimulating environment that supports young people's development.

Objectives

- To develop youth leadership and potential of young people in Ranui
- To develop a programme of youth activities
- To establish youth facilities

Working With

- Te Waka Toi
- Local Body Authorities
- Skill NZ
- Ministry of Social Development
- Whanau, Hapu, Iwi
- Arts and Craft Bodies
- Artwork Management Team
- Pacific Business Trust
- Relevant Tertiary Institutions
- Te Roopu Rangatahi

Activities July 2002-June 2003

Leadership/Youth Development

- Mentoring program for emerging youth leaders
- Courses to up skill young people for employment: link with Education
- Youth Development Camp

Activity

- Youth Focus group to meet monthly to develop projects, be involved in decision making and to network
- Social/Cultural night
- Summer sport activities
- Bombing competition/ Community mural
- Kids fun day
- Hiphop training
- Bring & Buy market: Link with Community Identity initiative

Facility

- Feasibility study for a Youth Drop-in Centre/Leisure Centre using existing facilities
- Submission to Council re: the need for an indoor youth facility
- Extend the skateboard park in Starling Park
Year 2: Youth Expo re available youth services

Measures

- Increased and enhanced youth services and facilities
- Variety of youth activities in place
- Higher level of youth participation in a range of community initiatives



Health and Social Services

- Services/Facilities
- Advocacy
- Family wellbeing
- Health Promotion

The Need

- High birth rate
- Lack of awareness about entitlements/ health services, etc
- Young growing population
- Health services based outside Ranui
- Housing problems
- Minimal public transport
- Fragmented primary health care services
- Low level of community card usage

Now is a good time because ...

- RAP Health Group operating
- Health Status Report indicates opportunities to avoid hospitalisation
- Waitakere HealthLink supportive
- Health Providers Forum partnering RAP
- Establishment of Primary Health Organisations
- Process started to engage local GPs

Activities so far include

- Health Group established
- Mapping exercise underway about services Ranui people can access
- Pacific Island Advocacy Group underway
- Home visiting initiative integrated with Advocacy Project
- Health promotion activities at Fun Festival
- Massage classes started

Case Study

- Health Group

Goal: To facilitate the provision of co-ordinated health, social and advocacy service for residents

Objectives

- To increase:
 - Information to the community
 - The range of health-related initiatives
- To improve
 - Access to services
 - The co-ordination of services

Working with:

- Waitakere Healthlink
- Health Promotion Forum
- Government Agencies – Intersector Group
- PAFT (Parents as First Teachers)
- Pasifika Health Trust
- Te Whanau o Waipareira Trust
- Kidz First
- Strengthening Families
- Public Health Nurses
- DWIN (Disability Waitakere Information Network)
- Doctors
- Plunket
- Age Concern

Activities July 2002-June 2003

General

- Health Group to expand to include public safety and safety in the home

Information

- Community directory of services
- Health Promotion courses, e.g. stop smoking, diabetes, Healthy cooking classes
- **Health-related initiatives**
- Ranui walking group
- Training for advocacy/home visiting
- Gardening Action Group established

Access

- Scoping study re a One Stop Shop Health and Well - Being Centre
- Feasibility study re transport service to healthcare/support services including rent a room for mobile clinics

Co-ordination

- Audit to co-ordinate service delivery

Measures

- Integration of service delivery
- Improved access
- Greater awareness and use of services
- Increase range of services



Public Safety

- Crime
- Traffic
- Fire
- Personal Safety

The Need

- Safer Community Council has undertaken mapping exercise indicating potential risk areas from combined risk factors – i.e. high youth population, one parent families/ beneficiaries
- Town revitalisation consultation indicated concerns about traffic safety and safety in streets, parks and railway station
- Domestic violence is reported to represent approximately half of total assaults
- Some residents have expressed safety concerns at home and in the street.

Now is a good time because ...

- Opportunity to link with Council Town Revitalisation process
- Zero tolerance to Violence is partnering RAP
- Police Youth Workers "Community Approach" team active in Ranui

Activities so far include

- RAP has had input into Council's Town Revitalisation Plan – e.g. traffic calming, street lighting
- Doh in a "Do-Gooder" initiatives
- Restricted Drivers License training

Case Study

- Restricted Drivers License training

Goal: To promote a safe community for all residents and visitors

Objectives

- To improve residents perceptions of safety
- To provide increased safety services and activities
- To provide increased educational initiatives on safety

Working with:

- Waitakere Safer Community Council
- Safer Waitakere Injury Prevention
- Safer Waitakere Alcohol Project
- Police:
 - "Community Approach" team
 - Community constable
- Council
- Fire Service
- Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators
- Tag Out Trust

Suggested Activities July 2002-June 2003

- To work together with Health Group to deliver projects
- Advocacy: To work with Council to implement a safer streets programme (graffiti control, street lighting and traffic calming)
- Coroglen Neighbourhood Support
- Education Courses:
 - -Safety in the home education courses
 - -Alcohol and Drug
 - -Domestic violence support and advice
- Research the feasibility of a safety hotline 0800 number to identify hazards and safety issues
- Water safety: Participate in Kidsafe week to improve awareness of water hazards
- Zero Tolerance to Violence workshop to address issues of violence (including domestic violence)
- Walk to identify safety hazards (link with Environment Group)

Measures

- Peoples perceptions of safety are improved
- More safety initiatives in place



Employment and Business

The Need

- Lack of local employment opportunities in Ranui
- High youth unemployment rate
- High number of residents needing to upskill to re-enter the workforce
- Lack of a local business association

Activities so far include

- Market Day initiative planned
- IT "Clickit" Computer Room

Now is a good time because ...

- Business development assistance available
- Local IT initiative has potential to develop with a business-related focus (e.g. telework centre)
- Enterprise Waitakere partnering RAP

Goal: To provide opportunities for development of local business and training for employment.

Objectives

- To initiate a local business forum
- To arrange for small business development courses to be held in Ranui
- To increase employment opportunities for Ranui residents

Working with:

- Skill NZ
- Community Employment Group
- Enterprise Waitakere
- Department of Work and Income
- Workers Educational Association (WEA)
- Unitec
- Rotary

Suggested Activities July 2002-June 2003

- Initiate a RAP Employment/Business Group
- Initiate a local forum with Ranui/Swanson small businesses and local employers
- Engage local businesses as members of RAP
- Expand scope of ClicIT:
 - -training re access to employment information
- Monthly Ranui Market Day - starting end August
- Careers day (link with education)
- Business Inspiration Workshop to identify training needs/potential businesses
- Training in:
 - -business development
 - -personal and professional development
 - -becoming " money smart"

Measures

- Development opportunities accessible to small business operators
- Business Forum initiated
- Employment opportunities enhanced



Environment

- Town Centre
- Parks
- Walkways

The Need

- Town Revitalisation consultation indicated concerns about traffic safety, safety in streets, parks and railway station
- Young, growing population and families need access to parks, walkways etc
- Town revitalisation consultation indicated Ranui parks are under-utilised
- Ranui needs beautification

Activities so far include

- RAP has had input into Council's town revitalisation plan – e.g. traffic calming, street lighting
- PI gardening project
- 'Please Play in Our Parks' poster competition
- Ranui branding in progress
- Restoration of native bush for medicinal and cultural purposes in Ranui Domain in early stages

Now is a good time because ...

- Cultural planting programme approved
- Opportunity to link in with Council Town Revitalisation process
- Council is available to assist with development, e.g. through annual plans
- Rail arrangements are under review
- Earthsong Ecohousing development in Ranui

Case Study

- Ranui branding

Goal: To encourage the protection, improvement and greater use of Ranui's physical environment.

Objectives

- To improve the appearance of the town centre and railway station
- To increase the use of walkways
- To increase use of Ranui parks

Working with:

- Waitakere City Council
- Eco-water
- Earthsong
- Tranzrail
- Local schools
- Pasifika
- Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust

Suggested Activities July 2002-June 2003

- Initiate an Environment/ Community Identity Group
- **Advocacy to Council re:**
 - -Ranui town revitalisation
 - -Ranui theme for upgrade of railway station
 - -Play area and garden for mums and pre-schoolers Armada Drive and reserve
 - -Interlinking park and walkways strategy for Ranui – request as part on Council Annual Plan
- Community gardens (link with health group)
- Research land availability to develop land between shops and Earthsong Co-housing
- Pavement tiles to identify walkway trails
- "Please Play in Our Parks" project extended to include:
 - -Develop map of Ranui marking all parks/green spaces and showing linkages/walkways
 - -Discovery Trail of Ranui Parks
 - -Parks Festival in Spring

Measures

- Peoples perceptions of town centre are improved
- Peoples perceptions of parks are improved
- Number of new walkways provided and developed
- Greater use of parks
- Information about parks readily available to residents and visitors.



Education

The Need

- Predicted population growth and a high percentage of younger children particularly Pacific and Maori
- Low participation in early childhood education by Pacific and Maori pre-schoolers
- Provision of culturally appropriate pre-school services has been identified as an important consideration
- Truancy amongst primary and secondary school students

Now is a good time because ...

- Two Ministry of Education initiatives have been introduced to increase the number of Pacific and Maori under 5s in preschools
- The Futures Festival facilitator training and Go Now Project training indicated there is a really desire for life long training and development.
- There are a keen group of local residents who are embarking on an IT initiative for RAP which has a 'learning centre' focus
- The Ranui library offers a range of educational opportunities for local children
- The Ranui Community Centre already offers some adult education classes including ESOL, drivers licenses, yoga etc
- Youth Group interested to pursue education opportunities
- Both local primary school principals are actively involved in RAP
- Ranui residents will have closer access soon to Unitec
- Collaboration already happening through WEA and WEST

Activities so far include

- "Go Now" School Certificate coaching project
- Training of facilitators for Futures Festival
- Training for "Go Now" project leaders
- "Books for Keeps" initiative
- Participation in conferences, e.g. 'Flaxroots' technology conference
- IT group formed
- "ClicIT!" Computer Room developed
- Edible gardens at Birdwood School

Case Study

- IT Project – "ClicIT!" Computer Room

Goal: To increase the range of educational opportunities for all age groups in Ranui

Objectives

- To assist the engagement of Pacific and Maori parents and their children in pre-school education
- To develop an ongoing programme of educational activities for adults
- To establish after-school/school holiday educational support services for secondary school students in the area

Suggested Activities July 2002-June 2003

- Establishing a co-ordinating group for Lifelong Education
- Support for work with Ministry of Education programme to address early childhood needs: pre-school initiatives/language nests/ kohanga reo e.g current Tuvalu language nest initiative
- Extend ClicIT! project: include training for older generation
- A gardening/planting project as a training initiative (link with health group)
- Study support for secondary students (including a holiday program)
- Adult Literacy program
- Career Day

Working with:

- Workers Education Association (WEA)
- Waitakere Education Sector Trust (WEST)
- UNITEC
- Local schools
- Waitakere libraries
- Pacific Island Churches
- MOE advisors

Measures

- Increased and enhanced educational activities and support services offered
- Variety of education activities in place
- High level of participation in a range of education initiatives



Community Pride/Vitality/Identity

- Developing and sustaining the spirit of Ranui
- Community Leadership
- Community Pastoral Care

The Need

- Historically Ranui tends to have a poor self image
- The media have typecast Ranui as a high crime area
- Ranui residents have expressed concerns about poorly kept gardens, rubbish etc
- More from Jeff's survey
- Graffiti is a concern

Now is a good time because ...

- Council are engaged in a Ranui Revitalisation programme
- The new Community Centre provides a hub of activity
- RAP Ranui Oral History Project is underway
- RAP Ranui Branding Project is underway
- RAP Training to date has created an emerging layer of leadership
- Social Cohesion survey has been carried out.
- Church Ministers play a very important role in Ranui (7 churches in Ranui)

Activities so far include

- Ranui Fun Festival
- Ranui Futures Creation Festival
- Ranui Website
- Ranui newsletter – RAP RAVE
- RAP Constitution
- Training of Vision Facilitators
- Training of Project Leaders
- Website Development Training
- Ranui people attending conferences and making presentations
- PI gardening project
- Pastoral Care workshop at Futures Festival
- RAP support for Tarara Day

In progress:

- Ranui branding
- "ClicIIT!" Ranui Computer Room
- Ranui Market Day
- Dob in a "Do Gooder"
- Ranui Oral History
- Flax Painting in the Domain
- Kaumataua/Kuia Forums
- Railway station upgrade

Case Study

- Ranui Fun Festival

Goal: To develop and sustain community spirit, a sense of belonging, community ownership of decision making, self determination, pride and leadership in Ranui

Objectives

- To implement a programme of training for community leaders
- To implement a programme for pastoral care in Ranui
- To create a heightened sense of Ranui identity and pride

Suggested Activities July 2002-June 2003

- Establish a Community Identity/Environment Group
- Leadership programme: training in communication, community governance etc
- Best kept garden competition
- Graffiti free shops: work with Tag Out trust and Business Forum (when it is established)
- Neighbourhood support initiated in Coroglen
- Establish a Council of Churches for Ranui – a neutral pastoral umbrella
- Local Brag Book/website
- Advocacy re: community naming of streets, eftpos machine, post shop, bus shelters, rubbish bins
- Pacific Islands Churches rally
- A Ranui Pacific Island Culture Group
- Ranui Radio: establish a weekly slot on Access Radio

Working with:

- Church Ministers
- Council
- Schools
- Waitakere libraries
- Ranui Training Providers e.g. UNITEC
- Kaumatua/Kuia
- Local businesses
- Ranui Clubs

Measures

- Enhancement/beautification of the Ranui township
- Variety of community events held
- Higher level of community participation in a range of community initiatives
- Higher level of co-operation between Church Ministers
- Strengthened Community Leadership
- An enhanced sense of Ranui identity

8. MAKING THE PLAN HAPPEN

RELATING THE PLAN TO THE FUNDING ALLOCATION POLICY

It was necessary to keep the Draft Action Plan on hold while we developed our Funding Allocation Policy. This policy provides guidelines for procedures to allocate RAP funds. Most of the funds will be allocated to RAP Action Plan projects but some will be made available to Ranui groups to apply for funding for projects that are in keeping with RAP aims and objectives and the Action Plan.

The RAP Committee will delegate funding decisions to the Funding Committee. These decisions will be endorsed by the RAP Society. All funding decisions will be linked to the Action Plan. A funding co-ordinator is being appointed on a short term contract basis to manage the administration, links with other funders and it is intended that this person will have a support and monitoring role.

ONGOING PLANNING WORK WITH RAP GROUPS

Focus Groups and Working Groups are meeting to progress the planning that was done at the Action Plan Prioritisation Workshop. Project Leaders will be encouraged to make applications to the Funding Committee.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Representatives from council, government agencies and health providers will be invited to further meetings in Ranui to explore how they can support our action plan.

MONITORING THE PLAN

Training in project management will be provided for project managers. The funding coordinator will provide ongoing support, mentoring and monitoring

REVISITING THE PLAN

The Action Plan will be revisited annually at a Community Workshop. At this workshop we will review the previous year's progress and plan the following year in detail.

