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Community Plan
May 2018

About Project Bruce

Project Bruce is a 3-year community-led development project for the people of Tokomairiro-Milton, Waihola, Taieri Mouth and the wider rural communities.

It's our goal to further develop our communities as resilient and resourceful – taking action for the things we care about. We're building leadership and volunteer participation in our community. We're doing this by asking people what they care about and what they'd like to get involved with.

Project Bruce is hosted by the Milton Community Health Trust. The health trust has an interest in building healthy and resilient communities in the area in which it operates. Project Bruce is governed by a 12-member steering committee consisting of community leaders and representatives from a diverse range of groups within the Bruce ward. The Milton Community Health Trust provides support services (eg management, administration and financial oversight).

Project Bruce is based in the Tokomairiro Community Hub in Milton.

What we've been doing?

Project Bruce is taking a strengths-based approach to community development. A strengths-based perspective focuses on the positive and our communities' aspirations, rather than what's broken and needs fixing. It's an approach that values and builds upon the strengths and assets of the community.

Over the summer of 2017-18, Project Bruce was out and about talking with the people of our area, attending events, shows, fairs, schools and community meetings, and distributing postcards around our community spaces. We've asked people four questions:

- What do you love about your community?
- How could it be better?
- What can you do to make it better?
- And how can we help you to do that?

We received feedback from around 250 people and had conversations with over 560.

Our community plan

This community plan is the result of these conversations. We've grouped community action projects around four core areas:

- Spruce up the Bruce
- Proud Bruce
- Green Bruce
- Sharing Bruce

We've also described how we'll go about putting these projects into action and the values we'll bring to them. This helps us to achieve our overall outcomes.

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Our outcomes :

**Strong key
stakeholder
relationships**

**Strengthened
community
leadership and
volunteer
participation**

**The communities
of the Bruce are
resilient -
determining their
own future**

Our mission :

Weaving communities together.....

What do you love about
your community...

Bruce?



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small town feel
everyone knows everyone rural
whanau coming together short walks no city stress
approachable residents generous people store natural environment location
small supplies most needs everchanging scenery of the lake river
muck in and help safe large sections love of the natural local environment
look after one another beach weather Moturata Island
accessible services positive vibes pull together in times of need parks great
here for each other family orientated cool church murals
caring potential positive connection community spirit close to city Moore Park
community easy to get around golf club fishing sense of space
close knit community open-hearted laid back lifestyle history caring community
fellowship smiles can cycle anywhere
friendship supportive friends helpful unpretentious parking sports clubs informal
go ahead genuine diversity range of interest safe for children
small community policing fire brigade convenient friendly customer service
good food butchers willing to lend a hand old fashioned service
medical centre not over crowded bridge paddocks familiar library friendly
friendly people recreation centre bike park
people care physio facilities council gets things done
practical connection community groups ambulance library
Kelly's kitchen community minded cafes pony club pool
everybody works together tea rooms water pistols picnic tables skate park
peace and quiet service station riding our bikes in the gravel pit
salvation army helpful supermarkets willing volunteers
businesses pub farm land age concern caring
CARE for the elderly group

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How could your community be better?

Responses from the whole of Bruce



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encouragement for people to become leaders for groups
fencing between Knarston Park and boat jetty
a list of services in Taieri Mouth
top-seal gravel roads
water and sewerage system in Taieri Mouth
bigger water scheme
remove wilding pines south of Taieri River
new pool
gym facility
less rubbish on country roads
help residents make maximum use of their backyards
community garden
market stall or a harvest party
sheltered lunch place
rugby stadium
BBQ areas
soccer nets
street lighting upgrade
shops open when they say they are gonna be
a bank
land for new housing
improve main street
portray Milton as a niche town and worth a stop
tidy up old buildings on main street
less dogs running loose
recycling
rubbish bins
motorbike area for kids
more activities for teenagers
keep flood water out of Milton
improved footpaths
more affordable land
encourage young people to talk to each other rather than use cellphones
community-building activities
retirement home
more rubbish bins on lake front
better traffic layout
reduce speed limit
public toilet signs in other languages
improve public toilets
if we came together to knock selling 'P' to the young and vulnerable
connection between Waihola township and the lake
no sodium streetlights in Taieri Mouth
more Clutha Council input, less red tape
less rental houses on main street
cover open drains
if the prison wasn't here
more plantings around town
preschool
sun shades in parks
community noticeboard
new playground at the lake
more slides in the lake
a flying fox
no bullying
a playhouse
green waste
water tanks for all houses
if officialdom was further away
animal parks
update water scheme
lower rates
a good bookshop
shops selling things we're interested in
a market
more shops
nicer shops
coffee shop
support local business
friendlier people
more places within the community to mix and meet
opportunities to meet others
movie theatre
more connection to others
more inviting
youth groups
more activities to do
walking track around lake
community activities at minimal cost
more interaction
music studio
community events
opportunities to connect and create
more functions at the pub
heritage trail around Toko Mouth
community-led workshops
support new initiatives
make less noise

Here are the **community action projects** that people from our **Bruce communities** have said they would like to do...



Spruce up the Bruce - Milton Main Street

Taieri Mouth community noticeboard or facebook group

Taieri Mouth skate park **Waihola playground**

Skill sharing wananga and workshops across the Bruce

Sustainable Bruce Promoting Milton Art in the Bruce

Futureproofing Milton's Pool Biking and walking trails

Community events and celebrations

Investing in our youth

Waihola safe streets Tidy up the Milton cemetery

Caring for our environment - waterways and native trees

Greenwaste solutions across the Bruce

Growing and sharing together - community gardening

Welcome new arrivals **Waihola destination**

List of services in Taieri Mouth Waihola pre-school

Roads traffic and safety

Taieri Mouth community bumping spaces **BMX tracks**

The shed - a place to make stuff and learn

Taieri Mouth park improvements Taieri Mouth tennis court

Heritage trails in Milton and Toko Mouth

Get inspired, join in and help put these projects into action.

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To help us achieve our outcomes
we've identified 4 core areas



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Sharing Bruce

*We're connecting people and
resources, and building
participation*

Green Bruce

*We're caring for our
environment*

**Spruce up the
Bruce**

*We're supporting people
to take care of our places
spaces and assets*

Proud Bruce

*We're taking pride and
showcasing what's good in
our community. And we're
building a voice and
leadership*

28 community action projects have been identified and grouped into the four core areas

Spruce up the Bruce	Green Bruce	Proud Bruce	Sharing Bruce
<p>Milton main street <i>Community-led initiatives to make Milton's main street more appealing. Supporting businesses. Working with CDC. Street art and planting.</i></p>	<p>Sustainable Bruce <i>Promoting sustainable behaviours in our communities. Recycling and waste minimisation. Making green options available eg reusable bags. Advocacy</i></p>	<p>Investing in our youth <i>Activities and workshops for youth, youth groups and spaces for our young people</i></p>	<p>Skill-sharing wananga/workshops <i>Community-led workshops to share skills – ranging from cooking and gardening, to sewing, using power tools, computer/IT, art etc.</i></p>
<p>Roads and safety – SH1 <i>Working with Transit and CDC to make our townships of Milton and Waihola safe</i></p>	<p>Conservation – waterways, planting and trapping <i>Riparian planting and stream clean-ups to look after our waterways. Native restoration planting projects. Predator trapping</i></p>	<p>Community events and celebrations <i>Community celebrations to connect with one another and celebrate our places eg Waihola lake shore family picnic day, street/block parties, harvest festival</i></p>	<p>Community gardening <i>Growing and sharing together. A range of ideas from community gardens to sharing skills and resources. From seed to plate initiatives</i></p>
<p>Waihola playground <i>Upgrade the playground to enhance Waihola as a destination for families</i></p>	<p>Green waste <i>Community-led green waste solutions in Waihola, Taieri Mouth and Milton. Advocacy with the Clutha District Council</i></p>	<p>Milton Destination <i>Encouraging people to stop in Milton on their way through</i></p>	<p>The shed <i>A place to make things, repair tools and learn practical skills. Based on the Men's Shed concept</i></p>
<p>BMX trails <i>For the young people of Taieri Mouth and Tokoiti</i></p>		<p>Waihola Destination <i>Enhancing the lake shore to encourage people to visit - park areas, promotions and activities</i></p>	<p>Taieri Mouth community bumping spaces <i>Physical places in Taieri Mouth where people can connect and share community news and resources eg a market stall</i></p>
<p>Biking and walking trails <i>Walking and biking trails on public and private land, for locals and visitors</i></p>		<p>Art in the Bruce <i>Connecting artists. Enabling more art in community spaces</i></p>	<p>Taieri Mouth community noticeboard <i>Facebook group eg Favour Club or Chalk Board/Pin Board. Ways and means for the community to connect and share resources</i></p>
<p>Milton cemetery tidy-up <i>Working bees to tidy-up the Milton Cemetery</i></p>		<p>Welcome new arrivals <i>A welcome pack for new arrivals</i></p>	<p>List of services in Taieri Mouth <i>A directory of local services in Taieri Mouth eg plumbers, electricians etc</i></p>

<p>Heritage Trails <i>Heritage trails in Milton and Toko Mouth, with plaques or signage on walls</i></p>			
<p>Future proofing Milton's pool <i>Having a pool that's suitable for future generations</i></p>			
<p>Taieri Mouth skate park <i>A facility for young people in Taieri Mouth</i></p>			
<p>Taieri Mouth tennis court <i>Fix up the old tennis courts. An amenity for young and old, locals and visitors</i></p>			
<p>Taieri Mouth park improvements <i>Improvements so that these facilities are more fun for children and more appealing to visitors</i></p>			
<p>Waihola safe streets <i>Working with CDC to improve footpaths, drainage, street-lights etc so that people can get about Waihola safely</i></p>			
<p>Waihola pre-school <i>A service for Waihola families</i></p>			

We'll follow the energy in our communities and be adaptive, while holding onto our core vision

Inclusivity - we acknowledge that everyone in our communities has something to offer towards our community action projects

Collaborative approaches have better outcomes for communities. We'll encourage people, groups, organisations and sectors to work together around the four core areas. We'll build relationships and make new connections

Having fun is the key to great community action. We'll recognise and celebrate our community achievements.

Our values - how we will work towards our goals

Manaakitanga is at the core of what we do. We'll care for one another, and support and build-up the people in our communities. We'll provide great hospitality to our community volunteers

We have some great skills, resources, strengths and assets in our communities. We'll use and develop these around the 4 core areas to achieve our outcomes



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What do you love about
your community...

Taieri Mouth?



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school playground no city stress
sense of space muck in and help
great people genuine
kids can run free willing to help
people help each other supportive
range of interest
friendly people
diverse people informal
look out for each other safe
everyone knows everyone
great children people pitch in and help
sense of community
everybody works together night sky quiet
small rural natural environment
peace and quiet Moturata Island

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Taieri Mouth Community Action Projects

- Community events and celebrations
- Skill sharing wananga across the Bruce
- Conservation – waterways, planting and predator trapping
- Community gardening - growing and sharing together
- Sustainable Bruce
- Taieri Mouth community bumping spaces
- Investing in our youth
- Taieri Mouth Community noticeboards/Facebook group
- BMX tracks
- Greenwaste solutions across the Bruce
- Biking and walking trails
- A list of services in Taieri Mouth
- Welcome new arrivals
- Taieri Mouth skate park
- Taieri Mouth tennis court
- Taieri Mouth park improvements
- Art in the Bruce

What do you love about
your community...

Waihola?



family orientated
friendly people
positive vibes
close knit community people help each other
safe great for kids willing to lend a hand
small rural community
everyone knows everyone
pets friends muck in and help
yacht club everchanging scenery of the lake
fishing go ahead
Lake Waihola
beach quiet scenery short walks
murals convenient picnic tables
community groups pony club
tea rooms service station no one knows me
close to city **small community**
good services pub facilities sense of community
store **natural environment** weather
peace and quiet laid back lifestyle
easy to get around friendly **rural**

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- Waihola destination
- Biking and walking trails
- Welcome new arrivals
- Waihola pre-school
- Roads, traffic and safety
- Waihola safe streets
- Art in the Bruce

What do you love about
your community...

Tokomairiro-Milton?



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small look after one another potential
friendly customer service rural supplies most needs old fashioned service
friendly school cafes facilities clean convenient
friendship fellowship library salvation army muck in and help
open-hearted willing volunteers natural environment
not over crowded everyone knows everyone
here for each other accessible services safe for children businesses
smiles familiar practical ambulance Kelly's kitchen water pistols
helpful Moore Park sports clubs
supportive diverse church cool
safe generous people close knit community
fire brigade connection history physio skate park parks
whanau coming together bridge butchers pub can cycle anywhere
CARE for the elderly group golf club pool bike park
supermarkets parking farm land paddocks recreation centre
willing to lend a hand policing good food location
people help each other easy to get around approachable residents
caring community large sections council gets things done
community spirit medical centre riding our bikes in the gravel pit community
caring community minded garden club age concern
unpretentious peace and quiet

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