

Mahere hoahoa tāone

2024-2034
Long-Term Plan

Urban design plan

We want our city to have great places for everyone.

Our lives are connected through our common built environment. We all live and work in buildings, use public streets, open spaces, transport systems and other urban infrastructure. The way we design our city affects environmental, economic, social and cultural wellbeing.

We want our city to be connected, co-ordinated and easy to get around. We want city places to be inclusive, adaptable and interesting. This means designing our city in collaboration with city communities. We want to take opportunities to connect with nature and have positive effects on the natural environment.

Ka aha mātou? What will we do?

Maintain and promote a connected and well-designed urban environment

What will this mean?

Best-practice urban design advice and information is available to everyone involved in planning our city landscape. The advantages of a well-designed, people-centred, and connected city environment are well understood and guide all our city planning.

Specific actions

- Apply urban design best practice to all city planning and development
- Provide best-practice urban design guidance to resource consent applicants, developers and designers
- Provide support for private development on high profile and strategic sites
- Encourage medium density development (through a District Plan change required under the National Policy on Urban Development Capacity)

[See [Housing plan](#)]

Provide and promote connected, sustainable, accessible, safe, interesting, and playful public spaces

What will this mean?

Communities have opportunities to contribute to city making. All council developments consider and promote safety, accessibility, sustainability and diversity.

Specific actions

- Urban design plan objectives are included and planned for in all city development
- Manage parking in accordance with transport and urban design objectives [See [Transport plan](#)]
- Express Rangitānenuirawa¹ in public spaces
- Express Te Ao Māori in urban design principles and practice
- Deliver the Creative City Conversations programme to community audiences
- Support the central city Business Improvement District (Palmy BID) [See [Economic development plan](#)]
- Provide urban design support and professional development opportunities to Rangitāne o Manawatū on their own development projects
- Provide education and interactive visual resources to communities
- Support placemaking in public spaces

New or one-off actions

- Trial a village plan development process with the Bunnythorpe community (years 1 and 2)
- Incorporate the Enabling Good Lives principles in planning (from year 1)

¹ Rangitānenuirawa is the Rangitāne expression of kaitiakitanga, or customary authority and guardianship.

