

Workshop: WHAT IF? YOUR COMMUNITY IN 2030

Factors driving change

- Ageing demographic 23% of population over 65
- Climate change
- Growing inequality
- Growing ethnic diversity
- Changing economic base
- The NZ diaspora
- Medical science
- Technology changes
- Changes in the world economy and in local economies

Which factors do you already see in your community?

Rural Communities

- Increasing divide between haves and have-nots – more ‘poor’ people
 - Poor state of housing – more people coming to access affordable housing – but generally lower standard of housing
 - Diminishing access to services – local initiatives to address
- Brighton community (near sea)
- Forced relocation (earthquake) – resulting social problems
 - Merger of schools – again forced relocation
 - Environmental and access issues – land subsidence and resulting susceptibility to sea level rise

Suburban community

- Climate change
- Technology = broadband roll out
- Localism
- Employment/unemployment
- Shift in housing – drift to the city then back again

Kaiapoi

- Affected by earthquake – over 1000 homes demolished
- Increase in population moving from ChCh
- Increased traffic issues
- Sweeping changes made to housing developments (re EQ) – more high density – social issues resulting
- Local schools in limbo
- River affected by EQ – infrastructure requirements

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- Climate change – extreme weather events – has affected the traditional muttonbird and fish population.
- Dependence on the oyster industry (affected by climate change)
- Limited job opportunities for young = moving further afield.

- Cheap housing attracting older people – impacting aged care services
- Poor public transport
- High Maori population (70% of population)

What are the likely effects of these changes on your community??

Rural Communities

- Increasing isolation – rural
- Increasing local initiatives
- More collective action & collaboration
- More locally produced goods
- Local generation of power
Suburban
- Affordability of broadband
- Local businesses opening but also closing

Brighton

- Sinking economic profile of community overall (wealthier people moved out, businesses gone, schools mergers)
- Population drift – to other places (eg central otago retirees, Auckland)

Kaiapoi

- Economy change – relocated businesses and construction in Kaiapoi been positive for economy there – but has negatively affected nearby town of Rangiora
- Maybe 'slim effect' over time of high density housing – another phase of population moving through that housing over time (affordability) and strain on services (social services, transport)

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- Close community that pulls together in diversity and strong volunteer base
- Focus on improving infrastructure – new reservoir – but water pipes need replacing
- Roading affected by erosion

What are the different actions community boards and councils can take to address the impacts that are likely to make a difference??

- More community initiatives

Brighton

- 'learn to' initiatives by the sea – learn to swim in the sea, boating, fishing, local commercial initiatives.
- More seaside attraction of visitors and also of older residents

Suburban

- Employment opportunities – programmes (eg mayors taskforce for jobs)
- Advocating for more affordable and accessible broadband
- Encouraging more local business start-ups and supporting them ongoing

- If you have local employment then everything else falls into place!

Kaiapoi

- Connection CB has with local community means there is good collaboration for ways to address issues

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- Oil exploration potential – and environmental impact factors and impact on food sources
- Marina – tourism potential

Looking ahead for Community Boards:

- More reliance on communities – encouraging networks
- Importance of neighbourhoods and neighbourhood response – neighbourhood or street initiatives (eg neighbourhood support, greenest streets)
- Importance of building social capital to build resilience
- Rural networks are there already – practicalities inherent in that
- The Menz Sheds initiatives – linking with youth