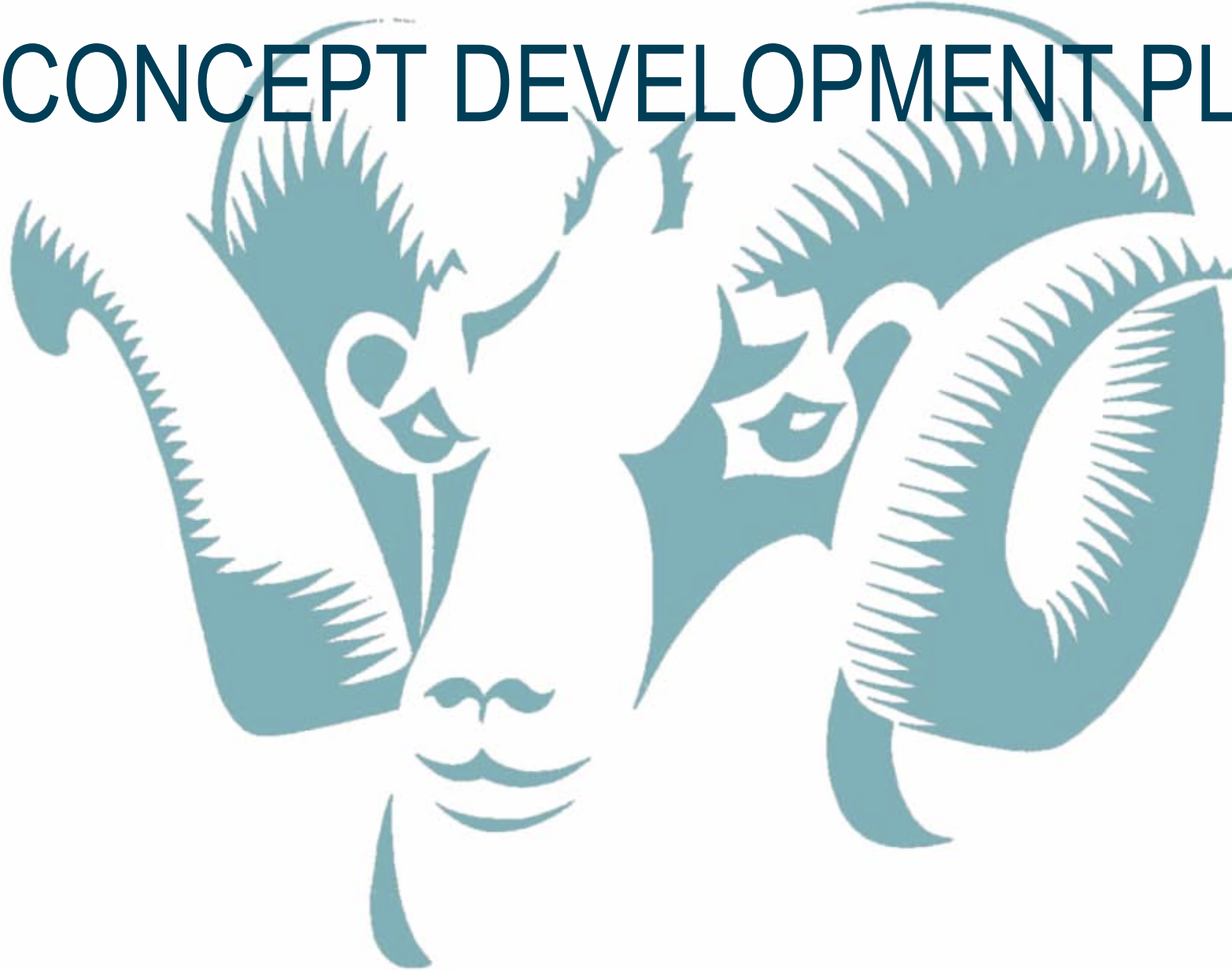


# AMURI

## CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLAN



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# INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Amuri Concept Development Plan is to create a community based vision and to provide an opportunity for individuals to have a direct input into shaping the future of their town.

The Amuri Draft Concept Plan describes how Waiau, Rotherham, Culverden and Mt Lyford's residents and ratepayers would like to see their community in the future.

This plan has not been adopted nor is it formal Council Policy, rather it is an indicative vision of how the community would like to see the Amuri area grow and develop over the next ten to twenty years. It identifies key aspects to be preserved and developed, and the priorities for achieving that, based on community support and benefit.

It is intended that the plan will allow initiatives supported by the community to be carried out in a co-ordinated manner.

The plan will be reviewed every three years before the long term planning process begins, which will allow key aspects to be included in the District Plan and the Hurunui Long Term Community Plan, where appropriate. The next review will be in two years to tie in with the long term planning process and then every three years thereafter.

The Amuri Concept Development Plan also includes suggestions on implementation and funding of major projects.

The plan is a "living document" that will be refined over time given the changing priorities (including expenditure priorities) of the community, Ward Committee and Council.

## DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The following process has been used in developing this Draft Concept Plan:

- Initial discussions with identified stakeholders.
- Open invitation to the public meetings; this included local advertising, posters and a mail-drop.
- Local public meetings where key issues were identified, ideas, and goals developed, projects which would contribute towards the desired development were identified and priorities were established.
- Follow-up meetings to confirm that the findings of the preliminary draft document accurately reflect the results of the previous meetings, including the vision and the "merging" of the varying ideas on future town boundaries and zoning issues.

The next steps to achieving the identified projects were also discussed at these meetings.

## **A**UTHORITY FOR THE PLAN

In 2002, the Culverden Resident's Association initiated an informal Concept Development Planning Process. Ward Councillors Wendy Doody and Judy Meikle then worked with the Amuri Ward Committee to arrange funding to formalise this process and to extend this to include Rotherham and Waiau. Funding for the project was confirmed in the 2005-06 Council budget.

Once the final Plan is accepted by the community it can be formally endorsed by

- (i) Amuri Ward Committee
- (ii) Council
- (iii) Formal entry in Draft Hurunui Long Term Community Plan and/or District Plan

## **T**HE BENEFITS

The plan is intended to be a rational document, developed from a thorough investigation of facts and trends and the vision that local residents have for their community. It has been developed with comprehensive community involvement, and has as its underlying purpose "to create a community based vision and to provide an opportunity for individuals to have a direct input into shaping the future of their town."

# AMURI PROFILE

Over the years the Amuri has been an area of traditional large scale farming, characterised by many cases of continuous family ownership across several generations.

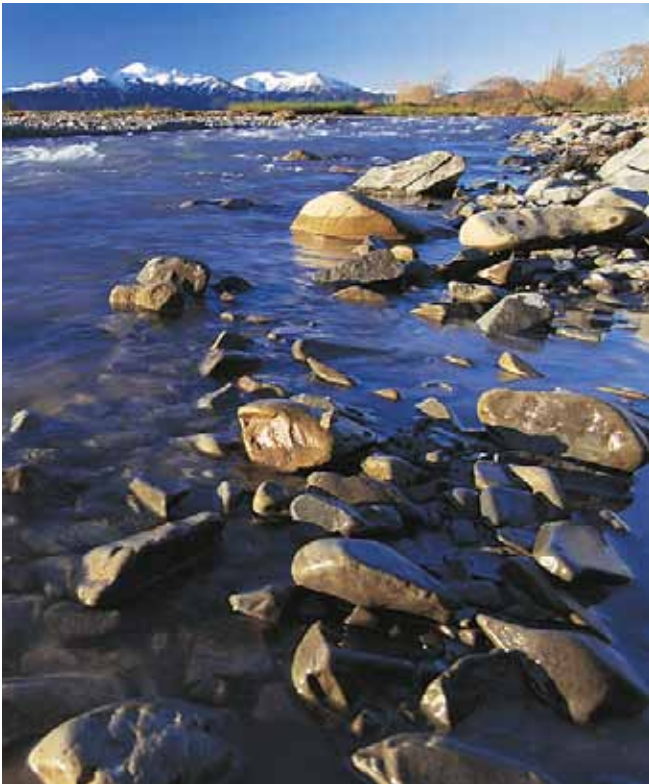
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**W**AIAU The township of Waiau was the first of the three main settlements established in the area we today call the Amuri Ward. Its origin can be traced to the opening of an accommodation house in 1862 near an established crossing of the Waiau River and the township grew around this, the town being properly established in 1898-9. The township became an important centre in the area, The Amuri Road board had its offices there, and the first courtroom and lock-up for the area was there also. As well as an administrative centre, Waiau was an important farm servicing, and mail and transport centre. At its peak the Waiau ewe fair had 31000 entries and the Waiau Railway Station is said to have trucked more per year than any other station in New Zealand.

Various railway and roading decisions caused services to be moved elsewhere, a trend that has continued, with Waiau remaining still an important centre for mail, and farm servicing. Recently the town has begun to capitalize on the growth of the tourist industry in the Hurunui and while farming is acknowledged as a firm economic base for the Waiau, there is growing excitement about the potential for diversification.

Waiau has always been and remains an important social hub for both the surrounding farms and town residents. In his book "The Amuri: A County History", W Gardner writes that the accommodation houses "could hardly said to have encouraged community life except in a very limited way". The development of the township of Waiau helped create community spirit, which in turn led to the creation of churches, schools, halls and sports grounds. In Waiau, so great was this community spirit that by 1911 "it was reported that there were no less than eighteen "local bodies", associations, clubs and leagues in the township, and that there was a prospect of several more being added shortly including a literary and debating society, a ploughing match club and a dog trial club."

Waiau today, is a robust and positive Community making it a great place to live, work and play. The township is nestled on the banks of the Waiau River renowned for its superb trout and salmon fishing. The Waiau Citizens Association continues to serve the interests of its residents and recently launched a website for the township [www.waiaunz.com](http://www.waiaunz.com) There are several Sports Clubs, organisations and groups catering to a diverse range of interests and ages. Waiau is a great little place for organising 'big' events successfully! The annual Waiau Fireworks, Waiau Pig Hunt & Waiau School Trail Ride.

The Amuri Historical Society with its Cob Cottage Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the former Amuri County. Waiau is a picturesque township and thanks to a legacy of tree planting autumn is always a spectacular sight. The Village Green, expansive verges, tree lined avenues, quirky garden settings, Historic Places Trust building and other character houses typical of their time all add to the mix.

Waiau is a great little town with a firm grasp on its future.



**ROTHERHAM** Rotherham is situated about 110 kms north of Christchurch and was at one time approximately at the centre of the Amuri County. The Amuri was originally part of the Nelson Province and was mainly settled and stocked from that area. It became part of Canterbury in 1876. George Duppa freeholded his holding in 1855, and sold out to Rhodes Brothers and Wilkin in 1863. They sold St. Leonards by auction in 1877 as 9 stations, 19 farms and a Township, **Rotherham**. The Township comprised 115 Sections and 27 Farmlets.

Rotherham was named after Rotherham in England where the Rhodes were born. The street names in Rotherham, George, Heaton and Sophie were named after family members, Wilkin Street after their Partner and Davison after their Station Manager.

It was intended that the Sections and Farmlets would provide somewhere for Farmworkers to live while working on nearby properties. Further subdivision occurred when Achray, part of the original, was subdivided in 1913.

In early years, through lack of trees, firewood had to be obtained from the adjacent riverbed (driftwood) and later peat was dug from swamps and dried. This is possibly why most early buildings were of sod. Trees were planted and the timber milled for houses and farm buildings.

Sheep, Beef cattle, and cropping were the main sources of income, but some dairy cows were milked and the milk and cream sold. Since the advent of irrigation in the 1970's, dairy farming has increased to a large extent, where most of the flat country is supporting dairy cows and adjoining country is providing grazing for dry stock. However there are still some sheep, and beef cattle farms, and some cropping.

In the Rotherham extended area, there is quite a diverse

range of soils, varying from light stony soils, to heavy, swampy soils. Like most North Canterbury areas, northerly winds can be a factor, but a lot of shelter has been planted.

Rotherham has some impressive heritage buildings including the Rotherham Store (1878) which was also the Post Office for many years and is now also the Mail Centre, and the Rotherham Hotel (also 1878), which was originally a two storied building with stables but was unfortunately burnt down in 1920.

Other historic treasures include Watters Cob Cottage (c 1880) which is believed to be the only one of its type left in New Zealand, and the Amuri Masonic Lodge (c 1909) which was still used for meetings up until only a few years ago before being sold as a residence.

The Rotherham School was built c 1880 and both the Anglican Church and Vicarage were built c 1905. In 1998 the Church was sold (and moved to Hopefield, east of Waiau) and the Culverden Church was moved here to replace it.

The Rotherham Hospital was built c 1922 and was used by the surrounding areas for Maternity Patients as well as medical cases. It closed in 1960 and is now a Residence. The Medical centre now at Rotherham was opened in 1982, and all services are co-coordinated from there. A new medical centre will be built in Rotherham this year to keep up with growth and changes in the communities needs.

The Domain was formed in 1926 and since 1930 has been the venue for the Amuri A & P Show. The Rotherham Memorial Baths were opened in 1955 and were built mainly with voluntary labour which is typical of the Community Spirit in the area. They were erected as a memorial to the servicemen and woman from the area who served overseas in the two World Wars. The Rotherham Hall was built in 1913 and is still used for various purposes by the Community.

The Railway reached Rotherham about 1914 and was closed around about 30 years ago.

Rotherham Township always had Builders, Fencers, Shearers, Farm Workers, Agricultural Contractors, Stock Buyers and Agents and often had Council employees. Rotherham used to have a Blacksmith Shop (later transferred to Culverden and still there as General engineers), a Butcher Shop, a Fish Shop, and an area Stock Inspector.

The commanding views, recreational opportunities and the friendly and helpful attitude of the Residents makes Rotherham a popular place to live.



*Coaches outside the store, Hotel in Background*



*Rodeo - Amuri A&P Show*



**CULVERDEN** is like any rural South Island township of similar size; its existence and history have been shaped by events of local, historical significance and the community has undergone change in its makeup and activities over decades.

Culverden is unique in that it is the only place of that name in the world. One of its first defining moments came in 1908 when the Culverden Estate was divided. One large station became 29 smaller farms. The subsequent influx of settlers transformed the settlement, from an isolated and lightly populated service town, into a more vibrant area. Nearly 700 Scottish, English and Irish settlers entered the ballot for the Culverden Estate sections, a testament to the suitability of the area for farming.

Culverden was bordered by other large estates in the early days; Montrose, St Leonards, Kaiwara and Balmoral (subdivided for settlement in 1911). The younger sibling of Rotherham and Waiau, Culverden really became an official settlement at the introduction of the railway in the area in 1886. Rail provided the town with a source of constant activity until law reforms around road travel helped bring about the demise of rail service in the area. The last train left the Culverden station in 1970.

Corriedale and Merino were among the few hardy creatures capable of sustaining themselves through the bitterly cold Culverden frosts and scorching dry, and at times devastating,



Norwester. Sheep remained the backbone of the local farming community for well over a century. The Culverden saleyards, built in 1888 were reputedly the site of the largest ewe fair the world has seen. Locals thrived on their wool cheques and lamb sales.

In 1978 the Amuri Basin underwent a transformation when Culverden experienced the biggest change of its life thus far, something that has had more of an impact than even progressions like aerial topdressing, rail and the Culverden Estate Ballot; the government assisted the locals in establishing the Waiau Plains Irrigation scheme. Locals rallied during several years of construction, accommodating the scheme by farming around it during the construction phase, sacrificing land and altering farm layout for the races. All this was done to attain the security and productivity afforded by reliable irrigation water.

With the benefits of irrigation, local's wool cheques increased further and the community, one of neighbours who helped each other when needed, without question, became an even more vibrant place. In the early 1990s the first dairy farmer arrived in Culverden. Land on which locals claimed you could watch a mouse run across from 100 yards, and on which even the rabbits apparently took a cut lunch, had become a green expanse, capable of supporting a new way of farming. Dairy farming has since transformed the area and in 2009, many of the irrigated farms in Culverden are either a dairy farm, or a property which offers dairy support through grazing, grown feed, or lease arrangements.

Irrigation has brought opportunities to Culverden which locals of yesteryear could never have foreseen. Today the community enjoys a larger rural population than in pre-irrigation years. These numbers include workers attracted to the prosperity of Amuri. They represent a diverse mix of nations including Uruguay, The Philippines, Zimbabwe, Angola and a regular number of seasonal machinery operators from the United Kingdom.

21st Century Culverden is an area of opportunity and vibrancy. The town and surrounding farms are serviced by numerous facilities, including engineers, a hotel, motels, supermarket, renowned gift store, several appreciated eateries (regularly enjoyed by travellers



en route to Nelson, Hanmer or the West Coast, or returning from those popular destinations), Area School, diverse sports facilities and well-supported local competitions, rural supplies stores, Ambulance service and volunteer fire brigade.

The annual Culverden Country Fete sees the area become a hive of activity every October and a regular Sunday market in the township contributes to the attractions for travellers. The panoramic mountain views and tranquillity of the Rutherford Reserve and nearby, popular walkway on historic Island Hills make Culverden a popular rest point for travellers and haven for locals.

Culverden is typical of a rural New Zealand town; built around Kiwi surroundings and good wholesome living, grown on the back of back-breaking work and sustained through a community willing to work together. Developed from an interesting and admirable history, which locals wish to see preserved, Culverden is certainly as progressive as any other Community in the Amuri, and is undoubtedly the focal point for much of the activity in the wider area.

For further information on what has made Culverden the place it is today, see; [www.culverden.co.nz](http://www.culverden.co.nz)

The Amuri - A County History, WJ Gardner

A Community Built on a Station Divided, Culverden Settlement Farms 1908 -2008, James KW Hoban

**MT LYFORD** Up until 1986 Mt Lyford was a high country station situated north of Waiau in North Canterbury on the Inland Kaikoura road. It was owned by D & J Simpson who found that farming was becoming difficult due to the high snow risk during the winter, so they decided to look at opportunities for development of the area.

In 1986 the Simpson's initiated a change to the district Scheme of the Amuri County Council to enable part of their land to be re-zoned for residential and recreational use. With a successful application there was now the opportunity for the Simpson's to turn the liability of their farm and over towering mountains into a potential asset.



At this stage the Simpson's were unable to start the development alone. This was where joint venture partners Wilkins & Davies Limited (W & D) stepped in creating a start to the development of Mt Lyford Resort (now Mt Lyford Alpine Resort). W & D as the joint venture partner brought financial backing and development experience to the project. W & D at the time were one of the largest and most diversified construction companies in New Zealand. In the early stages of the Mt Lyford Resort development W & D had expertise in

property development and management, building design and construction, civil engineering and earthworks of the project..

The proposal of the Mt Lyford development as a joint venture project was to construct and market an alpine subdivision of 97 large sections with an approximate size of one acre each. The alpine village included; roading, water supply, underground power and telephone services.



Recreational areas and artificial lakes were also planned and strict building codes were placed on the type of building and construction methods use within the subdivision. Only log chalets were allowed to be built with a minimum roof pitch of 45 degrees.

In addition to the subdivision a commercial ski field and access road was developed in the overlooking mountains catering for families, day shelter/cafeteria together with ski tows and car parking. In turn the Mt Lyford ski field was there to compliment the subdivision below. Away from the ski field Mt Lyford has tennis courts and a commercial ice-skating rink.

The Mount Lyford Lodge (pictured above) is a special feature in Mt Lyford. As one of New Zealand's largest log buildings and attracts many visitors to the township. Accommodation is available at the lodge.

A special management area has been created in the District Plan for Mount Lyford to provide a framework for the further development of the area to ensure it is undertaken in a manner that avoids or mitigates the potential to create significant impacts on the sensitive mountain environment..

The Mount Lyford Management Area is divided into a number of discrete character areas, consisting of conservation and development areas. The development areas provide for a range of recreational tourist activities, sited within locations that are generally appropriate to the environmental conditions. The conservation area comprises a number of separate areas in which development is excluded to protect the natural environment, to promote soil conservation in erosion prone areas, and to provide amenity buffer areas.

A resource consent has recently been granted for a 149 lot subdivision in the village, which will see more growth and expansion in the village.



# VISION STATEMENT

*It is important to have a vision in place and then to use this as a guiding principle in future decision-making processes. For example if the Amuri Community Committee / Council were presented with a project/proposal for the Amuri area, they would need to first ask “will this proposal contribute to or detract from the community vision?”*

*Future projects entered into by both community and council should always ultimately contribute to achieving the vision.*

# HOW THE COMMUNITY SEE AMURI IN THE YEAR 2026...

In the year 2027, Amuri has maintained the “country living” way of life prized by current residents. It has preserved its quieter pace and a comfortable, unpressured lifestyle. People are friendly, supportive and helpful to each other and everyone knows their neighbours.

There is a strong sense of community.

Amuri continues to be an agricultural area and has held onto its rural environmental qualities including open space, mountain views, native bush and abundant bird life.

The air is fresh, and the skies are so clear that residents continue to be able to see the stars at night.

Amuri is a safe place to live. There is a very low crime rate and there have been many improvements to traffic safety.

High levels of support for local community services such as fire, police, ambulance and the Amuri Medical Centre have assured their continuance. This is the same for local churches, educational facilities and services and also sporting and community facilities and clubs which have all been retained and enhanced.

Local businesses continue to operate and are supported and are valued by their communities.



# DEMOGRAPHICS

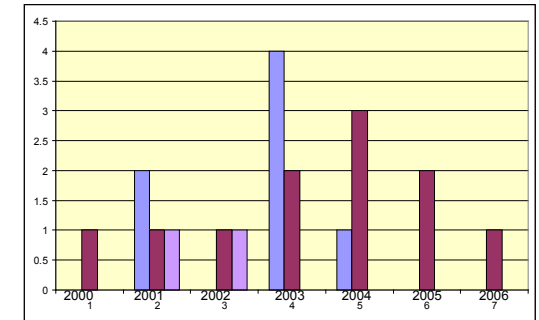
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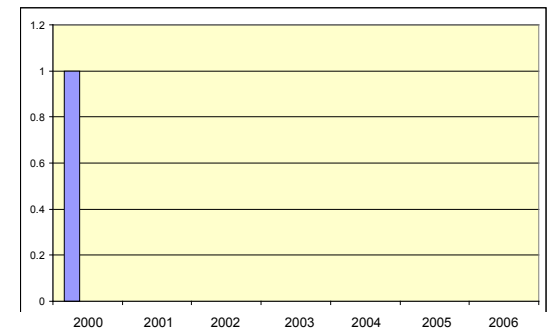
	1991	1996	2001	2006
<b>AMURI RURAL</b>	1,141	1119	1140	1311
<b>AMURI URBAN</b>	717	702	675	687
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1758</b>	<b>1821</b>	<b>1815</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>CULVERDEN</b>	387	351	330	345
<b>ROTHERHAM</b>	78	75	96	99
<b>WAIAU</b>	252	276	249	243

- The Amuri Ward population has seen modest growth of around 10% in the past 5 years. Amuri makes up approximately 18% of Hurunui District's population as a whole.

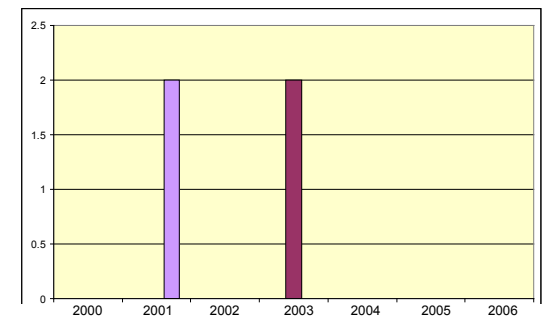
New dwellings



New office/retail buildings



Resited Houses





# WHAT MAKES AMURI SPECIAL?

*Amuri's special characteristics as identified by the community representatives at the Public Meetings are listed in this section.*

## WAIAU

- Affordable housing / land
- The people / community feel
- Peace and tranquillity - "Country"
- "We love it"
- It's beautiful!
- Views - the river & mountains
- The RIVER
- Recreation opportunities - fishing, skiing, jet-boat-ing
- Clean air
- History - many 'old' families
- Township amenities - public toilets, shops, cafe, hotel
- Village Green
- Good primary school
- On the Alpine Pacific Triangle
- Lots of sports clubs & facilities / reserves
- Self-contained / self-reliant
- Historical buildings
- Good drinking water
- Close to local medical centre
- Climate
- Playcentre

## ROTHERHAM

- Peaceful & quiet
- Safe
- The people
- Family oriented - historic / welcoming
- Community support
- Geographically central in the South Island
- Beautiful
- Local school
- Medical centre
- Swimming pool
- Hotel & shops
- Community Hall, Showgrounds, Church & Cemetery
- Sense of community
- Space & privacy
- Climate
- Low traffic volumes
- Value for money housing and large rural sizes
- Nice drinking water
- Many small home businesses
- Rural "hub"
- Satellite town - employment opportunities in Hanmer Springs

## CULVERDEN

- Vicinity to Hanmer Springs
- Small
- Good local Area School
- Agriculture / dairying / farming
- Irrigation
- COMMUNITY!
- Sporting facilities & clubs
- Reserves and parkland
- Central location - proximity to skiing, rivers, hot-pools
- Affordable housing / land
- Peace & quiet
- Climate
- Scenery
- Emergency services
- Volunteer ethic
- Safe
- Commercial services available
- Tourism ventures
- The Culverden Fete
- "Three Bored Housewives"
- Shand Walkway
- Airstrip
- Public toilets
- Amuri Academy
- Preschool / Playcentre



## MT LYFORD

- Alpine Character
- Ski field
- Mountains
- Peace and Tranquility
- Natural Bush
- Reserve
- Tramping
- Skiing
- Natural horsemanship
- Walking Track
- Mountain Biking
- Mt Lyford Challenge
- Ice Skating / Curling

# KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED

*Issues identified by the community representatives at the Public Meetings are listed in this section.*



## SAFETY

- No resident Police Officer
- Safety & security - youth lawlessness
- Negative perception
- Stock on roads / bridge
- Flood risk
- Speeding and increasing traffic volumes through town centre
- Town entrance intersection safety concerns

## AMENITIES

- Historic buildings - maintenance resourcing
- Lack of stormwater systems

## HEALTH & EDUCATION

- Isolation issues - access to social services
- Lack of maternity services

## TOWN ENTRANCES

- Untidy entrance to the village (bridge end)

## COMMUNITY

- Youth retention - jobs available but in limited fields
- Limited work options for women

## MISCELLANEOUS

- no cell phone coverage or limited broadband access

- Lack of identity (people don't know where Waiau is)
- No public transport service
- No banking service
- Rising fuel costs having an impact
- "Climate of centralization" - at the whim of central and local government
- Lack of local tradesmen = high costs for travel + delays

# R OTHERHAM

## SAFETY

- Traffic speed through village
- Footpaths

## ZONING ISSUES

- Town boundaries should be regularly reviewed
- Need to keep the rural 'feel'

## ECONOMIC

- Limited employment opportunities
- Maintaining economic viability
- Satellite town
- Need an increasing population (more families) to sustain services
- Branding as a "village" needed

## AMENITIES

- No public toilets
- Waste collection limited to 'urban' area
- Need a Village Green

## HEALTH & EDUCATION

- No secondary health services

## TOWNSCAPING

- More 'beautification' needed - mowing & cleaning

## TOWN ENTRANCES

- Signage

## COMMUNITY

- Youth issues

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Frequent faults with phone lines
- Slow land based internet access, no broadband
- Dog control
- Rising fuel costs starting to 'bite'

## SAFETY

- Traffic speed through SHI and School Road an issue
- Stock on rural roads

## ZONING ISSUES

- Town boundaries insufficient for expected growth
- Long term development of stockyards - rezoning

## AMENITIES

- No sewerage system
- Drainage / Stormwater issues
- Shared community hall
- Resourcing needed for sporting facilities may render them unsustainable (swimming pool)

## HEALTH & EDUCATION

- Multicultural population
- Need to assist migrant workers to integrate into the community

## TOWNSCAPING

- More beautification needed

## TOWN ENTRANCES

- Signage needed

## MISCELLANEOUS

- No ATM or banking services
- Rural rates very expensive on land value (Amuri has highest rate take in the district)
- No youth club - limited youth activities
- Heritage preservation important but costly
- Volunteer reliance
- Ex-Council Chambers
- Keeping youth in the area - youth employment issues
- Limited skill / job training available
- Transport costs (rising fuel cost)
- Distance to secondary/specialist medical facilities
- Limited maternity services available
- Aging population - lack of elderly care facilities
- Slow land based broadband services

# MT LYFORD

## ROADING

- Currently the access road is privately owned and maintained

## WALKING AND CYCLING

- Want to see walking and cycling opportunity developed in and around Mt Lyford

## TOWN SIGNAGE

- Need sign at base of village
- Public Toilets sign to be at base of hill

## MISCELLANEOUS

- No cell phone coverage



# PROJECTS IDENTIFIED

*Suggestions that were identified to achieve the community vision and/or solve key issues are listed in this section.*

*The numbers indicate the priority 'votes' given at the public meeting*



## RESIDENT POLICE OFFICER 17

- Write to the Government - promote ourselves and show our support e.g. Neighbourhood Watch / Community input (8)
- Continue to lobby/petition (squeaky wheel) (4)
- Promote Police training location / venue

## DEVELOP COMMUNITY SPIRIT 14

- Encourage whole community activities to gather people together e.g. fireworks nights / Christmas Eve / Village Green focussed activities (like a BBQ) (8)
- Need to be more positive about Waiau (1)
- Promote community interest groups (5)

## COMMUNITY WORKER 11

- Costly need to look at across Amuri to fund one person

## HALL & HISTORIC BUILDINGS 10

- Promote use of the hall
- Need expert help
- Need more volunteers and continued support

## TOWNSCAPING & BEAUTIFICATION 7

- Retain & train a good caretaker (4)
- Bridge area - tidying, trees & signage (3)
- Develop heritage theme for the town - lighting, planting etc to reflect this

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 6

- Keep up with technological advances - need cellphone reception (1)
- Market/promote Waiau - tell the world why Waiau is special (5)

## SAFETY 6

- Actively promote safer communities including speed zones - more use of the mobile speed trailer (6)
- Crossing points needed
- Road signage needs to be reviewed around the town

## FLOOD RISK 5

- On going river protection needed and support
- Lobby Ecan to be proactive re gravel removal

## RURAL MATERNITY SERVICES 5

- Lobby Government to expand/reinstate services eg GP care, Plunket visits, Waikari Hospital services, Possibly midwife attached to medical centre. Support lobby groups (5)

## AMENITIES 2

- Retain transfer station (2)

## VILLAGE GREEN 1

- Continue landscaping

# W AIAU CONTINUED

## STORMWATER |

- Growth issue

## SEWERAGE |

- Cost benefit too high; modern septic tanks acceptable, re-look at in 15 - 20 years

## ZONING |

- Consider vesting Waiau Hall land as a reserve

## OTHER SUGGESTIONS

*(Not prioritised)*

- ATM
- Lobby for better cellphone coverage (and ask the Council to advocate on behalf)
- Provide ongoing support for Community Support
- Promote recycling
- Speed signs
- Youth mentoring
- Rifle range at community hall
- Investigate power alternatives eg wind or hydro
- Clean air initiatives - don't want to see ECan putting in restrictions

# R OTHERHAM

## VILLAGE GREEN 26

- Suggested site close to shop / hotel (13)
- Public toilets should be investigated (4)

## MEDICAL CENTRE 26

- To be built in 2010

## ZONING 22

- Need to manage growth and development (2)
- Need to consider the possibility of vesting sites such as the hall, swimming pool and medical centre as reserves.
- Only minor changes needed - development with in existing boundaries + new residential or rural residential area to the community hall (7)

## TOWNSCAPING & BEAUTIFICATION 5

- Township landscaping
- Plant around village sign
- Signage with Rams Head image (2)
- Trees (3)
- Stormwater

## • AMENITIES 5

- Cemetery
  - Need to make sure we have enough space for the future
  - Wall for ashes needed (3)
- Swimming Pool - keep it and maintain (1)
- Need new footpaths / extension programming
- Walkway establishment

## SAFETY 5

- Speed zones
- Speed signs (3)
- Need to enforce 50kph speed limit
- Need to keep services up to date with growth (fire and police) (2)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 4

- Need to attract more families
  - Youth facilities / teen friendly (1)
  - Pool development
  - Bike tracks (3)
  - Improve safety - speed zones
- Encourage but control business development within rural residential area (limit activity type)
- Need to consider the migrant workers coming into the town

## OTHER SUGGESTIONS

(Not prioritised)

- Heritage
  - Protect the school house
  - Topps House & Flintoft Homestead
  - Watters Cottage
  - Rotherham Store
  - Old stables at rear of hotel
- Recycling services need to be extended, and waste collection area needs to be extended
- Dump points for caravans
- Campervan park - reserve

# CULVERDEN

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 51

- Need to attract more people to sustain and provide services, facilities, employment etc (16)
- Tourism - develop links / more promotion (7)
- ATM service
- Better promotion of what Culverden offers
- Use a “rams head” insignia
- “Welcome to Culverden, Heart of the Amuri”
- Slogan to include “Red Posts”
- Recreate the railway station
- i-site
- Finish the wetstone wall
- Continue tourism promotion
- Air Strip needs to be registered

## AMENITIES 11

- Sport/recreation facilities (pool, netball & tennis courts) need to be funded by the ratepayers (11)
- Community Hall needs ratepayer funding (no new halls needed) Heatpump needed

## SEWERAGE 9

- New sewerage system too expensive to consider. Modern septic tanks efficient and affordable. (5)
- Old septic tanks a major problem in area - sewerage

system inevitable. (4)

Need to consider:

- land (where / who would host?)
- cheaper if utilizing a natural fall (versus pumping uphill)
- ‘wet’ areas

## EDUCATION 9

- Need to support the school and work to improve perceptions (9)
- Want to see sport coaching programme supported

## HERITAGE 5

- Council Chambers & archives (needs earthquake strengthening) (2)
- Heritage plaques for historical buildings
- Look at use of Chambers (3)

## SENSE OF COMMUNITY 3

- Need to promote opportunities for volunteering

## SAFETY 1

- Lower speed through town (1)
- Entrance buffer zones and traffic calming measures
- Flood risk from the Pahau River

## STORMWATER I

- Want a stormwater plan

## OTHER SUGGESTIONS

*(Not prioritised)*

- Services for the elderly need to be considered
- Need a “light commercial” area
- Zone main road to the vet’s as “business”
- Rural Maternity Services need to be improved - New medical centre may provide opportunities
- Skatepark or other facility for youth
- Storage tank needs looking at
- Roothing - more sealing needed
- Grey water systems need to be investigated

## ROADING

- Bring road up to Council standards to become a public road

## TECHNOLOGY

- Need cellphone reception

# ROTHERHAM PUBLIC TOILET SURVEY RESULTS

*The Rotherham meetings identified the desire for public toilets and it was agreed to undertake a community survey to explore this further.*

*23 responses were received*

<b>Yes</b>	10
<b>No</b>	10
<b>Not yet</b> - review in 5 years	3

## **Why**

Have to use shop or hotel instead	3
Children can't wait to go	1
Help attract people to Watters Cottage	1
Because people always ask for toilet	1
First town after Lewis that tourists stop at	2
Shouldn't have to use private toilets (Hotel toilets not built for use as public toilets)	3
Traffic will increase	2
Need for locals also	3
Visitors have increased	1

## **Why Not**

Toilets in Culverden & Waiau	9
Insufficient demand	3
Unnecessary cost	4
Can use Hotel	5
No shopping or recreational area	1

## **Where**

Next to Pool (Car parking, attract to pool, develop village green, in 70km zone, visible)	7
Opposite hotel	1
By church	1
Behind Watters Cottage	1
Middle of town - close to pub and shop	4
Opposite shop (Safe away from main traffic, encourages people to stop)	3
At showgrounds	1





# ACTION PLAN

## ROTHERHAM

Matters to be actioned	Who	Priority	Funding Source	Action	Note
<b>Economic Development</b>	Ward Committee	Medium		Invite North Canterbury Enterprises & Hurunui Tourism to attend Ward Committee meeting to discuss issues and options for Rotherham	
<b>Public Toilets</b>	Citizens Group	Medium		Work with community to identify needs	Less than half of respondents to a community survey felt the need to install public toilets in Rotherham.
<b>Medical Centre</b>	Citizens Group	Short		Finalise purchase and building	\$1m included in draft LTCCP budget for a medical centre in the 2009/10 financial year.
<b>Sewerage System</b>	Bruce Yates	Long		HDC to advise viable population needed for such a system and to identify where this would be best located to incorporate into future planning	Waiting to see results of Culverden feasibility study
<b>Town Signage</b>	Ward Committee	Short		Design and put in place signage at entrances to the town	Currently being designed
<b>Village Green</b>	Bruce Yates	Short			

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<b>Economic Development</b>	Ward Committee	Medium		Invite North Canterbury Enterprises & Hurunui Tourism to attend Ward Committee meeting to discuss issues and options for Culverden	
<b>County Chambers Building</b>	Ward Committee	Medium		Use it or lose it' - need to see how much maintenance, structural strengthening required.	Fulton Hogan currently investigating maintenance of council buildings. Costs will be reflected in LTCCP.
<b>Speeding in township</b>	Ward Committee	Medium		Speed limit needs to be enforced; traffic calming measures to be put in place	
<b>Netball &amp; Tennis Courts</b>	Neil Wilkinson	Ongoing		Ongoing fund set up for repair every 10 years	
<b>Culverden Concept Development Plan</b>	Ward Committee	Short		Plan to be adopted and options selected. Costs and implementation to be investigated	See Appendix A for outcome of concept plan.
<b>Sewerage System</b>	Bruce Yates	Short		HDC to advise viability and costs and to identify where this would be best located	
<b>Stormwater</b>	Alex Cooke	Short		Issues caused from kerb & channelling	This is a more long-term issue which will probably be looked at by Ecan under the NRRP. A comprehensive drainage plan (to look at the issues and apply for consent) will probably cost around \$15,000. Kerb and channelling works have been completed.
<b>Town Signage</b>	Ward Committee	Short		Design and put in place signage at entrances to the town	Currently being designed



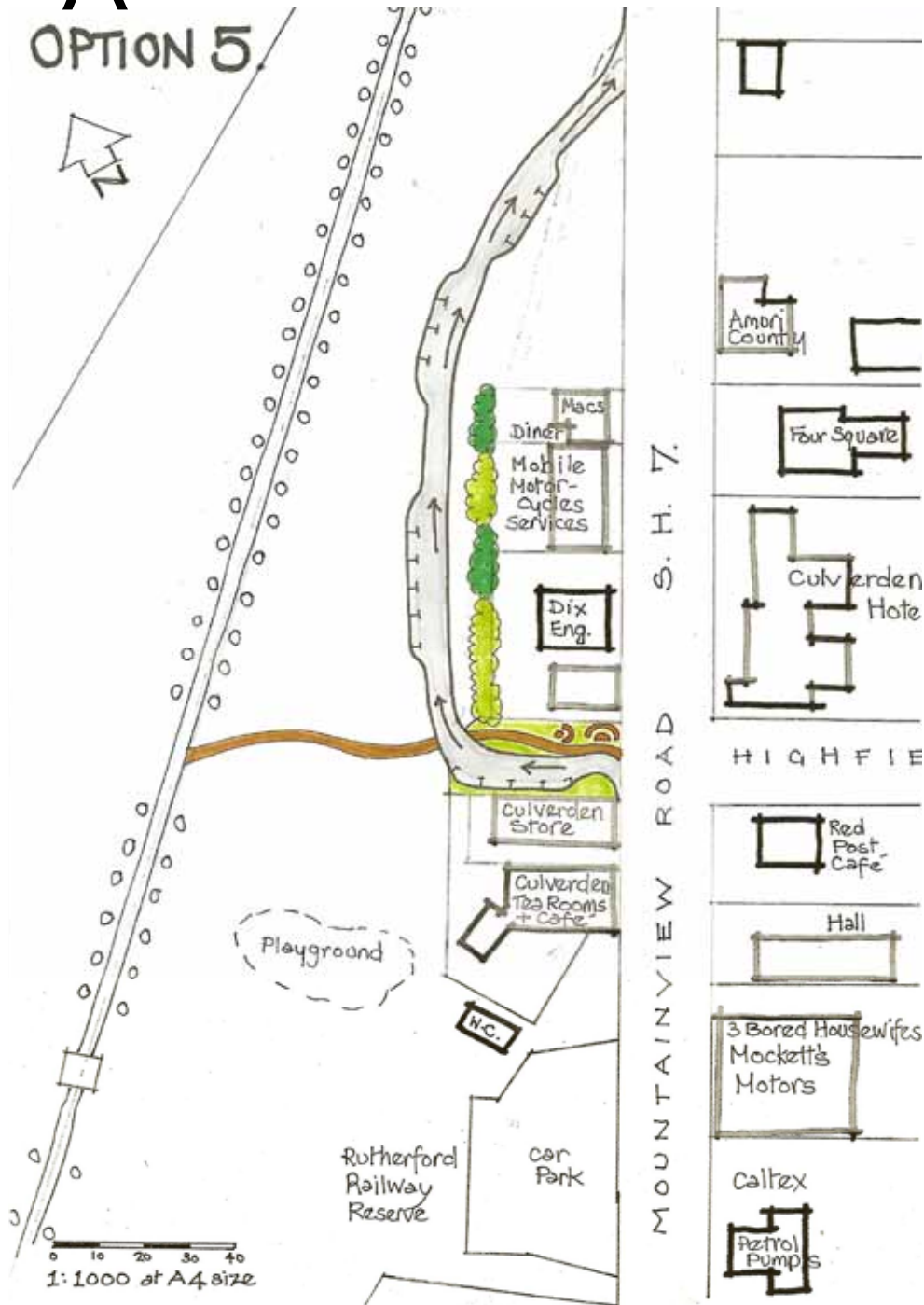
<b>Matters to be actioned</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Note</b>
<b>Town signage</b>	Ward Committee	Short			Will be completed next year.
<b>Economic Development</b>	Ward Committee	Short		Invite North Canterbury Enterprises & Hurunui Tourism to attend Ward Committee meeting to discuss issues and options for Waiau	
<b>Speeding in township</b>	Citizens Group	Ongoing		Investigate getting mobile “speed trailer” to be located in township - especially during busy periods such as the ski season	A trailer was borrowed for a period of time.
<b>Getting the “Amuri” back in the AHS</b>	Amuri Historic Society	Medium			Tourism department are available to advise, pass on useful contacts etc. to the Historical Society if required
<b>Bridge Area</b>	Alex Cooke	Short		Untidy ‘front door’ to township - needs to be cleaned up	Some work completed.
<b>Hall Committee needs support &amp; backing for maintenance &amp; upgrades</b>	Ward Committee	Ongoing			Repainting and roof works are included in the 2009-19 LTCCP for the 2014/15 financial year. There is \$23k budgeted for this project.
<b>Support local police &amp; neighbourhood support scheme</b>	Ward Committee	Ongoing			



Matters to be actioned	Who	Priority	Funding Source	Action	Note
Road	Residents	Medium to Long		To bring the road up to Council standards so that Council may consider taking ownership of it	Community yet to confirm

# APPENDIX A

## OPTION 5



In 2007 a draft Culverden Concept Plan was made available to the public for consultation. The concept plan identified a number of issues and opportunities for the Culverden town centre. As a result of the draft concept plan and the consultation that took place the Amuri Ward Committee resolved at their April 2008 meeting "that the ring road shown in Option 5 (left) is the preferred option, with the addition of either the museum or the opportunity for retail space, as shown in Option 2 (below) at the northern end, with carparking linking to the ring road. The ring road should include a round carpark behind the buildings as there is now and should allow access to the rear of the business premises".

