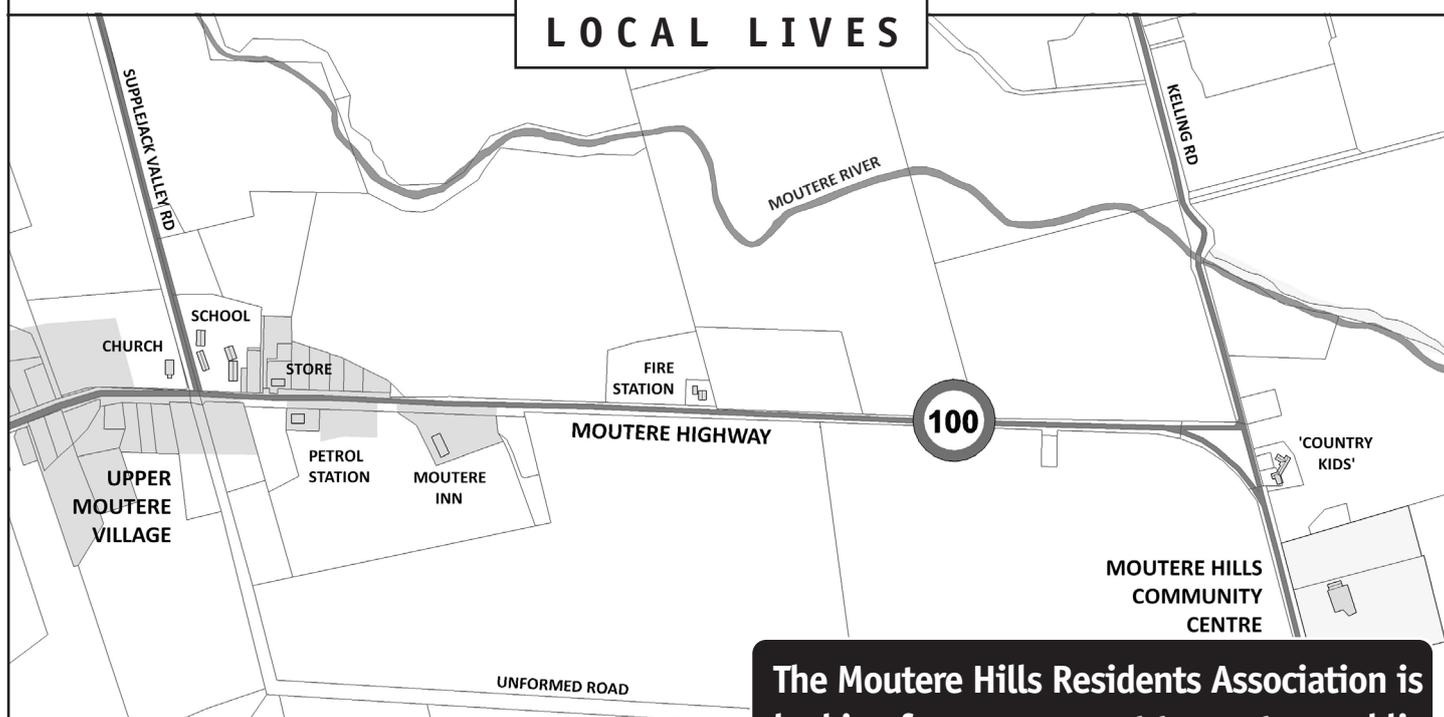


PROJECT PATHWAY

LOCAL LIVES



We are proposing the creation of a public walking and cycle track to connect Upper Moutere village to the Moutere Hills Community Centre. It's a distance of less than 2km down the highway but currently has no safe access other than by car.

We would absolutely love for landowners to step forward and help us make the community easier and safer to get around in. As well as being a great recreational trail, the pathway would provide safe passage for school children going from the school to community centre activities. It would also provide an alternative to driving for families with school children who live near Upper Moutere School but who, since recent times, are not eligible for the school bus.

We are talking to landowners, Council, local businesses and organisations for their support, and collecting feedback from the wider community. We are not advocating any particular route for the pathway at this moment. There are three or four different ways a track could run—and each has individual advantages, disadvantages and difficulties. Also, to get from the village to the centre, every possible route would at some point require crossing private land.

We expect the final route to be chosen based on input from landowners and Council, feedback from the community, and simple feasibility. Once a practical route has been found, we can take a formal proposal to Council.

Generally, all that is needed is a three-metre wide strip of land in the right place. Some landowners have, in fact, already approached us with offers and we are exceedingly thankful to them. In the end, the pathway is most likely to go wherever we can first bridge the gaps and make a physical connection that is also practical.

The Moutere Hills Residents Association is looking for your support to create a public pathway from Upper Moutere village to the community centre.

It is envisioned that the MHRA will raise the majority of funds required to construct the pathway from donations, private fundraising, and as contributions 'in-kind' by the local community.

Once completed, the pathway would become a Council asset, like other similar walking and cycle tracks.

What you can do?

An easy way to show your support is to become a member of the Moutere Hills Residents Association, a not-for-profit incorporated society. You will receive all email updates and be able to vote at association meetings. Just go to www.mhra.org.nz/members/join or visit one of our meetings. We also urge you to sign the TDC petition at the centre, pub, garage, school, store and takeaway.

If you are a local business or organisation, and you think the proposed pathway is a good idea, please write us a letter of support for the project. Many local groups and institutions have already done so, and this greatly helps us in fundraising and negotiations with Council.

If you can offer any other form of contribution—especially contributions 'in-kind', such as gravel or timber, fencing, machine work, labour or other materials—let us know. We will need to be able to show what the community can contribute at the same time that we ask Council for help.

Contact us at MHRA, 164 Neudorf Road, RD2, Upper Moutere 7175; email feedback@mhra.org.nz; www.mhra.org.nz