

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O
DEVONPORT-TAKAPUNA 2017

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2017



Devonport-Takapuna
Local Board
Auckland Council



Mihi

E toko ake rā e te iti, whakatata mai rā e te rahi.
Kia mihi koutou ki ngā kupu whakarei
a te hunga kua tīpokotia e te ringa
o te wāhi ngaro.
Rātou, e kaikini tonu nei i ngā mahara i te ao, i te pō.
Ngā oha i mahue mai i tērā whakatupuranga
kia āpitihia e tātou ki ngā tūmanako
o tēnei reanga,
hei mounga waihotanga ki te ira whaimuri i a tātou.
Koinā te tangi a Ngākau Māhaki,
a Wairua Hihiri me Hinengaro Tau.
Oho mai rā tātou ki te whakatairanga
i ngā mahi e ekeina ai te pae tawhiti
ka tō mai ai ki te pae tata.
Tēnei au te noho nei i runga i te puia moe
o Takarunga -
kāinga o te tini tāngata i tōna wā,
puna wai e ora ai ngā iwi.
Kei waho rā ko ngā tai piringa
o Tīkapa Moana me Te Waitematā
Ka rere whakarunga ngā kamo ki te
Waiwharariki o mua,
Takapuna kāinga,
Takapuna tupuna.
I reira ka heke iho ki te mātārae ki Ōperetū,
Kia taka ki tua ko Maungaūika
te tū hēteri mai rā i te pūwaha o Tāmaki Makaurau,
Tāmaki herehere waka.
E koutou mā ka ea, kua ea.
Kia ora huihui mai koutou katoa.

Welcome to you all.
Let me greet you with the eloquent words
of those, lost long ago to the unseen
hand of eternity.
Them, for whom we unendingly mourn.
Let us enjoin the legacy they left
to the hopes and aspirations
of this generation
as our gift to those who will follow us.
That is the pledge of the humble heart,
the willing spirit and the inspired mind.
Let us rise together and seek to do what is
necessary to draw distant aspirations
closer to realisation.
Here I sit upon the sleeping cone
of Takarunga -
home of many in its time
spring of life for them all.
Out there are the watery havens
of Tīkapa Moana and Te Waitematā.
My eyes gaze northward to
former Waiwharariki,
now Takapuna community,
Takapuna the progenitor.
Then from there, I glance to the foreland of Ōperetū
Beyond stands Maungaūika
sentinel of Tāmaki Makaurau
and anchorage of many canoes.
It is done.
Greetings to you, one and all.

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On the cover: Castor Bay Beach.

He kōrero mai i ngā Heamana From the Chairs



Grant Gillon and George Wood

Welcome to our Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2017.

Thanks to all our submitters who took the time to comment on our local board plan. We are proud to have such an engaged community. Rather than starting from scratch, we used feedback from previous and recent consultation and engagement events to create a new plan which aims to deliver your priorities. We have worked together to develop a plan we believe is important to our area, and we appreciate your time and effort to tell us what's important to you.

Our plan covers five key areas – parks and beaches; our natural environment and heritage; transport; empowering our communities; and local economic development. This plan aims to deliver what you want, as residents, community groups and the wider community. We believe the best results come from working together and prioritising activities led by you.

We are fortunate to have wonderful parks, beaches and open spaces. So, we will work hard to ensure a high standard of

maintenance of these spaces, and ensure they reflect your changing needs. We'll take a close look at the plans for Takapuna Beach Reserve and Barry's Point Reserve, and partner with the community to monitor the quality and clarity of water in Lake Pupuke.

Our area is a visitor hotspot and we need to embrace and leverage the many opportunities that brings by collaborating with our business improvement districts and Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development.

Our commitment to local paths (formerly greenways) activities will continue, including support for the North-West Wildlink.

We will protect our valued heritage sites and look to create heritage trails in Devonport, Milford and Takapuna.

We're all aware of our transport challenges, from congestion through to including ferries in integrated ticketing. We can encourage walking to school and sports, and use of bikes and scooters, but for major initiatives our role is to advocate on your behalf.

This plan aims to deliver what you want, as residents, community groups and the wider community.

The Takapuna Centre Plan will help us improve our town streetscapes and we will continue to work with Panuku Development Auckland and Auckland Transport on key transformative projects in Takapuna.

Grant Gillon
Chair, October 2016 to April 2018

Thank you for your ongoing support; we look forward to working with our community to implement the plan over the next three years.

George Wood
Chair, April 2018 to September 2019

He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance



Takapuna Beach Reserve playground.

Outcome 1: Quality parks, beaches and open spaces that everyone can enjoy

We believe our parks and beaches are the best in Auckland and are integral in what makes our area special and unique. We will work to take care of our natural landscapes, maintain our sports fields, and ensure there is enough open space as our population grows and intensifies.



View from Maungaūika / North Head.

Outcome 2: A place of natural beauty and rich culture

Maintaining our areas of natural, cultural and built heritage is vital. We will continue to support the North-West Wildlink to create more healthy habitats for wildlife, work alongside Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority to preserve the two important maunga and lake, and protect and retain the unique character of our built heritage areas.



Esmonde Road, Takapuna.

Outcome 3: Efficient public transport and roads that keep people moving

As our area grows, it is critical we provide a range of transport choices that are safe, accessible and on-time. We will also continue to champion your transport priorities, including upgrades to our ferry terminals, improvements to Lake Road, and extending walking and cycling infrastructure.



Sunnynook Park playground opening.

Outcome 4: Our communities are empowered, engaged and inclusive

We believe the best outcomes for our people are those identified and delivered by the community. We will continue to provide a range of projects, programmes and events that reflect our communities.



Victoria Road, Devonport.

Outcome 5: Our area has a thriving local economy and vibrant, unique town centres

We are committed to supporting the commercial viability and prosperity of our town centres and helping local businesses to be sustainable and successful.



Pumphouse Theatre, Takapuna.

Te Rohe ā-Poari o
Devonport-Takapuna
**Devonport-Takapuna
Local Board area**



1 metropolitan centre in Takapuna - and 3 town centres in Sunnynook, Devonport, and Milford



We have a population of

60,100

around 4% of
Auckland's total population

Projected to increase
to 71,800 by 2033

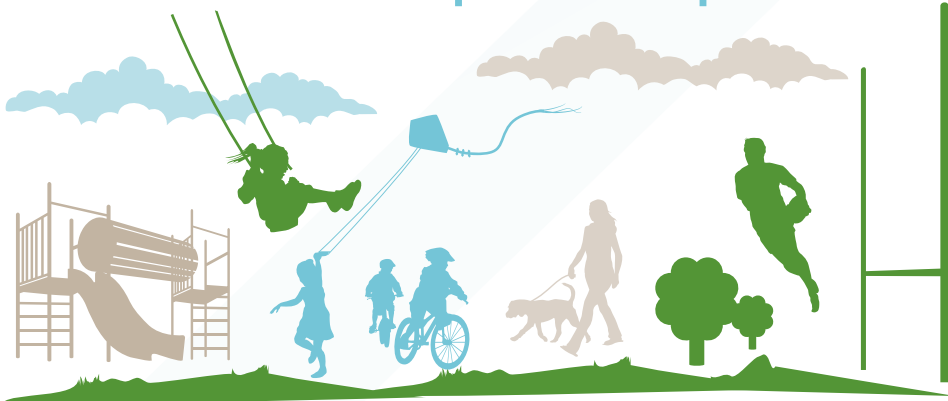


76%



of residents identify
as European and
20% Asian

More than 110 local parks and sports fields



We are home to:

2

libraries



1

leisure
centre



3

community
centres



6

arts and
culture facilities.



Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2015), Population Projections (2013-base) and 2013 Census.



Takapuna Beach Reserve playground.

He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe me ā mātou mahere

About local boards and our plans

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 Governing Body members) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

These local issues, activities and services include:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

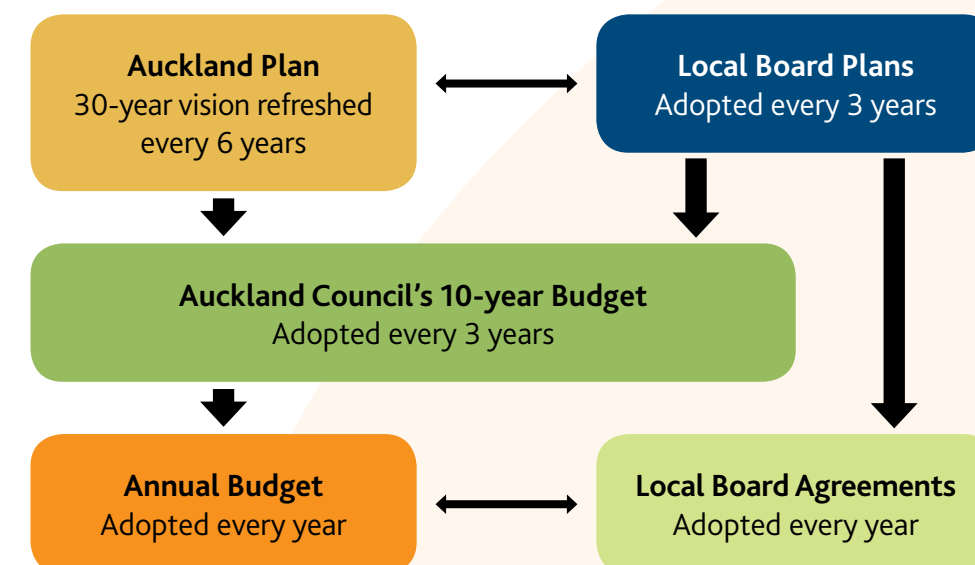
Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic documents that are developed every three years to set a direction for local boards. Reflecting community priorities and preferences, the plans guide local board activity, funding and investment decisions. They also influence local board input into regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan (the 30-year vision for Auckland), the council's 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan) and annual budgets.

Local board agreements

A key role of local board plans is to provide a basis for developing annual local board agreements. Agreed between the council's Governing Body and local boards, these are part of Auckland Council's budget setting process and set out local funding priorities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year. Each local board develops annual work programmes alongside adoption of their local board agreement.



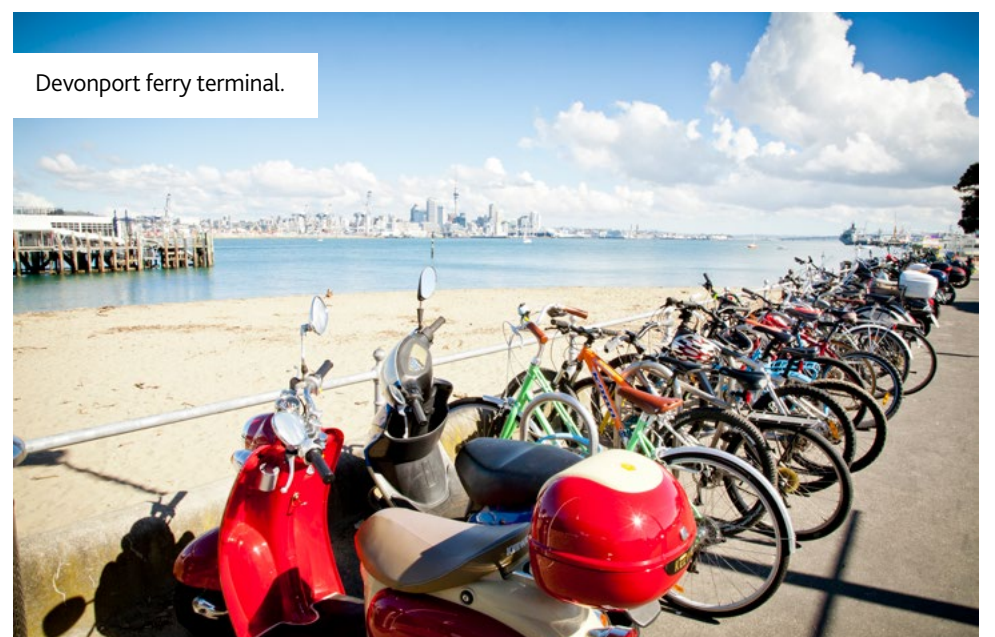


Opening day of the new Devonport Library.

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere **Developing our plan**

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them. To make this happen will take the efforts of many working together.

During May and June 2017 we consulted on a draft of this plan for feedback. During this time we held events at the Sunnynook Community Centre, Takapuna Markets and Dacre Park to hear what was important to you and the community. We received 632 submissions - this was the third highest response across 21 local board plans that were developed. This is a fantastic response rate and we're proud to represent such an engaged community.



Devonport ferry terminal.

Te Whakaotinga 1: Ngā papa rēhia, tāhuna me ngā wāhi tū wātea hirahira hei hākinakina mō te katoa

Outcome 1: Quality parks, beaches and open spaces that everyone can enjoy

We believe our parks and beaches are the best in Auckland and are integral in what makes our area special and unique. We need to take care of these assets so that everyone can enjoy them. That means we must be proactive about renewing and enhancing these assets to ensure they are high-quality. We also need to ensure our area has enough future open space as our population grows and intensifies.

We must make sure that our sports fields remain fit for purpose. To achieve this, we'll support the council's Sports Field Capacity Development Programme and invest in the upgrade of existing sites such as Barry's Point Reserve and Dacre Park.

The local board will ensure minimal agrichemical weed control methods are used in our parks and reserves, in line with Auckland Council's Weed Management Policy.

We will review the development plan for Ngātaringa Park and the draft development plan for Barry's Point Reserve to ensure they make the best use of these large spaces.

The Takapuna Beach Holiday Park Campground needs improving. You have told us you value keeping the campground as part of your community, so we will work with the operator to bring the facilities up to a high standard.

It is challenging to keep our beaches free from seaweed and other debris, particularly following storms. We will develop an approach that is appropriate with our beaches' unique ecosystems so they are clean and remain accessible to all.

We will support community involvement in Project Baseline, a global aquatic conservation initiative that uses a network of volunteers to establish environmental baselines to improve water clarity in our oceans, lakes and streams. By leveraging the power of the community, we support their goals to increase public awareness about the state of water now and in perpetuity.

The local board will continue to develop local paths (formerly greenways) to better connect our villages and neighbourhoods, as well as paths developed in the Kaipātiki, Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays local board areas, and to regional walking and cycling routes.

Greville Reserve, Forrest Hill.



Opportunities

- We live in a unique and beautiful seaside spot in Auckland that can be maximised to deliver a special lifestyle for both locals and visitors.
- We can draw on our engaged and energetic network of volunteers to help us ensure our landscapes are enhanced and protected.

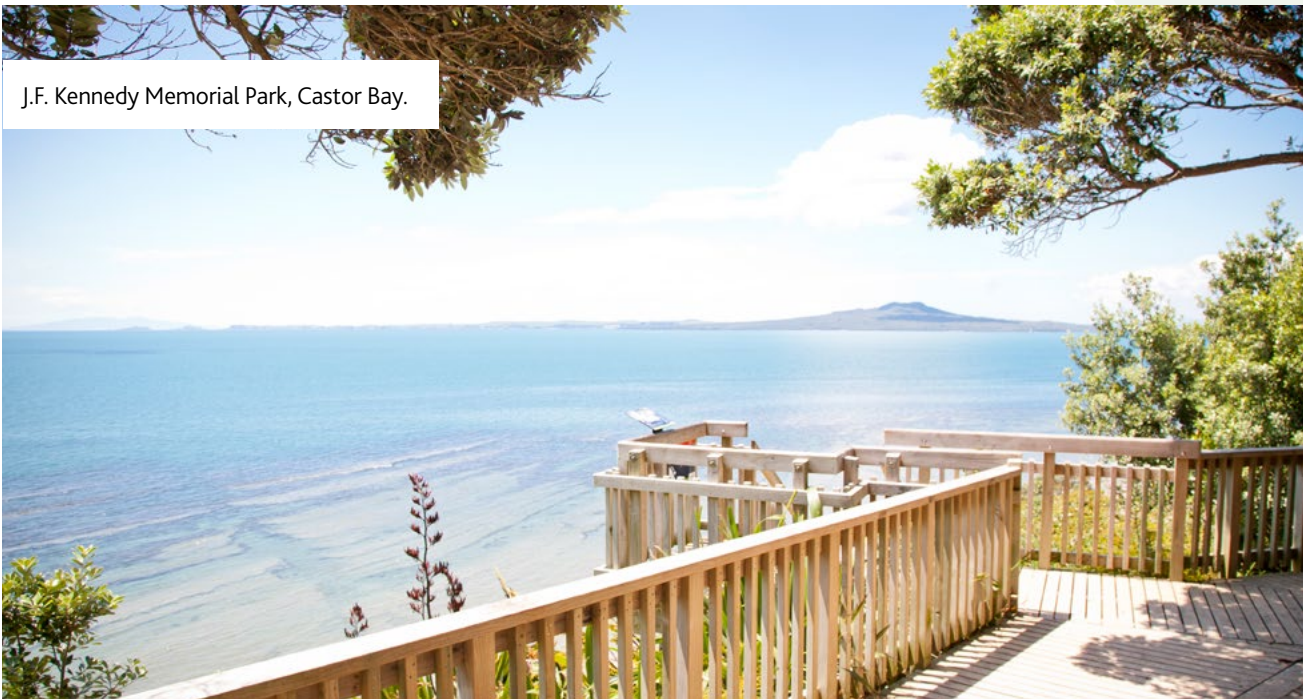
Challenges

- We must balance green and open space with intensification.
- We need to make beautiful and people-friendly spaces within our town and village centres.



WHAT YOU TOLD US

- “(It is) important that we have good-quality recreation areas.”
- “Parks and beaches are the life of our community.”
- “A designated dog park would help dog owners who feel persecuted.”
- “We would like to see priority given to a skate park in Sunnynook.”



J.F. Kennedy Memorial Park, Castor Bay.

Outcome 1: Quality parks, beaches and open spaces that everyone can enjoy

Objective	Key initiatives
Enhance and conserve our unique beaches, open spaces and parks.	Improve Gould Reserve and access to Takapuna Beach, based on the Takapuna Beach Reserve South Concept Plan.
	Audit our open spaces to see if they reflect your needs and to guide future planning.
	Work with relevant landowners to ensure our coastal and lakeside walkways are safe and accessible for everyone.
	Provide quality park and local path amenities that meet your needs (e.g. signs, toilets, fitness equipment, playgrounds and bike racks).
	Investigate and deliver a dog park in our area.
	Investigate and deliver a skate park in Sunnynook.
	Investigate developing a pump track in our area.
Develop our local paths (greenways) to ensure they are safe and accessible.	Continue to support our sports clubs and recreation facilities.
	Support community-led initiatives and partner with schools and volunteer groups to enhance and protect our beaches and coastlines.
	Deliver new local paths at Plymouth Crescent, Hillary Crescent and Francis Street. Improve connections from Esmonde Road to Auburn Reserve as outlined in the Devonport-Takapuna Greenways Network Plan.
	Ensure the local board’s paths create a complete connection between Sunnynook and Devonport.
	Partner with Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei to develop a coastal walk from Polly’s Glade to Wesley Street.



Narrow Neck Beach, Devonport.

Te Whakaotinga 2: He whenua kura pokea e ōna tikanga taketake

Outcome 2: A place of natural beauty and rich culture

Maintaining our areas of natural beauty requires a combined effort from all of us. By continuing support for the North-West Wildlink, we will help create more safe, connected and healthy habitats for native wildlife across the local board area. Supporting the community-led resource recovery centre on Lake Road will contribute to reusing and recycling awareness in the community. Working with you and key stakeholders, we want to develop a coordinated approach to improving the health of Wairau Creek.

Our area is home to three culturally significant and beloved landscapes – Takarunga / Mt Victoria, Maungaūika / North Head and Lake Pupuke. These landscapes hold a paramount place in the historical, spiritual, ancestral and cultural identity for both mana whenua and others living in, and visiting, the area. We understand the importance of the maunga and want to have a strong working relationship with the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority.

The local board will hold more community and networking events for you to share concerns and solutions for our environmental problems and challenges, and to celebrate our successes.

In our town centres and villages, we want street furniture and amenities that reflect each area's unique character. We introduced civic heritage awards through our last plan and will continue to support outstanding heritage initiatives, programmes and work being done in our area.

Opportunities

- Our unique heritage areas are complemented by a passionate community who value preserving and enhancing our built heritage.
- We can enable community-led approaches to conserving and enhancing our unique maunga, coastlines, streams and lake.

Challenges

- There are significant cost implications in restoring and conserving heritage buildings (e.g. earthquake proofing).
- It will need a combined effort between the community, the council and the government to address issues such as lake water quality and clarity, as well as the conservation of Takarunga / Mt Victoria and Maungaūika / North Head.

WHAT YOU TOLD US

- “Preserving natural spaces is our gift to our children.”
- “Important to protect heritage proactively because once it has gone, it’s too late.”
- “In Devonport the view shafts to both Takarunga and Maungaūika must be protected.”
- “The ecosystem and the environment around us should always be first priority.”



J.F. Kennedy Memorial Park, Castor Bay.

Outcome 2: A place of natural beauty and rich culture

Objective	Key initiatives
Conserve our valued heritage sites, including built heritage.	Support a community-led approach to heritage projects, programmes, awards and initiatives, such as the restoration of historic structures at Kennedy Park.
	Develop and implement heritage trails in Devonport, Milford and Takapuna.
	Identify, promote and educate locals and visitors about sites of cultural and historic importance.
Protect and enhance our natural environment.	Partner with the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and the Department of Conservation to conserve and enhance the two maunga and educate people about them.
	Develop and deliver a pest-free strategy for Devonport-Takapuna.
	Partner with the community and Ministry for the Environment to improve the water quality and clarity of Wairau Creek and Lake Pupuke.
	Establish an Eco Neighbourhoods programme to create and maintain more sustainable lifestyles within homes and communities.
	Provide funding to support a community-led streamside restoration, weeding and planting programme.
	Keep our beaches, parks and reserves free of man-made litter.
	Support non-toxic weed management in local parks and reserves.
	Fund the establishment of a network of community gardens across the local board area.



Bike racks at Akoranga bus station.

Te Whakaotinga 3:
Tikanga tūmatanui
kawe pāhihi rawe me
ōna huarahi e kori
tonu ai te iwi

Outcome 3: Efficient public transport and roads that keep people moving

As our area grows, it is critical we make improvements to get people moving easily and provide a range of transport choices that are safe, accessible and on-time.

While our role to effect change in this area is limited, we will continue to work collaboratively with Auckland Transport (AT) and champion your transport priorities. Our area will benefit from key projects such as the Hurstmere Road and Devonport ferry terminal upgrades. We will advocate for improvements to Lake Road, renewing the Bayswater ferry terminal, and including ferries as part of integrated ticketing.

Our area is also going to benefit from significant regional transport projects such as SkyPath, SeaPath and an additional harbour crossing. The local board will ensure community needs are at the forefront of these projects and that any community or environmental impacts are minimised.

We will continue to work alongside the community to identify and deliver a range of local transport projects, such as upgrading footpaths and enhancing our paths (greenways) network.

Opportunities

- We will seek every opportunity to provide input into planning and infrastructure projects to deliver efficient public transport and roads.

Challenges

- The local board’s ability to deliver transport projects is limited, but we can advocate on your behalf with the Governing Body, AT, and agencies such as the NZ Transport Agency.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “An efficient public transport service is essential and will reduce pressure on Lake Road.”
- “More ferries are the key way to ease traffic congestion on Lake Road.”
- “An integrated public transport system is essential to get the confidence of travellers.”
- “It’s important to prioritise budgets to upgrade Lake Road.”
- “Lake Road is a critical issue and is the number one frustration of residents.”



Bayswater ferry terminal.

Outcome 3: Efficient public transport and roads that keep people moving

Objective	Key initiatives
Address road congestion issues on Lake Road.	Work with AT to reduce congestion and deliver alternative modes of transport on Lake Road, including a bus way or high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane.
	Support AT to improve traffic flows between Esmonde Road and Belmont town centre.
	Partner with AT, local businesses, business improvement Districts and local schools to encourage walking to school and to recreation activities.
Ensure our bus and ferry services are quick and user-friendly.	Work with AT to have the new Bayswater ferry terminal brought forward to meet population growth and encourage use of public transport.
	Work with AT and Panuku Development Auckland to find the best site and interchange improvements for the Takapuna bus station.
	Work with AT to ensure alignment of ferry and bus service timetables and an integrated pricing structure.
Deliver walking and cycling connections that can be enjoyed by all.	Provide more bike racks and scooter parking at public transport hubs, and promote their availability.
	Work with AT to address maintenance issues for roads, footpaths and lighting.
Improve transport corridors and connections.	Work with AT to identify opportunities to alleviate over-capacity issues at Akoranga and Sunnynook bus stations.
	Audit our major intersections to ensure they are safe and efficient for all modes of transport.

Te Whakaotinga 4: He wāhi whakamana, arotahi, whakawhirinaki rawa ō tātou hāpori

Outcome 4: Our communities are empowered, engaged and inclusive

We believe the best community outcomes are those identified and delivered by the community. We have demonstrated this approach through our partnerships with the Devonport Peninsula Trust and Takapuna Community Facilities Trusts which continue to provide high-quality services and programmes.

The local board encourages and supports locally-led events and programmes that reflect the character of our area. We don't expect community groups to have all the skills, so we'll support capacity-building events to help them understand governance, human resources, health and safety responsibilities, and financial capability.

We'll encourage groups to achieve their goals through community grants and will continue providing discounted rental for land or meeting spaces for community groups. We have previously supported the Youth Innovation Centre in attaining a lease of the former Takapuna RSA building. We fully support our youth board, Younite, as it embarks on creating the Youth Innovation Centre and meeting youth needs in our area.

We will continue to support and provide opportunities for the community to learn, experience, create, and appreciate arts and culture at our innovative arts facilities. We are fortunate to have creative and passionate people who provide visual and performing arts, literature, and cultural activities (both cultural expression and heritage) to both locals and visitors.



Devonport Library offers help with the online world.

For our most vulnerable people, particularly the young and the old, we'll endeavour to provide community services and facilities that match their needs. We'll continue partnering with our community coordinators to ensure they provide the services you want.

The local board intends to partner with others in the sport and leisure sectors to offer fit-for-purpose facilities and opportunities to develop healthy lifestyles. Our area has many voluntary organisations and sports clubs that also create a sense of community. We will continue to support them by brokering relationships, providing grants and funding programmes. We will also continue to advocate for an investigation of community needs in Sunnynook and Milford, and for community facilities to be prioritised, as outlined in council's Community Facilities Network Plan.

Opportunities

- We can encourage community groups and clubs to share their facilities so they become multi-use facilities.

Challenges

- We must ensure our community and recreational facilities are maintained and upgraded so they are high-quality and reflect community needs.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "Community-led is the key, as we know what we want and need."
- "Our younger residents need to be part of the discussion that shapes our city."
- "Community engagement initiatives produce a healthy well-connected community."

Outcome 4: Our communities are empowered, engaged and inclusive

Objective	Key initiatives
Our communities are empowered to deliver placemaking projects.	Deliver workshops and forums to provide capacity-building opportunities for groups in our area.
	Continue to support the delivery of place-shaping and activation of spaces to promote arts, culture and heritage.
	Support the Devonport-Takapuna Youth Board and the Youth Innovation Centre to link with local youth and organisations and become a strong voice for their community.
	Work with local artists to support public art that can be enjoyed by all.
Our community and recreational facilities are fit-for-purpose and meet community needs.	Work with our community houses, recreational facilities and leaseholders to ensure they are providing programming and initiatives that are fit-for-purpose.
	Continue to provide outdoor fitness activities for all ages as part of promoting healthy lifestyles.
	Partner with local schools, churches and other organisations to make their spaces available for community use.
Our communities celebrate diversity and feel a sense of belonging.	Support greater integration and inclusiveness of ethnic communities and older people by identifying service gaps across our area.
	Deliver regular local board pop-up events to increase community awareness and engagement with local board activities.
	Partner with mana whenua and mataawaka to identify and progress areas of importance to Māori and the local community.

Te Whakaotinga 5:
Kei tō tātou rohe he
ōhanga whaihua, hihiri
me ōna pokapū ā-tāone
motuhake

Outcome 5: Our area has a thriving local economy and vibrant, unique town centres

We are committed to supporting the commercial viability and prosperity of our town centres and helping local businesses to be sustainable and successful.

Attracting business is just one element of creating vibrant and unique town centres. Important elements such as streetscapes, parking and the impact of traffic on residents must also be considered. We want all our town centres to have the right spaces that encourage events, creativity and social interaction, as these connect people with places.

The Takapuna Centre Plan is our overall guiding strategy to revitalise Takapuna town centre. The Unlock Takapuna project, led by Panuku Development Auckland, aims to start by focusing on the Anzac Street car park and the Gasometer site. The Anzac Street carpark sits right in the centre of Takapuna, and its size and location provide an exciting opportunity for great open spaces, new shops, business and places to live that unify the heart of Takapuna. This project has the potential goal of creating more car parking, as well as a more connected and attractive town centre. The local board wants the Sunday market to stay in Takapuna and will examine how best to make this happen alongside Unlock Takapuna.

We want to develop streets and facilities that contribute to current and future growth in Takapuna, and create better links between the shops and the beach. For example, the Hurstmere Road upgrade will create cohesive and welcoming spaces between the beach and Hurstmere Road. We will work proactively with business and property developers to create a seaside town centre that is oriented towards our prized asset – Takapuna beach.



Shoppers at Takapuna Sunday Market.

The local board will continue to support the three business improvement districts in Milford, Devonport and Takapuna. We will actively support and celebrate seaside activities across the area, and support tourism and tourism initiatives in our town centres.

The expected intensification through the Auckland Unitary Plan means Belmont will require town centre planning to ensure the response to growth is well considered, facilities are in place and the impacts of any future Lake Road upgrade are well accommodated.

We will continue to work with the Milford Business Association and the community to deliver the Milford Centre Plan, and review the remaining Devonport Masterplan projects for implementation.

Opportunities

- We can encourage more technology companies to base themselves in Takapuna.

Challenges

- Supporting Panuku Development Auckland, AT and the wider council to ensure an aligned vision for Takapuna.

WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “I would love to see Hurstmere Road as a shared pedestrian space and the weekend markets moved there.”
- “A thriving local economy is vital for quality local employment and prosperity.”
- “By upgrading town centres it will attract more people, boosting economic development.”
- “Belmont has become a forgotten place and is overdue for a facelift.”

Outcome 5: Our area has a thriving local economy and vibrant, unique town centres

Objective	Key initiatives
Support local businesses and champion local economic development.	Fund community-led economic and tourism development initiatives.
	Partner with the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority and key stakeholders to leverage economic development, tourism and cultural opportunities for our two maunga.
Ensure our town centres are well designed, people-friendly and attract locals and visitors.	Partner with our business improvement districts to understand their priorities and identify opportunities to form strategic relationships.
	Support Unlock Takapuna by providing more car parking and placemaking opportunities as outlined in the Takapuna Centre Plan.
	Develop a town centre plan for Belmont and review the Devonport Masterplan.
	Deliver new connections, laneways and other priorities (e.g. Milford community house) based on the community-led Milford Centre Plan.
	Fund and deliver the Clarence Street upgrade.
	Work with Panuku Development Auckland and other agencies to identify and deliver quality linkages between town centres, parks and beaches.



Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere Carrying out our plan

To deliver against the outcomes of our plan we will:

- prioritise our budget to focus on the initiatives in the plan
- make the best use of our assets such as our community centres and parks
- set direction for council staff who are responsible for delivering our annual work programme
- work with others, including community organisations and partners, to deliver projects and services
- represent your views on matters of local importance.

In some instances, our role is limited to representing your views on matters of local importance because we do not have the decision-making authority and/or funding to carry it out. When this is the case, we will use our time and energy to influence the relevant decision-maker. We do this by advocating on your behalf or making formal submissions, ensuring decision-makers are aware of your views and our support for them.

Funding information can be found on page 36.

Empowering communities

We seek to empower and enable our communities. This means listening to what you want to achieve, directing council resources towards community aspirations, and supporting diverse communities to have an input into the things they care about and which matter uniquely to them.

We will prioritise activities led by the community, encourage and support people from all walks of life to actively participate in their community, and fully use their diverse talents, insights and contributions. We will work with others to enable our communities to achieve their goals.

Working with Māori

Delivering on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori at a local level is a priority for local boards. The council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori.



Playground at Takapuna Beach Reserve.

He kōrero pūtea tahua Funding information

The purpose of this section is to provide information on local board funding.

How local boards are funded

Funding is allocated to local boards through the council's budget setting process. This involves the council's Governing Body adopting a 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements, briefly described in page 11, make up part of the annual budget.

A financial overview for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year is included in Appendix 1 on page 38.

The council's budget setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

Details on levels of service for local activities are included in Appendix 2 on page 40.

Auckland Council's 2018-2028 10-year Budget

In June 2018, the council's Governing Body will adopt the 2018-2028 10-year Budget informed by local board plans. The 10-year Budget will need to consider all funding needs for Auckland and balance these with the need to keep rates and other council charges affordable. This balancing act may impact local boards' ability to carry out all the key initiatives in their local board plans.

Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund

Local boards can also access funding from Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund which is allocated to deliver small transport-related projects.

The fund allocated to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year was \$417,067.

How local boards spend their budget

Much of the budget available to local boards is required to keep our services going and maintain our local assets including parks, community centres, libraries and halls.

Local boards also have additional, discretionary funding they can spend on local projects or programmes that are important to their communities.

More information about local board budgets can be found in Auckland Council's Local Board Funding Policy on the council website, aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

The council is currently looking at ways to provide local boards with more flexibility over their budgets.



Community planting day.

Āpitihanga 1: Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Appendix 1: Financial overview

Income, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Annual Plan Financials	2017/18 (\$000s)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	251
Local parks, sport and recreation	1,499
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total operating revenue	1,750
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	4,387
Local governance	1,022
Local parks, sport and recreation	5,430
Local planning and development	1,067
Local environmental management	50
Total operating expenditure	11,956
Net operating expenditure	10,206
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	1,227
Local governance	-
Local parks, sport and recreation	5,374
Local planning and development	3,066
Local environmental management	-
Total capital expenditure	9,667

View of city from Takarunga / Mount Victoria.



Āpitihanga 2: Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Appendix 2: Local activities and levels of service

Local board responsibilities, provided for directly in legislation or allocated to boards, are summarised into local activities. These are described in the table below, along with levels of service statements. More information regarding levels of services, including performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Agreement 2017/2018. This is available on the council website, aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
Local parks, sport and recreation This group of activities covers management and provision of local parks and open space and recreation activities for both passive and active recreation.	Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches. Provide sports fields that are fit-for-purpose and cater for community needs. Provide programmes and facilities that ensure more Aucklanders are more active more often.
Local community services This group of activities contributes to improved community outcomes by providing places and spaces for the community to learn and recreate and by integrating arts and culture into the everyday lives of Aucklanders. Key activities include locally delivered Libraries and Information (Libraries) and Arts, Community and Event services.	Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities. Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting. Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities. Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
Local planning and development This group of activities covers local business area planning, local street environment and town centres and local environment and heritage protection.	Develop local business precincts and town centres as great places to do business.
Local environmental management Local environmental management activities work in partnership with locally-based communities and iwi to deliver enhanced environmental outcomes (with a focus on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living) that contribute to Māori, community wellbeing and economy.	Provide leadership and support to protect and conserve the region’s natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage.
Local governance Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.	The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 where the survey measures determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2017/2018.

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