

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O
AOTEA GREAT BARRIER 2017

Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017

Mihi

Aotea moutere rongonui
Aotea whakahirahira
Aotea utanga nui
Aotea taonga maha
Aotea te tauranga o ngā waka maha
Aotea te kāinga o Ngāti Rehua – Ngātiwai ki Aotea
Ngā kitenga i te pō,
ngā kitenga tauranga me ngā takutai
Teitei ngā maunga me Te Wao-nui o Tāne,
he kāinga oranga mai i te whenua ki te moana
Aotea te taonga nui o Te Moana-nui-o-Toi
Aotea te whenua tūturu me taku tūrangawaewae

Aotea is the sacred island
Aotea the landing place of many waka
Aotea the home of Ngāti Rehua – Ngātiwai ki Aotea
From starry nights, to shining seas and shores
Lofty mountains and forests a land of plenty
Aotea is the jewel of Te Moana-nui-o-Toi
Aotea my home
Aotea my place to stand

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On the cover: Nina Lewis-Beazley
and Riviera Watts at Gooseberry Flat,
Aotea / Great Barrier Island.

He kōrero mai i te Heamana From the Chair



Welcome to our Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to speak with us, email us and fill out forms in order to contribute their feedback to our plan. Your input was essential in shaping our island's three-year plan.

Our plan has four outcome areas focused on future-proofing, sustainability and resilience. We aspire for our island to be environmentally at its best and as economically self-sufficient as possible.

The outcomes, objectives and initiatives outlined in this plan are not ranked in any order of priority; we consider everything to be of equal importance. The four outcome areas are linked and interwoven. For example; for our people to thrive, our environment, economy and infrastructure must be right. And for our environment to be protected and enhanced, our people must want to value it and it must have economic benefits and be managed sustainably.

Living off the grid is a reality for our island and has resulted in some amazing and innovative community initiatives. This is our point of difference which also supports the overall sustainability direction Auckland Council is promoting. We want an island that leads the way and showcases off the grid sustainable living, and this is a key focus for our plan.

We will continue supporting Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea and the aspirations of their guiding hapū management and strategic plans. We will also continue to support our community and community groups aspirations to care for our ecology and maintain our infrastructure.

This term we have some new initiatives, including Aotea Learning Hub, Dark Sky Sanctuary, future water security, visitor strategy, and encouraging a buy local campaign. We will lead the island in any pest free initiative and be seeking community input and guidance.

We will be pursuing ideas and actions from the recently completed Ecology Vision,

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Affordable Housing Feasibility Study, along with the Sea Change-Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan.

We are looking forward to Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea completing their Treaty Settlement and the opportunities this will bring. The Auckland Plan refresh is due in 2018 which gives us a chance to understand what has changed since it was adopted in 2012. Completion and full staffing of the new Department of Conservation (DOC) office will strengthen

our relationships and support development of cross-agency projects.

Ngā mihi

Izzy Fordham

Chair,
Great Barrier Local Board

He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance

We will focus on four outcomes to guide our work and make Aotea / Great Barrier Island a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



Local children at the official launch of the Aotea / Great Barrier Island International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

Outcome: Our people thrive and life is good

This is how we see our future.

Our community groups are strong and independent. Our health services are locally-led and meet our unique needs. Our elderly can stay here comfortably and our youth can return after finishing their education. All our people live well and thrive. Our natural and cultural heritage is restored and protected. Our community groups achieve their aspirations and our public open spaces are beautiful, functional and designed by locals. There are cemeteries in the north, centre and south of the island. Our children get a good education and there are learning opportunities for all ages.



The Awana Stream weir before it was removed in April 2017 for fish migration.

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The local board funded installation of solar panels at Great Barrier Island Golf Club.

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Our roads are safe, usable all year round and well maintained. Walkers, cyclists, drivers and truckers share our roads with ease and enjoy breathtaking views along the way. All our villages have a park and community building that we love and look after, connected by walkways and cycle trails. We have minimal signage and it fits with our environment. Our locals and visitors can get from place to place by some form of public transport. We have waterways that are fish friendly. Our wharves and airfields meet the needs of locals, visitors and businesses. We have modern efficient communications but our ridgelines are not dotted with cell phone towers. Our houses are warm, sustainable and affordable.



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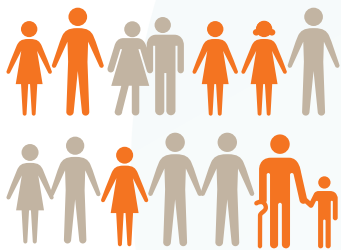
Te Rohe ā-Poari o Aotea

Great Barrier Local Board area



939

permanent residents



55%

of residents are aged 50 years and over

Nearly

60%



of the island makes up the Department of Conservation's Aotea Conservation Park

No reticulated water, sewage, power or public transport



One of

3

places in the world to be designated a sanctuary by the International Dark-Sky Association



Data source: Statistics New Zealand 2013 Census.



Heritage and Arts Village with the restored Radio Hauraki Tiri Buoy.

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.

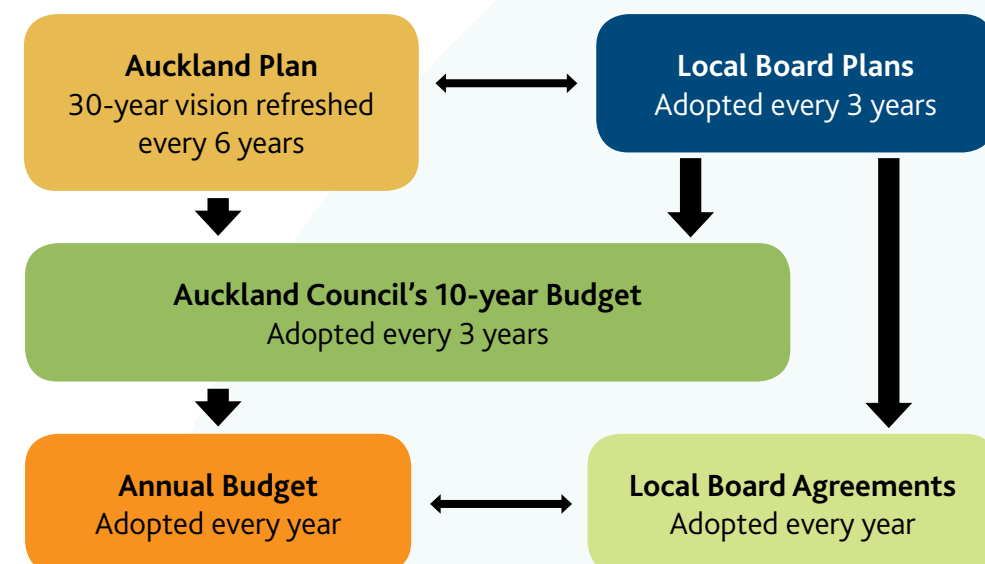
Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

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 they 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.





Leonard Rainbird on Aotea FM; a solar powered, volunteer run, community radio station.

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere Developing our plan

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

During May and June 2017 we consulted on a draft of this plan for feedback. The draft was developed by considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you over the last six years and heard your views on a wide range of things. We also considered strategies and aspirations for our island contained in the following key plans and policies:

- Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea: Hapū Management Plan and Strategic Plan 2013-2018
- Auckland Council: Auckland Plan, Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2012, Regional Pest Management Strategy 2007-2012, Low Carbon Auckland 2014, Auckland Growing Greener 2016
- Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari 2016
- Aotea Great Barrier Island community's Ecology Vision 2016
- A Micro-Abattoir on Aotea Great Barrier Island feasibility study 2015
- Affordable Housing feasibility study 2015.

While writing our plan, certain recurrent themes emerged. We have developed them into guiding principles that will apply across all our initiatives, as we believe they are the key to making a real difference for our community:

- Infrastructure that fits with our environment and is future-proofed e.g. alternative energy sources, zero waste solutions and low carbon systems
- Island economic sustainability e.g. projects/businesses becoming self-funded over time and growth of local employment opportunities
- Support for mana whenua aspirations.



Local children at the official launch of the Aotea / Great Barrier Island International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

Whakaotinga: Ka piki te ora ka hua te pai ki tō tātou iwi **Outcome: Our people thrive and life is good**

He aha te mea nui o te motu o Aotea? He moana, he whenua, he rangi, he tāngata.

What is the essence of Aotea / Great Barrier Island? It is the sea, it is the land, it is the sky and it is the people.

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Opportunities

- Our successful capital grant fund has assisted community groups to own, maintain and enhance their facilities without the need for council facilities to be developed.
- Our financial support in collaboration with the Ministry of Education to kick-start the Aotea Learning Hub, alongside community groups Orama Oasis and the Aotea Learning Hub Steering group, will help give our secondary students the education they need for the future.
- We are currently completing a heritage survey and the findings will provide a great basis for developing a heritage plan.
- We are working on an Aotea Great Barrier Island Life-Long Learning strategy to help strengthen education opportunities for our pre-schoolers, youth and adults. We will also be investigating options to support our youth attending boarding schools in achieving their secondary school aspirations.
- The Governing Body has delegated authority to us to manage and plan for new cemeteries, allowing us to find a potential site at Claris. We will continue seeking a northern site.

Challenges

- Our small population and remoteness has hampered the provision of the nationally available early childhood education entitlement.
- Keeping our new learning hub going and supported will require significant commitment from the community and agencies alike. Awana Rural Women have provided their hall as a temporary hub but the future focus will be for the hub to find its own facility.
- We feel well supported by our health and family support trusts, but it’s always a struggle to fund the services our community needs. We need to look at all options to make sure our people get the care they need.



WHAT YOU TOLD US

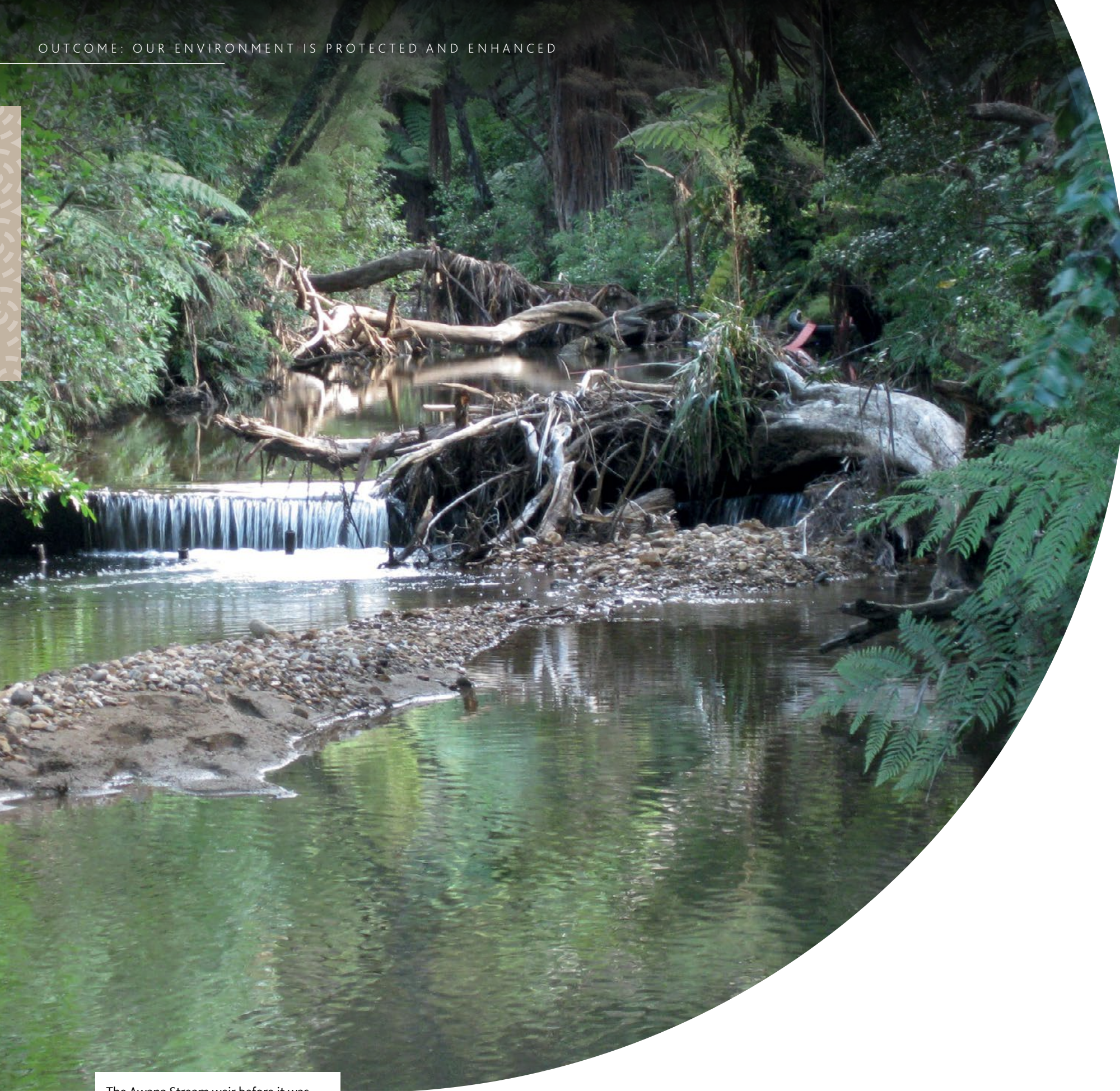
- “I love where I live.”
- “Volunteers are passionate and make things happen.”
- “Life-long learning, a grand plan.”

Outcome: Our people thrive and life is good

Objective	Key initiatives
We support our community groups to do their good work.	Continue to provide grants to our local health, welfare, arts, environment, education and tourism organisations – provided they can demonstrate this funding is used effectively.
	Continue to provide local and capital grants for our community and marae groups targeted at self-sufficiency, resilience and sustainability.
We celebrate and look after our island’s culture and heritage.	Agree collaborative projects with Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea and deliver as funding allows.
	Develop a heritage plan with Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea that incorporates both iwi and settler history, and support the delivery of key projects from that plan.
We recognise and celebrate the uniqueness of our local communities.	With our community, co-create a community spaces and reserves plan to inform design and development of community areas highlighting ecological features, local history and narrative artwork, and implement as funding allows.
	Investigate the establishment of cemeteries in the north and Claris, in consultation with the community.
We support life-long learning.	Develop a life-long learning strategy that coordinates learning opportunities for all ages and attracts investment.



Residents Kat and Jonquil from Barrier Social Club.



The Awana Stream weir before it was removed in April 2017 for fish migration.

Whakaotinga:
Ka tiakina, ka whakapaitia
ake tō tātou taiao

Outcome: Our environment is protected and enhanced

**'Aotea Great Barrier Island: A World of its own, Where People
and Place are Woven in a Tapestry of Ecological Richness'**

— Aotea Great Barrier Island Ecology Vision statement 2016

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WHAT YOU TOLD US

- "Great to hear about the emergency water supply project."
- "Ecology is the most important thing – above all else – above economy – it drives economy."
- "Got to protect what we have got."

Opportunities

- Aotea Conservation Park has increased the profile of our island’s ecology, and with Glenfern Sanctuary secured in public ownership and run by a local trust, we have a fantastic base to advance our ideas for environmental research and education.
- The successful trial of the Claris Tip Stop Shop shows we can reduce what goes to landfill while simultaneously providing things our community needs.
- AoteaOra Trust’s Off the Grid event is a showcase event for the island and a springboard for ideas that we are uniquely placed to lead on. There is a massive opportunity for this event and the island’s high level of alternative power system use to be expanded, for knowledge to be shared and more micro grids created.
- Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari was launched in 2016 and along with the new Marine Protected Areas Act, provides a framework we can use to advance marine protection initiatives.
- Collaboration between community trusts, private enterprise, Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea and DOC is the key to success of environmental projects. One aspect of our new biodiversity officer’s role is to work with DOC and the community to keep lines of communication open to ensure we are working towards the same goals.

Challenges

- The ecology vision project provided some great recommendations but no clear consensus on how best to deal to the island’s pests. To make a real difference, we need to harness the government’s Predator Free 2050 proposal and our own considerable experience, skills and energy.
- The May 2015 sustainability stocktake survey highlighted issues such as our continued reliance on diesel generators and the age of our septic tanks. Tackling these will require a coordinated effort with Auckland Council, other agencies and private individuals.
- The 2014 storm exposed our households’ vulnerable water supplies. Rainwater harvesting has since been included in the Retrofit Your Home programme and we are investigating future water security.
- Transporting goods from the mainland to the island is a major biosecurity issue at our wharves and airports. Pests like Argentine ants and Plague skinks have been found hitching a ride in plants, machinery and clothing. This needs to be tackled with a variety of methods including awareness raising for residents and tourists, buy local campaigns and border checks.
- We live on an island and climate change will have an increasing impact on us. We will need to factor in innovative and adaptive approaches to our long-term low carbon resilience goals.

Outcome: Our environment is protected and enhanced

Objective	Key initiatives
We lead our region in ecological health.	Pursue initiatives from the Ecology Vision document including investigating: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the proposed keystone initiative – The Oases of Aotea• ways to leverage central government and other funding to address our island’s ecological and biosecurity challenges.
	Continue to fund an island-based biodiversity position, initially for three years, to advance agreed community programmes, in conjunction with DOC as appropriate.
	We will lead our island in the Pest Free Auckland programme and Predator Free 2050 proposal.
	Continue to minimise agrichemical use by using alternative methods and advocate to Auckland Transport to follow suit.
We will continue to support the island to achieve off the grid self-sufficiency and invest in infrastructure that safeguards us.	Develop, and start implementing, a sustainability and renewable energy strategy for the island.
	Investigate the supply of clean drinking water.
	Investigate smart energy systems that allow island communities to have their own power systems and pave the way for electric vehicles.
We continue to reduce, reuse and recycle on our pathway to zero waste.	Work with the Governing Body on making council-owned facilities and vehicles run on alternative energy.
	Support island-based groups to help develop a waste recovery centre and reduce what goes to landfill.
	Deliver marine protection and enhancement in collaboration with mana whenua, the community and the Hauraki Gulf Forum, using Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari as a guide.
All our freshwater streams will be healthy.	Continue with targeted freshwater quality monitoring to identify pollution sources (particularly septic systems) and agree actions to resolve them.

Whakaotinga: Ka
āraitia ā tātou tikanga
whakahaere eke noa

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Opportunities

- There is a limited range of housing options across the island for long-term accommodation, or enabling our increasingly older population to stay at home. We need to look at smarter housing options and will investigate recommendations from the Affordable Housing feasibility study.
- The coming integration of Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan into the Unitary Plan provides a perfect opportunity to ensure we develop planning provisions which meet our future needs.
- A substantial investment in broadband infrastructure in recent years has seen significant areas of our island gaining 3G wireless cellphone and internet services. We are looking at ways to address the gaps that still exist in the network.
- Our island has some amazing walks. There are possibilities to loop up some tracks and create great walks in partnership with DOC and the Kōtuku Peninsula, Glenfern, Ōrama Oasis and Motu Kaikōura trusts.

Challenges

- Many of our roads are narrow, winding, unsealed, and unmarked, making them a difficult space to share safely. We will focus on improving certain parts of the existing road network combined with off-road connections, such as walkways and cycleways.
- We have bus shelters but no public transport. Our small population makes a bus service uneconomic so we need to look at different, non-standard models.
- The November 2015 Sandhills Road dust suppressant trial failed to deliver any clear results, but we are supporting a further investigation of products and systems on the market.
- Some of our small coastal roads are under threat from erosion, and with climate change, alternative routes may need to be investigated.



WHAT YOU TOLD US

- “Don’t let the Barrier get as complicated as Auckland with roading/infrastructure.”
- “People are frightened to face what is wrong with their septic/waste systems and can’t afford to fix them.”
- “Some of the costs of building here are out of control.”

Outcome: Our infrastructure is future-proofed

Objective	Key initiatives
We can get around our island in a safe and enjoyable way.	<p>We seek a transport network which is safe, fits with our environment and meets our shared use values by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• improving and linking existing walkways and cycleways and investigating further opportunities to fill gaps in the network, including horse trails• advocating to Auckland Transport to continue investigating the use of dust suppressant products on populated roads.
	Identify key coastal infrastructure needing protection from erosion and develop environmentally sensitive ways to address this.
Our island infrastructure meets our community and visitor needs.	<p>Investigate the development of a 10-year infrastructure investment plan with central government, the Governing Body and our community that focuses on priorities we have identified and accounts for environmental sensitivities.</p>
	Do a strategic review on airport and wharf entry points.
We will work to improve freight and transport affordability and efficiency.	Advocate to our transport providers and central government for affordable, secure and efficient freight and other transport systems.
Our communities will have cellphone and internet coverage.	Advocate to central government and work with telcos to extend coverage, achieving connectivity for 95 per cent of the island by 2024.
Smarter housing opportunities will be explored.	<p>Investigate opportunities arising from the Affordable Housing feasibility study.</p> <p>Seek planning rules through the district plan review that enables housing that meet our needs e.g. subdivision, lot sizes, clustering, small and affordable houses.</p>



Bus shelter along Gray Rd.



Gerald and Caity Endt
from Okiwi Passion.

Whakaotinga: Ka hua
tonu tō tātou ōhanga,
ka tōnui tonu ia

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Opportunities

- We need a visitor strategy to assist community and local business to grow the Aotea / Great Barrier Island economy and ensure growth doesn't negatively impact on our resident community, infrastructure and environment.
- We see Glenfern Sanctuary making a significant contribution to our economy by showcasing our environmental, educational tourism and sustainability future. We are also keen to explore education as an economic opportunity more generally.
- It would be wonderful to see an island marine science research facility with accommodation and connectivity for both students and professionals.
- Dark Sky Sanctuary status has the potential to be a game changer for our island. We must encourage the right level of tourism and ensure any on-island development meets Dark Sky Sanctuary lighting restrictions. This might also be a good time to look into a visitor centre.
- With broadband connectivity improving, there is an opportunity to use technology to increase information sharing, interpretation and education for locals and visitors.
- The Living Wage has been secured for all Auckland Council staff and we would like to see this achieved for all islanders.

Challenges

- The hopes we had from the 2016 abattoir feasibility study can't be realised at this time due to high compliance costs and the challenge in fattening cattle on-island.
- You can't legally purchase fish on-island, so we will further investigate local fish sale restrictions to support Buy Local, reduce packaging and reduce freight of fresh products to the island.
- There is a twofold employment challenge – limited job opportunities within a small market, and a struggle to find people with the right skills for the available jobs. We will be looking at ways to help upskill our people to fill some of these gaps.



Joe Hodgetts from DCL Hire.

Outcome: Our economy is sustainable and prosperous

Objective	Key initiatives
We will continue to work for local jobs for local people.	<p>Aim for contracts to be locally procured and under local management, and to support and upskill contractors.</p> <p>Advocate to Auckland Transport to follow Auckland Council's new procurement approach and directly manage the island's roading contractor.</p>
Our beautiful island is a desired destination.	<p>Work with our community, Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea, DOC and our island-based service providers to develop a visitor strategy.</p> <p>Support Destination Great Barrier Island and our local businesses to improve visitor experiences, explore new tourism opportunities, build local enterprise including eco-tourism and, alongside mana whenua, cultural tourism.</p> <p>Set up an advisory committee to ensure the Aotea Great Barrier Island Dark Sky Sanctuary continues to meet planning and lighting requirements.</p>
More goods and services are promoted and supplied locally.	<p>Implement a Buy Local campaign.</p> <p>Investigate opportunities for the local sale of locally caught fish.</p>
Local employment and business opportunities will be increased.	<p>Promote local business/tradespeople through an online skills and services directory for locals and tourists.</p> <p>Complete an economic survey of home-based businesses to better inform economic planning.</p> <p>Gain a better understanding of public and private investment on the island, and investigate how this can support our plan's outcomes.</p>

WHAT YOU TOLD US

- "Keep as much of the work on island as possible is the ultimate gain."
- "Great Barrier Island doesn't have room for 'tens of thousands' of visitors. So do go carefully, or our treasure will be spoiled forever."
- "Our dark sky is Matariki."

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, as well as ensuring decision-makers are aware of your views and our support for them.

Funding information can be found on page 32.

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.

We are committed to building a strong relationship with Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea which will outline how we work together to improve the lives of all on the island.

We have allocated funding to support resourcing for Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea to engage in mutual issues such as waste recovery and marine protection. We will take an inclusive approach to supporting the aspirations of mana whenua because we believe that what is good for mana whenua is generally good for our whole community.

We have considered the Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust Board's Hapū Management Plan and Strategic Plan 2013-2018 in the development of this plan and seek to develop common outcomes for Aotea / Great Barrier Island.

With its Treaty Settlement in the process of being confirmed, we look forward to working with Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea to support its aspirations for a healthy, well and thriving community.



William Park, Al West and Joel Eves from Aotea Contractors Ltd.

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 Great Barrier Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year is included in Appendix 1 on page 34.

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 36.

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 Great Barrier Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year is \$105,370.

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.

Āpitihanga 1: Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Appendix 1: Financial overview

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

Annual Plan Financials	2017/18 (\$000s)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	2
Local parks, sport and recreation	-
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total operating revenue	2
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	822
Local governance	909
Local parks, sport and recreation	371
Local planning and development	98
Local environmental management	181
Total operating expenditure	2,381
Net operating expenditure	2,379
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	-
Local governance	-
Local parks, sport and recreation	296
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total capital expenditure	296



Popular rest spot above
Palmers Beach.

Āpitihangā 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 on page 34, along with levels of service statements.

More information regarding levels of services, including performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Great Barrier Local Board Agreement 2017/2018. This is available on the council website, aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.



Glenfern Sanctuary viewed from across Port Fitzroy Harbour.
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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.
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 Events services .	<p>Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities.</p> <p>Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting.</p> <p>Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities.</p> <p>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.</p>
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.	
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 the 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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Looking up, south of Medlands Beach,
towards Tryphena.
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