

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O
MĀNGERE-ŌTĀHUHU 2017

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Plan 2017



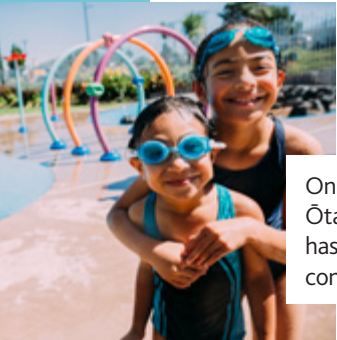
Mihi

Tuia te rangi e tuu iho nei,
Tuia te papa e takoto ake nei,
Tuia ki te waahi ngaro,
ki a raatou maa.
He kura ka tangihia, he maimai aroha.
Ka mihi ki te whare o Pootatau
me te ahurewa tapu o Te Kiingitanga.
Me whakahoonore hoki a Kiingi Tuuheitia,
pai maarire ki a ia me toona whare.
Mai i Te Riu o Waikato ki Te Taahuhutanga
o te Waka o Tainui ki Ngaa Hau Maangere.
Ka titiro atu ahau ki runga. He manu
e rere raa i te tihi o Te Pane a Mataoho.
Ka rere atu raa ki te raawhiti,
ka rangona te moana e tangi tiikapa ana.
Ka huri atu ki te uru ki Te Maanukanuka o Hoturoa
ko te kaahui tipua ka whakamihia.
Ka hoka te manu ki Te Ihu a Mataoho,
ki a Maungataketake.
Kia hiwa raa!
Ko Te Motu o Hiaroa ki tai,
Ko Te Puketaapapatanga a Hape ki uta.
Ka rere tonu ki Te Puukaki Tapu o Poutuukeka
e kiia raa ko 'Ngaa Tapuwae o Mataoho'.
E tau ana!
He ara moo taatou – he kaupapa aa-rohe
hei arataki i ngaa mahi kei mua i a taatou katoa.
Ko te wawata, ka haere whakamua tonu,
kia tutuki ai ngaa whakaritenga katoa,
hei oranga moo te rohe me oona iwi.
Kia ea ai te koorero,
'Te pai me te whai rawa o Taamaki'.

Bind the sky on high,
Bind the earth below,
Bind all that which is not seen,
and them now passed.
We acknowledge and we remember them.
We honour the house of Pōtatau Te Wherowhero
and the sacred mantle of the Māori King Movement.
We acknowledge the leadership of King Tūheitia,
may peace be with him and his household.
From Waikato to Ōtāhuhu where the Tainui waka
was carried overland and then Māngere.
I look upward. There is a bird
at the summit of Māngere Mountain.
It sets flight eastward
where the cry of Tikapa Moana is heard.
He turns westward to Manukau Harbour,
there, the spiritual guardians are acknowledged.
The bird coasts to Ihumātao,
then to Maungataketake.
Heed its call.
There's Puketutu Island out just offshore,
with Puketāpapa inland.
His flight journeys on to Pūkaki (Crater)
also known as The Sacred Footprints of Mataoho.
There, he rests.
This is a path for us – a neighbourhood endeavour,
designed to lead the work that lies before us all.
We hope that progress continues
until all aspirations are met,
for the benefit of the region and all its people.
May the axiom hold,
"The wealth and abundance of Tāmaki."

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On the cover: The water play area at Tōia – Ōtāhuhu’s library, pool and leisure centre has been a hit with youngsters since the complex opened in 2015.

He kōrero mai i te Heamana From the Chair



Talofa lava and greetings.

It is my pleasure to present our Local Board Plan 2017 on behalf of the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board. This is our strategic direction for the next three years across the following six outcomes, and the third plan since the amalgamation of Council in 2010.

Our board genuinely appreciates the time you have taken to provide views and comments to finalise this plan. These will be at the forefront of our various programmes over the three years.

We want a thriving local economy that attracts and supports business, with a particular focus on young people gaining skills. High on our list is support for social enterprises, and mentoring talent and skills. We will also continue to support tourism efforts that boost our local economy.

Our local communities are of many cultures. We continue to celebrate diversity, and to be the heart of Māori and Pasifika culture. We aim to acknowledge diverse cultural identities through programmes and events in our facilities and arts brokering that brings community groups and artists together.

Protecting our natural environment and heritage requires a balance between

development and preservation. We want to improve the Manukau Harbour and its coastline as well as the Tāmaki Estuary.

We value our wāhi tūpuna (sites or areas of ancestral significance) and wāhi tapu (places sacred to Māori). We are excited that there is a great opportunity to recreate the historic Ōtāhuhu Portage route, to make it an open accessible area for future generations and in showcasing this narrative.

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu needs well planned, connected and safe public transport and we will continue to advocate to Auckland Transport for better services. We will continue Te Ara Mua – Future Streets to make streets safer.

Community facilities must meet the needs of our diverse area – children, youth and family friendly spaces. We have heard through your feedback the desire for the upgrade of playgrounds and sports fields. Whether it is our libraries, pools and leisure centres, arts centre, sports fields or parks, we want people to have access to spaces and facilities that meet their cultural and life-stage needs. We want to see the Māngere East area develop into a vibrant community hub. We want Centre Park to become a destination through planned investments.

We want a thriving local economy that attracts and supports business, with a particular focus on young people gaining skills.

We want Māngere-Ōtāhuhu to be a place where everyone thrives and belongs. Our communities have a strong cultural and family focus, from young adults, who are our future assets through to seniors.

Active, safe and lively neighbourhoods increase pride and belonging and help us come together to celebrate our cultures.

Our plan will strengthen our decisions and actions over the next three years. We look forward to partnering with you as we deliver the outcomes for our community together.

Ia Manuia,

Lemauga Lydia Sosene
Chairperson
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere Our plan at a glance

We will focus on six outcomes to guide our work and make Māngere-Ōtāhuhu a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



Māngere Bridge Village.

Outcome 1: A strong local economy

Our area attracts and supports businesses. Our community has a range of opportunities to gain skills and employment.



Proud of our Māori and Pasifika cultural identity.

Outcome 2: We are the heart of Māori and Pasifika culture

We celebrate, showcase and share our many cultures, which attract visitors to our area. Our cultural diversity and distinct Māori and Pasifika identities are reflected in, and enhance, the everyday life of our community.



Māngere Mountain.

Outcome 3: Protecting our natural environment and heritage

Our environment is respected. Our spectacular natural heritage sites are national treasures. They are protected and enhanced for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.



Te Ara Mua – Future Streets in Māngere.

Outcome 4: A well-connected area

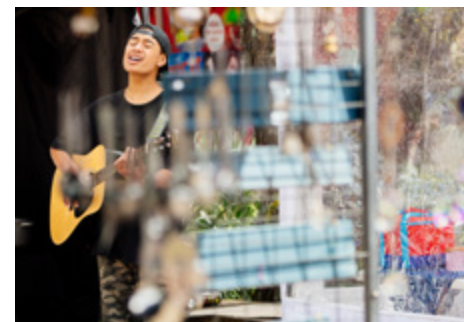
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu is well connected by public transport, cycleways and walkways, making it easy for everyone to get around.



Community facilities in Māngere East.

Outcome 5: Facilities to meet diverse needs

Our community spaces are part of a first-class network. They are popular gathering places used for a variety of activities led by diverse local communities with many interests. They offer choices for people from different cultures and life-stages to take part in local life.



We want positive prospects for our children and young people.

Outcome 6: A place where everyone thrives and belongs

Our communities have safe and healthy neighbourhoods. Our actions ensure positive prospects for the future of children and young people. We come together to celebrate our cultures. We are active and involved in local matters.

Te Rohe ā-Poari o
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
Local Board area



1. Ōtāhuhu Town centre

2. Māngere Town centre

3. Māngere Bridge

4. Māngere East

5. Auckland Airport
6. Puketutu Island

7. Moana Nui-ā-Kiwa Pool and Leisure Centre

8. Māngere Arts Centre

9. Ōtāhuhu Recreation Precinct

10. Māngere Bridge All Tide Boat Ramp

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu is
made up of the suburbs of Ōtāhuhu, Māngere, Māngere Bridge, Māngere East and Favona.



A population of
79,900
projected to increase to 97,000 by 2033

Unique natural features include the Manukau Harbour coastline, Ōtuataua Stonefields and Māngere Mountain.



60%
of residents identify as
PASIFIKA
16%
MĀORI

28%
of residents are children
under 14 with
45% of the population being
aged under 24



- We are home to:
- More than 100 local parks and sports fields
 - 3 community centres
 - 4 libraries
 - 2 recreation centres and swimming pools

Data sources: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Economic profile 2016. <https://ecoprofile.infometrics.co.nz/Mangere-Otahuhu> and Statistics New Zealand 2013 Census.

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 views of their communities on issues of local importance.

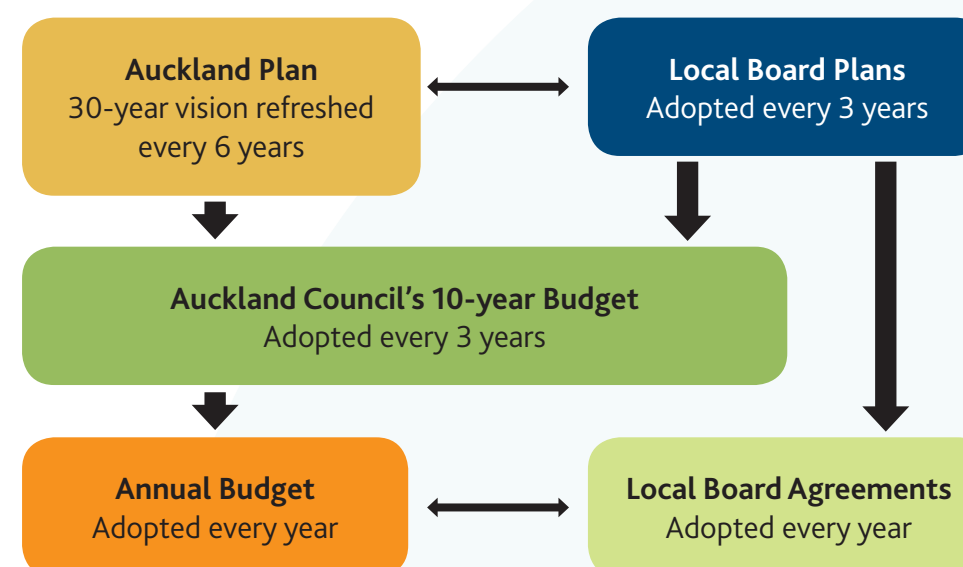
About local board plans

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.

We will work with the community to improve the health of our waterways.





Community event in Ōtāhuhu.

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere Developing our plan

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and key initiatives. Making these happen 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, feedback on consultations for major projects and ongoing engagement with you in the past year.

You've told us your top priority is our built environment, followed by social inclusiveness and cultural diversity. You have also said that we need more prosperity and to focus on Māori and Pasifika values.

In the past, you have actively raised issues including reducing harm from the proliferation of liquor outlets, preserving our local environment and heritage, and the look, feel and sense of safety on our streets and in our public areas. We will continue to give priority to these issues.

This plan also takes account of your feedback on specific projects and plans. Examples include the Ōtāhuhu streetscape upgrade, Norana path walkway, Te Ara Mua – Future Streets, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Paths Plan (formerly Greenways) and the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Open Space Network Plan.

This plan focuses on six outcome areas, and places more emphasis on our tamariki (children), and rangatahi (young people), so that our plan offers positive prospects for their future.

“Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and key initiatives.”



Māngere Bridge Village.

Whakaotinga 1: He ohaoha ā-rohe pakari

Outcome 1: A strong local economy

Our area attracts and supports businesses. Our community has a range of opportunities to gain skills and employment.

We will continue to support opportunities that attract business and employment to Māngere-Ōtāhuhu. Our town centres and lively markets are local hubs and a drawcard for many people from outside our area. We have working relationships with business associations in local town centres and will work with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to make the town centres safe and attractive for residents and visitors.

We want to partner with more businesses and employers to support our young people to be productively engaged and employed. We will focus more on initiatives to support social enterprise, mentoring talent and skills across different sectors such as art, culture, sport and environment.

Our area offers unique natural landscapes, from the Manukau Harbour coastline to esplanade areas, Ōtuataua Stonefields and Māngere Mountain. We will continue to support tourism efforts, leveraging Auckland International Airport's aim to grow tourism and trade. We must maximise the employment, retail and tourism opportunities coming from the airport and many businesses located in that area.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- "I like the idea of partnering with business and tourism providers. However success depends on the right business minded people to assist the board."
- "Changing demographics is not a threat, a little gentrification can bring opportunities for local economy."
- "Be economically stable and recognised for all the value the area offers."
- "The streetscape upgrades cannot attract shoppers and visitors if the shops are struggling to make money and keep selling low quality stuff."

Opportunities

- Having the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Economic Development Action Plan in place and identifying further actions through a refresh of the plan.
- Alignment of Auckland International Airport’s long-term vision with our desire to make Māngere-Ōtāhuhu a gateway for visitors to Auckland and beyond.
- Opportunities for collaboration with Ara, the airport’s South Auckland jobs and skills hub, to connect local people with employers based at the airport.
- Coordinated investment in key locations and routes with the council and council-controlled organisations such as Auckland Transport (AT), external agencies such as the NZ Transport Agency, and other business interests.
- Attracting projects and partnerships that address Māori economic outcomes and concerns.
- Identifying relevant opportunities and links with the role of Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED), in regional programmes, major city events and local economic development objectives for our area.
- Advocating for the council’s strategic procurement of local goods and services to strengthen our local economy.

Challenges

- Average yearly household income of \$59,900 (Census 2013) means many parts of our community do not always have the means to buy goods and services, so we need to look at attracting visitors and businesses from other areas to grow our economy.
- With our area having the highest proportion of young people aged 0 to 24 years (45.4 per cent) and children aged 0 to 14 years (28.1 per cent), pathways to training, skills development and employment are an investment for the future of Auckland.

Outcome 1: A strong local economy

Objective	Key initiatives
Local town centres are attractive, lively and safe.	<p>Continue the Ōtāhuhu streetscape upgrade together with the Governing Body and Auckland Transport to deliver high-quality, connected, safe public areas around the town centre and bus/train station.</p> <p>Fund and partner on projects such as events, training for graffiti management and waste minimisation.</p>
Establish partnerships to increase tourism and investment and help achieve Māori economic development outcomes.	<p>Identify, invite and partner with community organisations and businesses to encourage development of social enterprise to promote local products as well as arts and cultural talents to reach newer/wider markets by using spaces available temporarily, e.g. pop-ups.</p> <p>Leverage tourism opportunities with ATEED, Auckland International Airport, Airport tourism group and iwi organisations.</p>
Improve skills training, and increase employment opportunities for the local workforce, especially Māori and Pasifika youth.	<p>Refresh the Local Economic Development Action Plan.</p> <p>Support initiatives that deliver pathways to youth skills, training and employment, e.g. Youth Connections, YouthFull and the Young Enterprise scheme.</p> <p>Advocate to the Governing Body and council-controlled organisations to support strategic procurement of goods and services that create opportunities for local employment, especially for Māori and Pasifika youth.</p>





Our community is proud of its cultural identity.

Whakaotinga 2: Kei te pūmanawa tonu tātou o te tikanga o te ao Māori me te Moana-nui-ā-Kiwa

Outcome 2: We are the heart of Māori and Pasifika culture

We celebrate, showcase and share our many cultures, which attract visitors to our area. Our cultural diversity and distinct Māori and Pasifika identities are reflected in, and enhance, the everyday life of our community.

Our communities take pride in our Māori and Pasifika cultural identities. This is our strength and a building block for our place and people. We will continue the work started under our last plan, as arts and culture are intrinsic to placemaking and building our economy. We respect and recognise the worth of the many diverse cultures that enrich the history of Māngere-Ōtāhuhu. The increasing cultural diversity is an asset, as more people make the local area their home.

We are fortunate to have the state-of-the-art Ngā Tohu o Uenuku / Māngere Arts Centre and other community facilities offering spaces for creative expression and learning. Showcasing our rich cultural heritage can help attract visitors. We will continue to shape the signature event for Māngere-Ōtāhuhu. Engaging local communities through art and high-quality performances is a goal we want to achieve with you.

Brokering connections, skills and talent across community groups and artists has brought results. Outreach and support to smaller groups has taken art and culture to a wider local audience and we will continue to support these programmes. We want local groups to join forces with us in placemaking to enhance a sense of belonging and connectedness in public spaces.

We will advocate to the Governing Body for art in public spaces to express our Māori and Pasifika cultures, to recognise history and enhance identity, belonging and character.

We want to increase tourism through regional events and programmes and partner with agencies with international connections, such as the Samoan Consulate.

Opportunities

- More than half (60 per cent) of our local communities are Pasifika and 16 per cent are Māori (Census 2013). We can do even more to capitalise our cultural resource in shaping a unique local identity as a point of difference.
- Scope to support and partner with local marae and mana whenua to showcase and celebrate Māori culture.
- Ngā Tohu o Uenuku / Māngere Arts Centre has the potential to leverage wider regional and international networks and become a cultural hub for creative and performing arts.
- Investment in arts brokering and seed funding to connect local artists and community projects.
- Strengthening cultural diversity and understanding to enhance a sense of belonging and connection to people and place.

Challenges

- Attracting tourists and visitors, as we are not yet a destination in our own right.
- Limited local resources and demand on local facilities and spaces means we must use spaces efficiently and maintain the quality of our arts facilities.
- Building capability to support high-quality performances to attract visitors.
- Art and culture may appear to be of lower priority in our area compared with other social issues such as the perception of safety, employment or training.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- You liked “focus on growing cultural activities.”
- It’s critical the work planned has a strong sense of place.
- You liked the board focus on prioritising diversity, particularly Māori and Pasifika outcomes.
- “Very interested to be part of the action.”

Outcome 2: We are the heart of Māori and Pasifika culture

Objective	Key initiatives
Our diverse communities enjoy arts and cultural facilities that are vibrant, creative hubs for connecting, engaging and learning, and expressing identity.	Partner with local groups to promote local talent, learning and cultural exchange and to reach diverse audiences.
	Support projects that use current resources to reach more people in more locations, e.g. Language Week programmes and the use of sign language.
	Provide arts brokering and seed funding to improve access and participation across diverse communities.
Increase opportunities for expression of Māori and Pasifika arts and culture.	Develop and deliver projects that celebrate Māori and Pasifika cultures and build a sense of belonging.
	Identify and deliver local public art projects.
	Work with organisations including Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) to attract visitors to Māngere-Ōtāhuhu for arts and cultural events.



We want to increase opportunities for expression of Māori and Pasifika arts and culture.

Whakaotinga 3: Te ārai i tō tātou taiao taketake, taonga tuku iho

Outcome 3: Protecting our natural environment and heritage

Our environment is respected. Our spectacular natural heritage sites are national treasures. They are protected and enhanced for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.

We understand you value and support residential and business growth but also value our natural environment and heritage areas. This means we must balance both development and preservation.

We will continue to work with other local boards with shared interests in improving the Manukau Harbour and its coastline, and also the Tāmaki Estuary. We want to improve the water quality around the harbour as it is currently ranked as 'poor' (State of Auckland, Marine Report Card, 2016). Everyone must play their part, so we will continue to partner with industry, business, schools and community organisations.

Other initiatives include keeping our area clean and green through restoration planting, weeding and tree planting to increase shade.

Our communities are ready to take positive action to reduce waste and we will support community recycling and sustainable choices with education and awareness projects. However, the council's waste minimisation plan requires longer-term regional investment to make it happen. Together with other local boards in the south, we need budget allocations to local areas if Auckland is to meet the goals of zero waste.

These activities are aligned to the Auckland Plan outcome of a green Auckland.

We value our historical heritage, wāhi tūpuna (sites or areas of ancestral significance) and wāhi tapu (places sacred to Māori). We now have a great opportunity to recreate the Ōtāhuhu Portage route, a site of historical significance that can be made visible and celebrated in modern times. This travelling route for early Māori, and later European settlers, is a point of interest for current and future generations. This is part of the treasured history of our land and a chance to make it accessible and connected for local and international visitors alike.

The board will continue working with Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority to keep alive connections of people with the land and its history. Our area also has a history of European settlers and we will continue preserving these parts of our built heritage.

We want to progress partnerships with mana whenua and mataawaka to celebrate and improve awareness of local Māori heritage and identity. We also want to support programmes that are led by, and include, Māori.

We will partner with mana whenua in their kaitiaki (guardianship) role for places such as Māngere Mountain and Pukaki Crater.

Our partnership with Te Pane o Mataoho / Māngere Mountain Education Trust will continue around shared interests in delivering education programmes about the maunga and its surrounds. We are proud of our investment in relocating King Tāwhiao's cottage, which is expected to become a focal point for future learning about Māori cultural history and heritage.

Opportunities

- Use our ecological prioritisation report to identify sites in parks and reserves for restoration and biodiversity conservation projects.
- Work with other local boards to improve the health of Manukau Harbour.
- Progress the proposal for a southern resource recovery centre to serve southern areas of Auckland.
- Use local knowledge on pest management to protect the local environment.
- Potential to use our significant cultural and environmental assets to boost tourism and make the area a destination.
- Work in partnership and advocate to businesses to encourage waste reduction and maintain clean environments around local town centres.
- Good communication to better engage, inform and educate communities and to equip them to respond to changes in waste management.

Challenges

- The council’s rapid changes in approaches to waste management place a high demand on local communities with low incomes, larger families and many living in rental accommodation. We need to build awareness and capabilities and encourage change in small, achievable steps.
- Different parts of the community – residents, neighbourhood groups, businesses, organisations – must be more proactive in managing and reducing waste.
- Growth and infrastructure development put pressure on the natural environment. We have many open spaces that lack shaded areas. Māngere-Ōtāhuhu is estimated to have the least tree canopy coverage (8 per cent) in Auckland. We need to balance industry needs with residential growth and protect the interests of future generations, so they can enjoy and live in a place with access to green spaces.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “...support the emphasis on the protection of our natural environment, especially the harbour and Ōtuataua Stonefields.”
- “We are passionate about kaitiakitanga through Para Kore or zero waste. We support this as it provides contract opportunities for rangatahi Māori to promote innovative approaches to protecting the whenua.”
- “Focus more on community and environment.”

Outcome 3: Protecting our natural environment and heritage

Objective	Key initiatives
Manukau Harbour and its coastline is clean, improved and protected.	<p>Deliver restoration projects together with community and volunteer involvement.</p> <p>Work with business, schools, marae and community groups to improve the health of our waterways, e.g. industry pollution prevention and Wai Care programmes.</p>
Local heritage is protected, enhanced and recognised.	Identify further actions from the heritage survey of historic buildings and sites, e.g. signage to explain our heritage.
Reduce waste by improving waste management practices in the local area.	<p>Advocate to the Governing Body to invest in, and partner with southern local boards, on projects to achieve waste reduction targets, e.g. a southern resource recovery centre and support for community recycling.</p> <p>Deliver community projects that support and increase awareness of activities for minimising and reducing waste.</p>



Partnering with mana whenua in their role of kaitiaki (guardians) of local places.



Te Ara Mua – Future Streets in Māngere is making things safer for walkers and cyclists in and around Māngere town centre.

Whakaotinga 4: He rohe tūhonohono tonu

Outcome 4: A well-connected area

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu is well connected by public transport, cycleways and walkways, making it easy for everyone to get around.

A place that is well planned, connected and safe makes all the difference to people, business and daily life. It contributes to building a strong local economy and thriving communities.

We want a great, affordable public transport network that is accessible and offers choices. Our advocacy to Auckland Transport (AT) has contributed to our transport infrastructure, and we want to continue to work with, and through, AT and the Governing Body. We will continue to advocate for the completion of changes to road corridor infrastructure to support a fast and reliable bus service on Route 32 to connect Māngere to Ōtāhuhu. The board will also advocate to AT to improve the public transport connection from Māngere to Middlemore Hospital.

We will continue to raise local concerns on regional transport projects with AT, the Governing Body and entities like the NZ Transport Agency. We will continue to watch the East West Link project, and want to see the Old Māngere Bridge replacement serve pedestrians and cyclists rather than vehicles.

Our population is mostly Pasifika (60 per cent) and young people (45.4 per cent are aged 0 – 24 years). Good connectivity is crucial for education, training and work. Mothers and families rely on easy access and safe pathways to get to places to make daily life easier.

“ The Ōtāhuhu streetscape upgrade is as important for the local economy as it is for making our area well connected. ”

Walking is the most frequently cited leisure activity for Pasifika (60 per cent), followed by jogging and running (33.2 per cent). This makes our local paths, walkways, cycleways, parks and reserves very important.

We will continue Te Ara Mua – Future Streets, the pilot project to make neighbourhood streets safe for residents, walkers and cyclists.

You value and use our parks, including Māngere Centre, Walter Massey, Māngere Mountain and Ambury Regional Park. We have adopted our Local Paths Plan and now want to deliver priority routes. The project to recreate the historic Ōtāhuhu Portage route will open the area for recreation, walking and cycling.

Good signage and well-designed and attractive street environments make it easier for people to move around and support active lifestyles. The Ōtāhuhu streetscape upgrade is as important for the local economy as it is for making our area well connected.

Opportunities

- Enhancing major transport projects such as the Ōtāhuhu bus and train interchange, Māngere bus station, and Te Ara Mua – Future Streets.
- Leveraging the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to attract resources and fast-track project implementation.
- Progressing the implementation of the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Paths Plan and the connection priorities identified in the plan.
- Continuing to make street environments safer for residents and pedestrians e.g. Safer Communities programmes at schools in Māngere East.
- Continuing strong advocacy to AT, the Governing Body and the NZ Transport Agency on major projects that delivers a comprehensive transport network for young people and a working population.

Challenges

- Major projects have established a reliable and affordable public transport network, but increasing uptake will take time.
- There are risks that residential and population growth is not fully matched with investment in infrastructure.
- Neighbourhoods that are not adequately served by pathways and other connections.
- Public concerns about safety in public and green areas.
- The transport corridor to Auckland International Airport and its associated businesses creates significant pressure on local roads.
- Competing interests in regional transport planning can compromise local interests.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- "Support use of public transport, would be great to see reduced car parking on main streets of Ōtāhuhu...making it safer for pedestrians and more pleasant shopping experience..."
- "Māngere-Ōtāhuhu in 10 years should be seen with great public transport and walkways."
- "...have public concerns about safety in public places and green areas."
- "Better transport solution to the airport."

Outcome 4: A well-connected area

Objective	Key initiatives
A well-connected area, part of a great, affordable public transport network that makes it easy for all to move around.	<p>Deliver projects with the Governing Body and Auckland Transport including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• improving street connections between the Ōtāhuhu bus/train station and town centre• upgrading the street environment around Māngere East shopping area and community facilities• completing the Māngere town centre bus station upgrade. <p>Support walking and cycling connections around popular parks like Walter Massey and Māngere Town Centre.</p>
Attractive, accessible and safe cycleways and walkways.	<p>Champion and support the Ōtāhuhu Portage route project to open the area for recreation, walking and cycling.</p> <p>Implement Norana path walkway and fund priority Local Paths projects.</p> <p>Continue supporting Te Ara Mua – Future Streets and identify options to increase use of cycleways and walkways.</p> <p>Partner with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa to use digital technology to popularise and increase use of new paths.</p>
Safe, attractive and well-maintained streets for all.	<p>Develop and deliver improvements to Bader Drive, e.g. a roundabout at the Idlewild Road intersection and road widening near Māngere town centre.</p> <p>Fund delivery of seats at bus stops in the board area.</p>



Ōtāhuhu train and bus station.

We will push for coordinated investment and development of community facilities at Māngere East.

The board has adopted a local accessibility plan and will take up every opportunity to implement the standards on key projects. Parks are vital green spaces for a growing residential community, our children and young people.

We want these areas to be safe for active and passive recreation and leisure. Providing play equipment in parks, walkways and planned programme activities are some of the ways we will continue to make the area accessible and attractive for all users.

Our coastal areas are of ecological as well as recreational importance.

You have asked for mangroves to be removed. We have put resources towards this and will ensure the removal is done near pathways, walkways and areas of historic significance. We want people to lead active and healthy lives, and this makes accessibility very important.

Our sports fields and parks are popular and we have worked hard in recent years to improve playing surfaces, parking, lighting and playgrounds. We will work with our partners to make the most of these facilities by turning them into multi-purpose hubs. We will continue funding facilities so that sport and recreation groups can leverage external funding to develop facilities they use on council-owned land.

We also want you to tell us how we can enhance a sense of pride and care towards our shared assets and resources.

The board wants to see recreation and leisure centres well used by the area's diverse communities, so will continue using targeted rates to support adult entry to swimming pools at no charge.

We want to respond to your call for more relevant and accessible community spaces in areas like Māngere East, Māngere Bridge and Favona. Our libraries are popular and we want to maintain current hours in our area.

The council's Community Facilities Network Plan notes a need for community facilities in Ōtāhuhu and Māngere East. We must ensure that our actions for future investments take into account what we already have. For this we need to consider current patterns and changes in how communities use facilities.

Along with investment for improvements around Ōtāhuhu town centre, we want to ensure community facilities at 12-16 High Street are purpose-built to match housing growth.

“There is increasing demand on our 505ha of open space, including neighbourhood and sports parks, esplanade reserves and undeveloped green spaces, so we must prioritise investment.”

We will advocate for joined-up investment from the council and its council-controlled organisations in Māngere East to create a hub for communities and businesses. We will continue to work with stakeholders and support an investigation into community facilities in the wider Māngere East area.

Our decisions must cover the cost of creating assets and facilities from planning through to maintenance and renewal (the whole-of-life span).

Whakaotinga 5: He wāhi urunga e ea ai ōna aronga tuatinitini

Outcome 5: Facilities to meet diverse needs

Our community spaces are part of a first-class network. They are popular gathering places used for a variety of activities led by diverse local communities with many interests. They offer choices for people from different cultures and life-stages to take part in local life.

Community and recreational facilities and spaces are important for our youthful population and family-oriented cultures.

Tōia, the new library, pool and leisure centre in Ōtāhuhu, is a jewel in our area as a premier multi-purpose facility and a destination for people from across Auckland. Ngā Tohu o Uenuku / The Māngere Arts Centre offers top-quality theatre performances, art exhibitions and events that draw international audiences. Local talent and community groups and organisations engage, connect and learn about art and culture. Our art and community facilities are hubs offering a range of activities. There is increasing demand on our 505ha of open space, including neighbourhood and sports parks, esplanade reserves and undeveloped green spaces, so we must prioritise investment. We will prepare new plans to upgrade Māngere Centre and Walter Massey parks – we want Māngere Centre Park to become a destination park.

Opportunities

- We offer rich open spaces and a coastal area with significant cultural value that can be better used to attract visitors and make Māngere-Ōtāhuhu a destination in its own right.
- Our Open Space Network Plan outlines priority areas for investment planning.
- The council’s Community Facilities Network Plan identifies needs in Ōtāhuhu and Māngere East over the next 10 to 20 years.
- Existing community, recreational and arts facilities deliver programmes in multiple locations to increase participation.
- Community programmes have a family-whānau approach to make it easier for families to participate.

Challenges

- Residential and business growth and changing demographics increases demands on facilities.
- Some of our community facilities are in parks and green spaces. These areas are under increasing pressure from residential growth and development.
- Some facilities are tired and rundown.
- Competing interests of different user groups and stakeholders increases pressure for services from current facilities and assets. The additional risks are duplication of services from standalone facilities and limited use as services are not meeting needs of the wider population in the area.
- Finite funding requires new approaches to working together to find shared solutions. It also means more strategic planning and community-led initiatives for future investment.
- Having a high proportion of young people places demands on community recreational facilities and open spaces. Our facilities need to be more relevant to young people and our assets used more efficiently.
- It can be difficult to establish a continued sense of belonging, pride and care towards places and assets when a significant number of families are relatively transient; about 49 per cent of you are tenants (Census 2013).




We will progress concept plans for improvements on local parks, including Boggust Park in Favona.

Outcome 5: Facilities to meet diverse needs

Objective	Key initiatives
Existing facilities and parks and open spaces are high-quality, well maintained and accessible to diverse users.	Commence delivery on concept plans to improve parks and reserves, e.g. Boggust, Sturges and Seaside parks, Kiwi Esplanade and Blake Road Reserve. Fund the development of concept plans for Walter Massey and Māngere Centre parks. Fund enhanced maintenance for Ōtuataua Stonefields.
Collaboration and best use of local community assets and resources is encouraged.	Assess the feasibility of a purpose-built community facility at 12-16 High Street, Ōtāhuhu, to meet growth and development needs.
Local spaces are popular community gathering places that enhance our lives.	Work with The Southern Initiative to deliver family-whānau and a youth focus on programmes in multiple community facilities and places around Māngere town centre. Advocate to the Governing Body, Auckland Transport and Panuku Development Auckland for joined-up planning and investment in Māngere East and its surrounding areas to develop a vibrant local community and business hub.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Boggust and Blake Road reserves need a shared path around it. There are not many places to ride our bikes safely and children get bored of playground equipment.”
- “In the longer term, places in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu should be wheelchair accessible.”
- “The importance given to nurturing the younger generation through free educational and sports activities.”
- “Improvements and stimulus for Mangere East shopping centre.”
- “...would like more investment in Moyle, House Park and Walter Massey Park ...to ensure local communities have access all year round.”



Supporting our young people to connect through arts, sports and culture.

Whakaotinga 6:
He urunga e tupu e whai
wāhi ai te katoa

Outcome 6: A place where everyone thrives and belongs

Our communities have safe and healthy neighbourhoods. Our actions ensure positive prospects for the future of children and young people. We come together to celebrate our cultures. We are active and involved in local matters.

Our vision is to ensure positive prospects for our children and young people.

We want to support young adults to take up leadership in community projects and be safe in smoke, alcohol and drug-free environments. They are our asset, for now and the future, and we want to support their talent, ideas and energy.

Our communities have a strong cultural and family orientation and we want to support activities that encourage participation, healthy lifestyles and active living. We will maintain a child-friendly focus throughout our programmes.

You have told us you enjoy local, family-oriented events as well as recreational and leisure activities. We will support projects that connect people to places, neighbourhoods and across diverse cultures. We care for our seniors and will encourage intergenerational projects to share knowledge and bring together seniors with our young adults.

Active, safe and lively neighbourhoods and town centres contribute to thriving communities that increase a sense of pride and belonging. We will continue to support walkways and cycleways, and quality sports fields and parks.

We will advocate to the Governing Body to monitor the quality of boarding houses and their surroundings in the local board area.

Our communities have a strong cultural and family orientation and we want to support activities that encourage participation, healthy lifestyles and active living. We will maintain a child-friendly focus throughout our programmes.

Opportunities

- Leveraging opportunities from regional events and partnerships to attract events to our area.
- Communities have a sense of Māori and Pasifika identity, and are oriented to family-whānau cultures.
- Helping communities to reduce alcohol harm in their neighbourhoods.
- Gaining Māori input into our decision-making.
- Partnering with secondary schools to support young adults to reach their potential.
- Leveraging programmes and initiatives run by The Southern Initiative and to upscale successful models and ideas to the wider board area.
- Implementing the local accessibility plan.

Challenges

- Our communities have low incomes, employment rates and education as well as people living in rental accommodation and low access to personal vehicles.
- Opportunities offered through grants and programmes are not always well known or easily accessible to our communities.



Outcome 6: A place where everyone thrives and belongs

Objective	Key initiatives
Young people are engaged, have a voice and contribute positively in local matters.	Support initiatives that focus on education and employment outcomes, especially for Māori and Pasifika young people.
	Support opportunities for young people to engage and connect with each other through arts, sports and cultural activities.
	Support rangatahi leadership and co-development of actions with tamariki and rangatahi.
Increase the sense of safety in neighbourhoods and reduce harm from gambling, alcohol and synthetic drugs.	Advocate to the Governing Body to finalise the local alcohol policy.
Increase opportunities for active, healthy living, and community involvement and connectedness.	Support community initiatives through contestable community grants and focus on local priorities.
	Support seed and sustainable funding models for event partnerships.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "Support this....because belonging is what everyone wants."
- "I like how we as a younger generation are included with decision making of the future changes to better our futures and also of our kids."
- "It's very firm and appreciate the fact that you have considered the community's diversity."
- "Encourages a healthier and safe living environment in my community."
- "Funding activities for youth will also reduce crime."

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 40.



Our area boasts a host of lively markets at Māngere, Māngere Bridge, Ōtāhuhu and Māngere East.

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.

The local board wants to increase its commitment to iwi and partnership with them. In the past three years, we have engaged with mana whenua and supported initiatives to address both Māori and shared outcomes for our communities. Over the next three years, we will take that further in a working group with other southern boards to establish genuine partnerships with iwi and gain Māori input into board decision-making.

We want to build the skills of our elected members in te reo Māori, tikanga Māori (protocols and customs) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi. We continue to develop opportunities for mana whenua to set and agree expectations and we want to develop more effective Māori participation in democracy.

We will actively support co-management of natural heritage sites and kaitiaki (guardianship) roles, and include cultural landscapes and sites of significant wahi tapu in local heritage plans.

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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year is included in Appendix 1 on page 42.

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 44.

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 Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year is \$560,834.

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.

Āpitihangā 1: Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Appendix 1: Financial overview

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

Annual Plan Financials	2017/18 (\$000s)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	340
Local parks, sport and recreation	1,117
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total operating revenue	1,457
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	8,142
Local governance	1,065
Local parks, sport and recreation	6,730
Local planning and development	1,743
Local environmental management	160
Total operating expenditure	17,840
Net operating expenditure	16,383
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	940
Local governance	-
Local parks, sport and recreation	5,027
Local planning and development	2,343
Local environmental management	-
Total capital expenditure	8,310



Local playgrounds, like this one at Tōia in Ōtāhuhu, are a hit with kids.

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, along with levels of service statements.

More information regarding levels of services, including performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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. Local recreation includes swimming pools and leisure centres servicing communities in the local area.	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 Events 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.

Ngā mema o tō Poari ā-Rohe o Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

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View from Māngere Mountain.



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