

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O WAIHEKE 2017

Waiheke Local Board Plan 2017



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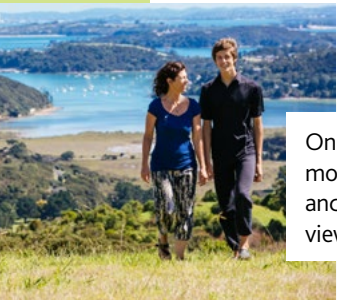
Titiro ki te Pane o Horoiwi,
ka whakapukepuke, ka whakatiketike ki waho rā.
He kawau, he kawau, he kawau!
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna tōrea.
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna ki Waitematā.
Ko koutou ēna e ngā mataawaka
i rite ai te kōrero,
*Ngā waka o Taikehu me he kāhui kātaha
kapi-tai, ka eke!*
Kua eke, hui e, tāiki e!
Te noho nei au i te kūrae i Takaparawhā,
ka titiro whakawaho ki a koe Aotea
e tū hihiwa mai rā i te pae o te moana o Hauraki.
Ka hoki whakaroto ake aku mihi ki a Waiheke,
ki a Rangitoto te pueanga mutunga a te moana.
Kia ū mai anō au ki te one i Ōkahu,
kia takahia e au te rārangi maunga i uta.
Ki te tonga ko Maungarei,
kei raro ko te Kōpua Kai a Hiku.
Ka rere mā roto ki Puketāpapa,
kia piki au ki Maungakiekie,
Tūpo-o-te-tini.
Ka whakamau taku haere mā
te Ahikāroa a Rakataura kia taka atu au
ki te Ara Whakapeka o Ruarangi.
I konā, ka aro tika atu au ki a koe e
Maungawhau te tū whakahira tonu mai nā
i te pū o te wheke,
kua werohia nei e te Tūkoi o te Rangī,
kia pokanoa au ki te pepeha a Tītahi,
*“Koia te pou whakairo ka tū ki Waitematā
i ōku wairangitanga”,*
kia whakaotihia noa ai ki te kōrero rā,
Te pai me te whai rawa o Tāmaki.”

Look to the sandbanks at Achilles Point,
rising majestically out there.
It is the visiting cormorant!
It has alighted onto the beach of the oystercatcher.
A distinguished visitor has come to the Waitematā.
It is you the descendants of the ancient voyagers,
those who embody the axiom,
*The canoes of Taikehu, like shoals of herrings
on the tide, you have arrived!*
The connections are made!
So here I sit on the headland at Bastion Point,
and I look out to Great Barrier Island
shimmering on the Hauraki Harbour.
Returning my gaze to Waiheke and then
to Rangitoto, the last gift from the sea.
Once more I stand on the shore at Ōkahu,
from where I can traverse the ancient peaks.
To the south is Maungarei
below which lies the Panmure Basin.
Flying inland I come to Puketāpapa
from where I scale Maungakiekie,
resting place of those who have gone before us.
I follow then the pathway to
Mount Albert and down
into Point Chevalier.
From there I return to
Mt Eden, shining gem
at the heart of the great city,
lanced by the sky tower so that I might
appropriate the prophecy of Tītahi who said,
*“A tower that will stand in the Waitematā -
that is what I saw in my feverish dream”,*
and to end it with the maxim,
“So flows the goodness and riches of Tāmaki”.

Ngā upoko kōrero

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On the cover: Waiheke local mother and son team, Wenday and Baxter, enjoying the 360 views at the top of Trig Hill.

He kōrero mai i ngā Heamana From the Chairs



It's our privilege to present our Waiheke Local Board Plan 2017. We live in a very special place and this plan presents us with an opportunity to ensure it remains so.

Over the years you have been clear about what you think our priorities should be. Many of the ideas in this plan have come from you through past feedback, community discussions and Essentially Waiheke consultation.

We have a world-class destination that attracts huge visitor numbers, but that's only going to be the case as long as the environment and character of Waiheke is preserved.

This includes supporting our thriving arts and crafts industry and small businesses and most importantly, encouraging and enabling a diversity of job opportunities. Ensuring our community has healthy, safe and affordable housing options is also a priority.

We need to manage the impact of visitors to ensure that it builds on and reflects the best of Waiheke, instead of having a negative effect. This includes investigating new sources of revenue to support increased services, infrastructure maintenance or improvement projects.

We will continue to support a range of initiatives that enhance and protect our natural environment and take into account the possible effects of climate change. This includes restoring and protecting our wetlands, streams and waterways and investigating other marine protection methods such as marine reserves.

Our roading infrastructure needs to improve. We will continue to ensure water sensitive design and stormwater management principles are incorporated into all transport projects.

Locally-led planning and placemaking is another focus. Essentially Waiheke is our community voice and we will be advocating to the council's Governing Body to use this document as a guide for future planning and development strategies.

Mātiatia continues to be a priority. Implementation of the strategic plan will require strong advocacy to the council's Governing Body and council-controlled organisations; Panuku Development Auckland, Auckland Transport and Watercare. It will provide you with an opportunity to have input into the future direction and long-term aspirations for this important and much-loved gateway. Some Mātiatia projects can be progressed within our existing resources and others will require alternative funding mechanisms or partnership opportunities.

We have a world-class destination that attracts huge visitor numbers, but that's only going to be the case as long as the environment and character of Waiheke is preserved.

To successfully deliver on this plan, we all need to work together – the council, central government, businesses, mana whenua, mataawaka, community organisations and residents.

Paul Walden and Cath Handley,
Chairs
Waiheke 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 Waiheke a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



View of Mātīatia Bay from the Harbourmaster building.



Oneroa is a drawcard for tourists.



Waiheke is world-famous for its stunning views and natural environment.

Outcome 1: Inclusive planning and placemaking

Using Essentially Waiheke, we will work to ensure our unique character is protected and enhanced. This community-approved strategy, which provides a framework for achieving sustainable development and environmental outcomes, will be at the forefront of our decision-making.

Outcome 2: A sustainable economy and positive visitor experience

Our unique assets mean Waiheke is now one of the world's most desirable tourist destinations, bringing both opportunities and challenges. In order to preserve what makes this place special, we will continue to investigate new sources of revenue to support increased services, infrastructure maintenance or improvement projects.

Outcome 3: Waiheke's environment is treasured

Our natural environment defines us, and we will restore and protect it in partnership with the community. Academic and citizen science programmes will help us understand and support the health of our aquatic environment, and we will support the development of an environmental and marine education centre.



Chris Bailey, Huhana Davis and Toi Te Rangiuaia (Paora) (left to right) standing in front of Pirihahi Marae.



All ages enjoy the local skateboard park.



People walking down to Mātīatia on the shared cycling / walking path.

Outcome 4: Thriving, strong and engaged communities

We celebrate that Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity, and that we remain a diverse, close-knit community where our differences are valued. We will work with community networks to forge a way forward together, and encourage all people to be involved and active in local issues.

Outcome 5: Vibrant places for people

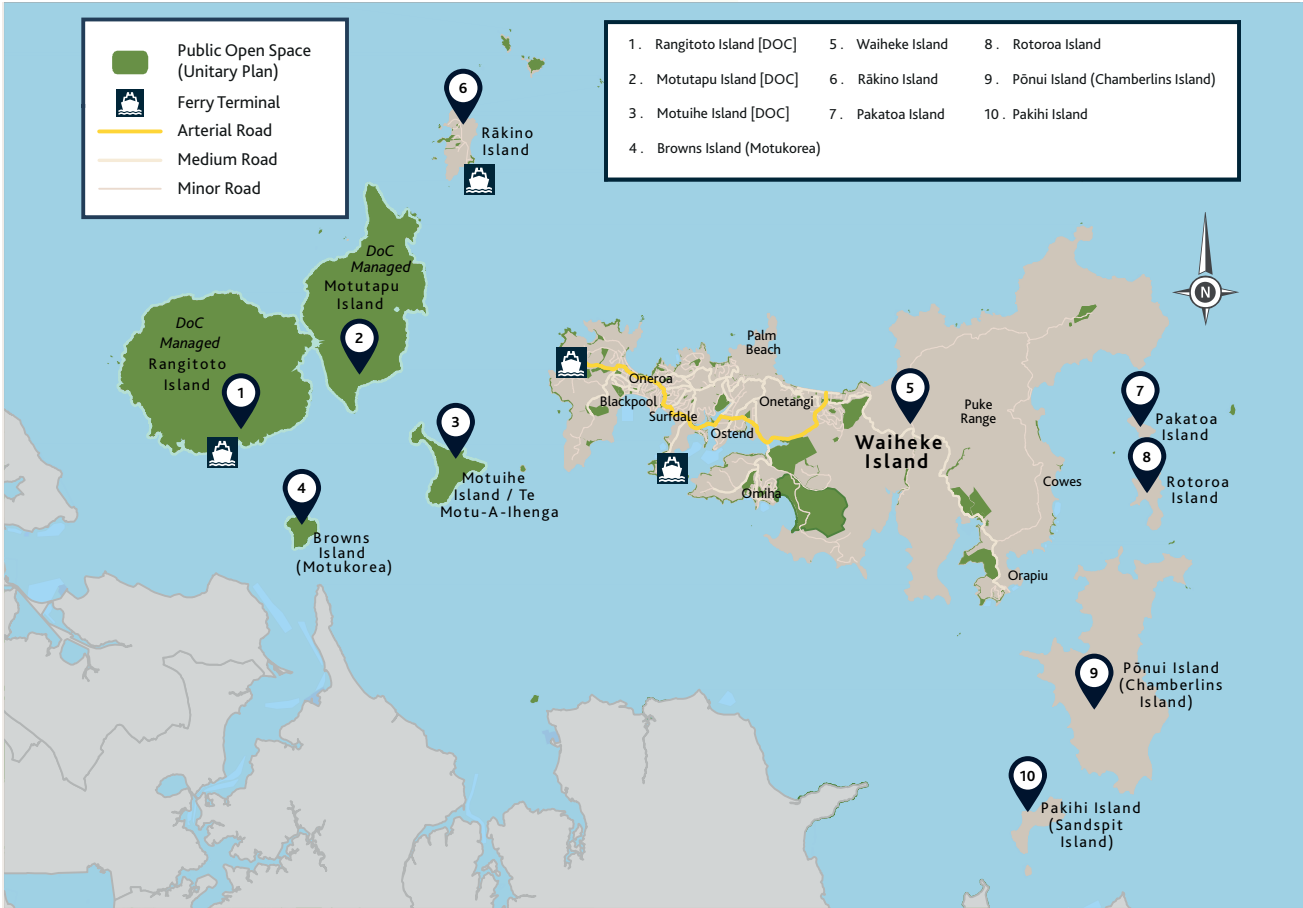
We will develop reserve management plans to ensure park use and development aligns with our values and aspirations. Our parks, reserves and beaches are some of our greatest assets, and well-used and accessible parks and open spaces remain a key goal.

Outcome 6: Transport and infrastructure

We need transport solutions that benefit our community and enhance our environment. Well-designed, connected transport routes between our beaches, schools, recreation hubs and villages are critical. We will develop walking, cycling and horse-riding networks while advocating with Auckland Transport for safe and accessible connections to key amenities and services.

Te Rohe ā-Poari o Waiheke

Waiheke Local Board area



The Waiheke Local Board area includes Waiheke Island along with Rangitoto, Motutapu, Motokorea, Motuihe, Pōnui, Rākino and smaller islands, some of which are uninhabited reserves. Waiheke is the largest island.

As at November 2016, the Waiheke Local Board area (including Rākino and Pōnui Islands) was home to an estimated 9250 people.

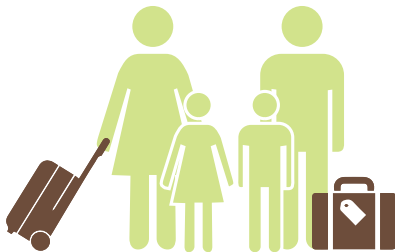
Its population has increased by 620 (6.7%) since 2013 census. More than one million people visit Waiheke each year.

Waiheke Island has around 40km of beaches and the eastern part is mostly farmland, vineyards and a regional park.



A population of
9250*
an increase of 7% since 2013 census

Waiheke Island is
19 km LONG
with a surface area of **92km²** and **133km** of coastline



More than
1 million
people visit Waiheke each year

We are home to:

85
parks and reserves



2
sports parks



1 marine reserve

Te Ara Hura
100 KILOMETRE
round-island walking track



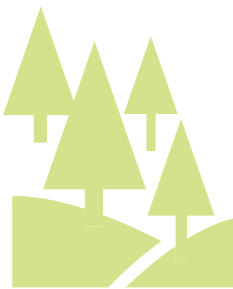
Artworks precinct includes:

1 library

a cinema, theatre and community art gallery

Whakanewha Regional Park

270 hectares of
• bush
• forest
• beach
• wetlands



*Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2015) and 2013 Census.



Oneroa is a busy town centre and a hub for visitors to the island and locals.

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.

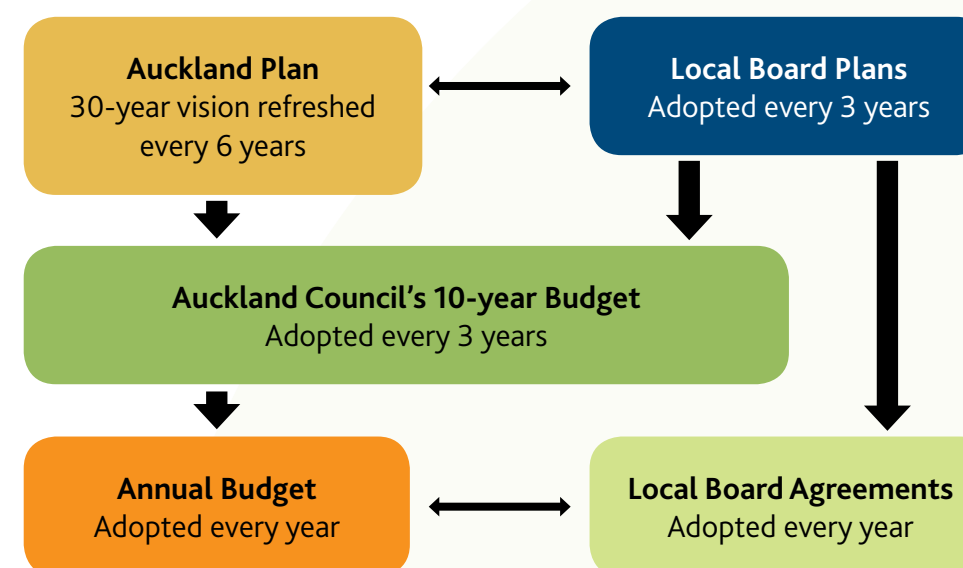
Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

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.





Moeroa McIver enjoying the beach-side playground at Little Oneroa.

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere Developing our plan

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

We have identified these by considering what we know about our community, what you have told us is important, and where we think we can make the biggest difference.

One of these areas is increased local decision-making. As a result of the Governance Review in 2016, a pilot programme will start on Waiheke from 1 October 2017.

The pilot seeks to provide an increased level of decision-making to be devolved to the Waiheke Local Board, and greater flexibility on matters such as transport and place-shaping projects. The pilot will also provide an opportunity for local policy issues to be explored and for increased local operational leadership.



As the location for the main passenger ferry service, Mātiatia fulfils an important function as a gateway to the island.

As a board, we will advocate for cultural, social and environmental impacts to be key considerations for all development and activities in our area with the aim of retaining our unique and distinct character. We will ensure our community has a strong say in the planning and development of local places and council facilities.

Mātiatia Strategic Plan

Mātiatia is the busiest transport hub for residents and visitors to Waiheke, and one of the busiest in the Auckland region. We recognise its value and importance for both our commuters and visitors to the island. It will be an important focus for the board.

While there are many opportunities to improve this gateway, developing an agreed strategy which reflects our community's aspirations, embraces the area's cultural significance and provides for future infrastructure needs, has been challenging.

We are developing and intend to implement the Mātiatia Strategic Plan to provide a coordinated approach to improving this area and its facilities for residents and visitors alike, and to enable outcomes that address long-standing issues and provide for future needs.

The plan will incorporate ways to better address traffic and public transport flows and to create safe, functional facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

We will work to ensure visitor services and information are easily accessible. We will also look at developing concept plans for the surrounding open space that provide for the future needs and aspirations our community has for the Mātiatia area. Heritage and environmental values will be protected and enhanced.

“We recognise Essentially Waiheke as our community voice and a guide for future planning and development.”

Whakaotinga 1: Hanga mahere me te tohi wāhi ngātahi

Outcome 1: Inclusive planning and placemaking

The character of Waiheke is protected and enhanced in line with the principles of Essentially Waiheke.

Adopted in 2000 and refreshed in 2016, the Essentially Waiheke strategy sets out a community-approved framework for achieving sustainable development and environmental outcomes.

We recognise Essentially Waiheke as our community voice and a guide for future planning and development. We expect it to be at the forefront of decision-making for our islands, and we are committed to ensuring its values and principles are considered and central to the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan and succeeding planning documents.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- "Our board plan recognises and understands the value of protecting our environment, our cultural values and our social character."
- "The plan signals an appropriate development strategy for Mātiatia. Visitor, resident and commuter needs must be better balanced."
- "Essentially Waiheke 2016 should be the permanent base for any council and business plan on the island. It is the voice of a community tired of answering questions / consultations."

Upgrades to Waiheke Library and Artworks precinct have created a public space that is well used and loved by the local community.

Outcome 1: Inclusive planning and placemaking

Objective	Key initiatives
A regulatory environment which protects and enhances the unique character of Waiheke’s people and environment.	Ensure that the principles of Essentially Waiheke are given effect in the council’s operations, strategies and policies and into the regulatory frameworks, including the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan.
	Establish design criteria for our built environment that will be applied to resource consent applications.
	Advocate to the council’s Governing Body for the retention and acquisition of parks, esplanade reserves and open spaces.
A water sensitive community.	Promote initiatives that minimise adverse effects of stormwater run-off and encourage the use of water sensitive design practices.
	Monitor the performance of septic systems and extend the retrofit programme.
Planning that enables local placemaking.	Develop and implement area and precinct plans with full involvement of affected communities.
	Progress scoping and implementation of a Mātiatia Strategic Plan through the use of existing resources and advocating for new funding to the council’s Governing Body or central government and by investigating partnership opportunities.



The playground at Palm Beach gets a great deal of use all year round.

Whakaotinga 2: He ōhanga
hua tonu me te āta tiaki pai
i te manuhiri

Outcome 2: A sustainable economy and positive visitor experience

Our Waiheke community has a strong, independent, entrepreneurial spirit and our natural assets provide many economic and lifestyle opportunities.

Waiheke's attractive natural landscape, its engaging and artistic community, its vineyards and food outlets, and proximity to Auckland mean it is now viewed as one of the world's most desirable tourist destinations. This has brought with it both opportunities and challenges.

The last 20 years have seen significant changes to our demographic and economic make-up. Our infrastructure and environment now face the significant challenge of supporting not only the needs of our 9250 residents, but also the one million plus people who visit each year.

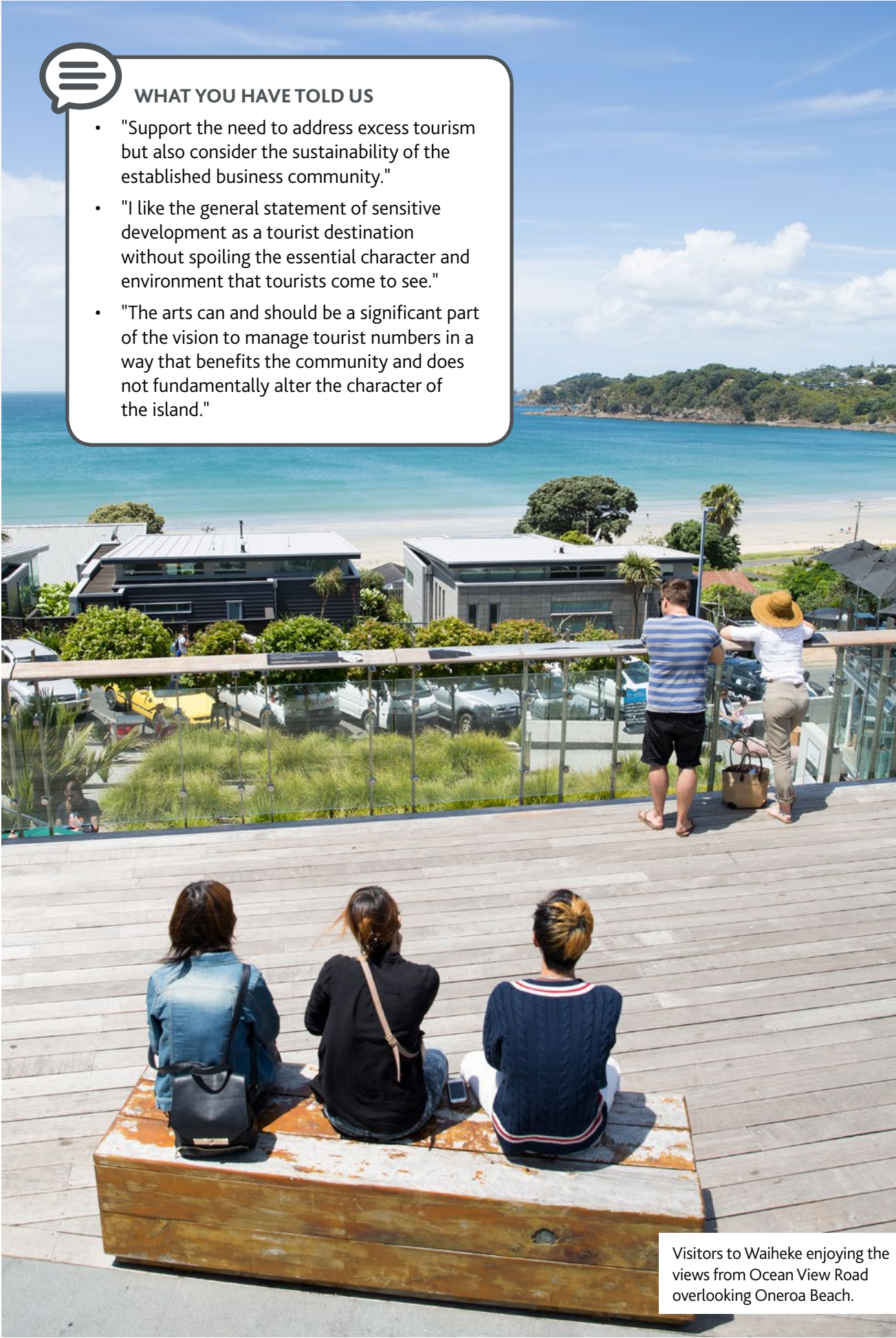
“Our infrastructure and environment now face the significant challenge of supporting not only the needs of our 9250 residents, but also the one million plus people who visit each year.”

To maintain the island's social, cultural and environmental character, any economic activity on Waiheke must balance development with impacts on the environment and infrastructure, to ensure the community's lifestyle is not adversely affected.

In order to preserve what makes this place special we will continue to investigate new sources of revenue to support increased services, infrastructure maintenance or improvement projects.



Waiheke hosts a huge number of tourists during the summer season with over 40,000 visitors a day coming to the island.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- "Support the need to address excess tourism but also consider the sustainability of the established business community."
- "I like the general statement of sensitive development as a tourist destination without spoiling the essential character and environment that tourists come to see."
- "The arts can and should be a significant part of the vision to manage tourist numbers in a way that benefits the community and does not fundamentally alter the character of the island."

Visitors to Waiheke enjoying the views from Ocean View Road overlooking Oneroa Beach.

Outcome 2: A sustainable economy and positive visitor experience

Objective	Key initiatives
Ensure our tourism industry is sustainable.	Investigate a visitor levy and advocate to the council's Governing Body and central government to fund visitor infrastructure. Develop a Sustainable Tourism Strategy.
Support Waiheke's recognition as an arts destination.	Develop an Art Strategy to inform future public art acquisition and location and to support the arts community to enhance their contribution to a unique visitor experience. Advocate to the council's Governing Body for harmonisation of funding for art galleries.
Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island's character.	Work with local businesses to promote activities that retain and enhance our natural environment. Support small business and high value industries, and foster collaboration and local skill development. Partner with universities and businesses to create opportunities for young people and a range of job opportunities. Target growth of the free independent traveller. Promote the establishment of a small business hub. Advocate to the council's Governing Body for local decision-making with respect to trading on public space, including beaches and road reserves.



The Waiheke Backpackers Hostel is owned and managed by the council. It offers both short and long-stay options.

Waiheke and its surrounding landscape are located within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, and are known for their spectacular views and beautiful natural environments.

We acknowledge the importance of our natural environment to Māori and will work with mana whenua and mataawaka to achieve our combined environmental aspirations.

Community education and volunteer programmes have a crucial role to play. We will foster partnerships and collaborative relationships with volunteer groups committed to protecting and enhancing our wetlands, native bush and bird life.

We will promote best practice for environmental management, including stormwater, wastewater, wetlands, weed and animal pest control. Use of agri-chemicals on council land on Waiheke is restricted unless the board approves dispensation.

Marine environment

We want to understand the health of our marine environment and the best ways to protect and preserve it. We will carry out targeted ecological research and monitoring, and support academic and citizen science programmes to help us understand and support our aquatic environment. We want to build an environmental education centre to provide a base for this work. We will further the development of a network of marine reserves and marine protection methods.

Waterways, weeds and pests

Waiheke means "cascading waters". Wetlands cover 1.3 per cent of our land with many being nationally significant because they are relatively intact. Their function supports the health of the gulf, including flood control and water filtration. Protecting and restoring our wetlands, enhancing our waterways, and protecting mangroves is a priority.

We want to support our animal and plant biodiversity by developing and implementing a pest-free plan. This includes developing a coordinated approach by all agencies working to protect and restore the environment to ensure we have a prioritised approach that ensures best return on investment of funds.

Currently Waiheke is free of kauri dieback and it is vital this continues.

Waste management

Most of our waste is transported to a landfill on the mainland. We support cost effective community-driven initiatives to reduce waste through education, using renewable resources and recycling.

Whakaotinga 3: He mea manawapātia te taiao o Waiheke

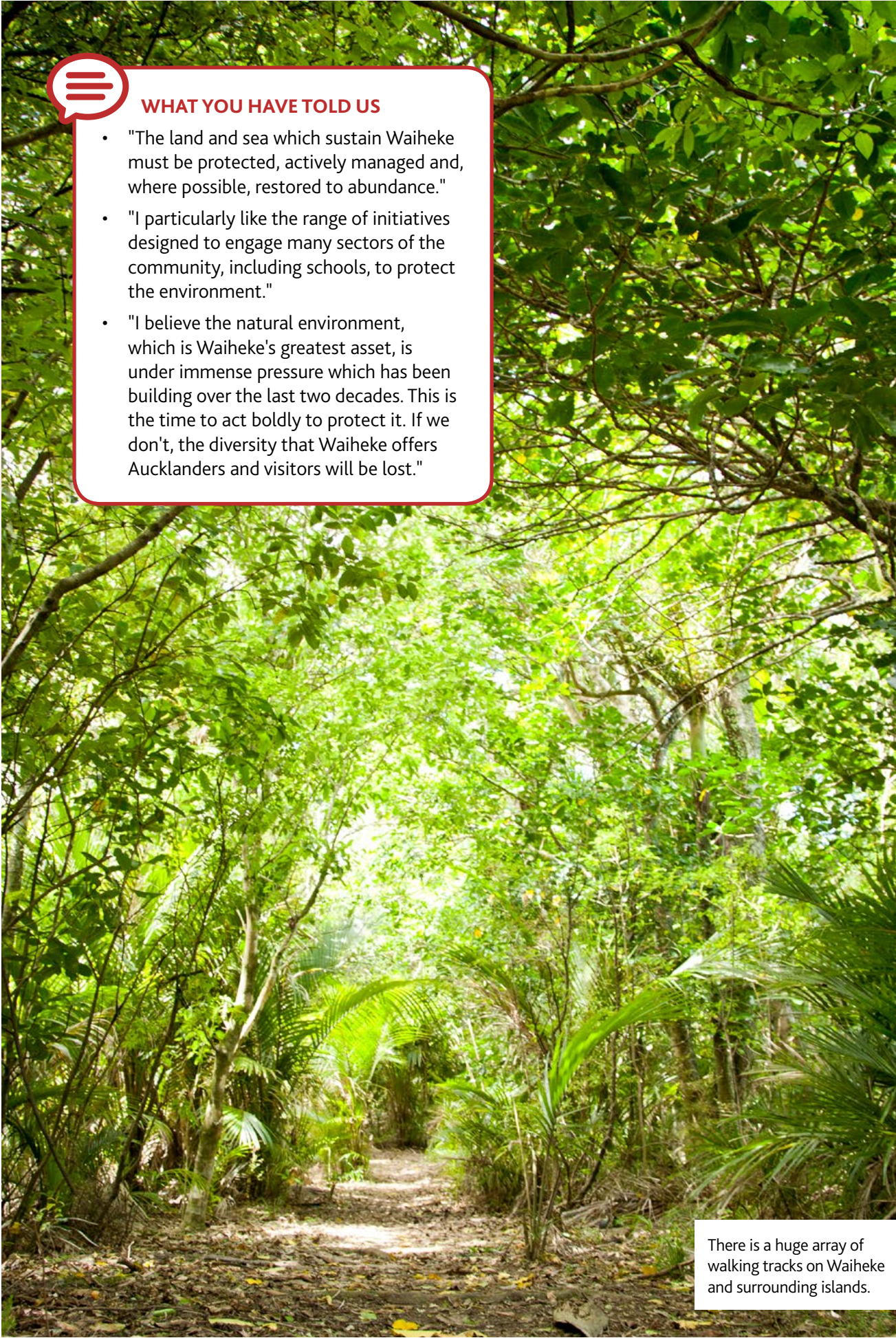
Outcome 3: Waiheke's environment is treasured

We want to protect, maintain and enhance our precious islands, land, coastline, wetland and marine environments for future generations.

Our archipelago is stunning. It's what makes our place both special and unique.

We must ensure that our streams, beaches, bays and surrounding gulf are protected and enhanced, and that biodiversity is supported.

“ We will promote best practice for environmental management, including stormwater, wastewater, wetlands, weed and animal pest control.”



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- "The land and sea which sustain Waiheke must be protected, actively managed and, where possible, restored to abundance."
- "I particularly like the range of initiatives designed to engage many sectors of the community, including schools, to protect the environment."
- "I believe the natural environment, which is Waiheke's greatest asset, is under immense pressure which has been building over the last two decades. This is the time to act boldly to protect it. If we don't, the diversity that Waiheke offers Aucklanders and visitors will be lost."

There is a huge array of walking tracks on Waiheke and surrounding islands.

Outcome 3: Waiheke's environment is treasured

Objective	Key initiatives
Restore and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community.	Support academic and citizen science programmes to help understand and improve the health of the aquatic environment.
	Support the development of an environmental and marine education centre.
	Ensure a coordinated approach of all agencies involved in developing and delivering animal and plant pest management plans.
	Continue to deliver wetland and ecological restoration and regeneration projects, working with local schools, the community and other agencies.
	Work to protect our night skies for present and future generations.
Minimise the impact of climate change.	Partner with our schools to support the Sustainable Schools programmes on Waiheke.
	Partner with community organisations and businesses to explore and support sustainable and low carbon living initiatives.
	Monitor and regenerate freshwater ecology including impacts on the receiving environment.
	Pursue the establishment of marine protected areas.
Improve conservation of our coastal environment, including the marine area.	Develop and deliver management plans for our esplanade reserves.
	Complete remediation of the Little Oneroa Stream water catchment.
	Support initiatives that effectively minimise, reduce and recycle waste.
	Plan for the council's shift to user pays waste by building on-island capacity for waste management and minimisation.
Reduce the waste stream.	

Whakaotinga 4: He hapori whai hua, kaha me te mahi tahi

Whakaotinga 4: Thriving, strong and engaged communities

Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity and wellbeing which is enhanced through active community participation.

The make-up of our year-round population has changed significantly over the last 20 years, but we remain a diverse, close-knit community and we value our differences.

Our community is known for its creativity and innovation, and we are aware of the important role arts and culture plays in creating a sense of identity and cohesion. We will use our community grants and partnerships to encourage community-led activities.

Events also play an important part in promoting our identity and growing community spirit. We will support locally-run events and festivals that are consistent with our community's values of being environmentally responsible and encouraging zero waste.

We want our Waiheke and Rākino communities to be resilient and well-prepared. Having robust and well-resourced civil defence and emergency management plans in place is an important part of this. We will work with our community networks, marae and schools to create back-up plans for managing water, communication and accommodation.

Our community is proportionally older than the Auckland average. We want to better understand the needs of our growing senior population, including opportunities for better and more varied housing options, ensuring our island is safe and accessible, and has adequate care services.

We want all members of our community to be involved and active in local issues and will engage with different community groups, including youth, our older population and Māori, when planning for the future.

“ We will work with our community networks, marae and schools to create back-up plans for managing water, communication and accommodation. ”



Piritahi Marae is a strong and very special part of the Waiheke community.



The Waiheke Santa Parade is a much loved opportunity for the local community to come together and have a bit of fun. The local board funds this annual event.

Outcome 4: Thriving, strong and engaged communities

Objective	Key initiatives
Strengthen collaboration with Māori.	Develop a forum for dialogue with mana whenua and mataawaka. Reconvene the Rangihoua Tāwaipareira management subcommittee.
Foster sustainable living and healthy homes.	Develop a Housing Strategy and implement key actions which meet identified community needs. Support the development of on-island aged care and respite options for our residents.
Ensure a resilient and connected community.	Work with the civil defence team to develop civil defence and emergency management plans for Waiheke and Rākino Islands.
Community wellbeing and participation.	Carry out a needs assessment to inform any future development of our Artworks complex. Support youth-centred initiatives that build engagement, resiliency and transitions to adulthood, including a dedicated youth centre and recreation facilities. Establish a "Community Shed". Use community grants and partnerships to support community-led activities using local facilities.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- "The community holds dear its sense of belonging and character. Supporting innovation, creativity and productivity on the island will ensure the community prospers. The community expects full participation in the decision-making process."
- "Housing is certainly an issue for many on the island. Good families who contribute significantly to the character of our island are leaving. We need some creative solutions to keep them on island and reduce the sometimes negative effects of gentrification."
- "I value having elderly people as part of our community and would like to see support for this part of our community to stay on the island."



The Tāwaipareira Reserve is a favourite spot for a range of ages.

Whakaotinga 5: He wāhi hihiri mō te iwi

Outcome 5: Vibrant places for people

Our parks, reserves and beaches are cared for by residents and visitors who enjoy the sport, recreation and leisure opportunities they provide. Our community, arts and cultural facilities are well used and accessible.

Parks and open spaces

Our walkways, tracks, parks, reserves and barbeque and picnic areas offer leisure and recreation opportunities, along with access to our coastline and beaches.

We will develop reserve management plans to ensure park use and development aligns with our values and aspirations. These plans will outline weed and pest control strategies, and promote native bush and wetland regeneration.

Our volunteers play an important role in fostering community identity and looking after our environment. We will continue supporting them by funding initiatives and providing specialist knowledge and resources when required.

Waiheke Island has a rich Māori and European history and we have significant archaeological and heritage features, including pā and wāhi tapu sites, and Fort Stony Batter. We will work with mana whenua and mataawaka and government agencies to ensure these sites are protected.

Recreation

We will continue to improve facilities at Rangihoua / Onetangi Sports Park. The reserve caters for outdoor recreational uses, including team sports, tennis, mountain biking and golf. It also has culturally significant areas, wetlands and regeneration areas, and public access ways.

Our community supports the development of a swimming pool and this is a local board priority. We want to ensure everyone can learn to swim in a safe environment while providing a valuable therapeutic and recreational facility. We will continue to advocate to the council's Governing Body and consider a targeted rate or partnership opportunities to develop a community pool.

Community and arts facilities

Many events and amenities are run from community facilities and we will continue to look at ways to ensure their use is maximised.

The Artworks complex was established in 1991 and serves as an arts and cultural centre. Guided by the Artworks Strategic Plan and needs assessment, we will support the development of Artworks as an arts and cultural precinct, including advocating to the council's Governing Body for an upgrade of the entire complex.

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WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- "I support the review of the arts complex as one of the unique features of the island is the depth of artistic and cultural talent of residents which, in turn, can become a tourist and revenue-generating activity."
- "Inclusion of a swimming pool - there are many children on the island and it is costly and time consuming having to travel to the city to teach our kids to swim safely."
- "Piritahi Marae Committee plays a significant role in the wellbeing of the whole community. The marae breaks down barriers and allows all people to engage positively with aspects of te ao Māori."

Upkeep and improvement projects are ongoing across the island.

Outcome 5: Vibrant places for people

Objective	Key initiatives
Improve the open space network on the island.	Update and develop reserve management plans. Implement concept plans for Alison Park, Little Oneroa Reserve and Tāwaipareira Reserve (the skatepark), as funding allows.
Celebrating and sustaining Māori cultural identity, knowledge and practice.	Work with mana whenua and mataawaka to identify ways to protect taonga tuku iho (treasures and heritage). Support Piritahi Marae to further develop as a local community centre and community agency.
Improve our community's health and wellbeing by providing quality recreational facilities.	Continue to progress the development of a community swimming pool, noting this may require considering a targeted rate and/or partnership opportunities as a means of funding. Improve facilities for island boaties. Continue to improve facilities at Rangihoua / Onetangi Sports Park to meet the needs of its users. Conduct a gap analysis and develop a sports and recreation strategic plan as the basis for future development of infrastructure and land use.
Help our communities to lead active and healthy lifestyles.	Support actions and policies aimed at reducing harm caused by alcohol, smoking, drugs or gambling. Extend the range of smokefree public spaces. Ensure our parks, reserves, walkway and sporting facilities are maintained fit for purpose.
Support the growth of a flourishing arts community on Waiheke.	Complete an Artworks masterplan following engagement with our arts and culture groups and our community.

Whakaotinga 6: Tikanga kawē pāhihi me ngā kaupapa whakahaere

Outcome 6: Transport and infrastructure

We have safe, healthy and environmentally friendly transport and infrastructure with integrated transport options that encourage shared use of the road corridor.

Healthy and safe transport

You have asked for connected cycleways and walkways, and reduced pollution and traffic congestion. Having a good quality and well maintained road network is also a priority.

Rural road design techniques will be used to reduce vehicle speeds. This involves strategies such as maintaining the overhanging native trees and narrow winding roads as natural traffic calmers. To provide for the safe sharing of roads on Waiheke and Rākino Islands, we will advocate to Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency to lower speed limits where required.

Environment

We need transport solutions that benefit our community and enhance our environment. Double decker buses do not achieve this.

When roads and footpaths are built or maintained, we want priority given to low-impact, well-informed, water sensitive designs. The Waiheke Roding Strategy (1995) details design guidelines for our unique road systems and are included in our Auckland Transport Engagement Plan. Input from the council's Healthy Waters team is required for all development or maintenance work in the road reserve.

If agri-chemicals are required to control weeds on the roadside, use must be approved by the board.

Public transport

Mātiatia, Kennedy Point and Auckland ferry terminals are the key transport hubs for Waiheke and should be well connected and fit for purpose. We will explore ways to achieve this, including park-and-ride and shuttle transfer options to better distribute commuter traffic.

Terminal developments in the central city or Half Moon Bay have an impact on Waiheke and we will advocate to Auckland Transport and the council's Governing Body to involve the board during project development.

In line with community feedback and to increase bus use, we will advocate to Auckland Transport for a review of bus routes, travel times, affordability and frequency. We will also advocate for smaller buses for appropriate routes and for non-polluting sources of energy for buses.

Connectivity

Well-designed, connected transport routes and easy access links between our beaches, schools, recreation hubs and villages are important. In line with Waiheke's Pathways Plan we will develop walking, cycling and horse-riding networks to link our villages, schools, vineyards and wilderness experiences.

We will continue to advocate to Auckland Transport for safe and accessible connections to key amenities and services, such as hospitals and airport bus locations in the city centre.

“We need transport solutions that benefit our community and enhance our environment.”

It's important that there are safe and accessible active transport choices throughout the island.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- "We need a programme to implement workable stormwater solutions to minimise slips, flooding and erosion, and prevent direct water runoff into the sea, causing scarring of sand banks."
- "Focus on connected cycleways, low impact roading and public transport."
- "As a regular commuter and cyclist (to and from ferry), I think that we need a transport system (roads, cycle tracks and ferry) that works for people who call Waiheke their home. Currently, it feels like our needs are second to tourists."

Ensuring our footpaths are accessible to all is a priority.

Outcome 6: Transport and infrastructure

Objective	Key initiatives
Infrastructure that supports Waiheke character and water management.	<p>Advocate to Auckland Transport for quality roads, footpaths and a cycling network to a standard consistent with the rest of Auckland, taking into account Waiheke's unique character and safety considerations.</p> <p>Ensure the Auckland Transport work programme is developed in consultation with the board and in collaboration with the council's Healthy Waters team, ensuring water sensitive design is prioritised.</p>
Stormwater is well managed.	<p>Develop watershed / catchment management plans in consultation with residents / businesses and promoting implementation of their recommendations, prioritising areas of repeated flood events.</p> <p>Monitor the drainage network and advocate to the council's Governing Body for the development of drainage infrastructure where necessary.</p>
Increase active and safe transport options and facilities.	<p>Scope and deliver Pathways (Greenways) Plan initiatives, including an eastern end loop pathway that is separate from the road.</p> <p>Connect cycleways and walkways to improve safety for our community and visitors.</p>
Advocate for public transport that is timely and accessible for all.	<p>Regularly review public transport including parking alternatives, car sharing initiatives and park-and-ride facilities.</p> <p>Investigate public transport links to Kennedy Point Wharf.</p> <p>Ensure ferry terminals are fit for purpose and well connected to key amenities and services.</p> <p>Deliver Waiheke B-accessible plan recommendations during renewal and maintenance work programmes, including mobility scooter friendly footpaths.</p> <p>Advocate for competitive passenger ferry services.</p> <p>Develop an age-friendly island, including advocating for key public transport routes and hubs to be accessible for those with mobility challenges.</p>

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.



Crowds enjoying Onetangi Beach during the beach races.

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 that are led by the community, encourage and support people from all walks of life to actively participate in their community, and fully use our 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.

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 Waiheke 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 Waiheke Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year was \$216,641.

How local boards spend their budget

Much of the budget available to local boards are 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 that they can spend on local projects or programmes that are important to their communities.

More information concerning local board budgets can be found in Auckland Council's Local Board Funding Policy, available 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 Waiheke Local Board for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Annual Plan Financials	2017/18 (\$000s)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	221
Local parks, sport and recreation	-
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total operating revenue	221
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	1,513
Local governance	918
Local parks, sport and recreation	2,317
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	92
Total operating expenditure	4,840
Net operating expenditure	4,619
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	270
Local governance	-
Local parks, sport and recreation	1,365
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total capital expenditure	1,635



The tennis courts at Rangihoua / Onetangi Sports Park are well used year round.

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

Appendix 2: Local activities and levels of service

Local board responsibilities, provided for directly in legislation or allocated to boards, are summarised into local activities. These are described in the table below, along with levels of service statements.

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

Local activities	Levels of service statements
Local parks, sport and recreation This group of activities covers the management and provision of local parks and open space and recreation activities for both passive and active recreation. These activities include the provision and maintenance of sports fields and hard courts, walking tracks, playgrounds and public toilets.	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.
Local community services This group of activities contribute to improved community outcomes by providing places and spaces for 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. There is no annual budget for this activity.	There are no performance measures for this activity.
Local environmental management Local environmental management activities work in partnership with locally-based communities and iwi to deliver enhanced environmental outcomes (with a focus in indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living) that contribute to Māori, community wellbeing and economy.	Provide leadership and support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage.
Local governance Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.	The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 where the survey measures determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2017/2018.

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