



Achievements report 2022/2023

Te Rohe ā-Poari o Franklin

Franklin Local Board area



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- Mana whenua in the Franklin Local Board area are:
- Ngāti Whātua
 - Waiohau-Tāmaki - Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Ākitai Waiohau, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohau
 - Marutūāhu - Ngāti Paoa, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaterā, Te Patukirikiri
 - Waikato - Waikato-Tainui.

- The area features:
- three townships - Beachlands, Pukekohe and Waikato
 - 16 villages¹ - Bombay, Clarks Beach, Clevedon, Drury², Hūnua, Karaka, Kawakawa Bay, Kingseat, Maraeata, Matakawau, Orere Point, Pollok, Paerata, Patumahoe, Waiau Pa, Whitford
 - 13 settlements³ - Alfriston, Ararimu, Ardmore, Big Bay, Brookby, Buckland, Glenbrook Beach, Grahams Beach, Mauku, Paparimu, Ramarama, Runciman, Te Hihī
 - 951km rural and 297km urban roads, making up 16% of the Auckland roading network.

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The area is a centre of environmental conservation and regeneration, with significant programmes underway to enhance water quality, regenerate bird and bat populations and protect kauri in the currently kauri die-back free Hūnua Ranges.

With 10 regional parks, 60 per cent of Auckland's water supply, and as the southern gateway between Auckland and New Zealand to the south and east, the Franklin Local Board area is home to resources that are significant at a regional and national level.

¹ Place with a small cluster of homes and businesses and that is serviced by a hall or school, a shop and often by a local sports club.
² Drury Village is within the Papakura Local Board area, however much of the community that identifies as Drury is represented by the Franklin Local Board.
³ Place that is serviced by a hall or school but without a business centre.

Population is

75,387

Increasing to **160,671** by 2051

23% of Auckland's total land area

15%
of Auckland's coastline along the Manukau Harbour in the west and Hauraki Gulf in the east

15%
of residents identify as Māori, Auckland's 6th highest Māori population

11
mana whenua iwi have interests in our area

16%
of Auckland's total road network including 951km of rural roads and 297km of urban roads

We have 1 existing and 3 proposed new train stations

2 state highways

1 ferry terminal at Pine Harbour

In 30 years Pukekohe-Paerata will be home to

33,800

new people, another **60,000** more will call Drury-Opaheke home

There will be approximately

1842 new dwellings at Kingseat
1041 at Clevedon
1050 at Glenbrook Beach
1351 at Clarks Beach

We have:

- 190 local parks and sports fields
- 2 public and 7 community/volunteer-run libraries
- 1 arts centre
- 1 recreation centre and 3 pools
- 32 halls
- 2 business improvement districts.

and just under

20,000 hectares

of parkland, including 10 regional parks

Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2018) and Population Projections (2013-base), Auckland Plan 2050: Development Strategy - Monitoring Report 2019.

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This report gives an overview of Franklin Local Board achievements between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 (FY2023).

Context



In November 2019 the Franklin Local Board Plan 2020 was adopted to inform achievement reports in the 2022, 2023 and 2024 financial years. Board plans are developed after an election year in consultation with the community and set out the delivery and advocacy priorities for a board over a three-year period. A plan informs delivery for the following financial year. Achievements relating to the Franklin Local Board Plan 2020 are therefore measured through activities taking place through

financial years 2022, 2023 and 2024 (to June 2024).

The report also considers the board's recovery response to storm events. The first was Auckland Anniversary weekend, which caused flash floods and other impacts on lives, homes, possessions and businesses, and which led to the declaration of a local State of Emergency on 27 January. The second event was 12-14 February, when Cyclone Gabrielle led to a National State of Emergency as thousands of people were displaced, with widespread damage across the North Island. A National State of Emergency was declared on 14 February, with the region entering recovery mode in March. Some local community facilities were affected by flooding and others were used as Civil Defence Centres (CDC).





The board acknowledged the response by local people during the storms, including emergency service organisations, community groups, iwi, volunteers and businesses from across the area working together in difficult circumstances to support those affected locally, and when called upon, regionally. The support was highly valued. The board reallocated funding for the purposes of supporting Civil Defence and emergency preparedness work, and progressing localised emergency response plans. Connected Communities staff facilitated agreements with the Waiuku Business and Development Association, Community Networks Franklin and Takutai Trust for resilience workshops.



Achievements report for the 2022/2023

Outcome 1: Our strengths generate local opportunity and prosperity

Our goal is to support our people to create and access new job opportunities, advocate for regional, national and third-party investment in infrastructure and invest in initiatives that develop, leverage from and promote our local strengths as we anticipate changes to our economy, environment and population.

Franklin Economic broker

This role champions Franklin businesses and facilitates economic opportunities and initiatives. The broker has continued with the work programme as discussed and reported to the board at workshops throughout the year. The work has focused on five pillars.



Clevedon Business Development Initiative

Funding was given to the Clevedon Community Business Association to provide a marketing plan for the Hūnua Traverse, Clevedon destination marketing, and a business leverage programme. A resource manager role was filled, an operational budget and three-year seed funding was approved. In that time, it's expected other revenue streams will be identified to make board support unnecessary.



Franklin Tourism partnership fund

The board has identified development of the visitor economy as an opportunity to leverage the area's strengths to generate prosperity. The board created a contestable fund of \$30,000 in the 2022 financial year, with seven organisations submitting proposals, and \$25,000 allocated across three initiatives - the Clevedon Community and Business Association, Manukau Heads Lighthouse Trust and Te Kopu.

Hūnua Traverse

A world-class 45-kilometre walking and cycling experience through the Hūnua Ranges links Clevedon to Kaiaua. It will promote the ranges as a recreational destination. The Clevedon Community and Business Association will promote the Hūnua Traverse as a tourism product and deliver a business leverage programme to ensure local benefits. In June a 14km length of the network from the Ness Valley entrance opened, with mana whenua leading with karakia. A preview of the Hūnua Traverse cycle trail later opened, enabling public access to 28km of the new 44km Nga Haerenga Heartland trail.



Economic broker- Kai Franklin

This programme champions Franklin businesses and helps them identify and take advantage of economic opportunities. Kai Franklin will be used as the main brand in the trials of the Eke Panuku-sponsored Youth Centre/Market Hall project.

Economic broker - Circular Economy and Xlabs

The board supported businesses to participate in the Xlabs circular economy programme, designed to help them solve key sustainability challenges. No Franklin grower teams were put forward after weather events dominated their time, with little ability to take part in the programme. However, trials on the use of red onion skins, now discarded, are in place.

Culinary Workshops Accelerator

The board has a long-standing interest in leveraging the area's reputation as a leading horticulture region to attract visitors. It allocated funds to host a food and beverage tourism capability-building workshop with culinary tourism expert Eric Pateman. "From the Ground Up", in collaboration with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, looked at developing high-value, long-term activations in the food and beverage sector.



Franklin - Agritourism

Agritourism can be a profitable and sustainable way to diversify farm income, provide employment and grow rural communities. The aim is to create products and services that will bring domestic and international tourists to Franklin. The Regional Agritourism Accelerator Programme started in Pukekohe in May, covering all aspects of starting and growing an agritourism business with a focus on planning, product development, marketing and health and safety. Agritourism can be defined as an activity on a working farm, from farm cottages to luxury lodges, from educational tours to multi-day walks. There are many ways to add value to farming operations by hosting visitors through activities and accommodation options. A workshop was held in May with 12 businesses represented. An agritourism cluster has formed and a cluster workshop will be held early 2024.



Young Enterprise Scheme

In February, the Auckland Business Chamber's Young Enterprise Scheme held Kickstarts 2023, and event over five days in three locations. Timataga Days gave students the opportunity to become familiar with the support available to them throughout the year as well as participate in interactive workshops to allow them to brainstorm ideas, with 22 students from Waiuku College and 16 from Onewhero Area School attending.

Advocacy positions

- Feedback on Auckland Future Development strategy
- feedback on Local Crime Fund

Outcome 2: Improved transport options and fit for purpose roads

We will advocate for transport improvements and services that enable our communities to be less car dependant and for design of and investment in the roading network so that it can safely accommodate current and future use.

Pine Harbour weekend ferry services

Auckland Transport announced weekend ferry services between Pine Harbour and the city becoming permanent, a move welcomed by Pohutukawa Coast locals, after a six-week trial. It reported average passenger journeys per day on normal weekdays were 339, the weekend trial attracting 262. There were 5867 passenger trips across the trial. Eighty-six per cent of passengers who took an AT survey answered yes to the weekend timetable meeting their needs. The trial was important to gauge community interest in a weekend service, but also for AT and SeaLink to test the viability of the timetable.

Total passenger trips = **5867**

Pine Harbour to Downtown = **2921**

Downtown to Pine Harbour = **2946**

Left-behinds = 75



Corner of Edinburgh Street and Stadium Drive

This area is a problem area for sparrow excrement and constant maintenance is required to maintain a level of safety for the community to utilise these areas.



SH1 Papakura to Drury

This \$655 million project being delivered as part of the NZUpgrade Programme includes an additional lane in each direction, wide shoulders for future bus services, shared walking and cycling paths, interchange improvements, improved access across SH1, and improved safety, environmental and amenity features. Consented in stages and being constructed over the next five years, community information days give locals a way to provide feedback.



Parking controls on Adams Drive and Lisle Farm Drive

At the August 2021 business meeting AT was formally requested to undertake consultation to install parking controls on Adams and Lisle Farm drives. The sites were investigated and AT determined No Stopping designations were not required. The Board advocated for a review of that decision.

Advocacy to Waka Kotahi and AT for safety intervention at Bombay

The board facilitated conversations between Waka Kotahi, AT, local businesses, and the community to find solutions to issues surrounding congestion and potential danger at the Bombay services area. It advocated for the purchase of land at Mill Road near the entrance to the BP service station. The location is a key horticulture transport route that also delivers access and connectivity for locals.

Local Board Capital Transport Fund - Jutland Road bridge

In May the board asked AT to investigate five projects - Beachlands kerb and channel improvements, Jutland Road bridge, Pukekohe Paths Plan delivery support, Clarks Beach to Waiau pathway, and Racecourse Road in Waiuku intersection improvements. The Board allocated and approved funding to the Jutland Road bridge, with the remaining budget for path plan delivery support.

Glenbrook Recreation Reserve carpark

The renewal of the Glenbrook Recreation Reserve carpark entrance apron was completed to address several large potholes in the area. The size of the potholes made it challenging to cross the area, and to exit the carpark safely on to the busy Glenbrook-Waiuku Road.



Year three Waiuku Trails

The Waiuku Trails Aspirational Plan was adopted in 2017 as a guiding document describing proposals for walking and cycling trails linking the foreshore, open space, esplanade reserves, parks, and residential streets with the heart of Waiuku. The Trails committee has decided a boardwalk is the preferred solution to crossing the marine area where reserve land is not suitable. A key objective has been to use Franklin businesses to deliver the work alongside Waiuku volunteers. On the western trail they constructed 1.4km of new compacted aggregate trail including concrete sections and a 22m timber boardwalk.





The trail incorporates use of FuturePost Waiuku posts as piles in place of treated timber posts for several reasons, including that they do not leaching chemicals, are significantly stronger and longer lived than timber, and they are an excellent test case for FuturePost use elsewhere in structures that are exposed to marine environments.



Vision Zero

Auckland Transport's goal is eliminating road transport-related death and serious injuries on the city's road network by 2050. The board has provided feedback on AT's safe speeds programme. Feedback from consultation around the proposal was also provided, underlining support for the goal and other safety measures. Advocacy for engineering solutions such as centre lines ahead of speed limits, and calling for limits to be based around feeder roads, was also advanced.

Advocacy positions

- Feedback on AT Parking Strategy review
- feedback on Katoa, Ka Ora - Speed Management plan
- feedback on Auckland Transport plan.

Outcome 3: Fit for purpose places and facilities

We will plan for and respond to future growth and the impacts of climate change whilst protecting and celebrating what is special and unique about our communities.

Waiuku community centre roof inspections

A condition assessment was undertaken due to ongoing leaks. The roof was deemed fair but with areas of improvement identified. Minor improvements included additional sealing of flashing laps, lichen removal and installation of gratings over outlets to prevent leaf blockages. One of the major recommendations has been to apply a sealant to the membrane roof and internal gutters. Advice received also suggests the roof would benefit from a repaint, although only after the initial interventions. Staff are programming the minor recommendations under operational budgets and will be making recommendations for the major works to be included in the three-year work programme.



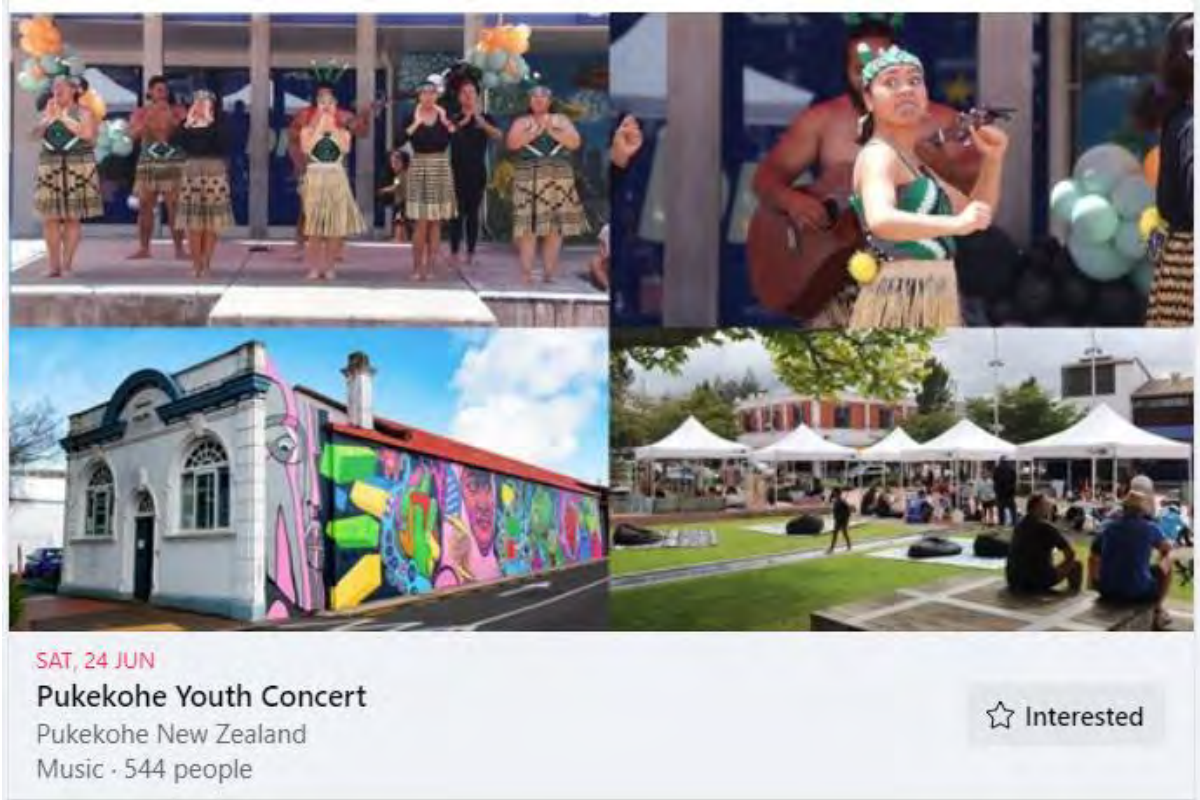
Franklin: The Centre mural



Regan Balzer's mural on the side of Franklin: The Centre was blessed by mana whenua. It was the latest added to the Pukekohe townscape, the artist helped by Pukekohe High School students. The design represents the area's fertile soils, referencing our connection with meeting for shared meals, and how enriching and supportive togetherness is. Hidden in it are playful healthy children peeping out from behind a hedge as a way of honouring the children in Pukekohe Cemetery's unmarked graves.

Unlock Pukekohe – Small T projects

Another small T project supported a Pukekohe Youth Concert that included local schools kapa haka performance, music, food trucks, student stalls, coffee and a time for youth to connect and activate the town centre.



Maraetai Hall

Refurbishment work was completed, including external painting, replacing the window frames, doorways, the roof and stairway.



Arboriculture maintenance

On Orere Beach huge piles of logs and debris washed up in the storms have been collected and stacked by the community, and removed using diggers and tipper trucks.

Harrington Avenue, Pukekohe

A member of the public reported a melia tree had shed a branch on to the roadside berm. A crew attended to prune it, also clearing a Chorus line and crown lifting and generally pruning an adjacent acmena tree. Similar work was also completed at Judith Anne Drive in Pukekohe, while a row of phoenix palms at the Bayview Esplanade Reserve in Waiuku were pruned after they began to hang lo over the path and mown area, dropping dead fronds. Due to the sharp spines extra care had to be taken, the crew using puncture resistant gauntlet gloves and pole saws to crown lift low and clear the footpath and grass.



Infill garden planting programme

The winter garden infill planting programme in priority sites continued, with Clevedon Scenic Reserve entranceway, Anselmi Ridge, Searle Drive stormwater reserve, Franklin: The Centre, the area's three aquatic sites, and the town centre all addressed.



East coast litter bin renewal programme

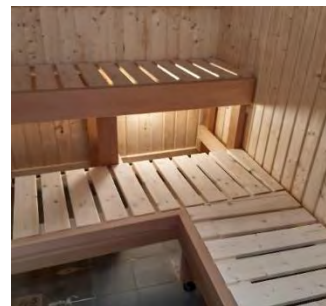


Last summer a programme of works was undertaken to renew and upgrade the style of bins along the busy east coast. The first works, the replacement of 19 bins from Maraetai through to Waiomanu Bay, was a success, with the consistency of bin appearance improved. Several bins were shifted to better locations for users and litter crews. The new bins are bigger, so are less likely to be overloaded during peak times. Work is underway that will see bins being renewed from Waiomanu Bay through to Umupuia, with bins at Kawakawa Bay also being addressed. More work is planned for later this year, to focus on the bins along the Kawakawa Bay coastline.

Franklin Pool and Leisure – Learn to Swim Pool improvements



The annual shutdown for the aquatic facility at Franklin Pool and Leisure ran 23 January to 5 February, when contractors did maintenance on electrics, plumbing, HVAC, pool filters and plant, and renewed pool entry flooring, refurbished the sauna, and replaced the electrical switchboard



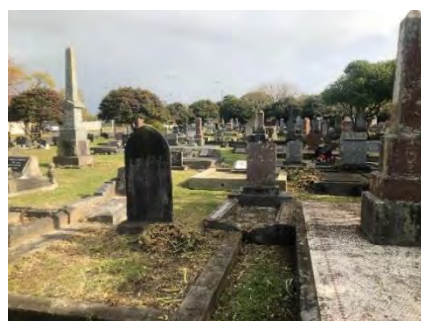
Puni Recreation Reserve Update

A clean-up of the paa site and summit area at Puni Recreation Reserve has been completed. Long grass, shrubs and other woody weeds have been removed to better present an area of cultural significance. Works to improve the amenity of Puni Paa are underway and include a clean-up around the summit in the middle of the vehicle turn-around. Advice and guidance was sought from Ngaati Te Ata to ensure maintenance practices were in line with the cultural values of the area. The granite tohu placed at the summit was cleared and a grass path formed to lead to it.



Wellington Cemetery clean-up

Significant clean-up of weeds from the graves at Wellington Street Cemetery in Pukekohe was required, and careful removal techniques were used to ensure there was no damage to headstone structures.



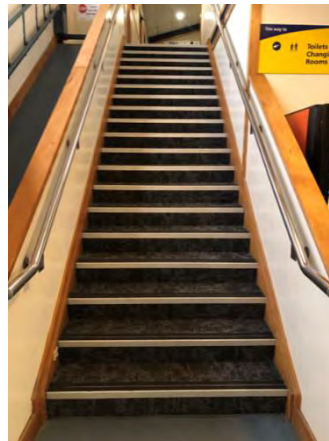
Waiuku Cemetery vegetation removal



After the vegetation tidy-up at Wellington Cemetery, a similar clean-up was also completed at Waiuku Cemetery, where removal work needed to be conducted with extreme care to ensure no damage to privately-owned grave adornments, many more than half a century old. Work to install new plots at Waiuku Cemetery was undertaken. The first phase of works focussed on the construction of the ash berms and pathways, and the second phase on building the full-body berms and rose gardens.

Project work at Franklin Pools and Leisure Centre

Renewal on pool plant assets as identified in the building conditions assessments took place. Recarpeting of the upper stairs, lobby and childcare rooms has been completed, with the old carpets well-worn in high traffic areas.



Sports lighting renewals

Sports lighting renewals have been completed at Waiuku Sports Park, Clive Howe Reserve and Patumahoe Domain, the three sites now with a consistent and minimum 100 lux level. The works included an upgrade of lighting heads to LEDs, as well as cross arm and pole replacements. Lighting repair works have also been undertaken at Colin Lawrie Reserve, Karaka Sports Park and Beachlands Domain.



Glenbrook hall water supply system renewals



A water supply renewal project at Glenbrook Hall involved replacing the supply line from across the road at Glenbrook Recreation Reserve, as well as the old leaking concrete water tanks. The upgraded supply system was required to address ongoing supply issues faced by hall users, due to leaks and weak flow in the old lines. The new tank arrangement has been designed to cater for expected hall use, as well as fire-fighting requirements.

Waiuku park upgrades

Kevan Lawrence

The first stage of the renewal was completed in July and the site reopened to the public. The next stage substituted wet pour surfacing with 'play matta' tiles, and changed the location of some play objects.



Centennial

A playground renewal was completed in September with small alterations since the concept plan. Concerns were raised about the water table, with the swings shifted further up the hill.



Massey

Renewed play spaces were completed, with the community invited to come and enjoy a variety of activities. However, some changes have been necessary to the fencing because of issues with basketball and playground clashes.



Advocacy positions

- Feedback on National Policy Statement on Urban Development
- feedback on Resource Management reform
- feedback on Draft Auckland Golf Plan.

Outcome 4: Kaitiakitanga and protection of our environment

We will work with mana whenua, local communities and others to lead and inform environmental conservation, restoration and regeneration projects and to recover and regenerate waste.

Beautification Trust

Franklin joins the five other southern local boards that provide ongoing support to the trust, which helps to keep community environments safe and healthy by running clean-ups, environmental projects, graffiti removal, and by painting murals.

What a year!



July 2022

December



Community Highlights



1408 volunteers contributed 4408 hours to community projects

71 community led projects supported

\$10,864 of funding was awarded to community self-led projects

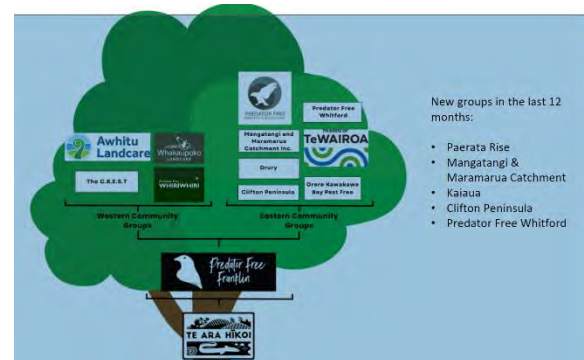
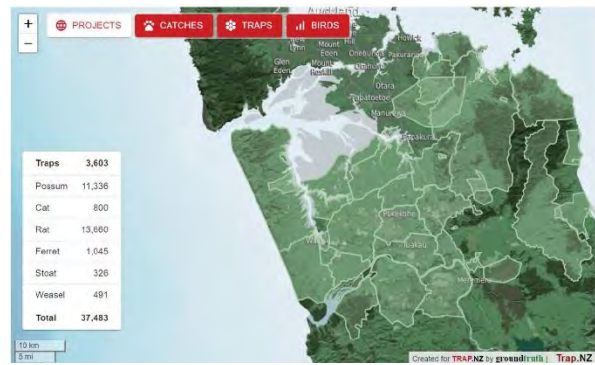
472 items were loaned from the Tool Library and 202 pest traps were provided

147 organisations, schools, artists and volunteer groups collaborated with



Te Ara Hikoi

Te Ara Hikoi delivered work at 41 properties consisting of 31 biodiversity focus areas, three Maaori and five QE2 land blocks. Conservation outcomes included, between November 2022 – September 2023, of 2268.4428ha. Kaimahi training outcomes included 923 hours consisting of a mix of formal training in NZQA unit credits per kaimahi. Te Ara Hikoi adopted a Te Ao Maaori framework with the work activities consisting of traditional Maaori knowledge (matauranga) of the Franklin area (including whakapapa of the whenua), and karakia with staff, which has further developed the way the group has sought to work. All staff have completed the training requirements for pest control and they are keen to work and educate local rangatahi and paakeke in pest control. Te Ara Hikoi has also engaged with schools - transferring learning to the next generation and will work to create more opportunities in primary and intermediate schools within the area.



Waiuku Zero Waste

Work during the year included four repair café events, about a dozen community events as host or with heavy involvement with, 10 educational tours for large groups coming through the Community Recycling Centre (with some of these including 30 visitors each), 11 school holiday workshops (covering upcycling and repairs), involvement in five public-place activation events, and



awarding three mini-grants (of up to \$500) to local waste champions to help strengthen community initiatives towards waste minimisation and management. Some of the events included the Pukekohe Sustainability Expo, Pukekohe Business Association – School Holidays in the Square, Beachlands Youth Volunteering Expo, along with various repair workshops and activities/events hosted at the Waiuku Community Recycling Centre. There has also been a strengthening in the relationships between Waiuku Zero Waste and local marae and Māori businesses, including Tuwhera Kai, Takutai Trust.

Handover of 16 Jonah Lomu Drive in Paerata

The Property and Commercial Team within Parks and Community Facilities has confirmed the purchase and subsequent handover of the park at 16 Jonah Lomu Drive within the Paerata Rise development area. The site comes with a significant playground that includes swings, slides, tunnels, and a water feature. The site also includes an attached area of open turf adjacent to the playground, currently used as an informal mini football field.



Papakura stream restoration programme

More than 42km of the stream is within the Franklin Local Board area and land use is predominately rural, with mostly sheep and beef farms, with some equestrian, lifestyle properties and dairy farms. All restoration sites are on private land and are being enhanced through partnerships with landowners. Throughout the year 17 events resulted in the planting of more than 20,000 native plants, with the help of more than 500 volunteers. In Franklin, events were held across six different properties in Brookby and Whitford. These volunteer events included four school groups (Hunua School, Ardmore School, Te Wharekura o Manurewa and St. Cuthberts), and six corporate groups, with the remaining community events including volunteers from Mrs Aotearoa Beauty Pageant, the Filipino community, and church groups. Included in this list is the World Environment Day

Corporate Tree Planting Challenge, where nine corporate teams competed to see who could plant the most trees. They planted 4,759 plants in just two hours.
Manukau Harbour Forum



The harbour is a taonga in the board plan. Support is delivered via the Manukau Harbour Forum. Funding in 2022/2023 contributed towards a part-time co-ordinator, a three-day youth sustainability wānanga, and the implementation of a communications plan. The early resignation of the co-ordinator saw members allocate the remaining \$11,200 to procure plants, with 560 set for Te Ara Rata Stream. The Manukau Harbour brochure was printed.

Franklin Waterways Protection Fund

The fund suffered delivery problems due to staffing issues, with some budget offered to the board for reallocation. Due to recent funding cuts the project can't proceed to its original extent. A reduced project is now proposed, with funding reallocated via the Environmental Services team. With staff resourcing challenges, the board approved the reallocation of funding for this project to the Te Korowai Papatuuānuku project on the basis the project delivered similar outcomes. Fencing at the Lees Gully Road site is nearly complete and there have been indications of īnanga spawning in the project area.

Advocacy positions

- Feedback on the Draft National Adaption plan
- feedback on the Auckland Climate grant
- feedback on the National Policy Standards for Fresh Water management
- feedback on the Shoreline Adaption plans Manukau South and Awhitu.

Outcome 5: Cultural heritage and Māori identity is expressed in our communities

We will support the capture, recording and promotion of local cultural narratives so that new residents, visitor and future generations can experience, understand and enjoy our stories and perspectives

Local Māori responsiveness

The Franklin Māori Responsiveness Plan was adopted in June 2019. It includes key aspirations and priorities for Māori in building stronger relationships and sharing information. Ara Kotui and the Tuia programme have arisen from the plan. Work with mana whenua, mataawaka, marae and local Māori communities to identify appropriate projects that respond to Māori aspirations at a local level is underway. Support is targeted at community programmes and activations that enable Māori heritage and te reo to be visible in our communities, and which celebrate Te Ao Māori. Funding was allocated to support an iwi leadership wananga in Awhitu in early July, as well as supporting some resources for the Tuhionorangi Matariki Festival in Waiuku, hosted by local iwi.



Ara Kōtui

Established in 2015 as a joint mana whenua and southern local boards initiative, Ara Kōtui aims to explore and support opportunities for mana whenua involvement in board decision-making through a co-design process. Ara Kōtui came out of earlier work to improve Māori input into decision-making and sees staff attending governance hui, held regularly throughout the year. In June staff gave a short presentation introducing board plan questions, and Chair Angela Fulljames talked to slides on draft plans that highlighted key initiatives boards sought to draw attention to. Feedback, while given in response to each chair, can be applied to all boards. Mana whenua iwi representatives included Tame Te Rangi, Robert Clark, Paora Puru, Danella Roebeck, Eddie Manukau, Martin Te Moni.



Whakatipu i te reo Māori - we grow the Māori language, Celebrating te ao Māori and strengthening responsiveness to Māori – Franklin

The board sought to celebrate and promote te ao Māori through events and programmes including those regionally co-ordinated and promoted. Programmes throughout the year included partnering with Ngati Te Ata kaumatua, free Te Reo classes offered to the community and delivered over a period of nine weeks in Waiuku - with consistent attendance of 35-40. It also included Te Ara Poutama summer school holiday programme which consisted of activities that celebrated Te Ao Māori. During the year Franklin Music Night was held in May 2023 at Franklin: The Centre. It was held afterhours on a Saturday night and attracted many in the community. The main performing group and the host of the night was a group called Aro, which sang waiata in Te Reo and English.



Franklin Tuia programme

A new TUIA candidate - Isaiah Williams – was confirmed in February, put forward by Ngāti Paoa Iwi Trust. The elected member mentor was confirmed as Logan Soole. The first wananga was attended at Maungatoatoa Marae at Tokanui, south of Hamilton. The TUIA candidate met with the board and an overview of the programme was given. Departmental responsibility for the Tuia programme now sits with southern Local Board Services teams – and the nature of that support is focused on governance and some co-ordination. Tuia was recently externally evaluated and found to be showing potential to become a strategic enabler of longer-term succession, engagement and civics education across local board communities. In the south, Tuia is proving to be a platform for enhancing board member community networks and iwi relationships.

Youth Economy Te Ara Rangatahi

In the workforce development area, \$60,000 was funded to Te Ara Rangatahi for the delivery of Mahia te Mahi - Rangatahi Opportunities, Employment and Education programme for 20 young people. Te Ara Rangatahi has completed that programme successfully but for 31 rangatahi, out of which 14 gained full time employment, and 12 re-engaged to education suited to their career goals. All 31 attained a relevant driver licence and 18 attained relevant certificates/qualifications that aligned with their career goals.



Te Korowai o Papatuānuku

This initiative is aimed at restoring Ngaati Te Ata ancestral awa and cultural sites on the Awhitu Peninsula by building fences to exclude stock, controlling weeds and planting native trees. Ngaati Te Ata whanau are contracted to deliver the work and a video to highlight the environmental and social benefits of the mahi is being prepared. Throughout the planting season 550 students, parents, and teachers from eight local schools planted 16,500 plants at Reretēwhioi Marae, Tāhuna Pā, and Waipipi. Representatives from Ngāti Te Ata attended each planting day and provided a lesson on local history. A whānau planting day was also held with Reretēwhioi Marae. That included some large canopy tree species, such as tawa and pūriri, that have been growing at the Awhitu Community Nursery for more than three years. NETR funding was used to purchase herbicides for site preparation and some planting day materials. Franklin Local Board budget was used to purchase plant protectors, planting day kai, and PPE for our Ngāti Te Ata contractors. Work is underway at 100 Lees Gully Road installing 615 metres of fencing and 1,200 plants along the Ohiku Creek. That work involves protecting a site of cultural significance to Ngāti Te Ata and an inanga spawning zone.



Whakatipu I te reo Māori – we grow te reo and celebrate te ao Māori

This initiative champions and embeds te reo Māori in everyday communication by Franklin Library staff and celebrates regionally planned events and programmes including Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Matariki and Te wiki o te reo.

Wai-o-Manu Reserve development

This mahi involves developing a plan with a co-management committee that provides a long-term vision for Wai-o-Manu Reserve (Wai-o-Marū), and ensures future development and investment occurs in a planned and staged fashion.



Te Kete Rukuruku

Auckland Council partners with all 19 mana whenua groups with interests across the region. Te Kete Rukuruku is a partnership between mana whenua and Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau that collects and tells the Māori stories of Tamaki Makaurau / Auckland. It seeks to collect and share stories unique to mana whenua. The Board adopted 61 te reo Māori names, including narratives that tell the story behind each one, for inclusion as dual names alongside existing ones. An interpretive text from Ngaati Te Ata Waiohūa has been drafted and is able to be funded and installed in Waitangi / Waitangi Falls Esplanade Reserve this financial year. Iwi are currently working on more names. It is expected they will be received at the beginning of the next financial year. The Board also approved the installation of bilingual signage at Taahuna Kaitoto / Sandspit Reserve featuring mana whenua preference for double vowels ahead of macrons.

Te Korowai o Papatūānuku

Existing plantings at Waipipi, Reretēwhioi Marae, Taitua and Tāhuna Pā have all received maintenance in the financial year. Some of the highlights include pest plant control of crack willows at Lake Pokorua, which is a significant cultural and ecological site for Ngaati Te Ata. Work alongside Department of Conservation-funded Te Ara Hīkoi jobs for nature team is expanding the programme and allowing funding to go further. This season the aim is to plant 13,000 plants across these sites, the plants supplied by the Awhitu Peninsula Landcare Nursery and funded by central government Te Uru Rakau (Billion trees)

programme. From May to June planting day were held with volunteers from Ngaati Te Ata, Reretēwhio Marae, Waiuku College and Āwhitu Landcare. Measure to protect the plants from rabbits and deer were also undertaken throughout the year.

Advocacy positions

- Feedback to Independent Māori Statutory Board - Issues of Significance for Māori in Tamaki Makaurau.

Outcome 6: A sense of belonging and strong community participation

We will support and enable community organisations to deliver local community activities and cultural programmes to encourage local participation and to respond to local change

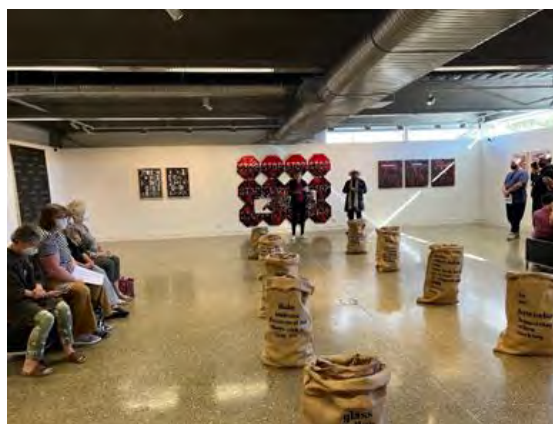
ANZAC Day Preparations

Staff did a fabulous job ensuring sites were at their best. After a full round of inspections, a programme of cleaning, painting, weeding, planting and lighting checks was implemented. Sites were also audited by Community Facilities to ensure all work was completed to a high standard. Feedback was positive, with attendees grateful to again be attending remembrance services.



Franklin Arts Centre

The facility delivered many programmes throughout the year, with a combined 2455 participants and attendees in just one quarter of the year. Highlights included hosting the Franklin Arts Festival, for the first time arranged in themed rooms. In the Community Gallery, viewers were able to visit three different exhibitions: Panaginip, In and Out of View, and Awash with Colour. Staff delivered an online felting workshop that was fully subscribed within 48 hours of opening for bookings.



Waiuku Library

The library provided services, programmes and events to enable and support adult customers to connect and adapt to the changing world. It also ran programmes to enable customers and whānau to learn and grow and provide opportunities for knowledge creation and innovation. Literacy Aotearoa continued to offer its services out of the library, while Job Café continued offering its community support out of Pukekohe Library. Eco Warriors school holiday programme delivered 14 activities at Pukekohe and Waiuku, with an extra session delivered at Clevedon. All activity sessions were well supported by Waiuku Zero Waste because of the eco-friendly theme.



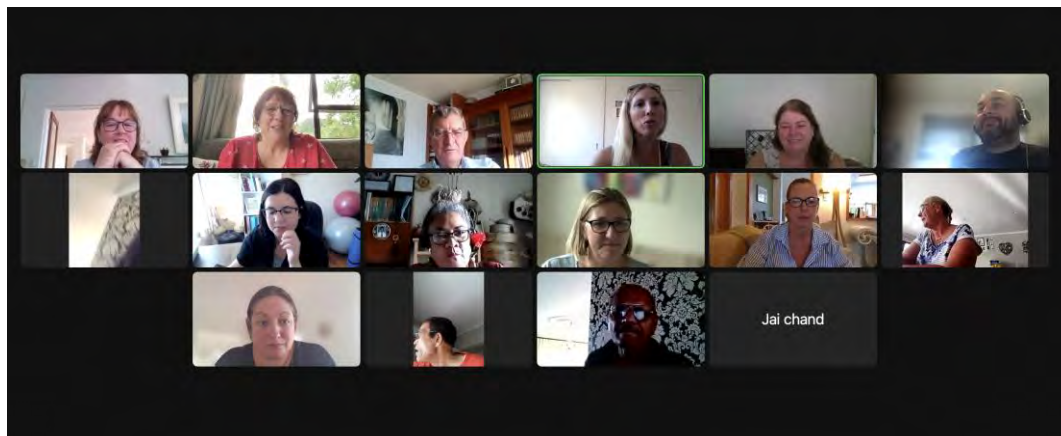
Community working bee at Birdwood Garden

In April the Gardens4Health facilitator and gardeners from Kayes Rd community garden relocated the garden boxes to create an open space for children to play. A working bee supported the Gardens4Health facilitator, other local gardeners, and a new team from Bluelight, helped the community refill all the garden boxes with soil and fertiliser. The Beautification Trust was unable to be present because of commitments at Eco-Fest but supported the working bee with tools from its community tool shed. A solid turnout from residents and outstanding support from the Bluelight team meant all the garden boxes were weeded, tilled, filled and replanted, leaving the garden looking great and ready to provide produce in the coming months.



Governance workshops

Staff have been working with LEAD to deliver workshops in Manurewa, Papakura and Franklin for not for profit groups focused on developing strategic and succession plans. LEAD delivered two online strategy planning workshops in March and 20 participants attended. The image on the slide was from the second strategic planning workshop held in March. Another two workshops were held in May, with 14 participants.



Community grants

- FY 2017/18 - \$385,785
- FY 2018/19 - \$285,721
- FY 2019/20 - \$204,859
- FY 2020/21 - \$220,910
- FY 2021/22 - \$133,689
- FY 2022/23 - \$111,320.

Community partnership grants

The board approved year two of three-year strategic partnership grants to support local community groups to become more sustainable to deliver on initiatives aligning to board priorities. Fifteen applications were received, with \$167,000 allocated.

Franklin Junior Sports Awards

The board partnered with Counties Manukau Sport in its annual junior sports awards, recognising exceptional young talent in the community. A wonderful event celebrated amazing athletes from cross country runners to powerlifters.



Legacy grants

Budget falling under the board's discretion to allocate legacy rates remission grants that have continued since amalgamation saw \$38,455.69 allocated to 28 organisations.

Rural halls

Nineteen rural halls shared \$179,838 in annual funding. In August 2022 the board resolved to base future funding on five-year operational plans. A phased approach was agreed. The first five halls were Waiau Pa, Waipipi, Karaka, Glenbrook and Te Toro in 2021. This year the next halls were Awhitu, Hūnua, Paparimu and Pukekohe East.

Mangrove removal programme

The board provided support to the Waiuku Estuary Restoration Trust (Mudlarks) to continue the mangrove removal programme. 2400 hours were recorded. The board also met with the group to discuss a request to remove retained areas of mangroves.



Franklin Tourism Partnership Fund

Year two of a three-year programme to enhance the capacity of the local tourism sector for the benefit of the Franklin visitor economy. Total funding available was \$30,000 with funding options presented to the board for two applications, Clevedon Community and Business Association and Manukau Heads lighthouse trust, with \$27,350 was allocated.

Hire fee subsidies

The off-peak subsidy provided a 100 per cent discount, making meetings free for many Pukekohe community-focused organisations, with \$16,430 spent.

Arts Broker programme

An initiative to fund diverse art activities that support community-led placemaking projects across the area. It delivered 19 projects with more than 680 participating artists



involved in projects including exhibitions, rangatahi workshops, community music events, development workshops for community artists, projects targeting kaupapa Maaori, public art projects, youth theatre projects and community access arts events. The scheme has seen a strong bounce back post-Covid. The programme was again delivered in two parts, with expressions of interest going out in August 2022, then a smaller round in February 2023. Nineteen projects were awarded \$30,300 after a September workshop. However, one cancelled due to flood events affecting accessibility. That that meant \$9,200 was available for the second round.

Sept funding

- Open access Community Music event
- Franklin Art Trail
- Waiuku Family Support celebrations
- Franklin Community Choir
- Rangatahi Workshops
- Auranga Late Night Tales
- Toi Oho Ahurei Māori live art
- Franklin Pottery Club Kiln Repair
- Ceramics Workshop
- Rising Stars Youth Theatre - Badjelly
- PPA - Mary Poppins Jnr

February 23 funding

- Waiuku Matariki Celebration
- Sanctuary St James Concert Series
- Franklin Community Choir – Messiah Concert
- West African Dance classes
- Day Time Singing Group
- Franklin Music Nights
- Awhitu School mural
- Art Workshops in Clevedon

Sandspit community music concert

A free open-air concert in Waiuku was held in February featuring local community groups including the Franklin Pipe Band, Awhitu Strummers Ukelele Club and the Kra Ko To Kra drummers. The event also hosted food trucks and was publicised as family friendly day.



Franklin Arts Trail

The arts trail was free to attend spanning the entire district, with 26 studios open to the public over 15-16 October. Online and printed maps were produced and distributed to each participating studio.



Clevedon Creatives & Co

Clevedon Creatives is a gallery and hub for Clevedon-based people to sell their work. It used the district centre to offer introductory classes to the public, led by three experienced artists.

School mural

The Awhitu District School mural, led by artist Brigita Botman, aimed to beautify a public facing area and provide a learning opportunity for six students aged 7-12. They were not only taught specialised painting techniques but were also encouraged to appreciate the local flora, fauna, and landmarks. The project allowed them to learn important skills while fostering a sense of connection with their surroundings.



Sanctuary – St James concert series

Four hour-long concerts in Clevedon's historic All Souls included gypsy jazz quartet Twistin' the Swing, The Dégustriō - for an assortment of musical tastes, the Jade Quartet providing some of New Zealand's most skilled string players, and the Jubilation Choir delivering a rock 'n' roll experience.



Facing the Music

Community music featured significantly, signalling a shift toward a strengthening of community networks. Events included open-air music, community choirs, a drop-in singing group, musical performance evenings, kapa haka concerts, emerging musical talents, theatrical performances, and music and dance workshops.



(From top left clockwise; Waiuku Community Matariki Concert, Franklin Community Choir, Three Chorus Meal Singing Group, St James Concert Series Jubilation Choir)

Pukekohe Arts and Craft Market

A community Arts and Craft Market held in January in the Pukekohe town centre featured quality art stalls, including virtual reality activities, kapa haka performances and live music performed by locals. It attracted good numbers and was well-received by an enthusiastic audience.



ued

Franklin Local Board proudly presents Rangatahi Resonate; Youth Art Workshops

16th November 2022 11am

MASTER CLASS
With Ema Barton

In songwriting

- Learn songwriting tips
- Musicianship
- Performance
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- And More

FRANKLIN: THE CENTRE in the Waia workshop studio, 12 Massey Avenue, Pukekohe

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Series of free rangatahi art workshops

Free workshops aimed at rangatahi with leading experts and artists from performing arts, printmaking, puaka marakai, harakeke, clay and painting backgrounds helped those looking at wanting to develop their skills or learn new ones. The first workshop in November was in songwriting with Ema Barton.

Connections in the Franklin area exhibit

Connections was an interactive exhibition where Pukekohe Intermediate students put together interviews of each other about their favourite places, collecting footage from around the town and using QR codes to access the videos.



Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund 2022

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund supports the development of community facilities across Auckland. It looks to address gaps and allow Council to respond to changing trends in sport and recreation. The board endorsed three applications, Counties Tennis at Rosa Birch Park - \$530,396, Waiuku Netball Centre - \$230,000, and Auckland Rugby - \$3,062,125 across three locations, including Bombay Rugby Club.

Park activations










Free to attend events enabled the community to be more active with eight activations delivered across seven locations drawing almost 300 attendees. Despite numerous weather disruptions, the programme was fully delivered.



Advocacy positions

- Feedback on the draft Regional Parks Management Plan
- feedback on refresh to Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

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