

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O FRANKLIN 2020

Franklin Local Board Plan 2020



Mihi

Tēnā, kia hoea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi o ata e uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki ki te ūnga o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.

I reira ka toia aku mihi ki te uru ki te Pūkaki-Tapu-a-Poutūkeka, i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.

E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka a Hoturoa ki te kūrae o te Kūiti o Āwhitu.

I kona ka rere taku haere mā te ākau ki te puaha o Waikato, te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna, Waikato Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.

Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo mā Maioro ki Waiuku ki Mātukureira kei kona ko ngā Pā o Tahuna me Reretewhioi.

Ka aro whakarunga au kia tau atu ki Pukekohe.

Ka tahuri te haere a taku reo ki te ao o te tonga e whāriki atu rā mā runga i ngā hiwi, kia taka atu au ki Te Paina, ki te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.

Ka titiro whakarunga ki te tāhuhu o Hūnua kei reira ko Kohukohunui, me tōna toronga, a Te Wairoa.

Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaihua te whākana atu rā ō whatu mā Tikapa Moana ki te maunga tapu o Moehau.

Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana ki Maraetai kia hoki ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi, heteri mō Pakuranga.

I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au i te awa o Tāmaki ma te taha whakarunga ki te Puke o Taramainuku, kei kona ko Ōtara.

Katahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore, kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga ki runga o Pukekiwiriki

kei raro ko Papakura ki kona au ka whakatau

Let this vessel that carries my greetings travel by way of the Tāmaki River to the landing place of Tainui canoe at Ōtāhuhu.

There, let my salutations be borne across the isthmus to the Pūkaki lagoon and the community of Māngere.

Paddling the Manukau Harbour, we follow the Āwhitu Peninsula to the headland.

From there we fly down coast to the Waikato river mouth, sacred waters of our forebears.

Coming ashore on the Northern side at Maioro we head inland to Waiuku and Mātukureira, there too is the Pā at Tāhuna and Reretewhioi.

Heading southward I come to Pukekohe.

My words turn to follow the ancient ridgelines along the Southern boundary, dropping down into Mercer and Te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.

I look up to the massif of the Hūnua ranges, locale of Kohukohunui and its arterial river, Te Wairoa.

My greetings reach you at Kaihua who gaze across Tikapa Moana to the sacred mountain, Moehau.

Taking to the sea, my remarks travel to Maraetai and then to Ōhūiarangi, sentinel to Pakuranga.

There we follow again the Tāmaki River to Te Puke o Taramainuku, Ōtara resides there.

From here I reach for Manurewa until my greetings come to rest on Pukekiwiriki.

Below lies Papakura and there I rest



Ngā upoko kōrero

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On the cover:
Waiuku's Karioitahi Beach is the perfect place for families to enjoy Franklin's wild west coast.



From the Chair

On behalf of the Franklin Local Board, it is my privilege to be able to introduce our latest Local Board Plan. This plan is the blueprint upon which we base so many of our decisions and reflects feedback we received from our many and varied communities. I am confident that this plan addresses issues and opportunities that you have asked us to address.

Apart from the likely economic and social fallout after the COVID-19 pandemic, we face huge challenges in managing the unprecedented growth and development in the area we all call home. There is a need for improved infrastructure including transport networks, public transport, our three waters (drinking, storm and waste), education and medical facilities. The local board is not the decision-maker on these matters, but it is responsible for effective and influential advocacy from the local perspective alongside you in the community, and in collaboration with our Franklin ward councillor.

Our towns, villages and settlements demonstrate a strong community spirit and sense of local identity, developed from their geographic distance from large towns and cities. We prefer, and historically had to look after each other and our place in our own way. We are prepared to adopt innovative solutions that deliver within available resources. That is what sets us apart from many of our more urbanised neighbours.

Our challenge as a board is to ensure that our decision-making reflects the values and needs of today's residents while also anticipating the needs of future members of our communities. Areas facing the greatest change, such as the wider Pukekohe area, Drury, Clevedon, and the Pōhutukawa Coast, must be positioned to cope with and benefit from change.

We have an obligation to our children and grandchildren to make decisions, undertake planning and invest in projects that will support our future generations to be as proud and connected to their home as so many of us are now.

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The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will be long-lasting socially, economically, and personally. The reality is that not everything we want or even need will be possible. With the adoption of this plan, we as your elected representatives have a clear mandate to effectively and responsibly allocate resources and advocate on your behalf for the next three years, and for the benefit of future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Baker'.

Andrew Baker

Chair, Franklin Local Board

He kōrero nō te Heamana

Hei māngai mō te Poari ā-Rohe o Franklin, nōku te maringanui ki te whakatakoto i tō mātou Mahere Poari ā-Rohe ki mua i te aroaro. Ko tēnei mahere te tūāpapa mō ngā whakataunga o te poari, ā, he mahere i whai wāhi ai ngā kōrero i whakahokia mai e ō tātou hāpori maha, e o tātou hāpori kanorau. E ngākau titikaha ana au ka ea i tēnei mahere ngā kaupapa i whakarārangihia ai e koutou hei pīkau.

Hāunga ngā raru ohaoha me ngā raru pāpori whai muri i te urutā MATE-KORONA, he wero nunui kei mua i a tātou ki te hāpai i ngā taumahatanga e hua mai ana i te rahirahinga o te taupori i tēnei rohe kāinga ō tātou. Me whakapakari i ngā hanganga tūhonotanga hāereere, waka tūmatanui, wai toru (wai inu, wai ua, wai para), whare mātauranga, whare hauora hoki. Kāore i te poari ā-rohe te kupu whakamutunga i ēnei kaupapa, heoi, ko tōna he akiaki, he whai aweawe kia whai wāhi atu te tirohanga ā-rohe ki ngā whiringa, ā, he rere ngātahi ngā mahi a te hāpori me ngā mahi a te kaikaunihera o te takiwā o Franklin.

E kitea ana te wairua aumangea i ō tātou tāone, pā, kāinga hoki, ā, ka rangona hoki te tuakiri motuhake o tēnei rohe, he mea taketake i te tawhiti i ngā tāone matua. Ko tō tātou, ināianei, inanahi hoki, he tiaki i tēnā, i tēnā, e ai ki ō tātou ake tikanga. Mēnā e taea ana ā-pūtea nei, e rite ana mātou ki te takahi atu i ngā huarahi auaha ki te whakatutuki i ngā wawata. Koia nei te rerekētanga ki ērā atu kiritata tāone-nui.

Ko te wero ki a mātou te poari - kia whai wāhi atu ngā uara me ngā wawata o ngā tāngata o tēnei rohe ki ngā whakataunga ka tahi, he whai whakaaro atu ki ngā wawata o ō tātou hāpori o āpōpō ka rua. Ko ngā wāhi ka kaha huri i ngā tau kei mua i te aroaro, pēnei ki a Pukekohe, Drury, Clevedon, te ākau o Pōhutukawa - ko ēnei ngā wāhi me rite mō tēnei huringa kia taka iho ai ngā painga, kia kore ai e mahue.

Waihoki, kua herea ō tātou whakataunga ki te āpōpō o ā tātou tamariki me ā tātou mokopuna, nā whai anō me whakamahere, me tuku pūtea hoki, ki ngā kaupapa e whai hua ai ngā reanga o āpōpō. Mā reira e whakahīhi ai rātou i tō rātou rohe, mā reira e whai hononga rātou ki tō rātou rohe, pēnei i a tātou o nāianei.



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He kaha te pānga o te urutā MATE-KORONA ki a tātou - ā-pāpori, ā-oahaoha, ā-tāngata. I tōnā mutunga iho, kāore e tinana te katoa o ngā wawata. Nā te whakaae ki tēnei mahere hei rautaki arahi, ka whai mana mātou, ō māngai torangapū, ki te tuku i ngā rauemi ki ngā kaupapa, ki te tū hei waha kōrero mōu i ngā toru tau kei mua i te aroaro, hei painga mō ngā reanga e haere ake nei.

Andrew Baker

Heamana, Franklin 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 Franklin a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



Pukekohe's fertile soils produce the fresh produce that underpins the area's economy.

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.



Puni Roundabout.

Outcome 2: Improved transport options and fit for purpose roads

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Beachlands Memorial Hall.

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.



Maraetai.

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.



The NZ Steel sculpture in Waiuku. Artist Fred Graham.

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, visitors, and future generations can experience, understand, and enjoy our stories and perspectives.



Children make a splash in the Hūnua School pool.

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.



Te Rohe ā-Poari o Franklin

Franklin Local Board area



Franklin Local Board area is Auckland’s second largest board area and spans the rural south from the Manukau Harbour in the west to the Hauraki Gulf in the east.

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The area is served by several mana whenua marae and a range of iwi and hapū have current and historic local interests.

Mana whenua in the Franklin Local Board area are:

- Ngāti Whātua
- Waiohūa-Tāmaki – Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Ākitai Waiohūa, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohūa
- Marutūahua – Ngāti Paoa, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaterā, Te Patukirikiri
- Waikato – Waikato-Tainui.

The area features:

- three townships - Beachlands, Pukekohe and Waiuku
- 16 villages¹ - Bombay, Clarks Beach, Clevedon, Drury², Hūnua, Karaka, Kawakawa Bay, Kingseat, Maraetai, Matakawau, Orere Point, Pollok, Paerata, Patumahoe, Waiau Pa, Whitford
- 13 settlements³ - Alfriston, Ararimu, Ardmore, Big Bay, Brookby, Buckland, Glenbrook Beach, Grahams Beach, Mauku, Papanimu, Ramarama, Runciman, Te Hihi
- 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.

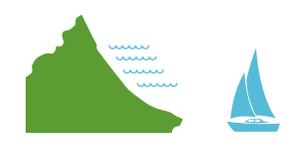
¹ Place with a small cluster of homes and businesses and that is serviced by a hall or school, a shop and often by a local sports club.
² Drury village is within the Papakura Local Board area, however much of the community that identifies as Drury is represented by the Franklin Local Board.
³ Place that 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

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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

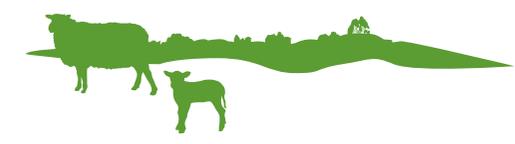
There will be approximately



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**



He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

About local boards

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

Local boards make decisions on local matters such as:

- 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 three-year plans that are developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area that reflects community aspirations and priorities. The plans guide the local boards in:

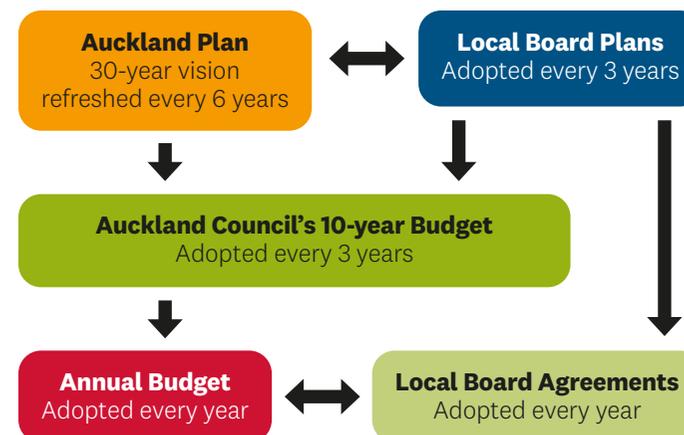
- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans are inclusive and connected; they don't operate in isolation. They support the following:

- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget (long-term plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards
- the council's annual budget (annual plan) – funding for the coming financial year of the 10-year budget, including local boards.

Local Board Agreements form the basis for each local board to develop its annual work programme and set out local funding priorities and budgets, levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year.

Detail of our projects, budgets and timelines are outlined in our annual work programmes. Progress is reported quarterly and communicated to our communities.



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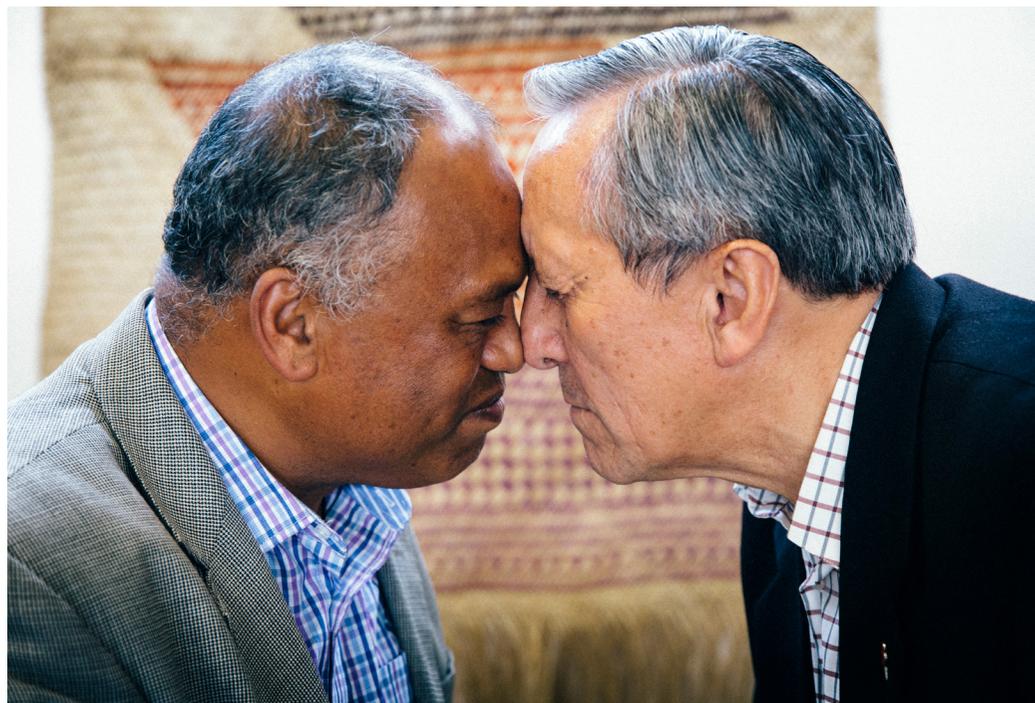
Working with Māori

Māori culture and identity is celebrated by Aucklanders and is our point of difference in the world.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi recognises the rangatiratanga of Auckland's hapū and iwi, and the inseparable bond between Tāmaki Makaurau the people and Tāmaki Makaurau the place.

Local boards play a vital role in representing the interests of all Aucklanders. We are committed to our Treaty-based obligations and to Māori participation and development.

We have worked with Māori to develop initiatives that respond to Māori aspirations.



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Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

Developing our plan

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them.

A draft plan was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2019 and April 2020. The draft was also developed by considering what we know about our community, having worked

closely with you, and heard your views on a wide range of topics.

During July and August 2020, we consulted on the draft plan to hear your thoughts. To hear your feedback and ensure we reflected your needs and desires, we engaged with our community at a range of events and activities across the board area to hear your feedback.

We received submissions from 51 local community organisations and 415 individuals, a 300 per cent increase from our 2017 plan engagement. Overall, the quality of these submissions and attendance at engagement events was excellent.

The issues and priorities you raised with us through these interactions helped us finalise our 2020 local board plan.

The social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our communities mean some of our aspirations have been modified.

Our response is delivered via the annual budgeting process but the decisions we make will focus on ensuring the benefits for our community.

Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

Carrying out our plan

Turning plans into reality takes many people working together – the community, the local board, and the wider council family such as Auckland Transport.

To deliver against the outcomes in the local board plans, we will:

- prioritise budget to focus on the initiatives in the plans
- make the best use of local assets such as community centres and parks
- set direction for the council staff who deliver the projects and services

- work with various community groups and partners to deliver projects and services.

Sometimes important projects in local areas are beyond the funding available to local boards or our authority to make decisions. In those cases,

the role of the local board is to advocate to decision-makers to ensure they are aware of community views and the board's support for them.



Whakaotinga tahi: Mā ō tātou whirikoka e whakatipu te āheinga me te taurikura ā-rohe

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.

We have amazing natural resources and talented people living in the Franklin Local Board area. We are the gateway between Auckland and the rest of New Zealand, connecting with a developing north Waikato to the south, and the Hauraki Plains and Coromandel to the east.

In Pukekohe, elite soils nurture a strong horticulture industry and our area features a wide range of primary production enterprises throughout. We have a strong farming tradition and we know that land use is evolving.

We have black-sand and white-sand beaches, two harbours, forests, wildlife, a vintage railway, and a rich cultural heritage. More people than ever are choosing our communities as their new home. Still, the features that attract new residents have yet to be leveraged in a way that delivers significant benefit to our local people.

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WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Due to the location of Franklin, other Aucklanders could see this area as a place to be explored closer to home, saving travelling and accommodation costs while still being able to experience something new.”

Our distance from Auckland’s economic city centre, poor transport options and unreliable internet connectivity are challenges in attracting and sustaining new business and remote workers. This makes our people vulnerable to fluctuations in the economy.

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.

Opportunities

- A diverse natural environment that offers spectacular experiences sought after by regional, domestic, and international visitors
- Proximity to both Auckland and Waikato growth areas
- Elite soils and an enduring cultural association with horticulture and agriculture
- Better connection to the city centre by train (Pukekohe) and ferry (Beachlands).

Challenges

- Attracting new industry and employers
- Incomplete and unreliable mobile and internet coverage
- Demand for water, wastewater, and transport infrastructure
- Access to Auckland Council-led economic development interventions and National Provincial Development funding.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





An aerial shot of Pukekohe illustrates growth in the area.

Outcome 1: Our strengths generate local opportunity and prosperity

Objective	Key initiatives
Facilitate local economic development opportunity, and recovery by protecting and promoting our natural resources, local narrative, and local talents	Fund a Franklin local economic development broker to support businesses, mana whenua and local tourism agencies to leverage local economic development outcomes from local attractions including the Hūnua Ranges and Glenbrook Vintage Railway, and to promote local talents and resources to business
	Work with Film Auckland to promote Screen Production activity as a platform for local opportunity and employment
	Promote the use of local business and talent in the delivery of local Auckland Council-managed projects, events and services
	Advocate for and investigate opportunities to enable improvements to mobile and internet connectivity so that our residents and businesses can sustain local employment, retain local talent, and access business services and opportunities
Unlock the potential of Pukekohe as a centre that attracts top talent, fosters innovation and generates jobs	Regenerate Pukekohe town centre through the Kia Puāwai o Pukekohe programme, recycling assets to prepare Pukekohe for growth and development in Paerata, Drury and north Waikato so it can thrive whilst retaining Pukekohe’s local character and identity
	Advocate for Pukekohe plan changes to be made live i.e. to open up new light industrial areas that will generate local economic activity and jobs
	Support the development and promotion of rural south Auckland as the nation’s food bowl
Support our rangatahi (younger generation) to develop capability, access local employment and benefit from local development	Continue to support the Young Enterprise Scheme through local secondary schools
	Continue to support locally delivered work-ready development programmes such as the “Mahia te Mahi” programme delivered by Te Ara Rangatahi
	Continue to facilitate networks that connect employers working locally with young people seeking opportunities





Whakaotinga rua: Ngā kōwhiringa ikiiki pai ake me ngā rori hāngai ki te kaupapa

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 dependent and for design of and investment in the roading network so that it can safely accommodate current and future use.

The Franklin Local Board area is experiencing significant population growth and the impacts of climate change, with an additional 120,000 people expected to live in Takanini, Opaheke, Drury, Paerata and Pukekohe within the next 30 years; 600 per cent growth anticipated in Clevedon in the next 10 years; and significant development underway at Clarks Beach, Glenbrook Beach and Beachlands-Maraetai.

Most of our residents must travel large distances to access jobs and schools and their transport choices are limited. Our roads are too dangerous to walk or cycle and public transport options are either too infrequent to encourage use or not available at all. That means our communities depend on cars and that is at odds with Auckland's Climate Action Plan and is not supported by Auckland's urban intensification design guidelines.

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The Puni Roundabout has removed a notorious accident blackspot, creating safer driving conditions.



Our vast road network, 16 per cent of Auckland’s total road network, was designed to service quiet coastal and rural settlements and is no longer fit for purpose. Roads like the Whitford-Maraetai Road and Papakura-Clevedon Road to the east and Linwood Road and Glenbrook Road in the west are operating like highways, and safety is an issue. Heavy vehicles accessing the quarries and forest blocks or distributing food supplies to market are larger and heavier than in the past. They travel through villages and town centres that are evolving into places with a people focus.

Recent speed limit reductions may help, but a more holistic approach that includes roading rehabilitation that improves road design and construction is needed to support safe use by growing populations.

Pōhutukawa Coast roads now support steady streams of residents commuting to work and school, and tourists who provide a valued contribution to the local economy.

These roads are vulnerable to coastal erosion and storm damage, hastened by climate change and increased use. We need a plan to either adapt or accommodate the effects of climate change to support community resilience.

We will advocate for an extension to the bus service and for increased Pine Harbour ferry capacity in the Wairoa subdivision to enable more of our community to access services, community facilities and jobs via public transport. We will continue to advocate for integrated transport facilities and services at new train stations at Drury, Runciman and Paerata.

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WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “The community is constantly clamouring for more and improved bus and ferry services. The lack of basic services ... disadvantage our youth from being more independent and accessing facilities outside our community.”



Buses connect to and from Pukekohe rail station.

Opportunities

- New train stations at Drury and Paerata
- New public transport services to connect our people to services and facilities and to make sustainable transport choices
- Regional and national interest in walking and cycling projects (active transport) as a response to climate change.

Challenges

- The road network across the Franklin Local Board area is vast and of inadequate design for heavy vehicles and future traffic volumes
- Transport options are not developing in parallel to urban development, which is sustaining car-dependency. Communities are not supported to make environmentally sustainable transport choices

- Green-field development areas and rural communities are not serviced by public transport. Roads designed within developments do not provide sufficient on-street or off-street parking and footpath design guidelines make rural footpaths unachievable.

Our commitment

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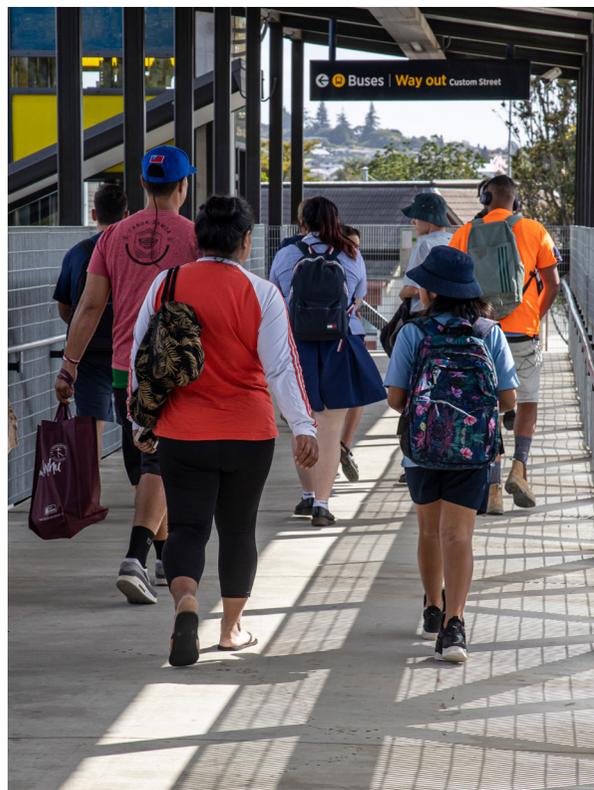


Pukekohe's Samuel Miller Reserve.

Outcome 2: Improved transport options and fit for purpose roads

Objective	Key initiatives
<p>Make public transport easier for both urban and rural communities to reduce congestion, to live healthy active lives and to adopt changes that benefit the environment</p>	<p>Advocate for public transport connections and park and ride facilities at new train stations at Drury and Paerata, and expanded services into north Waikato so both urban and rural communities can access the public transport network</p> <hr/> <p>Continue to advocate for the delivery of improved and new public transport services, including services already scheduled through the 2018 RLTP, new service delivery options such as "On Demand", a direct link bus between Beachlands and Pine Harbour and for increased ferry frequency</p> <hr/> <p>Advocate for a new bus service that connects growing Wairoa communities to community facilities and services and to transport hubs including at Botany, Pine Harbour and Papakura Train Station</p>
<p>Improve existing and design new roads so that they are fit for purpose and safe while enabling environmentally sustainable transport choices</p>	<p>Advocate for increased renewal funding to be made available to Auckland Transport to renew at least 12 per cent of Auckland's sealed roads and bridges in any given year (currently below 9 per cent) i.e. an increase to the 2021/2024 budget of approximately \$10 million to allow for 12 per cent renewal of Franklin roads, prioritising Whitford-Maraetai Road, Papakura-Clevedon Road, Alfriston-Brookby Road, Glenbrook Road, Hūnua Road, Hingaia-Linwood Road and the Pukekohe ring road as roads of regional strategic importance</p> <hr/> <p>Advocate for changes to the Unitary Plan and for the development of localised design standards, so that road and footpath design in rural and greenfield development areas accommodates local need i.e. so that neighbourhood roads provide adequately for car-dependant households and appropriate pathways can be created to enable rural communities to walk and cycle</p> <hr/> <p>Represent local interests and where possible leverage improvements for local communities from major infrastructure projects e.g. investment in pedestrian or cycling amenity as part of the Mill Road project</p>





Public transport commuters.

Outcome 2: Improved transport options and fit for purpose roads

Objective

Key initiatives

Enable communities to reduce carbon emissions by enabling active transport around and between towns and villages

Work with the community and Auckland Transport to enable paths or trails that support active transport and connect local destinations e.g. Waiiau Pa School to Clarks Beach, Clevedon School and local community facilities and initiatives led by Waikato District Council and Papakura Local Board that lead into the Franklin Local Board area

Work with Panuku Development Auckland and Auckland Transport to deliver better and safer pedestrian and cycling connections in and to the Pukekohe town centre through Kia Puāwai o Pukekohe/ the Unlock Pukekohe programme and as set out in the Pukekohe Paths plan

Improve our walking and cycling capability by advocating for the inclusion of pedestrian and bike friendly infrastructure in our villages and town centres e.g. bike racks

Local boards have transport infrastructure funding available for local area improvements that don't meet regional priorities

Advocate for local board transport funding to be reinstated at a minimum to the pre-COVID-19 level of \$21m per annum and, for previously allocated funding of, at minimum \$38m lost through the COVID-19 pandemic emergency budget, to be fully restored



Whakaotinga toru: E hāngai tika ana ngā wāhi me ngā ratonga

Outcome 3: Fit for purpose places and facilities

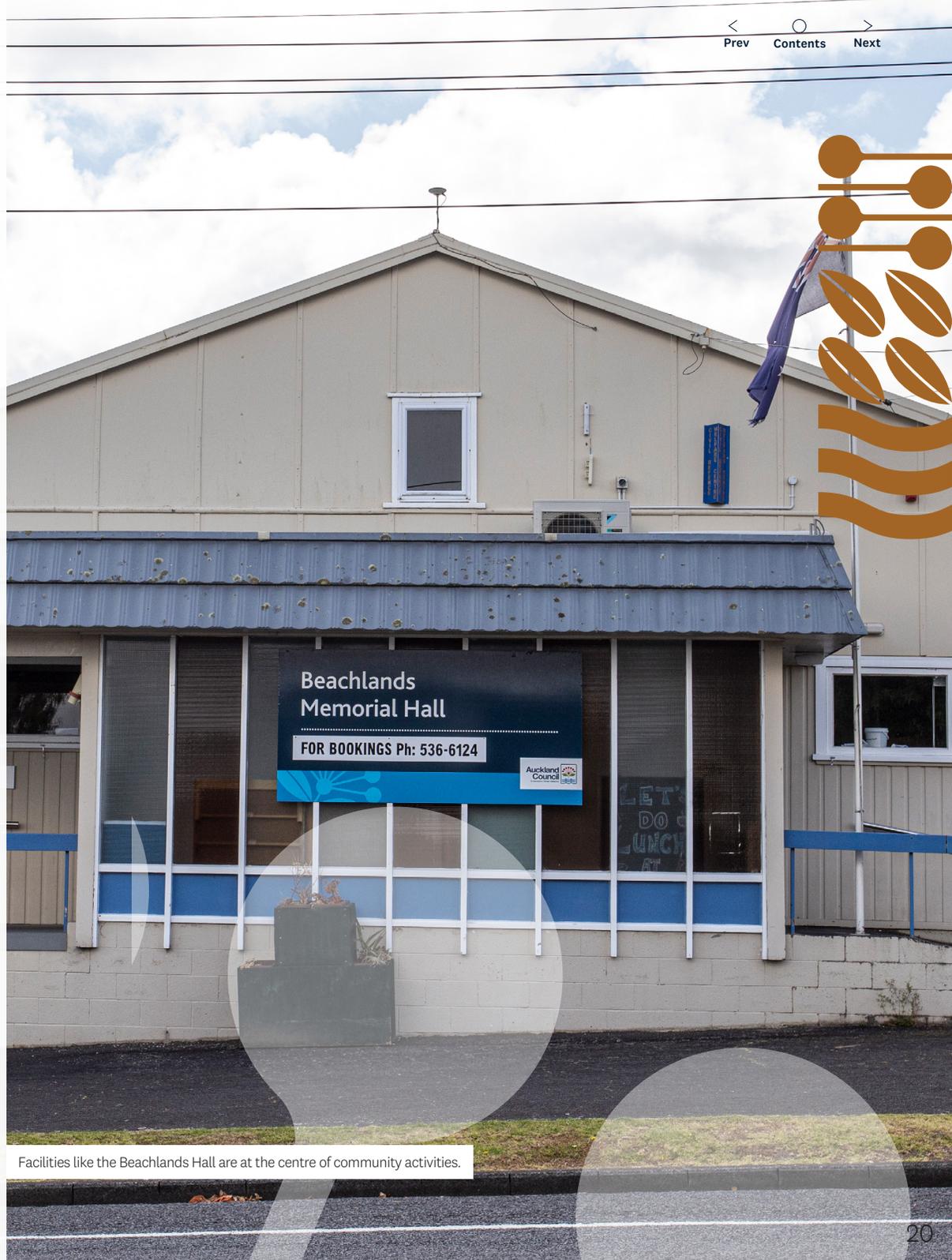
We will plan for and respond to future growth and the impacts of climate change while protecting and celebrating what is special and unique about our communities.

We are currently experiencing unprecedented and rapid growth within the Franklin Local Board area.

Communities that were predominantly rural are evolving to be increasingly urbanised as development has been enabled through special housing area zoning and the Auckland Unitary Plan. Our communities have asked us to manage growth so that what is special and unique about our communities is protected, and so that local preferences and needs are understood by both council and developers as our communities evolve.

Some communities such as Clevedon have undertaken significant work themselves to outline their vision, developing a Clevedon Village Design Framework to be used by council and developers as a guideline on community aspirations and preferences. The board will support Clevedon and empower other established communities on the cusp of significant transformation to protect and enhance their unique characteristics and realise opportunities through development.

“ Our communities have asked us to manage growth so that what is special and unique about our communities is protected, and so that local preferences and needs are understood by both council and developers as our communities evolve. ”



Facilities like the Beachlands Hall are at the centre of community activities.





The board will work with council departments on a process to support community-led development of village plans for Waiau-Pa/ Clarks Beach, Beachlands and Maraetai, and for establishing the Clevedon Design Framework as the primary reference point for future development in Clevedon, just as the City Centre Masterplan informs development in Auckland’s city centre.

The network of community facilities and open spaces across the Franklin Local Board area underpins community health, cultural and economic well-being and pride. The Franklin Local Board will seek the development of a Franklin community facility and open space network plan that will analyse the impact of growth on facilities and public space so that we can identify gaps in provision, and inform future investment (including through development contributions).

Key facilities and spaces of focus over the next term will be:

- Karioitahi Beach within the Waiuku subdivision is an increasingly popular destination for film crews, mobile campers, tourists and Aucklanders wanting to experience the rugged west coast. The board has the opportunity to learn from the experience of communities adjacent to other west coast beaches to inform a plan to manage the development of Karioitahi as a visitor destination, and enable local communities to leverage local benefits.

- Pukekohe Hill within the Pukekohe subdivision is another icon of the Franklin Local Board area landscape. The reserve has the potential to be developed as a sub-regional resource that offers cultural, recreational and environmental experiences. To achieve this we need a well-considered plan with a vision that reflects community aspirations and priorities and sets out how we can achieve them.
- Community services in the Wairoa subdivision. Community services delivered through libraries, arts centres, community centres and high schools are not available at all within the Wairoa subdivision creating significant inequity, particularly amongst youth. Beachlands-Maraetai has reached the population threshold that would justify council investment in a small community centre.⁴ Franklin Local Board has had strong feedback that locally accessible arts, library and community programmes are a priority for the community.

Planning and preparing our facilities and places for change also extends to planning how council responds to the effects of climate change. It is council’s responsibility to lead planning, and the local board will advocate strongly for local place-based interests, particularly as they relate to our coastal communities.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “With proper planning the growth of our district can be exciting. Without proper planning we’ll be putting out fires for generations to come.”

⁴ Auckland Community Facilities Network Plan indicative thresholds.



Opportunities

- Proactive planning that sets out a clear vision for a place or facility would help us to stage investment, identify delivery partners and proactively manage use
- A willingness from local communities to lead the development and delivery of plans and projects could bring new and existing communities together and develop a strong foundation for local community empowerment and resilience
- A circular economy⁵ lens in planning and regeneration of community facilities could deliver huge benefits to future generations.

Challenges

- The absence of holistic plans to inform development of growing communities and iconic facilities so that they reflect local character, culture, and heritage
- Customising our approach to managing change in a way that empowers our geographically and culturally different communities
- Our vast coastlines and popular coastal communities are vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

Our commitment

- We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

⁵ A circular economy an economic system aimed at eliminating waste and the continual use of resources. It is a regenerative approach in contrast to the traditional linear economy, which has a “take, make, dispose” model of production.



Move over Team NZ, budding yachties can learn at Sandspit Reserve, Waiuku.

Outcome 3: Fit for purpose places and facilities

Objective

Key initiatives

Towns, villages, and settlements are planned and developed to support growing communities and retain local character

Develop aspirational plans for Clarks Beach-Waiu Pa, Glenbrook and Beachlands to inform both private and public investment in recreation, arts and library facilities and services so that local character is protected, and service preferences referenced as these areas are developed

Adopt and embed the 2019 Clevedon Village Design Framework as the Auckland Council plan that informs both private and public investment in future projects and services so that local character is protected, and service preferences referenced as these areas are developed

Plan and advocate for investment in community facilities so that they can service future needs whilst retaining local character

Develop a Franklin community facilities and outdoor space network plan to inform future work and investment and ensure the growing population has equitable access to public arts, culture, play and recreational facilities (including pools) and associated services

Investigate options for a Beachlands community service hub/community centre that delivers arts, culture, library and civic services and programmes to growing local communities

Develop a plan for Pukekohe Hill that identifies a range of actions and projects that will develop and protect the reserve as a significant recreational, cultural, and environmental resource for future generations

Develop a plan for Karioitahi reserves that draws from the experiences of other black-sand beaches in the Auckland region, identifying and prioritising opportunities to protect, enhance and leverage local economic benefit from its unique environment

Advocate for funding, as set out in the Auckland Council detailed business case, for the development of Karaka Sports Park and community hub (the Franklin Local Board one local initiative)





Karaka Sports Park.

Outcome 3: Fit for purpose places and facilities

Objective	Key initiatives
Plan and prepare for effects of climate change on local facilities and amenity	Assess how local climate change impacts from sea level rise, coastal storm induced flooding and coastal erosion hazard risk will impact affected communities and develop plans to inform a community-led and council-led response
	Ensure climate change and coastal erosion hazard risk, including effects of sea level rise, are considered in planning for development and upgrading of parks and assets in coastal areas





Maraetai.

Whakaotinga whā: Te kaitiakitanga me te tiaki i tō tātou taiao

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.

Mana whenua maintain kaitiakitanga over the land and derive their mana from it. The local board recognises the important spiritual and cultural links and will seek iwi advice and cooperation in developing and delivering environmental initiatives in the local board area.

We will also enable and support the wider community to protect our environment and to adopt and embed environmentally sustainable behaviours. We will invest in and promote a mix of proactive and restorative initiatives across all the outcome areas in this plan.

Challenges presented by the environmental effects of climate change must be addressed for the good of future generations, we must find ways to reduce emissions and increase resilience to lessen the impacts on our community and environment. Coastal erosion, drought, flood and extreme weather events are all immediate threats in rural and isolated communities.

Communities in Franklin Local Board area have a strong connection with their environment. Those who move to the area have been drawn by our coastal views, beaches, forests or vast open spaces. Established communities that have drawn their livelihoods from our productive soils, farmed rolling hills or harvested sea-life, increasingly demonstrate a commitment to achieving a sustainable balance between using and nurturing the environment as a resource.

“ We will also enable and support the wider community to protect our environment and to adopt and embed environmentally sustainable behaviours. ”





The Hūnua Ranges, the Manukau Harbour to the west and the Hauraki Gulf to the east are all environmental tāonga that are socially and culturally significant to our people. The Manukau Harbour needs to be recognised for its regional social, cultural and environmental significance with proactive planning and investment in its restoration prioritised.

We are fortunate to have the Hūnua Ranges, still believed to be free of kauri dieback disease, fostering a population of kokāko and bats. We have a range of other forested reserves, rivers, estuaries and streams that are regenerating thanks to Iwi, volunteer groups and neighbouring property owners. These groups are also addressing the mistakes made in the past that have seen our rivers suffer from excess sediment and pollution and our forests invaded by predators and weeds.

The Franklin Local Board will compliment and leverage local benefit from regional initiatives and national investment in environmental protection initiatives. We will advocate for regional investment in the restoration of the Manukau Harbour as a rich and diverse marine and coastal environment everyone can enjoy. We will support mana whenua to maintain kaitiakitanga and will enable communities to show environmental stewardship to lead and inform conservation, restoration and regeneration projects in the places that matter to them.

As our area is increasingly urbanised, we know that one of the biggest problems is waste. Waste is clogging our streams and rivers. Waste is being dumped on rural roadsides and at beaches. We need to make it easier for people to behave responsibly by enabling resource recovery and regeneration (a circular economy approach where we regenerate everything we make). The board will advocate for accessible resource recovery

facilities and services to be funded in the south and east Auckland and will invest in initiatives and programmes that promote local resource recovery and regeneration.

Our environment and public behaviour does not recognise local board boundaries and so the Franklin Local Board will work actively with Papakura, Manurewa and Howick Local boards to promote environment outcomes.

Opportunities

- Our area has some outstanding natural attractions that have the potential to generate local economic benefit, including the Hūnua Trail from Clevedon through the Hūnua Ranges to Tikapa Moana (the Firth of Thames)
- Our community has a strong interest in protecting the natural environment. We can enable our communities to respond to climate change by building their knowledge and capacity to enable sustainable business and lifestyles changes.

Challenges

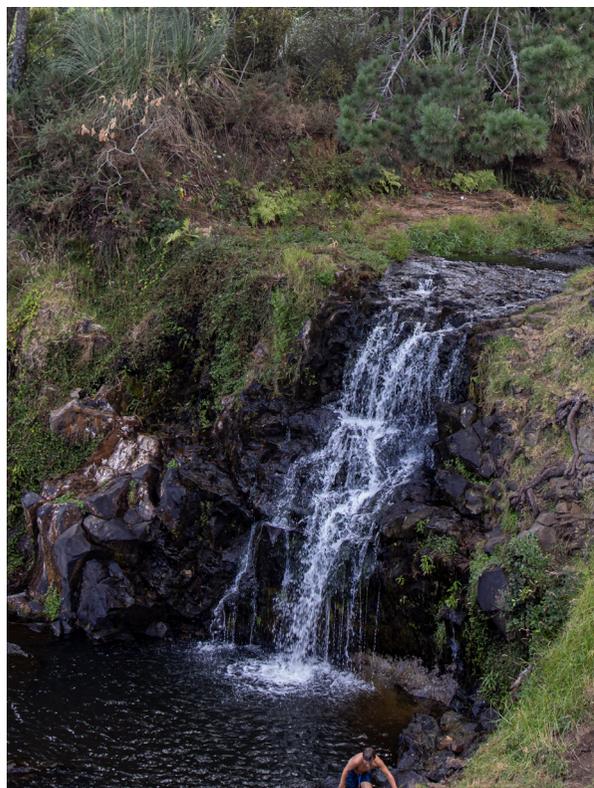
- Climate change will increase threats to our indigenous animals, plants, and ecosystems
- Increasing urbanisation fragments local eco-systems and is a threat to environmental resilience
- Balancing protection of the natural environment with our need for industry.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “We seek tautoko from the board for mana whenua led kaitiakitanga programmes that provide greater protection and sustainability of the environment and places of significance.”



Waiuku's Waitangi Falls.

Outcome 4: Kaitiakitanga and protection of our environment

Objective

Key initiatives

Support community and iwi driven initiatives that will protect and restore the natural environment and address the impacts of climate change.

Partner with iwi, community, and private landowners to protect and restore local waterways through fencing, planting, mangrove removal and willow removal to help manage floods and create habitat for native biodiversity

Support community-led and council-led initiatives to make Franklin predator and weed free by 2050

Continue to support our growers in the protection of elite soils from urban development encroachment

Support a local transition to circular economy approach to waste management and enable local climate action

Advocate for and support additional resource recovery and regeneration facilities such as the Waiuku Community Recycling Centre in the south and south-east, or in partnership with the north Waikato; and support community-led initiatives that enable locals to divert waste from landfill

Work with local business, industry, and resident groups to deliver a circular economy and low carbon living education programme to enable our community to respond to climate change issues

Support waste reduction and management education programmes and initiatives

Protect and enhance the mauri (lifeforce) of our awa (waterways), moana (harbour) and ngahere (indigenous forests)

Seek regional resourcing for and participate in the restoration, revelation, and celebration of the Manukau Harbour as an environmental taonga

Support Hauraki Gulf Forum activities and support initiatives that improve water quality in Turanga Estuary, Waikopua Estuary (Whitford) and the Wairoa River (Clevedon)

Support native re-forestation and forest-management projects to protect and restore indigenous ecosystems, including facilitating opportunities for community participation e.g. at the Matakawau Recreation and Plantation Reserve

Partner with mana whenua, Papakura, Manurewa and Howick Local boards and community groups to restore river and stream eco-systems with a focus on restoring inanga (whitebait) spawning habitat



Whakaotinga rima: Kei te pūkaretia te ahurea tuku iho me te tuakiri Māori ki ō tātou hapori

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, visitors, and future generations can experience, understand, and enjoy our stories and perspectives.

In Māori legend, before the great canoes arrived in Aotearoa, tūrehu or patupaiarehe (fairy people) of Hūnua Ranges are said to have battled with the tūrehu people of the Waitākere Ranges when they thought Wairere, daughter of Hūnua had been stolen by Hui, son of Waitākere. The battle angered brothers Mataaho, guardian of the Earth’s secrets and Rūaumoko, atua (god) of earthquakes and volcanoes. Their combined anger is said to have created the undulations of the land and sea between the two ranges, including the volcanic features we see across Auckland today.

This story is just one example of a rich cultural tapestry that has the potential to generate local pride and a foundation for strong and prosperous communities.

“ We must support mana whenua and local communities to capture, record and share our local cultural narrative so that new residents, visitors and future generations can experience and enjoy our world view. ”



The NZ Steel sculpture in Waiuku. Artist Fred Graham.





WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Belonging and participation is for everyone, and we will definitely need community cohesion in the times to come, that’s why we need to connect more deeply with the Māori identity and from that knowledge and sensitivity create the facilities we need.”

We will work proactively with mana whenua to understand how we can work together to build te ao Māori (Māori perspectives) into our places using place-making opportunities such as road naming for new subdivisions and facility renewals to reveal and share pre-settlement narratives. Possible joint projects include the activation of the Hūnua Trail in the Wairoa subdivision, the Awaroa Portage in the Waiuku subdivision and restoration of the Manukau Harbour foreshore within the Pukekohe subdivision. In the spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi, these will be partnerships of mutual benefit.

It is also important to our people that the story of our role as producers and farmers is told and that communities have the opportunity to commemorate sacrifices made locally during wartime.

We must support mana whenua and local communities to capture, record and share our local cultural narrative so that new residents, visitors and future generations can experience and enjoy our world view.

We will do this by working to express local cultural heritage through council-delivered programmes such as library programmes and by supporting established local organisations including local Returned Service Associations, Historic Societies and resident associations to lead heritage and commemorative initiatives.

Opportunities

- Availability of regional and national funding to progress Māori outcomes
- Community-led initiatives and experiences that enable communities to experience local heritage e.g. through public art and public facility design
- Access to records and resources within Auckland Libraries to capture and tell local stories
- Planned facility upgrades and programmes and new development as opportunities to express the local narrative i.e. through place naming and design.

Challenges

- Capacity of community groups and mana whenua to develop and deliver initiatives to third-party and council project timeframes, including timeframes associated with urban development
- Council projects and processes do not prioritise local perspectives, including those of mana whenua in the design of projects or through recommendations on place-making decisions e.g. road naming.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



McNicol Homestead, Clevedon.

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

Objective

Key initiatives

Showcase local history, culture, and stories in public places and through public events

Support Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngāti Paoa and Ngaati Whanaunga to work with the governing body of Auckland Council and Watercare to tell the story of the Hūnua Ranges through the Hūnua Trail

Work with mana whenua and local historic societies to tell the stories of our places including parks, community centres and libraries, and supporting opportunities for digital and physical interpretation of stories

Support accessible place-making, event activities and community programmes that showcase local culture and stories e.g. through the Auckland Heritage Festival, Diwali Festival and Matariki Festival activities

Enable our people to engage with local history and share their cultures

Support community groups to research and share local history, including facilitating access to the history of the southern and eastern parts of Auckland held by Auckland Libraries

Partner with Ngāti Te Ata and the Waiuku Trails Committee to deliver and promote the Awaroa Portage crossing

Invest in art initiatives, programmes and projects that reference, celebrate, and promote local culture and history

Build and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with Māori

Implement the actions from the Franklin Māori Responsiveness Plan

Work with the other southern local boards and mana whenua through the Māori input into local board decision-making project to investigate ways to improve mana whenua involvement and influence in local board decisions

Work in partnership with mana whenua to identify opportunities to deliver local projects, events, or arts activities together





Children make a splash in the Hūnua School pool.

Whakaotinga ono: Te rongoi i te whai wāhi me te whakaurunga hapori kaha

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.

Our community is growing and changing. We want our new residents to feel welcome, to engage in local life and to connect with the established community. In our settlements and villages, we have strong community participation through rural hall committees and resident associations, though land care groups, theatre clubs, ‘friends of the environment’ groups and local sports clubs. In our town centres, business associations, service groups and sports clubs deliver programmes that bring both new residents and our existing community together and foster a strong sense of belonging and connection to the places we live. We will continue to enable community organisations to lead local activity and projects. We will support these organisations to build their leadership, skills, and capacity to keep driving positive change. We will prioritise our support to activities that encourage local participation, that reflect local places and stories like the Waiuku Trail, that are family-friendly and that have the potential to contribute to social and economic recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“ The board is committed to exploring options for providing access to services and facilities that promote local community health and well-being and equity of service across our board area. ”





WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Supporting groups to contribute to their community e.g. youth led projects are important in order to cultivate a generation of people who are aware of and care for the community.”

In the west, we will continue to support services and facilities that promote local community health and well-being through established local agencies like Franklin Family Support, Waiuku Family Support and Te Ara Rangatahi and will continue to work with Waiuku and Pukekohe libraries to deliver community and cultural programmes. We will continue to support the Franklin Arts Centre as a hub for arts in Pukekohe.

We will continue to enable arts activities across the board area through the Franklin Arts Broker programme and will investigate opportunities to enable more community-led arts activities and creative spaces in our towns, villages, and settlements.

In the east, there is significant population growth and urban development in the Beachlands-Maraetai catchment, with Clevedon also on the cusp of transformation. Although the area is well-serviced by recreational facilities there is no high-school, council library, community centre or business association to support local community activity and welfare activity or drive the community programmes we see in the more established Pukekohe and Waiuku.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic funding new community facilities is not realistic but the board is committed to exploring options for providing access to services and facilities that promote local community health and well-being and equity of service across our board area.

The board will support the Franklin Youth Advisory Board to extend its reach into the Wairoa subdivision and will support arts, recreation and community initiatives that enable young people to connect to one-another and to their community in the places where they live.

Opportunities

- Focussed support for community-led projects by partnering with mana whenua, established local social service agencies, business, and resident associations to deliver community well-being programmes, events, and projects
- Growth is an opportunity for local stories to be told through public art and new facilities through urban development, delivering a valuable place connection
- Improved connectivity and access to wi-fi, including through our rural halls, could enable our isolated communities to host and access arts and library services and activities (usually provided through community centres) on-line, creating improved equity at minimal spend.

Challenges

- Equitable access to council’s ‘asset-based’ services including arts, library and events services and facilities and (in the Wairoa subdivision) to local services and facilities provided by high schools
- New development that does not contribute to new facilities that support physical and social connection to the established community
- Huge demand and limited resource for trails and paths that create connection within and to our widespread settlements, villages and town centres and as recreational amenity for walkers, cyclists, and horse-riding.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



A group of young people get together in Pukekohe's Town Square.

Outcome 6: A sense of belonging and strong community participation

Objective

Our people are supported to actively contribute to their community and the places they live

Key initiatives

Identify and support a network of representative community groups, including marae and the Franklin Youth Advisory Board and deliver a plan (including a capability and capacity building programme) to support them in successfully representing neighbourhood interests

Develop a process to enable community, arts, and recreational groups to partner with council to deliver capital projects such as trails and paths that will generate a positive inter-generational legacy for communities

Support eco-volunteer partnerships through the eco-volunteer partnership fund, enabling mana whenua and community groups to lead delivery of environmental improvement initiatives that protect and enhance the environment

Support our rural halls to develop five-year operational plans that will inform equitable council funding for local hall operations so that halls can be retained as important local facilities and managed by the community

Support community-led arts and local events that bring people together to meet each other and have fun at no or low cost

Fund initiatives that provide activities for children and programmes for youth in our town centres and villages

Partner with local organisations to provide creative spaces and to promote participation in the delivery of events and the arts e.g. as suppliers, exhibitors, and performers

Support libraries, rural hall committees and the Franklin Arts Centre to deliver events, arts activities and programmes in our towns, villages, and settlements





Clevedon Arts Trail.

Outcome 6: A sense of belonging and strong community participation

Objective

Our community support agencies, resident groups and marae are supported to co-ordinate or deliver a range of community well-being and resilience services and programmes

Key initiatives

Support a proactive community-led place-based empowered communities' approach to planning for and responding to disaster

Partner with Franklin Family Support and Waiuku Family Support to deliver and broker community health and well-being services and initiatives and investigate options for a support agency to service the Wairoa subdivision

Improve delivery of and access to existing arts, library, and community services to rural settlements, youth, and our senior citizens e.g. by advocating for universal internet access and therefore access to internet-based services at all council venues



He kōrero take pūtea

Funding information

The local board funding policy sets out how local boards are funded to meet the costs of providing local activities and administration support.

Local board funding is approved 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, in which the local board and the governing body agree the local board budget for each year, make up part of the annual budget.

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.

The financial and levels of service statements in this plan are based on the information included in the Long-term Plan 2018-28 and updated through subsequent annual plans (including the Emergency Budget 2020/2021). Updated financial information and levels of service will be adopted as part of the long-term plan which is due to be adopted in June 2021. The Long-term Plan 2021-2031 will be informed by the local board plans and may impact the initiatives in this local board plan.



Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Local activities and levels of service

The budget-setting process sets levels of service for local activities and corresponding performance targets. The table below describes the local activities and default level of service statements set out in the 2018-28 Long-term Plan. These level of service statements may change when they are reviewed as part of the Long-term Plan 2021-2031.

More information on local board budgets can be found in the Franklin Local Board Agreement 2020/2021 and Auckland Council’s local board funding policy, which are available on the council website.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
<p>Local community services</p>	
<p>This is a broad activity area, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting local arts, culture, events, sport, and recreation • providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services • maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries, and halls. 	<p>We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life.</p> <p>We fund, enable, and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people.</p> <p>We fund, enable, and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people.</p> <p>Utilising the Empowered Communities approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities.</p> <p>Provide safe, reliable, and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.</p> <p>We provide community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion, and connection.</p> <p>We provide recreation programmes, opportunities, and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often.</p> <p>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, and beaches.</p> <p>We showcase Auckland’s Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture.</p>



Local activities	Levels of service statements
<p>Local planning and development</p> <p>This group of activities covers improvements to town centres, the local street environment as well as local environment and heritage protection. These activities also include working with business and community associations to improve local economic development and employment initiatives.</p>	<p>We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland.</p>
<p>Local environmental management</p> <p>Local boards work in partnership with local communities and iwi to deliver projects and programmes to improve local environments. Our focus is on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living.</p> <p>These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.</p>	<p>We manage Auckland’s natural environment.</p>
<p>Local governance</p> <p>Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing the Local Board Agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.</p>	<p>The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making.</p> <p>There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2020/2021.</p>



Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Financial overview

Revenue, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Franklin Local Board for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Annual Budget Financials	2020/2021 (\$000)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	1,014
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total operating revenue	1,014
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	12,805
Local planning and development	992
Local environmental services	244
Local governance	1,117
Total operating expenditure	15,158
Net operating expenditure	14,144
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	12,645
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total capital expenditure	12,645



Ngā Mema o tō Poari ā-Rohe o Franklin

Your Franklin Local Board members

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Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

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Key advocacy areas for Franklin Local Board include:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Advocate for improved Transport services and connections to and from South East Auckland	Pine Harbour needs to be developed to accommodate increased ferry services, integrated public transport connections and ‘park and ride’ facilities to service both urban and rural communities.	Government, Auckland Council and Auckland Transport
	Auckland Council and Auckland Transport need to support a regular bus service between transport nodes at Papakura Train Station, Pine Harbour and Botany. This will enable these rapidly developing communities to make environmentally responsible transport choices (respond to climate change issues), access neighbouring community facilities (delaying the need to build new and addressing inequity of council services) and to access and generate employment and visitation opportunities.	Auckland Council and Auckland Transport
Advocate for local interests in the development and delivery of major transport infrastructure projects	Public transport nodes and dedicated park and ride facilities at Drury and Paerata must be designed to service both the urban and surrounding rural communities they will service.	Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and Government
	Major infrastructure projects e.g. the Mill Road project should be delivered so that local interests and improvements can be leveraged for and deliver enhanced well-being for local communities e.g. positive environmental and community outcomes.	Government, Auckland Council, and Auckland Transport
Fit for purpose roads	Auckland Council and Auckland Transport should differentiate between urban greenfield and urban intensification development areas in terms of design and delivery of future service needs so that new roads and paths are fit for purpose, support transport choices.	Auckland Council and Auckland Transport
	Advocate for local board transport funding at minimum to be reinstated to the pre-COVID level of \$21m per annum and, for previously allocated funding of at minimum \$38m lost through the COVID pandemic emergency budget to be fully restored.	Auckland Council and Auckland Transport



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Fit for purpose roads continued	Advocate for increased funding renewal, rehabilitation and maintenance funding to be made available to Auckland Transport to renew at least 12 per cent of Auckland’s sealed roads and bridges in any given year (currently below 9 per cent) i.e. an increase to the 2021/2024 budget of approximately \$10 million and that routes and roads of strategic importance to the people of Auckland, including: Whitford-Maraetai Road, Papakura-Clevedon Road, Alfriston-Brookby Road, Glenbrook Road, Hūnua Road and the Pukekohe ring road be prioritised.	NZTA, Auckland Council
Support communities to thrive through development	Clevedon, Clarks Beach-Waiiau Pa, Glenbrook and Beachlands are supported by Auckland Council to develop and/or deliver plans that will inform both future private and public transformation projects in their communities in a way that reflects and protect local character.	Auckland Council
	Advocate for the development of a Franklin community facilities and outdoor space network plan to inform future work and investment and ensure the growing population has equitable access to public arts, culture, play and recreational facilities (including pools) and associated services.	Auckland Council
	Regenerate Pukekohe town centre through the Kia Puāwai o Pukekohe programme, recycling assets to prepare Pukekohe for growth and development in Paerata, Drury and north Waikato so it can thrive whilst retaining Pukekohe’s local character and identity	Panuku, Auckland Council, mana whenua, Pukekohe Business Association
	Advocate for Pukekohe plan changes to be made live i.e. to open up new light industrial areas that will generate local economic activity and jobs.	Auckland Council
	Advocate for funding, as set out in the Auckland Council detailed business case, through the 10-year budget for the development of Karaka Sports Park and community hub (the Franklin Local Board OLI)	Auckland Council



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Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Protect our environment	Restore, reveal, and celebrate the Manukau Harbour, Hauraki Gulf and Hūnua Ranges as environmental taonga through regionally funded development and protection work programmes.	Government, mana whenua and Auckland Council
	Make resource recovery facilities and services accessible to communities in south and east Auckland, including growing communities in Drury, Pukekohe, Whitford, Beachlands, Clevedon and north Waikato.	Auckland Council
	Promote Drury as an accessible site for a Resource Recovery centre and for collaboration with the Waikato District Council when planning locations.	
Partner with Māori to deliver culturally significant projects	Facilitate access to Māori outcome funding to support mana whenua participation in and leverage from projects including the Hūnua Trail, Awaroa Portage, Kia Puāwai o Pukekohe and other projects identified by mana whenua.	Mana whenua, Auckland Council
Improved community services on the Pohutukawa Coast	Investigate options for a Beachlands community service hub/ community centre that delivers arts, culture, library and civic services and programmes to growing local communities.	Auckland Council
	Support community-led advocacy for improved access to secondary education for Pohutukawa Coast communities.	Government
Develop visitor capacity within the Hūnua Ranges	Develop for the Hūnua Ranges as a centre for visitation, recreation, cultural experience, and environmental education including Auckland's water supply story.	Mana whenua, Auckland Council, Watercare, Auckland Unlimited



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Promote the local economy	Support and advocate for the development and promotion of rural south Auckland as the nation’s food bowl.	Auckland Council, Auckland Unlimited, Panuku, Business Associations
	Advocate for investigation into screen and digital production infrastructure located in southern Auckland to encourage local benefits to the local economy.	Auckland Unlimited, Auckland Council, Government
	Advocate for greater domestic and international promotion of south and south east Auckland tourism attractions such as the Glenbrook Vintage Railway	Auckland Unlimited
	Advocate for an assessment of mobile and internet connectivity in the Franklin Local Board area and recommendations for addressing the issue	Auckland Council, Auckland Unlimited





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