

Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2017

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O
ŌRĀKEI 2017



Mihi

E ngā kainoho, e ngā hapori.
Anei te reo matakuihui ka hora ki ngā iwi
kua whakakāinga nei i a Ōrākei.
Tēnā koutou katoa.
E noho nei au i te maunga o Ōhinerau
ka titiro ki te raki, ki a Maungarei.
Ko aku karu ka whai i te awa o Tāmaki e tere rā
ka rewa ake ki runga i a Taurere
ki te Pane-o-Horoīwi.
I konei ka huri whakawaho taku kaikanohi
ki Tikapa Moana, ka matika ake he moutere,
ko tōna rite he tōtōdeka,
e patī mai ki runga i ō tātou tāhuna.
Mai i konei ka rere tonu rā ki te Waitematā,
ka paratī mai ōna tai kārohirohi
ki runga i ōna takutai.
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e.
Tirohia tō mātou tirohanga whānui
kei ngā whārangi nei.

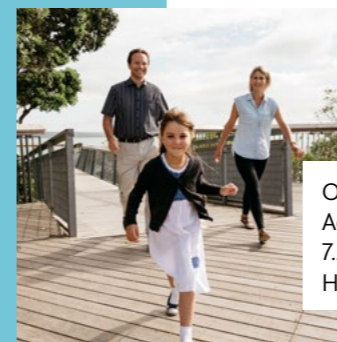
Residents and communities.
This is a warm welcome to all who have
made Ōrākei home.
Greetings to you all.
Here I sit on Mt Hobson
and look to the east towards Mt Wellington.
My eyes follow the flowing Tāmaki River
then pass over Mt Taylor
to Achilles Point.
From here I look out and see
the waters of the Hauraki Gulf, where islands rise
like greenstone,
- the waves, they lap onto our beaches.
From here it's on to the Waitematā
whose shimmering waters
touch our coast.
The connections are made.
Look to our vision
shared in these pages.

Mihi: *Ōrākei* - Colin Davis

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On the cover: The viewing platform at Achilles Point in St Heliers is part of the 7.5km long pathway that starts at St Heliers Bay and finishes at Point England.

From the Chairman

He kōrero mai i te Heamana



I am pleased to introduce the Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2017. A draft plan was prepared and consulted on. Given residents' clear approval for the draft, and with amendments suggested in their feedback, this plan now reflects our communities' priorities and preferences, and guides us on where we should focus our effort and investment in the next three years.

The board's vision is encapsulated in the five interlocking outcomes set out in more detail in the plan: the Ōrākei Local Board area should be a place where people can enjoy first-class parks, open spaces and community facilities, and have safe alternative means of travel, in an area where the environment is treasured and cared for, and an area in which people can enjoy and support quality local business in distinctive town centres. Above all, our residents, whom we represent and make decisions on behalf of, are important to us. "Community" is at the heart of everything we do and community aspirations based on the feedback are woven through the five outcomes.

The mihi on the preceding page is intended, somewhat poetically, to describe the boundaries of the Ōrākei Local Board area to define it as a place. We are fortunate to live in a high-quality place.

Over the last six years, the board has delivered on our communities' priorities and expected outcomes which were incorporated in the previous two plans. We are pleased to have been able to achieve the majority of the projects. Working with our communities, the board's intention is to continue to build on the work of those first six years.

There are challenges.

The board is mindful of the pressure continuing residential growth places on the facilities in our area and the increasing traffic volumes. We need to plan for that growth and the changing demographic make-up of our communities.

Where we are unable to fund initiatives, or we do not have decision-making authority, the board will continue to advocate to the appropriate agencies. Roothing and transport matters lie with Auckland Transport, and most water-related issues are administered by Watercare, both of which are statutory entities.

We are well aware of the high rates our residents pay and believe our area does not get the commensurate level of investment or service. We contribute greatly to the wider Auckland region with our sports

Our focus will be shifting to further enhancing the natural environment.

facilities, environment, beaches and tourist attractions. We believe the services, facilities and infrastructure in our area should fairly reflect these contributions.

While the board doesn't set the quantum of rates, we can insist there is value for money spent. This applies not only to the ordinary maintenance of our assets, but also to any new assets. We need to bear in mind the board must also budget for the ongoing operational costs any new assets will incur. Across the council, there is need for continued fiscal constraint. The challenge is to do more with less. We need to find innovative ways to deliver projects and initiatives in the best interests of our communities.

For the last six years, our emphasis has been on upgrading local sports parks and facilities. Our sports parks are heavily used by people across the region and most sporting codes are represented in our area. The board's area is now home to some of the best playing fields and facilities in Auckland, resulting in greater usage and fewer cancellations of sporting fixtures for all age groups. As funding allows, we will continue to implement masterplans to improve Colin Maiden Park, Michaels Avenue Reserve, Madills Farm Reserve, Shore Road Reserve and The Landing. We also propose to upgrade Liston Park and Ōrākei Domain to maximise their opportunities for the whole community. There is a high cost in developing facilities.

For some of these projects, we will be looking to develop private / public partnerships to deliver new capital projects for the benefit of our community and at less cost to our ratepayers. The concept of partnering is generally supported by the feedback we received.

We will also be improving some of our smaller reserves, such as Kupe South Reserve. We will continue to ensure the required day-to-day maintenance of our reserves and facilities is done cost effectively, regularly and well.

Our focus will be shifting to further enhancing the natural environment. Our area has some of the loveliest coastline and beaches in the Hauraki Gulf. These attract many visitors. We will continue to monitor water quality to ensure our beaches are safe for swimming. The issue of environmental degradation is a challenge. This local board plan has greater emphasis than ever on involving community groups and individuals in delivering beneficial programmes and initiatives.

The board will continue to work alongside schools with the EnviroSchools programme and will engage with, and continue to support, existing community and interest groups, encourage more "friends of" groups, and work with iwi.

Our volunteers are central to eradicating pests, predators and weeds to protect our native flora and fauna, restoring streamside banks and enhancing our natural areas. Waiatarua Reserve, Churchill Park, Madills Farm Reserve, Pamela Place Reserve, Dingle Dell, Ōrākei Basin, Tāhuna Tōrea Nature Reserve, Waiata Reserve, Kepa Bush and Pourewa Valley, together with streams and coastal areas, are important to the amenity and ecology that people value and enjoy. As kaitiaki or guardians of the environment, we want to enhance these areas for our existing communities and for generations to come.

Some of the larger projects include the Stonefields Heritage Trail, which opened in November 2017 and is part of the board's walking network, and the Glen Innes / Tāmaki Drive shared pedestrian and cycling path linkages. We intend to work with Auckland Transport to implement safer pedestrian-and-cyclist-friendly shared path opportunities along the coastal edge of Tāmaki Drive, as envisioned by the Tāmaki Drive Masterplan.

We will be looking at different funding options to redevelop the Meadowbank Community Centre site to ensure we get fit for purpose community spaces and, working with other agencies, increase use and development of our community facilities.

We would like to complete our Hobson Bay coastal pathway linking Wilson's Beach and Shore Road Reserve. Our libraries continue to be important community places; funding has been budgeted for the St Heliers Library renovation. We are also interested in working with our communities on arts and heritage initiatives.

Thank you for contributing to this plan. The board recognises the decisions we make, many long-term, not only affect our present and future ratepayers and residents, but also future generations. The board is committed to and will be working very hard on your behalf to deliver the outcomes in this plan.



Colin Davis,
Chairman, Ōrākei Local Board



Karaka Bay, Glendowie.

Our plan at a glance

He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

We will focus on five outcomes to guide our work and make the Ōrākei Local Board area a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



Waterfront, Mission Bay.

Outcome 1: Our local parks and open space areas are valued and enjoyed

We will continue to develop our sports parks, reserves and playgrounds. Our beaches must continue to be a source of pride and enjoyment for people. We will work with our residents, taking into account the wider community, to ensure the recreational needs of different users can be met well into the future.



St Heliers Bay playground.

Outcome 2: Our residents are proud of their community facilities and public places

Local centres and public places should be attractive, safe and easy to access. We aim to make it easier for community groups, clubs, churches and associations to come together. We will ensure our public places are attractive and vibrant with the right mix of enhanced community facilities, public art, and in some places, heritage. Community health is also important and we should strive to keep our public places clean, chemical free and smoke free.



Ōrākei train station.

Outcome 3: People can move around our area easily and safely

Having integrated transport choices means opportunities are available to travel whenever and wherever needed. We will continue to advocate to and work with Auckland Transport, which is responsible for local roads and public transport networks, to improve transport options for our residents.

The Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path is expected to become the key recreational and commuter routes for pedestrians and cyclists. We will work to ensure they are developed to provide exemplary commuting and recreational experiences for all users to and from the city, and to the waterfront.



Tāhuna Tōrea nature walk.

Outcome 4: The natural environment is valued, protected and enhanced by our communities

Ōrākei is fortunate to have many attractive beaches and ecologically significant waterways and reserves. We aim for a holistic, kaitiakitanga (guardianship) approach to caring for our natural areas, recognising that the health of all our beaches, waterways and green spaces is interlinked



St Heliers shopping centre.

Outcome 5: A thriving economy which supports local businesses and town centres

The Ōrākei Local Board area has several distinct town centres, each with its own character that should be retained and enhanced. It is important that these centres maximise their potential, are attractive and continue to offer a diverse range of retail options, services and experiences for local residents and visitors to enjoy. We will continue to support our business improvement districts (BIDs) and business associations. We want to work with our business areas to help strengthen our town centres to ensure they thrive and prosper.

Ōrākei Local Board area

Te Rohe ā-Poari o Ōrākei



- 1. Ōrākei Domain
- 2. Tāmaki Drive
- 3. Madills Farm Reserve
- 4. Dingle Dell
- 5. Churchill Park
- 6. Kapa Bush
- 7. Ōrākei Spine
- 8. Tāhuna Tōrea Reserve
- 9. Shore Road Reserve
- 10. Ōrākei Basin
- 11. Remuera Citizens Advice Bureau
- 12. Meadowbank Community Centre
- 13. Waiaatarua Reserve
- 14. Ngāhue Reserve / Colin Maiden Park
- 15. Liston Park
- 16. Michaels Avenue Reserve

Suburbs of the Ōrākei Local Board area

The Ōrākei Local Board area lies just east of Auckland's central business district and is bounded to the north by the Waitematā Harbour and Hauraki Gulf. The local board area is largely residential, made up of the suburbs of Ōrākei, Mission Bay, Kohimarama, St Heliers, Glendowie, St Johns, Stonefields, Meadowbank, Ellerslie and Remuera.



A population of
86,400

with estimated population reach of
109,100 by 2033

The median age of residents in Ōrākei is 40 years compared to 35 years for Auckland.

We are home to:

Over **112** parks and reserves



2 libraries



7 community centres and halls



Over **8** swimming beaches



Over **20** kms of coastal walks



6 volcanic features





Stonefields Heritage Trail.

About local boards and our plans

He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe me ā mātou mahere

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 Governing Body members) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans. Local boards are not community boards or committees of the Governing Body.

Local boards also have a role in representing the views of their communities on issues of local importance. These local issues, activities and services include:

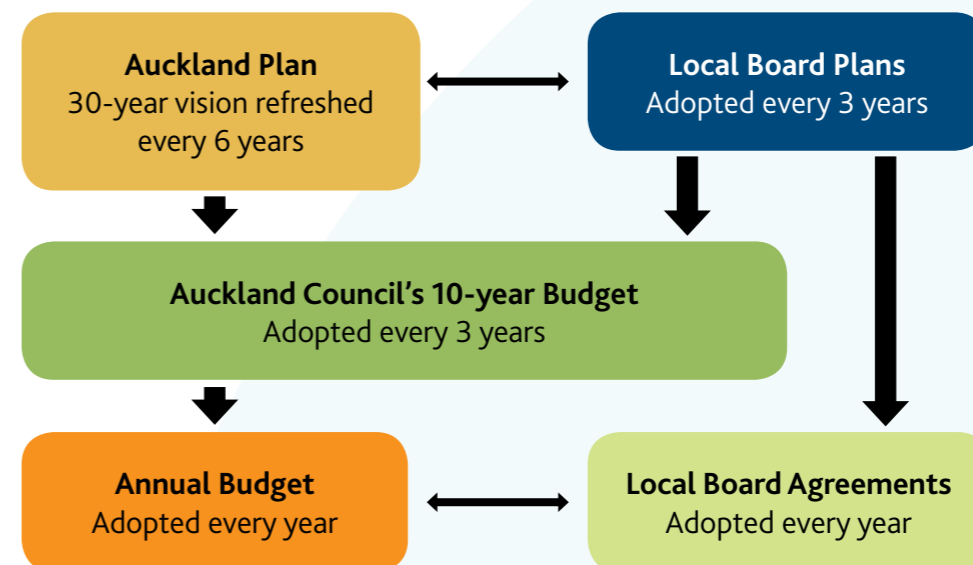
- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic documents that are developed every three years to set a direction for local boards. Reflecting community priorities and preferences, the plans guide local board activity, funding and investment decisions. They also influence local board input into regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan (the 30-year vision for Auckland), the council's 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan) and annual budgets.

Local board agreements

A key role of local board plans is to provide a basis for developing annual local board agreements. Agreed between the Governing Body and local boards, these are part of Auckland Council's budget setting process and they set out local funding priorities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year. Each local board develops annual work programmes alongside adoption of their local board agreement.





Ōrākei Basin and Hobson Bay.

Developing our plan

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

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

A draft Ōrākei Local Board Plan was developed by considering what we know about our communities, having worked closely with them over the last six years, and taking into account their views on a wide range of things.

During May and June 2017 we consulted on the draft Ōrākei Local Board Plan. In total, 274 submissions were received. In addition, 44 people provided feedback at engagement events, including 15 young people who shared their views at a youth forum. Fifty pieces of feedback were gathered through social media such as Facebook.

Overall, the outcomes within this plan were supported. The outcome which received the most feedback was the transport-related outcome. The majority of comments supported developing and improving the walking and cycling network and advocating for improved public transport.

Parks, open space and the environment also attracted a lot of feedback, with a focus on encouraging the cleaning up and enhancement of waterways, beaches and natural areas. Now that many of the sports fields and facilities in our local board area have been improved, submitters agreed with shifting the focus to enhancing our natural areas.

A strong theme emerging from the feedback was for the local board to work more in partnership with mana whenua, interest and community groups, adjoining local boards, other agencies and the private sector to deliver outcomes in the community at the least cost.

All feedback was considered by the board and contributed to the finalising of this plan.



Waterfront Mission Bay.

Outcome 1: Our local parks and open space areas are valued and enjoyed

Whakaotinga 1: He aronuitia me te hākinakina ō tātou papa rēhia me ngā wāhi tū wātea

Over the last six years, the Ōrākei Local Board has focused on upgrading many of our local sports parks.

Colin Maiden Park, Shore Road Reserve, Madills Farm Reserve, Glover Park, Crossfield Reserve, Ōrākei Domain, Ellerslie Domain and Michaels Avenue Reserve now offer some of the best sportsfields in Auckland.

We will continue to develop our sports parks, reserves and playgrounds. We will work with sporting groups and neighbouring communities, taking into account the wider community, so that the recreational needs of different users can be met well into the future.

Development plans are an effective way to work out how to accommodate the increasing use of our parks. They also help to better co-ordinate activities and investment in our parks and open space network. We intend to prepare new plans for Liston Park and Ōrākei Domain, so we can assess the future sporting and community needs for these parks.

Our sports fields, local parks and open space areas provide important places for informal recreation and enjoying the outdoors. Local reserves, such as Kupe South Reserve, contribute to the physical, social and emotional well-being of our residents in an increasingly urban environment. We will continue to provide a variety of play facilities as we build new and upgrade existing playgrounds.

Because our beaches and their adjoining green spaces are popular destinations for both locals and visitors, they need a high standard of maintenance to retain their amenity. The beaches must continue to be a source of pride and enjoyment for people. We will continue to monitor water quality to ensure our beaches are safe for swimming.

Improving access to recreation areas and community facilities is critical to many sectors of our community. While initially the emphasis will be on providing linkages to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path, we will also invest in building the wider path network to reflect your priorities for more walking and cycling linkages.

Opportunities

- We have a local paths plan, which is key to expanding the network of walkways and cycleways, interlinking our town centres, parks, community facilities and transport hubs.
- We will continue to seek opportunities to partner with a number of recreation providers to ensure the community gets the best use of our open space, whether privately- or publicly-owned, for a variety of recreational activities.

Challenges

- As the Ōrākei Local Board area and adjoining local board areas, such as Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, are intensified and redeveloped for new housing, providing for future local amenity and recreation becomes more challenging.
- Advocating for the retention of our existing open space areas, such as Te Taumoa / Purchas Hill and Merton Reserve with its existing BMX facility.
- As the population grows there will be more visitors and pressure on our beaches.

Our commitment

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

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

“We have such beautiful beaches and parks, and are very lucky to live in such a central location so close to the CBD.”



View from Mount Hobson.

Outcome 1: Our local parks and open space areas are valued and enjoyed

Objective	Key initiatives
Quality sports parks that cater for a wide range of activities.	<p>Plan for the future use of Liston Park, including investigating partnership options for its redevelopment.</p> <p>Develop a plan for Ōrākei Domain.</p> <p>Progress the upgrade or development of new clubrooms and changing facilities on Madills Farm Reserve and Michaels Avenue Reserve.</p> <p>Continue to improve our parks by implementing masterplans as funding allows, such as those for Colin Maiden Park, Michaels Avenue Reserve, Madills Farm Reserve, Churchill Park, Crossfield Reserve, Glover Park and Shore Road Reserve.</p>
Local parks and open spaces are attractive and safe.	<p>Prepare or refresh at least two plans with our communities to increase the safety and enjoyment of local parks and reserves, such as Kupe South Reserve, Dingle Dell, Tahapa Reserve, Kepa Bush and Waitatarua Reserve.</p> <p>Implement our existing parks and reserves development and management plans as funding allows, such as extending the track network up to old clubhouse site in Churchill Park.</p> <p>Approach Auckland Racing Club to continue investigating options for recreational uses of the inner track and grounds inside Ellerslie Racecourse.</p> <p>Work with the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • having a co-ordinated Tāmaki Open Space Network Plan • progressively enhancing the Stonefields Heritage Trail with appropriate planting and park furniture.
Beaches and their associated open space and amenities are accessible, safe and well maintained.	<p>Continue to reinstate, maintain and enhance our beaches and their adjoining amenities to accommodate increasing use.</p> <p>Complete the coastal pathway linking Wilson’s Beach and Shore Road Reserve.</p>



St Heliers Bay playground.

By 2033 the number of Ōrākei residents, is expected to grow to 109,100, with over half the population aged 40 or older. A growing community needs good-quality and functional community centres and halls. Our community has already told us they want their community facilities upgraded and better maintained.

Local centres and public places should be attractive, safe and easy to access. We aim to make it easier for community groups, clubs, churches and associations to come together. The Ōrākei Local Board will ensure our public places are attractive and vibrant with the right mix of enhanced community facilities, public art, and in some places, heritage.

Community health is also important and we should strive to keep our public places clean, chemical free and smoke free.

A range of events can enliven a place, bring people together and create a sense of community. Libraries are important community hubs, offering a range of services, including a mix of active and passive programmes. These initiatives will help make our public places feel vibrant, safer, more pedestrian-friendly and connected for our residents, as well as places they are proud of.

In understanding future community needs, we are investigating different concepts and funding options to ensure we get fit for purpose community spaces, such as for the redevelopment of the Meadowbank Community Centre.

As our area intensifies, it is essential that neighbourhoods and public places are well planned and designed to meet residents' needs. Quality urban design is critical to creating distinctive public spaces. It is part of what makes them a "place" – somewhere that people want to visit, shop, eat, gather and work, and that visitors will tell their friends about and return to.

Working closely with our business and residents' associations, we have identified a number of urban design opportunities to improve the atmosphere and experience of our public places. There is already community support to develop and implement placemaking plans for the St Heliers and Ellerslie town centres. With the expected growth in and around Meadowbank / St Johns, and at the Kapa Road / Kupe Street intersection in Ōrākei, town planning or placemaking may be needed to ensure these areas meet the future retail and community service needs of their surrounding communities. The shopping centres in Stonefields and at the Felton Matthew / Merton Road intersection are good examples of developments that have arisen from residential growth in the area.

Outcome 2: Our residents are proud of their community facilities and public places

Whakaotinga 2: He mea whakamanamana ki te iwi ā-kāinga o tātou urunga hapori me ōna wāhi tūmatanui

Ōrākei is a growing and changing community. According to the 2013 census, we are increasingly more diverse and a little older on average than we were in 2006.

Opportunities

- Areas of urban intensification are likely to need additional retail and community services, and these may trigger the need for public place improvements.

Challenges

- Anti-social behaviour that impacts on public places and neighbouring residents, especially late at night, needs to be managed.

Our commitment

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



Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre.

Outcome 2: Our residents are proud of their community facilities and public places

Objective	Key initiatives
Neighbourhoods, community centres and public places are safe and attractive.	<p>Identify where growth or change will occur around our public places and corridors and develop at least two local placemaking plans, in conjunction with the community, to ensure these places are appropriately planned and designed.</p> <p>Support community groups and community patrols in implementing measures, such as lighting and CCTV, to improve safety in our public places.</p> <p>Ensure our libraries, community facilities and programmes meet the needs of our changing communities.</p>
Public art and local heritage is supported by the community.	<p>Work with community groups to identify opportunities for public art projects that reflect the diverse cultures of our communities.</p> <p>Continue to maintain, enhance and interpret important heritage structures, features and sites. Where appropriate, provide interpretative signs to strengthen people's understanding of and pride in the area.</p>
The community benefits from a number of community events.	<p>Encourage and support a range of community-run events across the local board area, which are smoke-free and zero waste.</p>

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

"I love living in Ōrākei, the sense of community is fantastic and I feel so privileged to live somewhere so close to the city."



Ōrākei train station.

Outcome 3: People can move around our area easily and safely

Whakaotinga 3: He māmā, he āhuru te haereere noa ā te iwi i tō tātou rohe

Having integrated transport choices means opportunities are available to travel whenever and wherever needed — whether people are getting to and from work, doing the shopping or visiting friends.

The Ōrākei Local Board believes that a better connected public transport network is a good place to start. We will continue to advocate to and work with Auckland Transport (AT), which is responsible for local roads and public transport networks, to improve transport options for our residents.

The 2016 review of the bus network will result in more frequent bus services on key arterial routes, with improved and new feeder services to train stations in Ōrākei, Meadowbank and Glen Innes by mid-2018. Feedback on various local board documents confirms that the idea of an additional train station in the Pourewa Valley between the Glen Innes and Meadowbank stations is still supported by the community, so we will continue to advocate for it. We also need to ensure all train stations are readily reached by public transport. Water-borne public transport should also be considered.

In response to submissions on the 2016/2017 Annual Plan and on the draft of this plan, we aim to develop a shared walking and cycling path, connecting Meadowbank / St Johns and Kohimarama / Mission Bay across the Pourewa Valley. Feedback also highlighted the need for this north-south link for students in the Selwyn College and St Thomas's school zones who live in Meadowbank and St Johns Park. These changes, together with developing the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path and other shared paths, will help reduce peak-hour congestion and be a safer travel option for young people. We will therefore advocate to AT and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) for a Meadowbank-Kohimarama link.

In 2016, the board adopted its local paths plan, which is a conceptual network of cycling and walking routes across the entire board area. The Tāmaki Drive Masterplan promotes the idea of a shared path separating pedestrians and cyclists from vehicles on the coastal edge of Tāmaki Drive without losing parking. As this is still a strong aspiration in the community, we will continue to advocate for investment in the shared walking and cycling path network within the next three years.

This shared path and the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path are expected to become the key recreational and commuter routes for pedestrians and cyclists from all parts of the local board area right into the city. The paths' high amenity and recreational experiences have the potential to become major tourist attractions. We will work to ensure they are developed to provide exemplary commuting and recreational experiences for all users to and from the city, and to the waterfront.

Road safety is an ongoing concern for our residents. The speed of traffic, in particular large truck and trailer units through our area, is in conflict with the development of local paths and on-road cycle lanes provided to encourage walking and cycling to school. Intensification of our area, expected through the up-zoning of areas alongside arterial roads and in some suburbs, will put added pressure on the roading network. Flooding on some streets, such as Portland Road, is also an issue for some residents and we aim to address this within the next three years.

Opportunities

- The Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path and the proposed linkages to it provide an opportunity for communities in Meadowbank / St Johns and Kohimarama / Mission Bay to be better connected, as well as enabling more people to walk or cycle to and from the CBD and enjoy the waterfront’s recreational experiences. The sooner the linkages are developed, the sooner the benefits of the shared path will be realised.

Challenges

- There are physical and budgetary constraints in providing the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path linkages for the local board, so we will advocate to Auckland Transport for funding contributions.
- As the population grows and the area intensifies, traffic congestion will continue to be an issue. We need to continue encouraging better public transport services and options, and their greater use, plus promoting community use of our existing and planned shared paths.
- Growth and intensification also have implications for road safety. With more people living on or near arterial roads and the increased traffic associated with this, the continued movement of heavy vehicles through our area causes greater negative impact on our communities.

Our commitment

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



Wilson's Beach walkway.

Outcome 3: People can move around our area easily and safely

Objective	Key initiatives
Excellent walking and cycling options along Tāmaki Drive and surrounding areas.	Continue to advocate to AT for a shared cycling and walking path at the coastal edge of Tāmaki Drive to make it safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Work with residents, NZTA and AT to acquire property rights to connect the Meadowbank / St Johns, Kohimarama and Mission Bay communities to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path and to each other.
Local shops, schools and community facilities are connected through safe walking and cycling paths.	Carry out the Ōrākei Local Paths Plan and other linkages to schools, transport hubs and local centres. Advocate to AT for a north-south link through Colin Maiden Park, connecting Stonefields and St Johns / Glen Innes.
Frequent, reliable, safe and easy-to-use public transport options.	Advocate to AT for improved public transport services for easier commuting to main employment areas, local centres, and community and recreational facilities. Advocate to AT to trial loop buses to Remuera, Ellerslie, Greenlane, Ōrākei, St Heliers, Meadowbank and Glen Innes to better connect our communities. Continue to advocate to AT for an additional train station in the Pourewa Valley.
Safe roads, free of flooding and congestion	Advocate to AT and the Governing Body for a bylaw eliminating heavy truck and trailer units from using Ngapipi, Kepa, Kohimarama and St Johns Roads as a through-route to and from the port. Work with the council’s stormwater staff and AT to address flooding and its associated negative effects in the Portland Road / Shore Road area.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

“I really appreciate the emphasis on the availability of transport options for people, particularly sustainable and active travel. More Greenways, incorporating cycleways and walkways that link various facilities will be beneficial to the area.”



Tāhuna Tōrea Nature Reserve.

Outcome 4: The natural environment is valued, protected and enhanced by our communities

Whakaotinga 4: He mea manawapā, tiakina me te whakapai tonuhia te taiao e ō tātou hāpori

Ōrākei is fortunate to have many attractive beaches and ecologically significant waterways and reserves.

We aim for a holistic, kaitiakitanga (guardianship) approach to caring for our natural areas, recognising that the health of all our beaches, waterways and green spaces is interlinked.

In Ōrākei, we have a wealth of wetlands and bush reserves with high ecological and amenity value. Some, such as Dingle Dell and Churchill Park, are also important for their heritage values. The local board will continue to focus on restoring these reserves to further our communities' appreciation of local reserves, waterways and wetlands. A study of the cliff-top pōhutukawa along Tāmaki Drive is complete and we intend to use it to protect and enhance these trees into the future.

We remain committed to the ongoing restoration of the ecology and mauri (life force) of streams and wetlands at Tāhuna Tōrea Nature Reserve, Waiata Reserve and a number of other waterways. Waiatarua Reserve, the biggest urban wetland restoration project in New Zealand, also needs attention. It plays an important ecological role and is key to managing stormwater from the surrounding area which is becoming increasingly urbanised. Working with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, we will improve the water quality and ecology of Ōkahu Bay and Pourewa Valley.

We support ecologically sound management activities, and where possible will advocate to minimise negative impacts on our environment in all new urban infill and redevelopment projects.

It is pleasing to see the reappearance of native eels and fish in the Pourewa Valley, Churchill Park and the Pamela Place Reserve. We will continue to enhance our waterways and minimise the impact from pests and invasive species, so that native flora and fauna can flourish. We propose to develop a local plan to support the Draft Regional Pest Management Strategy. We will also keep advocating for weed management in our reserves and public spaces that does not rely on harmful chemicals.

While we want to invest more in improving our nature reserves, tight budgets mean we cannot do this without local support and effort. We wholeheartedly support community groups involved in removing weeds, pests and predators, and those undertaking plantings in local catchments and streams to improve the health of our waterways. Working with others, we aim to support the Eastern Bays Birdsong Initiative by improving the habitat and wildlife corridors for birds.

The local board encourages more "Friends of" and other interest groups, especially if they align themselves more closely with our residents' associations. We will also continue to work alongside schools and community groups engaging in environmental projects, and seek opportunities to further extend the Enviroschools and other programmes within the board area.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

"Absolutely agree with enhancing and restoring our native bush and waterways as they are a big part of our recreational activities. More importantly, our health is at stake if these natural bush and waterways pose a health risk due to lack of control and management."

Opportunities

- We have many local volunteers, and recognise their contribution in engaging more of the community in environmental education and ecological restoration projects.
- There are environmental projects on which the board and iwi can work collaboratively and innovatively, such as the re-establishment of mussels in Ōkahu Bay.
- The Draft Regional Pest Management Strategy will help us develop a local, action-based weed and pest management plan.

Challenges

- The area is intensifying with urban development, so maintaining and improving the health and ecology of waterways may become harder.
- Upgrading underground stormwater and wastewater infrastructure is necessary to ensure marine and freshwater receiving environments are not polluted.

Our commitment

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



Ōrākei Basin community planting.

Outcome 4: The natural environment is valued, protected and enhanced by our communities

Objective	Key initiatives
Our natural areas are restored and enhanced for present and future generations.	<p>Carry out projects and programmes that improve access to our waterways, bays and bush areas, such as Kepa Bush, Pourewa Valley and Hobson Bay.</p> <p>Continue to enhance waterways and wetland areas, such as Tāhuna Tōrea Nature Reserve, Ōrākei Basin and Waiaatarua Reserve, and bush reserves such as Dingle Dell and Kepa Bush.</p> <p>Work with landowners to restore and enhance waterways and significant ecological areas (SEAs) on private properties.</p> <p>Work with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on restorative projects to improve water quality, including in Ōkahu Bay and its inland catchment.</p>
More of our community participates in environmental enhancement projects.	<p>Foster and support relationships with community groups and schools to undertake pest control, stream and bush clean-ups, restoration and planting projects.</p> <p>Expand the Education for Sustainability programmes into more schools.</p> <p>Work with the community to identify local planting areas for the mayor's Million Trees project.</p>
The health of our waterways is improved.	<p>Develop a local healthy waters action plan, containing planned and proposed waterway enhancement projects that improve receiving environments, such as our beaches, the Ōrākei Basin and the Tāmaki Estuary.</p>

Outcome 5: A thriving economy which supports local businesses and town centres

He ōhanga whaiora e tautoko i āna ake pakihi me ōna pokapū ā-tāone

The Ōrākei Local Board area has several distinct town centres, each with its own character that should be retained and enhanced. It is important that these centres maximise their potential, are attractive and continue to offer a diverse range of retail options, services and experiences for local residents and visitors to enjoy.

We will continue to support our business improvement districts (BIDs) and business associations. We want to work with our business areas to help strengthen our town centres to ensure they thrive and prosper.

According to the Ōrākei Local Board Economic Overview 2016, 11 per cent of residents work from home, and home-based businesses are more prevalent in our board area than elsewhere in Auckland. These businesses are making an important contribution to Auckland's economy, yet little is known about their particular business needs.

The economic overview also showed that in 2013 only 29 per cent of Ōrākei residents worked in the local board area. Because our area lacks a major employment centre, its individual town centres and home-based businesses are important to providing more local jobs and minimising peak traffic congestion. Bordering the central city, the wonderful Waitematā Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf, Ōrākei is extremely well-placed to grow its tourism potential. The board is keen to identify opportunities where new developments are likely to attract visitors, both locally and from overseas. The Ōrākei Visitor Strategy suggests developing Ōrākei's profile to encourage the tourism industry to grow and prosper.

Our area would benefit from having more community events and local art projects. We will continue to work with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) to identify further opportunities for promoting events, tourism and the arts in our area.

We have developed the Tāmaki Drive Precinct Events Guidelines, which will help manage the impact of events in the Tāmaki Drive area on surrounding businesses and residents.

The Stonefields Heritage Trail will provide opportunities to link the Stonefields community with the Lunn Avenue business precinct and will bring more people to the area.



St Heliers shopping centre.

Opportunities

- Our beaches, waterfront and town centres attract visitors from across Auckland.
- We have a well-educated population with a high average household income and a high labour market participation rate.
- We are well-located in relation to central Auckland and the industrial and employment areas to the south of the local board area.
- Most local shopping centres have BIDs and / or business associations to advance their local economic development initiatives.

Challenges

- There is limited land for business activities in the local board area.
- Our community has an ageing population, so the number of residents participating in the labour market could decline in the future.

Our commitment

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



Christmas Carols on the Green, St Heliers.

Outcome 5: A thriving economy which supports local businesses and town centres

Objective	Key initiatives
Thriving town centres that support local businesses in meeting the needs of the growing community.	Work with local business associations to ensure town centres continue to attract people. Undertake research to understand the impact of events on town centres and the local economy.
Local business associations continue to grow.	Encourage more businesses to participate in their local business association and facilitate new business hubs or networks. Work with the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board to facilitate the formation of a business association in the Lunn Avenue business precinct.
Local and overseas visitors are attracted to our area.	Work with ATEED and other partners to identify tourism opportunities that benefit the local economy. Maximise opportunities with development of the shared path (Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive) to regenerate and extend existing trails in adjoining green space areas and create a unique New Zealand bush track experience for visitors.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

“We are highly supportive of public/private partnerships whether that be through community groups, private businesses, government ministries etc. Joint usage of facilities and thinking smarter rather than spending more is supported.”

Carrying out our plan

Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

To deliver against the outcomes of our plan we will:

- prioritise our budget to focus on the initiatives in the plan
- make the best use of our assets such as our community centres and parks
- set direction for council staff who are responsible for delivering our annual work programme
- work with others, including community organisations and partners, to deliver projects and services
- represent your views on matters of local importance.

In some instances, our role is limited to representing your views on matters of local importance because we do not have the decision-making authority and/or funding to carry it out. When this is the case, we will use our time and energy to influence the relevant decision-maker. We do this by advocating on your behalf or making formal submissions, ensuring decision-makers are aware of your views and our support for them.

Funding information can be found on page 38.

Empowering communities

We seek to empower and enable our communities. This means listening to what you want to achieve, directing council resources towards community aspirations and supporting diverse communities to have an input into the things they care about and which matter uniquely to them.

We will prioritise activities that are led by the community, encourage and support people from all walks of life to actively participate in their community, and fully use their diverse talents, insights and contributions. We will work with others to enable our communities to achieve their goals.

Working with Māori

Delivering on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori at a local level is important to the Ōrākei Local Board. The board is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi. As part of this commitment, we participated in the sub-regional hui on 17 March 2017 and invited mana whenua to our Have Your Say events.

There will be more opportunities for the board and iwi to work collaboratively and innovatively together, particularly with environmental projects such as:

- prioritising restoration of the water quality of Ōkahu Bay, including the remediation of the inland catchment
- regenerating and enhancing our natural bush, waterways, creeks, streams and wetlands using native plants
- continuing and expanding pest and predator control to protect native flora and fauna
- improving the habitat for birds and establishing wildlife corridors and sanctuaries.

From time to time, other initiatives and site-specific projects will be identified where the board and iwi can work together, and with other groups, to deliver and optimise benefits for all the communities in the Ōrākei Local Board area.

Funding information

He kōrero pūtea tahua

The purpose of this section is to provide information on local board funding.

How local boards are funded

Funding is allocated to local boards through the council's budget setting process. This involves the Governing Body adopting a 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements, briefly described in page 13, make up part of the annual budget.

A financial overview for the Ōrākei Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year is included in Appendix 1 on page 40.

The council's budget setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

Details on levels of service for local activities are included in Appendix 2 on page 42.

Auckland Council's 2018-2028 10-year Budget

In June 2018, the Governing Body will adopt the 2018-2028 10-year Budget informed by local board plans. The 10-year Budget will need to consider all funding needs for Auckland and balance these with the need to keep rates and other council charges affordable. This balancing act may impact local boards' ability to carry out all the key initiatives in their local board plans.

Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund

Local boards can also access funding from Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund, which is allocated to deliver small transport-related projects.

The fund allocated to the Ōrākei Local Board in the 2017/18 financial year is \$595,708.

How local boards spend their budget

Much of the budget available to local boards is required to keep their services going and maintain their local assets including parks, community centres, libraries and halls.

Local boards also have additional, discretionary funding that they can spend on local projects or programmes that are important to their communities.

More information concerning local board budgets can be found in Auckland Council's Local Board Funding Policy, available on the council website: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

The council is currently looking at ways to provide local boards of the council with more flexibility over their budgets.

Appendix 1: Financial overview

Āpitiḡanga 1: Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

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

Annual Plan Financials	2017/18 (\$000s)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	228
Local parks, sport and recreation	165
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total operating revenue	393
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	2,856
Local governance	1,067
Local parks, sport and recreation	7,170
Local planning and development	552
Local environmental management	301
Total operating expenditure	11,946
Net operating expenditure	11,553
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	331
Local governance	-
Local parks, sport and recreation	6,743
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental management	-
Total capital expenditure	7,074



Sunrise, Mission Bay.

Appendix 2: Local activities and levels of service

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

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

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

Local activities

Levels of service statements

Local parks, sport and recreation

This group of activities covers management and provision of local parks and open space and recreation activities for both passive and active recreation.

Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches.

Provide sportsfields that are fit for purpose and cater for community needs.

Provide programmes and facilities that ensure more residents are more active more often.

Local community services

This group of activities contributes to improved community outcomes by providing places and spaces for the community to learn and recreate, and by integrating arts and culture into the everyday lives of Aucklanders. Key activities include locally delivered Libraries and Information (Libraries) and Arts, Community and Events services.

Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities.

Enable residents and communities to express themselves and improve their well-being through customer-centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting.

Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect residents and engage them in their city and communities.

Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for residents that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.

Local activities

Levels of service statements

Local planning and development

This group of activities covers local business area planning, local street environment and town centres and local environment and heritage protection.

Develop local business precincts and town centres as great places to do business.

Local environmental management

Local environmental management activities work in partnership with locally based communities and iwi to deliver enhanced environmental outcomes (with a focus on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living) that contribute to Māori, community wellbeing and economy.

Provide leadership and support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage.

Local governance

Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administration support.

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 where the survey measures determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2017/2018.

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Madills Farm Reserve.



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