

Te mahere ā-rohe o Ōrākei 2023

**Ōrākei**

**Local Board Plan 2023**





*E ngā kainoho, e ngā hapori*

Anei te reo matakui kua 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 tōtōeka, 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.

Nōu hoki te tirohanga? Whāki mai!

*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 as I gaze 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,  
as 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.  
Is it yours too? Tell us!

# Ngā upoko kōrero

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# He kōrero mai i te Heamana

## From the Chair



I am happy to present you our Ōrākei Local Board plan 2023. This plan is a distillation of what we heard from you as we consulted on the Annual Budget 2023/2024, the many conversations board members have had with our residents and ratepayers, and the progression of projects that are important to our community.

Even though there are severe financial restraints on council budgets, there are several priorities that we intend to progress.

We want to improve our local water quality, particularly in the Newmarket/Middleton stream, Hobson Bay and Ōrākei Basin. Continuing work to enhance Pourewa Valley, and efforts to deliver the new Meadowbank Community Centre also feature in our plan.

We will continue to work closely with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on a number of projects, including supporting them to advance their intentions to establish a multi-use sports facility in the Ōrākei Domain.

One of our priorities we proposed during the 2023/2024 Annual Budget consultation was investigating the potential for targeted rates and other sources of funding. In 2022, the Governing Body passed changes to the way rates are distributed across the city and our percentage share will decrease. If we want to continue to enhance the liveability of our area for an ever-increasing population in the face of these changes and other reduced budgets, we need to think creatively about how we can access additional funds to do this. Targeted rates are a way to ensure that rates that are collected in an area for a specific purpose, stay in the area and complete a specific project. As part of our draft local board plan consultation, we asked the community for an indication of whether they might support this approach. The majority of respondents were in support of this.

Additionally, we will continue to strive to make our parks and open spaces accessible to more people and with better facilities. We are endeavouring to purchase more open space, with our increasing intensification meaning this is becoming ever-more important. We are also mindful that community safety and security is always a priority, and we are working with business owners, NZ Police and community organisations to address this issue.

Ngā mihi,

Scott Milne

Chair, Ōrākei Local Board

# He kōrero mai i te Heamana

E koa ana au ki te whakatakoto atu i te mahere a Te Poari ā-Rohe o Ōrākei mō te tau 2023. He whakarāpopototanga tēnei mahere nō tā mātou i rongo ai i a koutou nō mātou e kōhi kōrero ana mō te Tahua ā-Tau 2023/2024 me te mahi a te kōrero i waenganui i ngā mema poari me ngā kainoho me ngā kaiutu reiti, me te kōkiritanga o ngā kaupapa mahi e whai tikanga ana ki tō tātou hāpori.



Ahakoia te taikaha o ngā here nui ā-pūtea ki ngā tahua kaunihera, he take mātāmua e whakarite nei mātou ki te kōkiri ake.

E hiahia ana mātou ki te whakapai ake i te kōunga o ngā wai o te rohe, otirā, o ngā hikuwai o Newmarket/Middleton, o te whanga o Hobson me Ōrākei Basin. Ka haere tonu ngā mahi whakawhanake i te whārua o Pourewa, ka mutu, ko te whakapaunga kaha ki te whakatū i te Whare Hāpori o Meadowbank hoki ētahi kaupapa kei tā mātou mahere.

Ka piritata tonu tā mātou mahi tahi ko Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei i ētahi kaupapa, tae atu rā hoki ki te tautoko ake i a rātou ki te whakatinana i tō rātou hiahia ki te whakatū i tētahi taiwhanga hākinakina tikanga-rau i te Ōrākei Domain.

Ko tētahi kaupapa mātāmua i whakatakoto rā mātou i te kohinga kōrero mō te Mahere Pūtea ā-Tau 2023/2024, ko te tātari i te pitomata o ngā reiti aroiti me ētahi atu puna pūtea. I te tau 2022, ka whakaū Te Mana Whakahaere i ētahi panonitanga ki te wāwāhitanga o ngā reiti puta noa i te tāone, kia iti iho ai te wāwāhitanga ā-ōrau ki a tātou. Mehemea e hiahia ana tātou ki te whakapai tonu ake i te nōhanga o tō tātou rohenga mō tētahi taupori e tupu kau ana, i te wā o ēnei panonitanga me ērā atu whakahekenga ā-tahua, me auaha ō tātou whakaaro me pēwhea te whai wāhi ki ētahi tahua atu anō e taea ai tēnei. He ara te reiti aroiti e mau tonu ai ngā reiti kua whakatōpūhia i tētahi rohenga mō tētahi kaupapa tauwhāiti ki taua rohenga tonu, hei whakatutuki i taua kaupapa tauwhāiti tonu rā. I te kohinga ake o ngā kōrero mō tā mātou mahere Poari ā-rohe hukihuki, i uia te hāpori kia tautuhi mai mēnā rānei rātou ka tautoko i tēnei ahunga. Ko te nuinga i tautoko mai.

Waihoki, ka whai tonu mātou kia wātea ake ō tātou papa tākaro, ō tātou wāhi takiraha hoki ki te tini o te hāpori, kia pai ake hoki ō reira rauemi. Kei te whai mātou ki te hoko i ētahi anō wāhi takiraha, ā, i runga i te kaha haere o te mātotoru haere o te taupori, he take tēnei e mātāmua haere ana. E whakaaro nui tonu ana hoki mātou ki te hirahira o te haumarutanga o te hāpori, ka mutu, e mahi tahi nei mātou ki ngā rangatira o ngā pakihi, ki Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa me ngā umanga o te hāpori, e aronuitia ai tēnei take.

Ngā mihi,

Scott Milne

Heamana, Te Poari ā-Rohe o Ōrākei



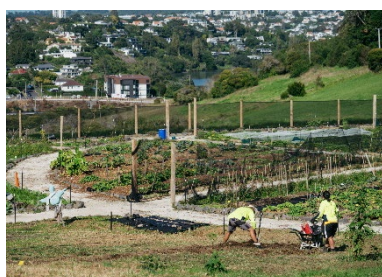
# He aronga poto ki tā mātou mahere

## Our plan at a glance



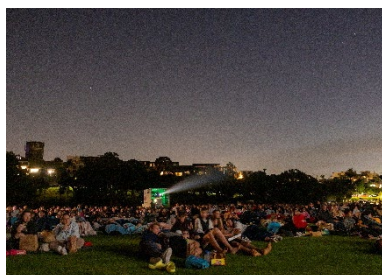
### Our people

Our people are our most valuable asset and at the heart of what we do.



### Our environment

Ōrākei has clean waterways, thriving habitats and committed environmental volunteers.



### Our community

We find creative ways to provide the facilities and services that our community needs and look after what we have.



### Our places

Our area is well-planned, prepared for growth and offers great transport connections.



### Our economy

Our town centres are thriving and local businesses are resilient.

# He aronga poto ki tā mātou mahere



## Ō tātou tāngata

Ko ō tātou tāngata tā mātou tino taonga, ā, kei te pūtake tonu o tā mātou e mahi nei.



## Tō tātou taiao

Ka mā ngā ara wai o Ōrākei, ka ora rawa atu ngā whaitua orange, ā, ka whakauka ngā tūao taiao.



## Tō tātou hapori

Ka kimi ara auaha tātou hei whakahaere i ngā rauemi me ngā ratonga e hiahia nei te hapori, ā, ka tiakina ērā kei a tātou ināianei.



## Ō tātou wāhi

Ka āta whakamaheretia tō tātou wāhi, e takatū ana ki ngā whanaketanga, ā, ka pai rawa atu hoki ngā hononga tūnuku.



## Tā tātou ōhanga

Ko ō tātou pokapū tāone e tōnui ana, ā, ko ngā pakihi o te rohe e tū kaha ana.





# 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 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 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
- supporting 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.

Recently the cost of providing these services has gone up, due to higher inflation and the costs of borrowing money. We will need to address these challenges in the local board plan, which means doing things differently and prioritising where we spend.

### About local board plans

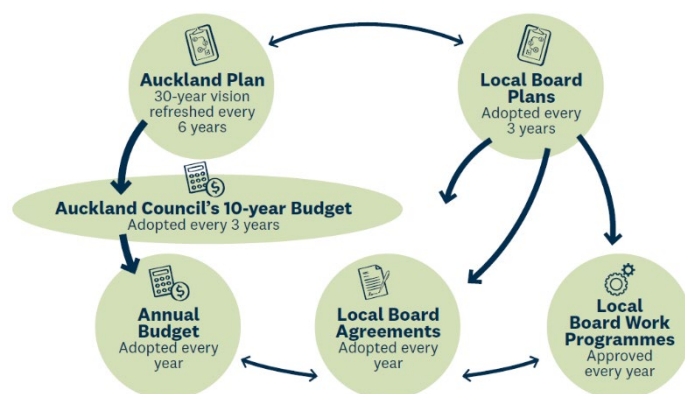
Local board plans are strategic three-year plans developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area reflecting community aspirations and priorities, and guide:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- local board 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 Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term
- the council's annual budget – funding for the coming financial year of the 10-year budget.

Local board agreements form the basis for each local board to develop its annual work programme and set local budgets, levels of service, performance measures and targets for each financial year. Details of projects, budgets and timelines are outlined in annual work programmes. Progress is reported quarterly and communicated to our communities.







# Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

## Developing our plan

Our draft plan was developed by carefully considering previous community feedback on the 2020 local board plan, annual budget submissions and other pieces of feedback such as results from Peoples Panel Surveys.

During July and August 2023, we consulted on the draft plan to hear your thoughts on how the plan reflected your needs and aspirations over the next three years, seek your feedback on which objectives were most important to you and to find out how we could better meet our Māori outcome and climate action aspirations.

We engaged with our communities across the local board area. The issues and priorities you raised with us through these interactions have helped us finalise this plan.

# 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 on the local board plans, we will:

- prioritise budgets to focus on the initiatives in the plans
- make the best use of local assets such as community centres, libraries 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.
- make decisions that are in line with Auckland's commitment to climate action and emissions reduction.

Sometimes, important projects in local areas are beyond the funding available to local boards or their authority to make decisions. In those cases, the role of the local board is to advocate to other decision-makers to ensure they are aware of community views and the local board's support for them.



# Te Rohe ā-Poari o Ōrākei

## Ōrākei Local Board area



### LEGEND



Local board office



Public open space  
(Unitary Plan)



Motorway



Major road



Arterial road



Medium road



Minor road



Railway



*Daybreak , Matariki – July 2023*

# Ngā huanga Māori

## Māori outcomes

Māori identity and culture are part of the foundation of Auckland's history, and its present social, economic, cultural and civic life.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi recognises the unique and special place of Māori as tangata whenua. The Treaty is an exchange of promises. Rangatira (chiefs) and the Governor (on behalf of the British Crown) agreed to a relationship where they would share power and authority within different spheres of influence.

Our local board, and the wider council family, are committed to the principles of the Treaty, and seek to enable Māori participation in decision-making.

The Schedule of Issues of Significance to Māori, prepared by the Independent Māori Statutory Board, reflect the goals and aspirations of mana whenua and mātāwaka in Tāmaki Makaurau. They are underpinned by a set of core values:

- **Whanaungatanga:** develop vibrant communities - 'a city and region that caters for diverse Māori lifestyles and experiences'
- **Rangatiratanga:** enhance leadership and participation - 'people engaged in their communities'
- **Manaakitanga:** improve quality of life - 'satisfaction with our environments and standard of living'
- **Wairuatanga:** promote distinctive identity - 'recognised sense of identity, uniqueness and belonging'
- **Kaitiakitanga:** ensure sustainable futures - 'intergenerational Reciprocity'



Whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori communities in Tāmaki Makaurau have defined the outcomes most important to them. Māori outcomes are the way Auckland Council supports Māori aspirations.

Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau is Auckland Council's framework to measure wellbeing outcomes and performance for Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau. It outlines 10 priority areas that support and progress these aspirations and has been adopted by council as the way to deliver outcomes for Māori.

Kia ora te kāinga – Papakāinga and Māori housing

Kia ora te whanau – Whānau and tamariki wellbeing

Kia ora te marae – Marae development

Kia ora te reo – Te reo Māori

Kia ora te ahurea – Māori identity and culture

Kia ora te umanga – Māori business, tourism and employment

Kia ora te rangatahi – Realising rangatahi potential

Kia ora te taiao – Kaitiakitanga

Kia ora te hononga – Effective Māori participation

Kia hāngai te Kaunihera – An empowered organisation

Local board plans are an important way to deliver for Māori at a local level. This section of the plan outlines some of the ways we work with Māori to achieve desired outcomes.

Ōrākei means 'the dwelling place of Rākei-iri-ora', who was a descendant of Rakataura, the tohunga on the Tainui canoe. Ōhinerau is the traditional name for Mt Hobson and means the place of Hinerau, goddess of whirlwinds.

Iwi and hapū who whakapapa to the area:

- Ngāti Whātua – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Ngāti Whātua Ngā Rima o Kaipara.
- Waiohua-Tāmaki – Te Kawerau ā Maki, Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Te Ākitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua.
- Marutūahu – Ngāti Pāoa, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaterā, Te Patukirikiri.

## Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

The local board acknowledges Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, tangata whenua of central Tāmaki Makaurau. Ōrākei Marae at Takaparawhau, the home base of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, sits within the local board area. The local board has positive connections with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei members across governance and operational matters and is committed to fostering our whanaungatanga connection.

The Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust Chair hosts regular meetings with the Ōrākei Local Board Chair and attends discussions with the local board membership. There are ongoing hui and shared activities across staff of the trust's two subsidiaries, Whai Māia (social arm) and Whai Rawa (commercial arm), and staff across the Auckland Council family.

Te Pou o Kāhu Pōkere is the 2018 Iwi Management Plan for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and the challenges and desired outcomes in this plan have influenced development of this local board plan as the Ōrākei Local Board's key policy document for the next three years.

Projects we are working with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on include:

- developing a strong waka culture and daily presence of iwi in Okahu Bay





- enhancing the ecology of Pourewa Valley, including sourcing native plants from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei's Pourewa Nursery for restoration work, as well as working with local environmental groups, landowners and the steering group, Nga Kaitiaki Hapori o Pourewa, to support the vision and aims of the integrated plan for the valley
- connecting early and frequently with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on new projects and areas of emerging local interest acknowledging the Trusts role as kaitiaki (guardians) to ascertain their mana whenua interests and mātauranga insights
- work closely with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on their desire to improve linkages between Okahu Bay, Tāmaki Drive, the Whenua Rangatira and Pourewa Reserve
- supporting them to advance their intentions to establish a multi-use sports facility in the Ōrākei Domain.



*Te aonga ake o te rā, Matariki – Hūrae 2023*

## Ngā huanga Māori

Ko te tuakiri me te ahurea Māori tētahi wāhanga nui o te tūāpapa o ngā kōrero tuku iho o Tāmaki, tae atu hoki ki tōna āhua i nāianeī, ā-ōhanga, ā-ahurea, ā-hapori anō hoki.

E whakapūmau ana Te Tiriti o Waitangi i te motuhaketanga o ngāi Māori hei tangata whenua. He whakawhitinga oati te Te Tiriti. I whakaae ngā rangatira me te Kāwana (hei māngai mō te Karauna o Piritana) ki tētahi hononga e pupuri tahi ai rāua i te mana i roto mai i ētahi whakaaweawetanga rerekē.

Kei te ngākau titikaha tō tātou poari ā-rohe me te whānuitanga o te kaunihera ki ngā mātāpono o te Tiriti, ā, e whai nei mātou i te whaiwāhitanga mai o ngāi Māori ki ngā whakatau.

E whakaaturia ana e te Rārangi o ngā Take Tāpua ki a Ngāi Māori, i whakaritea rā e Houkura (Independent Māori Statutory Board), ko ngā whāinga me ngā wawata o ngā mana whenua me ngā mātāwaka i Tāmaki Makaurau. He mea whakakaupapa ki ētahi mātāpono matua:

- Whanaungatanga: kia whakawhanaketia ētahi hapori koiora nui - 'tētahi tāone nui, tētahi rohe e aronui ana ki ngā ao rerekē me ngā wheako o te Māori'
- Rangatiratanga: kia whakapikihia te kaiārahitanga me te whaiwāhitanga - 'te whaiwāhitanga o te tangata ki ōna hapori'
- Manaakitanga: kia whakakairangitia ō tātou ao - 'kua ora te ngākau i tō tātou taiao me te tautikanga o te ora'
- Wairuatanga: kia whakatairangatia te motuhaketanga o te tuakiri - 'kia mōhio ki te tuakiri, te motuhaketanga me te whai hononga'
- Kaitiakitanga: kia whakaūngia tētahi anamata e toitū ana - 'kia tāutuutu ngā whakareanga'



Kua tautohu ngā whānau, ngā hapū me ngā iwi o ngā hapori Māori i ngā huanga whai tikanga katoa ki a rātou. Ko ngā huanga Māori te ara e tautoko ai Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau i ngā tūmanako o ngāi Māori.

Ko Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau te anga a te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau hei ine i ngā huanga tautikanga ora me ngā whakatutukitanga mā ngāi Māori i Tāmaki Makaurau. Kua takoto ngā take mātāmua tekau ki te anga o Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau e tautoko nei, e kōkiri nei hoki i ēnei wawata, ā, kua whāia e te Kaunihera hei whakatutuki i ngā huanga mō ngāi Māori.

Kia ora te kāinga – He papakāinga, he whare mō te Māori	Kia ora te whanau – Te oranga o te whānau me ngā tamariki
Kia ora te marae – Te whakawhanaketanga o te marae	Kia ora te reo – Te reo Māori
Kia ora te ahurea – Te tuakiri me te ahurea Māori	Kia ora te umanga – Te pakihi, te tāpoi me te whai mahi a te Māori
Kia ora te rangatahi – Te puāwaitanga o te pitomata rangatahi	Kia ora te taiao – Te kaitiakitanga
Kia ora te hononga – Te whitake o te whai wāhi a te Māori	Kia hāngai te Kaunihera – He whakahaere kua whakamanatia

He ara whakahirahira ngā mahere a ngā poari ā-rohe e tukuna ai he huanga ki ngā Māori o te rohe. Kei tēnei wāhanga o te mahere whakarāpopotohia ai ētahi o ngā ara e mahi tahi ai mātou ki a ngāi Māori, e whāia ai ngā huanga e hiahiatia ana.

Ko te tikanga o Ōrākei, ko ‘te wāhi i noho ai a Rākei-Iri-Ora’, he uri nō te tohunga o te waka o Tainui, nō Rakataura. Ko Ōhinerau te ingoa ake o Mt Hobson, ā, ko ‘te wāhi o Hinerau’ te tikanga, arā, ko te atua āwhiowhio.

Anei ngā iwi me ngā hapū e whakapapa ana ki te rohe:

- Ngāti Whātua – Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Ngāti Whātua Ngā Rima o Kaipara.
- Waiohua-Tāmaki – Te Kawerau ā Maki, Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Te Ākitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua.
- Marutūahu – Ngāti Pāoa, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaterā, Te Patukirikiri.

## Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

E mōhio ana te poari ā-rohe ko Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei te tangata whenua o te pokapū o Tāmaki Makaurau. E tū ana te marae o Ōrākei i Takaparawhau, i te wā kāinga o Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, i ngā rohenga kei reira te poari ā-rohe. He pai ngā hononga o te poari ā-rohe ki ngā uri o Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei kei a rātou te mana whakahaere i ngā take whakahaere, ā, e whakauka ana mātou ki te whakatānekaha i tō mātou hononga whanaungatanga.

Whakahaere ai te Kaihautū o te Tarati o Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei i ētahi hui ki te Heamana o te Pōari ā-Rohe o Ōrākei, ka tae atu hoki ki ngā whakawhitiwhiti kōrero ki ngā mema o te poari ā-rohe. Kei te rere tonu ngā hui, ngā mahi tahi hoki a ngā kaimahi o ngā peka e rua o te Tarati, arā, o Whai Māia (te peka pāpori) me Whai Rawa (te peka ōhanga), me ngā kaimahi o Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau.



Ko Te Pou o Kāhu Pōkere te ingoa o te Mahere Whakahaere ā-lwi a Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei nō te tau 2018, ā, ko ngā wero me ngā huanga e hiahia ana i taua mahere kua whakaaweawe i te whakawhanaketia mai o tēnei mahere a te poari ā-rohe, hei kaupapa here matua mā te Poari ā-Rohe o Ōrākei hei te toru tau e haere ake nei.

E kapi ana i ngā kaupapa e kōkiri tahi nei mātou ko Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, ko:

- te whakatipu i tētahi ahurea waka, ko te kitea hoki o ngā iwi i Ōkahu i ia rā.
- te whakapai ake i te hauropi o te riu o Pourewa, tae atu ki te kohikohi ake i ngā rākau Māori i ngā mahi a tā Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei kaupapa, i te Whare Whakatipu Otaota o Pourewa, tae atu hoki ki te mahi tahi ki ō te rohe ohu taiao, kaipupuri whenua, me te rōpū kaiurungi, me Ngā Kaitiaki Hapori o Pourewa, ki te tautoko i te kaupapa me ngā whāinga o te tuinga mahere mō te riu.
- te wawe me te rite tonutanga o te tūhono ki a Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei i roto i ngā kaupapa hou, me ngā wāhi kua tīmata te ara ake o ngā hiahia o te rohe, me te mōhio ake ki te tūranga o te Tarati hei kaitiaki me te whakaū i ō rātou pānga hei mana whenua, me ō rātou tirohanga ā-mātauranga.
- te mahi tahi ki a Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei i runga i tō rātou hiahia ki te whakapai ake i ngā hononga i waenganui i te whanga o Ōkahu Bay, i Tāmaki Drive, i Whenua Rangatira me te Wāhi Rāhui o Pourewa.
- te tautoko i a rātou ki te whakatinana i tō rātou hiahia ki te whakatū i tētahi taiwhanga hākinakina tikanga-rau i Ōrākei Domain.





*Tahuna Torea*

# Te Tāruke ā-Tāwhiri

## **Climate action**

In 2019, Auckland Council declared a climate emergency and in 2020 adopted Auckland's climate plan, Te Tāruke ā-Tāwhiri. Meeting the goals set out in this plan means taking ambitious action to reduce emissions and to adapt to a changing climate.

Local boards have an important role to play in leading and supporting Auckland's response to the climate emergency, including supporting regional climate plan initiatives, and integrating climate awareness into all decisions, including community investment.

The start of 2023 saw two extreme weather events occur that have had far-reaching and devastating effects on Auckland and its people. Sadly, people lost their lives in the flooding, including someone in our local board area, and many suffered significant property damage. We acknowledge the suffering that many have experienced.

We are very aware of other climate change effects in our area such as coastal inundation along Tāmaki Drive, and other weather-related effects such as increased silt accumulation in Hobson Bay and Ōrākei Basin, poor water quality in these water bodies and elsewhere, transport disruptions, and impacts on trade for our local businesses.



We intend to push for a sponge-city approach which promotes water-sensitive design and enables blue-green networks to manage flooding. Blue-green networks are a way of planning, based around waterways (blue), and planting and parks (green) which are managed through a combination of infrastructure, ecological restoration and urban design to connect people and nature across the city. This approach will also have a positive urban cooling effect, create more habitat for indigenous plants and animals, and more space for recreation.

We face extremely complex planning, infrastructure and recovery issues that are drastically affecting both the council's capital and operational expenditure budgets. The council now bears the cost of storm clean-ups and then the medium and long-term challenge of upgrading our infrastructure to cope with a changing climate.

These very same pressures mean that it is even harder for us as a local board to carry out the work that we need to as the resulting fiscal pressures have created flow-on effects for our local board budgets. Nevertheless, we intend to continue our efforts to address the effects of climate change in our area both through allocating our limited funding and through advocacy efforts.

We have long supported environmental restoration and low-emission initiatives. Some of these we intend to progress as part of this plan include:

- harness and build on the efforts of local environmental groups to provide a volunteer workforce to tackle weeds and pests and restore natural ecosystems to increase resilience to climate impacts
- partner with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to protect and enhance our natural taonga
- support our schools with environmental education so our tamariki can learn about their natural environment and how to enhance and protect it
- work to purchase areas of high ecological value within the local board area to preserve biodiversity and to mitigate the effects of climate change
- development of our shoreline adaption plan as a way of minimising costs while improving infrastructure and engage with our residents on solutions for the future challenges to our land and homes
- continue our Urban Ngahere Strategy work to achieve increased canopy cover in our board area
- advocate to Auckland Transport for the Gowing Drive link to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path which will create a safe, low-emission transport connection to local schools
- advocate to Auckland Transport to complete Stage 4 of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path to provide greater opportunities for the low-emission transport options of walking and cycling





*Cheer team at Carols on the Green*

# Ō Tātou Tāngata

## Our people

Our people are our most valuable asset and at the heart of what we do.

Ōrākei is fortunate to be the home of a strong and prosperous iwi in Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, a large number of invaluable community volunteers and a diverse population who all deserve to be informed, included and secure.

Over the next 30 years, Ōrākei's population is projected to grow to 117,490 (up by 39 per cent). The median age in the area is 40, higher than the median age for the whole of Auckland (34.7). The proportion of people 65 or older is also higher than for Auckland overall (16 per cent vs 12 per cent).

European is the largest ethnic group in Ōrākei, followed by Asian which has increased by 41 per cent from the 2013 to the 2018 census. We have 4,815 Māori residents (six per cent).

As a local board we want to reach all parts of our community to ensure they feel engaged in local decision-making and know what's happening in their area.

**Our committed local volunteer groups are enabled and recognised for the invaluable work they do.**

We're fortunate to have a massive resource in our area which comes from all the dedicated volunteers involved in almost every aspect of community life – sport, education, wellbeing, and protecting and restoring our local environment and heritage. We hope to harness this even more through the initiatives in this plan.



One of our most valued community networks is the Auckland East Community Network (formerly Eastern Bays Network) where residents and community groups share information, resources and support, and work together for the common good. We will continue supporting this group as they work to become fully community led.

### **Strengthen relationships with mana whenua**

This board is committed to our strong ongoing relationship with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei which has its whenua and a substantial number of its community members within the local board area. We'll assist Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to realise their strategic goals in our area and continue to partner with them on projects that benefit our communities.

Ngāti Pāoa also have sites of interest in our area and we will work to engage and build a relationship with them over time.

### **All groups in the community feel informed and included**

We recognise that the local board can do more to engage with harder-to-reach communities, such as young people, isolated older people, and our growing Chinese and other ethnic populations. We will work to provide inter-generational opportunities and connections and strengthen efforts to embrace our diverse communities. We will strive to make the Ōrākei Local Board area accessible for people with all abilities.

The ever-growing Youth of Ōrākei represent important voices in our community that we want to hear more from and we will continue to support their growth and development so more of them feel enabled to become involved in local decision making.

We'll also work to improve the wellbeing of older Aucklanders in our area guided by the Age-friendly Auckland Action Plan.

Kāinga Ora is working hard to increase the number of warm and dry homes with many of their developments across our area. We want their tenants to love the area they live in, and to do that we will provide opportunities that foster a sense of belonging and encourages them to become involved in their community.

### **Safe, resilient communities**

The cost-of-living and interest-rate increases, the lingering effects of a global pandemic, crime targeting our local shops and the effects of extreme weather have all made safety and security a prominent topic that our communities want to see addressed.

We have groups in our community intending to form local emergency response volunteer groups to support the efforts of Auckland Emergency Management and other parts of the council to respond to flooding and support residents in times of need. We will work with these groups to develop response plans and connect them to the right people to coordinate efforts and to ensure excellent communications to locals before, during and after emergency events.

Our area has two active, dedicated community patrols (Eastern Bays and Ellerslie) who are doing great work, with plans to launch a Remuera Community Patrol. We are also fortunate to have Ngā Wātene Māori o Akarana Ki Tāmaki Makaurau (Akarana Māori Wardens). We will continue to support these groups so that our residents and businesses have a greater sense of security. We will also advocate to central government,



NZ Police and Auckland Transport on safety initiatives and changes in policy to address crime and anti-social behaviour.

## Opportunities

- Our area has a diverse, committed, and resourceful group of volunteers which strengthens our community. The 2022 Volunteers Expo has expanded the volunteer pool in our area as well as local volunteering opportunities.
- Ōrākei Local Board is home to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, whose programmes, events and commitment to sustainability enhance the area we live in.
- There is a strong commitment from Kāinga Ora to improve the wellbeing of our residents through quality housing and innovative community sustainability initiatives and programmes.
- The Ōrākei Local Board has one of the most active networks of older people in the Auckland region, as well as a very motivated Youth of Ōrākei group.



## Challenges

- The council's significant financial constraints are likely to have an impact on the scale and quality of community programmes, and on the resilience of grass-roots community groups.
- Our increasingly diverse demographic requires broad strategies of engagement and comprehensive programmes to respond to a variety of needs and wants.
- Increasingly harsh weather events caused by a changing climate are inflicting damage and disruptions which affect local residents' and communities' livelihoods and wellbeing.
- Anti-social behaviour and crime that is affecting our local businesses and popular public spaces.

## Our plan

What we want to achieve	What we aim to deliver in the next three years
Our committed local volunteer groups are enabled and recognised for the invaluable work they do	Support the emerging community-led Auckland East Community Network and its website to provide a community-empowering hub, enabling collaboration and sharing of resources for the common good
	Encourage opportunities and events for different age groups such as the Volunteers Expo, Ōrākei Youth Expo and the Seniors Forum
	Partner with community networks to strengthen volunteering opportunities and sustainable community action
Strengthen relationships with mana whenua	Work with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Ngāti Pāoa to realise their goals within our area



All groups in the community feel informed and included	Support intergenerational and interethnic connection, collaboration and community action
	Work with Kāinga Ora to support their new tenants' wellbeing and their sense of belonging within our communities
	Engage with our increasingly diverse community, and look for ways to highlight ethnic groups living in Ōrākei
	Support youth from the area and the Youth of Ōrākei to have a voice in local decision making and to contribute to their communities
	Ensure clear, relevant and timely communication and engagement with our diverse communities is built into all our local board activities through methods such as digital signage, e-newsletters and social media
Safe, resilient communities	Catalyse community action, and support local community patrols, residents and business associations, and the efforts of NZ Police and Auckland Transport to ensure safer communities by investing in safety and by improving the design of places
	Work with volunteer groups, Auckland Emergency Management and other parts of council to develop local emergency response plans to support residents through emergencies and ensure excellent communications before, during and after events
Arts, local heritage and culture are reflected in our public facilities and places	Continue to protect, restore and maintain existing art and heritage items and sites, working with groups such as Remuera Heritage Society and provide interpretation to strengthen our communities' understanding of, and pride in, their areas
	Partner with mana whenua, arts and cultural groups, and Ōrākei schools to blend arts and culture into people's everyday lives and create a culturally rich and creative local area

## Advocacy

There are issues and initiatives that are important to the Ōrākei community where the local board does not have decision-making responsibilities or funding. In these cases, the local board can advocate to other decision makers to advance the goals of the community.

- We will advocate to businesses and philanthropic organisations to seek funding partnerships for community services.
- We will advocate to central government, NZ Police and Auckland Transport on safety initiatives and changes in policy to address crime and anti-social behaviour.



*Vellenoweth Green, St Heliers*





*Māra kai at Pourewa Valley*

## Ō Tātou Taiao

### **Our environment**

Ōrākei has clean waterways, thriving habitats and committed environmental volunteers.

Our area has a diverse range of native forest, wetlands, waterways and beaches that must be protected, restored and enhanced so that they can thrive. Our invaluable network of environmental volunteers is key to the health of our ecosystem.

Ōrākei is highly urbanised, with 95 per cent of land converted to urban and industrial use, so we need to protect the natural environment we have. It is vital we protect and maintain the important remnants of native forest (Kepa Bush, Dingle Dell, Churchill Park and Kohimarama Forest) and wetlands (Maungarei Springs, Tāhuna Tōrea and Waiatarua) and ensure our waterways are clean for the vitality of our people and wildlife.

#### **Council-community partnerships are strengthened for the betterment of the environment**

We recognise that our highly engaged and active community volunteer groups are integral to the wellbeing of our natural taonga and we want to reinforce efforts to strengthen our volunteer workforce.



We will continue to support Nga Kaitiaki Hapori o Pourewa who advise and advocate to our local board on implementing the Pourewa Valley Integrated Plan, work with Eastern Bays Songbird Project, Hapua Thrive, Tahuna Torea Rangers, Friends of Churchill Park and other local groups and encourage the formation of more environmental conservation groups.

The local board is committed to improving the state of our natural systems and the most effective way to do this is through a community approach. Priding ourselves on our thriving natural environment and encouraging our communities to get involved will generate a sense of connection and belonging to the area.

### **Our forest, bush and wetland habitats continue to be enhanced for future generations**

Ōrākei has a number of significant ecological areas and we want natural habitats to thrive. Ongoing restoration guided by council's Pest Free Auckland initiative is vital and must continue to ensure any progress made to date is not lost.

Partnering with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to work towards our shared goal of environmental enhancement and protection and improved water quality will be crucial to improving our natural taonga.

### **Our beaches and waterways are clean and water quality is improved**

Ōrākei's topography is rich with water, from the expanse of Tāmaki Drive looking out onto the Hauraki Gulf to Hobson Bay and all the beaches, catchments and inlets that make up our area. We are determined to improve the quality of these waterways for future generations and the flora and fauna that rely on them.

The extreme storms at the start of 2023 have brought into stark relief the effects of climate change and the damage it is causing to our valued waterways. We will continue to advocate to Watercare and the Governing Body to ensure community views are heard on major infrastructure projects and to improve water quality, such as through the Eastern Isthmus Water Quality Improvement Programme.

The local board recognizes the significant importance of clean waterways and beaches to our community and share that same determination and passion for cleaning and protecting them.

## **Opportunities**

- Supporting and leveraging the huge interest, participation and energy of our local mana whenua, communities and volunteer groups to enhance our natural environment and provide more sustainable practices.
- The Water Quality Targeted Rate allows for continued improvements and progress to reduce pollution in our waterways, especially Hobson Bay.
- Completion of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path offers an efficient alternative connection to and from the city in a way that is safe and easy while lowering emissions.
- Delivering the Pourewa Valley Integrated Management Plan will support the restoration of this significant urban forest.
- The Hobson Bay Tunnel Project will offer greater sewerage capacity to cater for projected population growth in the area and prevent wastewater overflows into both the bay and Waitematā Harbour.
- Implementation of the native revegetation of Churchill Park gullies.
- Kāinga Ora are the gold standard for making sustainability a key factor in their developments and this should be mirrored by all other developers.



## Challenges

- The effects of climate change continue to challenge how we plan and develop our coastal assets, reduce emissions, enhance water quality, respond to extreme weather events, and protect people and property.
- Higher-density urban development will have a negative effect on our environment if not designed and managed appropriately.
- Weed and pest control requires substantial, ongoing resources, but we need to tackle it now if we are to get the best return on our environmental investment.
- The length of time it will take to achieve the infrastructure required to improve the quality of our waterways.



## Our plan

What we want to achieve	What we aim to deliver in the next three years
Council-community partnerships are strengthened for the betterment of the environment	Harness and build on the efforts of local environmental groups to provide a volunteer workforce to tackle weeds and pests and restore natural ecosystems
	Continue funding for the Eastern Bays Songbird Project in their valuable work creating and maintaining a sanctuary for wildlife in the Eastern Bays area
	Support the work of Nga Kaitiaki Hapori o Pourewa to achieve the vision and aims of the Pourewa Valley Integrated Plan and work to establish a governance structure to enhance the environment of Pourewa Valley
	Continue to deliver an environmental forum for our local area
Our forest, bush and wetland habitats continue to be enhanced for future generations	Continue to restore forest and bush areas, remove pests, and support community planting days
	Work to purchase areas of high ecological value within the local board area to preserve biodiversity and to mitigate the effects of climate change
	Partner with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to protect and enhance our natural taonga
	Support our schools with environmental education so our tamariki can learn about their natural environment and how to enhance and protect it
	Maintain efforts to ensure Tahuna Torea and Churchill Park are sanctuaries for native birds with continued ecological restoration work



Our beaches and waterways are clean and water quality is improved	Continue work to clean up Hobson Bay, the Tāmaki Estuary and all the Eastern Bays and their inland catchments
	Monitor and manage the water quality and sediment levels in Waiatarua Reserve, Glendowie stream and Ōrākei Basin
More sustainable waste management options and support for community climate action,	Promote local waste minimisation and resource recovery initiatives, including the services of the Tāmaki Zero Waste Hub (located on Pilkington Road) which forms part of the expanding Auckland’s Resource Recovery Network

## Advocacy

There are issues and initiatives that are important to the Ōrākei community where the local board does not have decision-making responsibilities or funding. In these cases, the local board can advocate to other decision makers to advance the goals of the community.

- We will work with the Waitematā Local Board to continue to advocate to Watercare and the Governing Body to advance the Eastern Isthmus Water Quality Improvement Programme to improve the water quality in our waterways, beaches, and harbours.
- The local board strongly supports Watercare’s implementation of the Eastern Interceptor, Newmarket Gully wastewater project and Hobson Bay Tunnel project as soon as possible to mitigate the effects of aging infrastructure and intensification in an effort to improve the water quality and community safety of Hobson Bay and surrounding beaches.
- We support the development of Shoreline Adaptation Plans to help manage coastal hazard risk to Council land and assets and we will advocate to the Governing Body for the reinstatement and retention of sand at our eastern suburb beaches, such as Kohimarama Beach, to reduce sea-wall degradation and undermining.
- We will advocate to the Governing Body to develop a long-term strategy to dredge Ōrākei Basin to ensure we retain the environmental and recreational value of this landmark.
- We will advocate to the Governing Body for funding to increase compliance enforcement and education for activities affecting our environment, such as sediment runoff from private land, and maintenance to keep our waterways, drains and overland flowpaths clear to help prevent flooding.



*Poaka (Pied Stilt), Tahuna Torea*





## Tō Tātou Hapori

*Movies in the Park, Glover Park*

### **Our community**

We find creative ways to provide the facilities and services that our community needs and look after what we have.

Ōrākei Local Board residents are proud of where they live, they are highly satisfied with their personal quality of life and with the public services that Auckland Council provides for them and their community, including playgrounds, reserves, sports fields and maintaining beaches and village streetscapes.

Ōrākei has a range of accessible council facilities including libraries in St Heliers and Remuera, five community centres evenly spread across our area, and 45 community occupancy leases. We have 112 open space areas, coastlines, esplanade reserves, parks with sporting facilities, ecological areas, neighbourhood parks and civic spaces. These open spaces support a diverse range of sports, cultural and creative, wellness and self-development, and environmental interests. These facilities act as hubs where people recreate, learn, and socially connect. They provide a backbone for the Ōrākei community to make connections and provide support to one another across shared interests.

The community infrastructure of Ōrākei also includes our social fabric and the many community-led groups with whom we share public-good goals on matters of connected and safe communities, diverse arts and culture experiences, restored and life-giving ecosystems. The Ōrākei Local Board supports a number of community-led approaches and volunteer groups that are active in the area. The work of these groups



reflects the extent to which this community cares about the social, natural and cultural wellbeing of its people and environment.

The local board is responsible for decision-making over local facilities and services. We need to plan now to ensure we continue to meet high community expectations for core activities while ensuring asset management and fiscal planning provides the ability to meet changing needs.

Over this past year local boards were given more ability to make decisions on local levels of service with respect to the council's community assets and services. While there is solid information on the local board's assets there is a need for more detailed understanding of levels of service and access, or gaps in provision across our area, the board are seeking to develop a localised facility and services network plan to budget for and deliver in an integrated way as more accountability and decision making comes to sit with them. The local board will give direction to work areas responsible for local activities to develop local policies and actions to implement them.

The Ōrākei Local Board has been an innovator among the region's 21 local boards. We will take on this emerging challenge of planning and delivering a community facility and services portfolio that keeps Ōrākei residents proud and ensures that Ōrākei continues to be the most desired area to live in, while being judicious with resources and open and transparent with its community.

- 74 per cent of Ōrākei respondents (highest mainland Auckland score) strongly agreed or agreed that they 'had a sense of pride in the way their local area looks and feels'.
- 91 per cent of Ōrākei respondents strongly agreed or agreed that their local area was 'a great place to live'.
- 93 per cent of Ōrākei respondents identified their quality of life as being extremely good, very good or good.

*Auckland Council 2022 Residents Quality of Life Survey*

We will progress opportunities to sell underused land and facilities to reinvest locally in areas that the community has told us are higher priorities or have comparative gaps or service needs. We will pursue cost recovery through user fees more closing matching service costs and overheads as local costs become more transparent. The local board will investigate opportunities for targeted rates to support the accelerated delivery of larger transformative projects such as re-establishing Tāmaki Beach or upgrading sports fields for winter codes. We will also advocate for increased access to developer contributions in our area to assist with responding to increased residential pressures on our assets and their need for upgrading, along with open space acquisition to meet growing provision gaps. The local board will work directly with developers to ensure joint community outcomes progress to retain the elements that make Ōrākei so attractive and desirable remains.

## Opportunities

- Increased decision-making for local boards means we can look at different ways to tailor services to different communities, focusing on growing participation in areas of greatest need or emerging interest.
- Establish areas of common interest among lease holders in our area to identify any opportunities to share spaces to reduce overheads, potentially improving the quality of facilities through these savings.





- Identifying underused facilities and the opportunity to sell them to reinvest in higher community priorities.
- Ensure lease renewal fees recover council costs by matching the service cost.
- Investigate the ability to raise more funding via a targeted rate for projects that the community wants but we cannot afford.
- Establish partnerships and reduce asset overheads by entering into longer term operational delivery agreements for community services and programmes.
- Explore further mixed-model commercial and community developments, capitalising opportunities around prime land such as we have done with Meadowbank Community Centre.
- Seek to leverage regionally supported city centre and Waitemata Harbour-based events and promotions to ensure involvement along our Tamaki Drive edge.
- Partner and work alongside Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on projects in their iwi management plan and other strategies where their vision is aligned with ours.

## Challenges

- The cost of maintaining our council-owned and operated assets and facilities is growing at a faster rate than revenue.
- There is limited information on the groups, usage, building condition, or the value of council land across the local board's 43 community lease agreements.
- 29 of those 43 community leases are either already due for renewal or due in the next three years.
- Residential intensification can create pressure on some services and enhancements of assets or activities may be required to keep public satisfaction high.
- Changes in climate and associated increase in extreme rainfall events, as well as drought, affect the use of, and place pressures on, the development and maintenance of our sports fields, open spaces, beaches and walking trails.
- Ensuring that our public and green spaces maintain an ongoing sense of family friendliness and safety given the challenge of anti-social behaviour.
- Volunteer groups are facing increasing pressures with increasing overhead costs.

## Our plan

What we want to achieve	What we aim deliver in the next three years
Marine and coastal activities are a strong part of the social and recreational opportunities our area has to offer	Progress ways to enhance recreational access to and enjoyment of the waterfront from Hakarau Reserve and The Landing to Mission Bay, including Whakatakataka Bay
	Continue to investigate the long-term vision of a re-sanded Tāmaki Beach
	Support Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to develop a strong waka culture and daily presence in Okahu Bay



The network of open spaces and community facilities meets the needs of the growing population

Investigate lease portfolio properties and identify options for facilities that are underused or no longer fit for purpose

Review council community-venues-for-hire booking system to enable it to better meet local needs and investigate alternative management structures for current venues for hire such as Meadowbank Community Centre, Ellerslie War Memorial Hall and Ōrākei Community Centre with the possible inclusion of others.

Work with Ellerslie residents and users to review the town centre, Ellerslie War Memorial Hall, Leicester Hall, parks and sports fields, and investigate ways to optimise assets or reinvest in the area.

Improve access to Lingarth Reserve in Remuera by creating a boardwalk entry alongside the stream which exits at 31 Manawa Road

Activate the current Meadowbank Community Centre and progress the paused redevelopment project when the property development market improves

Review and progress key activities identified in the Ōrākei Open Space Network Plan, Waiatarua Reserve Enhancement Plan, Eastern Parks Masterplan, Kepa Bush Reserve Integrated Plan, Hobson Bay Action Plan, Colin Maiden Precinct Masterplan and the Ōrākei Local Board Paths (Greenways) Programme

Work with Nga Kaitiaki Hapori o Pourewa and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and local environmental groups on implementing the integrated plan vision and action plan to enhance the Pourewa Valley

Investigate options to enhance Kupe North Reserve in Ōrākei

Establish toilets at Ōrākei Basin accessible to shared path users

Sports parks are maintained and upgraded to provide for more use as the local population changes and residential areas intensify

Progress the existing master plan for Madills Farm, Glover Park and Crossfield Reserve

Progress developing Liston Park by establishing a home for the Eastern Suburbs Gymnastic Club

Support Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei with advancing their intentions of a multi-use sports facility in the Ōrākei Domain

Progress budgeted improvement works at Colin Maiden Park

Support Glendowie tennis and bowling clubs to allow their leases to bring in other sports, creating a sports hub to better support community growth



Connect communities through arts, sports, events, and community activities	Support the Youth of Ōrākei in identifying and progressing activities that meet young people's interests
	Commission and use digital media boards to better promote council services and activities across the local board area
	Ensure aging residents remain connected and feel positive about their communities
	Be proactive in our activations and grant allocations to ensure local board-supported programming is reaching our diverse communities so they feel that they belong
Our libraries are safe, restored and well patronised knowledge and cultural hubs connecting people with their local villages and virtually with each other	Seismic restoration of Remuera library is undertaken
	Local communities are involved in the development of library activity and outreach programming
	We encourage a network of volunteer practical experts from within our area through an accessible digital portal
	Support libraries to work with their associated business districts to create activities and mini-events in adjoining village streets
Work alongside of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to lever their vast body of mātauranga Māori knowledge systems and adaptive management approaches to solve contemporary problems	Connect early and frequently with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on new projects and areas of emerging local interest acknowledging the Trusts role as kaitiaki (guardians) to ascertain their mana whenua interests and mātauranga insights

## Advocacy

There are issues and initiatives that are important to the Ōrākei community where the local board does not have decision-making responsibilities or funding. In these cases, the local board can advocate to other decision makers to advance the goals of the community.

- We will advocate to the Governing Body to return Tagalad Reserve to our governance, enabling us to develop it for the use of the Mission Bay and wider community.
- We will advocate to the Governing Body for the ability to debt-fund significant capital developments as part of increased local board decision-making.
- We will advocate for cooperative funding to support Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei with advancing their intentions of a multi-use sports facility in the Ōrākei Domain.



*Kayakers, Waitematā Harbour*





*Cyclist on the Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path*

## Ō Tātou Wāhi

### **Our places**

Our area is well-planned, prepared for growth and offers great transport connections.

Our local board is a special place. It offers so much, to locals and visitors alike.

We are home to some of the most iconic vistas in Auckland: the watchful presence of Rangitoto as you stand on Mission Bay Beach, the emerging view of the city centre as you head towards it along Tāmaki Drive, and the grand sweep across Waitematā Harbour from Takaparawhau / Bastion Point, home to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and the 360 degree views from Churchill Park lookout of the Hauraki Gulf islands, Coromandel Peninsula, Hunua Ranges, Tāmaki River, Waitākere Ranges, volcanic cones and city skyline.

Our villages offer wonderful boutique shops and our local business associations do a fantastic job of looking after their patches.

We have some of the best sports fields in the city at Colin Maiden Park, Crossfield Reserve, Madills Farm and Thomas Bloodworth Park and areas of outstanding natural beauty such as Dingle Dell Reserve, Pourewa Valley and Kohimarama Forest.





Connecting all this are many accessible transport options: buses, trains, greenways, Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path, Tāmaki Drive, to name a few.

But we also face some real challenges. We have several housing developments underway in Ōrākei. While we welcome new people to our area and the benefits it brings, such as more patronage for our local shops, it also puts pressure on our community facilities, transport system, water infrastructure and sometimes the heritage character of our streets.

To ensure that developments are well planned, we will work with Kāinga Ora to integrate their buildings, surrounding streetscapes and new residents into our area. We'll also work with private developers, Auckland Transport and the Remuera Heritage Society to preserve our heritage character and to ensure that the attendant transport and other infrastructure works well.

The wider council family and our local board face real fiscal constraints, with intensification, extreme weather events, and the need to maintain a large portfolio of facilities, all contributing to this challenge.

Our local board will be advocating for more sustainable funding solutions. We think a review of the council's Development Contributions Policy is needed with the intention of increasing contributions to better reflect the increased costs and pressures caused by growth and intensification. This has been affected by the introduction of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 and Medium-density Residential Standards and their unintended effects on the Auckland Unitary Plan.

We also want to see an ongoing levy paid by developers for any stormwater connections in local parks to ensure adequate funding for the long-term maintenance of stormwater assets.

Open space and recreational opportunities, and spaces in community centres and halls for our residents are also increasingly important as our area intensifies. Following the refresh of the master plan for The Landing, we intend to open up the site for more water-based activities for a greater variety of users.

Residents have told us that additional road safety measures near schools are important. We will use our Local Board Transport Capital Fund to address this. We are also advocating to secure the Gowing Drive link to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path which will create a safe connection to local schools.

Greenways make our area more liveable and help reduce carbon emissions as they provide locals with active transport options. We will continue to work on these connections, such as links from Colin Maiden Park to Stonefields and Glen Innes rail station.

## Opportunities

- The Ōrākei Local Board area is an area rich in history. We can use our wonderful built heritage and local history to engender pride in our area and to help protect this valuable heritage.
- Our residents have a range of transport connections available to them, including the fantastic Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai – Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path.
- We are a culturally rich area; we are the home of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei whom we partner with to create a sense of place.
- We have the potential to create public private partnerships to provide the assets required to service our growing population.
- Our waterfront is a fantastic destination. It is a magnet for visitors and brings prosperity to the area and is great for holding participatory or viewing events from markets to sports.



## Challenges

- The current National Policy Statement on Urban Development to enable more multi-storey development in neighbourhoods and town centres creates a challenge to ensure our neighbourhood character and heritage is conserved in our urban landscapes.
- The extreme weather events of 2023 highlighted climate change-related challenges. Not only do we need to consider land use and transport infrastructure to reduce carbon emissions, but we also need to adapt our planning and infrastructure to manage the risks of climate change impacts.
- With intensification comes more crowded transport routes. Roads and shared paths are busy as more people come to call this area home. We support development of more low-carbon transport infrastructure such as shared pathways and cycleways and education of their use to manage the demand.

## Our plan

What we want to achieve	What we aim deliver in the next three years
Development is well planned	<p>Investigate options with Kāinga Ora to maximise the potential of the area around Ellerslie War Memorial Hall</p> <p>Work with Kāinga Ora to develop the Ōrākei Neighbourhood Plan</p>
Our area has many transport options that are safe, accessible and well-connected	<p>Investigate ways to improve walking and cycling links to and through Colin Maiden Park, particularly between Stonefields and Glen Innes rail station</p> <p>Progress the Kepa Road transport plan, including a safe crossing at Ngapipi Road for access to the Stage 4 section of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai</p> <p>Use our Local Board Transport Capital Fund for safety improvements around schools, including Ōrākei School, Churchill Park School and Victoria Avenue Primary School.</p> <p>Implement safety initiatives on high-volume roads or routes used by opportunistic drivers, e.g. Riddell Road, Combes Road, Mainston Road, and Ōrākei Road</p> <p>Establish secure bike parking near town centres, railway stations and beaches</p> <p>Work closely with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on their desire to improve linkages between Okahu Bay, Tāmaki Drive, the Whenua Rangatira and Pourewa Reserve</p>



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Our places are well-used, inviting and attractive

Work with Auckland Transport on events to activate and an education campaign about how to safely use Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path

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Begin to implement the refreshed plan for The Landing, *Pathways to the Sea*, and support the public and clubs to access and enjoy the water and spaces at The Landing

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Work with our business associations to ensure our town centres are attractive, clean, accessible and safe for their benefit and that of the public, and that we maximise local amenities, such as Remuera Library, to enhance people's experience of town centres

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## Advocacy

There are issues and initiatives that are important to the Ōrākei community where the local board does not have decision-making responsibilities or funding. In these cases, the local board can advocate to other decision makers to advance the goals of the community.

- We will advocate to the Governing Body for:
  - funding to properly enforce existing bylaws to address matters such as dog control, noise, signage, public safety and nuisance, public trading and events to ensure our public spaces are safe and enjoyable
  - a change in the council's Development Contributions Policy with the intention of increasing contributions to better reflect the increased costs and pressures caused by growth and intensification. A review into the intent, calculation and mechanism of collecting development contributions is overdue and has been fundamentally altered by the introduction of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and Medium-density Residential Standards and their unintended effects on the Auckland Unitary Plan
  - an ongoing levy paid by developers for any stormwater connections in local parks and reserves to ensure adequate funding for the long-term maintenance of stormwater assets and to avoid the proliferation of discharge infrastructure.
- We will advocate to Auckland Transport to:
  - complete the Gowing Drive link to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai – Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path, which will create a safe connection to local schools retain the Local Board Transport Capital Fund and restore it to its pre-COVID funding levels
  - support AT to request legislative changes to make grass berm parking enforceable
  - enforce parking restrictions on boat ramps
  - reinstate school bus routes, solely for school kids
  - set safe speed limits in our area, especially around schools
  - improve the movement and safety for goods and people on our roads
  - to complete Stage 4 of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path, to ensure safe passage from the east to and from central Auckland.
- We will advocate to Kāinga Ora to ensure their developments enhance the streetscape and consider the area's local character and that their residents are made to feel welcome in our area and that current residents are kept informed.



- We will advocate to the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to protect the War Memorial Seat and daffodil commemorative garden, and for effective pest control on Ōhinerau / Mount Hobson.
- We will advocate to the Governing Body, central government and developers to ensure the unique character and heritage of our area is retained as development occurs. The local board will monitor and assess proposed legislation that may increase intensification that may have an effect on our infrastructure and character.





*St Heliers Village*

# Tā Tātou Ōhanga

## **Our economy**

**Our town centres are thriving and local businesses are resilient.**

Our town centres of Ellerslie, Remuera and St Heliers, along with Mission Bay, are attractive, vibrant and safe. Our variety of local shops, many with unique offerings, sets our local board area apart as a premium destination.

Ōrākei is a prosperous local board area with high levels of employment in sectors such as healthcare, education and professional services. Health and education provide most local employment opportunities with many residents traveling into the city centre for work.

Although we have limited budget and decision-making related to the local economy, we want to ensure that our area develops a thriving economy that supports local shops, home-based businesses and town centres. We are also keen to further develop our visitor economy. Our key tools to achieve this are advocacy and great communication to facilitate economic prosperity.

### **Local businesses are thriving**

Local businesses are still recovering from the effects of COVID-19 lockdowns and as a local board we want to support them to thrive and get ready for the challenges and opportunities ahead. Crime and perceptions



of safety have become a very prominent issue and we will work with businesses and advocate to central government to ensure they are better protected.

Anti-social behaviour, such as graffiti, shop lifting and ignoring parking regulations in our town centres, has a detrimental effect on businesses. Local boards do not have governance over regulatory services so we will advocate to the Governing Body and Auckland Transport to enforce appropriate behaviour. However, we have the potential to design our urban spaces to help reduce the opportunities for criminal behaviour.

Encouraging our communities to shop locally is key to achieving successful local businesses, not only with our shop-based businesses, but for our growing number of home-based ventures who may not benefit from the same visibility.

We are fortunate to have very active and well-established business associations in St Heliers, Ellerslie and Remuera, along with Mission Bay, whom we will continue to support to improve our area and local economy.

### **All our town centres are attractive and thriving**

Ōrākei possesses a number of charming town centres that we want to showcase so that people are continually drawn to our area and for our local community to enjoy what is on their doorsteps.

What makes our villages unique are the wonderful local artisan shops and appealing streetscapes that we take pride in and want to enhance. We will work with our business associations and council-controlled organisations on placemaking initiatives to draw people into centres where they can connect and support their local businesses.

Constrained finances mean finding creative ways to do things and one way to do this is to explore partnerships with commercial entities to ensure we can continue to enhance our town centres and local economy.

### **Local and overseas visitors are attracted to our area**

We want to assist our business associations to be able to celebrate international events, such as the FIFA World Cup, SailGP and cultural festivities that will bring foot traffic to our town centres and showcase their unique characters. This will give our community a sense of pride in their local area.

Arguably, the jewel in Ōrākei's crown is the waterfront spanning Tāmaki Drive and the opportunities it offers. We want to maximise its potential by partnering with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, local businesses, council-controlled organisations and regional, and even international, partners to become a go-to location for world-class water events.

## **Opportunities**

- Residential growth in Stonefields, St Johns, Meadowbank and Ōrākei could generate more local business and employment opportunities.
- The diversity of restaurants in our area should be celebrated and encourage diners from outside the area to enjoy what Ōrākei has to offer.
- The waterfront is an attractive destination and partnering with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to transform the Tāmaki Drive precinct will make it an even more prosperous and desirable part of Auckland.



## Challenges

- Large shopping centres with free parking and inexpensive international online retailers are diverting revenue away from local businesses.
- We want to retain the character and essence of local town centres by encouraging and sustaining local artisan shops.
- Auckland has a number of increasing financial pressures to contend with, such as the cost-of-living crisis, increasing interest rates, and constrained budgets for local boards and the council group.
- Crime and the perception that some areas are unsafe have changed people's dining and shopping habits leading to reduced patronage for some businesses.

## Our plan

What we want to achieve	What we aim to deliver in the next three years
Local businesses are thriving	Encourage local business associations to increase the range of activities, events, goods and services their centres offer, and to consider how they can offer boutique services
	Support local businesses to implement safety measures to ensure they are better protected from crime and anti-social behaviour
	Support local home-based businesses to help increase awareness of this ever-growing sector
	Promote shop-local initiatives to support town centres as well as shopping areas that are more isolated from town centres
All our town centres are attractive and bustling	Work with the community, council departments and our council-controlled organisations to improve town centres through good design and placemaking, focusing on enhancing streetscapes, making it easier to get around and improving amenity
	Explore partnering opportunities with commercial entities to improve our town centres
	Work with our business associations to enhance and develop the individual identities and character of our villages
Local and overseas visitors are attracted to our area	Partner with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and work with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and other partners to transform the Tāmaki Drive precinct to bring world-class events to our waterfront
	Encourage local businesses and community groups to hold events and activations to showcase our unique area
	Promote the recreational benefits of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path to attract locals and visitors to the area and to patronise local businesses





## Advocacy

There are issues and initiatives that are important to the Ōrākei community where the local board does not have decision-making responsibilities or funding. In these cases, the local board can advocate to other decision makers to advance the goals of the community.

- We will advocate to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited on behalf of local business areas for event support, to build fan zones for sporting events and to create initiatives to promote increased patronage for local business.
- We will advocate to Auckland Transport for local design solutions to parking issues in and around our town centres.
- We will advocate to central government and NZ Police for better support and actions to increase safety and security, and to reduce retail crime such as ram raids.
- We will advocate to the Governing Body for more funding for the council's Regulatory Services department and Auckland Transport for better enforcement to stop offences related to parking and anti-social behaviour which have a detrimental effect on our local businesses.



*Mission Bay*

# 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 10-year Budget 2021-2031 and updated through subsequent annual budget. Updated financial information and levels of service will be adopted as part of the 10-year Budget 2024-2034 which is due to be adopted in June 2024. The 10-year Budget 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 current 10-year Budget 2021-2031 outlines local board responsibilities, provided for directly in legislation or allocated to boards, are summarised into local activities and levels of service statements. These are described in the table below.

More information regarding the most recent levels of services, including performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Ōrākei Local Board Agreement 2023/2024. This is available on the council website.

The levels of services and performance measures for local activities will be reviewed as part of the 10-year budget 2024-2034 and targets reviewed subsequent Annual Budgets.

Local Activities	Level of service statements
<b>Local Community Services</b>	
We support strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers	<p>Provide safe, reliable, and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities</p> <p>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities</p> <p>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, beaches, recreation programmes, opportunities and facilitates to get Aucklanders more active, more often</p> <p>We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture</p> <p>We fund, enable, and deliver services, programmes, and facilities (art facilities, community centres, hire venues, and libraries) that enhance identity, connect people, and support Aucklanders to participate in community and civic life</p>
<b>Local Planning and Development</b>	
We support local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives	We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland
<b>Local Environmental Management</b>	
We support healthy ecosystems and sustainability through local board-funded initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, healthy homes, and waste minimisation projects.	We work with Aucklanders to manage the natural environment and enable low carbon lifestyles to build resilience to the effects of climate change



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## Local Governance

Activities in this group support the local board 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.

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan which determine participation with Auckland Council decision making in general. This includes local decision-making





# Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

## Financial overview

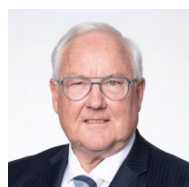
Revenue, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Ōrākei Local Board for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Annual Plan Financials		2023/2024 (\$000s)
<b>Operating revenue</b>		
Local community services		1,636
Local planning and development		0
Local environment management		0
<b>Total operating revenue</b>		<b>1,636</b>
<b>Operating expenditure</b>		
Local community services		15,023
Local planning and development		582
Local environment management		262
Local governance		1,004
<b>Total operating expenditure</b>		<b>16,871</b>
<b>Net operating expenditure</b>		<b>15,235<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Capital expenditure</b>		
Local community services		3,945
Local planning and development		0
Local environment management		0
Local governance		0
<b>Total capital expenditure</b>		<b>3,945</b>

<sup>1</sup>This exceeds the estimate local board funding allocation for 2024/2025 in the 10-year Budget 2021-2031, which is due to decisions of the Governing Body in subsequent Annual Budgets, and expenses will be met from the relevant sources as identified by the Governing Body (including as set out in the Revenue and Financing Policy)

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