

### Rodney Local Board workshop programme

Date:2 August 2023Time:9.45am - 1pmVenue:Kumeū Meeting Room, 296 Main Road, KumeūApologies:No apologies received

ltem	Time	Workshop item	Presenter	Governance role	Proposed outcome(s)
		Welcome and apologies	Chairperson		
1	9:45 – 10.00am	Administration time (Non- Public)	<b>Zigi Yates</b> (Senior Local Board Advisor)	Keeping informed	An opportunity to discuss administrative matters and for the local board to give a steer on various matters where necessary
2	10.00 – 10.30am	Parks and Community Facilities update <b>Supporting information:</b> • Presentation • Memo	Geoff Pitman (Manager Area Operations) Angie Bennett (Work Programme Lead) Michael Feather (Facilities Manager) Claire Bodmin (Senior Project Manager)	Local initiative /preparing for specific decisions	An opportunity to receive a monthly update on Parks and Community Facilities projects in Rodney
3	10.30 – 11.00am	Hauraki Road Safety Improvements (Leigh crossing) <b>Supporting information:</b>	Rahul Gowtham (Project Manager)	Local initiative /preparing for specific decisions	An opportunity to receive an update on the Hauraki Road Safety Improvements (Leigh crossing) project

		Presentation			
4	11.00 – 11.30am	Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate – Proposed on-demand bus and existing bus services in Warkworth <b>Supporting information:</b> • Memo	Jeremy Pellow (Programme Director) James Hills (Senior Transport Planner) David Hilson (Senior Service Network Planner)	Define board position and feedback	An opportunity to receive an update on the proposed On- demand bus and existing bus services in Warkworth
	11.30 – 12.00pm	Break			
5	12.00 – 1.00pm	Community Broker quarterly update Supporting information: • Memo	Sue Dodds (Community Broker)	Keeping informed	An opportunity to receive an update on activities within the community broker work programme

#### Role of Workshop:

- (a) Workshops do not have decision-making authority.
- (b) Workshops are used to canvass issues, prepare local board members for upcoming decisions and to enable discussion between elected members and staff.
- (c) Members are respectfully reminded of their Code of Conduct obligations with respect to conflicts of interest and confidentiality.
- (d) Workshops for groups of local boards can be held giving local boards the chance to work together on common interests or topics.



## RODNEY Local Board Report – June 2023







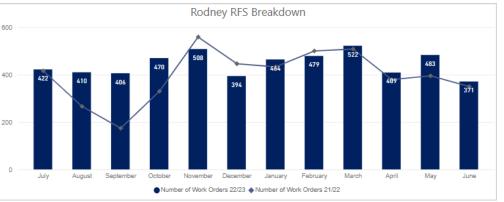


### PERFORMANCE REPORTING Audit Results and Request for Service



#### **Request for Service Received**

#### Total raised for FY22/23 YTD 5338



\*Only includes RFS that have resulted in a Work Order for action.

#### Breakdown of Top 5 Request for Service for June

Service Name	#Received ▼
Structure Maintenance and Repairs	66
Plumbing Maintenance Service	37
Electrical Maintenance Service	36
Carpentry Maintenance Service	32
Tree Maintenance - General	24

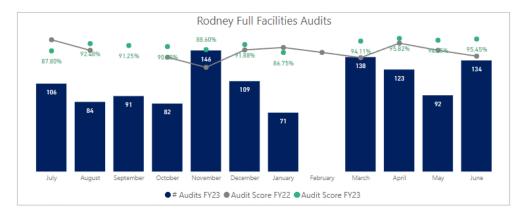
Breakdown of Top 5 Request for Service FY22/23 YTD

Service Name	#Received
Structure Maintenance and Repairs	737
Carpentry Maintenance Service	612
Plumbing Maintenance Service	608
Tree Maintenance - General	545
Electrical Maintenance Service	381

### COMMENTARY

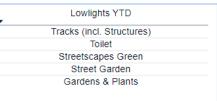
The number of Requests for Service have reduced compared to last month and is slightly above last years total. We expect to see an increase in the coming months as the reserves dry out and usage increases.

#### Audit Results



#### The highlights and lowlights of audits undertaken FY22/23 YTD are:

•	Highlights YTD	
	Water Feature	
	Streetscapes Clean	
	Sportsfields	
	Response WO	
	Litter	



#### COMMENTARY

It is pleasing to see the audit result is remaining steady in the low 90% range. While the result has improved compared with last year UMS is still in performance management with concerns relating to pest plant, gravel surfaces and buildings being the main focus where improvement is yet to be made.



## MAINTENANCE DELIVERY UPDATE

Corrective, preventive, risk-based and condition-based maintenance



#### **General Maintenance**

**Reserve mowing.** The extremely wet conditions continued through June however most sites have been maintained with the odd sections of some reserves having to be left due to the soft ground conditions. Otherwise good.

#### Reserve litter. On target

**Streetscape mowing.** On target with an improvement with the mow widths **Streetscape litter.** Teams have been working through the back roads of Kumeu through Waimauku and Waikouku valley areas up towards Kaukapakapa. They have also been working through the Warkworth & Matakana area.

Cleaning. In spec with no major issues

**Gardens.** Infill planting continues. The garden teams are still under resourced due to a high rotation of staff leading to some gardens being out of spec. Our contractor is still undertaking a recruitment drive.

**Tracks.** Tracks have suffered greatly due the high rainfall. The track team has also had to deal with high staff rotation. Two more staff have been sourced to supplement that team.

**West coast boat ramps.** The heavy weather events this year have caused an increase in the amount of silt & mud on the boat ramps situated in our estuaries. Our contractor has removed mud from the Jordan Road ,Makarau and Port Albert boat ramps with an excavator to improve access to the water via these facilities. All other ramps on the west coast have been cleaned with a water blaster.

**Shelly Beach steps.** Three sets of steps have been installed in each of the bays along the seawall to allow better & safer access to the foreshore. They were installed at this time due to the sand at the beach being at a low level. More sand will be put on the beach as we move into spring. The steps are long enough that if there is any drop in beach height in the future that it will not affect access.





## ARBORICULTURE UPDATE The cultivation of trees and shrubs



#### Updates on storm work and planting

Storm work has progressed well and our supplier has had a great effect on getting Auckland back into shape. It is at the stage now where we are left with the more complex but less urgent jobs.

With the local parks and urban roads spaces Rodney's trees seems to have fared a little better than others. While it does have much coast a lot the accessible space is regional parks or DOC. Still there are some isolated sites to return to for clearing up.

There has been much teasing of planting to happen and one of the final steps has been completed for the Western and Northern boards. Our supplier has completed new trailers which will provide extra functionality to achieve the new specification that has been established. It has an onboard water tank for initial watering and vastly superior shelter from wind and turbulence while on motorways.





#### Cumberland Street, Leigh

While there is still some storm clean up to do business as usual still ticks along. One of our smaller reserves in Leigh was cleaned up with a few dead trees removed and some pruning to others.



Community leasing and land-owner approvals



#### **Community Leasing**

Community lease movements

 Memorandum to local board to inform and seek its feedback about progressing an agreement to lease to The Kaipara Flats Sports Club Incorporated for 76 square metres of land to extend its clubrooms.

#### Land Advisory

Land-owner applications received are assessed by Land Use Advisory and reviewed by Community Facilities staff. The local board will be contacted for feedback in due course.

One application for landowner approval was **received** and allocated for staff review, during June 2023:

 Warkworth Playcentre have applied for landowner approval to undertaken building repairs at the playcenter located at 8 Church Hill, Warkworth.

No applications for landowner approval were **approved** during June 2023.





#### Warkworth Masonic Hall – minor renewals

Minor renewal works at the Masonic Hall in Warkworth are now complete.

Works involved renewal of all interior lighting and lighting controls, interior painting and improvements to interior hardware and walls as well as renewal of accessibility ramp surfacing.



New lighting fixtures and configuration in the main hall



Accessibility ramp





#### Matua Road playspace

Works were recently completed at a new neighbourhood on Matua Road in Huapai.

The park offers a variety of play experiences, including, swinging, climbing and balancing activities. Matua Road also offers a small linear pumptrack to users.

There is an accessible picnic table and other seating on offer.

The site has been planted with the future in mind, multiple specimen trees will provide excellent canopy in years to come.

\*Note, due to sodden ground conditions, temporary fencing will remain in place until the ground dries.





Pumptrack

Swing and balancing logs





Some of the play experiences on offer





#### **Omaha Northern Boardwalks – Project Completed**

**Project Completion:** Three boardwalks traversing the dunes at the northern end of Omaha beach have now been replaced. Totaling over 340mtr meters in length, the new timber boardwalks provide improved accessibility gradients and now comfortably enable users to pass each other.

The boardwalks seem to have been well received based on the local feedback coming through to the team on site.

Contractor: Mason Contractors Cost: \$410k Project manager: Aaron Pickering

Photos below. Sections of the three new boardwalks and location plan



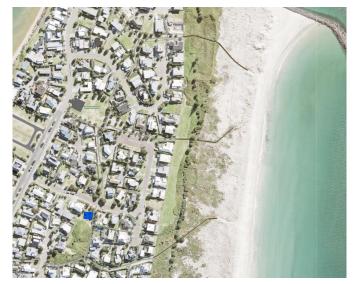




**Photo below and right**. Prior images of boardwalks











#### **Mosquito Bay Track Renewal - Project Completed**

**Project Completion:** The track providing access from South Head Road down to Mosquito Bay has this past month been fully renewed. With incredibly steep access down to a popular Kaipara Harbour beach destination, the track renewal is a vast improvement on the failed state that it was prior.

Contractor: Plant Pro Cost: \$135k Project manager: Aaron Pickering

Photos below. Renewed track with new sections of steps and retained path





Photos below. Earlier failed and overgrown track sections











### **Minor Change**

Projects affected by minor change over the previous month:

ID REF	Activity Name	Change
	2022/2023 Work Programme	No changes required
	2023/2024 Work Programme	Minor changes will be included in the proposed 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 work programme
	2024/2025 Work Programme	Minor changes will be included in the proposed 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 work programme

#### **Substantial Change**

Projects affected subject to substantial change:

ID REF	Activity Name	Change
	2022/2023 Work Programme	No changes required
	2023/2024 Work Programme	Substantial changes will be included in the proposed 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 work programme
	2024/2025 Work Programme	Substantial changes will be included in the proposed 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 work programme





## **Adornment Management**

### **Project Notification**

Auckland Council manages 35 cemeteries across the region that operate for a large diverse community of people, with different cultural and religious practices.

Adomments are creating challenges for cemetery operations and council are preparing to work with key stakeholders and community leaders to address how we can best remedy these while respecting the mourning practices of different individuals.

Adomments are acceptable immediately after the burial service for the first 28 days. After this time all decorations need to be removed or placed on the concrete berm. The timeframe that adomments are allowed on the burial site was extended from 14 days in early 2023.

When adornments are left unmanaged this creates challenges for cemetery operations including grass and plot maintenance, and obstructions when digging adjacent burial plots. There are also safety concerns for staff who have experienced abusive and threatening behaviour when trying to remove non-complying adornments. In addition, lightweight plastic adornments can get blown into nearby vegetated areas or waterways and create environmental issues.

It is acknowledged that some of the current practises of adoming is tremendously important for those grieving to be able to decorate graves as a tribute to their loved ones. It is a very emotive time and can be more so if the death has been sudden or involves a younger person.

Council wants to work better with the community to achieve improved management in the lawn cemeteries, particularly Manukau Memorial Gardens and Waikumete.

### **Next Steps**

Further engagement with key stakeholders and community leaders will be undertaken over the next few months to gain their thoughts on the proposed initiatives and seek their wisdom and insight into other possible opportunities to modify behaviours to enable cemetery staff to operate safely and efficiently whilst also respecting the mourning practices of different individuals.



Example of lawn cemetery without adornment across the plots, and signage installed on site.



## NOTIFICATIONS PROJECT DELIVERY STATUS

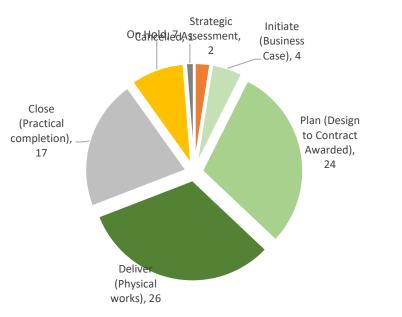


### **Project Delivery**

Rodney Local Board - Project Status

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#### Total Number of Projects - 81



#### Total Number of LDI Projects - 0

Present the works programme

**Notifications - Next Month** 

- Present the works programme for approval
- Focus on wrapping up the end of year accounts
- Continue with the infill planting of shrub gardens
- Plan the start of project work as spring approaches
- Get preparations underway for the spring flush which given the ground conditions will be a challenge this year





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Ariki Reserve - investigate toilet provision	Green - On Track	Current status: A service review is needing to be completed before this project can move forward. Next steps: Complete further plans on the back of the service review.	Baseline Forecast/Actual						
Big Omaha Wharf - rebuild toilet block	Green - On Track	Current status: Contract awarded and prestart meeting held for physical works. Contractor commencing site works 3 July 2023. Next steps: Receive the detailed design plans for the seawall. (Note: a separate consent will be lodged later for the seawall and construction will occur in a later financial year when a regional coastal budget is allocated) Investigation and design completion: September 2022 Physical works commencement: July 2023 Estimated physical works completion (toilet only): July 2023	Baseline						
			Forecast/Actual						
Dida Park Drive, Huapai - develop new neighbourhood park	Amber - At Risk	Current status: A memo detailing a proposed project variation will be presented to the local board in early July. Next steps: Prepare a business report.	Baseline						
			Forecast/Actual						
Goodall Reserve - renew skate park and minor assets	Green - On Track	Current status: Targeted stakeholder consultation complete and preparing full site concept design. Next steps: Public consultation.	Baseline						
			Forecast/Actual						
Harry James Reserve - renew playspace, pathways, carpark and drainage	Amber - At Risk	Current status: Concept design completed. Next steps: Commence community consultation. Estimated investigation and design completion: December 2022 Estimated physical works commencement:February 2024	Baseline						
		Estimated physical works completion: June 2024							
			Forecast/Actual						
Helensville A & P Showgrounds - full facility renewal	Amber - At Risk	Current status: The detailed design plans with high level cost estimates received for the whole redevelopment of the A & P Showgrounds site including the proposed new administration and pavilion buildings following completion of consultation with the A & P Society. Arborist engaged to assess condition of poplar tree groves after some fell during Cyclone Gabrielle and apply for consents to remove the rest. Next step: The proposed renewal works to be presented at a local board workshop for August/September 2023. Tender package to be received for a start on some of the ground works including stormwater, wastewater, electrical and car park works. Investigation and design completion for 2nd stage: January 2023 Estimate physical works commencement - Stage 2: October 2023	Baseline						
		Estimated physical works completion - end of all stages: June 2026							
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Activity Name		Current status: Physical works in progress the remedial works to the viewing platform and wharf. First stage of vegetation control of pest wattle trees and pampas completed.	Timeline 💌	Q1 🔽	Q2 <u> </u>	Q4 💌
Helensville River Walkway - renew viewing platform, wharf structure & deliver walkways irr		A large slip at the north end (railway land) behind 100 Commercial Road that has covered the walkway on the inland side of the railway line. Price received for the second stage of walkway and boardwalk renewal works. Next steps: Complete the first stage of renewal works on the wharf and viewing platform. Award contract for the second stage of renewal works that will commence later this year when weather conditions improve.	Baseline			
		Investigation and design completion: January 2022 Physical works commencement: June 2022 Estimated physical works completion: June 2024				
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Helensville River Walkway - renew walkway and remediate slip		to Sentient ID 30606) Next steps: Complete the works to relevel the subsided section of walkway as a contract variation. Investigation and design completion: December 2021 Physical works commencement: May 2022 Estimated physical works completion: August 2023				
	·		Forecast/Actual			
Helensville, 49 Commercial Rd - comprehensive renewal	Amber - At Risk	second application has been made to the Central Risk Fund for additional funds. Next steps: Progress works. Keep stakeholders updated with email communications and monthly project control group meetings. Investigation and design completion: September 2021 Physical works commencement: September 2022 Estimated physical works completion: September 2023	Baseline			
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Huapai Recreation Reserve - develop a full site plan including the redevelopment of play r	e Green - On Track	Current status: First stage of engagement with stakeholders completed. Draft development plan underway Next steps: Draft development plan completed and workshopped with local board in August	Baseline Forecast/Actual	
Huapai Recreation Reserve - renew cricket pitch	Amber - At Risk	Current status: Construction of new clay cricket block substantially completed and winter grow-in of turf in progress. Installation of the artificial astroturf strip on the side of the new grass block still to complete as the sports fields ground conditions have been too soft to the delivery of concrete. A price variation has been apporved to pump the concrete form the car park. Next steps: Complete all works as soon as weather and ground conditions permit. Investigation and design completion: February 2022 Physical works commencement: May 2022 Estimated physical works completion: October 2023		
			Forecast/Actual	
Huapai, Matua Road - develop new neighbourhood park	Green - On Track	Project completed June 2023.	Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Leigh - relocate and renew skate ramp and play assets	Green - On Track	Current status: Attend local board workshop on July 5th Next steps: Action local board feedback and commence consultation	Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Lucy Moore Memorial Park - renew structures	Green - On Track	Current status: This project is not likely to start until mid 2023. Watercare is currently occupying the land for a large wastewater project Next steps: Review the project again April 2023	Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Mahurangi Community Building - comprehensive renewal	Amber - At Risk	Current status: Peer review of seismic structural design finally completed to enable detailed design drawings to be updated for lodging for the building consent. Next steps: Update drawings to complete detailed design phase. Prepare and lodge the building consent application for structural stage 2 works. Prepare specifications, schedules and Engineer's Estimate for the tender package. Estimated investigation and design completion - Stage 2: June 2023 Estimated physical works commencement - Stage 2: September 2023 Estimated physical works completion: January 2024	Baseline	
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Mangakura - refurbish toilet block, renew carpark & minor assets	Green - On Tra	Current status: The first stage of physical works is complete. Resource consent application is being prepared for the second stage of works. Next steps: Tender physical works once resource consent granted. Investigation & design completion: July 2021 Physical works commencement: October 2021 Estimated physical works completion: March 2024.	Baseline			
			Forecast/Actual			
Matakana Wharf Reserve - renew carpark & refurbish pergola	Green - On Tra	Current status: Designs are likely to be altered slightly as adjacent large trees may need to be removed due to decay Next steps: Complete a tender process for physical works. Investigation & design completion: June 2023 Estimated physical works commencement: September 2023 Estimated physical works completion: November 2023	Baseline			
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Minor Capital works - Rodney	Green - On Tra	Current status: This project is a placeholder for urgent replacement and renewal of minor assets across community facilities in Rodney. Next steps: Liaise with Facility Managers for any works to be completed.	Baseline			
			Forecast/Actual			_
Muriwai Village Green - renew open space assets	Green - On Tra	Current status: Attend local board workshop on the 5th July Next steps: Incorporate feedback from the local board workshop into the concept and get community consultation underway	Baseline			
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Murray Jones Reserve - renew carpark & open space assets	Green - On Tra	Current status: Plans and specifications are now due in July Next steps: Proceed with tendering with a view to completing works in October 2023 Investigation & design completion: July 2023 Estimated physical works commencement: October 2023 Estimated physical works completion: December 2023	Baseline			
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Omaha - renew northern boardwalks	Green - On Track	Current status: Work is progressing well to complete the remaining two boardwalk renewals before the end of June. Next steps: Monitor the delivery of the works. Estimated investigation & design completion: March 2022 Estimated physical works commencement: Oct 2022 Estimated physical works completion: July 2023	Baseline	
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Omaha - renew walkways and signage	Green - On Track	Current status: Good progress is being made on the next stage of footpath renewals. This stage will not be completed until September 2023 Next steps: Monitor construction activities and plan for a further round of renewals Investigation & design completion: Complete Physical works commencement: December 2021 Estimated physical works completion: May 2024	Baseline	
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Omaha Community Centre - refurbish facility	Green - On Track		Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Pakiri Beach - reconfigure carpark, renew signage and furniture	Green - On Track	Investigation & design completion: Complete Physical works commencement: December 2022 Estimated physical works completion: November 2023	Baseline	
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Parry Kauri Park - refurbish toilet block	Green - On Track	Project completed May 2023	Baseline	
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Point Wells Community Centre - refurbish the centre including the library	Green - On Track		Baseline	
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Point Wells Recreation Reserve - renew accessway & associated assets	Amber - At Risk	This project will be delivered next financial year and will be delivered in conjunction with other Rodney area carpark renewals.	Baseline	
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Pomona Hall - refurbish facility	Green - On Track	Current status: This project is nearing completion. Wet weather has delayed work and may mean that the final item is not completed until later in the year. Next steps: Confirm the final works programme and communicate with the stakeholders. Investigation & design completion: Complete Estimated physical works commencement: April 2023 Estimated physical works completion: November 2023	Baseline					
		estimated physical works completion. November 2025	Forecast/Actual					
Port Albert Recreation Reserve - investigate options for grandstand	Red - Critical	Project cancelled and bundled, scope to be complete under #33271.	Baseline Forecast/Actual				+++ ++++ +	## ### ##
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Port Albert Recreation Reserve – refurbish toilet, investigate options for grandstand and rer	Green - On Track	Current status: Procurement for Physical Works is underway. Next steps: Award Physical Works contract and complete detailed design for the grandstand seismic upgrade.	Baseline					
			Forecast/Actual					
Port Albert Wharf - renew open space assets	Green - On Track	Current status: Procurement for Physical Works is underway. Next steps: Award Physical Works contract.	Baseline					
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Rautawhiri Park - renew pavilion components	Green - On Track	Project completed May 2023 Investigation and design completion: March 2022 Physical works commencement: May 2022 Physical works completion: May 2023	Baseline					
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Rautawhiri Park - renew playspace and open space assets	Amber - At Risk	This project has been placed on hold	Baseline Forecast/Actual					
Riverhead Point Reserve - develop playspace and walkways	Green - On Track	Project completed August 2022	Baseline					
			Forecast/Actual					
Riverhead War Memorial Park - optimise play space, renew carpark and minor assets	Green - On Track	Current status: The majority of improvement works within the park are now complete. Design underway for the new skate facility. Next steps: Review design proposal and review consenting requirements. Estimated physical works completion: December 2023	Baseline					
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Riverhead War Memorial Park - renew pavilion	Green - On Track	Current status: Contractor engaged to deliver the asbestos removal works. Next steps: Engage consultant to prepare detailed design for reconfiguration and seismic works. Estimated investigation & design completion: December 2022 Estimated physical works commencement: October 2023 Estimated physical works completion: June 2024	Baseline	
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Rodney - implement active recreation improvements	Green - On Track	Current status: Omaha overflow carpark works complete. Sandspit minor works complete. Contractor awarded physical works contract to implement lighting in areas o the Rautawhiri Park carpark. Next steps: Complete physical works. Investigation & design completion: June 2022 (all project components) Physical works commencement: Rautawhiri September 2023 Estimated physical works completion: September 2023 (all project components)	Baseline	
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Rodney - remediate buildings identified with asbestos	Green - On Track	Current: 2023 Projects Complete, 2024 projects underway Next steps: South Head hall asbestos removal, refine scope	Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Rodney - renew carparks	Green - On Track	Current status: A contract is in place for the renewal of the carpark servicing the Puhoi cemetery. This work will get underway in August. Next steps: Continue with further design work and stakeholder engagement. Sites will be renewed as designs are approved and implemented	Baseline Forecast/Actual	
Rodney - renew fencing, bollards and gates	Green - On Track	Current status: a final round of fencing renewal for this financial year will take place at Wellsford and the Hoteo north cemetery Next steps: Further sites will see replacement fencing and bollards later in the year. Estimated investigation & design completion: Staggered to deliver multiple stages of works Physical works commencement: March 2022 Estimated physical works completion: May 2024	Baseline	
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Rodney - renew furniture, fixtures & minor assets	Green - On Track	Current status: A large number of picnic seats are planned for replacement over the next two months Next steps: Works will be delivered at various sites over the months ahead Estimated investigation & design completion: Staggered to deliver multiple stages of works Physical works commencement: December 2022 Estimated physical works completion: May 2026	Baseline		
			Forecast/Actual		
Rodney - renew play space components	Green - On Track	Current status: A small amount of component replacement will be completed before the end of June. Next steps: Work with the full facility contractors to source and undertake replacements Investigation & design completion: Completed by December each year Estimated physical works commencement: May 2022 Estimated physical works completion: May 2024	Baseline		
			Forecast/Actual		
Rodney - renew signage	Green - On Track	Current status: A roll-out of replacement signage at Matheson bay is close to implementation. Next steps: Review and implement renewal of other reserve signage. Investigation & design completion: March 2023 Estimated physical works commencement: September 2023 Estimated physical works completion: May 2025	Baseline Forecast/Actual		
		Current status: Tender reissued to some more suppliers for competitive pricing for the	T OTECast/ Actual		
Rodney - renew sports asset components	Green - On Track	Riverhead War Memorial Park hardcourts renewals. Next steps: Receive tender review and recommendation for awarding a contract Investigation and design completion: February 2023 Estimated physical works commencement: October 2023 Estimated physical works completion: June 2024	Baseline		
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Rodney - renew track & pathway networks	Green - On Track	Current status: A track renewal project will start on the Mosquito Bay track at South Kaipara Heads in June. Next steps: Highfield reserve will start in October 2023 Investigation & design completion: February 2023 Physical works commencement: April 2023 Estimated physical works completion: May 2026	Baseline			
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Rodney - renew wheel play assets	Green - On Track	Current status: Define project scope for approval by local board and commencement of Investigation and Design. Next steps: Procure specialist design services	Baseline			
			Forecast/Actual			
Rodney - replace open space garden infrastructure & irrigation systems	Green - On Track	Current status: Gardens in Warkworth were renewed in June. The annual bed in the main street of Helensville is planned for a refresh in July. Next steps: Sign-off completed garden renewals and plan for further area improvements. Estimated investigation & design completion: Staggered to deliver multiple stages of works Estimated physical works commencement: Sept 22 Estimated physical works completion: May 2026	Baseline			
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Rodney - replace swimming pontoon	<u>Green</u> - On Track	Project completed March 2023	Baseline			
			Forecast/Actual			
Rodney Community Centre Network - renew furniture, fixtures and fittings	Green - On Track	Current status: Scoping of the project is underway with extra sites to be added in the k new Financial Year. Next steps: Finalise the scope.	Baseline			
			Forecast/Actual			
Rodney Library Network - renew furniture, fixtures and fittings	Green - On Track	Current status: Library closed 22 May - 2 July 2023. Kumeu Library interior refurbishment substantially completed at the end of the third week of June 2023. The furniture, books and IT equipment is currently in the process of being reinstalled in the last week of June while remaining defects are still being remedied in order for the library to reopen Monday 3 July 2023. Next steps: Complete install of furniture and equipment, remove containers from car park, and reopen the library. investigation and design completion: November 2022 Physical works commencement: May 2023 Estimated physical works completion: June 2023.	e ry Baseline			
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Rodney Town Centre Revitalisation - implement centre plan - stage 2 - Warkworth		Amber - At Risk	Current status: Project on hold until the Warkworth Town Centre Plan has been out to public consultation and is adopted by the local board. Next steps: Review the approved scope of works for design stage.	Baseline				
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Rodney Town Centre Revitalisation - implement concept plan - stage 2 - Helensville		Green - On Track	Current status: Design proposal is with Auckland Transport for review prior to preparing tender documents. Next steps: Tender physical works. Investigation and design completion: July 2022 (all works proposed) Physical works commencement: September 2023 Estimated physical works completion: June 2024 (all works)	Baseline				
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Sandspit Reserve - renew play space and minor assets		Green - On Track	Project completed October 2022	Baseline				
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Shelly Beach Reserve - renew play spaces & minor assets		Green - On Track	Current status: Resource consent has been granted; old equipment being donated to Kaipara Flats School as their playground was decommissioned. Next steps: Tender physical works. Estimated investigation & design completion: August 2022 Estimated physical works commencement: November 2023 Estimated physical works completion:February 2024	Baseline				
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Shoesmith Domain - redevelop play space and renew minor assets		Green - On Track	Project completed July 2022	Baseline Forecast/Actual				
Shoesmith Hall - refurbish facility		Amber - At Risk		Baseline Forecast/Actual				





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Sinclair Park - renew changing room pavilion	Green - On Track	Current status: No further work on the existing building is planned in the short term. Healthy Waters is undertaking water supply upgrades. Next steps: Seek approval for an adequate financial commitment to delivery before undertaking design work. Estimated investigation & design completion: June 2024 Estimated physical works commencement: To be advised (budget commitment required) Estimated physical works completion: To be advised (once commencement date is agreed)	Baseline	
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Stables Landing Reserve - rebuild toilet block	Green - On Track	Project completed May 2023. Defects inspection and retention release May 2024 Investigation and design completion: August 2022 Physical works commencement: March 2023 Estimated physical works completion: May 2023	Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Tapora - refurbish hall and renew open space assets	Green - On Track	Current status: Various geotech, seismic, and building investigations have been completed Next steps: Finalise hardcourt renewal plans with stakeholders Investigation & design completion: Staged. Hardcourts in March 2023. Hall to be determined post seismic and structural reports Estimated physical works commencement: September 2023 Estimated physical works completion: November 2026	Baseline	
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Te Hana - replace playground components & open space assets	Green - On Track	Current status: Draft location options memo being prepared for Local Board worksho Next steps: Refine the scope for the business case, investigation, and design.	Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Te Hana Hall - renew roof barge boards, signage, refresh exterior and install external toilet a	Green - On Track	Project completed May 2023. Investigation and design completion: March 2022 Physical works commencement: May 2022 Physical works completion: May 2023	Baseline	
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Ti Point Road - refurbish toilet block and park structures	Green - On Track	Current status: The toilet block has received a refresh and is back open for use. Next steps: Further exterior artwork is planned before summer. Investigation & design complete September 2022 Physical works commencement: November 2022 Estimated physical works completion: October 2024	Baseline Forecast/Actual				
Tomarata Dune Lakes Reserve - renew and reconfigure permeable driveway/carpark	Green - On Track	Current status: Further consultation is underway with Iwi on this project. Next steps: Establish a schedule of works and progress with contractor engagement Estimated investigation & design completion: June 2023 Estimated physical works commencement: August 2023 Estimated physical works completion: November 2023	Baseline				
			Forecast/Actual				
Waimauku Memorial Hall - renew heritage facility - stage 2	Amber - At Risk	Current status: Detailed design in progress for the major exterior renewal works involving recladding, structural works and major remedial repairs. Next steps: Prepare detailed design drawings, specifications and schedules for the tender package . This project is being undertaken in collaboration with Heritage. Estimated investigation and design completion: August 2023 Estimated physical works commencement: January 2024 Estimated physical works completion: May 2024	Baseline				
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Warkworth - refurbish toilet block including drainage	Green - On Track	Project completed June 2022. Reclad works to toilet block to be included with Warkworth Library Complex remedial works - refer to Sentient ID 30772 - SharePoint ID 2765.	Baseline				
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Warkworth - town centre renewals	Green - On Track	Current status: Detailed design drawings are now complete. Next steps: Apply for tree removal consent. Investigation & design completion: July 2023 Physical works commencement: October 2023 Estimated physical works completion: March 2024	Baseline				
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Warkworth Library - remediate structural components	Green - On Tracl	Current status: The resource consent application is being prepared for lodging. Addressing an issue with two conflicting Detailed Seismic Assessment reports that could have cost implications depending on which report finally takes precedence. Next steps: Complete detailed design once the seismic rating has been confirmed for consent and lodge the resource consent application. Estimated investigation and design completion: June 2023 Estimated physical works commencement: January 2024	ld Baseline				
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Warkworth Masonic Hall - refurbish interior	Green - On Track	Project completed 2023.	Baseline				, <u> </u>
			Forecast/Actual				
Warkworth Showgrounds - renew sand fields 1 & 2	Green - On Track	Current status: Detailed design completed and tender package received. Next steps: Prepare tender documentation and tender physical works for construction this summer. Investigation and design Completion: May 2024 Estimated physical works commencement: October 2024 Estimated physical works completion: March 2025	Baseline				
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Warkworth Showgrounds - renew sports lighting	Green - On Track	k Project completed February 2023	Baseline				
			Forecast/Actual				
Warkworth, 14 Baxter Street - remediate carpark - stage 2	Amber - At Risk	Current status: This site is currently shortlisted as a proposed asset for sale and pending the decision from the Governing Body, this decision has not been made as yet. Next steps: Progress or cancel the project. Estimated investigation and design completion: To be advised pending the Governing Body decision Estimated physical works commencement: To be advised pending the Governing Body decision Estimated physical works completion: To be advised pending the Governing Body decision	g				
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Waterloo Reserve Milldale - develop new suburb park	Amber - At Risk	This is a financial contribution to the developer led work at Waterloo Reserve, timeframe for the transaction yet to be confirmed.	Baseline				
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Wellsford Centennial Park - renew major assets	Green - On Track	Current status: Refurbishment of the ex-tennis courts completed. Design engineering services engaged for replacement of the hardcourts retaining wall and upgrading the courts for the following year. Initial site investigations completed. Next steps: Commence preliminary design. Investigation & design completion: November 2022 Physical works commencement- Stage 2: February2023 Estimated physical works completion: June 2026	Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Wellsford Community Centre - facility renewals - stage 2	Green - On Track	Current status: Defect rectification underway Next steps: Defects completed, handover documentation provided and handed over to operations team	Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Wellsford Library - renew underground infrastructure	Green - On Track		Baseline	
			Forecast/Actual	
Wellsford, 118 Rodney Road - rebuild public toilet block		Physical works commencement: March 2022 Physical works completion: June 2023	Baseline Forecast/Actual	
Whangateau Reserve - rebuild toilet blocks and renew waste water system	Green - On Track	Current status: resource consent application lodged for the replacement toilet block and replacing the existing hall concrete water tank. Structural assessment completed for the replacement of the hall roof this coming summer. Detailed design being finalised. Next steps: Receive drawings, specifications and schedules for tender packages for both the toilet site civil works and the hall roof replacement. This project is being delivered in a collaborative manner with the heritage team.	r	
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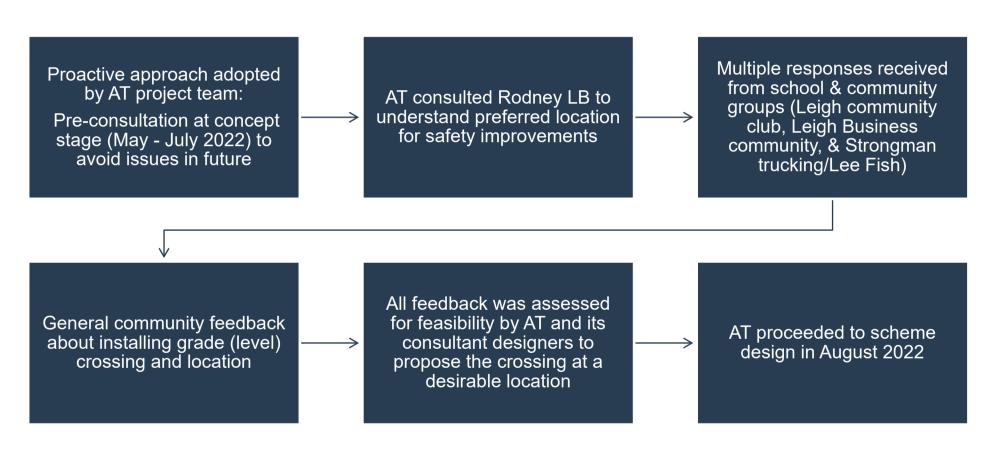
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William Fraser Reserve - rebuild toilet amenity block	Green - On Track	Current status: Practical Completion Certificate issued 16 May 2023 but back dated to 16 January 2023 when the new toilet was operational for the Christmas holidays. Photo image wrap finally installed on the outside of the toilet block. Contractor has been requested to bring the new gardens back into specification with replacing missing plants and remove weeds. Water disconnected from the old toilets. Next steps: Arrange handover of the closed toilet facility to the surf club. Investigation and design completion: August 2021 Physical works commencement: September 2022 Physical works completion: May 2023	Baseline			
			Forecast/Actual			
Wilson Cement Works - refurbish toilet block	Green - On Track	Project completed in May 2023.	Baseline			
			Forecast/Actual			
Wonderview Rd/Cotterell St Esplanade - renew structures	Green - On Track	Current status: Scoping is focused on works around Matheson Bay Next steps: Prepare tender schedules for delivery. Works will extend into the next financial year	Baseline			
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Worker Road Reserve - renew open space assets	Green - On Track	Current status: Old fencing and farm assets have been removed Next steps: Look to improve user access to the reserve before next summer.	Baseline			
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## Hauraki Road Safety Improvements

**Rodney Local Board** 

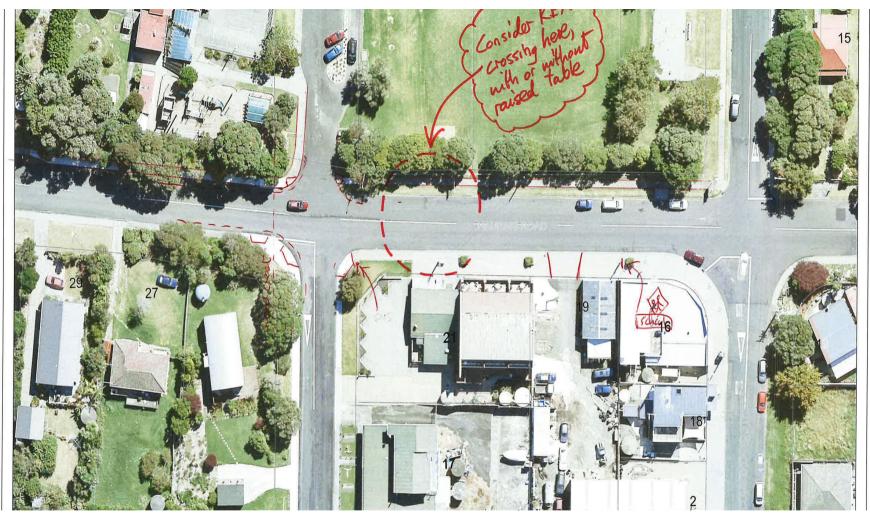


# **Pre-Consultation**









Pre consultation plan submitted by AT to Rodney Local Board



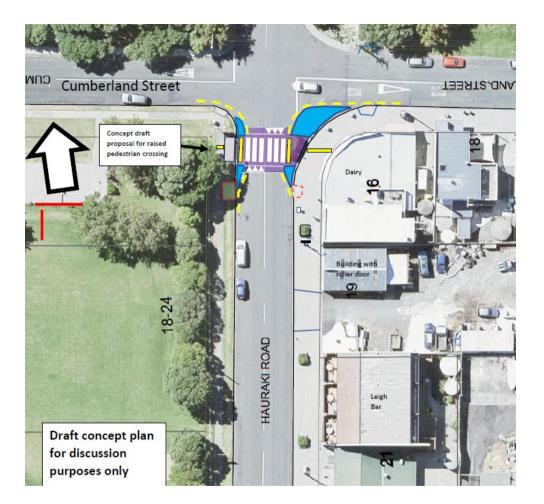




Suggested location by Leigh Business Community







Concept plan submitted by AT to Rodney Local Board





# Consultation

# Public consultation in May 2023. Concerns raised by community:

- Change the location to suit school
- Change specification of raise crossing due to boats and trailers

# AT responded to public feedback in June 2023:

- Pedestrian desired line to benefit wider community including school
- Visibility issues
- Complies with AT Transportation Design Manual for non-bus, non over dimensional vehicle route

**Post Consultation:** AT received emails from community expressing unhappiness with location and design

Raised Zebra Crossing in Hauraki Road, Leigh							
Invitations to s	ubmit feedback						
Letters to directly affected	31						
Emails to key stakeholders	б						
Email to Local Board	1						
Summary of feedback received							
The changes would benefit the community	12						
The changes would not benefit the community	19						
I have a suggestion to make	39						
I need more information	2						
Did not select if they supported or not	0						
Total responses	72						
Consultation outcome							

Project will proceed without changes





# **Challenges to change design**

 At-grade (flush) crossings are a thing of the past – Most of the AT TDM design/standards are adopted from Waka Kotahi NZTA's design standards. At-grade crossing doesn't align with NZTA's Road to Zero and AT's Vision Zero objectives as it doesn't align with Safe System Framework.

> Our vision is a New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes. It is based on Vision Zero – a global movement that has seen significant decreases in road trauma in Sweden, New York and parts of Australia.

On average, ONE PERSON IS KILLED EVERY DAY ON NEW ZEALAND ROADS, and another seven are seriously injured. Even IF EVERYONE OBEYED THE ROAD RULES, New Zealand would still have MORE THAN 180 DEATHS on the road each year.

- The community's preferred location does not meet the engineering requirements for approach and visibility
- The AT proposed location is close to businesses, playground, community hall, skate park, and school where there is high pedestrian demand
- Redesign will impact timeline and incur further costs







Approach near school entrance







AT proposed location near businesses and school





# **Next steps**

The project has been put on hold

AT are exploring other options to be shared with the local board

AT and the community to work together again to achieve desired outcomes that comply with all design and standard requirements

Should no safety improvements be identified that meet all design and standard requirements, and satisfy the community, the local board can decide to abandon the project





# Thank you







To:	Rodney Local Board
From:	Dave Hilson, Principal Network Service Planner, Auckland Transport Service Network Development
Date:	28 July 2023
Subject:	Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate Programme – Proposed on- demand bus services and existing bus services, Warkworth

#### **Purpose**

1. To provide advice in response to local board queries for potential cost savings to the proposed on-demand bus services for Warkworth as passed by resolution at the September 2022 business meeting of the Rodney Local Board.

#### Summary

- 2. It may be possible to implement an on-demand solution for the Warkworth area at a lower cost than the \$2.5 million (over three years) as originally resolved in September 2022. However, the benefit may not be proportional to the amount saved.
- 3. The implementation of some of the proposed changes would incur additional costs such as building new bus stops within Warkworth to accommodate standard sized buses.
- 4. In order to ensure a service is in operation by 1 July 2025, the date required to undertake a three-year trial within the current transport targeted rate tenure, Auckland Transport (AT) would need confirmation of the service to be undertaken by 31 May 2024.

#### Context

#### Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate Programme (RLBTTR)

- 5. In May 2018, the local board recommended that the Governing Body approve a targeted rate to accelerate investment in transport in the Rodney Local Board area. The recommendation was accepted, and the RLBTTR is currently scheduled to run for 10 years (2018 2028).
- 6. The local board is the decision-maker regarding funds raised through the rate. Auckland Council receives the rates payments, and AT provides technical advice and administers the funds on behalf of the local board.
- 7. The RLBTTR is ring-fenced for transport projects in the Rodney Local Board area that are not included in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031. It was established on the basis that the fund is to support:
  - new bus stops and bus services
  - new park-and-ride community hub facilities
  - new footpaths.
- In September 2022, the local board approved the allocation of \$2,550,000 (\$850,000 per year) from the Warkworth subdivision portion of the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate to fund an on-demand bus service linking Warkworth, Leigh and Sandspit for three years (RD/2022/130). See Attached report.





- 9. In May 2023, the local board approved the following under resolution (RD/2023/61):
  - approve pausing the On Demand Bus Service Trial in the Warkworth Subdivision (Resolution RD/2022/130) and investigate available options to deliver improved roading surfaces with the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate

investigate alternative approaches and funding streams to deliver on Demand Bus services in the Warkworth Subdivision

• confirm the consultation requirement for any proposed changes to the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate funding allocations.

#### Discussion

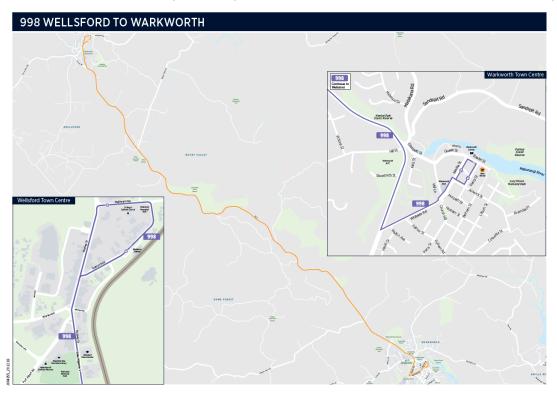
- 10. Further to the local board business meeting on 17 May; a briefing was held on 6 June with local board members to discuss alternative approaches and funding streams to deliver on demand bus services and bus services in general in the Warkworth subdivision.
- 11. Local board members requested that advice be provided regarding the feasibility of the following alternatives:

#### Local board query: Changes to the 998 bus service:

12. Utilise the AT funded 998 Wellsford to Warkworth off peak buses to do a loop around Warkworth, adding service for the Woodcocks Road/Falls Road/Mansel Drive/Hudson Road area to the west of the old SH1 (see Map 2 below).

#### **Response:**

13. Currently the 998 bus service between Warkworth and Wellsford runs hourly from 6:10am to 7:40pm Monday to Friday, 7:20am to 5:40pm weekends and public holidays.

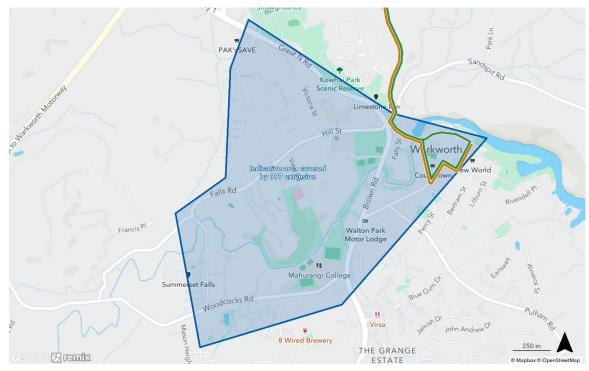


Map 1: Current 998 bus route





- 14. Should a loop around the area to the west of the old SH1 in Warkworth be added to the 998 bus service during off peak hours (9am to 4pm), this would lead to an overall less frequent bus service between Warkworth and Wellsford. To maintain the current hourly service between Warkworth and Wellsford while including a loop around Warkworth additional resourcing would be required.
- 15. Providing a loop service during off peak hours only would provide a limited benefit to commuters, such as those travelling from Wellsford to attend a place of employment in Warkworth. The limited frequency of this altered service may also not cater sufficiently to passengers within Warkworth.



Map 2: Indicative area for loop to the west of old SH1 including the Warkworth Community Transport Hub on Great North Rd

16. Generally, AT would not support the suggested change to the 998 service without some level of public consultation as this would be making a change to an established service to the disadvantage of current customers.

#### Local Board query: Changes the 997 bus service

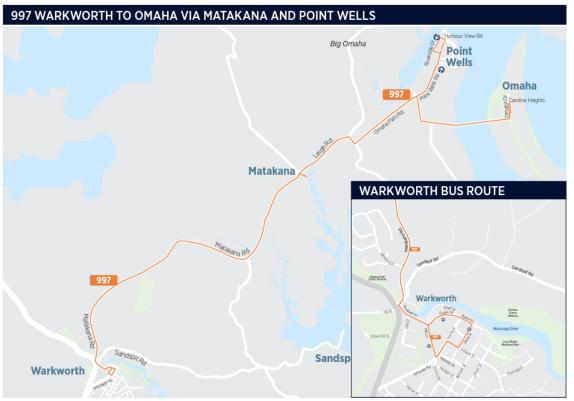
17. Change the AT funded 997 Warkworth to Matakana, Pt Wells and Omaha bus service to a service that only runs between Warkworth and Matakana in order to service the area west of old SH1 in Warkworth (see Map 2). An on-demand bus service could then be introduced for Omaha and Pt Wells, to connect with the 997 bus.

#### **Response:**

18. Currently the 997 bus service from Warkworth to Omaha via Matakana and Point Wells runs approximately every 2 hours, 6:45am to 5:35pm Monday to Friday, 9:50am to 4:10pm weekends and public holidays.

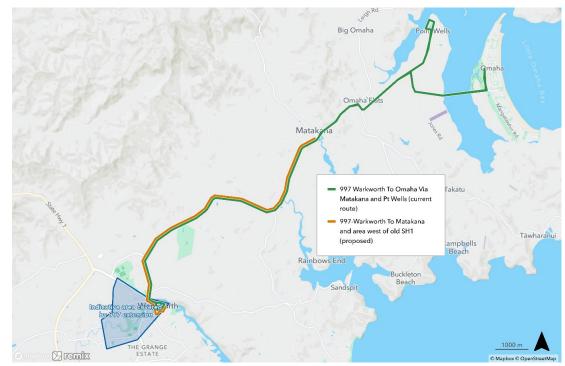






Map 3: Current 997 bus route

19. Removing the Matakana, Point Wells and Omaha leg from the current 997 bus route in order to add in a loop around the area north of the old SH1 in Warkworth would maintain an approximately two hourly service. The limited two hourly frequency of this loop service may not however be sufficient to attract passenger numbers within Warkworth.



Map 4: Current and proposed routes for 997





20. As with the proposed changes to the 998 bus service discussed above, these are existing AT services and would require some level of public consultation before any changes to routes are considered. AT does not generally make changes this major without some level of consultation.

#### **Further considerations**

- 21. Although an on-demand service with a reduced scope is likely to be cheaper it would not be proportional. A service costing half the initial budget would not necessarily deliver half the service nor half of the passenger benefits. There are variable costs such as the hourly cost of operating a service which would be scalable. However, there are other fixed costs which may only produce minor, if any, cost saving. These fixed costs include the cost of tendering the service, set up costs, technology provision and community engagement (consultation, surveys and collateral such as brochures and timetables about new and changed services).
- 22. The original simulation which was undertaken to investigate the feasibility of an ondemand trial for Warkworth was based on a service area that included Warkworth township and the area to the west of the old SH1. Any changes to this service area, such as with the proposal to service Point Wells, Omaha and Matakana with on demand buses instead of the current 997 bus service would require further simulation work for customer forecasts to assess the feasibility of this changed on-demand area. Such investigations would incur a cost to the local board, AT staff time and/or external consultants.
- 23. Furthermore, standard sized buses require formal bus stops for the following reasons:
  - Safety: a bus needs to be able to pull into a kerbside stop to allow for the safety of the bus, other traffic and passengers.
  - A formal stop, with a flag, timetable etc give assurance to an intending passenger that they are waiting in the right place for their bus.
- 24. Any changes to bus services to serve the western side of Warkworth with standard sized buses would require building new bus stops. The cost of building these stops would need to be met by the local board, presumably through the RLBTTR.
- 25. A lead time of 13 months, from the local board adopting changes to their currently resolved on demand bus services (RD/2022/130) to the services being delivered, is required to allow for factors such as procuring services (operations and technology), obtaining and outfitting vehicles (if required), procuring and installing charging infrastructure, if required for electric vehicles, public engagement as well as detailed service planning.

#### Local Board request: Alternative funding for on demand buses:

26. Could the currently proposed Warkworth on demand buses be funded by a source other than the RLBTTR, such as with the on-demand buses in South Auckland?

#### **Response:**

- 27. In 2020, AT undertook a study of bus services with a high cost-per-passenger subsidy with a view to replacing them with on-demand rideshare services. The route 371 in South Auckland was identified as having a high cost-per-passenger subsidy and was not meeting patronage targets. This service was therefore replaced with on-demand service which is funded by AT and Waka Kotahi.
- 28. Other areas in Auckland were also identified as potential future locations for on-demand services but these are not located within the Rodney Local Board area. The identified





areas for potential future on demand services are currently included in AT's draft Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) consultation which is open until 17 August 2023 (https://at.govt.nz/about-us/transport-plans-strategies/regional-public-transport-plan-2023-2031-rptp/).

29. All bus routes in the Rodney area (995, 996, 997 and 998) are all currently meeting patronage targets and therefore do not meet the AT criteria to receive funding for on demand buses.

#### **Next steps**

30. If the local board does want to implement any public transport services, on a three-year trial during the term of the current transport targeted rate, these services would need to be in place by 1 July 2025 at the latest. In order to meet this deadline, AT would require confirmation of any service to be implemented by 31 May 2024 by formal resolution. Should a decision be made to proceed earlier than this date and/or if timelines are able to be compressed, a service could go-live earlier than July 2025.

#### Attachments

31. Auckland Transport update on the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate Bus Services September 2022



# Auckland Transport update on the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate Bus Services - September 2022

File No.: CP2022/13410

# Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

- 1. To report back on the investigation commissioned by the local board into on-demand and local shuttle services for potential funding by the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate.
- 2. To provide a recommendation on which of the services identified in the report could be funded using the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate.
- 3. To provide an update on the 128-bus service from Helensville to Hibiscus Coast Bus Station.

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

- 4. In March 2022, the local board approved funding to investigate the viability of further public transport services for all four subdivisions: Wellsford, Warkworth, Dairy Flat and Kumeū.
- 5. This report provides a summary of the findings of this investigation that was conducted by 'Via Mobility' consultants.
- 6. The investigations show that a combination of on-demand rideshare and shuttles (small vehicles running to a fixed route timetable) would best suit Warkworth, including Leigh and Sandspit. This will give better coverage to Warkworth including the area to the west of State Highway 1.
- 7. The 128-bus service from Helensville to Hibiscus Coast Bus Station is currently funded by the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate. Patronage has increased steadily since it began in 2019.
- 8. Auckland Transport confirms funding for the 128-bus service from September 2022 to June 2024 through the Climate Action Targeted Rate funding. The Climate Action Targeted Rate will be provided on the basis that the Rodney Local Board approve funding through the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate for the new Warkworth on-demand services linking Warkworth, Leigh and Sandspit for a period of three years so there is no loss of Climate Action Targeted Rate money.
- 9. The Rodney Local Board Transport targeted rate will stop funding the 128-bus service from 30 September 2022.

# Ngā tūtohunga Recommendations

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) agree to allocate \$2,550,000 (\$850,000 per year) from the Warkworth subdivision portion of the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate to fund an on-demand bus service linking Warkworth, Leigh and Sandspit for three years
- b) agree that the new service would include and on-demand service for Warkworth, and a fixed-route, fixed timetable shuttle for travel to Leigh and Sandspit
- c) agree that the service would likely require two vehicles. One of these vehicles would always be available to complete on-demand trips within Warkworth, while the second vehicle would be used to operate shuttle runs to Leigh (seven days per week) and Sandspit (Friday -Sunday), and to cover for the first vehicle during driver breaks. This will maintain continuous on-demand service in Warkworth
- d) request that Auckland Transport provides regular updates to the local board on the service and its performance
- e) agree that there would be an annual review of the service to assess effectiveness, uptake of the services and any issues, and that the local board could agree to terminate the service if it fails to meet passenger demand expectations
- f) note that Auckland Transport confirms funding for the continuation of the 128-bus service from September 2022 to June 2024 through the Climate Action Targeted Rate funding. The Climate Action Targeted Rate will be provided on the basis that the Rodney Local Board approve funding through the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate for the new Warkworth on-demand services linking Warkworth, Leigh and Sandspit for a period of three years so there is no loss of Climate Action Targeted Rate money
- g) agree to cease funding the 128-bus Service from Helensville to Hibiscus Coast Station on the 30 September 2022.

## Horopaki Context

#### Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate

- 10. In May 2018, the local board recommended (resolution number RD/2018/61) that the Governing Body approve a targeted rate to accelerate investment in transport in the Rodney Local Board area. The recommendation was accepted, and the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate (RLBTTR) is currently scheduled to run for 10 years (2018 – 2028).
- 11. The local board is the decision-maker for funds raised through the RLBTTR. Auckland Council receives the rates payments, and Auckland Transport (AT) provides technical advice and administers the funds on behalf of the local board.
- 12. The RLBTTR is ring-fenced for transport projects in the Rodney Local Board area that are not included in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031. It was established on the basis that the fund is to support new bus stops and bus services, new park-and-ride community hub facilities and new footpaths.

#### Investigation into further public transport services

13. In March 2022, the local board approved funding (resolution number RD/2022/11) to investigate the viability of the following public transport services for future funding as follows:

- a) Wellsford Subdivision;
  - i. An on-demand service from Wellsford town centre to Te Hana
- b) Warkworth Subdivision;
  - ii. local shuttle loop of the Warkworth area on weekdays to connect residents to the Warkworth Community Transport Hub, retail and services.
  - iii. shuttle runs to Leigh and Sandspit from Warkworth on Saturdays and Sundays.
- c) Dairy Flat Subdivision
  - iv. a new bus or shuttle service between Milldale and Hibiscus Coast Station via the Pine Valley Road and Argent Lane extension.
- d) Kumeū Subdivision
  - v. An on-demand shuttle service loop from Muriwai Beach to Riverhead, connecting people to Waimauku, Huapai and Kumeū along the way.

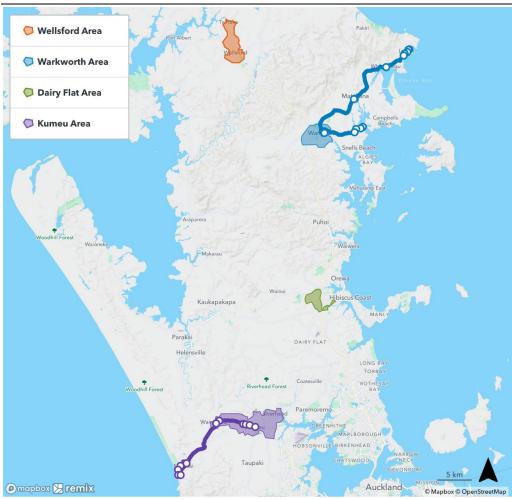
#### 128 Bus service from Helensville to Hibiscus Coast Bus Station

- 14. At the 20 September 2018 business meeting, the Rodney Local Board (resolution number RD/2018/115):
  - a) approved funding to investigate and design the new bus route from Wellsford to Warkworth, planned to start no later than by February 2019.
  - b) approved funding to investigate and design the new bus route from Helensville to Silverdale (via Kaukapakapa), planned to start no later than February 2019.
  - c) requested that Auckland Transport continues to work on the other public transport services as part of the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate programme, including options for Riverhead and Huapai to Albany services.
- 15. Bus routes 128 (Helensville to Hibiscus Coast Station) and 998 (Wellsford to Warkworth) were introduced in February 2019. The 126-bus route (Westgate to Albany via Riverhead and Coatesville) was introduced in May 2019.
- 16. In May 2022, AT took over the costs to run the 126 and 998 bus services previously funded by the targeted rate. This was due to patronage levels reaching the agreed level to make the service economical for AT to fund.

### Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

#### Investigation into on demand and local shuttle services

- 17. Following Rodney Local Board's approval of funding to investigate the viability of the following public transport services for future funding, Auckland Transport commissioned the consultant 'Via Mobility' to provide an On Demand and Local Shuttle Planning Study.
- 18. The four focus areas for this study were provided by the local board as detailed in Figure 4 below.



#### Figure 4

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19. One area was selected from each of the four Rodney Local Board subdivisions:

- Wellsford area includes Wellsford and Te Hana
- Warkworth area includes Warkworth, Leigh and Sandspit
- Dairy Flat area includes Milldale subdivision and part of the Hibiscus Coast Highway
- Kumeū area includes Riverhead, Kumeū, Huapai and Muriwai.

#### Planning Study Summary

- 20. Wellsford Te Hana: An on-demand service is best suited for this zone due to its small size and moderate population density. A single vehicle could accommodate expected demand in this area. Due to the small population served, this zone is generally less promising than the others studied. As with the Dairy Flat - Milldale service described above, a single-vehicle operation would require a second vehicle as contingency.
- 21. Warkworth Leigh Sandspit: An on-demand service is best suited for Warkworth, while a fixed route, fixed timetable shuttle is best suited for travel to Leigh and Sandspit, due to the long travel times and rural nature of this route. This zone would likely require two vehicles. One of these vehicles should always be available to complete on-demand trips within Warkworth, while the second vehicle would be used to operate shuttle runs to Leigh (seven days per week) and Sandspit (Fri-Sun), and to cover for the first vehicle during driver breaks. This will maintain continuous on-demand service in Warkworth.
- 22. **Dairy Flat Milldale:** An on-demand service is best suited for this zone due its small size and moderate population density. Simulations indicate that this zone is only likely to require a single vehicle. However, an additional vehicle would be required for contingency (breakdown,

regular servicing etc.). An on-demand service would provide connections to the Northern Busway and nearby shopping destinations

23. Kumeū - Riverhead - Huapai - Muriwai: An on-demand service is best suited for Kumeū, Riverhead and Huapai, while a fixed-route fixed-timetable shuttle is best suited for travel to Muriwai, due to the long travel times and rural nature of this route. This zone would likely require two vehicles. One of these vehicles should always be available to complete ondemand trips within Kumeū, Riverhead and Huapai, while the second vehicle would be used to operate shuttle runs to Muriwai (Friday to Sunday), on-demand service during peak hours (two vehicles operating at the same time), and to cover for the first vehicle during driver breaks.

#### Auckland Transport bus service recommendation

- 24. The Rodney Local Board has previously expressed interest in improving public transport within Warkworth. The two current bus routes that serve Warkworth provide connections outside Warkworth to the Hibiscus Coast Station (995) and Wellsford (998) but they do not provide local connections within the Warkworth Township.
- 25. The local board have also expressed a desire to serve the area on the western side of State Highway 1 including the commercial areas of The Grange and Woodcocks Road and the Summerset Falls Retirement Village. Such a loop was considered in the study undertaken but the nature of the Warkworth catchment resulted in on-demand rideshare being recommended for this area.
- 26. There has been feedback from residents in Leigh requesting a public transport service, as a petition was presented to the Rodney Local Board in early 2019 with such a request. There have been subsequent individual requests to Auckland Transport. The local board has also received requests to serve Sandspit, primarily to provide connections to the Kawau ferry.
- 27. The planning study results from Via Mobility suggest a solution whereby two vehicles can provide the on-demand rideshare service for Warkworth, using the same vehicles to provide fixed-route timetabled services for Leigh (seven days a week) and Sandspit to meet connect with the ferry Friday through Sunday.
- 28. The estimated cost of providing a three-year on-demand and local shuttle services for the Warkworth subdivision is \$2,550,000. This service could be funded from the Warkworth subdivision RLBTTR allocations. Auckland Transport would recommend conducting an annual review on patronage, cost and ongoing viability of the services to be brought to the Rodney Local Board for consideration.
- 29. The Warkworth subdivision is the only subdivision in the local board area that still has unallocated funding from the RLBTTR. The remaining Warkworth subdivision budget as of August 2022 is \$4,915,000 which could sufficiently provide for the proposed three-year on-demand and local shuttle services.

#### Update on 128 bus service

- 30. The 128-bus service (Helensville to Hibiscus Coast) has picked up patronage steadily since 2019, however patronage targets have not yet been met.
- 31. The 128-bus service is an essential service for school students and the equity of public transport service provision for the Rodney area.
- 32. The Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate has been funding the 128-bus service since it started in 2019.

- 33. The Climate Action Targeted Rate (CATR) has a \$14 million allocation for bus services in the Rodney area which includes services within the Warkworth subdivision. The RLBTTR has funds available in the Warkworth subdivision to fund bus services for Warkworth.
- 34. Auckland Transport confirms funding for the continuation of the 128-bus service from September 2022 to June 2024 through the Climate Action targeted rate (CATR) funding. The CATR will be provided on the basis that the Rodney Local Board approve funding through the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate for the new Warkworth on-demand services linking Warkworth, Leigh and Sandspit for a period of three years so there is no loss of CATR money.
- 35. Figures 1, 2 and 3 below show the boarding numbers for the 126, 128 and 998 bus services from 2019 to 2022.



Figure 1, 126 Bus Service Boardings from 2019 to 2022

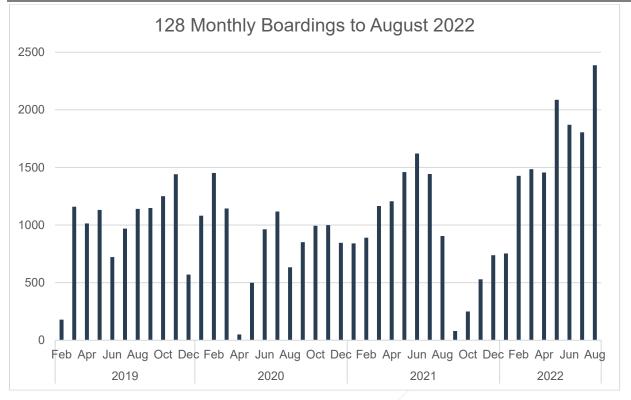


Figure 2, 128 Bus Service Boardings from 2019 to 2022

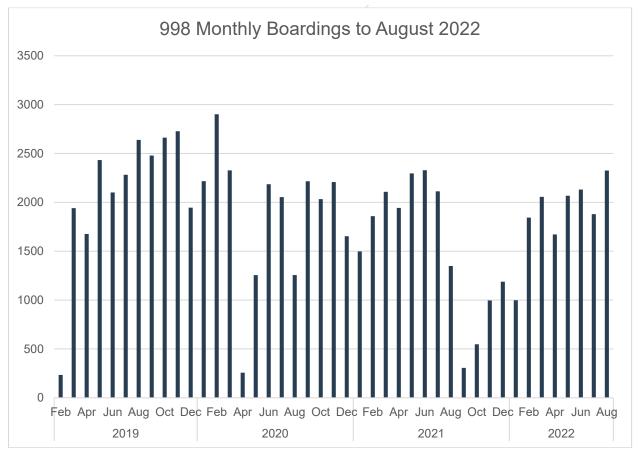


Figure 3, 998 Bus Service Boardings from 2019 to 2022

### Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi

### **Climate impact statement**

- 36. The Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate supports the outcomes sought by the Auckland Plan 2050, the Auckland Climate Action Plan, the Rodney Local Board Plan and Auckland Council priorities regarding mitigating the effects of climate change and reducing council's carbon emissions. The Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate funds projects that enable better access to active and public transport, namely footpaths, bus services, bus infrastructure and community transport hub facilities.
- 37. Auckland Transport strives to provide attractive alternatives to private vehicle travel, reduce the carbon footprint of its own operations and, to the extent feasible, that of the contracted public transport network. These projects all support pedestrian and/or cyclist safety, therefore contributing to climate change actions.

#### Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

38. The appropriate council group inputs were sought by Auckland Transport in the formulation of this update report.

#### Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

39. The local board is the decision-maker for funds raised through the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate; Auckland Council receives the rates payments, and Auckland Transport provides technical advice and administers the funds on behalf of the local board.

#### Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

40. The proposed decision of receiving the report has no impacts or opportunities for Māori. Any engagement with Māori, or consideration of impacts and opportunities, will be carried out on an individual project basis.

#### Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

- 41. The Dairy Flat subdivision has completed the allocation of funds to projects under the programme. There are therefore no further funds available for additional services or capital projects.
- 42. The Kumeū subdivision has completed the allocation of funds to projects under the programme. There are therefore no further funds available for additional services or capital projects.
- 43. The Wellsford subdivision currently has a remaining allocation of \$695,000. However the approved budget for the Rodney Street Footpath project is \$3.4 million (this includes \$3 million from Rodney Local board Transport Targeted Rate and \$400,000 from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency). The design consultant for the project has signaled that the estimated construction cost may be higher than the provision in the \$3.4 million budget. The project team is investigating the construction cost estimate and looking to mitigate this issue. Therefore, AT would advise delaying any decisions on the allocation of the remaining budget.
- 44. The Warkworth subdivision has \$4,915,000 budget remaining for allocation.

45. Any increases in the cost estimate in any projects agreed by the local board will need formal approval via resolution at a business meeting.

### Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

46. The on-demand and local shuttle service proposed for the Warkworth subdivision will have risks associated with performance, operation and patronage. To mitigate these inherent risks Auckland Transport will provide regular updates to the Rodney Local Board on the service and its performance. In addition, Auckland Transport will carry out an annual review of the service to assess its overall performance and in the event that the service fails to meet agreed targets the Rodney Local Board could agree to terminate the service.

## Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

41. Auckland Transport will start work on the direction resolved by the Rodney Local Board.

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## Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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То:	Rodney Local Board
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#### **Purpose**

1. To: update the local board on the work of the Rodney Community Broker for the quarter ending July 2023.

#### Summary

2. This update covers work undertaken by the Rodney Community Broker for the quarter ending July 2023.

#### Context

#### 3. Details and Discussion

Emergency Response Planning Building strong and resilient communities	<b>Muriwai</b> The contractor (CoSynergy) who worked with the community to develop the Kumeu Huapai Emergency Action Plan 2022 has been contracted to work with the Muriwai community. The focus of this work is on CoSynergy providing oversight and assistance with the following tasks as required:
	<ul> <li>ascertaining the level of assistance required for the Muriwai community to progress a community emergency plan</li> <li>meeting with key stakeholders and clarifying current roles and interests</li> <li>facilitating community meetings</li> <li>building the capacity of the leadership group</li> <li>assisting with plan development.</li> </ul>
	Work started on this in June 2023 with initial discussions and meetings with some of the key stakeholders and Auckland Emergency Management. This has been paused for now and we will progress it further when there is more clarity for those people whose homes have been red and yellow stickered.
	First Aid Training
	Funding is being provided for up to twenty community volunteers in Rodney to attend first aid training. This is for people who are involved in setting up and running community emergency hubs and is being organised by the Neighbourhood Support Network.

	Next steps
	Staff have been exploring options for assisting more communities across Rodney to develop emergency response plans and building the capacity of local community leadership groups. The local board have provided some funding for this in 2023/2024 but it will require careful planning in order to maximise the potential benefits.
<ul> <li>Puhinui Warkworth Town Centre Plan</li> <li>Supporting local people to be involved in planning for the future of their areas</li> <li>Our towns and villages are vibrant people are proud of their local area and its unique character</li> </ul>	The draft Puhinui Warkworth Town Centre Plan has been completed and approved for community consultation by the local board. It is currently out for consultation until 28 August 2023, which gives people just over 6 weeks to provide feedback. Hard copies of the document and feedback form are available in the Warkworth Library and both are also available online at the Community Think website. It has been sent out to our database of over seventy groups and individuals as well as hard copies being provided to key groups such as One Mahurangi. It has also been promoted in Mahurangi Matters. <b>Next steps</b> As a significant number of local people (400 – 500) were involved from the early stages of developing the plan we are not expecting that there will need to be major changes. At this stage feedback is indicating general support for the plan. Potential changes to the plan will be identified after 28 August and
	discussed with the local board.
	Activating the Centre
Wellsford Community Co-ordinator Building strong and resilient communities	The Co-ordinator has continued to deliver a comprehensive programme of activities and events from the Wellsford Community Centre. These include activities and workshops for a range of age groups and sectors of the community. Many are organised in conjunction with other local groups and providers.
resilient communities	Emergency Response
	The Co-ordinator played a key role in establishing and supporting the community centre as a hub during the flooding and storms earlier this year. She has been involved in ongoing work with Neighbourhood Support and Auckland Emergency Management to ensure Wellsford is better prepared for emergencies in the future.
Mahurangi East and	The Wellsford Co-ordinator with assistance from Harbour Sport has made an application for funding to Tu Manawa for two projects.
Wellsford Active Play Projects	The Mahurangi East project is for a nature play trail activation in Goodall Reserve in Snells Beach. This project and trail are being developed with local children and will also involve the wider community. Goodall Reserve is an attractive space in the centre of Snells Beach that has a lot of potential but is currently very underutilised.
	The Wellsford Play Pod project will provide a trailer equipped with a wide variety of play resources and materials for children and whanau. This 12-month project will deliver weekend activations based at the community centre and the War Memorial Park and will be delivered collaboratively between the community centre and the library.

New Combined Co- ordinator Role	The local board have approved a new position that combines the Wellsford, Mahurangi East and Warkworth Town Hall co-ordination roles. Staff have been working on the scope and focus of this position and it is now ready to be advertised.
Community Gardens	Staff have been supporting groups trying to set up community gardens in Matheson Bay, South Head, Warkworth and Snells Beach. The process for this involves groups having to become registered as a legal entity, applying for landowner approval and then applying for a licence to occupy. These processes are long and complicated and ultimately make it very difficult for groups to comply. We are currently discussing ways of streamlining and simplifying the process.
Huapai Hub Activation Supporting local people to be involved in planning for the future of their areas	The Huapai Hub is a new outdoor stage and seating area that was purpose built for concerts, events, markets and other outdoor activities. It was funded by the local board and designed and developed using a community partnering model. It is unique in that there was a lot of input from the local youth community in Kumeu Huapai into its design. It was just finished when covid arrived and it has never been properly opened or activated. Several options are being explored for a small role to promote and support the use of this community venue before the summer arrives.
Assistance with local board plan and submissions	To support the tight deadlines and busy staff workloads, the broker has spent time in the last quarter helping with the new local board plan development and the submissions on the budget.
Forward planning	<ul> <li>Based on community needs, evidence based good practice, what already exists and resourcing available, there is work underway looking at delivery options for the following:</li> <li>A crime prevention programme, potentially with a focus on youth and their families</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Emergency response planning and leadership capacity building.</li> </ul>