



Te mahere ā-rohe o Hibiscus and Bays 2026

# **Hibiscus and Bays Draft Summary Local Board Plan 2026**

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# He kōrero mai i te Heamana

## From the Chair

This Local Board Plan 2026 sets our direction for the next three years while laying the groundwork for the decade ahead. It reflects a proactive, future-focused approach to ensure we are better prepared for our growing communities.

This time, we did things differently. We started by listening, undertaking early engagement to understand what matters most to our communities, followed by consultation on the draft plan. This has helped ensure the plan reflects what we have heard directly from you.

Strong, connected communities are at the heart of this plan. As our area grows and some homes are becoming smaller, high-quality public spaces (including parks, sports facilities, libraries, halls and town centres) will play an increasingly important role in supporting connection, wellbeing and belonging. Ensuring these spaces are accessible and fit for purpose is a key priority.

Growth also places pressure on our natural environment. We must respond to increasing pressures on our waterways, coastlines and surrounding areas, while continuing to restore biodiversity and protect what makes this place special. Supporting vibrant town centres and improving transport connections will also be critical.

Delivering on this plan will require strong partnerships. We will work closely with mana whenua, community groups and local organisations, and explore more efficient ways to deliver, including partnerships and innovative approaches to do more with less.

People choose to live in the Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays for a reason — our beaches, safe communities and quality of life. This plan is about retaining and enhancing those qualities as we grow, and building the foundations needed to support our future.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead and committed to working with our community to shape a future that reflects our shared aspirations. Together, we can ensure our area continues to be the best place for people, families and communities to grow and thrive, now and for generations to come.

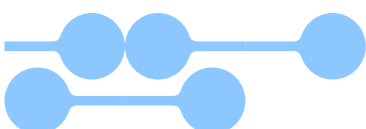


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Alexis Poppelbaum JP

**Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Chairperson**

This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2026. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](https://www.akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz), at public libraries and council service centres and tell us what you think by **Thursday 23 July 2026**. Or tell us what you think in person at one of our local events.



# Ngā huanga Māori, he huanga āhuarangi, me he huanga tautika

## **Māori outcomes, Climate outcomes and Equitable outcomes**

This local board plan focuses on five areas where local boards make decisions and can have the greatest influence at a local level. There are three considerations for all decisions and investments:

- Māori outcomes
- Climate outcomes
- Equitable outcomes

These outcomes have shaped the priorities within this Local Board Plan and are reflected throughout the five focus areas.

## Te hāpori

### **Community**



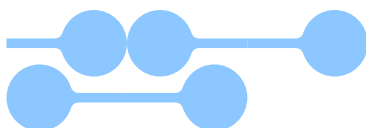
**We are a connected, inclusive and resilient community. People feel welcome, heard and able to take part, belong and thrive.**

#### **Challenges**

- Growth and development are putting pressures on shared spaces.
- Gaps in equitable access to places and opportunities across communities.
- Ageing facilities that are no longer fit for purpose.
- Safety, wellbeing and how people experience public safety.
- Community resilience and readiness for emergency.

#### **Opportunities**

- Make better use of community facilities and assets.
- Support community-led delivery and partnerships
- Improve access, inclusion and participation.
- Build stronger community resilience and preparedness.
- Activate public spaces as shared community hubs.



## Our Plan

### Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- People feel connected to their place and to each other and have opportunities to take part and contribute to community life.
- People of all ages and abilities can easily access parks, facilities and recreation opportunities that support wellbeing, inclusion and equity.
- Community assets, reserves and facilities are well used and managed sustainably so they deliver long lasting benefits as our area grows.
- Our communities feel safe, supported and prepared, with strong local networks that build wellbeing and resilience.
- Our diverse histories, cultures and stories are visible, valued and shared, helping to build understanding, identity and a strong sense of belonging.

## Te taiao māori Natural environment



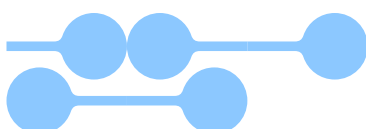
**Our native plants, animals and ecosystems are healthy and protected. Waste and pollution are reduced, and our land, waterways and coastlines are resilient and able to adapt to climate change.**

### Challenges

- Growth and development putting pressure on natural environments.
- Ongoing pollution, sediment and pest issues.
- Limited capacity and resources to respond.
- Impacts from climate change and extreme weather
- Declining tree canopy coverer.

### Opportunities

- Expanding ecological restoration and improving biodiversity.
- Increasing nature-based solutions including blue-green networks.
- Support community-led action and partnerships.
- Protecting and restoring coastal and marine environments.
- Using Integrated, place-based approaches to environmental planning.



## Our Plan

### Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Protect and restore native plants, animals and water quality through partnerships and education, initiatives that support long-term stewardship of land, waterways and coastal ecosystems
- Build stronger community and environmental resilience by working with communities to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

# Te taiao kua hangaia

## Built environment



**Our town centres and neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, resilient and well designed. They support growth and improve everyday life.**

### Challenges

- Managing growth while keeping neighbourhoods liveable and ensuring access to quality public spaces.
- Making sure town centres feel safe and are easy for everyone to access.
- Aligning local priorities with wider planning and development processes.
- Balancing new investment with making better use of existing buildings and spaces.
- Infrastructure limits, including the timing and cost of upgrades needed to support growth.

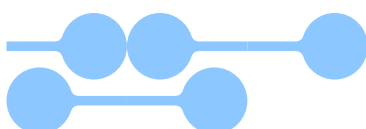
### Opportunities

- Delivering high-quality urban upgrades and streetscape improvements.
- Designing flexible, multi-use public spaces that meet different community needs.
- Supporting people-focused regeneration and development.
- Making better use of existing assets and facilities.
- Strengthening advocacy and early engagement on growth and infrastructure planning.

## Our Plan

### Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Town centres and neighbourhoods are vibrant, safe and welcoming places where people want to spend time, connect and do business.
- Growth and increased density are supported by resilient infrastructure, well-planned public spaces and flexible, well-designed places.



# Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

## Economic development



**We have a thriving local economy. Businesses grow, employment opportunities increase and communities benefit from sustainable economic development.**

### Challenges

- Population growth increasing demand for jobs, services and supporting infrastructure.
- Limited local job opportunities, leading to high levels of commuting outside the area.
- Transport access and connectivity challenges.
- Keeping town centres vibrant, active and functional as the area grows.

### Opportunities

- Strengthening town centres as places for business, services and community life.
- Supporting business growth, resilience and local networks.
- Encouraging more local jobs and economic activity.
- Working in partnership and supporting local initiatives to improve economic outcomes.

### Our Plan

#### Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

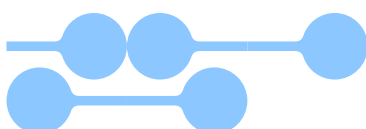
- A resilient local economy supported by vibrant town centres, strong partnerships and locally led opportunities that help businesses grow, create jobs and support community prosperity.

# Tūnuku

## Transport



**Our transport network is safe, connected and accessible, moving people and goods efficiently and providing reliable, attractive travel choices.**



## Challenges

- Population growth putting pressure on transport networks, congestion and emissions.
- Public transport not meeting all community needs.
- Gaps in walking and cycling infrastructure and safety.
- Limited funding affecting maintenance and delivery of transport projects.

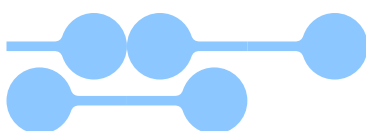
## Opportunities

- Improving how efficiently and reliably the transport network works.
- Expanding access to well-connected public transport services.
- Investing in safe, connected walking and cycling.
- Stronger advocacy for transport planning and investment.

## Our priorities

### Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Getting around the area is safe, accessible and efficient. People can travel easily for everyday trips and walking; cycling and public transport are convenient and attractive options.
- The local board will continue to advocate for transport initiatives that improve safety, network reliability and access. This includes key upgrades, public transport improvements and better connections across the area.



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