



Te mahere ā-rohe o Howick 2026

# Howick

## Draft Summary Local Board Plan 2026

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# He kōrero mai i te Heamana

## From the Chair



The draft Howick Local Board Plan 2026 outlines a strategic and community-informed direction for the future of the area. It draws on extensive feedback from residents gathered over many years, combined with expert advice and wider council priorities, including alignment with annual and 10-year plans. The document sets both aspirational goals and practical actions that will guide work programmes, budgets, and funding decisions.

The plan builds on successful initiatives from previous years while introducing new responses to emerging challenges. Rapid population growth has placed pressure on community assets, many of which have not kept pace, leaving some areas underserved. To address this, the board proposes a more strategic, long-term approach to asset management, focusing on maximising existing resources and reducing inequities.

The board acknowledges that achieving these goals will require difficult decisions but commits to transparency and meaningful community engagement throughout. With increased decision-making powers and greater control over budgets, we now have more accountability and responsiveness. However, reduced funding means we must find innovative ways to deliver value, including forming public-private partnerships and supporting local procurement.

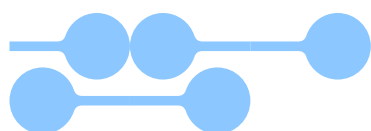
Despite financial constraints and uncertainty, the board remains optimistic about future opportunities and is committed to working collaboratively with the community to achieve shared outcomes.

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Bruce Kendall

**Howick Local Board Chairperson**

This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Howick Local Board Plan 2026. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/whakawhiri/whakawhiri-2026/whakawhiri-2026), 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**

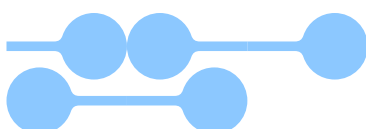


**Our community is strong, resilient, and connected. Our neighbourhoods are a great place to live, work, play, explore and be proud of.**

### **Our Plan**

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

- Create opportunities for our communities to work together, build connections and strengthen understanding.
- Ensure our facilities and spaces help our communities come together, learn, grow and support wellbeing.
- Ensure our parks and open spaces are safe, well managed, and support recreation.
- Empower community groups to build capacity, people of all ages and cultures can come together, build relationships and actively participate in various activities on offer.
- Strengthen relationships with iwi and Māori communities, ensuring Māori culture, language, arts and stories are shared and enjoyed by all.



- Develop community resilience by bringing together social wellbeing, economic strength, disaster preparedness and sustainable food-growing initiatives.
- Support our rangatahi (youth) to have a voice, feel valued and contribute.
- Support, and celebrate our local arts, culture, music and heritage.
- Support sport and recreation opportunities that responds to the needs of our communities.

## Te taiao māori

# Natural environment



**Our natural environment, including our endemic and native flora, fauna, and waterways is protected and restored. This helps future generations inherit a safer, healthier, more resilient Howick Local Board area. Mana whenua as kaitiaki, together with local communities, are empowered to support this. Climate resilience is strengthened and space is made for water.**

## Our Plan

### Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

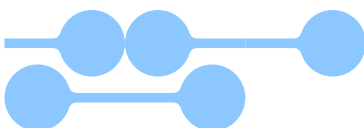
- Ensure our natural environment is cared for, protected and maintained.
- Ensure that our communities are well prepared for extreme weather events.
- Support, recognise, and celebrate our communities, taking environmental action.
- Protect the mauri (lifeforce) of our awa (waterways) and strengthen the health and resilience of our natural environments, including our coastline.
- Support communities to reduce waste and build a culture of care for the environment and neighbourhoods.
- Support nature-based projects that slow down, store and manage water to reduce flood risk in high-risk areas.

## Te taiao kua hangaia

# Built environment



**Our town centres are active and vibrant, and our community spaces are safe, inclusive, accessible and affordable for all. Our public spaces foster a strong sense of belonging, ownership and pride.**



## Our Plan

### Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Respond to our communities' changing needs by ensuring community infrastructure keeps pace with growth.
- Ensure our public facilities are safe, accessible, and welcoming for all people.
- Support town centres that are vibrant, attracting visitors and supporting local retailers.
- Explore opportunities to develop youth hubs in other parts of the local board area.
- Explore public-private partnership opportunities to develop multi-use sports clubs and facilities.
- Explore ways to make our assets work better and generate more income to help deliver priority projects.

## Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga Economic development

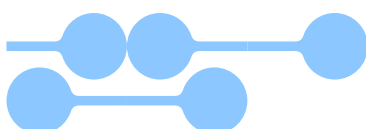


**Our local economy is strong and supported by thriving businesses and Business Improvement Districts. People of all ages can access local employment opportunities. Visitors are attracted to our local area.**

## Our Plan

### Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Encourage community-led events and activities that support vibrant, attractive and welcoming town centres.
- Support local businesses to create jobs, grow enterprises and attract more visitors to the local board area.
- Support business across industrial areas, commercial hubs, town centres, and local retailers.
- Support pathways into employment for local people, particularly our rangatahi (youth).



# Tūnuku

## Transport

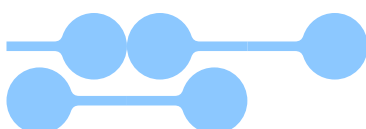


**Our transport network is safe, reliable, and accessible, supporting walking, cycling, multi-modal and driving. It connects people to schools, community facilities, transport hubs. Our roading network is well planned and enables safe and efficient movement around the area.**

### Our priorities

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

- Our neighbourhoods are safe and people feel confident travelling around and through the local board area.
- Active transport networks are safe, connected and support everyday travel.
- Road safety and transport infrastructure support the safe movement of people and goods.
- Support a climate-ready, low-emission transport system that reduces congestion and provides real travel choices.
- Safe, reliable and timely public transport supports access to services, facilities and community life.
- Active transport infrastructure connects schools, key community facilities and transport hubs.
- Support clear communication and coordination of major infrastructure projects that benefit the community.
- Improve transport connectivity by making public transport more reliable, convenient and accessible, and providing more travel choices.
- Support transport projects that improve connectivity and enable the safe, efficient movement of people and goods, including parking solutions.



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