



Te mahere ā-rohe o Manurewa 2026

Manurewa Draft Local Board Plan 2026

**Tāmaki Turuki.
Altogether Auckland.**



Mihi

Tēnā kia hoea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi o ata e uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki ki te ūnga o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.

I reira ka toia aku mihi ki te uru ki te Pūkaki-Tapu-a Poutūkeka, i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.

E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka a Hoturoa ki te kūrae o te Kūiti o Āwhitu.

I kona ka rere taku haere mā te ākau ki te pūaha o Waikato,

te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna, Waikato Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.

Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo mā Maioro ki Waiuku ki Mātukureira

kei kona ko ngā Pā o Tāhuna me Reretewhioi.

Ka aro whakarunga au kia tau atu ki Pukekohe.

Ka tahuri te haere a taku reo ki te ao o te tonga e whāriki atu rā mā runga i ngā hiwi,

kia taka atu au ki Te Paina, ki te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.

Ka titiro whakarunga ki te tāhuhu o Hūnua kei reira ko Kohukohunui,

me tōna toronga, a Te Wairoa.

Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaiaua

te whākana atu rā ō whatu mā Tikapa Moana ki te maunga tapu o Moehau.

Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana ki Maraetai

kia hoki ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi, heteri mō Pakuranga.

I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au i te awa o Tāmaki ma te taha whakarunga ki Te Puke o Taramainuku, kei kona ko Ōtara.

Katahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore, kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga ki runga o Pukekiwiriki

kei raro ko Papakura ki kona au ka whakatau.

Let this vessel that carries my greetings travel by way of the Tāmaki River to the landing place of Tainui canoe at Ōtāhuhu.

There, let my salutations be borne across the isthmus to the Pūkaki lagoon and the community of Māngere.

Paddling the Manukau Harbour

we follow the Āwhitu Peninsula to the headland.

From there we fly down coast to the Waikato river mouth,

sacred waters of our forebears.

Coming ashore on the northern side at Maioro we head inland to Waiuku and Mātukureira,

there too is the Pā at Tāhuna and Reretewhioi.

Heading southward I come to Pukekohe.

My words turn to follow the ancient ridgelines along the southern boundary, dropping down into Mercer and te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.

I look up to the massif of the Hūnua ranges, locale of Kohukohunui

and its arterial river, Te Wairoa.

My greetings reach you at Kaiaua

who gaze across Tikapa Moana to the sacred mountain, Moehau.

Taking to the sea, my remarks travel to Maraetai and then to Ōhūiarangi, sentinel to Pakuranga.

There we follow again the Tāmaki River to Te Puke o Taramainuku,

Ōtara resides there.

From here I reach for Manurewa until my greetings come to rest on Pukekiwiriki

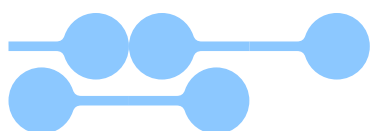
below lies Papakura and there I rest.



Ngā upoko kōrero

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the chair



I am pleased to present the Manurewa Local Board Plan 2026–2029. This plan sets out what we want to achieve for Manurewa over the next three years. It is based on what you have told us is important and will guide how we make decisions and invest in our local area.

Strong connected and supported communities

Manurewa has a growing, diverse and youthful population. We will support activities that bring people together, celebrate our cultures and help residents take part in community life. We will also continue to support our rangatahi (young people) to develop their skills and talents, access employment opportunities, and lead within our communities. At the same time, we know that our communities are under pressure from the rising cost of living. 73 per cent of residents are living in areas of high social and economic need. We will continue to support initiatives and community organisations that improve the health and wellbeing of our families and whānau in Manurewa.

Quality community facilities and spaces

Our community is youthful and active and we have heard from you that there is high demand for well-maintained community and recreation spaces. We will continue to renew and repair our community facilities, parks, playgrounds and sports fields to ensure they are fit for purpose, well-maintained and meet the needs of our diverse and growing communities.

Safety and a sense of pride in Manurewa

You have told us that safety is one of your biggest concerns. We will support people feeling safe in their neighbourhoods, public spaces and town centres. This includes continuing our efforts to respond to roaming dogs. We will also investigate service levels for maintenance and cleaning across our local board area, to ensure our town centres, parks and public spaces are looking great and reflect the pride we have in Manurewa.

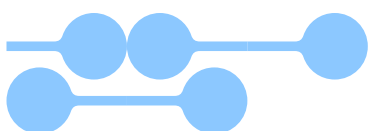
The maintenance and safety of our roads, crossings and intersections is also a priority. We will explore ways to improve traffic flow and ensure safe connections to our train and bus stations.

Our environment

Manurewa is home to beautiful coastlines, parks, waterways and reserves. We will continue to support initiatives that protect, restore and enhance our environment and increase biodiversity, through partnership with mana whenua. This includes our continued focus on the Manukau Harbour and our waterways, including regenerating the Puhinui Stream through collaboration on the Stage 2 delivery of the Te Aka Raata project.

Illegal dumping and rubbish continue to be key issues in Manurewa. We have also heard from you that preparing for climate change is important. We will support initiatives that build resilience and prepare our communities for future emergencies.

Building partnerships with mana whenua and community organisations will help achieve better outcomes for our community and support the delivery of the priorities in this plan. Together we will find ways to support and empower our communities.



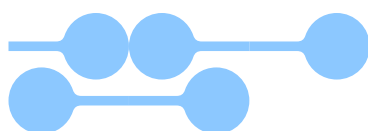
As a local board, we feel privileged to serve our community and we thank you for taking the time to have your say.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Heather Andrew', written in a cursive style.

Heather Andrew

Manurewa Local Board Chairperson



He aronga poto ki tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance



Community

We take pride in Manurewa, enjoy quality of life, and celebrate our diversity. Our people are resilient, connected, engaged and feel safe. Our community facilities and open spaces meet the needs of our community.



Natural environment

Our environment is protected, restored and enhanced. Mana whenua are kaitiaki of our natural environment and our communities are connected and care for our natural treasures, restored waterways and flourishing urban forest. We reduce our carbon footprint and waste to lower greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to climate change impacts such as flooding.



Built environment

Our built environment is welcoming, well maintained and attracts quality employment, community and sustainability outcomes for our growing population.



Economic development

Manurewa has a strong and resilient economy with flourishing town centres. Local businesses and entrepreneurs are supported, residents have access to quality local jobs, and young people are well prepared for the workforce.



Transport

Our local transport network is well maintained, accessible, offers choice and makes it easy to move around.

You will find these Auckland-wide commitments woven through our plan:



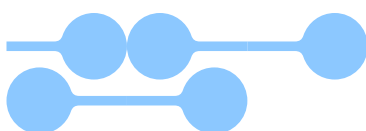
Māori Outcomes



Climate outcomes



Equitable outcomes



Te tirohanga whānui o Te Mahere a te Poari ā-Rohe

Local Board Plan Overview

He kōrero mō tēnei tuhinga

About this document

This local board plan sets out the vision and priorities for our area over the next three years. It outlines our commitments to our community – shaped by what you've told us matters most, and by the role local boards play within Auckland Council.

Te take kei a mātou te mahere nei

Why we have this plan

Local boards are responsible for decisions on local services and activities, and for representing local views on wider Auckland issues.

This plan guides:

- what we focus on and fund locally
- how we work with mana whenua, partners, and community organisations
- how we make the best use of local assets such as parks, libraries and community facilities
- where we will advocate to others on your behalf.

Te ara e pāhekoheko ai mātou

How we will engage

We are committed to meaningful community engagement. Over the next three years, we will continue to listen, involve and work alongside our communities, so that local knowledge, diverse perspectives and community priorities guide our decisions and help shape the future of our area.

Te ara i whakaritea ai te mahere nei

How this plan was developed

To make sure the plan reflects local aspirations, we built on:

- public feedback from the previous local board plan, annual plans and other consultations
- surveys such as People's Panel
- community engagement held in November 2025 to April 2026.

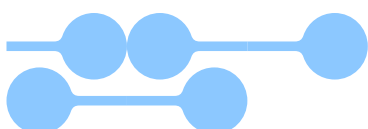
Te ara e tutuki ai ngā whāinga kei te mahere

How the plan will be used

The plan provides direction for the next three years and influences council's wider decision making. To deliver on it we will:

- prioritise budgets and resources to focus on the initiatives in this plan
- work with our partners to deliver on the objectives in this plan.








Visit the [Auckland Council website](#) to find out more about local boards.

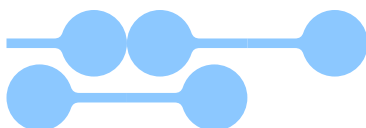


Te Rohe ā-Poari Local Board area



MAP LEGEND

- 
 Local board office
- 
 Public open space (Unitary Plan)
- 
 Industrial, commercial and reserve land
- 
 Motorway
- 
 Arterial road
- 
 Medium road
- 
 Minor road





The Waimahia Pou stands tall, representing Manurewa's Māori identity, strength and placemaking in our local natural environment.

Tā mātou ki ngā huanga hei painga mō Tāmaki Makaurau

Our contribution to positive outcomes for Auckland

Local board plans connect local priorities and projects with the wider goals for Auckland. In particular, the local board plan connects with the:

- [Auckland Plan 2050](#) – the 30-year vision for how Auckland will grow and change. This includes the Future Development Strategy.
- [long-term plan](#) – the council's investment and funding priorities over the next 10 years.
- [annual plan](#) – local funding decisions for each financial year.

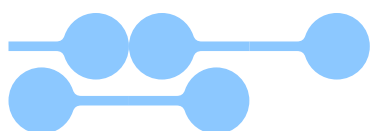
By linking to these wider plans, our local board plan can draw on Auckland-wide opportunities to deliver locally, while ensuring the goals of local communities contribute to Auckland's shared future.

The **Auckland Plan 2050** sets out six outcomes that describe what Auckland is working towards over the long term. The council's strategic framework organises all work and spending into **seven investment areas** to show how these outcomes are achieved.

This local board plan focuses on **five** of those investment areas — the ones where local boards make decisions and can have the greatest influence at a local level.

The strategic framework also identifies three considerations for all decisions and investments:

- Māori outcomes: Honouring Te Tiriti and ensuring Māori thrive in Tāmaki Makaurau



- Climate outcomes: Leading urgent action for a low-emissions, resilient future
- Equitable outcomes: Ensuring all Aucklanders have access to what they need to thrive

These three areas are mutually reinforcing. Improving one of the three required considerations is likely to contribute to improvements in the others.

Ngā huanga Māori

Māori outcomes

Māori identity and culture are Auckland’s unique point of difference in the world.

Māori outcomes describe how Auckland Council supports Māori goals — from partnership and participation to visibility and wellbeing. They also reflect the council’s commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our statutory responsibilities, and our ongoing relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities across Tāmaki Makaurau.

The refreshed *Tāmaki Ora Māori Outcomes Strategy* reflects the vision that when Māori are well, Tāmaki Makaurau will also be well. *Tāmaki Ora* guides Auckland Council to focus on seven Ora outcomes (wellbeing areas) that mana whenua and Māori communities have told us are important to them:

- Iwi Ora - Iwi wellbeing
- Te Taiao Ora - Environmental wellbeing
- Tuakiri Ora - Cultural identity wellbeing
- Huatau Ora – Future wellbeing
- Te Hapori Ora – Whānau & community wellbeing:
- Whai Rawa Ora – Economic wellbeing
- Marae Ora - Marae vitality

Local boards play a key role in achieving *Tāmaki Ora*. This can be through:

- partnering with mana whenua and Māori communities
- supporting local initiatives that reflect Māori priorities

- embedding Māori identity, language and values into local spaces and activities.

This work will focus on Mana ki te Mana (authority to authority) engagements between local boards and mana whenua. The aim is to build relationships based on respect, shared priorities and mutual recognition for the mana that we each hold.

Local insights

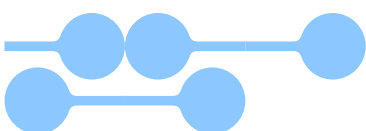
There is a rich Māori history and identity in Manurewa. We have 11 mana whenua who whakapapa to this area:

- Te Kawerau ā Maki
- Ngāti Tai ki Tāmaki
- Ngāti Tamaoho
- Ngaati Te Ata Waiohua
- Te Ākitai Waiohua
- Te Ahiwaru
- Ngāti Paoa
- Ngaati Whanaunga
- Ngāti Maru
- Ngāti Tamaterā
- Waikato-Tainui

Manurewa is also home to the highest Māori population and most youthful Māori population in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland (Census 2023). This guides the local board’s focus on tamariki (children), rangatahi (young people) and their whānau (family).

Manurewa Marae is a vibrant, urban, social and community hub in Clendon that provides the opportunity for whānau to connect with their cultural identity, reo (language), tikanga (practices) and mātauranga (knowledge). Our area also has Māori organisations dedicated to supporting whānau.

Engagement and relationships with mana whenua, marae and Māori communities are ongoing and the transition to the new local board provides the opportunity to build on and strengthen connections in Manurewa.



He huanga āhuarangi

Climate outcomes

In 2019, Auckland Council declared a climate emergency and adopted *Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan* in 2020. Meeting the goals of this plan requires ambitious action to reduce emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

Local boards contribute by including climate action into everything we do – from community investment and transport choices to restoring the environment and local events. We also support regional initiatives and enable community-led initiatives that build local resilience to the effects of climate change. Climate action also connects with the *Ngā Hapori Momoho | Thriving Communities Strategy 2022-2032*, which recognises that social and environmental wellbeing are closely linked— communities thrive when they have healthy environments, green spaces and can respond together to climate challenges.

Tāmaki Ora also recognises Māori goals around climate leadership and resilience.

Local insights

Manurewa's popular coastlines and coastal communities are at risk from climate change, including flooding and rising sea levels. Our communities have told us that acting on climate change and caring for the environment are important. We have an opportunity to build stronger, more resilient communities and support local climate action especially in areas such as Clendon, Weymouth and Beaumont, where extra support is needed to help communities prepare and adapt.

As the impacts of climate change become more frequent and severe we will need to manage our assets and be prepared for emergencies. The Pahurehure Shoreline Adaption Plan will help guide our actions along our coastlines.

Our communities are also more likely to mention food security as a key climate challenge facing our area. We will continue to support locally led food sovereignty initiatives, including the successful Manurewa

Auckland Teaching Gardens and Te Maara Kai o Wirihana community garden at Manurewa High School.

Mana whenua are kaitiaki of our environment and we will continue to partner with them to restore biodiversity, increase our tree canopy cover and enhance our green spaces and waterways. We will also work to strengthen sustainable transport options in our local area to reduce emissions.

He huanga tautika

Equitable outcomes

Auckland is one of the most diverse cities in the world, yet not all communities experience the same access to opportunity, wellbeing or resources.

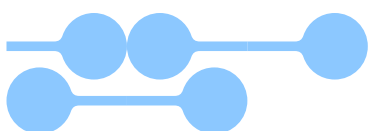
Supporting more equitable outcomes is central to the Auckland Plan 2050. It recognises that the region's success depends on making sure all Aucklanders can be part of and contribute to society, access opportunities and have a chance to develop to their full potential.

Ngā Hapori Momoho | Thriving Communities Strategy 2022-2032 is Auckland Council's regional strategy for a fairer and more sustainable Tāmaki Makaurau where every Aucklander belongs. It reflects what communities say they need to thrive, for Tāmaki Makaurau to be a region where whānau have everything they need to live a good life, where diversity is celebrated, and where all Aucklanders can participate and belong.

At its heart *Ngā Hapori Momoho* focuses on ensuring equitable outcomes for all Aucklanders – guiding Auckland Council to recognise that different groups and communities need different things to fully participate in the life of our region, and to feel valued, included, and that they belong.

Local insights

Manurewa is a vibrant, youthful and diverse community. This richness of diversity, culture and language is reflected in the number and variety of community groups leading and connecting people



in our communities and supporting health and social wellbeing.




However, many people in our community are facing serious challenges. In Manurewa, 73 per cent of residents are living in areas with the highest levels of social and economic need.

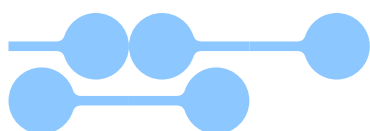
This is significantly high compared to other local board areas. Household incomes are also lower than the average incomes in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

The rising cost of living continues to impact our local whānau and households. This can prevent people from taking part in our community.

Alongside this, youth unemployment remains high and younger people often do not feel included in decisions that will affect them.

We will continue working with mana whenua, community organisations and faith-based charitable organisations to support initiatives that improve the health and social wellbeing of our people and make it easier for them to feel part of our communities.

Auckland-wide outcomes	How it's reflected across the plan
 Ngā huanga Māori Māori outcomes	Partnership with mana whenua, Māori identity in local places and support for initiatives that reflect Māori priorities
 He huanga āhuarangi Climate outcomes	Reducing emissions, protecting biodiversity and building community resilience
 He huanga tautika Equitable outcomes	Targeted investment, access to services and a focus on inclusion and fairness





Celebrating a new play space to connect and enjoy at Tington Reserve playground official opening.

Te hāpori **Community**

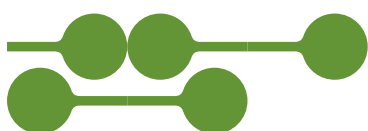
Our vision

We take pride in Manurewa, enjoying quality of life, and celebrating our diversity. Our people are resilient, connected, engaged and feel safe. Our community facilities and open spaces meet the needs of our community.

Manurewa is a young, ethnically diverse community with the fifth largest population by local board area. Our Pacific population continues to grow and is our largest ethnic group at 40 per cent. Māori make up 25 per cent, the largest Māori population in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland. Our Asian population has also increased to 28 per cent, up from 25 per cent in 2018, while nearly a quarter of residents (25 per cent) identify as European.

This diversity guides our vision for the future, supporting initiatives that build community and social cohesion, celebrate cultural identity and strengthen the health and social wellbeing of all our residents.

We will also work to build our relationships with mana whenua and support Māori-led initiatives that help achieve local aspirations. Programmes such as Te Kete Rukuruku, the dual naming of parks and reserves to include local Māori stories, and Ruku ki Uta Ruku ki Tai, sharing Māori history of the whenua through activities and events continue to strengthen Manurewa's Māori identity.



Challenges














- Manurewa is experiencing population growth and housing developments in its residential areas. Supporting the aspirations of our diverse communities and enabling strong neighbourhood connections can be challenging. Some groups also find it harder to access services and take part in our community.
- Cost of living increases are having a major impact on our whānau and households. Demand for services is high, and homelessness is a growing issue across our local board area.
- Community safety remains a concern, particularly within our town centres, neighbourhoods and parks. Roaming dogs also continue to harm our residents and limit the enjoyment of our area.
- There is uneven distribution of play spaces across the local board area and a lack of quality play spaces that can be accessed by people of all ages and abilities.
- Our facilities, parks and sportsgrounds are under pressure due to increased population and demand. We need ongoing investment to ensure these facilities are well maintained, can be shared effectively by multiple sports at different times and seasons, and meet the needs of our diverse communities.
- Our communities have limited understanding of how climate change will affect their lives, how they can take action and adapt to a changing climate.

Opportunities



- Investing in our people improves the health and well-being of our whole community. Our community groups are resourceful and connected. There are opportunities to support local organisations, agencies and faith-based organisations already working in our communities to provide better health, social and economic wellbeing benefits for our families and whānau.
- Partnerships with mana whenua can support iwi aspirations and Māori-led initiatives in Manurewa to improve social, cultural and economic outcomes for whānau and the wider community.
- We have a richness of diversity, culture and language in Manurewa.
- Our young people are the future of our community. Supporting and developing the talents, skills, and aspirations of our rangatahi will empower them to lead change and shape Manurewa's future.
- There is an opportunity to partner with community and user groups to provide community facilities and activities that meet the needs of our diverse communities and increase participation in play, active recreation and sport.
- Supporting our community to engage in conversations about climate change and initiatives to increase climate resilience and develop a community emergency response plan.














Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)	
Family, whānau health and social wellbeing is supported and strengthened.	Support initiatives that improve the health and wellbeing of our people in partnership with community organisations, including initiatives addressing homelessness.	 
	Work with community partners who are working to reduce harm related to smoking, vaping, gambling, alcohol, drug use, solvent and inhalant abuse, and unhealthy diets.	
	Support the 'First 2000 Days' project in Manurewa. The project will work with tamariki age five and under and their whānau to co-design the services and support they need to thrive.	 
Our people and communities are connected, feel safe and help shape Manurewa.	Support the community to deliver the Pan Pacific Strategy to support and strengthen our Pasifika communities.	
	Develop a Manurewa Ethnic Peoples Plan and support initiatives that strengthen networks in ethnic communities and encourage people to take part in our community.	
	Deliver initiatives that support social connection and cohesion, community participation and climate resilience such as 'Strengthening our Streets' and the 'Welcoming Communities' programmes.	
	Continue to fund a community broker role to deliver the Ngā Hapori Momoho Thriving Communities Strategy, connect the community with council departments and elected members and use external funding services.	
	Look for opportunities to increase community safety as well as address the ongoing issue of roaming dog by focusing on crime prevention, safer communities and injury prevention.	
Partnerships and engagement with mana whenua guide local decision-making.	Continue to engage with mana whenua through Ara Kōtui.	
	Engage with mana whenua and Māori-led organisations to guide local decision-making, increase participation and make progress with achieving shared priorities.	
	Partner with mana whenua and Māori-led organisations where initiatives help to achieve local aspirations.	
Young people are engaged, have a voice	Support initiatives and programmes that improve youth development opportunities for all rangatahi youth in our rohe (area).	



and contribute positively to local life.	Partner with the police to maintain the ‘Bluelight JAM’ youth mentoring programme.
Our facilities and parks support inclusive, accessible, multi-generational play and recreation outcomes to support people’s overall wellbeing.	Continue to improve our play network to offer diverse, age-appropriate, play experiences for everyone using findings from the Manurewa Play Plan and Play Gap Analysis.
	Identify potential play spaces where we can include te ao Māori, such as the use of te reo Māori. 
	Increase the number of sport and recreation opportunities for children and young people in response to our growing youth population.
	Continue developing Clendon Reserve Park and recreation space as funding allows.
Our open spaces and sports-fields meet the needs of our diverse communities.	Identify opportunities to ensure our community facilities are welcoming to all and designed so that everyone can access and use them.
	Make further improvements across our sports field network such as more sand carpeting (to protect and restore playing fields), better lighting and training hours.
	Partner with user groups to develop a multi-sport facility at War Memorial Park.
	Achieve the goals and priorities identified in the Mountfort Park – Sykes Road Masterplan and the Manurewa Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan and continue partnering with community groups to deliver the Totara Park Masterplan as funding allows.
	Support our Pacific communities to develop a Pasifika hub on Clendon Reserve. 
	Support water sport groups and make it easier for people to take part in boating, yachting, kayaking, waka ama and other water-based activities.
Our facilities and public spaces are welcoming and inclusive, support wellbeing and	Continue to prioritise actions set out in the David Nathan Park and Homestead Conservation Plan, such as landscaping and improving access for people of all ages and abilities.
	Renew facilities at Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre, Te Pātaka Kōrero o Waimāhia (library), Te Pātaka Kōrero o Manurewa (library) and Manurewa Community Hub.
	Look at options to extend the outdoor area around the Manurewa Pool and Leisure Centre, for example with an all-weather artificial running track and group fitness area.



sustainability and are well maintained.	Look at options to improve access and usability across our parks and facilities. This may include identifying and removing physical barriers, upgrading paths, amenities, and signage, and working closely with disability groups to meet their needs.	
	Identify ways to foster a sense of belonging and raise the profile of sports teams sharing our sports facilities. This could include digital noticeboards and lighting that recognise clubs and teams, helping them feel welcomed and proud of their home ground.	
Climate change and sustainability initiatives build community resilience.	Work with mana whenua and community partners to create a community emergency response plan for everyone in Manurewa. This includes reviewing the locations currently identified as community-led emergency centres.	 
	Help develop targeted and culturally appropriate initiatives that teach people about climate change and build community resilience to climate impacts. This includes the Community Flood Resilience Initiative and finding funds for the eco-neighbourhoods programme.	 
	Look for options to install more solar panels across our community facilities in partnership with power companies and encourage households to do the same.	
	Make our community facilities available for third parties and community-based energy projects to invest in electric vehicle charging, renewable energy and battery storage.	
Mana whenua cultural heritage, identity and names are reflected in Manurewa.	Continue our partnership with mana whenua to deliver Te Kete Rukuruku, the dual naming of parks and reserves that embed local Māori stories, and continue to deliver the Ruku ki Uta, Ruku ki Tai programme to share Māori history of the whenua (land) through activities and events.	
	Increase opportunities for local events to reflect Māori culture and identity and be shaped by mana whenua. This will make sure Māori arts and culture are enjoyed in our community throughout the year as well as during celebrations for Waitangi Day, Matariki and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori / Māori Language Week activities.	
	Continue to look for opportunities to ensure our open spaces and places reflect and celebrate mana whenua cultural heritage, narratives and names.	
	Support our libraries to provide more opportunities to learn about te ao Māori and te reo Māori.	



Work alongside mana whenua, Manurewa Marae and Māori organisations to showcase and celebrate Māori culture, stories and identity.



Creative talent is supported, visible and celebrated.

Deliver activities identified in the Manurewa Arts Assessment as funding allows.

Recognise and celebrate the existing and emerging talent, leadership or community contribution of local people and groups including with the community Volunteer Awards.

Fund community groups to stage vibrant, successful and unique multicultural arts, events, civic services or festivals that celebrate our diversity.

Advocacy

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What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)

Who we will advocate to

Advocate to increase measures to help reduce harm related to smoking, vaping, gambling, alcohol, drug use, solvent and inhalant abuse, including nitrous oxide (nangs).

Police.
Ministry of Health,
Auckland Council
Governing Body





This stormwater pond at Wattle Farm Reserve reduces flooding, improves water quality and provides an idyllic recreation environment for the Northern Maritime Model Society.

Te taiao māori

Natural environment

Our vision

Our environment is protected, restored and enhanced. Mana whenua are kaitiaki of our natural environment and our communities are connected and care for our natural treasures, restored waterways and flourishing urban forest. We reduce our carbon footprint and waste to lower greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to the effects of climate change such as flooding.

Manurewa is shaped by the Pahurehure shoreline of the Manukau Harbour as well as natural waterways, parks and reserves. Our local board area is now largely urban with only four per cent land cover remaining in wetlands, forest and scrub. Native forest remnants remain in the Hillpark area and Totara Park, while the Puhinui and Papakura streams are home to freshwater fish habitats.

As kaitiaki (guardians) we will continue to support initiatives that restore the health of our waterways, increase biodiversity and tree canopy cover, reduce pests and address pollution and waste. We will work with and support our communities to connect with the natural environment and be better prepared for climate-related emergencies.

We will continue to work with mana whenua and the southern local boards to support the regeneration and restoration of Manurewa's major waterways like Papakura stream and Pahurehure Inlet to improve the health and quality of the water flowing to the Manukau Harbour.



We will also continue to support Te Whakaoranga o te Puhinui strategy – the Puhinui Regeneration charter and Te Aka Raataa project in partnership with Te Ākitai Waiohua, Ngaati Te Ata Waiohua and Ngāti Tamaoho. This is a culturally led project that helps restore waterways, reduce flooding and aims to renew Te Puhinui so the area can be enjoyed by everyone.

Challenges

- Our coastlines and communities are more exposed to the potential impacts of coastal erosion, coastal inundation, flooding from rainfall and climate risks (including rising sea levels, heatwaves and drought).
- Manurewa has a shortage of tree canopy cover in our urban environment. Protecting and improving our local ngahere (forest) is critical to help protect people from increased urban temperatures, support biodiversity and improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.
- Pollution, sedimentation and development affect water quality in our freshwater streams and harbour.
- Rubbish and illegal dumping remains an important issue in our rohe (area).









Opportunities

- Local community groups are actively protecting and restoring the unique natural environment across Manurewa through loc projects which strengthen connections and the network of environmental, waste and pest-free community volunteer champions.
- Supporting mana whenua aspirations to protect and improve the environment, biodiversity and water through the practice of kaitiakitanga (guardianship), grounded in mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).
- Partnerships with southern local boards, mana whenua and key organisations helps us work together on environmental issues that cross local board boundaries. This includes the Manukau Harbour Forum, Te Whakaoranga o te Puhinui strategy – the Puhinui Regeneration charter and Te Aka Raataa project, Papakura Stream Restoration and Pest-free South Auckland.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
We protect and restore our natural areas so they support biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.	<div data-bbox="1417 1487 1471 1541" data-label="Image"> </div> Continue funding community pest, animal and plant control in reserves, parks, open spaces and around our facilities to help restore the natural environment through Pest-free South Auckland (PFSA). This work is led by the Beautification Trust and includes groups like Tōtara Heights Bush Guardians, Te Pu-a-nga Maara Awa Rangers and Pest Free Wattle Downs. Continue to support the community to act as kaitiaki (guardians) to the natural environment and provide programmes about bats, fish and fauna to teach them how to protect species and ecological values within the Manurewa.



	Work in partnership with mana whenua to restore the mauri (life force) of whenua (land), awa (streams) and taonga (treasured) species and improve climate resilience.	
	Include natural ecosystems and water sensitive approaches in the existing built environment to reflect our 'blue green' network and climate resilience principles through better planning and partnerships.	
We are a low-carbon, low-waste community.	Fund initiatives that help reduce illegal rubbish dumping across all communities in Manurewa, such as prevention, recycling and organic waste reduction initiatives.	
	Support groups like the Beautification Trust that focus on sustainability initiatives.	
Our communities are engaged in reducing the effects of climate change.	Strengthen our urban ngāhere by planting more native plants and trees, providing education in schools, increasing tree canopy cover and encouraging planting on private property - guided by the Urban Ngāhere Strategy and the Manurewa Urban Ngāhere Action Plan 2022.	
	Support community-led education programmes and initiatives that increase awareness of climate change and low carbon actions people can take to achieve energy efficient and healthy homes and lifestyles.	
Our communities have access to fresh, affordable kai (food) and are supported to grow local food.	Continue to support Auckland Teaching Gardens and fund other community food initiatives such as local food markets and community gardens.	
	Continue to fund locally led food sovereignty and initiate ways to strengthen community-led food systems in Manurewa.	
The water quality and mauri of our harbours and waterways is improving.	Continue to work with Te Ākitai Waiohū, Ngaati Te Ata Waiohū and Ngāti Tamaoho as part of the Te Whakaoranga o Te Puhinui - Puhinui Regeneration to restore Te Puhinui Stream and improve the health of the natural environment, including working on Stage 2 of Te Aka Raataa project and developing a Stage 3 concept.	
	Work in partnership with mana whenua, neighbouring local boards and the Manukau Harbour Forum to support the regeneration and restoration of Manurewa's major waterways, including Papakura stream and Pahurehure Inlet to improve ecological health and the quality of the water flowing to the Manukau Harbour.	
	Investigate options to prevent pollutants entering our waterways through our stormwater systems. This may include wetlands and filtration options and preventing discharge from industry and other sources.	



Advocacy

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What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)	Who we will advocate to
To action the Pahurehure Inlet Shoreline Adaptation Plan to manage coastal erosion and coastal flooding risks to council land and assets. This will make sure council assets are resilient, fit for purpose and can be adapted for future risks from coastal hazards.	Auckland Council Governing Body
Implement the ‘Strategic Direction for Achieving Better Environmental Outcomes’ for the Manukau Harbour and support the Manukau Harbour Forum.	Auckland Council Governing Body
Regional funding to improve the quality of water flowing to the Manukau Harbour, restore natural habitats and access to environmental programmes.	Auckland Council Governing Body
Advocate to develop the concept for Te Aka Raataa Stage 3.	Auckland Council Governing Body





Tamariki having a wheely good time at Randwick Skate Park

Te taiao kua hangaia

Built environment

Our vision

Our built environment is welcoming, well maintained, attracts quality employment and supports strong communities and a sustainable future for our growing population.

Challenges

- Population growth is putting pressure on community and essential community infrastructure.
- Efforts to create safe and welcoming town centre spaces and public facilities are challenged by crime and antisocial behaviour in our local areas.
- Increasing the attractiveness of our town centres and upgrading our streets and open spaces is expensive.

Opportunities

- As neighbourhoods change with more housing developments, there will be an opportunity to develop infrastructure that suits our communities.
- Proper infrastructure, local facilities and employment opportunities in high-density growth areas mean people can lead low-carbon lifestyles.
- Transformation in Manukau benefits our residents and provides opportunities for further growth.



Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
The Great South Road corridor and our town centres are thriving and a great place to live, work and spend time.	<p>Support the growth and redevelopment around the Manurewa and Clendon town centres that involves key development sites and quality housing development, including better waste and stormwater management.</p> <hr/> <p>Look for ways to make Manurewa and Clendon town centres safer, more appealing, tell the story of Manurewa and encourage people to stop and spend time there. We will look for opportunities to upgrade streets and open spaces, lighting, more planting and installing more artworks that reflect the Māori identity of Manurewa.</p> <hr/> <p>Strengthen the safety, vibrancy, and usability of our town centres and local spaces by supporting community-led approaches and activities.</p> <hr/> <p>Look for opportunities to deliver the Manurewa Takaanini Papakura Integrated Area Plan when funding is available.</p>
Manurewa residents benefit from developments in Manukau.	Take advantage of the transformation of Manukau to provide improved connections, economic opportunities and better local outcomes for our residents. 

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What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)	Who we will advocate to
Manurewa is prioritised as a future urban regeneration area to support economic prosperity and create places people enjoy in Manurewa.	Auckland Council Governing Body





Manurewa Town Centre will flourish and thrive as we deliver on these plans in the next three years.

Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development

Our vision

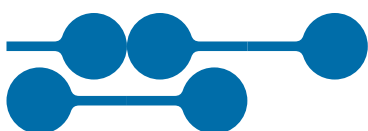
Manurewa has a strong and resilient economy with thriving town centres. Local businesses and entrepreneurs are supported, residents have access to quality local jobs and young people are well prepared for the workforce.

Challenges

- Improve public perception of our town centres, address social issues like crime and drug use and build a stronger sense of pride in Manurewa.
- We have high rates of young people aged 15-24 who are not in education, employment or training. They need support to reach their full potential.
- With strong manufacturing, wholesale, construction and logistics sectors in our area, we need to increase environmental sustainability, including reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions.





Opportunities

- Promoting our town centres as attractive, safe community and business hubs that everyone can access and enjoy.



- Excellent connections to Manukau, the city centre and south of the region by train.
- Strengthening the potential of the Māori economy by supporting Māori-led business initiatives and economic goals.
- Use the high-performing manufacturing, wholesale trade and construction industries to support local employment.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
Grow a strong and resilient local economy.	Support the Manurewa and Wiri Business Associations, along with community organisations, to strengthen local businesses and boost economic activity including for Māori and Pacific enterprises.
	Work with business and community partners on initiatives that create interest, strengthen confidence among business and investors and address the safety and attractiveness of our town centres.
	Support industrial zones to move to a low-impact, low-carbon economy and adapt to the impacts of climate change. 
	Support the University of Auckland-led Future Urban Industry 5-year Research Programme to transform existing urban industry zones into prosperous, thriving and resilient communities and provide social, environmental and economic sustainability. 
	Support initiatives that strengthen community economic resilience in response to climate change. This may include community-led renewable energy projects, such as solar generation and storage, that reduce energy costs, create local jobs, and increase energy security. 
Support local businesses and entrepreneurs to innovate and succeed.	Support inclusive and accessible opportunities for emerging small businesses, entrepreneurs and social enterprises to engage with commercial partners, access ‘start-up’ funding, and adopt new technologies.
	Design and deliver an initiative that recognises and celebrates the excellence of our local businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs.
Young people have the skills and training needed for quality, future-proofed employment.	Support programmes like a Careers Expo that provide young people with skills and opportunities for high-quality, sustainable, future-proofed jobs. 



Māori and Pasifika lead, take part in and benefit from an inclusive and thriving south Auckland economy.

Support programmes delivered by community and social innovation in south Auckland to help Māori and Pasifika get into employment, grow intergenerational wealth, and provide fairer economic results. These programmes include:

- AMOTAI (supply chain initiative for Māori and Pacific businesses)
- Māori and Pacific trades training
- Youth Economy Workstream that provides economic opportunities for young people.



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What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)

Who we will advocate to

Request more resources for local boards to better support local jobs and businesses and make a real difference to their communities.

Auckland Council
Governing Body

Request local investment and policy to help Māori, Pasifika, and ethnic communities' access to fair economic opportunities, build strong businesses and achieve stable jobs and long-term financial security.

Ministry of Business
Innovation and
Employment





Manurewa Bike Hub offers maintenance, servicing and pre-loved bikes to provide more choices to travel to work and school.

Tūnuku Transport

Our vision

Our local transport network is well maintained, accessible, offers choice and makes it easy to move around.

At the time of developing this draft plan, the Government is progressing the *Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill*, which, if passed, will change how transport is governed and delivered in Auckland. While the details of how transport is to be governed in Auckland are still to be confirmed, our community has told us that safe, reliable, and sustainable transport remains a top priority. The local board will continue to advocate strongly for these priorities and will adapt this section in response to both community feedback and any changes made to the Bill throughout the Parliamentary process.

Challenges

- Increasing traffic congestion, high car use and a local public transport network that does not always meet the needs of our community.
- Road safety is a significant concern for our residents, particularly the safety of children and young people.
- There is a lack of frequent and reliable public transport to access and connect to our local spaces and places.







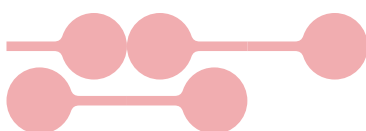
- There are significant issues for walking, cycling and using other small vehicles like scooters on Kerrs Road, Roscommon Road and parts of Great South Road. In general, the area is not well connected for people who walk or cycle.

Opportunities

- More people living in the area means there will be increased demand on public transport. This should support the need for more public transport options.
- We can influence planning and infrastructure projects to improve public transport, walking and cycling options and ensure roads and paths are well-maintained and safe.
- The change to transport governance may provide local boards with more decision-making responsibility and improvements to our local transport system.

Our priorities

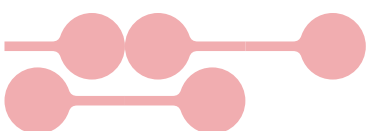
Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we want to happen in the next 3 years (Priorities)
Our streets and paths are safe and well-maintained.	Continue to identify maintenance priorities for our roading intersections, footpaths, lighting, pedestrian crossings, walkways and bus shelters so they provide a safe environment for our vulnerable road users like pedestrians, cyclists and bus users of all ages and abilities. 
	Continue to support evidence-based ways to slow down traffic. This could be speed humps and raised pedestrian crossings around schools. 
	Look at options to improve safety and traffic management like slowing down traffic and improved parking around the Homai quadrant which includes Sturdee Road.
Give people more safe and accessible travel options for work, school and daily life.	Continue to investigate options to support safety, accessibility and connectivity when using the public transport network and active modes such as walking and cycling.
	Advocate (with support from Papakura Local Board) to install the Waiata Shores pedestrian bridge to maximise community access as a result of the upgrades to the Te Mahia and Takaanini train stations.
	Implement the Active Modes Plan to improve connections across our local board area for active transport like walking and cycling.
	Continue to support the free Manurewa Link Te Manurewatanga bus service. 
	Advocate for fairer public transport fares for young people by making sure they fully benefit from existing youth discount policies. This includes applying the 40 per cent youth discount to the \$50-capped public transport 



fares. This will ensure cost does not prevent rangatahi (young people) from using public transport.

Improve the Great South Road transport corridor to provide better connections and support a well-connected transport hub.

Complete the redevelopment of Te Mahia Station and safe connections to surrounding neighbourhoods.



He kōrero take pūtea

Funding information

Local board funding is approved through Auckland Council's budget-setting process. This includes the Governing Body adopting a long-term plan every three years and an annual plan each year.

The Local Board Funding Policy sets out how funding is allocated to local boards for local activities, services and facilities within their decision-making responsibilities.

Funding for local activities, services and facilities is split into:

- operating expenditure (opex): to maintain and operate local assets like libraries, pools and parks, and to provide local activities and services
- capital expenditure (capex): to renew and develop local assets.

The priorities in this local board plan will inform decisions about funding that are made through the annual plan process and local board work programmes. This applies to decisions for both operating and capital spend.

Local boards have been allocated decision-making over local levels of service. This means they can prioritise services and initiatives to achieve local objectives, while ensuring costs are managed within the local board's allocated funding.

The financial and levels of service statements in this plan are based on the information included in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

The next long-term plan is due to take effect from 1 July 2027. This could change funding for operating and capital spend in our area and will affect how we achieve the goals set out in this local board plan.



Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Levels of service

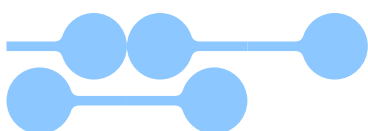
The Long-term Plan 2024–2034 outlines the decision-making responsibilities of local boards, as set out in legislation or allocated to the local boards. These responsibilities are grouped into local activities and described through levels of service statements

The following table summarises the local activities and levels of service for this local board area.

Local Activities	Level of service statements
<p>Local community services</p> <p>We support strong, diverse and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers</p>	<p>Enable a range of choices to access community services and recreation opportunities.</p> <p><i>Provide opportunities for communities to lead and deliver their own initiatives. *</i></p> <p>Provide urban green spaces (local parks, paths and Ngahere) and access to the Coast</p>
<p>Local planning and development</p> <p>We support local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives</p>	<p>Facilitate economic development opportunities and promote Auckland as a destination (<i>Support a strong economy. *</i>)</p>
<p>Local environmental management</p> <p>We support healthy ecosystems and sustainability through local board-funded initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, healthy homes, and waste minimisation projects.</p>	<p>Protect, improve and minimise risks to the natural environments and cultural heritage.</p>
<p>Local governance</p> <p>Activities in this group support the local board to engage with and represent their communities and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing the local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.</p>	<p>Lead Council Group response to partnership and participation of Māori in decision making and deliver Māori outcomes (<i>Respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and Māori Communities. *</i>)</p>

** Levels of service statement from Local Board Agreement.*

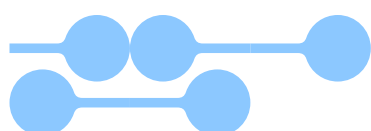
The statement of service provision, default levels of service statements, performance measures and performance targets from our last long-term plan can be found in section 2.6 in [volume 2 of the 10-Long-term Plan 2024-2034](#). The local board’s performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Manurewa Local Board Agreement 2025/2026 which is available as part of the [Annual Plan 2025/2026](#).



Setting priorities and making ‘trade-offs’

The local board will use this plan to inform how it prioritises resources, services and activities in the local area over the next three years. In doing so, it will take into account rising costs, limited resources and changing community needs. When making financial decisions, the local board will:

- prioritise actions that most strongly contribute to achieving the intended outcomes and goals of this local board plan
- consider value for money when making decisions about local services and assets within its decision-making responsibilities
- consider advice on ways to increase funding for services, activities and facilities from sources other than rates where appropriate,
- consider advice on opportunities to work with other local boards and external partners, where this supports shared goals
- consider advice on the ongoing suitability, performance and community value of local assets.



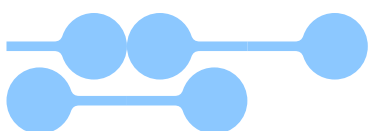
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Financial overview

The estimated costs shown in the table below for major service priorities are high-level, indicative only, and subject to change. These figures should not be relied upon as final and will be reviewed and updated through the Long-term Plan and Annual Plan processes.

\$ 000	2026/2027	Indicative 2027/2028	Indicative 2028/2029	Indicative 2029/2030
Operating funding				
General rates	22,045	22,345	22,855	23,311
Targeted rates	1,231	1,178	1,200	1,223
Fees and charges	3,157	3,222	3,288	3,357
Other revenue	338	319	323	329
Total operating funding	26,771	27,064	27,665	28,220
Operating expenditure				
Community services (Community)				
Libraries	2,001	2,041	2,082	2,123
Pools and Leisure	3,379	3,446	3,519	3,586
Maintenance	6,154	6,277	6,402	6,530
Utilities	2,408	2,557	2,362	2,447
Other community expenses	10,207	10,149	10,613	10,820
Local Environmental Management (Natural Environment)	120	122	125	128
Local Planning				
BIDs	1,237	1,190	1,213	1,236
Other planning expenses	70	71	73	74
Local Governance	1,195	1,211	1,276	1,275
Total operating expenditure	26,770	27,064	27,665	28,220
Net operating funding	0	(0)	0	0
Capital funding				
Increase in debt	7,581	11,703	9,953	10,151
Total capital funding	7,581	11,703	9,953	10,151
Capital expenditure				
Community services (Community)	7,581	11,703	9,953	10,151
LBP priority significant capital project – if applicable				
Total capital expenditure	7,581	11,703	9,953	10,151
Net capital funding	0	0	0	0

The local board's latest funding impact statement can be found in the Manurewa Local Board Agreement 2025/2026 which is available as part of the [Annual Plan 2025/2026](#).



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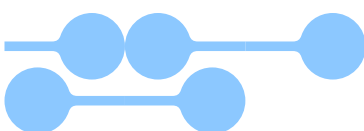
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