



Te mahere ā-rohe o Ōrākei 2026

Ōrākei

Draft Local Board Plan 2026

**Tāmaki Turuki.
Altogether Auckland.**



Mihi

E ngā kainoho, e ngā hapori

Anei te reo matakui kua hora ki ngā iwi kua whakakāinga nei i a Ōrākei

Tēnā koutou katoa.

E noho nei au i te maunga o Ōhinerau ka titiro ki te raki, ki a Maungarei.

Ko aku karu ka whai i te awa o Tāmaki e tere rā ka rewa ake ki runga i a Taurere ki te Pane-o-Horoiwi.

I konei ka huri whakawaho taku kaikanohi ki Tikapa Moana, ka matika ake he moutere, ko tōna rite he tōtōeka, e patī mai ki runga i ō tātou tāhuna.

Mai i konei ka rere tonu rā ki te Waitematā, ka paratī mai ōna tai kārohirohi ki runga i ōna takutai.

Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e.

Tirohia tō mātou tirohanga whānui kei ngā whārangi nei.

Nōu hoki te tirohanga? Whāki mai!

Residents and communities

This is a warm welcome to all who have made Ōrākei home.

Greetings to you all.

Here I sit on Mt Hobson and look to the east as I gaze towards Mt Wellington.

My eyes follow the flowing Tāmaki River then pass over Mt Taylor to Achilles Point.

From here I look out and see the waters of the Hauraki Gulf, where islands rise like greenstone, as they lap onto our beaches.

From here it's on to the Waitematā whose shimmering waters touch our coast.

The connections are made.

Look to our vision shared in these pages.

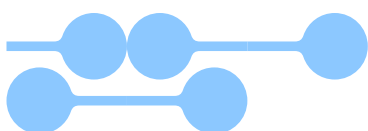
Is it yours too? Tell us!



Ngā upoko kōrero

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the chair

One of the things I'm often asked as Chair of the Ōrākei Local Board is what I enjoy most about the role.

First, I genuinely love connecting with people, local businesses, special places and the projects that link everything together. I love where we live.

Most weekends are spent with family and friends, usually outdoors enjoying our parks and open spaces, biking, walking or sailing. Like so many in Ōrākei, the moana and marine recreation has shaped our family life creating boundless opportunities, lifelong friendships and unforgettable experiences.

We are privileged to live in a place of remarkable character and opportunity, with its parks and green spaces, beaches and waterways, built heritage, and a vibrant mix of local commerce, public events, and community organisations supported by countless volunteers who strengthen the fabric of civic life.

Second, and perhaps most importantly, I've learned that it's possible to drive constructive and inclusive outcomes despite the challenges we encounter along the way. You can make a difference, so I am motivated to improve this place we call home.

We plan on investing back into our community by supporting both grassroots initiatives like Neighbourhood Support's Adopt-a-Drain programme and large-scale ventures including the redevelopment of Colin Maiden Park as the home of domestic cricket in New Zealand.

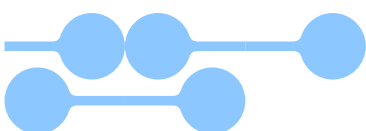
At the heart of our work is the Ōrākei Local Board Plan—our long-term vision guiding expenditure, decision-making and advocacy. It prompts simple but important questions: Are we making the most of what we have? What can we do better? And how can we contribute to a place so integral to my family's past and future?



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Powrie".

Sarah Powrie

Ōrākei Local Board Chairperson



He aronga poto ki tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance



Community

Our people are at the heart of our vibrant and thriving community. The Ōrākei Local Board will invest in quality spaces and activities that enable community connection and enhancement.



Natural environment

We will improve and sustain a resilient and flourishing natural environment for future generations of Ōrākei.



Built environment

The board envisions a dynamic and effective built environment that reflects the community it serves.



Economic development

The Ōrākei Local Board Area has prosperous businesses and economic centres that support thriving communities.



Transport

Ōrākei needs a transport system that works well for everyone, making it easy and safe to get around the local board area and connect to other parts of Tāmaki Makaurau.

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



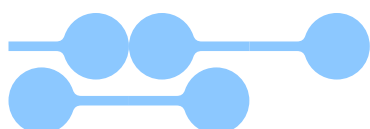
**Māori
Outcomes**



**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 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 March 2026.

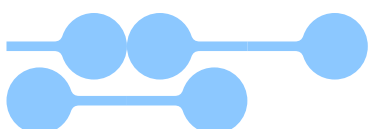
Te ara e tutuki ai ngā whāinga kei te mahere

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.

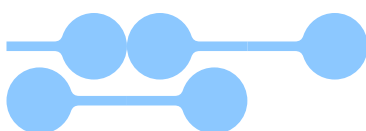


Te Rohe ā-Poari Local board area



MAP LEGEND

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





Waka Ama in Ōkahu Bay at Splash Landing 2025.

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.

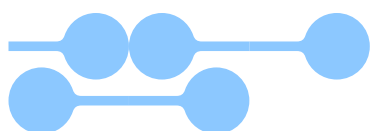
By linking to these wider plans, our local board plan can draw on Auckland-wide opportunities to deliver locally, while ensuring the goals of local communities contribute to Auckland’s shared future.

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 (ngā iwi and hapū who hold ancestral connection to this whenua and continue to exercise their role as kaitiaki and leaders of place) and mātāwaka (the many Māori individuals, communities, and organisations who call Tāmaki Makaurau home) 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

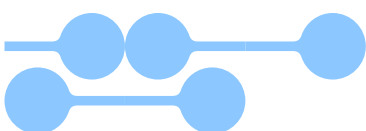
Ōrākei has layered and varied local histories that have influenced the trajectory of Tāmaki Makaurau and Aotearoa.

12 tangata whenua groups have historical ties to the area. These are listed below by tribal region:

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

The local board area hosts one marae. Ōrākei Marae, located on Takaparawhau above Ōkahu Bay, is home to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. 2027 will mark the 50th anniversary of the occupation of Bastion Point which subsequently led to its return to the iwi.

The local board has positive connections with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei members across governance



and operational matters and is committed to fostering an ongoing partnership.

Opportunities to grow relationships with the other 11 iwi in the local board area are a priority for the local board, particularly with Ngāti Paoa given its strong historical ties and presence.

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

Auckland has seen several severe weather events in recent years. With the local board area's expansive coastline, our coastal communities have been significantly impacted. From poor water quality at our beaches due to stormwater overflows to coastal erosion and flooding along Tāmaki Drive, climate resiliency is at the forefront of our local priorities.

Our area has an array of green open spaces in parks and reserves, and many waterways and beaches that cement the board's firm position as strong environmental advocates. We are committed to the

strengthening of climate adaptation infrastructure and environmental restoration.

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.

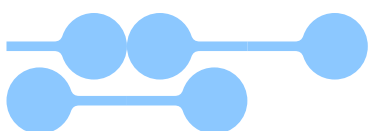
Ngā Hapori Momoho | Thriving Communities Strategy 2022–2032 is Auckland Council's regional strategy for a fairer and more sustainable Tāmaki Makaurau where every Aucklander belongs. It reflects what communities say they need to thrive, for Tāmaki Makaurau to be a region where whānau have everything they 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

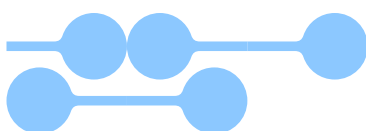
The Ōrākei Local Board area is a place of strong community assets, cultural heritage and environmental richness, yet experiences significant variation in access to opportunity and wellbeing. While many residents enjoy high levels of social and economic security and wellbeing, others face ongoing hardship and structural barriers to participation and inclusion.

Ngā Hapori Momoho recognises that communities achieve fairer outcomes for everyone when support is based around tailored approaches that respond to local strengths and needs. For the



Ōrākei Local Board, this means including targeted challenges, while strengthening belonging, investment, partnerships and initiatives that participation and wellbeing for all who call Ōrākei support communities facing the greatest home.

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





2025 ANZAC Day Commemoration at Saint Heliers

Te hāpori **Community**

Our people are at the heart of our vibrant and thriving community. The Ōrākei Local Board will invest in quality spaces and activities that enable community connection and enhancement.

Ōrākei is fortunate to be the home of a strong and prosperous iwi in Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, countless invaluable community volunteers and a diverse population who all deserve to be informed, included and secure. As a local board we want to reach all parts of our community to make sure they feel included in local decision-making and know what's happening in their area.

Survey results show that our residents are proud of where they live. They are highly satisfied with their quality of life and with the public services that Auckland Council provides for them and their community, including playgrounds, reserves, sports fields, maintained beaches and village streetscapes.

Ōrākei has a range of accessible council facilities including:

- libraries in Saint Heliers and Remuera.
- five community centres.
- 39 community occupancy leases.
- 127 local parks.



Our open spaces support a diverse range of sports, environmental, wellness and cultural interests. Our facilities act as hubs where people recreate, learn and connect. They provide a common space for the Ōrākei community to make connections and support one another across shared interests.

As well as the physical infrastructure, our community includes our social networks and the many community-led groups.

Together, we work towards shared goals that support the social, natural and cultural wellbeing of our people and environment.

Opportunities

- Enhancing our active and established community groups.
- Existing park network to support various user groups and purposes.
- A strong community identity and community engagement.
- Rich cultural heritage which reflects the diversity and longevity of community.








Challenges

- Erosion and flooding of our beaches, coastal walkways and reserves due to climate change
- An ageing population with different levels of access to age-friendly facilities and opportunities for social connection.
- Growing costs and demand for volunteer groups.
- Achieving effective communication with our entire community.
- Balancing limited resources with increasing demand.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
Enable community partners to provide positive outcomes for our residents.	Ensure that community centres and halls are high quality to provide the best value to community, for example by investing in Meadowbank Community Centre or Tāmaki Ex-Services Hall. 
	Provide both financial and mentoring support to mana whenua and community groups whose work aligns with local board objectives. 
	Create lasting benefits for the community by providing increased support for our volunteer groups. 



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Communities have great local options for indoor and outdoor play, sport and recreation.	Make it easier and better for people to access and enjoy the waterfront and marine areas.
	Champion the development of the Glendowie Sports Hub in consultation with the local community.
	Provide more and improved community-use sports fields.
	Support implementation of the refreshed Sport and Active Recreation Facility Plan 2026 including identifying growing and under-represented sectors of sport 
	Support access to and provision of recreation centres.
Parks and community facilities are well cared for and maintained.	Continue supporting the operation of the Ellerslie Leisure Centre. 
	Develop play spaces that are well-used and reflect community demand such as at Saint Heliers Bay Beach Reserve and Kupe North Reserve.
	Invest in improved accessibility, connection and shared spaces at Colin Maiden Park such as with cycle paths and better sports amenity.
	Further implement The Landing Concept Plan 2024 as part of the Pathways to the Sea Plan 2020 . 
	Support public access to the Waitematā Harbour, marine operations, club activities, events and personal recreation at The Landing.
	Ensure that community facilities provide opportunities for all user-groups including seniors, older youths and people with disabilities. 
	Begin to implement the updated Ōrākei Urban Ngāhere Action Plan 2027 . 
Our community knows how to get involved, is well informed and feels connected	Continue improvements to the Stonefields Heritage Walkway Trail.
	Create and continue connections with communities who are heard from less including diverse language groups, youth and Pasifika. 
	Use digital signage and other new ways to improve community awareness of council and local board activities.
	Build community connections that emphasise belonging, friendliness and shared neighbourhood life. 
	Update the Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan and enable local groups to support their communities in times of emergency alongside Auckland Emergency Management.
Strengthen community groups and marae to support emergency readiness and to improve resilience to the effects of climate change.	



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Strong and productive mana whenua and mātāwaka relationships	Honour Mana Motuhake (self-determination, autonomy and independence) by supporting Māori-led solutions. 
	Continue to support the statutory co-governance arrangement between Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Auckland Council through the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Reserves Board. 
	Support Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei with their goals and aspirations in the local area. 
	Continue participation and engagement with the Tūpuna Maunga Authority with special regard to Ohinerau Mount Hobson. 

Advocacy

Some local priorities that matter to our community are not part of our direct decision-making role. ‘Advocacy’ is how we influence other governance decision-makers to prioritise the things our community cares about.

What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)	Who we will advocate to
Support Barfoot & Thompson Stadium to continue as a community-use facility.	East City Community Trust Ministry of Education Selwyn College
Continue investment into ageing assets and infrastructure.	Governing Body
Encourage the progression of the Ngāti Whātua Hauora Centre.	Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Governing Body
Ensure timely delivery of the high-performance and community cricket precinct at Colin Maiden Park	Central Government Governing Body Auckland Cricket Eden Park Trust





Volunteers at Matariki planting day, Takaparawhau.

Te taiao māori

Natural environment

We will improve and sustain a resilient and flourishing natural environment for future generations of Ōrākei.

Our area is home to a range of native forest, wetlands, waterways and coastal environments that must be protected, restored and enhanced. Ōrākei is highly urbanised, with 95 per cent of land converted to urban and industrial use.

The local board is committed to improving the state of our remaining natural spaces. Ōrākei has several significant ecological areas including Pourewa Valley, Tāhuna Tōrea, Waiatarua Wetland, Kepa Bush and Kohimarama Valley Forest.

We recognise that our highly engaged and active community volunteer groups are integral to the wellbeing of te taiao (natural environment). We plan to reinforce efforts to strengthen our volunteer networks while also bolstering council projects.

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









Opportunities

- Highly active community partners.
- Improved water quality through the Newmarket Gully Project and Watercare investments.
- Use the Eastern Isthmus Water Quality Improvements Programme (EIWQIP) for regional and local outcomes.
- Waiatarua Reserve: New Zealand’s largest wetland restoration project.













Challenges

- Adapting to climate change and new environmental patterns.
- Tension where urban development meets the natural world.
- Growing expectations for blue-green infrastructure mean our parks are now often used to manage stormwater as well as provide spaces for recreation.,

Our Plan

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Restore, protect and enhance our water quality and waterways.	Prioritise improving the health of stormwater networks and overland flow paths such as at Dingle Dell and Waiatarua Reserve.	
	Protect the freshwater ecosystems across the board area and the downstream semi-salient waterbodies like the Tāmaki Estuary and Hobson Bay.	
	Encourage responsible mitigations for catchment flooding and wastewater overflow including at Ōkahu Bay.	
	Invest in environmental restoration and water quality improvements, particularly in streams, wetlands and the Ōrākei Basin.	
Strengthen the resilience of the community and environment.	Invest in strategic planting and restoration projects that improve the resilience of the environment to climate change and an increase in severe weather events.	
	Work with mana whenua to restore the mauri of whenua, awa and taonga species and build climate resilience.	
	Implement the Ōrākei to Tāhuna Tōrea Shoreline Adaptation Plan and support future updates to the plan as the area continues to evolve and more information, partnerships and operational insights emerge.	



Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)	
Council-community partnerships are strengthened to benefit the environment.	Work with Eastern Bays Songbirds Project to help restore and regenerate the natural ecosystems of the eastern bays to create a thriving bird sanctuary and improve the lives of residents and visitors.	
	Support Ko Te Pūkākī – Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Ecological Restoration Project to provide kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of our environment through restoration and regeneration.	
Council-community partnerships are strengthened to benefit the environment.	Support ‘Friends of’ and kaitiaki groups across the local board area that look after our parks and reserves.	
	Continue to provide environmental education opportunities so our tamariki (children) can learn about their natural environment and how to improve and protect it.	
	Continue to deliver the Environmental Forum as a way to collaborate, develop and multiply ideas, relationships and innovation.	
Our forest, bush and wetland habitats continue to be enhanced for future generations	Continue to deliver the Pourewa Valley Integrated Management Plan.	
	Protect remnant native forests, wetlands and fauna like Tāhuna Tōrea, Kohimarama Valley Forest, Dingle Dell and Kepa Bush by investing in ecological restoration work and finalising the purchase of Kohimarama Valley Forest.	 
	Continue to restore forest and bush areas, prioritise pest management and support community planting days.	
	Invest in connected ngāhere (forests) and green corridors to grow habitat connectivity for birds, insects and other wildlife by prioritising protection and planting of large native trees and continuous tree canopy cover.	
	Enhance Waiatarua Reserve as a critical ecological asset for the local area and region.	
	Invest in protection and conservation of kauri trees with the goal to reopen closed tracks to the highest standards	
Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment.	Make progress on restoring the long-term health of our coastline and beaches at Karaka Bay, Tāmaki Beach and all the eastern bays and their inland catchments.	
	Promote the long-term health of te Tīkapa Moana Hauraki Gulf to improve interdependent marine, land and human ecosystems.	



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Waiatarua stormwater pipe upgrade.	Governing Body
Secure the future of Tāmaki Drive as an essential access route as Auckland council considers how to manage coastal change over time.	Governing Body
Address the ageing infrastructure and capacity constraints of our water and wastewater networks.	Watercare
Retention of the Water Quality Targeted Rate and Natural Environmental Targeted Rate (NETR).	Governing Body
Assess and remediate the pile breakwater at Ōkahu Bay.	Governing Body





Remuera Library

Te taiao kua hangaia

Built environment

The board envisions a dynamic and effective built environment that reflects the needs and aspirations of the community.

The urban footprint of the Ōrākei Local Board area is a product of this place's history and people. The local board wants to ensure that our future neighbourhoods, town centres, parks and community spaces are fit for purpose and our community.

We can celebrate our wonderful built heritage and local history to engender pride in our area and to help protect these valued assets.

The local board is committed to ensuring that intensification is done responsibly with consideration of local factors. We will continue to use its platform to advocate for quality planning outcomes, noting the area is already highly intensified.

Intensification and population growth are placing significant pressure on our existing assets; we have a finite amount of space with ever increasing demands.





Opportunities

- Make the best use of the property we own to either sell, buy or repurpose sites to maximise the value efficiency of our assets.
- Work with major residential developments to encourage outcomes that benefit the wider community.

Challenges

- Constantly shifting planning landscape due to changes in legislation and government direction.
- Increased and unpredictable demand from population growth.
- Limitations in existing infrastructure, specifically water, wastewater, and stormwater networks, create challenges when servicing new, intensified development

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
Promote an urban landscape fit for our local board area.	Ensure that the heritage of our people, places and buildings is recognised, protected and valued by working with council organisations, supporting community groups and investing in eligible projects.
	Provide input on regional policy, plans and strategies that aligns with our community’s needs and priorities.
	Encourage developers to prioritise sustainable design in their developments. 
	Work with Kāinga Ora and private developers to use their contributions to help achieve integrated community infrastructure that meets growth needs.
	Support our residents to understand the effects plan changes have on our residential areas such as increased flood plains or ‘upzoning’ that allows for more development.
Develop new community assets to meet the needs of our changing and growing population	Look for opportunities to provide new venues for community use such as land reclamation (creating new land by filling in areas of water), buying property or working with community providers.
	Redevelop Meadowbank Community Centre.
	Invest in assets that provide opportunities for active play, sports and casual recreation for all ages and abilities. 
	Progress the development of Liston Park to provide additional community-use sports fields.
	Implement proposals set out in The Landing Concept Plan 2024.



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Open spaces and community facilities meet the needs of the growing population.	Decommission under-used assets like Leicester Hall, to invest in better-value assets and services. Review the local board's lease portfolio to ensure that leased sites are providing the best value to community and identify what might be missing.

Advocacy

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What we will advocate for in the next 3 years (Advocacy)	Who we will advocate to
A new financial approach that requires development which increases density to contribute locally to facilities, open spaces and community services.	Central Government
Investment in renewals for key infrastructure.	Central Government, Governing Body
The ability for councils to set parking requirements for new developments through the unitary plan.	Central Government
Good planning outcomes and well-planned intensification	Central Government Governing Body





Ellerslie town centre

Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development

Ōrākei has prosperous businesses and economic centres that support thriving communities.

Our unique town centres of Ellerslie, Remuera, Saint Heliers and Mission Bay set our local board area apart as a premium destination that is attractive, vibrant and safe.

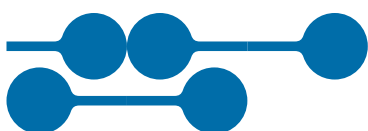
Ōrākei has high levels of employment in sectors such as healthcare, education and professional services.

We have limited budget and decision-making related to the local economy, but regardless, we want to ensure that our area develops a thriving economy that supports local shops, businesses and town centres for both residents and visitors.

The Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Ellerslie, Remuera and Saint Heliers, along with the Mission Bay Business Association, are key partners as they improve our local business environment and boost the regional economy.

Opportunities

- Well-established and effective Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).
- The village character of our area is unique and attractive.
- Our coastline and beaches draw visitors from across the region




- Boutique businesses provide offerings that can only be found in Ōrākei

Challenges

- Limited parking, movement and traffic management.
- Economic challenges like recession and increased costs.
- Climate change is affecting how people enjoy visiting and living in our area.
- More people are shopping online rather than visiting shops in our town centres and local areas.

Our Plan

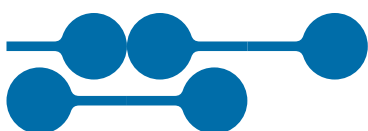
Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we plan to deliver in the next 3 years to make this happen (Key initiatives)
Town centres are hubs of business and social life.	<p>Invest in town centres and villages so they are vibrant, attractive and cared for.</p> <hr/> <p>Work with local community groups and business associations to celebrate the unique identities of our town centres to bring locals and visitors together.</p> <hr/> <p>Support safety measures to ensure that businesses and visitors are better protected from crime.</p> <hr/> <p>Redevelop the Ellerslie town square to be the lively heart of the town centre.</p>
Support local businesses.	<p>Work with business associations to activate their town centres and support their membership.</p> <hr/> <p>Encourage resilient and sustainable business practices.</p> <hr/> <p>Work with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to support growth and development of local economic opportunities. </p> <hr/> <p>Highlight and promote local events to provide opportunities for people to connect.</p>
Navigable and effective town-centres	<p>Support well-designed town-centres that meet different transport needs and improve traffic flow such as with a one-way system through Saint Heliers.</p> <hr/> <p>Continue to improve streets and open spaces in the town centres.</p> <hr/> <p>Investigate Saint Vincent Avenue optimisation</p> <hr/> <p>Make sure that parking rules around town centres are appropriate for the area and users to improve visitor experiences and business activity.</p>



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Attract major events to the local board area that bring in visitors.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
Encourage groups to organise events that use our unique assets and amenities.	Private groups and businesses





Cyclist on Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai shared path

Tūnuku

Transport

Ōrākei needs a transport system that works well for everyone, making it easy and safe to get around the local board area and connect to other parts of Tāmaki Makaurau.

The main purpose of transport improvements is to make travel around the area safer, more efficient and sustainable for people and goods. Ōrākei is challenged with traffic congestion across the local board area but especially along Ngāpipi Road, Remuera Road and Saint Johns Road.

In addition to using personal cars, we have many other accessible transport options, including:

- buses
- trains
- greenways (traffic-free routes designed for walking, cycling and mobility aids)
- Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path.

The local board will work towards a network that provides for every resident's preferred method of transport and schedule.

Often, the local board recognises value in projects that fall outside of the Regional Land Transport Plan. We will continue to use available funding to address issues that are most relevant to our community, as we currently do with the Local Board Transport Capital Fund.



Opportunities

- Extensive shared path network
- More involvement in transport activities.
- Strong working relationships with transport staff.

Challenges





- Short supply of parking in village centres limits customer activity and contributes to congestion.
- Congestion on main roads, for example on Remuera Road.
- Balancing the needs of cars, cyclists and pedestrians in already crowded and limited space.

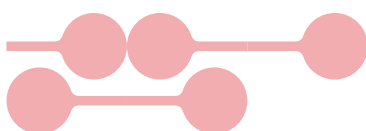
At the time of developing this draft plan, the Government is progressing the *Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill*, which, if passed, will change how transport is governed and delivered in Auckland. While the details of how transport is to be governed in Auckland 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.



Our priorities

Set out below, are the transport priorities for the Ōrākei area. In some instances, implementing these may require Governing Body decisions, under the governance arrangements proposed in the *Local Government (Auckland Council) (Transport Governance) Amendment Bill*.

This proposed legislation change is expected to impact on what things might be a part of our direct decision-making role and what things might be considered as advocacy. Due to this uncertainty, the local board’s transport priorities are set out in a single category in this draft plan.

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we want to happen in the next 3 years (Priorities)
Strengthen public transport connections so services are reliable, convenient, and easy to use.	Build bus shelters and seating at bus stops to make bus travel more comfortable.
	Support the use of smaller connector buses on appropriate routes. 
	Support a climate-ready, low emission transport system that reduces congestion and provides real travel choices. 
	Support new park-and-ride opportunities to improve public transport accessibility and usership 
Responsible growth and management of alternative transport options.	Support completion of te Ara ki Uta ki Tai – the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path.
	Respond to an increased demand on the transport network by supporting development of more low-carbon transport infrastructure, like shared pathways or bike parking, and teach communities how to use them. 

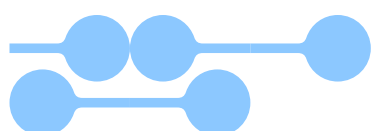


Our 3-year goals (Objectives)	What we want to happen in the next 3 years (Priorities)
Responsible growth and management of alternative transport options.	Expand active transport and green networks (walking and cycling paths) by creating stronger walking and cycling links between parks, schools, town centres and connections across the local board area. 
Improve the transport of goods and people across our transport network.	Continue the Remuera Road optimisation project to improve the safety and efficiency of roads in the area.
	Ensure that improvement projects consider the needs of all road users, including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.
	Limit speed humps and raised pedestrian crossings to roads where there is clear evidence to support them.
Improve road safety and transport infrastructure.	Use available funding to address issues that are most relevant to our community, as we currently do with the Local Board Transport Capital Fund.
	Continue work to provide better crossings around schools, local shops and community facilities to improve safety and encourage walking, cycling and scootering within our area. 
	Support the provision of new footpaths and pedestrian facilities.
	Support to improve spaces shared by pedestrians and cyclists to increase safety and efficiency.
	Improve signage, wayfinding and missing links that connect neighbourhoods to key transport infrastructure.

Advocacy

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Secure funding for the Meadowbank Kohimarama Connectivity Project (Gowing Drive connection).	New Zealand Transport Association Waka Kotahi Governing Body
Maximum speed limits for e-bikes, e-scooters and low-powered vehicles.	New Zealand Transport Association Waka Kotahi
Seek out opportunities to increase use of asphalt instead of chipseal when resurfacing roads.	NZTA Governing Body



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:

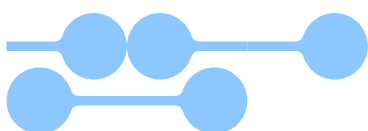
- operating expenditure (opex): to maintain and operate local assets like libraries, pools and parks, and to provide local activities and services
- capital expenditure (capex): to renew and develop local assets.

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.



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Levels of service

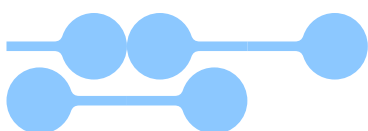
The Long-term Plan 2024–2034 outlines the decision-making responsibilities of local boards, as set out in legislation or allocated to the local boards. These responsibilities are grouped into local activities and described through levels of service statements.

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 Ngāhere) 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.*

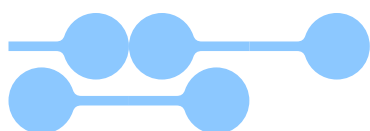
The statement of service provision, default levels of service statements, performance measures and performance targets from our last long-term plan can be found in section 2.6 in [volume 2 of the 10-Long-term Plan 2024-2034](#). The local board’s performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Ōrākei 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.



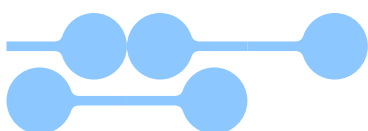
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Financial overview

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	17,426	17,777	18,139	18,456
Targeted rates	658	639	651	663
Fees and charges	426	426	435	444
Other revenue	460	541	543	544
Total operating funding	18,969	19,382	19,768	20,107
Operating expenditure				
Community services (Community)				
Libraries	1,915	1,953	1,992	2,032
Pools and Leisure	125	77	38	2
Maintenance	10,411	10,620	10,832	11,049
Utilities	1,226	1,302	1,393	1,420
Other community expenses	3,222	3,346	3,351	3,418
Local Environmental Management (Natural Environment)	393	404	416	428
Local Planning				
BIDs	658	647	659	671
Local Governance	1,019	1,033	1,087	1,086
Total operating expenditure	18,969	19,390	19,776	20,115
Net operating funding	(0)	0	0	(0)
Capital funding				
Increase in debt	11,179	8,709	7,458	7,607
Total capital funding	11,179	8,709	7,458	7,607
Capital expenditure				
Community services (Community)	11,179	8,709	7,458	7,607
Total capital expenditure	11,179	8,709	7,458	7,607
Net capital funding	0	0	0	0

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



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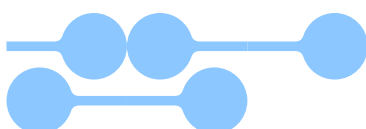
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