



Te mahere ā-rohe o Papakura 2026

Papakura

Draft Summary Local Board Plan 2026

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair

It is my privilege to present the Papakura Local Board Plan 2026–2029, which sets out our aspirations for the future of Papakura.

This plan reflects what you have told us matters most and outlines the priorities that will guide our work over the next three years. Your ongoing feedback has shaped five key areas of focus:

1. A connected and resilient community
2. A protected natural environment
3. Quality parks and community spaces
4. A thriving local economy
5. Safe and connected transport.

This plan is built on strong partnerships. We will continue working alongside mana whenua, community groups, local organisations, third party funders and government agencies to deliver outcomes we cannot achieve alone.

You have been clear that investing in community services—especially parks, sports, recreation, and wellbeing—is a top priority. We will also focus on climate resilience, environmental restoration, cleaner neighbourhoods, and celebrating Māori identity and aspirations.

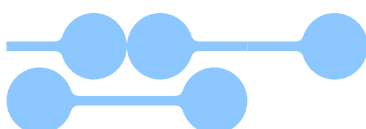
Whether you are a long-term resident or new to Papakura, we all have a role in shaping its future. This is your plan. Let us know if we've got it right. Together, we can make Papakura a thriving, connected, and resilient community—a place where people love to live, work, and play.

Kelvin Hieatt

Papakura Local Board Chairperson



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



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

Māori outcomes, Climate outcomes and Equitable outcomes

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

- Māori outcomes
- Climate outcomes
- Equitable outcomes

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

Te hāpori

Community

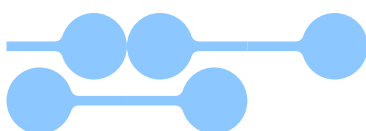


Papakura is a diverse and vibrant community where people feel connected, live active and healthy lives, and come together through inclusive events that reflect the strengths of all cultures. Strong partnerships with Māori support Māori aspirations, and more broadly community partnerships celebrate unique identities, and build community safety, wellbeing, preparedness, and resilience across the local board area.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Objective 1: Papakura's parks, open spaces and facilities support active, healthy living.
- Objective 2: Communities are connected, resilient and supported to thrive.
- Objective 3: Strong partnerships with mana whenua guide local decision-making.
- Objective 4: Māori identity, heritage and culture are visible, valued and celebrated.
- Objective 5: Papakura is a socially cohesive, culturally vibrant and inclusive community.



Te taiao māori

Natural environment



Working with Māori who are the kaitiaki (guardians), we will continue to support programmes that enhance the health of our environment by increasing tree canopy cover, improving air and water quality, reducing pest threats, and tackling pollution and waste. We want people to have opportunities to enjoy the natural environment across our local parks, streams and harbour.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Objective 1: More people enjoy the environment in and around our local parks.
- Objective 2: More people enjoy the environment in and around our harbour and streams.
- Objective 3: Improved air quality and a cooler, greener urban area (urban ngahere).
- Objective 4: Champion pollution prevention, climate initiatives and improve local resilience.

Te taiao kua hangaia

Built environment

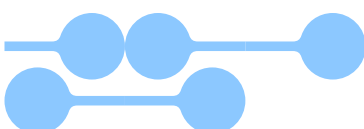


We have great parks and places to play, compete and enjoy. As our population grows and becomes more diverse, our parks, community spaces and facilities need to keep up with rising demand and changing needs. It is important to ensure that the significant growth in the local board area is supported by appropriate and well-maintained infrastructure.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Objective 1: Papakura's open spaces and recreation facilities are fit-for-purpose and well used.
- Objective 2: Services and facilities meet the community's needs now and into the future.
- Objective 3: Ensure the asset portfolio is fit for the changing community needs.
- Objective 4: Resilience, safety and universal access.
- Objective 5: Local identity, kaupapa Māori and community led design.
- Objective 6: Regeneration and service property optimisation.





Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development

We want a thriving local economy with successful local businesses creating quality local jobs for our community, and where our commercial centres are great places to work, shop, relax and enjoy.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Objective 1: Create visible progress, strengthen confidence, and change Papakura’s economic image.
- Objective 2: Strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders to improve collaboration and investment opportunities.
- Objective 3: Work in partnership with Franklin Local Board on an integrated approach to local economic development.



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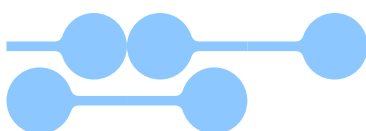
Transport

We aim to provide a well-connected area where it’s easy to move around, where our roads are safe and efficient, public transport is convenient and reliable, and our walkways and cycleways are linked together and safe.

Our priorities

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Objective 1: Improve local access so people from every neighbourhood can reach key destinations safely and easily.
- Objective 2: Strengthen public transport connections so services are reliable, convenient, and easy to use.
- Objective 3: Provide equitable, inclusive transport options for all ages and abilities.
- Objective 4: Embed Māori identity, partnership and kaitiakitanga into Papakura’s transport network.
- Objective 5: Support a climate-ready, low-emission transport system that reduces congestion and provides real travel choices.
- Objective 6: Ensure effective communication and integration of significant transport infrastructure projects to deliver positive outcomes for the Papakura community.
- Objective 7: Improve road safety and transport infrastructure to meet the needs of the growing population in the local board area.



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