



Te mahere ā-rohe o Rodney 2026

Rodney Draft Summary Local Board Plan 2026

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair

There are many reasons we choose to live in Rodney. We choose it for the wide skies, coastlines and forests, and the small towns where people still wave as you pass. But above all, we choose Rodney for its people – connected communities with resilience and a quiet determination to look after one another.

This local board plan sets out how we will support that spirit over the next three years. Rodney continues to grow, bringing both opportunity and pressure. We are seeing increasing demand on parks, facilities, roads, and community spaces, alongside real challenges in maintaining the character that makes Rodney unique. At the same time, we are navigating rising costs, climate impacts and the need to make smart, sustainable decisions about where and how we invest.

Over the next three years, we will focus on creating inclusive and flexible spaces, strengthening local identity, and supporting community-led initiatives. We will invest in restoring and protecting our natural environment, ensuring that our waterways, coastlines, and ecosystems remain healthy for future generations. We will advocate strongly for the infrastructure our communities need, including safer rural roads, better public transport connections and ensuring growth is matched with the services that help communities thrive.

Importantly, we recognise that we cannot do this alone. Rodney's strength lies in its people – volunteers, community groups, mana whenua, and local leaders who already contribute so much. Our role is to enable, support, and partner so that we can achieve more together

On behalf of the Rodney Local Board, thank you to everyone who contributes to this place. We look forward to working alongside you.

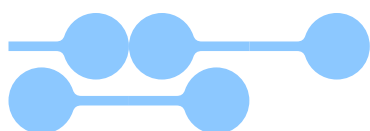
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Rodney Local Board Chairperson This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Rodney Local Board Plan 2026. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, at public libraries 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.



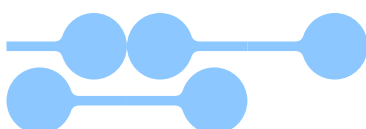
Te hāpori Community

Rodney has connected, resilient communities supported by parks, facilities, and spaces for all ages and abilities, that reflect local identity and help people to thrive.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Provide parks and open spaces for all ages, abilities, interests and cultural backgrounds that encourage participation and improve wellbeing.
- Build climate-resilient community spaces by planning and designing parks and facilities that adapt to climate change, using nature-based solutions where possible.
- Strengthen Māori outcomes in community spaces by supporting the incorporation of mātauranga Māori and partnering with mana whenua through co-design to protect and restore the mauri of places and spaces.
- Improve access to quality play, recreation and community facilities by converting them to multi-use, adaptable spaces and prioritising investment based on need, usage and growth.
- Support vibrant, connected communities by enabling local placemaking, events, arts, culture and community-led activities that strengthen local identity and retain rural and small-town character.



- Strengthen community resilience and preparedness so communities are better equipped to respond to growth, change and emergencies, including through active community emergency hubs and local leadership.



Te taiao māori

Natural environment

Rodney’s natural environment is healthy, resilient and restored, providing clean waterways, thriving ecosystems and high-quality natural spaces that protect our future and improve everyday wellbeing.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Protect and restore indigenous biodiversity through conservation partnerships, pest management, and community stewardship while ensuring these environments remain safe, accessible, and actively maintained for public recreation and water-based activities, where appropriate.
- Improve the health and resilience of waterways, wetlands, and catchments through restoration and integrated management.
- Strengthen climate resilience using nature-based solutions, improved land and soil management, and adaptive planning.
- Reduce waste and pollution through local recovery initiatives, education and stronger, more proactive compliance.



Te taiao kua hangaia

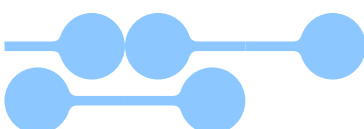
Built environment

Rodney grows well with resilient, high-quality public spaces and infrastructure that reflect local character and support healthy, well-designed communities.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Strengthen town centres and local hubs so they remain vibrant, attractive and reflect local character, supported by coordinated placemaking and high-quality public spaces.
- Ensure growth is supported by the parks, paths, public spaces and facilities our communities need, using partnerships and development opportunities to secure high-quality outdoor recreation and community infrastructure.
- Improve the resilience of buildings, public spaces and local infrastructure by encouraging future-proofed, climate-ready design and supporting communities to reduce the impacts of extreme weather.





Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development

Rodney has a strong, diverse local economy where businesses and town centres thrive and people can access local jobs, skills, and sustainable tourism opportunities.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Strong, resilient local businesses and thriving town centres.
- Grow the visitor economy through sustainable, place-based tourism.
- Improve access to local jobs, skills, and training pathways.



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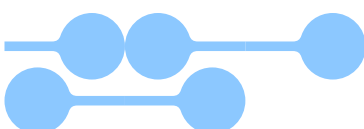
Transport

Rodney has a safer, more reliable, and better-connected transport network that supports rural communities, town centres and access to key destinations.

Our priorities

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Improve the safety, reliability and performance of rural roads by addressing key factors like drainage, visibility, surface condition and shoulder integrity.
- Create safer, more connected walking and cycling routes to key local destinations.
- Expand and improve the ways people can reach public transport from rural communities and growth areas.





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