



Te mahere ā-rohe o Waiheke 2026

Waiheke

Draft Summary Local Board Plan 2026

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair

It is my honour to present the Waiheke Local Board Plan 2026-2029. Ngā mihi, thank you, for your ongoing support and willingness to help us deliver outcomes that we cannot achieve alone.

This draft plan is intended to reflect what matters most to our community. It also acknowledges the challenges and opportunities Waiheke's unique island community faces.

We have heard that transport safety, community resilience in the face of climate change and environmental restoration are top of your mind. Also, improved health services, support and mentorship opportunities for young people.

We are aware that these volatile times are difficult for our community. As a board, we face the challenges of working with the Governing Body to keep rates affordable while investing in environmental protection, climate resilience and essential infrastructure. This usually means we need to make trade-offs and work differently with what we have.

We will continue to support our passionate local volunteers and not for profit organisations to deliver projects at reduced costs. During our three-year term, we will focus on climate resilience, transport safety, and restoring the health of our spectacular island ngahere / forest and arawai / waterways. Some of the initiatives to support these focus areas are new, and others remain to continue important progress already underway. To make this happen, partnerships with the community must be at the heart of this plan. We will work closely alongside mana whenua, community groups and local organisations.

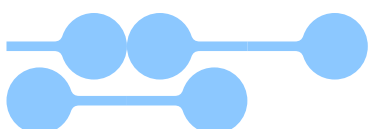
This is our plan. Let us know if we've got it right. Together we can make Waiheke a strong voice for a resilient community in the gulf.



Kylee Matthews

Waiheke Local Board Chairperson

This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Waiheke 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.



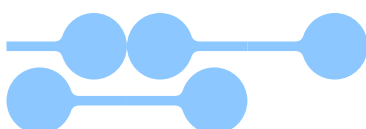
Te hāpori **Community**

Waiheke residents are proud of our strong sense of identity and actively participate in our community to enhance whanaungatanga and hauora.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- A resilient, connected and compassionate community
- A healthy and supportive society, where people feel there is care, respect and all people are valued
- Strengthen collaboration and partnership with Māori
- Enhance Māori wellbeing and potential
- A flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity
- Children and youth feel valued, and that they have diverse opportunities to thrive





Te taiao māori

Natural environment

We want to protect, maintain, and enhance our unique islands' land, coastline, bush, wetland, and marine environments for future generations.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Restore, enhance and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Respond to the challenge of climate change in a way that secures a sustainable future for our islands
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the amount of waste that ends up in our landfills
- Sustainably manage our wai



Te taiao kua hangaia

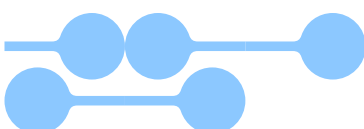
Built environment

The special character and values of Waiheke and inner gulf islands are protected and enhanced in line with the draft Waiheke Area Plan and principles of Essentially Waiheke.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Planning that enables local placemaking
- Sustainable living in healthy homes
- Sustain and celebrate Māori identity, knowledge and practice
- Improve our community's wellbeing by providing quality arts, recreational and community facilities
- Embrace Waiheke's rich Māori identity and cultural history
- Improve the open space network on the island



Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development



Our Waiheke community has a strong, independent, entrepreneurial spirit and our natural taonga (treasures) are protected to support sustainable lifestyles and economic activities.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
- Our visitor industry is managed sustainably
- Waiheke is recognised as an arts destination
- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island's character and our need to increase our resiliency



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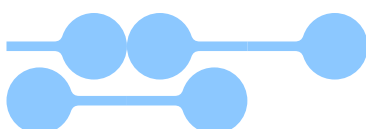
Transport

Waiheke residents and visitors alike can efficiently, safely and sustainably traverse our island.

Our priorities

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Safe, fit-for-purpose and environmentally friendly transport infrastructure
- Our community feels empowered to use active modes of transport where safely possible
- Our ferry terminals are inviting, fit-for-purpose gateways to our island
- A safe roading network that meets the needs of all road users, and supports the special character of Waiheke



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