



Te mahere ā-rohe o Whau 2026

Whau

Draft Summary Local Board Plan 2026

**Tāmaki Turuki.
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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair

The draft 2026 Whau Local Board Plan sets out how we will invest and focus our efforts over the next three years to better reflect the aspirations of our community. With the introduction of Fairer Funding, Whau now has new opportunities to address long-standing underinvestment and improve services, facilities, and outcomes for residents.

The plan emphasises strong collaboration with mana whenua, mātāwaka, and our increasingly diverse communities, alongside continued support for community centres, hubs, and groups that strengthen wellbeing and belonging.

Priorities include creating safe and vibrant town centres and public spaces, responding to environmental and climate challenges, and investing in practical initiatives such as active transport, urban planting, and community resilience.

Looking ahead, we are focused on turning plans into action by supporting creative industries, improving sport and recreation facilities, and aligning our work with broader regeneration and low-carbon initiatives. This plan is about building a connected, inclusive, and resilient Whau, and we encourage our community to share feedback so we can shape the future together.

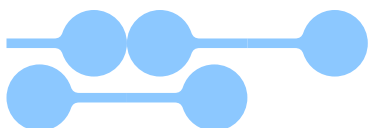


Kay Thomas

Whau Local Board Chairperson



This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Whau Local Board Plan 2026. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/whau/your-say), 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.



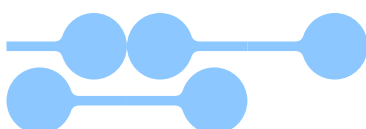
Te hāpori **Community**

Our people have a sense of belonging and have places and opportunities to connect and grow.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Strong local leadership that brings people together to strengthen community resilience.
- All residents feel safe and enjoy better health and wellbeing.
- Māori identity and wellbeing are strengthened through rangatiratanga.
- Community places where people can meet, socialise, learn, and take part in cultural, arts, and recreational activities.
- High-quality network of parks and open spaces that are accessible and support a range of activities.
- Community and environment are prepared for climate change and lower emissions.





Te taiao māori

Natural environment

A healthy and resilient natural environment that we care for and connect with.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- The mauri and health of the Whau River, its streams, and the Manukau and Waitematā harbours are improved and protected.
- The biodiversity of our flora and fauna, and their habits is protected and enhanced.
- Mana whenua and our local environmental groups are strong kaitiaki of te taiao (guardianship of the environment).



Te taiao kua hangaia

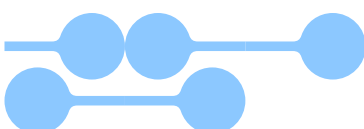
Built environment

Whau is a place where people feel at home and connected.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Our town centres and neighbourhoods are unique places where people feel safe and welcome.
- Projects and plans to improve urban areas respond to current and future growth needs.
- Urban spaces celebrate the cultures and heritage of our community.





Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development

Unique and vibrant town centres that attract people, business and creativity.

Our Plan

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Strengthen partnerships to support a growing local economy.
- Increase local jobs and training pathways.
- Support a strong and resilient creative economy.



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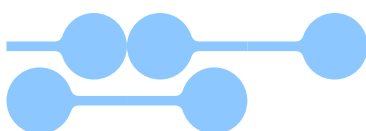
Transport

Safe and easy travel in and around Whau.

Our priorities

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- It is easy and safe for people to walk and bike in our area.
- Safe travel routes to move around in our neighbourhoods.
- Public transport is safe, easy to use and convenient for everyone.



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