

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Manurewa Te Rīpoata ā-Tau 2024/2025

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Mihi

Tēnā kia hoea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi o ata e
uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki ki te ūnga
o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.
I reira ka tōia aku mihi ki te uru
ki te Pūkaki Tapu o Poutūkeka,
i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.
E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka o Hoturoa
ki te kūrae o te Kūiti o Āwhitu.
I konā, ka rere taku haere mā te ākau
ki te pūaha o Waikato, te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna,
Waikato Taniwha rau, he piko he taniwha.
Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo,
mā Maioro ki Waiuku, ki Matukutūreia
kei konā, ko ngā Pā o Tāhuna me Reretewhioi.
Ka aro whakarunga au kia tau atu ki Pukekohe.
Ka tahuri te haere a taku reo
ki te ao o te tonga e whāriki atu rā
mā runga i ngā hiwi, kia taka atu au ki Te Paina,
ki te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.
Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaiaua
te whākana atu rā o whatu mā Tīkapa Moana
ki te maunga tapu o Moehau.
Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana
ki Maraetai kia hoki ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi,
heteri mō Pakuranga.
I reira, ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au
i te awa o Tāmaki mā te taha whakarunga
ki te Puke o Taramainuku, kei konā ko Ōtara.
Kātahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore,
kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga
ki runga o Pukekiwiriki
kei raro ko Papakura
ki konā au, ka whakatau.

Let this vessel that carries my greetings travel
by way of the Tāmaki River to the landing place
of Tainui canoe at Ōtāhuhu.
There, let my salutations be borne across the
isthmus to the Pūkaki lagoon,
there is the place, Māngere.
Paddling the Manukau Harbour
we follow the Āwhitu Peninsula to the headland.
From there we fly down coast
to the Waikato river mouth,
sacred waters of our forebears.
Coming ashore on the northern side
at Maioro, we head inland to Waiuku and
Matukutūreia,
there too are the Pā – Tāhuna and Reretewhioi.
Heading southward, I come to Pukekohe.
My words turn and follow
the ancient ridgelines along
the southern boundary, dropping down into Mercer
and Te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.
My greetings reach you at Kaiaua
who gazes across Tīkapa Moana
to the sacred mountain, Moehau.
Taking to the sea, my remarks travel
to Maraetai and then to Ōhūiarangi,
sentinel to Pakuranga.
There we follow again
the Tāmaki River to
Te Puke o Taramainuku, where Ōtara resides.
From here I reach for Manurewa
until my greetings come
to rest on Pukekiwiriki
below which lies Papakura
and, there I take rest.

◀ On the cover: Pacific performers treat the community at the Manurewa Volunteer recognition awards 2025 held at Mountford Park.

He kōrero mō tēnei rīpoata

About this report

This annual report tells the story of how Auckland Council has performed in delivering services in the Manurewa Local Board area from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

You can read about our progress, expenditure, service performance and challenges faced in 2024/2025. It’s part of the wider annual reporting package for the Auckland Council Group and meets our Local Government Act 2002 obligations to report on our performance against agreed measures. It reports against the council’s Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and the Manurewa Local Board Agreement 2024/2025.

This report also reflects the local flavour of your area by profiling its population, people and council facilities. It features a story about a council or community activity that adds special value to the area and demonstrates how **together we’re delivering for Auckland**.

▼ Mountford Park



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He kōrero mai i te heamana

From the chairperson

I am pleased to present our annual report. The positive steps forward are reflective of our many partnerships with groups and volunteers. A special thanks goes to community grants recipients - the work you do to benefit residents is amazing, our vibrant Pacific communities who collaborated to develop the first Pan-Pacific strategy for Manurewa - it is a privilege to drive progress forward with you, and the Manurewa Community Network - a collective of remarkable people who work tirelessly to connect to our most vulnerable whānau.

Being active featured heavily. We renewed sports infrastructure at several parks and plans are underway to develop a fitness area at the Manurewa Pool and Leisure Centre. We're also fitting the centre with a more efficient water heating system in line with our energy sustainability goals.

Improving our sports fields will continue. This includes preparation for national and international events at Mountfort Park this year and beyond to 2028. We are grateful for our partnership with the Wiri Licensing Trust to help our sports clubs improve their own facilities, enabling a few key projects such as the cricket pavilion at War Memorial Park to be delivered more efficiently.

Further work has been completed on the tracks in Totara Park. We are fortunate to have this taonga in our backyard. Keeping it maintained and looking good is important. The great work on Tairanga / Tington and Rowandale Reserves, although delayed, has progressed and will be delivered soon. Our next play priority is at Glenveagh Park Drive Reserve. We are also looking forward to the re-opening of Nathan Homestead Pukepuke in September following seismic and renewals work.

Environmental investment saw collective efforts to eliminate pests, improve waterways, more planting, and maintain pride across neighbourhoods. We trialled a Neat Streets waste event at Wiri and its success has led to us funding more events in 2025/2026.

With our new budget we can support many more community initiatives and outcomes benefitting all in the next 12 months. Thanks to everyone who has worked with us this year. We couldn't do it without you.

Ngā mihi,



Matt Winiata
Chairperson,
Manurewa Local Board



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Manurewa Local Board



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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Manurewa projects and improvements

Key to current and planned projects

✓
Delivered projects

- 1 Wiri Stream Reserve - remediate storm damaged bridges
- 2 Tōtara Park - remediate storm damaged tracks and bridle trails

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Current projects

- 1 Manurewa Community Centre development
- 2 Tōtara Park - renew tracks and bridle trail
- 3 Clendon Park Community House - refurbish the facility
- 4 Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre, Te Pātaka Kōrero o Waimāhia - comprehensive building renewal
- 5 Glenveagh Reserve - develop new neighbourhood park
- 6 Tairanga-Tington Park - upgrade playground and park amenities
- 7 Rowandale Reserve - upgrade playground and park amenities
- 8 Manurewa Aquatic Centre - replace gas boiler with electrically heated system
- 9 Nathan Homestead - undertake seismic strengthening
- 10 Gallaher Park - renewal building and grandstand
- 11 Manurewa Netball Complex - comprehensive building renewal
- 12 Manurewa Pool and Leisure Centre - comprehensive renewal (Stage 2)
- 13 Manurewa Pool and Leisure Centre - develop indoor fitness area and covered outdoor fitness area

Map legend

- 📍 Local board office
- 🌳 Public open space (Unitary Plan)
- 🛣️ Motorway
- 🛣️ Major road
- 🛣️ Arterial road
- 🛣️ Medium road
- 🛣️ Minor road



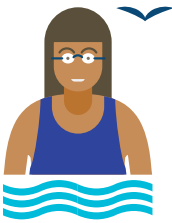
A population of **98,784** with **40%** residents identifying as Pasifika and **25%** Māori



40% of Manurewa's residents are under 24



11 mana whenua iwi/hapū have an interest in Manurewa



We are home to more than **150** local parks and sports fields, **2** libraries, **2** halls, **5** community hubs, **2** leisure centres, **2** swimming pools and **1** arts centre

Data sources: Council Growth Scenario AGS23v1 (Feb 2024), StatsNZ Census 2023 (initial release May 2024)

Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

Our performance report

KEY
Achieved
Substantially achieved (+/-2% slim margin)
Not achieved
Not measured

For more information on our service performance judgements and assumptions please refer to pages 122-123 of Volume 1 of this Annual Report.

Local Community Services

We support strong, diverse, and vibrant communities and arts and culture through our two libraries and Nathan Homestead (currently under refurbishment). We deliver quality parks, sport and recreation, and local events through a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers. We support iwi and mataawaka community programmes that highlight and celebrate Māori culture, aspirations, stories, and identity. We prioritise funding for community grants rounds, and youth and seniors' initiatives, and we fund free entry to pools for seniors, the disabled and supervisors so our people can all enjoy community spaces and use them often.

Enable a range of choices to access community services and recreation opportunities

The number of visits to library facilities

For the first two quarters, Manurewa visits performed as expected, meeting target. However, in the last two quarters, performance was 45 per cent over target. This result reflects consistently high customer satisfaction and ongoing demand for our services.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (232,000) and 2024 (247,354).

Percentage of time physical library services are accessible to the community¹

Manurewa libraries experienced two closures this financial year, totalling 1.5 hours - just 0.1 per cent of the total planned hours. Both closures were related to staffing challenges during late-night hours. Apart from these instances, Manurewa libraries remained open and dedicated to serving their communities.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (100%) and 2024 (New measure).

Number of visits to Pool and Leisure Centres

Visitor numbers exceeded the target this year, in part due to numbers and behaviours returning to pre-COVID levels.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (425,000) and 2024 (New measure).

Percentage of time main Pool and Leisure Centre services are accessible to the community¹

The time centre(s) were available to customers exceeds the target range for the year.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (95%) and 2024 (New measure).

Percentage of local community facility asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition²

9.6 per cent of assets are currently rated as poor, and 3 per cent as very poor. While most poor-condition assets have been renewed, a significant proportion of land fixture assets - such as bins, fitness equipment, drinking fountains and seating - have deteriorated from average to poor or very poor condition. While most poor-condition assets have been renewed, a portion of those previously rated as average have now deteriorated into the poor category. The movement from average to poor condition should be covered by the current work programme for the next financial year.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (82%) and 2024 (New measure).

Number of activities and events delivered which support local communities to be physically active

The targets set were based on previous years activity counts with similar budgets. Last year, the local board supported more active adults sessions, therefore we added more community group fitness classes. These are more cost effective per session and we are able to hold a large volume of them for lower investment. These have increased the activity numbers above the set target.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (80) and 2024 (New measure).

Provide opportunities for communities to lead and deliver their own initiatives

Number of local partner organisations and groups funded to deliver placemaking activities

Targets were set conservatively as this is a new measure; however, outcomes surpassed expectations, supported by local board funding and reflecting strong community interest.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (12) and 2024 (New measure).

Provide urban green spaces (local parks, paths and ngahere) and access to the coast

Percentage of local parks, facilities and spaces meeting maintenance quality standards³

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (90%) and 2024 (New measure).

Percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition²

While most poor-condition assets have been renewed, a significant proportion of land fixture assets - such as bins, fitness equipment, drinking fountains and seating - have deteriorated from average to poor or very poor condition. These assets will form part of renewals planning.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Target, Result. Data for 2025 (95%) and 2024 (New measure).

1. This measure compares actual opening hours to advertised opening hours to achieve a result.
2. For definitions of "Community Facilities" and "Local open space assets" please refer to the Glossary in Volume 1 of this Annual Report, pages 124-126
3. Maintenance quality standards are defined through SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) and asset maintenance contracts. These standards are monitored by staff who have received specialised training and are audited through a quality process to ensure consistent scoring.

Local planning and development

We support improvements to our town centres, including working with the Manurewa Business Association to improve local economic development, enhance safety and support employment opportunities. We fund young people’s development, youth leadership, mentorship, study or other pathways for development, through our youth grants, Bluelight JAM and Manurewa Youth Council. We are reviewing our local service property portfolio to help us understand where and how to focus capital budgets for our future communities.

Support a strong local economy

Percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) targeted rate grant agreement obligations	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	100%	100%
	2024	100%	100%

Note: Manurewa Local Board shares the Wiri BID with the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board.

Local environmental management

Our key environmental initiatives contributed to achieving our natural environment being valued, protected, and enhanced. We fund healthy ecosystems and sustainability, and education, through initiatives such as revitalising and planting by volunteers, pest control through Pest-Free Urban South, Awa Restoration programme for stream quality enhancements, and waste minimisation projects to educate and build community pride and belonging.

Protect, improve and minimise risks to the natural environments and cultural heritage

Minimum number of planting events for biodiversity enhancement	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	2	6
	2024	New measure	New measure

The number of planting events exceeded the target due to favourable weather conditions throughout the year.

Rounds of pest control carried out in key areas	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	16	366
	2024	New measure	New measure

The significant disparity between the target and actual result is due to an unexpected increase in successful trapping this year.

The 16-round target was based on four reserves managed quarterly via baiting. However, Totara Heights Bush Guardians have now partnered with PFSA and shifted their trap lines to our project. Covering 12 reserves, traps are checked roughly 26 times annually, boosting the result to 366. Additionally, since October 2024, our new pest-free activator has recruited volunteers and established pest control in seven more reserves, all regularly maintained.

Local governance

Activities in this group support the local board to engage with and represent their communities and make decisions on local activities. This includes providing strategic advice, developing local board plans, agreements and work programmes, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

Respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and Māori communities

Number of local activities that deliver moderate to high outcomes for Māori as outlined in ‘Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau’ (Council’s Māori outcomes framework).	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	Set baseline	22
	2024	New measure	New measure



▲ Local board grants support local rugby club.



▲ Boomer shed volunteers build sensory board for BLENNZ Homai campus.

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

Melting pot at Manurewa Diversity Festival 2025

It was a melting pot of culture, colours, and sounds at the Manurewa Diversity Festival held in April 2025.

Planned and organised by the Manurewa Community Network on behalf of Manurewa Local Board, residents enjoyed a free, fun, whanau friendly event with cultural performances from around the world, highlighting the cultural diversity of Manurewa.

Hosted by Manurewa Community Network, performances included the Malu Taupou Dance group, Manukau Beijing Opera Society and live Zumba sessions with ZSwagg, and more.

Local Manurewa resident Kathleen attended the event with her family and was blown away by the range of free activities on offer for the kids.

“The diversity festival is a day I’m sure many families in Manurewa look forward to, it’s definitely been a day for the girls to remember.”

Manurewa Local Board supports many cultural and arts initiatives. The diversity festival is enjoyed by all and is an annual event the board looks forward to delivering for the community.

Local boards provide services like local parks, libraries, pools, recreation centres, community halls, local environmental activities, local arts activities, supporting community groups and community events like the Manurewa Diversity Festival that support strong Auckland communities.

“We’ve enjoyed a day of bouncy castle play, free ice cream and face painting while soaking up the performances by the cultural groups here today.”

▼ Manurewa Diversity festival 2025



Te tahua pūtea

Funding impact statement

Financial year ending 30 June 2025

\$000s	Notes	Actual 2024/2025	Annual Plan 2024/2025*	Annual Plan 2023/2024
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		16,513	16,513	16,230
Targeted rates		1,056	1,108	1,090
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		166	210	771
Fees and charges		2,709	2,784	2,649
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		131	180	90
Total operating funding		20,575	20,794	20,829
Applications of operating funding:				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	16,118	16,566	16,948
Finance costs		1,809	1,809	790
Internal charges and overheads applied		2,345	2,345	2,807
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		20,271	20,719	20,544
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		304	74	285
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	2	4,107	9,402	9,116
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		0	0	0
Lump sum contributions		0	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding		0	0	0
Total sources of capital funding		4,107	9,402	9,116
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:	3			
- to meet additional demand		207	2,030	945
- to improve the level of service		1,162	1,030	2,102
- to replace existing assets		3,042	6,416	6,353
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding		4,411	9,477	9,401
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		(304)	(74)	(285)
Funding balance		0	0	(0)

* Same target as the Year 1 of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034

Variance explanation Actual 2024/2025 to Annual Plan 2024/2025

1. A lower proportion of costs under the City Care full facilities contracts were allocated to local assets during the year, resulting in lower spend to the plan. Also, lower costs especially in scheduled maintenance delivery in parks due to variable weather conditions over both summer and winter.
2. We spent less than expected on capital projects and payments to staff and suppliers, which left us with extra funds. Because of this, we didn't need to borrow as much as originally planned.
3. We spent less than planned on capital projects because some work was delayed to allow for better planning and design. This includes the renewal of Manurewa Community Hub, which will now start in 2025/2026. Playground upgrades and several projects in Totara Park were also delayed due to bad weather. The renewal of the Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre was pushed back as more detailed investigation and design work was needed. The building consent is now expected to be lodged in August 2025, instead of last financial year as originally planned.



▲ New public art sculpture in Hill Road

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