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MAUNGAKIEKIE-TĀMAKI LOCAL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

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Auckland Council

Mihi

Manawa mai te mauri nuku.
Manawa mai te mauri rangi.
Ko te mauri kei a tātou, he mauri tipua.
Ka pakaru te pō.
Tau mai te mauri,
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!
Ko tēnei te hau e wawara nei.
Mau tonu, tere tonu,
mai i te kore, ki te pō,
ki te ao mārama.
I whakaawe ai taku ara
ki ngā kāhui rū whenua.
Heke iho au i Te Puru o Tāmaki
ki Te Taumanu – herenga waka,
whakarākeitanga o te takutai moana.
E mihi kau ana a Māngere
ki te Mānukunuku-o-Hoturoa.
I turukitia ngā pōkare e hora rā
ki te Tapotu-a-Tainui.
Kia whakatata mai ki Te Wai-mokoia,
ka haereere tonu ki Te Wai-o-Taiki.
Kia tae atu ki Tāhuna Torea,
ka takahia rā te paemaunga
ki Patutahi, ka haere tonu ki Remuwera.
Anei rā tēnei māra moemoeā
e karanga atu ana ki ngā poutapu i muri;
o Waiatarua, Onehunga, Rarotonga, Mutu-Karoa,
Waipuna,Te Kai-a-Hiku, Mokoia me Uku-tōia.
Ka tau ki Maungarei.
Tutuki tēnā, kei raro ko Rua-pōtaka
me Pare-huia e tiaki ana i Te Oro –
Whare Tapere o Ngāti Tī-tahi, Ngāi-Tai-ki-Tāmaki,
Ngāti Paoa me Ngāti Whātua.
Ka uru mai a Matariki ki runga
ka tohu ia kua tīmata te Tau Hōu.
Tau mai te mauri
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!

Embrace life's essence from the earth below.
Welcome life's essence from the sky above.
The life force we each possess is truly a miracle.
The darkness is broken.
Welcome great essence of life,
Join together, and exclaim, it is done!
This is the wind that blows.
Unchanging and free-flowing,
from nothingness, to darkness,
then comes the light of dawn.
My rise from slumber finds strength
in the beautiful lands surrounding me.
I come down from Te Puru o Tāmaki
to Te Taumanu – anchorage of waka,
jewel on the coastline.
Māngere bids greetings
to the Manukau.
The rippling waters out there sweep
toward where the Tainui once crossed overland.
Coming inland to Panmure Basin,
I ramble on to Tāmaki River.
Then, once at Tāhuna Torea,
I trace a way across the skyline to
Patutahi and on again to Remuera.
Before me is this wonderful countryside
beckoning to the havens beyond;
Waiatarua, Onehunga, Rarotonga, Mutu-Karoa, Waipuna,
Te Kai-a-Hiku, Mokoia, and Uku-tōia.
I come to rest on Maungarei.
And once there, I see below are Rua-pōtaka
and Pare-huia standing watch over Te Oro –
the playhouse of Ngāti Tī-tahi, Ngāi Tai-ki-Tāmaki,
Ngāti Paoa and Ngāti Whātua.
Matariki rises high into view
signalling the New Year has begun.
Welcome great essence of life,
Join together and exclaim, it is done!

Ngāti Rehua – Ngāti Wai ki Aotea Trust Board 2023

◀ **On the cover:** Onehunga Christmas in the 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 Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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 Maungakiekie-Tāmaki 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**.

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▼ The Te Ararama Matariki Light Trail at Maybury Reserve, Glen Innes

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He kōrero mai i te heamana

From the chairperson

It has been another impactful and progressive year for Maungakiekie-Tāmaki. In the wake of the ongoing effects of past flooding and severe weather events, we are proud to have adopted the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Emergency Readiness and Response Plan. This plan provides practical guidance to help residents and businesses prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. It builds on our continued commitment to climate action and strengthening community resilience alongside sustained investment in our climate action plan.

We adopted the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan and the Play Plan, laying the groundwork for more inclusive and accessible recreational spaces across our communities. Construction of the Glen Innes Library roof is on track for completion, ensuring this valued community hub continues to serve future generations. Upgrade works at Waikaraka Park are progressing well and are expected to be completed in time for the November racing season. We were especially proud to establish a co-governance committee with Ngāti Pāoa for Ōmaru (Point England / Kiano Reserve), giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi settlement obligations and ensuring meaningful partnership with mana whenua.

This year, we celebrated Matariki under the 2025 theme Matariki mā Puanga, reflecting the diverse traditions of Aotearoa. The Te Ara Rama Matariki Light Trail attracted over 20,000 people from across Tāmaki Makaurau. Te Oro Music and Arts Centre marked 10 years of fostering creativity, culture, and connection in East Auckland. The Onehunga Festival also made a vibrant return, drawing over 4,000 people and showcasing the rich culture and spirit of our local communities.

We remain committed to empowering rangatahi through leadership programmes, and to supporting volunteer initiatives that protect and restore our taiao (natural environment). Many of these initiatives have been made possible through our local grants programme and strong community partnerships. In a significant win for our community, the board successfully advocated for a reduction in development contributions for Tāmaki—from $119,000 to between $51,000 and $71,000. This change supports more sustainable and affordable development in our area.

Looking ahead to 2025/2026, the board is investing significantly in our neighbourhoods with dedicated funding for environmental and community outcomes. The long-anticipated reopening of the bridge at Panmure Basin will restore full access around one of our most cherished recreational assets. We also look forward to seeing the benefits of our collaborative planning with Auckland Transport, Kāinga Ora, and the Tāmaki Regeneration Company take shape. On behalf of the board, I extend my deepest thanks to our community, stakeholders, and staff. Your ongoing support and collaboration have made all of this progress possible.

Tua ʻofa atu,

Maria Meredith
Heamana | Chairperson

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

▲ (L to R) Back row: Chris Makoare, Nerissa Henry, Tony Woodcock, Peter McGlashan. Front row: Debbie Burrows (Deputy Chairperson), Maria Meredith (Chairperson), Don Allan

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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki projects and improvements

Key to current and planned projects

Delivered projects

1. Glen Innes Pool and Leisure Centre - develop carpark extension
2. Dunkirk Activity Centre - renew facility
3. Maungakiekie - Tāmaki - implement youth activation
4. Jellicoe Park - renew heritage facilities
5. Maungakiekie-Tāmaki - remediate storm and cyclone damaged assets FY2024
6. Jubilee Bridge - renew and upgrade bridge

Current projects

1. Panmure Wharf - optimisation - stage two
2. Lagoon Pool and Leisure Centre - renewals
3. Onehunga Library - facility renewal
4. Maungakiekie-Tāmaki - renew pathways at Jolson Reserve, Konini Reserve, Waikaraka Park Cemetery, Van Damme Lagoon
5. Onehunga Bay Reserve - develop skate park
6. Onehunga War Memorial Pool and Leisure Centre - renewals
7. Tāmaki Path - Stage two
8. Waikaraka Park - improve sports park and extend fields eight, nine, and 10
9. Taurima Reserve - redevelop park playspace
10. Waikaraka Park - TAU Waikaraka Park speedway consolidation

Map legend

Local board office | Public open space (Unitary Plan) | Motorway | Major road | Arterial road | Medium road | Minor road

5 significant maunga / volcanic cones including Maungakiekie / One Tree Hill and Maungarei / Mt Wellington

Current population of **78,102** is projected to increase to 112,949 by 2050

We are home to **more than 100** local parks and sports fields, **3** libraries and **8** community centres and halls

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

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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 supported strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers.

We continued to provide local community grants that support community groups and community-led activities and building the capacity and capability of community groups through our strategic partnership programmes.

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

The number of visits to library facilities

Achieved

	Target	Result
2025	312,400	352,318
2024	312,400	347,247

For the first two quarters, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki performed as expected, meeting the target. However, we exceeded target by 20 per cent in the last two quarters. This strong result is particularly notable given the drop in numbers at Glen Innes Library which has been operating from a temporary location since January. This result reflects the consistently high customer satisfaction and ongoing demand for our services.

Percentage of time physical library services are accessible to the community[1]

Substantially achieved

	Target	Result
2025	100%	99.9%
2024	New measure	New measure

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Library had two closures this year totalling 4.5 hours - just 0.1 per cent of the total planned hours. The closures were due to staffing challenges and a water supply issue. Despite these minor disruptions, our library remained operational and continued to serve the communities.

Number of visits to Pool and Leisure Centres

Achieved

	Target	Result
2025	997,000	1,037,374
2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of time main Pool and Leisure Centre services are accessible to the community[1]

Achieved

	Target	Result
2025	95%	100%
2024	New measure	New measure

The time centre(s) were available to customers is within the target range for the quarter and year.

Percentage of local community facility asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition[2]

Achieved

	Target	Result
2025	83%	89%
2024	New measure	New measure

Number of local community events delivered

Not achieved

	Target	Result
2025	4	2
2024	New measure	New measure

Three events were funded for the local board this year, with the Panmure Family Fun Day unable to proceed due to site works at Panmure Basin.

Provide opportunities for communities to lead and deliver their own initiatives

Number of partner organisations supported to sustain their governance capacity and capability

Achieved

	Target	Result
2025	20	26
2024	New measure	New measure

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

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

Percentage of local parks, facilities and spaces meeting maintenance quality standards[3]

Achieved

	Target	Result
2025	90%	96.7%
2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition[2]

Not achieved

	Target	Result
2025	92%	84%
2024	New measure	New measure

14.4 per cent of assets for this local board are currently rated as poor, and 1.6 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. These assets will form part of renewals planning.

Number of trees planted in the Urban Ngahere programme[4]

Achieved

	Target	Result
2025	30	32
2024	New measure	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.
4. Urban Ngahere delivers specimen trees intended to be over 3m tall. Additional plantings occur outside this programme.

Local planning and development

We supported local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and through our Business Improvement District (BID).

We worked with Eke Panuku to ensure our Transform Onehunga and Unlock Panmure projects continued to progress for the long-term benefit of our town centres, businesses and surrounding 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%**	**100.0%**
2024	100%	100%

Local environmental management

We supported healthy ecosystems and sustainability through local board-funded initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, and waste minimisation projects.

We encouraged our rangatahi / youth and community to be leaders in climate action, through programmes including Tiakina te taiao and Ope (biodiversity and climate action education programme in schools), Love Your Neighbourhood (environmental volunteer grants) and Songbird programmes (community pest control and biodiversity initiative).

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

Number of participants in sustainable initiative programmes

The target was set using the best information available at the time, but actual delivery was lower than expected.

	Target	Result
2025	**6,008**	**5,427**
2024	New measure	New measure

Number of planting events for biodiversity enhancement

While we delivered only two events, this still filled the outcomes of the work programme.

	Target	Result
2025	**3**	**2**
2024	New measure	New measure

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Local governance

Activities in this group support the local board to engage with and represent their communities and make decisions on local activities. This included 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**	**21**
2024	New measure	New measure

▲ Eastview Reserve

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▲ Onehunga Christmas in the Park

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

You can go your own way with Wayfynders

There are many ways of connecting with our youth, but what better way to engage with our rangatahi than by having youth directly do this themselves.

The Wayfynders group is doing just that. Setup in 2021, Wayfynders is an NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) addressing social challenges impacting education and wellbeing in the Tāmaki area.

The group received funding from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board, and carried out the Youth4Sure Fund, a participatory grant making project, where a youth panel of 10 Wayfynders were responsible for designing a funding model, criteria and marketing for youth in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki area to apply.

They were then in charge of allocating these funds to the community. This resulted in several youth connections such as free workshops, podcast programmes, internships, sports activities.

Gloria Tu'itupou says it was a great way to engage youth with outcomes that make a difference.

"The Youth4Sure project empowered our rangatahi as active community leaders. They weren't just contributing to local decision-making, they were driving it.

"Sometimes, youth-targeted projects ask for rangatahi input but at the end, we find ourselves asking where did that actually go? Youth4Sure felt different in that our youth implemented an initiative that had visible outcomes.

"When they're in their community and see a Youth4Sure-funded workshop or programme making a positive impact, big or small, on their peers, friends and whānau, they can proudly say, 'I was part of that'."

▶ Members of the Wayfynders Group, (left to right): Madeleine 'One'one, Tangaroa Brown and Sunipa Mafua

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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		19,238	19,238	18,721
Targeted rates		1,593	1,670	1,060
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		30	31	31
Fees and charges		529	524	493
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		263	220	208
Total operating funding		**21,652**	**21,683**	**20,512**
Applications of operating funding:				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	18,052	17,148	16,245
Finance costs		2,113	2,113	1,083
Internal charges and overheads applied		2,339	2,339	2,733
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		**22,504**	**21,599**	**20,061**
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		**(852)**	**83**	**451**
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	16,512	14,448	9,141
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		**16,512**	**14,448**	**9,141**
Application of capital funding:	3			
- to meet additional demand		3,500	8,798	2,473
- to improve the level of service		4,179	1,517	3,790
- to replace existing assets		7,981	4,217	3,329
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding		**15,660**	**14,532**	**9,593**
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		**852**	**(83)**	**(451)**
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. We spent more than expected on staff and suppliers mainly because we extended short-term contracts for some pools and leisure centres to keep services running smoothly. This was necessary while waiting for a decision on how these facilities will be managed in the future and to allow time for new contracts to be finalised. The affected sites included Glen Innes Pool and Leisure Centre, Lagoon Pool and Leisure Centre, and Onehunga War Memorial Pool and Leisure Centre. Higher utility costs—especially for water, electricity, and gas—also added to the extra spending due to rising market prices.
2. We spent more than expected on capital projects and payments to staff and suppliers, which required an increase in borrowings in this local board. These increases have been offset by reductions in other local boards and Group of Activities.
3. We spent more than planned on capital projects mainly because funding for Stage 1 of the Waikaraka Park Masterplan wasn't included in the original budget. During the year, the Governing Body approved a funding shift from Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to the local board to help deliver the speedway project at Waikaraka Park, but this isn't reflected in the plan. Also, the Jubilee Bridge upgrade, which had been delayed due to rising costs, was completed this year thanks to additional funding that wasn't originally budgeted.

▲ The Panmure Basin Bridge

▶ More than 60 people planted 600 plants at Apirana Reserve as part of the Ecological Volunteers programme

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