

Te mahere ā rohe o Devonport-Takapuna 2023

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2023



Draft Summary - June 2023



From the Chair

Welcome to our draft 2023 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan, which sets out our vision and priorities for Devonport-Takapuna over the next three years. This plan will guide development of our work programmes as we execute this vision for the following three years.

While developing this draft plan, we wanted to make sure it reflects the needs and aspirations of our community. So, we have not started from scratch but spent time considering your previous feedback on the current local board plan, your feedback on priorities through previous annual budget consultations and other pieces of feedback such as results from the People's Panel surveys.



For the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, we want to start with a vision. That vision is for a healthy, connected, safe community where every single resident feels a sense of belonging. We want our built environment to work in harmony with our natural environment; we want copious green space and healthy waters. We want opportunity for every resident, whether that be in business, training, volunteerism, or recreation. We want people to feel proud of the place they call home, and we want visitors to love spending time with us.

We know that there have been significant changes since the last local board plan was developed. We face many more challenges such as extreme weather events and huge financial uncertainty. We are told time and again, in every consultation, that the environment and water quality are front of mind for all of you. We share this feeling. We believe that by investing in the priorities outlined in this draft plan we will be able to create a more resilient and sustainable community that can withstand future challenges whilst still working towards the vision we hold.

This draft plan covers five key themes – Our People, Our Environment, Our Places, Our Community and Our Economy. This plan is aspirational and not intended to be an exhaustive list of projects we propose to deliver, however we have noted some key objectives and initiatives under these five areas which we aim to deliver over the next three years.

There are several priorities you have raised with us that are not decisions for the local board to make. However, as your elected representatives we are committed to advocating on your behalf for these important outcomes. We have outlined these advocacy items throughout the plan.

Many of you have already contributed to this draft by sharing your knowledge and aspirations for the area. Please review the draft plan and let us know if you think we are on the right track and have captured what is important to you.

We encourage you to take part in the consultation process so that we have a clear mandate from our communities on what we should focus on and work towards over the next three years.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Toni van Tonder

Chairperson, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board



This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2023. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at akhaveyoursay.co.nz/localboardplans, at public libraries and council service centres and tell us what you think by **4pm on Monday 14 August 2023**. Or tell us what you think in person at one of our local events.

Māori Outcomes & Climate Action

Delivering outcomes for Māori and taking action on climate change are important features of our plan.

Māori outcomes respond to Council's legislative obligations and to extensive engagement with Auckland's Māori communities.

Local Boards also have an important role to play in leading and supporting Auckland's response to the climate emergency, including supporting regional climate plan initiatives, integrating climate awareness into all decisions, including community investment.

This plan proposes the following initiatives to support Māori outcomes in our area:

- partner with mana whenua and mataawaka to deliver initiatives that support sharing Māori cultural knowledge and practices through storytelling projects, celebrating te reo Māori and responding to Māori aspirations
- develop and strengthen relationships between mana whenua and the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to enable sustained open dialogue and input into local decisions, rangatira ki te rangatira
- invest in opportunities to establish relationships with mataawaka
- continue to deliver Te Kete Rukuruku, the dual naming of parks and reserves
- restore and maintain the wāhi tapu site, Te Uru Tapu/Sacred Grove
- Matariki is promoted and celebrated
- we partner with mana whenua, mataawaka and community groups to restore te taiao, prepare for climate impacts and deliver initiatives that increase understanding of mātauranga Māori.

Our plan meets the challenge of tackling climate action in the following ways:

- support initiatives that build community networks and contribute to local resilience
- support the development of Shoreline Adaptation Plans
- collaborate with the Kaipātiki Local Board to improve the water quality in the Wairau Estuary
- development of a Wairau Water Quality Action Plan
- support environmental groups in undertaking community-led conservation
- support our ecological and environmental volunteers
- connect the Tūpuna Maunga Authority with volunteer groups to plant and trap pests
- support initiatives which provide education on sustainability and reducing carbon footprints
- continue to support the delivery of the Devonport-Takapuna Urban Ngahere Strategy
- support focus on native and ecologically appropriate planting and the principle of having the right tree in the right place.

Our People

We value inclusivity, diversity, and resilience.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve

- all members of the community feel they can have a say in the decisions that affect them
- Devonport-Takapuna has inclusive communities that embrace and celebrate our diversity
- Māori are involved in decision making
- Provide opportunities to recognise and celebrate Māori heritage and culture
- our communities are thriving and empowered to support one another
- partner with mana whenua and mataawaka to deliver initiatives that support sharing Māori cultural knowledge and practices through storytelling projects, celebrating te reo Māori and responding to Māori aspirations
- restore and enhance the wahi tapu site, Te Uru Tapu/Sacred Grove
- support activities that build community networks and contribute to local resilience.

Advocacy:

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will advocate for our community on the following matters:

- easy to use engagement methods that suit our residents
- support community networks and connections that help people to fare better and respond to emergencies and the impacts of climate change.

Our Environment

Our natural and built spaces are cared for and we put water quality and the environment front and centre.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve

- improve water quality in the Wairau Catchment, Lake Pupuke, and our marine environment
- natural and built heritage are conserved and both colonial and Māori history and significant places are valued, promoted, and celebrated
- empower the community to contribute to the control of plant and animal pests to allow native trees, birds and other biodiversity to thrive
- communities live more sustainably
- canopy coverage is increased
- work with the Kaipatiki Local Board and community partners to reduce litter, sediment, and industry pollutants to improve the water quality in the catchment of the Wairau Estuary
- develop a Wairau Water Quality Action Plan to include riparian planting, regular clean-up, monitoring, and building site management for sediment control
- support community-led environmental groups in undertaking community-led conservation to manage the negative effects of plant and animal pests on both public and private land





- support focus on appropriate planting and having the principle of having the right tree in the right place.

Advocacy:

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will advocate for our community on the following matters

- increased investment in the Wairau catchment to better manage stormwater and the impacts from extreme weather
- appropriate land use planning and associated funding to improve stormwater and wastewater infrastructure in growth areas
- regional funding to reduce sediment and contaminants, from urban development and land use entering our waterways and for an increase in compliance staff to support this important work
- continuation of the Natural environment targeted rate
- investment in the health of Lake Pupuke and the improvement of the lakes eco systems and water quality
- improvements in water quality and infrastructure
- additional funding to renew our heritage asset portfolio and enable greater protection for our heritage assets.

Our Community

Our community has access to quality services in facilities that meet their needs.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve

- services are integrated and streamlined
- provide a strong connected network of safe and quality spaces for all members of our community to enjoy now and in the future
- use of sustainable and locally sourced materials and practices are encouraged and supported
- investment is targeted where the need is greatest
- parks and facilities are accessible to people of all ages and abilities
- optimise our spaces and facilities to better manage our asset portfolio with reduced funding whilst still supporting community activities
- work with our community houses, recreational facilities, and leaseholders to ensure they are providing programming and initiatives that are coordinated to fill any gaps and to avoid duplication
- development of a Devonport-Takapuna walking guide to showcase our areas beautiful walkways and parks.

Our Places

Our transport network is safe, efficient and offers choice for how people can get around.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve



- our transport network is connected and provides multiple transport modes that are safe, efficient, reliable, and affordable
- investigate implementing priority routes outlined in the refreshed Devonport-Takapuna Greenways Plan
- further investigate opportunities to develop a walking and cycling link along the Wairau estuary
- work closely with the Governing Body and Waka Kotahi to encourage public transport initiatives that connect us and the wider North Shore with the North-South and East-West corridors.

Advocacy:

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will advocate for our community on the following matters

- greater integration and alignment of all public transport services
- better active travel options including on designs of the additional Waitematā Harbour Connections
- deliver projects that contribute to Te Tāruke-a-Tāwhiri: Auckland Climate Plan's Key Transport priority to move to a low carbon, safe transport system
- new transport options include a high standard of stormwater management
- retention of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund at current budget levels
- increased funding towards footpath renewals that meet a new wider standard
- input into the development and planning of an Additional Waitematā Harbour Connections to improve transport connections and congestion.

Our Economy

Our economy is thriving, our town centres are vibrant, and there is opportunity for all.

Our Plan:

What we want to achieve

- our town centres and villages are vibrant, safe, and attractive for locals, businesses, and visitors
- our local businesses and industry are resilient and sustainable
- opportunities for rangatahi in training and employment
- continue to prioritise investment in village centres and our smaller precincts by delivering on key actions from key planning documents
- promote and support events that attract visitors to our town centres
- work alongside businesses that sit outside of the Business Improvement Districts to enable stronger business collaboration
- continue to partner with Shore Junction Innovation Centre to provide training, access to business mentoring and work experience opportunities for youth and rangatahi Māori.

Advocacy:

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will advocate for our community on the following matters:

- appropriate public transport and active transport options that would reduce the need for private vehicle use in order to access employment opportunities
- changes to the procurement policy that allows for greater use of local businesses, and more consideration of local boards views in decision making over major sub regional contracts – such as the full facilities contracts.

