

# Franklin Local Board Plan 2023 Summary of Feedback





# Summary of feedback on the draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2023

## Purpose

This report summarises feedback received during the public consultation in July/August to inform the development of the Franklin Local Board Plan. This summary aims to capture themes rather than detail every point of feedback received.

## Executive Summary

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area reflecting community aspirations and priorities, and guide:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- local board input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies, including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans focus on the key areas local boards are responsible for and include objectives and some of the key initiatives that will be carried out to achieve them.

## Engagement Approach

The draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2023 was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2022 and April 2023. Feedback previously heard from the community on a wide range of topics, particularly during the 2023 Annual Budget consultation period, was also considered.

Between 13 July and 14 August 2023, the local board consulted on the draft plan to hear the community's thoughts. Feedback was received through Have Your Say events, written submissions including online and hard copy forms, emails and letters, and a display in Pukekohe at Franklin:The Centre.

This report summarises the key activities that took place and the feedback that was heard during both the early engagement and the consultation period.

## Mana whenua engagement

The draft Franklin Local Board Plan 2023 was developed with consideration given to existing feedback from mana whenua through previous engagement and consultation. This included feedback on previous local board plans, annual budgets, long term plans and project level consultation and engagement.

Two online information sessions for mana whenua were held, providing an opportunity for mana whenua to hear about Local Board Plans, how the perspective of mana whenua could be reflected through their input, the feedback process, and timelines.

A co-ordinated approach was taken by local boards so that mana whenua were invited to engage with relevant local boards of their choice, rather than receiving separate invitations from each local board. In Franklin, mana whenua who indicated interest were Ngai Tai Ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Akitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua, Ngāti Paoa Trust Board, Ngaati Whanaunga, and Ngāti Tamaterā.



The draft local board plan was shared with these mana whenua in June 2023, along with a tailored template to provide feedback.

The five southern local boards (Papakura, Manurewa, Franklin, Māngere-Otahuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe) and mana whenua collectively discussed local board plans at Ara Kōtui hui in June and August 2023, and feedback from these hui forms the basis of mana whenua feedback on the draft plan.

## Mataawaka engagement

Engagement with the Māori community was through the Huakina Marae Forum. The board presented the draft plan and received initial feedback, and this was followed up with an additional hui between council staff and the chair of the Huakina Marae Forum. Nine individuals who identify as Māori provided feedback.

## Stakeholder and community engagement

Have your say events were held across the Franklin local board area, and the general public could also give feedback via an interactive display in Pukekohe at Franklin: The Centre.

Table 1: Summary of consultation activities during the consultation period

Activity	Who was involved	How many people participated
Grahams Beach Settlers Association meeting	Board members presented the plan at an existing meeting of this group	14
Waiuku Probus Meeting	Board members presented the plan at an existing meeting of this group	60
Waiuku New World	This was a raising awareness session, promoting the opportunity to give feedback	NA
Pukekohe drop in session	Drop in style session for general public	6
Franklin Community Networks Meeting	Board members presented the plan at an existing meeting of this group	16
Clarks Beach Have Your Say	Supported by the Waiuku Pa and Clarks Beach Business Association, the board members presented the plan to general public in the Clarks Beach/Waiuku Pa area	20
Drury Community Committee	Board members presented the plan at an existing meeting of this group	14
Kawakawa Bay Markets	Supported by the Kawakawa Bay Community Association, this was a drop in style session with general public in this area able to give feedback via interactive boards	36
Beachlands drop in session	Supported by the Takutai Trust and Takutai Youth Council, this was a drop in style session with general public in this area able to give feedback via interactive boards	20
Pollok Market, Awhitu Peninsula	This was a drop in style session with general public on the Awhitu Peninsula to give feedback via interactive boards	30
Bombay Community Group meeting	Board members presented the plan at an existing meeting of this group	13



## Submission from organisations

Sixteen Franklin based organisations made a submission on the draft plan, as follows:

- Auranga Residents Association
- Awhitu Landcare
- Buckland Community Centre Inc
- Clarks Beach Yacht Club
- Clarks Beach Public Wharf Society
- Counties Manukau Rugby Football Union
- Franklin Youth Advisory Board
- Grahams Beach Ratepayers
- Kawakawa Bay Community Association
- Pukekohe Business Association
- Pukekohe Swimming Club
- Waiuku Business and Development Association
- Waiuku Estuary Restoration Trust Inc (Mudlarks)
- Strategic Environments
- Ramarama Ratepayers and Residents Association
- Waiuku Community Environmental Sports Hub

Eleven submissions were received from organisations based outside the local board area, as follows:

- Bike Auckland
- Big Street
- Civic Trust Auckland
- CLM Community
- Community Groups Feeding the Homeless
- Community Cat Coalition
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc
- The Tree Council
- New Zealand Police – Counties Manukau
- Disabled Persons Assembly
- Lions Te Kauwhata and Districts

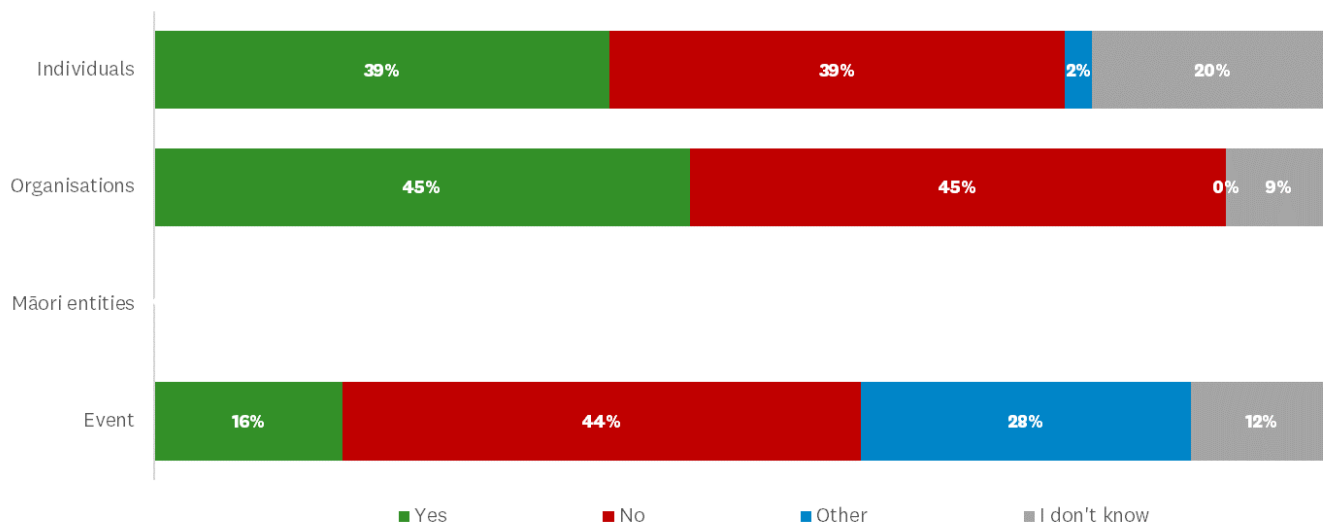
Feedback from organisations is integrated within the sections below.



# Summary of feedback

## Overall support for the plan

Overall, there was mixed support for the plan, with 39% of individuals (n=34) and 45% of organisations (n=5) in support of the plan, with the same percentages not in support of the plan.



Category	Yes	No	Other	I don't know	Number of responses
Individuals	34	34	2	18	88
Organisations	5	5	0	1	11
Māori entities	0	0	0	0	0
Event	4	11	7	3	25

Themes from submitters who responded with no, other or I don't know included:

- lack of detail, or focus on reducing expenditure
- the plan seems to focus on things that are not important, over things that are
- does not address infrastructure, roading/transport, which are key priorities
- appears disconnected and inconsistent from other parts of council (eg Future Development Strategy, allowing housing in areas vulnerable to flooding, yet focussed on climate change)
- Doesn't reflect my area or what's important to me
- the plan seems more more focussed on urban areas in Franklin, and not the rural areas
- the plan should focus on all people, not just one ethnic group.



## **Mana whenua feedback**

Themes from mana whenua feedback included:

- recognition of te Tiriti and the partnership it creates between mana whenua and local boards
- clear recognition of, and support for, the role of mana whenua iwi and their marae within the community
- support for existing mana whenua projects, especially where they overlap with (or duplicate) local board projects and outcomes
- strengthening mutual understanding and knowledge of each other's views when giving feedback to council and other organisations (e.g. to Kainga Ora)
- working in partnership with mana whenua on environment and climate change projects, acknowledging the special role of mana whenua as kaitiaki in addressing our challenges
- potential for partnering with mana whenua to attract 3rd party funding to help get applications over the line
- potential to partner with mana whenua to develop a response to climate change
- potential to work together with local boards to welcome new people into the community.

## **Mataawaka feedback**

Themes from the Huakina Marae Forum included:

- priorities are to see and hear te reo Māori, health well-being our Māori people, and a clean environment, and these are linked holistically
- wellbeing of people is linked to wellbeing of the environment – council has an important role to play in looking after the environment – the plan needs to reflect a holistic te ao Māori lense
- wanting to see Māori representation on the local board, and for the local board to have an enduring relationship through regular hui, including suggestions to reinstate the relationship that Franklin District Council used to have with Huakina.
- need for spaces and places for rangatahi (young people) in Pukekohe
- highlighting the disconnect between local and central government
- council does not have a direct role in health and education, however things done locally can either contribute to or be to the detriment of health and education outcomes
- suggestion, when developing the plan, for the board to ask “how does our plan contribute to health and education priorities, or conversely, how is our plan detrimental to these priorities?”
- community gardens and food security are a priority – natural environment is so degraded there is no longer access to free food
- walkways are not a high priority, other than as a means of telling our stories and history.

## Our Community

We consulted on the following 'community' objectives and advocacy points:

### Objectives:

- Enable community groups across Franklin to lead delivery of community initiatives
- Provide improved access to council services across the Franklin Local Board area, including in areas that experience deprivation through isolation
- Local communities are provided options for retaining services they enjoy as the board plans for sustainable and equitable service delivery

### Advocacy points:

- Improved recreation service provision for south-east Auckland, based at Beachlands-Maraetai
- Local Board funding inequity to be addressed in the first three years of the 10-year budget
- Provision of public transport in underserved and high-growth areas.

### Key themes from feedback included:

- general support for enabling community-led initiatives
- 'community-led' needs to include community involvement in maintenance of council assets eg Orere locals want to be involved in maintenance of local area eg tree maintenance, put up signs about shell-fish
- complexity of council systems and processes is a barrier to community doing things – council needs to be more enabling
- council needs to actually let the community 'lead'
- challenges for voluntary community groups wanting to work with mana whenua
- mixed support for improved access to services – deprivation through isolation is a lifestyle choice
- people need to be able to access council services where people live and not have to travel to other areas
- need to focus on new areas of housing development that also lack access to council facilities and services – not just isolated areas
- council complexity is a barrier to accessing council resources
- unhappiness with council's position on the Waiuku mangroves consent swap
- support for community garden at Kawakawa Bay
- community is linked to physical places and facilities eg indoor rec centre, sport as community togetherness
- community needs to include young people
- volunteering as key part of community – ageing volunteers

### Specific requests included:

- Bombay Community Group wanting to take on Bombay Hall
- Clarks Beach Public Wharf Society wants to build wharves around the Manukau Harbour
- Buckland and Ramamama Halls want to investigate a targeted rate to fund their halls
- Community Groups Feeding the Homeless – request support for Pātaka kai (community pantries) food security





## Our People

We consulted on the following ‘people’ objectives and advocacy points:

### Objectives:

- support rangatahi to develop capability and access local employment
- enable participation in local civics
- opportunities for shared decision-making for iwi
- partner with the community to recognise and commemorate local history
- implement the Auckland Age-friendly Action Plan in Franklin.

### Advocacy points:

- enable meaningful involvement in local decision-making by actively promoting civics education in the community
- deliver communications that are relevant and engaging for young people and Māori, including through social media.

Key themes from feedback included:

- support for a focus on all people and ethnic groups
- support for employment support to be for all people (not just young people, Māori)
- mixed feelings towards sharing decision-making with iwi
- support for partnering with the community on local history
- support for age friendly initiatives, while also wanting more detail
- suggestion for an intergenerational and holistic approach (bringing aged and youth together).

Comments in relation to supporting rangatahi to access local employment included:

- don’t know what ‘rangatahi’ means, and the assumption this only includes Māori
- preference to support all people with local employment
- access to public transport is important for both young and older people – young people for employment, and older people for social contact
- Council doesn’t have a role in employment
- few employment gateways (Waiuku)
- FYAB – no access to further education in Franklin

A lot of feedback was received in relation to young people in general, including:

- there are very limited spaces/places for young people right across Franklin, including nothing specific in Pukekohe
- community spaces need to feel safe for young people – need youth focussed design and amenity
- there is a need for free activities for young people in urban and rural areas across Franklin
- art/cultural activities can be a medium to support mental health/well-being
- youth mental health and well-being should be a focus
- support for the Waiuku Community Space and youth focussed initiatives happening there
- suggestion for a voluntary ambassador type position (on the board) that focusses on the young and unborn future generations
- playgrounds and libraries both key places where children interface with council, and with each-other
- Pukekohe skate park is a good example of youth focussed design





- suggestions for improvements to Pukekohe Library including a board/video games area, phone charging area, outdoor seating nearby
- suggestion for public toilets at all public parks
- CLM Community Sport – highlighted that young people need spaces and activities beyond playgrounds and skate parks.

There was very little feedback around local civics. Franklin Youth Advisory Board requests more resource be dedicated to youth voice, while it was also suggested that the plan better clarify what ‘local civics’ actually means.

Many submitters did not support sharing decision-making with iwi, and suggested decisions should be made by publicly elected council members. There was support for the recognition of all unmarked graves in the Pukekohe cemetery. It was suggested that all reference to the ‘No Māori Allowed’ book and documentary be removed from the plan.

Limited feedback on partnering with the community to commemorate local history indicated general support, while also balancing the need to maintain infrastructure and provide core council services. The Civic Trust suggested a new key initiative focussed on identifying, protecting, enhancing, and restoring built heritage. Other specific suggestions included a museum for Pukekohe, preserving the historic well at the Drury Butcher’s shop, and partnering in other ways, e.g. reduced rates on heritage buildings.

There was general support for implementing age-friendly initiatives in Franklin, and many suggestions including more disability parking, accessible public transport, and accessible buildings. Being able to stay in their own communities when no longer able to live in their own homes is also a key priority for ageing people in Franklin, particularly in Waiuku and Kawakawa Bay/Orere Point. It was suggested that the plan needs more detail on what will be delivered, and that the role of older people as volunteers needs to be addressed. Having an intergenerational focus – young and old people doing things together, e.g. mens shed– also came through as a key suggestion.

The Disabled Persons Assembly NZ suggested the plan needs to specifically reference disabled people and for disabled people to be included as a key stakeholder group in future consultation and engagement.

## **Our Environment**

We consulted on the following ‘environment’ objectives and advocacy points:

### **Objectives:**

- partner with community and iwi to restore the whenua
- accelerated modal shift in town centre and villages
- realise opportunities to increase canopy cover in urban Franklin
- improved water quality and waterway function through intentional intervention
- develop a local response to climate change

### **Advocacy points:**



- planning for Auckland’s strategic cycle network (Future Connect) to incorporate Franklin communities
- support and partner with local boards and communities to invest in local board pathway/active transport networks including the Franklin Pathways Programme and leading delivery on aspects including:
  - Orere Point village to Orere School
  - Clevedon Trails network to Clevedon School and village
  - Clarks Beach to Waiau Pa
  - Between the two bays at Kawakawa Bay
  - Hunter Road to the Patumahoe village
- Auckland Transport Local ‘On Demand’ services are made available in Pukekohe and Beachlands-Maraetai
- New bus services included and scheduled in the Future Transport Network to reflect local growth and enable locals to contribute to reduced transport emissions and connect jobs, existing community services and facilities
- Prioritise regional footpath budget for new footpaths and off-road connection between established and new communities and facilities and support modal shift eg Beachlands, Glenbrook Beach.

Key themes from the feedback included:

- support for protecting elite soils
- lack of understanding of what ‘modal shift’ means, and suggestion that modal shift is unrealistic for a large area like Franklin which will always have car dependent rural areas
- support for increased canopy cover, including in rural areas
- support for improved water quality and waterway function
- mixed feelings regarding a local response to climate change

Specific suggestions in relation to partnering to restore the whenua included:

- Grahams Beach Ratepayers - establish native wetlands and boardwalk at Big Bay, working with Awhitu Landcare and landowner
- Awhitu Landcare – a co-leadership approach to conservation throughout Franklin to the extent that mana whenua would like to be involved
- Ngāti Tamaho – mana whenua are the kaitiaki, have lots of their own projects happening that could be referenced in the plan and supported/partnered on

The term ‘modal shift’ was not well understood, and it was suggested that achieving modal shift requires infrastructure investment. One submitter suggested a multi-modal corridor linking Karaka, Waiuku, Pukekohe and Bombay, including a long-term land purchasing plan to achieve the corridor.

Increasing canopy cover clearly resonated with the public as there was a lot of feedback on this objective as follows:



- Council needs to do more to protect trees we already have – retain notable trees, help landowners to protect trees (provide grants, make the process easy)
- Increased canopy cover needs to be in both in urban areas and rural areas
- Council needs to look at how to provide incentives to people to plant trees, and keep the trees they already have
- general support for ‘urban lungs’, increased tree planting, less mowing
- support for green corridors to support bird life, including the need to plant the right species of native trees, the right distance apart
- Tree Council – suggests developing an Urban Ngāhere Strategy for Franklin
- Forest & Bird – would like to see a reference to ecological corridors in the plan
- Awhitu Landcare – would like to see reference to eco-sourced native species in the plan, and a new key initiative around biodiversity

A number of submissions mentioned pest control. The Cat Coalition requested support for their work with ‘companion cats’ that supports biodiversity. It was also suggested that possums, cats and responsible pet ownership need to be included in pest control activities, and that council needs to take a more active role in dealing with weeds on it’s own land, and on roadsides.

Feedback indicated general support for improved water quality and waterway function.

- Forest & Bird suggested the plan reference blue-green networks
- Clarks Beach Yacht Club and the Clarks Beach Public Wharf Society suggested testing of Taihiki Estuary, Glenbrook Beach and Clarks Beach to identify sources of e.coli, and implement solutions. They also want to see no further discharge of wastewater into harbour
- Waiuku Business and Development Association expressed concern about water quality in Lions Lake and River Lane, Waiuku, and requested explanatory signage
- concern expressed about the impact of the proposed Watercare wastewater plant at Glenbrook Beach on Manukau Harbour water quality, and the need for independent analysis to monitor the impact.
- suggestions treated water be used for horticulture rather than discharged into harbour

Developing a local response to climate change received mixed feedback. Some submitters view this as a central government issue, others note it is hard to measure the impact of initiatives to know if they are effective. Other feedback included:

- climate change initiatives need to focus on business and growers – education, climate change risk, impacts on local economy – to inform business planning
- suggestion to activate ‘live lightly’ initiatives locally
- inconsistency within council – focus on climate change, but allowing housing in flood prone areas, lots of new housing with no public transport/more cars, limited employment
- suggestion to consider the carbon emissions in all new developments
- Forest and Bird – suggests climate change adaption to be woven across all outcomes in the plan, and circular economy needs to be added



- Pukekohe Business Association – suggested infrastructure to help with circular economy, e.g. recycled cardboard station

Issues relating to coastal erosion were mentioned in a number of submissions, with a particular focus on the Clarks Beach and Waiau Pa area. Feedback included:

- Council needs to address the erosion of council esplanade reserves along Manukau Harbour foreshore – the cliffs are eroding, polluting the Manukau Harbour and causing sedimentation
- suggestion of using ‘mudcrete’ to address cliff erosion
- Council needs to make it easier for people to address erosion on their properties, including developing approved coastal erosion control designs and a fast-tracked consent process
- Council needs to be enabling, and make it easy for people to protect their properties from coastal erosion

Other themes and comments from feedback include:

- protect elite productive soils
- opposition to roll-out of food scraps bins
- opposition to Three Waters
- need to include reference to the Manukau Harbour Forum in the plan.

## **Our Places**

We consulted on the following ‘places’ objectives and advocacy points:

### **Objectives:**

- local public places are future-proofed, fit for purpose and financially sustainable
- develop community facilities where there is a community service deficit
- delivery of planned projects is accelerated in Pukekohe to meet demand from new residents

### **Advocacy points:**

- increased funding for road maintenance
- sufficient funding to address site specific safety issues in transforming areas (e.g. intersections, roads with significant increases in usage)
- funding for intersection improvements in Pukekohe, Hingaia, Drury and Paerata by 2026
- funding for Supporting Growth projects in Pukekohe, Drury, Mill Road (Bombay)
- funding for Waka Kotahi led programmes including SH22 and Waihoehoe Rd upgrades, Mill Rd/Bombay interchange, and Manukau to Takaanini access and safety project
- increased park and ride capacity at new train stations
- increased ferry capacity at Pine Harbour, Beachlands
- develop design standards for rural paths to support modal shift in rural areas



- retain the Local Board Capital Transport Fund

Key themes and comments from the feedback included:

- support for communities to have facilities and services they need, in all areas of Franklin, not just Pukekohe
- concern about housing growth in Franklin proceeding without improvements to associated infrastructure, and without associated business/economic growth to support local employment
- highlighting the need for youth specific spaces and places across Franklin (as well as activities)
- support for rural halls, and to resource them for emergencies, e.g. wifi
- Council facilities in Orere Point and Kawakawa Bay are critical
- support for playgrounds, space for the arts, sports facilities
- many specific requests for new facilities and improvements to existing facilities
- many specific suggestions for improvements to road maintenance, public transport, footpaths, road safety and capacity, intersection improvements, and park and ride facilities
- comments, and a petition, opposing the sale of Ardmore Hall and Bell Field.
- CLM Community Sport – highlighted that the draft plan does not mention the Franklin Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan, requested advocacy point regarding increased funding for the Regional Sports and Recreation Facility Investment Fund and Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grants
- Te Puru Charitable Trust – requested an appropriate financial contribution be made to upgrade and future proof the facility, to cater for significantly increased use; requested development contributions (from proposed private plan change) contribute to the upgrade of Council and CCO facilities; requested to be included in any discussion around recreational facilities for the Beachlands South plan change area.
- budget limitations will prevent board from providing any new facilities

Requests and suggestions relating to the Pukekohe subdivision included:

- A project to regenerate Navigation Homes Stadium in partnership with Counties Manukau Rugby Football Union; explore purchasing the land
- an indoor sports centre in Pukekohe
- Patumahoe needs more toilets at Clive Howe, more carparks around the sports grounds and shops
- fix toilets in Seddon St and Miller Reserve, Pukekohe
- Roulston War Memorial Park upgrade must honour the reasons for which the park was gifted to the people of Pukekohe and honour those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in World War One, especially at the gateway entrance on the corner of Stadium Drive and East Street.
- Karaka Sports Park building to proceed
- Pukekohe Swimming Club - Jubilee Pool woefully in need of investment and repair



- Auranga Residents Association - Auranga needs rubbish bins along coastal walkway and at the dog park; would like a skate park or bike pump track for older children
- Pukekohe Business Association - request to upgrade the slippery pavers in King St, Pukekohe.

Requests and suggestions relating to the Waiuku subdivision included:

- partnering with others to share local facilities with commercial operations, that support community involvement e.g. Glenbrook Beach Hall and Kahawai Point Developments Marine Centre.
- updating Orere Hall – nothing done for many years other than essential works
- Glenbrook Beach – delay in proposed seawall restoration has led to further damage to seafront and community recreational area; provide parking and better beach access; needs a sheltered all tide boat ramp with pontoons and better launching facilities; picnic tables and seats at the boat ramp
- Kahawai Point – needs playground, dog park, reserves that are dog and family friendly; footpath that links existing playground to the walkway or road end and connect with the stairs at the top of the beach; rubbish bin at Pohutukawa Park; a ‘welcome to Kahawai Point’ sign, tree surrounds have sunk and need maintenance; greenery in walkways needs ongoing trimming.
- Waiuku Business and Development Association requested:
  - maintenance of River Lane public space in Waiuku is needed to return it to a good standard – pontoon structures, totem poles, metal structures, and timber sleepers in parking spaces are all in need of repair or replacement
  - retaining current maintenance levels for town centre gardens, landscaping and lawn mowing in Waiuku
  - town centre stage requires maintenance and the canopy needs cleaning
  - unsafe buildings in Waiuku town centre to be more quickly assessed and issue addressed
- Pool in Waiuku to be usable all year – upgrade Whiteside Pool
- Waiuku Community and Environmental Sports Hub – wanting a pool in Waiuku

Requests and suggestions relating to the Wairoa subdivision included:

- Bombay War Memorial Hall - transfer into community ownership, disappointment with lack of wider Auckland Council support to make this happen; reserve at Bombay – want to work with council to activate this space
- Kawakawa Bay Community Association - requested pedestrian link between First Bay and Second Bay; lowering speed limit on Coast Rd from 60km to 30km from the boat ramp onwards; changes to address intersection on main road where people don't stop, coming from boat ramp; barrier arms at Whitford Point and Waiti Bay to stop vandalism and overnight unsavoury behaviour; outdoor public gym equipment somewhere along the foreshore.
- Beachlands – suggested that the two reserves proposed for sale are subject to slips, suggestion to instead plant with trees and enhance canopy cover; suggestion that all new houses should have a levy placed on them specifically to fund Beachlands Maraetai roading infrastructure upgrades



- Maraetai Beach erosion getting worse and the wall is now too high to get down onto beach; concern about lack of parking at beaches to accommodate lots of visitors coming from other parts of Auckland, locals can't get to the beach, have to pick times to get a park (no longer can walk, older).
- Clevedon showgrounds – needs investment in drainage, lighting, cricket pitch.

Requests and suggestions relevant to all subdivisions included:

- Signs reminding dog owners to collect dog poo at all parks and fields
- investment to establish public all tide 24/7 wharves at Waiuku, Clarks Beach, Te Toro, Waiiau Pa, Glenbrook Beach, Kahawai Point, Matakawau, Grahams Beach, Orua Bay (also Onehunga, Huia, Cornwallis, French Bay, Blockhouse Bay, Green Bay)
- Community Groups Feeding the Homeless – consider including things like showers in community facilities
- Disabled Persons Assembly – advocate for Universal Design Standards in community facilities and infrastructure, and housing.

Other comments and themes of note include:

- concern about impact of the Future Development Strategy on local business development
- private plan changes ruining Pukekohe – no additional roading infrastructure to support growth
- need for a planning approach that reflects the rural setting and the fact that people will always be car dependent, e.g. lack of off street parking in Belmont and Paerata
- concern about high density housing with limited parking and no access to public transport, despite large whanau, everyone working – building the wrong type of housing
- growth occurring in Franklin has been phenomenal, but not co-ordinated, allowing housing but not planning communities, need more business growth alongside housing growth
- concern about personal safety and security.

## **Transport and roading**

Themes from feedback relating to transport and roading included:

- Better road maintenance is needed – this is a high priority and benefits the majority
- Many roads are no longer fit for purpose – they were built as rural roads, but now servicing large growth areas
- More park and ride capacity is needed at all train stations – existing and new stations

Other comments and requests included:

- Footpath requests (Beachlands) and footpath maintenance (Waiuku, Pukekohe)
- street lighting is needed in 'old' Beachlands
- wanting to establish wharves around Manukau Harbour



- need for roadside drain maintenance
- Kawakawa Bay has multiple transport related issues – speed, safety, parking – really needs a holistic approach that addresses all the issues
- request for updated navigation charts and buoys in the Manukau Harbour
- request for more parking in Pukekohe; and conversely, no parking in King St
- priority intersection improvements:
  - SH22/Blackbridge
  - Whitford-Maraetai Road and Clifton Road, Whitford
  - Tourist Road and Monument Road, Clevedon
  - Tourist Road, Creightons Road, Papakura-Clevedon Road, Clevedon
  - King Street and Kitchener Road and View Road, Waiuku
  - Racecourse Road and Kitchener Road, Waiuku

## **Public transport**

Themes from feedback relating to public transport included:

- Importance of public transport specifically to young people (for employment), aged (for social connection), disabled (for everything - provided it's accessible)
- More park and ride capacity is needed at all train stations – existing and new stations – to enable rural communities to access public transport.

Other comments included:

- Clevedon Community and Business Association - support for services to Clevedon, noting the population will soon reach 2000 and triggers requirement for provision of rural township service – start planning now
- Concern about move to 'On Demand' service excluding people with limited access to technology
- Clarks Beach Yacht Club, and Clarks Beach Public Wharf Society - wharves will enable ferries and 'unlock' the harbour
- Franklin Youth Advisory Board – public transport is really important for young people
- Pukekohe Business Association – support 'on demand' service in Pukekohe and would like to see this happen sooner.

Specific requests and suggestions included:

- Lack of bus shelters in Waiuku – barrier to using buses
- Need a safer location for bus stop 2921 on Kitchener Road
- bus from Clarks Beach to Pukekohe (not Papakura) – for shopping, community activities, sports etc. A bus to Papakura is only useful to catch the train.





- Direct bus services from Beachlands to Howick, and from Beachlands to Manukau - would like routes where you don't have to change at Botany – issue of missing connection, also direct access to Super Clinic at Manukau
- Future public transport connection from Bombay to new town centres at Drury, train station at Drury
- Maintain bus routes from Waiuku to Pukekohe and Papakura
- Rural areas need improved access to public transport, particularly an increase in services to Port Waikato (currently only Thursdays) to support employment and accessing necessary services. Need at least one public transport service a day from Kawakawa Bay – supports older people who want to stay in their homes.

## **Our Economy**

We consulted on the following 'economy' objectives and advocacy points:

### **Objectives:**

- promote and support local Māori social enterprise and Māori entrepreneurial activities
- facilitate local economic development opportunities
- support representative business associations to leverage opportunity from growth
- growers and farmers are supported to promote rural south Auckland as the nation's food bowl and thrive as a centre for primary production
- support the development of a sustainable visitor economy.

### **Advocacy points:**

- advocate for approaches to environmental protections that align with needs of rural communities
- participate in delivery of the South Auckland Economic Masterplan
- advocate for fit for purpose roading networks and transport options, ie that support distribution of freight and movement of people
- partner with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to deliver destination management plans for south-east coast, Wairoa Valley and Awhitu Peninsula
- support business in the Wairoa subdivisions to investigate sustainable funding options for promoting local business activity and opportunity
- support the regeneration of Pukekohe town centre through Kia Puāwai o Pukekohe.

Key themes from the feedback included:

- Strong preference to support all social enterprise and entrepreneurial activities (not just Māori)
- Support for local economic development, and local employment
- Growth of housing in Franklin has not been matched with growth in economy/business and local employment



- Agreement with support for growers and farmers, and that this means addressing council regulations and bureaucracy
- Mixed support for a visitor economy.

Submitters agree with support for social enterprise and entrepreneurial activities, however all such activities should be supported, not just those led by Māori. However, one submitter did comment that it was really important to support iwi initiatives to create employment to help correct social imbalances.

In relation to local economic development opportunities, the local employment and business attraction is a high priority:

- the plan needs to focus on business attraction – attracting large businesses into the region as anchor tenants for building a closer community so people don't have to travel to industry out of Franklin
- we desperately need local employment, the board should be supporting proposals like the Fisher and Paykel one
- nothing in the plan about support for construction – need to be mindful of how much investment in Franklin is related to manufacturing and construction
- the Franklin message and value proposition has been lost and swallowed by the Auckland Council
- Franklin needs more business supporting agriculture to move into the region
- Pukekohe Business Association – supports continuation of the Local Economic Broker position.

Comments in relation to supporting business associations to leverage opportunity from growth included:

- slow growth and thriving business should be the goal
- Waiuku town centre – how can council support the WBDA with keeping buildings in the town centre beautiful and encourage landlords to maintain their buildings; how can the board advocate for retention of banking (and other) services in Waiuku?
- need to ensure employment and retail areas are adequately supported and developed within a short distance from the existing and proposed urban developments
- more carnivals, markets and music at the showgrounds, wine tastings, local business showcases, etc
- Pukekohe Business Association – more beautification and placemaking including flag tracks on lamp posts, wayfinding and electronic parking indicators
- disappointment with the Pukekohe markets – seen as more like a 'flea market', should be aiming for something more high end like the Matakana markets so it's a visitor attraction.
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Support for farmers and growers was a high priority, with suggestion that the best way to do this was through less regulation. There was also concern about protecting elite soils, and the emerging use of rural land for urban activities such as solar farms and truck stops.



Developing a sustainable visitor economy had mixed support. Pukekohe is very much seen as a rural service centre with not much visitor attraction. Others commented that there are other more important things than tourism right now, and that Franklin can only cope with visitors if basic Council services match the visitor influx eg rubbish collection over the summer period.

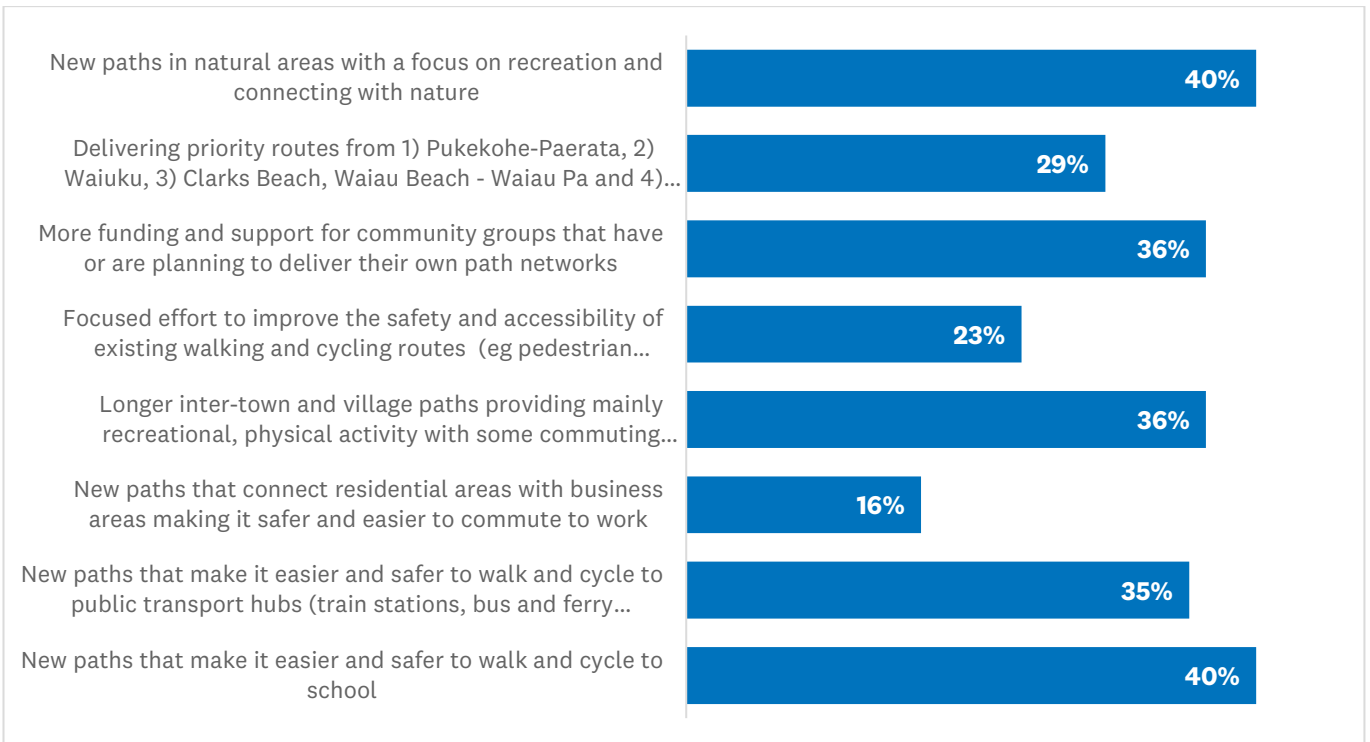
It was suggested that investment is needed into businesses that are unique attractors, different to those available elsewhere in New Zealand. The potential of trails as a form of green tourism was highlighted, as was the potential of wharves around the Manukau Harbour to enable water sports, excursions, and visitors by ferry. A key point was that what makes Franklin attractive as a visitor destination is its unique rural character, with this potentially lost when things like solar farms are allowed to go ahead in rural Franklin.

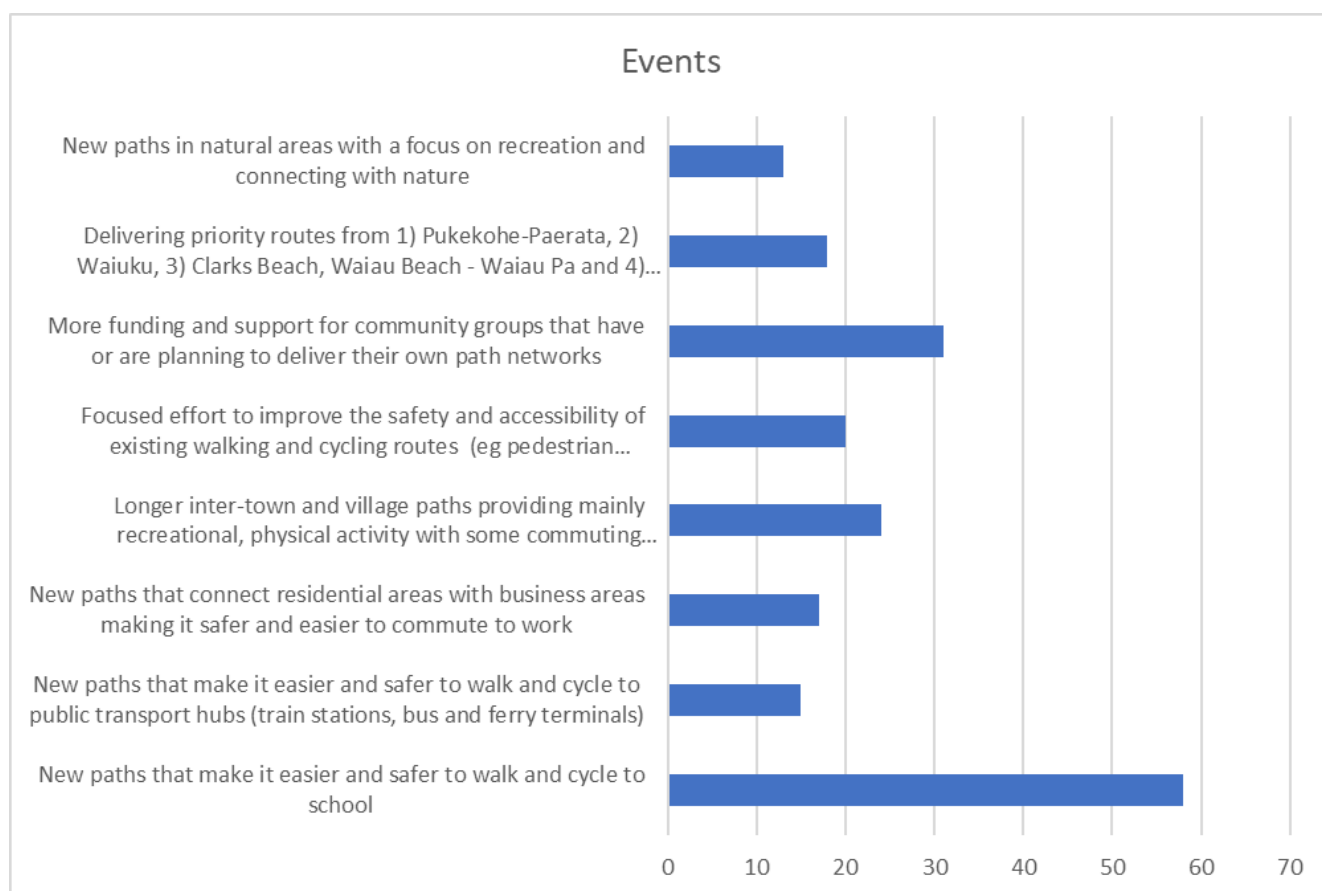
## **Franklin Paths Network**

As part of the draft local board plan consultation, we asked for comments and top three priorities for a Franklin Paths Network, from the following:

- new paths that make it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school
- new paths that make it easier and safer to walk and cycle to public transport hubs (train stations, bus and ferry terminals)
- new paths that connect residential areas with business areas making it safer and easier to commute to work
- longer inter-town and village paths providing mainly recreational, physical activity with some commuting opportunities
- focused effort to improve the safety and accessibility of existing walking and cycling routes (eg pedestrian crossings, cycle lanes at intersections, plastic delineators)
- more funding and support for community groups that have, or are planning to deliver, their own path networks
- delivering priority routes from 1) Pukekohe-Paerata, 2) Waiuku, 3) Clarks Beach, Waiau Beach - Waiau Pa and 4) Pohutukawa Coast Paths Plans
- new paths in natural areas with a focus on recreation and connecting with nature.

A summary of top priorities can be found in the graphs below:





Key themes from the feedback included:

- Council processes and consenting requirements are a barrier to community led delivery of trails - council needs to develop ‘fast track’ consenting processes and staff support, to support community delivery
- need to advocate for Auckland Transport and Auckland Council to work together to plan active transport and unlock potential of the large areas of legal public access corridors in Franklin; and for Auckland Transport to expand focus beyond ‘commuting’ in high density urban areas
- active transport for commuting first requires people to develop skills in recreational capacity, close to home, in safe place. Recreational trails are key to developing commuters of the future
- support for safe routes to get to school, and for recreational walking and natural paths in natural areas (eg gravel, not concrete)
- support for mapping and planning for Franklin wide routes, particularly using legal access options, and before development occurs, including connections to the Waikato
- suggestion to take advantage of Kiwirail working in the rail corridor to develop paths in the rail corridor
- many specific route suggestions, and requests for new footpaths and footpath maintenance in specific locations
- Pukekohe Business Association requested that the targeted rate be used to address slippery pavers in Pukekohe Town Centre, and suggested better pedestrian connections to cross the ring road are needed



- Big Street Bikers – suggestion to include initiative of ‘secure bike parking, bike charging and wayfinding stations at transport hubs, town centres, community facilities and key destinations’
- Bike Auckland – provided a list of advocacy points for Auckland Transport, support local trail connections in Franklin, and for a safer Pukekohe town centre
- FYAB – supports paths links to public transport
- cycling is not realistic for the rural economy, or commuting, given large distances in Franklin
- not a high priority, trails are a ‘nice to have’ - preference for improvements to roading which benefits the majority; nothing for my area.

Specific suggestions and requests for path routes included:

- Making use of unformed legal access routes
- Cycle connection from South Auckland to Auckland Airport
- Drury to Araroa Trail in Waiuku (as a tourism trail)
- Pukekohe/Paerata to Patumahoe, to Glenbrook Vintage Railway to Waiuku
- Pukekohe – Drury route next to the train line – needs NORS
- Future Karaka pathways (map provided) linking Karaka, Paerata, Drury West stations
- Waiuku to Pukekohe via Patumahoe on Glenbrook Vintage Railway/Kiwirail safe corridor and unformed legal roads
- Cycle bridge between Glenbrook and Clarks Beach

***Pukekohe Subdivision specific:***

- Paths on Woodhouse Rd, Patumahoe – rural type path, not concrete
- Patumahoe/Mauku to Clarks Beach

***Wairoa Subdivision specific:***

- Kawakawa Bay – route between the two bays
- Orere – need footpaths in village and from village to school – locals have existing survey information
- Beachlands – crossing on Beachlands Rd near Bell Road

***Waiuku Subdivision specific:***

- Waiuku – pedestrian crossing on View Rd
- Glenbrook Beach Road – use opportunity presented by Southwest Wastewater Facility to create on-road shared path – nothing currently
- Boardwalk through local Big Bay wetland, Awhitu Peninsula.



## Community Investment

As part of the draft local board plan consultation, to address our budget challenges, we asked for suggestions for council facilities that could be closed, sold (with funds reinvested in similar facilities elsewhere) or taken over and funded by another group?

Key themes from the feedback included:

- existing libraries, service centres, community spaces, sports facilities, pools and playgrounds are highly valued by the community
- Council facilities in rural and isolated areas are vital to those small communities, particularly in Kawakawa Bay and Orere Point
- library, Pukekohe War Memorial Town Hall, ex Pukekohe Borough Council building and Rec centres are non-negotiable for Pukekohe
- Waiuku Library, Service Centre and Waiuku Community Space are an absolute priority to keep well maintained for the community
- preference to keep the Beachlands Log Cabin and local hall
- frustration at the delay in divesting Bombay Hall to the community
- some limited general support for selling facilities that are not wanted by locals
- specific suggestions included:
  - selling the residential house at 57 Monument Rd, Clevedon, and reinvesting the proceeds into the Clevedon sports fields (including drainage, lighting, cricket pitch)
  - selling the Pukekohe Borough Council building
  - Counties Manukau Rugby - expression of interest to purchase the land at Navigation Homes Stadium, Pukekohe.

Other comments included:

- lack of infrastructure is a huge issue in Franklin – questioning where the development contributions go?
- suggestion to explore option of partnerships/sponsorship in return for lower business rates/usage etc, e.g. leisure facilities etc.

## Other feedback received

Feedback on topics outside of those directly consulted on included:

- the form of the draft plan – too much to read, use of te reo Māori (can't assume people understand), lack of detail or budget, council jargon (eg modal shift), lack of transparency
- consultation methods – need for verbal feedback opportunities for people who are not comfortable in formal meetings or with online feedback, older people need roadside signage, posters, information papers

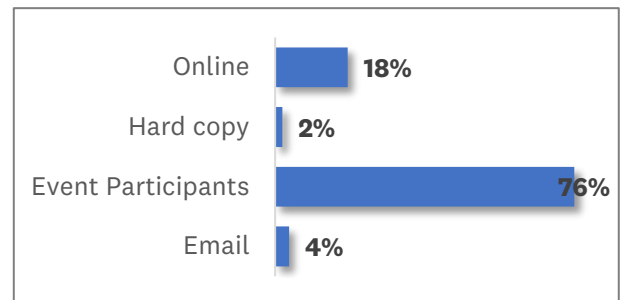


- need to be more active in engaging with youth – suggestion that current local board business meeting time reduces ability for the community to engage
- local board needs to be more practical and only include things in the plan that can actually be implemented or influenced
- challenges with receiving council communications – in rural areas and for older people – not online, don't receive local papers, don't know what QR codes are – there are people for whom the only way to connect with them is through a letter in the post
- how council functions – it is not looking after citizens, staff perceived to be obstructive; individual people have no power, need political intervention to get action
- lack of financial detail in the plan, lack of accountability, and that the local board should do more to hold staff and contractors to account, e.g. Citycare

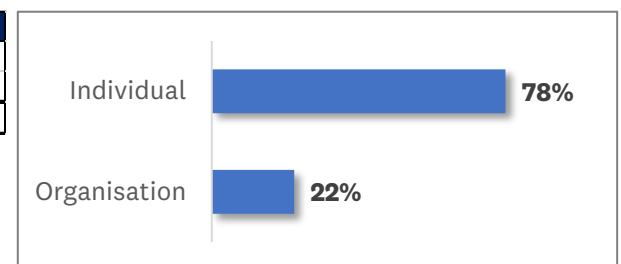
## Who we heard from

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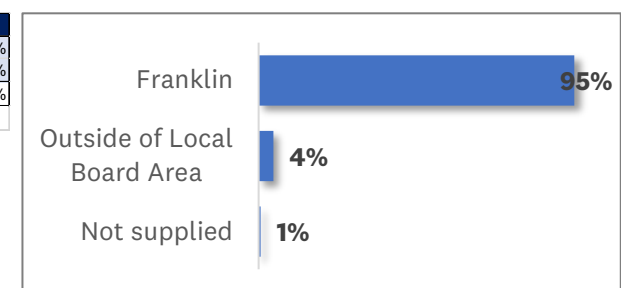
Channel	No.	%
Online	120	30%
Hard copy	12	3%
Event Participants	247	61%
Email	23	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>100%</b>



Submitters	No.	%
Individual	121	78%
Organisation	34	22%
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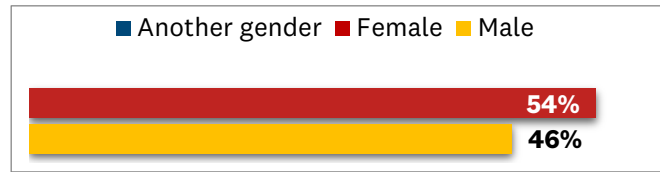


Local Board	Individuals	Organisations	Total	%
Franklin	118	30	148	95%
Outside of Local Board Area	3	4	7	4%
Not supplied	0	1	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>155</b>	

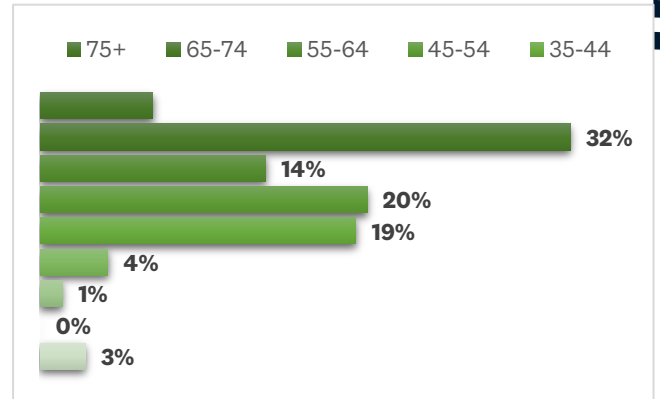




Demographics		Count	%
Gender		150	
Male		69	46%
Female		81	54%
Another gender		0	0%



Demographics		Count	%
Age		146	
Under 15		4	3%
15-17		0	0%
18-24		2	1%
25-34		6	4%
35-44		28	19%
45-54		29	20%
55-64		20	14%
65-74		47	32%
75+		10	7%



Ethnicity		Count	%
<b>European</b>		<b>128</b>	<b>91%</b>
	Pākehā/NZ European	114	81%
	Other European	14	10%
<b>Māori</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Pasifika</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
	Samoan	0	0%
	Cook Islands Māori	0	0%
	Tongan	0	0%
	Other Pasifika	0	0%
<b>Asian</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>
	Chinese	0	0%
	Southeast Asian	0	0%
	Korean	0	0%
	Indian	2	1%
	Other Asian	0	0%
<b>African/Middle Eastern/Latin</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Other</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>140</b>	<b>106%</b>

