
Local Board Plan 2023

**Hibiscus and Bays Local Board
WRITTEN FEEDBACK**

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What is the point of advocating for the esplanade enhancement in Orewa if, every time there is a strong wind all the beautiful area gets completely covered in sand - again! What is the point of trying to get people to stop driving cars if other forms of transport are inadequate, too difficult, or too expensive to use? Fed up with all the Maori initiatives - they are not the only people in NZ.

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Would like to see a pump track or dirt BMX track for public use. Easy to make a dirt one. There is a great example of this type at ohakune carrot park.



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Not sure where to add this but a pump track and a dog park would be great.



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Would love to have more safe areas for young kids to bike/scooter. The skate park in Orewa and Stanmore Bay get so busy we really need more!



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The community plan would benefit with more recreational options for youth. The community is screaming out for more options to make the most of our area, in particular, a pump track. There are countless examples of how these benefit the community with very little ongoing maintenance.

The orewa and Stanmore bay skatepark are good, but often overcrowded and dangerous for younger kids. pump tracks appeal to a broader audience and are far less intimidating.



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I'd like to see more public transport routes through orewa/millwater/milldale that connect to hbc station. There is a 10 minute walk to get our closest bus stop (we live on the hairpin of Bonair cres) The connecting buses are not frequent and don't service the area thorough enough and the park n ride is constantly overflowing.



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Would like to see more outdoor spaces for children such as a bike pump track and more playgrounds. I feel that this is important to keep children active and occupied in safe spaces



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But there is nothing here for supporting your local art centres which have a huge impact on the community especially those who are lonely and need company and an artistic outlet



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There could be greater support for national facilities like the Te Araroa National Walkway where it passes through our Local Board area. (I am conscious that I may have missed something but couldn't find it)



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We all have to be equal, no matter what ethnicity we are. We need to have equal rights. Anything else will lead to separatism and racism. which is becoming too prevalent right now.



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Tell us more

2 things that are needed for millwater:

A bike lane to hibiscus coast bus station.

A skate park and/or pump track for the area. The orewa one is alrwady past capacity and the lical kids are getting too rowdy. (Stabbings at the bus station and graffiti/fires at the toilets.)

Kids need stuff to do!



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Te Herenga Waka o Orewa Marae

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In terms of emergency planning, we were underprepared as a region. The local marae needs to be recognised and funded as an emergency centre presenting an ideal location if our city workers or travelers become isolated from either the Peninsula, Orewa, Dairy Flat, Milldale and Millwater. It is also readily equipped to cater for 80 plus people and is accustomed to activating their services at short notice.

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Preserving the environment and the trees, birds, cliffs and beaches works for all of us. I use mobility parking and if that is not available then parking as close as I can to shops, cafes, parks and beaches. It worries me when parking is removed.



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We do not use a lot of the social services, and I do not prioritise separate cycle lanes etc. over fixing the bus transport (how about reinstating some feeder buses, i.e. along Stredwick Drive? I also do not support such intensive housing when our infrastructure is already choking – our limit to continue to welcome residents can only stretch so far.



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Tell us why

DEMOCRACY

The community comprises a multiplicity of ethnic groups and yet there is an overemphasis on Maori. It appears to me that the local board has bought into the ideology of the current government that the Treaty of Waitangi was a "partnership" between the Crown and Maori. This ideology has divided the nation as those of us who are not Maori are being marginalised and when we raise this issue we are shut down and accused of being racist.

New Zealand is a liberal democracy where the basic concepts of suffrage - one vote per person - so every one of us is equal and nobody has greater rights because of their ancestry. My ancestors were British and Danish and they contributed towards creating a great civilisation in this country.

SIGNAGE

I object to any money being spent in updating signage simply to add maori names - this is not the time for wasteful expenditure. What does it accomplish in economic or social value to a person who doesn't understand that language. A large number of New Zealanders are totally over maorification being forced on is without our consent. 99% of NZers speak English and find they can live here and operate within an English-speaking culture quite well. When the

Council is strapped for funds why is this even being considered, particularly when there are for more projects that have a much higher priority for funding.

TRANSPORT

I am also totally against spending more money on cycleways, speed bumps and bus lanes when some of our roads are in dire need of repairing. Consider Centreway Rd in Orewa. It has repaired potholes that are now breaking down and are causing traffic to drive around them, asking collisions with on-coming traffic.

Speed bumps cost between \$300,000 to over \$1million - for what benefit? In some cases it makes no difference to those drivers who don't care and drive over them at speed. I would like to see that funding spent on building sustainable roads that are better engineered.

Auckland Trasport has a fixation on getting all of us out of our cars - this ideology totally ignores the facts:

1. Auckland is a hilly place and the elderly need to get to their destinations through vehicles.
2. Public transport is unreliable and does not service all areas of our community. Look at the number of times the services have been cancelled.
3. We live in Gulf Harbour and shop at Silverdale for fruit & veggies and for fish. We shop at Orewa for our groceries and have at least 8 or 9 bags that we couldn't take on a bus (we can't carry that number of bags to a bus stop, wouldn't be able to manage these on a bus and then wound;t be able to carry them from the bus stop at Gulf Harbour to our home (uphill). How does a mother with three kids manage the weekly grocery shop without a vehicle. Buses are impossible for her, particularly if those kids require a pushchair.

MAORI OUTCOMES

I disagree with the allocation of funding being allocated for Maori outcomes. The Plan states: "Māori communities aspire to have healthy and prosperous lives and have defined the outcomes that are most important to Māori". The outcomes for them are also those that the rest of the community is chasing: housing, wellbeing, tourism, empowerment. Why is Maori singled out for these?

Iwi have had taxpayer funded settlements that should have been used by them to improve their lot. Instead they have chosen to invest in ventures that don't directly benefit those iwi. Maori businesses should be supporting their own people from those proceeds rather than continuing to expect handouts from taxpayers.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Recently the Gulf Harbour stormwater canal flooded, due to lack of maintenance of the canal - removing fallen trees and slips and ensuring that weirs are not blocked. A group of Gulf Harbour residents met with Council and discovered that there is no intention to maintain the canal, even though the ownership was vested in Council when Rodney was amalgamated into Auckland City.

We learned that Council has designated the area along Laurie Southwick Parade as a flood plain that has a catchment area of 450 hectares. It was made clear that Council sees that the clearing of the canals (costal ponds) is a low priority. In a recent storm event ground conditions were fully saturated prior to the event so most of the storm water ended up in the canals. The volume was estimated to be 4.5 million litres, equivalent to 180 Olympic swimming pools. This presented a serious flood risk to all the residents on Laurie Southwick Parade, as well as the businesses at the Marine Village.

Council can either spend the money on mitigating the risk through debris clearance (low cost) or face legal action from thousands of residents for flood damage. Council signed off these buildings and will be liable for the millions that will be in damages.

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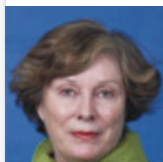
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Yes

Tell us more

1. Spend the money on mitigating the flood risk.
2. Stop spending money on things that don't benefit the whole community (signage, race-based projects and initiatives)
3. Don't spend funds on ideological things like cycleways, speed bumps and walking tracks - fix the roads instead.
4. Treat all citizens as equals under the law - stop trying to force us into submission that we are bound by non-existent "treaty principles"

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The Road to He Puapua – Is there really a Treaty partnership?

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The He Puapua Report proposes revolutionary change for New Zealand. The question of how we have arrived at a crossroads where New Zealanders will have to choose between an ethno-nationalist state — which He Puapua leads to — or a democratic-nationalist one has its origins in three events in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

It was in these years that the concept of a Treaty of Waitangi “partnership” was created. It is the foundational pillar for the Report’s goal of “transformative restructuring of governance to recognise rangatiratanga Māori”. Iwi self-determination includes the co-governance arrangements laid out in He Puapua. There is also the likelihood of claims for the ownership of up to 50 per cent of public assets such as water, sea territories, flora and fauna, and airwaves. Is this path to ethnic nationalism inevitable?

The first key partnership event is the 1985 Treaty of Waitangi Amendment Act. While the 1975 Treaty of Waitangi Act was about the settlement of historical grievances, the 1985 Amendment Act was a very different matter. The recognition of iwi-Māori rather than pan-Māori as the inheritors of Treaty settlements established the reviving tribe as both political player and economic corporation.

The second event was the creation of Treaty principles. A year after the 1985 Amendment Act, Deputy Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer agreed to Sir Hepi Te Heuhehu’s request to insert the clause “Nothing in this Act shall permit the Crown to act in a manner that is inconsistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi” into Section 9 of the State-owned Enterprises Act 1986. This is the first reference in legislation or policy to the principles of the Treaty – indeed, the first indication that the Treaty has principles. Parliament did not define the principles — an unconscionable failure which opened the way for the courts and government officials to determine what is probably one of the most important political events of the 20th century. Treaty principles, including that of partnership, now appear in almost all legislation.

The third event was the 1987 Court of Appeal decision stating that the Treaty established a relationship “akin to a partnership”. Although the judges likened it to the obligation partners in a partnership had they did not say that the Treaty actually created a partnership. Nor did it. However, “partnership” was quickly picked up by the Waitangi Tribunal and by the 1987 Iwi Leaders’ Forum. From that time this powerful interest group has achieved enormous success in claiming constitutional change and ownership rights. “Partnership” is the justification. The possibility that the He Puapua Report will be implemented either in full or modified form demonstrates the group’s success to date.

The path to ethno-nationalism is made possible by the combination of iwi leaders’ strategies and the failure of leadership by the nation’s politicians. That failure is most vividly demonstrated in Simon Upton’s description of the National government’s insertion of Treaty principles into the 1991 Resource Management Act: “I am quite sure that none of us knew what we meant when we signed up to that formula” requiring local government to “take account of the ‘principles’ of the Treaty”.

Despite not knowing what adherence to Treaty principles really means and, following from that, being able to hypothesise the likely consequences, successive governments have continued to insert Treaty principles into legislation. Adequate justification was not given to the New Zealand people when the process began and there has certainly been no justification since. The people’s agreement has never been sought.

A different but also highly successful strategy is the control of Treaty language, particularly the use of religious imagery. Referring to the Treaty as a “covenant” with a spirit that “still speaks today” evokes a timeless and commanding authority. This otherworldliness takes the Treaty from the combative political sphere to a level of unquestioning reverence. It disallows the profane debates that democratic politics requires, making such behaviour seem disrespectful, almost shameful. Words like “atone”, found in the government’s apology to Tainui, suggest the expiation of a sin-inspired guilt with redemption only through reparation. The strategy succeeds by placing the Treaty outside history and beyond politics. The degree of this success can be seen in the total absence of satire. New Zealand satirists are fearless in mocking sacred cows – why is the Treaty not mocked?

Iwi strategists’ use of the legal system contributes to the success. Legal processes and language obfuscates political interests and the racial ideology of whakapapa. The most obvious example is the constant use of the word “Crown” in elevating Treaty matters to a realm above the people. “Government” just doesn’t have the same gravitas, operating as it does in the real world of competing interests and democratic accountability.

The focus on the second of the Treaty of Waitangi’s three Articles has proved a successful strategy. Judicial interpretations have led to the three Treaty Articles being dealt with in isolation. The concepts of sovereignty in Article One, resource possession in Article Two, and citizenship in Article Three are no longer considered together with the meaning of one Article being dependent upon the meaning of the others. In addition, by the early 1990s, Article Two’s increasing emphasis on ownership rather than possession was determining the meaning of Articles One and Three.

Another effective strategy involves conflating the two fundamentally different types of biculturalism. Many New Zealanders who support the inclusive form, some since the 1970s, end up supporting exclusive biculturalism by default.

Inclusive biculturalism has three defining features. First, Māori culture is valued because it is unique to this land. Second, Māori and non-Māori cultural practices may be accommodated in the public sphere but only to the extent to which they are consistent with the principles of liberal democracy. These include principles such as tolerance, secularism and gender equality. Third, political allowance for ethnic or race heritage occurs only when such recognition strengthens the democratic social contract. This would include temporary initiatives to increase the numbers of Māori professionals and to improve Māori health and education outcomes. He Puapua is, of course, strongly opposed to inclusive biculturalism. Its goal is the exclusive racialised kind.

The path to ethno-nationalism is helped by the media’s treatment of Treaty issues, which tends to be either sycophantic or hostile. Criticism is misunderstood as a rejection of inclusive biculturalism and as anti-Māori. The focus on the critic deflects discussion from ideas to the person. There is an unseemly interest in the critic’s ethnicity and assumed political position. Shouting “racist” has proved to be the most effective silencing strategy in ensuring compliance. The promotion of the unscientific and discredited notion of “unconscious racism” leaves many non-

racist New Zealanders doubting even themselves.

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The universities must also take responsibility for not challenging Treaty ideology and contributing not only to the climate of conformity, but to creating the ideology. Decolonising and indigenising processes are under way in many universities, in the Royal Society and in academic journals. Mātauranga Māori is the most visible of these processes. Attempts by colleagues and myself to examine the actual nature of the relationship between mātauranga Māori and science remain stalled in this oppressive climate.

The extent of Treaty ideology in the university is more disturbing than in society at large. Universities are responsible for leading the public scrutiny of social and political life. Academics are even protected in doing so. The Education Act 1989 guarantees the freedom, within the law, to question and test received wisdom, to put forward new ideas and to state controversial or unpopular opinions. Where are the academics in the social sciences, the law schools, in philosophy and in education undertaking this critique? With the current roll-out of mātauranga Māori into the natural and physical sciences and the accompanying funding shifts, will that criticism finally emerge? If not, the absence will be a clear sign that not only can ethno-nationalism not be challenged by those who have protection in so doing but that it is too entrenched in our institutions to be turned back.

There are many more strategies, all rather impressive in the skill with which they create a fog of confusion with regard to Treaty politics. I will limit myself to a final but very important one. As with all ideologies, it's the small practices which ensure the conformity needed for successful transition to a new order. In New Zealand these small practices have been inserted at every level of all public institutions. I am regularly confronted by them in my own work in a university. However, a new one is emerging in the public sector. It is a language shift from "Treaty principles" to "articles".

This particular wording change is extremely significant. Currently it is the Treaty principles which are included in all legislation, not the Treaty of Waitangi itself. No government has been willing to go that far – yet. However, attuning people to use "Treaty articles" instead of "Treaty principles" will provide the mind bridge required for people to accept the placement of the Treaty of Waitangi into law. That will be the event constituting ethno-nationalism.

The exclusive biculturalists driving the separatist agenda are actually a rather small group of individuals, numbering only in the hundreds. They are ethnically diverse and include iwi-Maori leaders, intellectuals, lobbyists, academics, activists, lawyers, officials, media figures, and politicians. Tight self-referential networks, strong personal relationships, and a willingness to play the long game have led to their remarkable success. These are all features common to those who lead revolutionary change.

The consequences of these moves are set out in He Puapua. It assumes that the Treaty of Waitangi is a "partnership" between the tribes and the "Crown", one that entitles the tribes to economic and political rights in perpetuity to the exclusion of all others. This assumption is held to be true, sacred and non-negotiable. The success of Treaty strategists to date, combined with the silence of those who would be democracy's defenders, makes their success a real possibility.

The question of what is required to restore a strong democracy can be answered by fulfilling four recommendations:

The first is to remove all references to the principles of the Treaty from legislation.

The second is to promote vigorous debate, including satire, about Treaty politics.

The third is to shore up inclusive biculturalism.

The fourth is to replace the current political interpretation of the Treaty with a symbolic meaning only.

New Zealand's strength is our Westminster style government with no written constitution. We make and remake our constitution as legislation responds to the will of the people.

The Treaty of Waitangi began life as an instrument of peaceful annexation. It met the British agenda for imperial expansion and the Maori agenda for recovery from the catastrophic effects of 40 years of inter-tribal warfare.

It was reinterpreted in the 1870s as a "nullity" to suit the politics of that time and fitted the commonplace practice of discarding treaties when their purpose had been served. That interpretation lasted until the 'partnership' one from the 1980s.

From annexer to nullity to partnership, it is now time for a new interpretation. I propose that the Treaty of Waitangi be placed alongside the 1852 Constitution Act as one of two founding symbols of the New Zealand nation.

The material and ideas in this essay are taken mainly from articles published in scholarly journals between 1996 and 2013. This article was first published [HERE](#).



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Yes

Tell us more

Suggest to focus on less small events and make it a larger one, e.g. one Xmas parades within LB. This way the funding can go further to make one the primary large one, instead of stretch the budget to support a few smaller ones. E.g Mairangi Bay Xmas Parade and Browns Bay; we neighbours, sure we can do one only. Also an opportunity to get communities closer together.



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There are no specifics addressing road maintenance, the Waiwera hot pools, the beaches being ruined by development, the lack of any action on the Orewa Sea wall.. (for years) but just the continuation of shifting sand from one end to another.

The maintenance of parks which we can't even walk on the surrounding concrete paths because of surface water and proposals we hear of being reserves having their rubbish bins removed. We have enough litter in our reserves now that us locals pick up on our gumbooted walks and place them in these bins and you are planning to remove them to save money which will go to more unnecessary administration and indigenous enterprises.

The place is a shambles because millions of \$'s going into pacifying Maori (less than 5% of our area population) with signage that most of them can't read anyway but it's PC and politically correct nonsense and compliance. You asked for my say, I could go on, but I sense your eyes have glazed over. BTW I'm not Pakeha, just a concerned HBC resident.

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As per previous comments. There were a number of residents who are frustrated with ATs bus services and route changes from a few years back. Put pressure on AT to reinstate direct bus services from Torbay to central Takapuna & the City. A lot of people in Torbay work in Taka and the City yet our direct services were taken away.



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Not well at all

Tell us why

Careless planning on many of our beach fronts and fresh water areas at the moment. How do you look after something such as our seas when basics can't even be looked after. The environment includes weather. Before a plan is actioned, external factors (eg weather) in the environment should be taken into consideration, this will help to reduce moving resources, having to complete a job twice or three times and also losing precious plant matter which our climate does not need either. Although broken down each section can be looked at individually eg environment, climate etc however each still effect one another, and the bigger picture still needs to be looked at. The way Auckland council is going on regarding looking after the environment is frankly sad. Witnessing how our natural resources are wasted and rather replaced by concrete to solve a problem

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Rising crime?

LGBTQ+?

Reliability on public transport? (think japan)



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Tell us why

Emergency Planning: Although many positive features to this plan, (eg natural flood plains) the issue of Storm Drain cleaning is also very important, both on Council land and private properties, with many flooding issues able to be mitigated by better preventative maintenance. e.g. After high winds clean street drain gulleys of the frequent blockage by pine needles and general foliage debris. I would like to see more emphasis on this aspect of emergency planning.

Public Transport: In terms of travel options, the provision of a reliable regular Gulf Harbour ferry service can play a vital role in public transport on the peninsula. This importance of this is not confined to residents of Gulf Harbour as many commuters from much further into the peninsula benefit from the service and more would do so if services were more dependable and included weekend or evening services.

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A legal obligation to "promote" these issues does not necessarily resolve them. Financially it seems a bottomless pit, with inherent difficulty in reviewing for cost effectiveness. Clearer objectives, practical measures and outcomes are essential of course.

Environmentally, I would like to see more support given to initiatives such as the Forest and Bird's initiatives such as the Pest Free Hibiscus Coast.



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Tell us why

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Council should not have anything to do with promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of our communities. I would challenge that there is any legal obligations, given how vague the description is.



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I'd just like our buses back with some safe cycling options.



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as a senior citizen, I give priority to the next generations' needs



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I feel that the transport links to Auckland are woefully inadequate as reflected by the number of cars on the road between Orewa and Auckland, this has increased for me from 45 mins to 1 1/2 hours either way. The cost of travel on the bus is not an incentive, and the suggestion of a light rail line seems to have been shelved. My suspicion is that the known increase in population does not match the known demand for transport links. I am disappointed but not surprised that this mismatch has become evident.

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1. Apparently AT are proposing pulling Gulf Harbour ferries once Penlink is operational. How crazy is that & what right have they to do that. Penlink is essential to provide 2nd access to WGP peninsula for the safety of the community.

Gulf Harbour ferries need promoting not axing & feeder bus services need improving to feed into improved ferry services with faster ferries linking Hibiscus Coast to city centre rather than snail pace peak motorway travel.

2. Cycle lane developments need rationalizing with common sense. We have footpaths on both sides of our main roads. One side should be developed for cycle & e scooter travel the other side for pedestrians. Keep cycles & e scooters away from vehicles & well off the road.



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Reads like Green Propaganda piece.. no consideration for age or mobility Ra Ra Ra lets all ride a bike BS.

Want to help, stop wasting rate payer funds the most important issue for most currently.

The recent actions to limit parking at beaches speaks volumes for how little Council cares about the public and those who are challenged with mobility or financial issues.. "gotta stop those Brown folk from out of the area using our beaches."

You placed barriers but have done nothing to remediate the remaining or protected areas so I guess next year the restrictions will grow, "to protect the environment" maybe actually doing stuff (inexpensive) being proactive repairing damaged ground would actually achieve some thing. The partial repair of the rock barriers at Matakatia was a good start, pity only half the job was done.



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The plans to work with nature rather than fighting it is best option and not waste money on rock walls which is just trying to rule nature. We won't win

Council needs to make sediment run off from building sites more efficient.

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I fear you will extend cycle ways from where they are whilst here in Torbay or on bays still have to use cycle lanes that run out, have to go through traffic island with traffic, remembering as far as I know riding on undesignated footpaths is still illegal , plus most cars are not prepared when coming out of driveways are aware of pedestrians let alone cyclists on bikes.

You say you wish to engage the people yet your drop in in bays is midday , during the week and for an hour. This certainly cuts out a lot of people if they wish to attend



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Concentrating on core issues is essential in view of today's tight financial constraints. Renaming parks with Maori names should not be a priority. It may not cost much but it is symptomatic of the way that unimportant issues seem to detract from core activities such as keeping storm water drain systems clear.



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Browns Bay shopping area is disgracefully neglected. The seats around Clyde Road and side streets are rusty; what were once gardens are neglected to the point of being an eyesore.

Please smarten up the Clyde Road footpath, and everything relating to rubbish lying around, the gardens, particularly under the big tree outside pharmacy on the corner of Clyde and Bute Rds, even if just bark chopping were put over the exposed roots it would help. also the part adjacent to New World and the Labtests property.

If you consider the effort that is put into Milford Shopping area outside New World, where there are beautiful trees and flowering plants frequently renewed it is obvious that Browns Bay is forgotten. I am aware that Rotary have gone to great effort to improve on what the Council have put in place outside New World, I am talking about what the Council do there.



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I'm a truck driver and a keen cyclist,I cycle every weekend on cycle tracks but I won't cycle on the roads,a painted white line won't protect me from a truck,I believe cyclists should be able to use the footpaths like Electric scooters.



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I hope it's not too late to revert the environmental damage done to the coast over the years. High density housing estates have removed so much green space and trees around the coast. Such a shame. We live in Manly with talks of more tree cuts and more density housing, it's such a shame. Our bird population has reduced dramatically. Especially noticed in our back garden. If you come back from this well done. Traffic is horrendous. People are dumping out at Shakespeare Park. Too many people. Especially people who don't care about environment.

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I'd love a cleaner greener coast. Lots of trees and bush. Birds. Beautiful beaches. I would love some mountainbiking/walking tracks. Orewa is fine if a little boring. More big stores in Silverdale like Costco. I don't think there is a way out of traffic woes even with Pen Link. Can we gate the coast ha ha...



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Too much emphasis on Maori-fying everything

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Fix the beaches, repair and maintain what we have before spending on new initiatives. Fix the flood and storm damage before it is too late and the repair has to cost more as a result of further erosion. Beautify the beach promenades. Provide more dog poo bag dispensers and more water fountains, showers and drink bowls for dogs. More public toilets. Take a look at Adelaide South beaches for an example of how to do things.

Don't sell off land that should be kept for green-spaces (like Arran Point Parade corner). Increase green spaces, maintain them. Stop the intensity building. Better planning is required with more car parking spaces in residential areas and wider roads.

Fix pavements, walkways and roads that have become damaged by the recent flooding events. Particularly the Orewa Estuary walkway. Keep our 'draw-card' facilities ship-shape.





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Some really good stuff in there that make me hopeful, some vague stuff which I don't know what to think of it and don't know enough about it, and far too much focus on Maori stuff. I'm sorry but this needs to stop time being wasted on it like the rebranding and "world view" focus. It does nothing to foster any real sense of community, if anything it just makes me go "well won't be going to that next time" when i turn up to something and having pacific and Maori stuff forced down my throat, especially the karakias. No thanks, that is not the nz way. We are a multi cultural country not a sole or bi cultural country with race divisive policies and the rest of it. HBC leaders you need to lead the way against those pressuring and bullying you into one-way "woke" echo chamber vision, otherwise you are not truly representing your community or listening to the people, as you kept mentioning throughout the document, and you are enforcing the death of democracy and free speech.

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A lot of the proposals I felt were kind of vague or not realistic within the next 3 years (as much as i wish they were) and I felt none of them addressed any significant immediate and positive change to the area. In example the plaza is still a ghost town and that is the key “community” area on the coast. Another point of interest is that where I live is marked as either a minor or moderate road on the diagram of page 7, however, there are no water mains that go down (half) of my street, thus am solely reliant on tank water with no other options. Every other street in Stanmore Bay Area has this core infrastructure except half of my road and one running off it. How is this acceptable for a council recognised significant road? Matai and Rata road, Stanmore bay for reference. Yes this has been brought up time and time again with Watercare but there is nothing to hold them accountable to actually providing core infrastructure to already developed and established areas.



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I have selected not very well because the simplicity of the answer isn't sufficient. Your wording for priorities for your climate plan actions is very good, as is the wording under 'Our environment'. This is great to see in a local board and neighbourhood so rich in biodiversity but with even more potential for improvement and willing community members able to donate their time to improvements and protection. However, on seeing your budget on the second to last page, it would appear the level of investment actually in these areas is very low! Sometimes non-existent (i.e. local environmental management). I want to advocate for a larger proportion of support going into the areas of planting, climate change mitigation, urban forest & tree protection, pest control, water quality protection and stricter rules around developments that negatively impact on all of these areas.

Hard decisions and cuts must be made I understand. I'm happy to work hard and play my part for the whole, but in return I would like to hope my local board would prioritize needs over luxuries that are not essential at this time. People getting access via transport to essential services and to one another, to food, shelter and a healthy environment to recreate within (and protect) are things that should not be put at the bottom of the pile. I don't believe the nice but still luxuries of sport, events like movies, festivals, art facilities etc are a top priority right now. People can promote their own participation in the community or civic life in ways that are free - the environment and green places around us (or are yet to be restored) offer an entirely equitable means for enjoyment and ways to promote physical and mental health.

Please don't reduce funding in this area - instead increase it. It's also a smart investment considering the environmental volunteer sector actually gives back to everyone.

Libraries are very important areas to fund and support, but in the next three years as a hole in funding is trying to be plugged - I would support the slight reduction in days it's available to alleviate funds elsewhere.

Your policy to protect against climate change is good, but fails to discuss a very large impact - which is tree loss. We need far more environmentally considered process for new developments. Our environment is the jewel of the local board and I don't want to live in an area that is a concrete jungle, where streams and reserves are gouged out as excess, uncontrolled stormwater wreaks havoc. I want to support a local board that is forward thinking who understands development is absolutely required, but has a hand in smart and sensible development.

I support smart, long term thinking and inclusion of ecologically based/scientifically proven approaches to dune systems and natural buffers. I 100% believe as you say in your plan "Future generations should not be paying to fight the sea because of today's poorly sited structures". I am glad to see a priority on "Engage with our communities during the process of adapting our coastal reserves to prepare for and mitigate damage from storms, flooding and erosion"

I'm glad to see sedimentation is on your agenda, however it's not just groups working together (i.e community groups I presume you mean), but it's largely the developers and council who allow uncontrolled or too excessive stormwater inputs into our streams and hence sedimentation issues. To not address this would be silly. I agree education to private property owners will help but at the end of the day that won't stop much if the laws entirely allow this, or the laws are not upheld by the council with the rubber stamps. Your advocacy section on "Advocate to the Governing Body and Central Government for stronger compliance monitoring of sedimentation" is great however it's not just MONITORING, but actually DOING something to provide consequences for those who breach this. Good to see advocacy for continued WATER QUALITY TARGETED RATE.

Likewise great to see advocacy to continue the NETR.

I see good use of your initiative to "Partner with Ngāti Manuhiri to draw on mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) to enrich the work of those groups working to restore the land and the sea" but only if it actually results in MAHI on the ground. Less hui more dooey. If this partnership can help increase Māori participation in environmental protection volunteer work that would be great.

I like to see your advocacy for "Advocate to the Governing Body for greater education on responsible pet ownership, particularly in areas where threatened species occur".

Finally please make sure you are promoting the support of our older generation of pensioners who must be feeling the pinch of financial times very very hard.

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'I would like to thank you for the care you have obviously taken in preparing this, and the fact you have spoken to many groups and incorporated feedback.

As detailed in the first question - my key requests/feedback to you would be to:

- Prioritise the needs of people, rather than the wants and luxuries at this difficult time. We all need to chip in and take one on the chin in these challenging financial times. A forward

thinking local board, willing to cut the frill and focus on equitable priorities, affordable transport, climate change mitigation and environmental protection which has so obviously been highlighted this year is what will get my ongoing support.

Please increase support for Local Environmental Management! It's extremely low for such a rich area of natural heritage.

Hibiscus & bays is a stunning stunning special place, and lovely community. There are many giving volunteers and people willing to do much of the mahi - please support them to do so by supporting community organisations.

Thanks for your time



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Not very well

Tell us why

Happy with the focus on Emergency planning and focusing on the Environment aspects and preparing for future events such as flooding. However, not everyone wants to walk or bike to work. Unfortunately Public transport is slow, expensive and not reliable. It is also not always safe at the bus stations, so don't feel comfortable using this. I would need to take at least 3 buses to get to work. This is not a viable option for me. We need facilities for people with cars as well and enough parking so we can visit and support our local businesses

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Tell us more

We need to look at our Coastlines and how we can protect them. Perhaps building a walkway next to the Orewa beach for people to enjoy and bringing in proper barriers so the sandbanks does not just wash away. We need to have a mix of walkways, cycleways and roads for motorists. Unfortunately cycle ways are not been used as we thought they would yet they take up a big portion of the already narrow streets in our areas. We are a diverse community with many residents who were born overseas. Our communities should embrace all cultures and hold events that are relevant to all cultures. I agree with a community hub with multiple services as some of the services are not very relevant and waste money with the facilities or buildings they occupy. Kids parks are not maintained. The park at Orewa Beach constantly has issues with slides that are broken. This is a hub for many families, so should be a safe and welcoming space that is maintained always.



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I am pleased to see the inclusion of ideas for libraries and parks



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Retired so not much for me but there is for my children and grandchildren



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Glenvar Road needs to be sorted.



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The local board should advocate keeping the Gulf Harbour ferry. This is part of making public transport more appealing than using the car. The alternative that AT is proposing is not acceptable, it would imply catching multiple buses (from Gulf Harbour to the proposed new station and then catching a bus to downtown). Additionally, the travel time will always depend on traffic and it will always take more than 1 hour during peak time from Gulf Harbour to downtown. Although there are bus lanes in the motorway this is not the case throughout the Hibiscus Coast. The current ferry takes 50 mins and provides another experience (people can get a coffee, do some work, etc... instead of being stuck in traffic and contributing to more cars on the roads). It just doesn't make any sense. The excuse that because it's the most unreliable service that AT provides then we need to get rid of it is just rubbish. The solution is providing a reliable service and I can guarantee you that there will be a lot more people using the ferry if they can count on it.



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Flooding is a major issue. Unless controlled all the other environmental initiatives will be washed away. WHAT are you planning to DO about all aspects of storm water control?

Keep the streets tidy and all council and drains and gutters clear. It is not difficult. Keep grass clippings out of drains. "TIDY KIWI".

A clean, tidy and attractive environment attracts visitors.

Youth. You give no indication of what you want to achieve. What outcomes are you getting for the money spent?

The Board needs to ACHIEVE predetermined goals not ASPIRE to vague desires. Commit to what needs to happen.

PEDESTRIANS are ignored. "PEDESTRIANS have PRIORITY on PATHWAYS." They are put at risk by bicycles and scooters both pedal/push and powered. There is potential negligence here! Creating improved transport for bicycles and scooters is the WRONG focus. Create respectful behaviour.

Public Transport needs to focus on what the community needs and wants. NOT the focus on the idealistic values of the BOARD.

"Kiss and Ride" does NOT work! Can transport TO the hub can never be reliable enough to enable people to depend on it.

Re-think your plans for people to access and use the reliable and wonderful elements of the public transport system.

All the desires for Maori apply to all cultures. All cultures have Extended Family (Whanau), Relatives (Hapu), Close Family (Iwi).

All cultures have poor and not so poor people. All cultures have people of influence.

Local "hubs" are too vague. Libraries must be EASILY accessible to people. You have specific plans for OREWA. Tell us about them. Own them.

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Tell us more

A lot is misguided. You are putting pedestrians at risk! You are not making public transport easier. You are not controlling flooding. You should question the "wellbeing" you think you are trying to achieve.

There are no documented outcomes for the money you are spending on Youth and the local Marae. What are you trying to achieve? What are the expectations?



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More funding needed

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Silverdale United Rugby & Sports Club Inc

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I'm not sure that the priorities are correct.

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Tell us more

Councils top priority should be drainage and ensuring safe building structures. Any city that eventually aims to be world class must have sound infrastructure. If the infrastructure was correct, would civil defence networks be a priority?

More recycling centres would be a priority if everything that was recycled was then put into something that went to good future use. I'm not convinced that this is happening across NZ.

I'm all for 'preserving' existing Māori & European heritage, preserving being the key word in your statement- not creating 'new'.

2.4) this is vital

2.5) this is simply smart business

Side note: Aucklanders are paying customers of council. As a service provider, every area of council should be easily accessible by phone and email. How you treat customers and spend public funding speaks volumes.



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Tell us why

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Tell us more

Teenager crime become seems to be a rising concern for our community, which hurts many families deeply, and its an important influencer for the future of our community. More resources should be spent on involving our young residents with community involvements. I.e. Art center in Glen Innes community is a cool example as a way to gather young people together.



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Quite well

Tell us why

there are more areas that should be taken in count, such as having more spaces for youth to practice and do some sports activities. There are so many playgrounds for kids which is good but we need some more for youth for example basket ball public courts, and other related sports

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Work with Libraries to have books for different ethnicities specially Arab Speakers as there is no/very small amount of Arabic books in the Libraries in the area



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Centrestage Theatre

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you have a large number of areas to cover from environmental, business and facilities and all that encompasses and if you can pull it all off. Good on you!!



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I love the focus on the environment. I love that you recognise the impact of people on Tikapa Moana. I believe that our area is in a special place in the middle of Tikapa Moana. People who live in our area (and wider Auckland) enjoy being on, in and near the water. It is important for transport, jobs, food, health and wellbeing, recreation etc. I would like to see our local board lobby to protect the moana more in our area. We are lucky enough to have an open sanctuary at Shakespear Park, protecting land animals and plants. Wouldn't it be amazing if we could also have a marine reserve surrounding this sanctuary? We could still allow access for boats from Army Bay and Gulf Harbour, but have a no take zone around the perimeter of the park (about 900m out from the shore - like Tawharanui) This would then protect species, giving them a place to regenerate and live in peace. It would also increase fish stock in the gulf surrounding the sanctuary, and attract visitors to snorkel in pristine waters. I see this as a win for people and for nature. I would like to see this include the mud flats at Okoromai - stop the cockle gathering - people do not respect the limit and they just decimate the cockle beds there. We need to protect them before they are gone. Or at the very least put a rahui on gathering cockles to give the cockles a chance to grow and multiply. See research on Marine Reserves from DOC here <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/habitats/marine/type-1-marine-protected-areas-marine-reserves/purpose-and-benefits/#:~:text=Intended%20as%20a%20conservation%20tool,to%20a%20more%20natural%20state.>

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Infrastructure changes are urgently needed for Taiorahi stream that runs to Murrays bay. Hopefully this will resolve those issues. Everyone keeps forgetting and yet there is flood after flood.

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Tell us more

I'd like more initiatives to support fast food businesses to reduce the amount of landfill waste and to provide recycling options. There needs to be MUCH greater nation-wide promotion around recycling: recycling needs to be CLEAN; what to recycle; how to dispose of it (squashed/not squashed; lid on/lid off ...). There should be forfeits for those who abuse this facility, e.g nappies in recycling or contaminated waste.



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Not well at all

Tell us why

Stop increasing rates

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Tell us more

Stop increasing our rates. We literally just need you to provide utilities fir a minimal cost. Why do you keep increasing rates year on year for ‘the arts’ and ‘heritage projects’



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There needs to be focus from the harbourmaster on maintaining the waterways and reducing live aboard vessels staying on anchors. The weiti river has at least ten boats that have permanent people living on them, at anchor

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many of the areas around the coast have been impacted by storm damage, slips, flooding. The environment needs to be repaired so that it is more resilient and sustainable.

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Tell us more

The needs of the hibiscus coast and Bays areas are very different. The accessibility to services including public transport has a greater impact on the coast. Public transport and cycle paths are a great initiative for the coast I however they can only be used a leisure cycle paths. Better investment I'm needed to have better access and reliable bus routes



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In these times of high inflation, “ nice to have” especially virtue signaling projects must cease. Only urgent necessary projects should be prioritized.

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Only essential projects should have ratepayers money spent on them. Rates have been increasing so fast retired people will be forced to sell their properties to those employed in high paying jobs.



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There is an epidemic of mental challenges for people in the community. This I believe is contributing to higher levels of crime and aggression that we seem to be experiencing. We need to plan for and address this and leaving as is will only deteriorate further.



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What are the specific details? You've outlined what you want to do but not the how or what.

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Adding more courts for use like tennis and squash. There are only privately owned ones but it would be great to have with a leisure centre.

It would also be great to have more programmes for our youth to take part in. A lot of these have closed down but there is a need for them more than ever to be involved and develop their motor and social skills. Schooling has had issues with attendance and consistency for our children, other activities outside of school can provide them with more structure and a sense of belonging.



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Would love an upgrade on the playgrounds with a bit more imagination and less of the minimalistic design such a waste of space take inspiration from the playgrounds out west or the new Manukau parks such an opportunity down along the beachfront to make orewa beach a hub of activity and visiting in the summer



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I can only feel that the plan has on going BAU which meant not much for most. We happen to live in areas without a reserve and still waiting for the ability to be granted with one. But the capex seems small and unlisted.



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Tell us more

Please continue to fund Mairangi Arts Centre at the current level. The centre hosts exhibitions by many ethnic groups, youth & older people. The art class programme is enjoyed by a wide cross-section of the community & the organisation also provides employment for tutors and staff in the creative sector.



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local centres need to have an agreed 3 year fund program , not just every year coming for funding



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Open and Connect NZ

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Communication and support for youth, ensuring that resources and organisations are well supported to market their tools and services, so that they are accessible to all.

That there is continued support and funding for Alternative Education programmes in our local area, and that funding is consistent so as not to disturb the support for these young people - this will ensure that the youth that really need this support aren't impacting other young people. There is currently funding for up to 12 students in our local area. The organisations that provide these wrap around services should be supported in their wraparound services.

Networks that support youth and focus on prevention should be supported.

There needs to be a focus on early support, wrap around services and prevention. Bridge the gap between primary and secondary school available services. There is difficulty in mental health service availability in 9-13 year olds.

Find ways to further support under-resourced organisations, such as Marinoto (child and youth mental health services), to enable them to better support the local community. Or find alternatives for "less serious" cases that can provide the same services.

Transparency in services available and not available, and how the community can support these services

Open communication with the wider community - maybe implement a community liaison that is responsible for sharing messaging out to the wider community in local forums and social media etc.



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Vibrant communities are communities which provide a range of activities, events and opportunities for their people. When you bring people together you get a sense of belonging which enhances the wellbeing of people who live in that community

We support the provision of placemaking and other opportunities to enhance the character of our town centre and to transform our public spaces.

We support activities that promote vibrancy and diversity and showcase creativity such as events, festivals and other shared experiences in our public spaces.

Mairangi Bay has had to change the way we deliver our Christmas parade; after 60 years this event has become unaffordable owing to the huge costs of traffic management. In 2022 we relocated the parade from the main street to the park where we organised a variety of entertainment and activities for the community. While this was a successful event for the public, it made little difference to the businesses as it did not bring people into the business area.

Increasing demands for traffic management and waste management are making it difficult for events to happen. We hope to hold a Food and Wine festival in 2024 but will have to budget carefully to be able to deliver this event.



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The support for Youth is not realistic... the actual support for their safety, wellbeing, and betterment within the community is talked about in this plan as opening up free and volunteer options without any financial support to achieve real or safe outcomes for youth and whanau. How are the facilities and schools going to maintain the spaces for the community to utilize - free and provide supervision and youth support services without acknowledgement that costs associated must be supported by the community through the Local and Regional Councils.

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- '- Communication and support for youth, ensuring that resources and established organisations such as the Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre are well supported financially to market their tools and services, so that they are accessible to all.
- That there is continued support and funding for Alternative Education programmes in our local area, and that funding is consistent so as not to disturb the support for these young people - this will ensure that the youth that really need this support aren't impacting other young people. There is currently funding for up to 12 students in our local area. The organisations that provide this wrap around services should be supported in their wraparound services.
- Established organisations such as the Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre, that have supported youth for over 20 years and focus on prevention should be supported every year consistently.

- There needs to be a focus on early support, wrap around services and prevention. Bridge the gap between primary and secondary school available services. There is difficulty in mental health service availability in 9-13 year olds.
- Find ways to further support under-resourced organisations, such as Marinoto (child and youth mental health services), to enable them to better support the local community. Or find alternatives for "less serious" cases that can provide the same services.
- Transparency in services available and not available, and how the community can support these services
- Open communication with the wider community - maybe implement a community liaison that is responsible for sharing messaging out to the wider community in local forums and social media etc.



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Due to the extreme rain events at the beginning of 2023, it was abundantly clear in the Browns Bay area which method of dealing with high levels of storm water worked well for the community. In the northern arm of Taiotea Creek (Sherwood Reserve) where daylighting and riparian planting has happened, the water was allowed to spread and then soak/drain naturally away. In the Taiotea/Bayside reserve areas where it is largely culverted, the results for buildings and businesses downstream on Beach Rd was pretty disastrous. We need more natural focus on dealing with what will be an ongoing issue - rain, urban heat islands and so forth. More trees, better water management.

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I am pleased to see many mentioned of connected and protected networks of active movement corridors (ie. cycling, scootering etc). I would ask that you specifically call these out to be protected networks though. It isn't enough to let AT/WK get away with painting lines on a busy arterial and calling it a cycleway. The test is this: would you let an 8 year old cycle to school on it? If not, it's not protected.

I would also like you to be clearer on the network effects of protected cycleways; without connections to schools, work, and arterial roads people will not use them in large enough numbers. Once there's a network, the numbers will rocket. The latent demand is there but the infrastructure is lagging.



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Advocate for increased funding for cycleways to create connectors right across the region

Create more connections between bikes and public transport , with secure parking , lockers, chargers etc for bike sand scooters

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There needs so much more leadership and investment on making it safe for school kids to get to school on bikes, people to get to work without having to get in the car, ability to enjoy the area and connect our beaches and parks and venues with cycle infrastructure so we can get around safely and easily by walking, bikes or scooters rather than the car as the only option.

Closing off main streets to cars during the day make it much more vibrant and accesible and a destination for the community ratehr than a parking lot / thoroughfare.



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Big Street Bikers is an Auckland-based social enterprise accredited with the Ākina Foundation working to increase the access to and use of e-bikes in Aotearoa. We provide secure parking, digital wayfinding, and charging facilities called Locky Docks that are a free public amenity delivered at no cost to ratepayers.

We work in partnership with mana whenua, community groups, businesses, councils, local boards and government agencies to offer people more transport choices and to promote active and public transport modes. Locky Docks promote the uptake of people riding by removing the security concerns associated with parking bikes at transport hubs, town centres, community facilities and key destinations. We know that there is growing concern regarding the increase in bike thefts.

Big Street Bikers is rolling out a network of Locky Dock stations across Tāmaki Makarau as part of a country-wide programme. The capital expenditure and recurring operational expenditure associated with the delivery and operation of the Locky Dock Network is funded by Big Street Bikers through partnerships with Waka Kotahi, Mercury and the sale of third-party advertising content.

Infrastructure investment that gives locals the opportunity to switch short expensive car trips to an easy bike ride is one of the most effective ways of reducing household transport costs for residents. Everyone benefits from a transport network that supports an urban lifestyle where short trips by bike, micro-mobility or on foot are the norm. More trips by active transport leads to cleaner, safer, more business friendly streets, and more resilient communities.

Feedback on the Local Board Plan

Big Street Bikers commends the Local Board's support for active modes of transport to be as connected and well maintained as our roading network, through improvements to connectivity and dedicated infrastructure - such as improved path surfaces, signage, or seating.

We would like to suggest that the Local Board considers including in the local board plan the installation of a network of e-bike charging, digital wayfinding and secure bike parking stations at transport hubs, community facilities and key destinations as an initiative to be delivered over the next three years.

A local network of secure bike parking, wayfinding and charging stations complements the Local Board's climate action goals and advocacy for safer journeys for those not in cars. The network will help promote and encourage the uptake of active transport in Hibiscus and Bays.

With the funding currently available from Waka Kotahi and Mercury it will be possible for the Local Board to deliver a local network of secure bike parking over the next year.

As a local resident I look forward to progressing this initiative with the local board for the benefit of all residents, visitors and commuters.

Andrew Charlesworth, co-founder, Big Street Bikers

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Generally like the focus on creating resilience groups in case of future weather events but some issues are created by a lack of stormwater and drainage maintenance. Our building in Glen Road Browns Bay flooded and we have since found that the drains were blocked by tree roots, concrete and other debris.

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Not very well

Tell us why

We have had extensive housing throughout Orewa, Silverdale Millwater, Milldale, Whangaparoa without any apparent increase in facilities, esp Orewa. Swimming pool, table tennis, cycling lanes around Orewa shopping area, cycling to Silverdale, cycling to Whangaparoa. Orewa beach access is poorly maintained compared to its popularity, need to open up the grass area for parking, need to enable better access to beach by the main public toilets. I would like to see a vast increase in choices of activities and cycling, swimming for retirees in Orewa.

What plans are there for the bridge approaching Orewa with so much increase in traffic due to excessive housing development in the Orewa I have previously submitted but wanted to add.

We need another Hibiscus Coast Leisure centre, Stanmore Bay, but serving the area of Orewa, Silverdale and Millwater.

Opening up school facilities is not the answer, not purpose built, unable to access during the day, does not create ambience or community feel.

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No

Tell us more

I live in Orewa as a retiree. I bike to my daughter in Manly. I have had 2 e cycle accidents trying to ride along footpath as no road verge Whangaparoa Rd.

I go outside Orewa for my activities as little option in Orewa. No swimming pool, can't cycle around Orewa shops, no table tennis on during day in Orewa or Silverdale, Orewa Beach needs much more maintenance, access for beach walking is tidal and unable to walk length of beach without going back onto road. Need better cycling paths along Orewa Beach

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What are future plans for bridge approaching Orewa with the vast increase in traffic due to excessive housing development.

Pressure put on Orewa Beach and Orewa from excessive housing development in surrounding areas with insufficient maintenance and development of beach,open up the grassed area for parking,improve access to beach,enable walking of beach in tidal conditions without having to go back to the road.Fix Centreway Rd from the destruction caused by Grove development.



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Quite well

Tell us why

I fully support the objective in the plan to provide attractive, integrated public transport. A key action for this however is to oppose the current proposal from AT to cancel the Gulf Harbour ferry route once Penlink is open. The proposal does not align with the RPTP Vision or intent to increase options for PT across the network. This is not consistent with the previous plans to enhance service reliability and add in weekend services as outlined in the 2018-2023 RPTP. It is contradictory, excluding Onewa Northcote Point, to then propose all remaining inner routes will see increased frequency of Ferry sailings and buses to and from their terminals. Yet the Gulf Harbour route is detailed as a duplication of PT Services to our community. The ferry service is the fastest, most convenient, and comfortable public transport option for commuters traveling to the city. It is likely that many ferry commuters will not transfer to buses but rather use their own cars which will worsen the already constrained roading network on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. The Gulf Harbour ferry acts as another bridge to Auckland City.

Community Polls show 65% of existing commuters are more likely to drive to the city as preference over catching 2 buses and duration of travel exceeding 1h 40 mins (even with the Penlink quoted journey time taking 62 minutes - this means any carbon emission savings are lost as people return to their cars. Lower carbon emissions per head of commuter population will be achieved if the Ferry service is preserved and reliable. More people want to use it but the unreliability appears to have been forced by AT and Fuller's hidden agenda.

AT rationale for withdrawal cites unreliability due to ‘weather’. This is factually incorrect and intentionally misleading. Customer experience and collated data from AT and Fullers alerts, prove 75% of the unreliability is due to the current contractors Crew Shortages and Fleet Vessel Maintenance Management along with service breakdowns. The service failure rate pre 2019 (before the current contractor took over). Since 2019, noting covid, the contractor has failed to recruit, retain or train sufficient crew to service new contract extensions to service more inner harbour routes. The contractors solution, be that driven by AT or their own agenda is to prioritise servicing inner routes over Gulf Harbour. Only 20% of cancellations 2021-2023 were related to Weather. On reviewing weather on the dates alerts were received: suggests these decisions were not made due to weather or sailing conditions by experienced skippers, but with an operational overview for the entire network.

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Tell us more

The Gulf Harbour ferry service is a vital part of an emerging integrated transport network on the Hibiscus Coast involving private vehicle, bus, and ferry travel. Penlink will enhance the overall network but to remove the ferry component as proposed will negatively impact the others to the detriment of the network.

The proposal to terminate the Gulf Harbour ferry service should be rejected and instead the focus in this RPTP put on increasing the weekly services at Gulf Harbour (including the trial of a weekend service). This would be consistent with what is happening with other ferry service across the region and what was previously planned for the Gulf Harbour service.



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I support safe, efficient, and multi-mode transport options to reduce car dependence. Especially connecting the bus network to bike routes.

I also strongly support pest plant and animal elimination, and improve water quality.

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Tell us why

The priorities are fine, but it's all in the doing and there not many specific examples here. Tell us more!

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Climate resilience is number one but also growing the local economy, particularly balancing the need for Orewa to be a local town centre as well as a destination - the jewel in the local crown.



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East Coast Bays Barracudas Rugby League Club

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Very well

Tell us why

Due to the location of Freyberg Park sports fields, it is necessary to keep it as a place for leisure and exercise which includes ensuring longevity.

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Yes

Tell us more

As a sports club we are wanting to promote a healthy lifestyle both physically and mentally and provide opportunities for those to join when family and friends are not always a viable option for them to feel safe / secure



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Tell us more

My concern is the lack of accountability for two issues happening in Whangaparaoa... the closure of the Golf Club where the strategy of the new owner is obviously to apply to rezone to infill green space with housing and the Ferry service which is totally unreliable and using Pen link to add a larger carbon footprint on vehicle use into the city.



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Local Board: Franklin

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Quite well

Tell us why

You have mentioned the support or leisure and recreation but seem to have missed out Play. The ability to create space for tamariki to play, and bring families to areas. Green spaces with Play opportunities play a huge role in connecting communities.

Town centre design should reflect play and the ability for families to visit town. Shared consideration of Play opportunities and design are important. Street furniture, public art create a lens for all people to view play through.

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Tell us more

AK Have Your Say

Aktive Submission

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2023

Overview

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan.

Aktive's vision is Auckland – the world's most active city: Tāmaki Makaurau – te tāone ngāngahau rawa o te ao.

We provide leadership to the Auckland region that encourages, enables and inspires Aucklanders to lead more active lives through play, sport and active recreation. As both Sport NZ's and Auckland Council's strategic partner in Auckland, this means investing in organisations and projects that will get more people active, with focuses on tamariki, rangatahi, and identified communities.

We work closely with our System Build Partners, including Harbour Sport, to connect, support and collaborate with organised sport bodies, clubs, schools and community groups in the strategic direction, planning and delivery of programmes and facilities.

Aktive recognises the key role that Local Boards play in the delivery of play, recreation and sport across Tāmaki Makaurau. Local Boards are essential in creating communities where people want to live, work and play and they have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of Aucklanders through governance and decision making on parks and open spaces, community facilities, grants and support, community leases and many other aspects.

Key Feedback

1. The draft Plan clearly identifies the importance of investing into supporting our communities to deliver activity and to grow their membership.
2. We fully support the aim to make spaces accessible to everyone and also the focus on active transport.
3. The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board has been a great supporter in the development of sport and recreation facilities in the past and we support that this is clearly acknowledged in this draft Plan.
4. We request the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board continues to provide the Community Facilities Grant as this has had a significant positive impact on the sector.
5. We support the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board considering opportunities to allocate resource into investigating and implementing partnerships with local schools.
6. While we support ensuring facilities are available to all ages, we request that the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan needs to have a stronger emphasis on play, not just at playgrounds, but through all community spaces.
7. We request the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board add advocacy items to:
 - a. Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund
 - b. Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant.

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Aktive commends the vision shown in the draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan and the clear priority that has been placed on ensuring that our communities have opportunities to access community facilities and open spaces to empower them to live healthy, active lives.

Does the Local Board Plan reflect what you want for this community over the next three years?

The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan does a great job at prioritising sport and recreation. We appreciate the acknowledgement of council's "core services" as being focused on delivering for the wellbeing of their communities.

We acknowledge that the role of the Local Board is particularly challenging in that Local Boards need to deliver a wide range of facilities and services without the necessary budget to support their visions. We ask the XXX Local Board be very direct in your prioritisation of what is important to the community so that you can make a difference in a number of spaces as opposed to spreading your support too widely.

We think that the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board's identification of looking at different ways to deliver to communities is forward thinking and the focus on multi-use hubs is supported by good research from Sport New Zealand and international best practice.

Community Organisations

We fully support the objective of:

- *There is nowhere better than our local parks and reserves for a picnic, a sports game or meeting friends*

And the key initiatives to:

- *Support participation for sports groups to grow membership and financial sustainability. Preference be given to support any new club owned facilities to be multi-sport/ multi-use hubs.*
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Sporting organisations are integral to the health and wellbeing of our communities. We know that participation in sport brings 74.3 million hours of meaningful, positive social interaction to Aucklanders each year¹ and that sport and recreation operating spend has a direct and significant correlation with participation levels². If the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board is able to continue their history of investing to grow the capability and capacity of sporting organisations then this will lead to positive outcomes for the entire community.

The focus on making facilities and spaces accessible to everyone and on active transport is important so that we can cater for our ever-diversifying population.

Sport and Recreation Facilities and Open Spaces

We also support the objectives of:

- *We have more opportunities for recreation in our community than ever before.*
- *There is nowhere better than our local parks and reserves for a picnic, a sports game or meeting friends.*

And the key initiatives to:

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Investment into sport and recreation facilities is extremely important to facilitate positive outcomes in the health and wellbeing of the population. There is evidence emerging that underspending on facilities leads directly to lower participation levels³ and we know that physical activity brings \$372 million of healthcare savings for Auckland and contributes to 279 fewer deaths annually⁴.

The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board has been extremely supportive of the sector in the past through the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Community Facilities Grant and we request that this support continue in order to be able to deliver on aspirations in the community.

We fully support the approach to work in partnership with local schools to provide facilities and other physical activity opportunities. These partnerships are important, but often difficult and time consuming. Aktive through Harbour Sport currently have dedicated resourcing to support Stanmore Bay Primary School, through Healthy Active Learning, which includes a focus on strengthening connections with the wider community. Through this work we can assist in enhancing connections with this school and others to aid in this approach. We also request that the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board allocate resources, not just in terms of staff time, but also in terms of budget to ensure that positive outcomes can be achieved.

Play

We acknowledge the one key initiative on play in the plan:

- *Support the use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities. Ensure strong walking and cycling connections, and to be places of flood risk mitigation.*

We encourage the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board to put more of a focus on play as we know that play is essential for our tamariki. Hibiscus and Bays, while having on average, a slightly older population than the rest of Auckland, still has 18.7% or around 19,500 people aged under 15 along with 25 schools.

Play is an important aspect to acknowledge and plan for as, according to Sport New Zealand research⁵, its benefits include:

- being physically active in a fun way that develops fundamental movement skills
- encouraging self-directed creativity and innovation
- improving social and emotional connections
- improving a young person's understanding of their relationship with the physical environment
- improving resilience, independence and leadership by determining their own outcomes
- aiding better decision-making based around elements of challenge and risk.

Advocacy

We strongly support the advocacy item:

- *Advocate to the Governing Body for more staff resource to facilitate partnership agreements with owners of private or Ministry of Education recreation or venue hire facilities to enable greater community use.*

We encourage the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board to work in partnership with Harbour Sport and Aktive to further investigate these opportunities which would prove enormously valuable to the local community.

We also ask the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board to also consider advocacy items such as:

- Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund. This is a key regional fund that will enable facilities to be developed that aren't owned by Council and that have a significant impact on physical activity and health for our communities.
- Advocate to the Governing Body for more investment into the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant to enable communities to deliver facilities and lessen the burden on council.

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⁵ Importance of Play 2017. Sport New Zealand. <https://sportnz.org.nz/media/1654/sport-new-zealand-play-principles-nov-2017.pdf>

Conclusion

Aktive supports the work of the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board in creating opportunities for communities to lead active, healthy lifestyles, and we thank you for your commitment to play, recreation and sport as an integral part of life in your community. We also support a continuing and close connection between the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board and Harbour Sport in meeting the needs of our communities.

As noted earlier in this submission, Aktive and Harbour Sport would greatly appreciate you referencing the critical nature of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund and the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant within the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan. Aktive is working with Councillors to ascertain options for increasing the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund because simply retaining the existing fund level will not be enough to accommodate the demand that exists today, let alone into the future.

As part of these same discussions, Aktive is advocating for the retention of the Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant. This funding is critical to so many sport and recreation facility providers. Without it, costs to users will increase and / or facilities will be forced to close or significantly reduce operating costs which will have an impact on service levels. We are happy to support your Local Board support staff in preparing some further detail for inclusion in your Plan, if you are willing to do so.

We once again thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan development process. If you have any questions, or if we can help with any of your ongoing planning, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Yes

Tell us more

I support the initiatives to improve active transport: in particular improving paths for walking and cycling. It would be great to connect together the bits and pieces of cycling infrastructure we have in an inexpensive way so that people can feel safer using them.



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It is fabulous to see the priority on community resilience Networks and Plans. Environmental initiatives feature strongly however some feel there is need to advocate for adequate funding to meet these aspirations.

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Tell us more

Thrilled to see the priority for Youth Networks in the local Board Plan. Would also love to see investment in our Youth Voice groups and Youth-led community activations and initiatives.



Bays in Action

THINK TANK

Bays in Action – A Collective focused on youth wellbeing

Nāku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket, we will sustain everyone

This whakataukī acknowledges that shared accountability within communities is important because through working together, we can achieve more than we would alone.

The Bays in Action Think Tank was established as a community-led Collective to explore strength-based solutions to youth violence and bullying.

A partnership project between ANCAD and Heart of the Bays evolved towards fostering a community owned Collective of community members, community agencies, local businesses and local government. What has emerged is a group focussed on promoting greater wellbeing for all, with an intentional focus on youth development.

The 2021 Bays Matariki Festival was the rather ambitious inaugural initiative of Bays in Action. A community mobilisation response to the need for enhanced youth wellbeing opportunities in the East Coast Bays area. The Festival was an opportunity to activate the idea of building community cohesion through community development. The two week programme of youth-friendly, whanau focussed activities and events showcased the awesome local assets we have available.

The group has a vision of having youth at the heart of everything they do so one of the activities during the Matariki Festival was an Intermediate School Logo Competition to design a logo for the Collective. Prizes included art supplies and art mentoring with The Stoned Cow Café / Art Gallery. The winning logos have been graphically designed by local business, Logo Logo NZ, for the group to use as its brand and collective identity. Supporting and partnering with local businesses is a priority for our mahi.

The Stoned Cow Café was also where we planted the Matariki wishing tree for community to share their dreams and aspirations for the Bays.

These activities themselves highlight the groups desire to increase opportunities for learning and developing the arts in the community.

We also had an awesome opportunity to visit the Northcross Intermediate Tech Department for a special Matariki Carving Class. The talent of the students and teachers was incredible, as was the interest in connecting more with the community. Additional community education opportunities are also a definite focus of the group, exploring 'Making Spaces' and developing Mentoring opportunities within and across generations are just some of the many ideas we have.

Another highlight of the Festival was the Boards and Bikes Skate park event. The photos and video footage from the day showcase the talent, passion, joy and connection that was abundant for all to see.

Where do we find ourselves now?

A Youth Strategy has been developed by the group and we are now exploring our *Action Plan for Wellbeing*.

Our biggest challenge is to prioritise the many awesome ideas the group has suggested and decide the first win in what we hope to be an enduring work plan of complementary wellbeing initiatives.



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It's all along the lines of what I've asked for in my previous submissions, please get on with it - this may require thinking outside the box and getting funding from the UN, EU and British Council, etc., to partner and sponsor initiatives, bypassing the blockages in Auckland Council and NZ Government.

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Tell us more

Some of the green space reserves that developers provided for in subdivisions like Pinehill, Rosedale, etc., are useless: they are on triangular sloping land that can't be used for anything, so develop them into innovative housing solutions and use the proceeds to fund better located green space reserves that have more local amenity and can double as 'sponges' for the 'sponge city' concept.



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Tell us more

I'd like for support for library and community spaces to continue - I notice there are points on "Place Making" and I hope these important spaces/resources can form the cornerstone of these "place making" efforts.



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Harbour Sport

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HARBOUR SPORT SUBMISSION

Submission to:

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Draft Plan

From:

Harbour Sport

Vision: A community physically active for life

Purpose: Inspiring, empowering and strengthening the community through physical activity

INTRODUCTION

Research has shown that increasing community participation in Play, Active Recreation and Sport (PARS) to social capital which acts as the social fabric that binds New Zealand communities. Sports clubs, community organisations, and recreational parks and facilities are important conduits for developing social capital and are good indicator of community strength.

The key benefits of increased social capital through community sport and recreation include:

- Building community sense of pride and belonging
- Increased social inclusion
- Reduced anti-social behaviour
- Educational programmes
- Improved health and well-being
- Economic growth
- Urban and regional regeneration

With almost 80% of Hibiscus and Bays residents actively participating in sport and recreation once a week, 98% of residents participating once a year and volunteering ingrained in the local community, the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board have a unique opportunity to make a considerable difference to their people.

Hibiscus and Bays has 78 sport and recreation clubs, 3 regional sport organisations and 92 sport and recreation facilities which cater for approximately 105,270 of your community residents and approximately 380,000 residents living north of the bridge.

The North Harbour Region has one of the fastest growing populations in New Zealand, with clear indications suggesting that growth will occur around existing town centres in areas such as Hibiscus and Bays. These factors need to be taken into consideration when developing effective community strategies around sport, recreation, parks and facilities in the region.

Harbour Sport endorses the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board outcome areas of access to recreation choices and open space for all including partnering with Harbour Sport to link in groups to make better use of recreation facilities and groups working together to attract funding to realise multi-use clubrooms and spaces. It is important to enhance access and activities on our coastline, parks and reserves and Harbour Sport endorse your commitment to improving park facilities, reviewing reserve management plans to ensure they are fit for purpose and support sport and recreation outcomes and partnering with other organisations.

SUPPORT

We support the following initiatives:

- Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive and to have a voice in decisions
- Support participation for sports groups to grow membership and financial sustainability. Preference be given to support any new club owned facilities to be multi-sport/ multi-use hubs
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CONSIDERATIONS

We kindly request the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board support in addressing the following issues in the Harbour region. We propose exploring options such as:

- Identifying suitable locations for new indoor court facilities.
- Upgrading existing facilities to accommodate a broader range of indoor sports.
- Collaborating with Harbour Sport local sports organisations and community groups to better understand their needs and preferences.

By investing in indoor court facilities, the Auckland Council will not only enhance the quality of life for residents in the Harbour region but also promote physical activity, community engagement, and the development of local sports talent.

CONCLUSION

Harbour Sport thanks the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board for the opportunity to comment on the draft local board plan. We hope that the comments and feedback will help support the decision making and provision allocation process.

We believe that the final Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan with strong additions regarding the value of play, active recreation, sport and physical activity in the community will be well placed to become a key document for the community for future Sport and Recreation development.

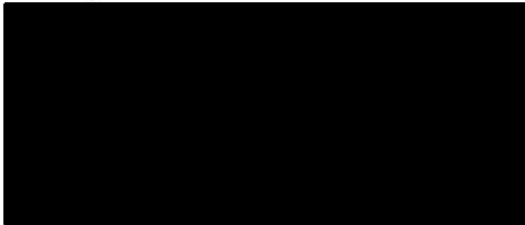
This submission supports the position that Harbour Sport currently holds within the North Shore region and their involvement as a key stakeholder in any future development of sport and recreation in the Hibiscus and Bays communities.

If you would like further clarification of any of the areas raised in this submission, please contact Toni-Maree Carnie.

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Signature:



Date:

14/8/2023



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Royal Forest and Bird protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird) North Shore Branch

Local Board: Not supplied

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Tell us more

Copy of submission text attached as a pdf

We wish to be heard in support of this submission

Kereru don't fly in straight lines!

(A modern Whakataukī by Charmaine Bailie)

When doing restoration planting projects, it is usually seen as important to create consistent spacing between plants; so that each plant has room to grow, gaps don't appear as the canopy develops that allow weeds to grow, and for all this to happen for the least possible cost. In some places around Te Whenua Roa o Kahu, the North Shore of Auckland, this objective has created perverse outcomes. Places where native tree species, of similar age and a narrow collection of species, are lined in rows and columns, like the grid of an ancient Roman city. But when Char taught me to plan community restoration planting events, she pointed out that nature does not work like this. Like the Kereru with a full belly, it dodges and weaves, swoops and dives, around natural features, dispersing a diverse range of native seeds across the whenua. This abundance of diversity dispersed in chaotic fashion is not the redundancy it first appears. Each species has its own ecological niche and helps provide a robust ecosystem community that is resilient to changes in climate. Changes in conditions may favour one species over another, but within the shelter of the forest community all species thrive. It does not respect fences or property boundaries made by people; but rather it goes wherever it chooses. With some species following the path of water, as it travels from

the mountain to the sea; and others etching out a living on the harsh clay soils of ridge lines. In doing so it deposits biodiversity in all the places which favour their own prosperity. The wisdom of nature's method, over the attempts people make, is seen in the success of natural ecosystems over millions of years of change and adversity. And so, as we placed plants for people to put into the ground on community planting days, we were encouraged to think like a kereru, by not planting things in straight lines according to our own convenience. Rather we were to scatter a diverse palate of plants across the planting site, being mindful of the landscape and species selection, and adapting where necessary, but mostly trying to mix plants up in uneven spacing in an attempt to imitate the success of nature.

(Nicholas Mayne)

Introduction

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation, with over 100,000 members and supporters. Its mission is to be a voice for nature, on land, in fresh water, and at sea, on behalf of its members and supporters. Volunteers in 50 branches throughout New Zealand carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature. Forest & Bird has nine branches and three major projects in the Auckland region alone.

In support of the society's objectives, it has been involved in resource management processes at the national, regional, and district level. It routinely submits on regional and district plan provisions, some resource consents and advocates in the Environment Court in relation to biodiversity, landscape and natural character. It is particularly committed to ensuring that the environmental bottom lines established in national policy statements in order to give substance to the "protective" element of Part 2 of the RMA are given effect to in regional and district plans and achieved through decisions on resource consents. 3 Forest & Bird

The North Shore Branch carries out a range of activities, including but not limited to weed control, pest control, restorative planting, education events, content creation and environmental advocacy. The branch covers the North Shore area from the East Coast Bays, south to Devonport, west to Greenhithe, and north to the Weiti River including Okura Bush. Everyone involved in the branch is a volunteer, including the committee, trappers, and supporters.

Approach

We began the process of making this submission by reviewing the Local Board Plans of all four Local Boards in the rohe of our branch, with the intention of making a submission on each plan. However, the more we worked on this the more we realised the similarities between the Local Board plans, and the issues we wanted all Local Boards to address, were more significant than the local issues that we could comment on. These similarities warrant a more cooperative approach between the four Local Boards. For example, both Kaipatiki Local Board and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards' plans both propose undertaking work on dog walking rules. Our branch supports this proposal as it could allow for better protection of ground nesting birds, particularly along the foreshore. However, undertaking this in just these two Local Boards would not be good value for money (in terms of development and

consultation costs) or achieve rules that are readily understood and applied to all vulnerable habitats across our rohe. Furthermore, we recognise the influence of Local Board's extends beyond the budgets and work programs they have direct decision making around. Local Board views must be considered in any decision that is made by the Governing Body of Auckland Council, or by a council department or CCO under the delegation of the Governing Body of Auckland Council (section 15.2.c Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009). Coordinating advocacy and feedback between the four Local Boards will have a greater impact on the decision making of the rest of Auckland Council. For this reason, we have decided to fly like the kereru, ignoring man-made boundaries, and submit a unified submission for each of the four Local Board plans in our rohe that focuses on achieving a strong common voice for nature.

We are submitting our submission as Objectives, Key Initiatives, and Advocacy items; just as they may appear in a Local Board Plan; along with commentary on some items. We would very much have liked to write a longer commentary on each of the suggestions detailing why we either support or propose them. Unfortunately, time and resources do not permit us to do this as we wanted to provide this submission to our members as early as possible. But we would like to request the opportunity to make an oral submission on the plan, with the Local Board, where we can answer any questions you have around our views.

Local Board Plan submission in structural form

Environment: Nature thrives across our entire rohe.

Objectives Key Initiatives

Access to indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is managed to promote enjoyment while protecting vulnerable ecosystems. ● Review and promote the provision of paths and tracks to give people access to forests in local reserves that promote ecological hygiene and conservation of vulnerable habitats.

- Identifying high value ecological areas close to urban populations, such as the shell banks of Oneoneroa and Te Onekiritea, and manage access to prevent damage.

- Work with neighbouring Local Boards to review the Auckland Policy on Dogs, keeping dogs out of high value conservation areas while providing space for responsible pet ownership. Dogs off leash are causing significant damage in many reserves and streams.

- Preserve and restore the area's horticultural history by planting and maintaining heritage variety plants in parks with public access; including pā harakeke, rongoā gardens, and fruit tree libraries.

- Continue to implement actions from the Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy

Continue to partner with the community to enhance the biodiversity of local parks and reserves.

- Continue to support community restoration, environmental groups and environmental education initiatives that protect and enhance our natural assets

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2. Trade competition declaration

Forest & Bird would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

3. Hearing options

We wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Forest and Bird Shore North Shore, North Auckland Local Board Plans Submission.

Kereru don't fly in straight lines!

(A modern Whakataukī by Charmaine Bailie)

When doing restoration planting projects, it is usually seen as important to create consistent spacing between plants; so that each plant has room to grow, gaps don't appear as the canopy develops that allow weeds to grow, and for all this to happen for the least possible cost. In some places around Te Whenua Roa o Kahu, the North Shore of Auckland, this objective has created perverse outcomes. Places where native tree species, of similar age and a narrow collection of species, are lined in rows and columns, like the grid of an ancient Roman city. But when Char taught me to plan community restoration planting events, she pointed out that nature does not work like this. Like the Kereru with a full belly, it dodges and weaves, swoops and dives, around natural features, dispersing a diverse range of native seeds across the whenua. This abundance of diversity dispersed in chaotic fashion is not the redundancy it first appears. Each species has its own ecological niche and helps provide a robust ecosystem community that is resilient to changes in climate. Changes in conditions may favour one species over another, but within the shelter of the forest community all species thrive. It does not respect fences or property boundaries made by people; but rather it goes wherever it chooses. With some species following the path of water, as it travels from the mountain to the sea; and others etching out a living on the harsh clay soils of ridge lines. In doing so it deposits biodiversity in all the places which favour their own prosperity. The wisdom of nature's method, over the attempts people make, is seen in the success of natural ecosystems over millions of years of change and adversity. And so, as we placed plants for people to put into the ground on community planting days, we were encouraged to think like a kereru, by not planting things in straight lines according to our own convenience. Rather we were to scatter a diverse palate of plants across the planting site, being mindful of the landscape and species selection, and adapting where necessary, but mostly trying to mix plants up in uneven spacing in an attempt to imitate the success of nature.

(Nicholas Mayne)

Introduction

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation, with over 100,000 members and supporters. Its mission is to be a voice for nature, on land, in fresh water, and at sea, on behalf of its members and supporters. Volunteers in 50 branches throughout New Zealand carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature. Forest & Bird has nine branches and three major projects in the Auckland region alone.

In support of the society's objectives, it has been involved in resource management processes at the national, regional, and district level. It routinely submits on regional and district plan provisions, some resource consents and advocates in the Environment Court in relation to biodiversity, landscape and natural character. It is particularly committed to ensuring that the environmental bottom lines established in national policy statements in order to give substance to the "protective" element of Part 2 of the RMA are given effect to in regional and district plans and achieved through decisions on resource consents.

The North Shore Branch carries out a range of activities, including but not limited to weed control, pest control, restorative planting, education events, content creation and environmental advocacy. The branch covers the North Shore area from the East Coast Bays, south to Devonport, west to Greenhithe, and north to the Weiti River including Okura Bush. Everyone involved in the branch is a volunteer, including the committee, trappers, and supporters.

Approach

We began the process of making this submission by reviewing the Local Board Plans of all four Local Boards in the rohe of our branch, with the intention of making a submission on each plan. However, the more we worked on this the more we realised the similarities between the Local Board plans, and the issues we wanted all Local Boards to address, were more significant than the local issues that we could comment on. These similarities warrant a more cooperative approach between the four Local Boards. For example, both Kaipatiki Local Board and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards’ plans both propose undertaking work on dog walking rules. Our branch supports this proposal as it could allow for better protection of ground nesting birds, particularly along the foreshore. However, undertaking this in just these two Local Boards would not be good value for money (in terms of development and consultation costs) or achieve rules that are readily understood and applied to all vulnerable habitats across our rohe. Furthermore, we recognise the influence of Local Board’s extends beyond the budgets and work programs they have direct decision making around. Local Board views must be considered in any decision that is made by the Governing Body of Auckland Council, or by a council department or CCO under the delegation of the Governing Body of Auckland Council (section 15.2.c Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009). Coordinating advocacy and feedback between the four Local Boards will have a greater impact on the decision making of the rest of Auckland Council. For this reason, we have decided to fly like the kereru, ignoring man-made boundaries, and submit a unified submission for each of the four Local Board plans in our rohe that focuses on achieving a strong common voice for nature.

We are submitting our submission as Objectives, Key Initiatives, and Advocacy items; just as they may appear in a Local Board Plan; along with commentary on some items. We would very much have liked to write a longer commentary on each of the suggestions detailing why we either support or propose them. Unfortunately, time and resources do not permit us to do this as we wanted to provide this submission to our members as early as possible. But we would like to request the opportunity to make an oral submission on the plan, with the Local Board, where we can answer any questions you have around our views.

Local Board Plan submission in structural form

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Another feature about the Silverdale Park and Ride is that there is no drop off area within the bus station itself. This is an absolute necessity when picking up the elderly and for safety. It is not safe to be standing out on the street waiting for a pickup. In fact I know of one parent that has told their child if you miss the connecting bus and have that hour wait to go across the road and wait at the petrol station. How safe is that option?

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Walkways and cycle ways need to be safe for all users and it has to be stressed to cyclists that pedestrians have priority. Several accidents have happened to walkers on the estuary walkway with people trying to get out of the way of cyclists, tripping on debris and flax bushes whilst trying to do so and ending up in hospital and weeks of recovery. It is quite unnerving having a cyclist coming up rapidly behind you. Dogs off the leash are another issue. The estuary walkway is lovely but is hazardous and not always relaxing. Especially when you have grandchildren, one on a bicycle and the other on a push along, one behind, one ahead and having to keep them out of the way of cyclists and dogs.

To avoid “climate” incidents proper planning is necessary. We have never looked to buy a property by a waterway for the obvious reasons, not to mention the mosquitos. Allowing buildings in flood areas is asking for problems not to mention damp buildings. Of course there are going to be storms, high seas, high tides. Those that build on the foreshore have to take responsibility for their purchase. To blame others and expect others to fix the problem should not happen. I maintain that Orewa Council should have had the foresight of Brown’s Bay Council, remove from the foreshore when the owners died or wanted to sell up. Many more could then enjoy the portions of the beach front that are blocked off with private dwellings.

Climate change on the coast line is “weather”. That is what happens. Cliffs get eroded. Don’t allow buildings close to the cliff edge. Sand comes and goes. Water comes and goes. Wind comes and goes. Temperatures go up and down. Consult the long term weather data for comparison.

New builds, infrastructure all needs proper planning. Using substandard bitumen for roads is non-sensical. Using “green” concrete that will not do the job is non-sensical. Building to the climate of the area makes sense. Using local knowledge for information when planning new infrastructure, and buildings. Going out and doing a thorough site investigation instead of relying on some computer programme modelling.

What climate change challenges do our people face? High transport emissions does not have any effect on the climate change as presented. Changes will not bring about the so called reductions. Pollution yes.

Sea level is not rising. Land goes up and down. Sun and moon bring about the changes, high tides etc. To mitigate don’t alter water ways. Keep silt and rubbish out. The Red Beach creek from the holiday camp used to be in good order. As a child I fished for eels in that creek. Don’t

build on flood areas. Forget the advice from modellers. Use real people and real life measurements.

Our People. Support all age groups. Be aware of the difficulties of the elderly getting about Orewa etc on rubbish collection day. Anyone using a pram, mobility scooter has their access to footpaths blocked.

We are a diverse area and all people should be respected. Learn to understand their culture. That does not mean we need to cancel ours. They came to New Zealand to be with us because of us. Respect, respect, respect. Agree to disagree. Accept new challenges. Share other ways of doing things.

Attendance at local board is an issue for all people, no matter what their ethnicity. Not everyone wants to participate in what is provided. Even discussion days do not draw many people unless they are directly affected. For many living in this area, all they want is the open spaces, the beach, the freedom, the lack of crowds, access to restaurants, library, and shops.

Services are being removed, like some of the banks have moved from Whangaparaoa and Orewa to Silverdale, no longer easily accessible for non-drivers. In fact the Silverdale Centre is inaccessible to many with mobility issues. It is an uphill climb from the buses and a hazardous trip with a shopping and or shopping trolley to the bus stop.

How do you build trust and better outcomes when it takes so long or is difficult to get an answer?

Our environment. Shore line structures are at risk. Not from rising sea levels no. Where is the evidence to prove this? Erosion yes. That is not sea level rise. Physical changes that have been made to our beaches over time, by people. Erosion, coastal changes are natural occurrences in our environment. You are not going to change nature. Preparation and mitigation of storm damage should have always been done. It is not a new phenomenon

Sedimentation is natural but it has been sped up by the way developments have been allowed to progress without mitigation, as well as pollution

To work with nature should always have been the goal. However factual observations and statistics need to be the basis and this can involve going back many decades, not just comparing this year with last.

The cost of adaptation and mitigation from the effect of climate change does not need to be budgeted for separately. It comes under your statement "working with nature". Facts need to be the basis, not what modellers are producing on their computers that are based on suppositions and not long term factual data. Get the true data.

Pest and invasive species need to be eradicated. Not by using 1080 nor sprays which poison the ground and our waterways.

Carbon emissions is a red herring. Pollution is the issue. Reducing the number of cars on the road is not achievable, nor is moving to electric going to make the slightest bit of difference. Trees, better drainage people being responsible for their own rubbish, not throwing it onto the streets.

Unfortunately many scientists have been silenced these days in favour of a fixed agenda. Science is not one source of truth. Science is never final.

Yes we need to use energy efficiently, reduce waste and restore land and waterways and live more sustainably. Reclaim many ways of the past. Ways we get ridiculed for by the “throwaway” generation. We did not have the food waste of cafes and restaurants as we mostly had milk bars, fish and chip shops, where choices were small and likewise budgets. Drinks were in recyclable bottles, later cans. Goods were repaired. Clothing was repaired.

People need to take back their responsibility for themselves and the community. There is too much of everyone owes me. Too much of destruction and destroying the good work and structures of others.

Developers need to be held accountable and if a neighbouring land owner has problems caused by a developer then Council needs to heed the concerns of that person and ensure that these problems are put to right. Council need to stop approving developments when all the conditions are non-compliant yet still Council gives the tick of approval. Council needs to follow up on compliance to see that they are adhered to. Where are the trees to replace the felling of several large pohutukawa at 61 Riverside Road? Why should a resident subject to flooding from a new housing project because of incorrect drainage be told by the developer that he could drill into her concrete!!! to drain the water rather than correct his own error. It took many months and legal battles and costs before Council would even acknowledge the problem.

It seems to me that many of the Advocacy statements on page 20 should already have been carried out by governing bodies and central government.

Our community. Facilities such as libraries, leisure facilities, CAB, and community centres must be available and at a realistic cost. Apparently costs and difficulty accessing the Community Centre in Orewa has meant some clubs have changed venue, thus some participants can no longer get to the new venue. Groups are making use of private facilities as they are more user friendly and cost effective. Seems counter intuitive.

There is no way that North Harbour Stadium should be removed. This is a valuable asset to the community. The Mayor needs to realise that we want local and that Auckland Super City extends beyond the Harbour Bridge. We need more events here.

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Maori, since the arrival of other nationalities, have seen the advantages to be gained. Housing, trade, knowledge etc. Likewise Maori had much to offer the early settlers who arrived to the conditions that they had not expected. We would not be where we are today without the cooperation from all peoples. Everyone learnt and grew and took advantage of the larger ships to trade and the industrial age to move forward.

I think we all are aware of the need for housing. That is not just a Maori issue. Home ownership is overstated. People have always rented. Some all their lives, others part of their life. Many elderly are renting currently, all ethnicities. Difference is that various governments and employers over time have dismantled housing that went with the job or affordable well-built state houses or increased rentals to market rents, along with not maintaining the said houses. The second issue is stability for renters and that goes for “all” New Zealanders, especially in the lower price range, as to find a replacement in the same area at the same price is often next to impossible. This scenario is difficult for families that have to uproot to other areas and schools.

Hence to single out Maori is detrimental to our area and is causing increasing division. It is very sad to see. This comment I have heard from both sides of the coin.

“English” is the universal language that is used throughout the world. Yes Maori should be proud of and protect their language just as English should be protected without the addition of Maori words that have several interpretations and that many people, including Maori do not understand.

I do strongly object to the linking of Local Board plans to Maori outcomes. Since when were those only Maori outcomes. Why are they “aspirations” for the local board but “priorities” for Maori? They are the priorities for most if not all New Zealanders. No one race has polluted or looked after the environment more than the other. Examples have been documented from all sides. We need to work together as equals. Everyone has a positive part to play. These areas have meaning for all of us in one way or another. We are all wanting to see them protected, however what “protected” means seems to have become very diverse and divisive.

Climate Action. Climate Emergency. There is no climate emergency. The climate always changes. Now the IPCC has come out and said that the dangers 1.5% extra heating will not make the slightest difference to anything. Zero carbon is bollocks. Scientists with opposing views have been silenced. That is not science. Shutting down facts for modelling is not science.

The world needs carbon. The trees need carbon dioxide and without the trees and photosynthesis none of us would be here. The more carbon dioxide the better the plant growth. Check out the science.

And if there is a climate emergency, why are people flying around in private jets? Why is Auckland Council approving helicopter applications? Why are people driving their children all over Auckland to get to school? Why are so many people flying out of the country on holiday instead of supporting our own country?

Climate change is being directed from various factions overseas. Say something often enough and people will believe. The Great Barrier Reef is not shrinking. Fortunately the scientist that stated that has been reinstated. The Caratet Islands were not underwater by 2015 as was predicted. Tuvalu is not any more under the sea than it has been for decades. There is scientific evidence to prove all this but under our cancel culture of dis and misinformation the world is being lied to.

Wind farms are not clean and green. Look at the lifecycle from construction to dismantling. They require oil to enable them to operate. They are high maintenance. They are classed as “renewable” because that is what they are. They always have to be “renewed”. And at great cost.

Solar has its uses in many areas but is not the total answer either. Once again check out the life cycle. They are also very vulnerable to destruction, snow.

Neither is the solution.

Changing to electric vehicles will not make any difference. They are expensive. Once again look at their life cycle. Those poor children in the mines! They are heavier than petrol cars, therefore more damage to our roads. Their batteries are a fire risk. They are expensive.

Whilst Auckland is busy planting trees, developers are denuding areas of trees. Maori are removing our grand old trees from around the various mountains in Auckland. No thought about the bird life that they are destroying. No thought about the ecosystems within the trees. How much replanting has been done? Tiny replants are going to take a long time to provide for the bird life and ecosystems that has been displaced, not to mention all the other flora and fauna that was dependent on them. Meanwhile we stall the building of motorways etc. to protect a “something” that someone has spotted that needs to be protected???

Living and working locally is a big ask of many people. People are living in this area by choice. This choice could be the environment, the community. This choice could be that this is the closest area to their work and that they can afford to live in.

Reduce waste should have been a given. We baby boomers are criticised for a lot of things but it was not us that brought on this waste economy. Most things had a second or third use. They could be repaired. Building materials were recycled. Milk and jams and juices came in reusable glass,

sometimes made for purpose like peanut butter came in good drinking glasses, dishes, preserving jars. I still have them and use them. Packaging was useful and practical.

Food wastage is another issue. People over buying or tossing out on "best by dates". Have a garden and compost.

Whilst the goal of "protecting our productive soils and moving toward regenerative practices to increase food security" "seasonal food" is to be applauded it is a bit of a lost cause in this area as most of the land is covered in concrete, housing and factories at an alarming rate. Included in this is the loss of trees and pressure to "sell" green areas. Areas are lying fallow due to land banking of small holdings, especially with continual changes to development plans.

Why relate everything to "carbon". Terrestrial and marine ecosystems should be protected for what they are and the community has been crying out for this for a long time, fighting against the mighty dollar of the developer and the sediment that we see going out to sea and in our streams.

Buying and growing local makes absolute sense. Reduces truck movement. Fresher food you would hope. Supporting the smaller local stores rather than getting in the car for the supermarkets.

Changing the way we travel. Not everyone can afford to live near their place of work. If they change jobs does not mean it can be nearer to home. Many people are going to use cars, especially if they have multiple areas to get to or if have many or large heavy packages. Shopping trundlers, back packs, loading up bicycles could be used more often as seen overseas. Cheap delivery costs for larger items.

Public transport has to be frequent, cheap, fast, easy to use and go where people want to get to in a reasonable time frame. The usage for elderly people is hampered by having to change buses. Then there is the convenience. Take for example the elderly sight impaired person living in Whangaparaoa who finds the safest supermarket shopping for her is to travel by bus to the Silverdale bus station. Change there to an Orewa bus which stops outside New World. That bus arrives and departs from the same place outside New World so she does not have to cross the road. That is the only supermarket available to her with her limited sight to cross a road safely and her limited ability to carry her groceries any distance.

Why is there no direct link between Orewa and Whangaparaoa, Gulf Harbour? There is a perfectly good cinema in Whangaparaoa but to get to there by bus from Orewa requires about an hour's travel. To get to Albany is not much easier. Want to keep things local, enable it to happen.

Why is there no bus stop for buses from Pine Valley Road to get people over the Silverdale motorway Interchange, apart from the infrequent Dairy Flat bus which does not run in the evenings nor the weekends? And that stop needs to be closer to the interchange to be of much use. Do you know that the AT journey planner tells a person that lives at 1700 Dairy Flat Highway to walk 24 minutes, down Pine Valley Road (no foot paths) to Ahutoetoe Road in Milldale to get the 989 to the Silverdale Bus Station??? To walk the Pine Valley Road bus route to Milldale, to be brought back up the same road by bus from Milldale to get to the Silverdale Bus Station because there is no bus stop on the Dairy Flat Highway?? Really??

I have used the buses, trains and ferries on quite a few routes, here and around Auckland. The service in Hibiscus Coast area needs to be more frequent and they need to be time tabled to connect. Just missing a connection for an hourly or half hourly bus service is hopeless. Parking at the Park and Rides need to be increased and free. As our Dairy Flat bus service has been downgraded to next to useless we have to drive to Silverdale. We have to allow extra time to find

and walk from a car park somewhere in Silverdale. We cannot rely and are not able to rely on finding a car park at the Silverdale Park and Ride.

Another feature about the Silverdale Park and Ride is that there is no drop off area within the bus station itself. This is an absolute necessity when picking up the elderly and for safety. It is not safe to be standing out on the street waiting for a pickup. In fact I know of one parent that has told their child if you miss the connecting bus and have that hour wait to go across the road and wait at the petrol station. How safe is that option?

Money needs to be spent on street footpaths before cycle ways, many of which go virtually unused. For example, since Auckland Transport recommend walking across the Silverdale motorway interchange from the Diary Flat Highway to get to the Bus Station, what proposal is in place to provide a safe crossing over the off ramps and on ramps and then when will the foot paths be put in place so that you do not have to walk on the road or climb over the road barrier to walk in the long grass and mud to get to the only piece of footpath that is on the overbridge?

When is there to be a footpath put in at the Silverdale end of Whangaparaoa Road so that when you get off the bus in Whangaparaoa Road, heading for the Silverdale Mall, you do not have to scale a grass bank to get to the grass island to reach the pedestrian traffic lights? Other option is to run the gauntlet of crossing the road, 2 or 3 lanes as the case may be. I am sure that there are other areas and streets within Orewa and Whangaparaoa where there are no footpaths that are necessary for safety for one to get to a bus stop. This must be priority over nice to have cycle ways.

Walkways and cycle ways need to be safe for all users and it has to be stressed to cyclists that pedestrians have priority. Several accidents have happened to walkers on the estuary walkway with people trying to get out of the way of cyclists, tripping on debris and flax bushes whilst trying to do so and ending up in hospital and weeks of recovery. It is quite unnerving having a cyclist coming up rapidly behind you. Dogs off the leash are another issue. The estuary walkway is lovely but is hazardous and not always relaxing. Especially when you have grandchildren, one on a bicycle and the other on a push along, one behind, one ahead and having to keep them out of the way of cyclists and dogs.

To avoid "climate" incidents proper planning is necessary. We have never looked to buy a property by a waterway for the obvious reasons, not to mention the mosquitos. Allowing buildings in flood areas is asking for problems not to mention damp buildings. Of course there are going to be storms, high seas, high tides. Those that build on the foreshore have to take responsibility for their purchase. To blame others and expect others to fix the problem should not happen. I maintain that Orewa Council should have had the foresight of Brown's Bay Council, remove from the foreshore when the owners died or wanted to sell up. Many more could then enjoy the portions of the beach front that are blocked off with private dwellings.

Climate change on the coast line is "weather". That is what happens. Cliffs get eroded. Don't allow buildings close to the cliff edge. Sand comes and goes. Water comes and goes. Wind comes and goes. Temperatures go up and down. Consult the long term weather data for comparison.

New builds, infrastructure all needs proper planning. Using substandard bitumen for roads is non-sensical. Using "green" concrete that will not do the job is non-sensical. Building to the climate of the area makes sense. Using local knowledge for information when planning new infrastructure, and buildings. Going out and doing a thorough site investigation instead of relying on some computer programme modelling.

What climate change challenges do our people face?

High transport emissions does not have any effect on the climate change as presented. Changes will not bring about the so called reductions. Pollution yes.

Sea level is not rising. Land goes up and down. Sun and moon bring about the changes, high tides etc. To mitigate don't alter water ways. Keep silt and rubbish out. The Red Beach creek from the holiday camp used to be in good order. As a child I fished for eels in that creek. Don't build on flood areas. Forget the advice from modellers. Use real people and real life measurements.

Our People. Support all age groups.

Be aware of the difficulties of the elderly getting about Orewa etc on rubbish collection day. Anyone using a pram, mobility scooter has their access to footpaths blocked.

We are a diverse area and all people should be respected. Learn to understand their culture. That does not mean we need to cancel ours. They came to New Zealand to be with us because of us. Respect, respect, respect. Agree to disagree. Accept new challenges. Share other ways of doing things.

Attendance at local board is an issue for all people, no matter what their ethnicity. Not everyone wants to participate in what is provided. Even discussion days do not draw many people unless they are directly affected. For many living in this area, all they want is the open spaces, the beach, the freedom, the lack of crowds, access to restaurants, library, and shops.

Services are being removed, like some of the banks have moved from Whangaparaoa and Orewa to Silverdale, no longer easily accessible for non-drivers. In fact the Silverdale Centre is inaccessible to many with mobility issues. It is an uphill climb from the buses and a hazardous trip with a shopping and or shopping trolley to the bus stop.

How do you build trust and better outcomes when it takes so long or is difficult to get an answer?

Our environment. Shore line structures are at risk. Not from rising sea levels no. Where is the evidence to prove this? Erosion yes. That is not sea level rise. Physical changes that have been made to our beaches over time, by people. Erosion, coastal changes are natural occurrences in our environment. You are not going to change nature. Preparation and mitigation of storm damage should have always been done. It is not a new phenomenon

Sedimentation is natural but it has been sped up by the way developments have been allowed to progress without mitigation, as well as pollution

To work with nature should always have been the goal. However factual observations and statistics need to be the basis and this can involve going back many decades, not just comparing this year with last.

The cost of adaptation and mitigation from the effect of climate change does not need to be budgeted for separately. It comes under your statement "working with nature". Facts need to be the basis, not what modellers are producing on their computers that are based on suppositions and not long term factual data. Get the true data.

Pest and invasive species need to be eradicated. Not by using 1080 nor sprays which poison the ground and our waterways.

Carbon emissions is a red herring. Pollution is the issue. Reducing the number of cars on the road is not achievable, nor is moving to electric going to make the slightest bit of difference. Trees, better drainage people being responsible for their own rubbish, not throwing it onto the streets.

Unfortunately many scientists have been silenced these days in favour of a fixed agenda. Science is not one source of truth. Science is never final.

Yes we need to use energy efficiently, reduce waste and restore land and waterways and live more sustainably. Reclaim many ways of the past. Ways we get ridiculed for by the "throwaway" generation. We did not have the food waste of cafes and restaurants as we mostly had milk bars, fish and chip shops, where choices were small and likewise budgets. Drinks were in recyclable bottles, later cans. Goods were repaired. Clothing was repaired.

People need to take back their responsibility for themselves and the community. There is too much of everyone owes me. Too much of destruction and destroying the good work and structures of others.

Developers need to be held accountable and if a neighbouring land owner has problems caused by a developer then Council needs to heed the concerns of that person and ensure that these problems are put to right. Council need to stop approving developments when all the conditions are non-compliant yet still Council gives the tick of approval. Council needs to follow up on compliance to see that they are adhered to. Where are the trees to replace the felling of several large pohutukawa at 61 Riverside Road? Why should a resident subject to flooding from a new housing project because of incorrect drainage be told by the developer that he could drill into her concrete!!! to drain the water rather than correct his own error. It took many months and legal battles and costs before Council would even acknowledge the problem.

It seems to me that many of the Advocacy statements on page 20 should already have been carried out by governing bodies and central government.

Our community. Facilities such as libraries, leisure facilities, CAB, and community centres must be available and at a realistic cost. Apparently costs and difficulty accessing the Community Centre in Orewa has meant some clubs have changed venue, thus some participants can no longer get to the new venue. Groups are making use of private facilities as they are more user friendly and cost effective. Seems counter intuitive.

There is no way that North Harbour Stadium should be removed. This is a valuable asset to the community. The Mayor needs to realise that we want local and that Auckland Super City extends beyond the Harbour Bridge. We need more events here.

There is a tiny toilet block at Millwater Parkway. Way too small even from the outset. These toilets and the ones at the hockey field have been vandalised. It is not good enough that the ones at the hockey field have not been fixed but have been replaced by 2 portaloos. Repair of these facilities should be top priority. Makes us feel like second class citizens to Auckland City. This what our rates should be used for not fancy Auckland City projects.

Our Places. Lower speeds are not the answer. This just frustrates drivers. Drivers and pedestrians have to take responsibility for themselves. Lowering speeds around schools is not going to help. It is parent attitude. They are not the only parent dropping off their child. Road rules need to be enforced by law if parents are incapable. Get there early or walk further. Don't double park, don't park over driveways, don't park on yellow lines. Look out for other vehicles and pedestrians when driving in and pulling out and going past. Do what Australia does and have lower speeds around school zones at school times and enforce.

Don't put ridiculous speed restrictions on rural roads eg Coatesville Highway. The drivers that have had problems there were going well over the speed limit and taking no notice of signage. Don't penalise all. That is just a money making stretch of road.

The removal of provision of parking limits the ability of people to access those facilities so they go elsewhere. Not everyone lives in walking distance and hence they have to park somewhere. The public transport is not frequent enough to ensure getting to appointments on time. Why expect bus travellers to have to allow an extra half hour or hour before their appointment. Bad enough having to allow half hour to find a park or somewhere near to Park and Ride when there are no connecting buses.

We need heavy rail not light rail. It is a pleasure to travel on Auckland trains. This is ridiculous contemplating a rapid transit link through Dairy Flat and terminating in Milldale. It should run alongside the Dairy Flat Highway or better still alongside the existing motorway. Whichever way it must terminate at Silverdale. Terminating at Milldale will just create another bottleneck and more traffic to get across the Silverdale Interchange. Keep the public squares natural as they are. Fancy enhancements do nothing except cost money and upkeep. That sculpture at the end of Moana Ave does nothing but interfere with a beautiful sea view in my opinion. Totally unnecessary and adds nothing. An obstacle to walk around. Let people make of places as they will.

Improved path surfaces does not mean those brick pavers that grow weeds, dislodge and trip people.

All well and good talking about walking and cycle ways for people that live nearby. Many people that go to Orewa do not live nearby. Walking and cycling other than for leisure are out of the question. If you could hop on and off a bus where and wherever without more than a five/ten minute wait, this could be more realistic.

Reinstate the bus service that Dairy Flat used to have that included evenings and weekends. And an hourly service or better, especially at peak.

Definitely more park and rides. Yes they cost but you want to get cars off the road so provide encouragement. Don't put on charges to those who inconvenience themselves to use public transport, making transfers, standing around in the wind and the rain as there is limited if any protection. Lucky those train users at the Britamart. Buses came off second fiddle when they did not replace the former bus station. What a nightmare it is now to find a bus departure point in Auckland if you are new to the route.

Maintain rural roads to a better standard. Ours used to be graded 3 times a year. Lucky if we see the grader once in 3 years. Pot holes galore.

Use local contractors and businesses who know the area.



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Restore Hibiscus and Bays

Local Board: Not supplied

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Tell us why

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**Restore
Hibiscus & Bays**
Ngahere Tupu Tonu • Thriving Nature

11 August 2023

Submission to Hibiscus and Bays Local Board on your draft local board plan

From Restore Hibiscus & Bays Inc (RHB)

Tō Tātou Taiao - Our Environment

The aspiration of the HBLB for “Native birds and plants to flourish, and water is pure and clean, through education, advocacy and restoration work.” aligns with the strategic plan and actions of Restore Hibiscus and Bays.

Work with local iwi, on mauri ora especially with Ngati Manuhiri and te Herenga o waka o Orewa

1. RHB is already doing this.
2. RHB advocates for the local board to support RHB in this work

Reduce and better manage the sedimentation in the waterways and our coastal areas

1. Advocate strongly for better protection of our mature trees as these collectively reduce flooding, mitigate climate change, cool the air and help prevent erosion
2. Plant robust native plants in public spaces
3. Advocate strongly for building sites to have more robust systems and monitoring to prevent runoff sedimentation during rain events.
4. Develop a focus on flourishing marine ecosystems
5. Support RHB to educate the local community through workshops and inclusion in practical on the ground work, and a strong presence in local schools. A connected passionate community is developing, supporting a thriving environment.

Public Transport improvements to offset roadway congestion and climate change factors.

1. Continue and maintain the Gulf Harbour Ferry service.
2. RHB supports strong and real reductions in our carbon footprint to safeguard nature, including humans, in the future

Archers Bush

Advocate for the land in Archers bush to become a reserve, with connecting pathways for walking and cycling the length of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula.

Employment and community resilience

1. Apart from pure environmental work, a lot of the work RHB does is advocacy, community education, developing the village concept to our communities and connection with where we live.
2. Support RHB to provide local employment , and liaise with local communities, youth and ethnic minorities through volunteer inclusion in pest plant and animal management which helps build community resilience.

Funding

1. Current funding for environment in the budget is \$345,000 which is small in relation to other costs and to the stated environmental focus of this plan.
2. RHB asks the local board to look hard at the 17 million (net) community facilities opex budget to see what can be diverted to support real and effective environmental improvement initiatives.



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Quite well

Tell us why

I believe that safety of our community is crucial for us to enjoy nature, including children.

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This is to have a fair control of the animal and plant pests for the safety of the children while providing the waste management plans.



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Grey Power North Shore

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LOCAL BOARD PLANS 2023



Help shape Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan

Feedback must be received by 4pm on 14 August 2023

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans that are developed based on community feedback.

Local boards make decisions about services and facilities in their area. This includes libraries, leisure centres, local parks, community grants and events. However, the cost of living and providing these services has gone up, as well as the costs of borrowing money and doing business.

We want to understand what matters most to you and your community. Before giving your feedback, take a look at the Draft Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan.

We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz/localboardplans, or you can:

Scan and Email your completed form to:

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Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will be kept private.

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Your local board:

Devonport-Takapuna

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business? (If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

Yes

No

Name of organisation/business:

Grey Power North Shore

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These questions are optional but will help us understand which groups of the community are engaging with us.

What gender are you?

- Male
- Female
- Another gender (please specify):

What age group do you belong to?

- Under 15
- 15-17
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+

Which ethnic group(s) do you feel you belong to? (Please select as many as apply)

- Pākehā/NZ European
- Other European
- Māori
- Cook Islands Māori
- Samoan
- Tongan
- Indian
- Chinese
- Korean
- Other (please specify): _____

Which suburb/community do you live in:

Devonport

Would you like to subscribe to any of the following (tick all that apply):

- Devonport-Takapuna Local Board e-newsletter
- People’s Panel – to take part in council surveys
- Our Auckland – your weekly guide to what’s happening in Auckland

You can also visit AK Have Your Say at akhaveyoursay.nz to find out about, or register to receive regular updates on, other consultation activities happening across Auckland.

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. While developing our proposed three-year local board plan, we considered community feedback received on our last plan and in the early engagement phase to ensure this plan reflects the aspirations of our community.

Does our plan reflect your needs and aspirations for the community over the next three years?

- Yes
- No
- Other
- I don’t know

Tell us why

see attached



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North Shore Association

Auckland Council Local Board Plans 2023

Your Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

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Submission to Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2023

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board:

Grey Power acknowledges that some activities being raised are not necessarily in the direct control of the Local Board, but would ask for the Board to take an innovative and active lead in pursuing and promoting the proposals within the broader Council context.

As advised Grey Power has adopted a more focused "project" approach rather than the passive policy submission process of the past, and looks forward to working with you to achieve positive results for our community on issues and activities important to seniors.

Grey Power recognises the difficulty facing the Council and the Local Board with the initial financial deficit and subsequent issues arising from Cyclone Gabrielle and the massive rise in the cost of the city central rail project.

The figures from the 2018 Census show that 21.6% of Local Board residents are over 60, 16.3% over 65, a section of the community predicted to grow significantly.

Seniors are facing special difficulties with the changes in the city, particularly the intensification and population growth, the digital era, and the closure of banks and Council service centres. Many senior community, social and sports groups are failing. These issues need to be addressed.

We would appreciate you providing a specific seniors policy element in the Plan including:

As a priority fully integrate the policies and recommendations of the Auckland Council Age Friendly Auckland Action Plan in all Local Board decisions and planning.

Survey of Operations and Activity State of Senior Community Organisation in the Local Board Area .

Many senior community, social and sports groups are under pressure with the changes in the city and the digital environment, some closing down and other struggling at a time when the senior population is growing. The survey will assess the state of the sector, and what support is required to ensure that the community facilities for the senior community continue in a sound position.

This should be co-ordinated across the Shore with the current consultation on the community and library services in Takapuna involving the Community Centre and the Mary Thomas Centre

The outcome of the survey will lead to the development of appropriate support measures by the Local Board in conjunction with other North Shore Local Boards.

Senior Citizens Association Protection

There are a number of Senior Citizens Associations formed in the 1960's who have their own premises financed by community fundraising, on Council lease or their own freehold land. as social centres for seniors and the wider community in the early days of the North Shore development. These are invariably now outdated and need to be upgraded and blended into the current planning for city centres.

It is necessary to formally recognise the continuing need for such facilities, recognise the financial equity of the Associations in the properties, and ensure they are not over-riden by Council redevelopment and planning programmes.

It is also necessary to develop a programme for administrative and operational support.

Other key issues are:

Retention and expansion of Haumaru senior housing facilities, and adoption of core

Grey Power policy that all existing sites should be retained for redevelopment and not have part sold off to finance redevelopment. The proceeds of any sites sold must be retained in the same local area and used to purchase a new more suitable site for Haumaru housing.

Provision of special parking for seniors in town centres and parking facilities at SuperGold rates – also in malls and shopping centres recognising the need for many seniors to be able to use their cars.

We will forward to the Board as an adjunct to the Plan, our Auckland Transport Draft Parking Strategy for more detailed information for your planning considerations.

Emergency Management

We have serious concerns about the development of an effective Emergency Management system following the first COVID lockdown and now the flooding. The development is being left to community groups rather than having an effective Council/Community management and operational constructure at the top directing the process. Having being directly involved with the first COVID lockdown response and the lack of a central contact point or a Council contact with community groups on the ground this is a serious concern.



Hibiscus & Bays Local Board Plan

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Royal Forest and Bird protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird) North Shore and Hibiscus Coast Branches

Local Board: Not supplied

Your feedback

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Tell us why

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Tell us more



Forest & Bird

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Submission on Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan.

14 August 2023

To: Auckland Council
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2. Trade competition declaration

Forest & Bird would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

3. Hearing options

We wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Introduction

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation, with over 100,000 members and supporters. Its mission is to be a voice for nature, on land, in fresh water, and at sea, on behalf of its members and supporters. Volunteers in 50 branches throughout New Zealand carry out community conservation projects and advocate for nature. Forest & Bird has nine branches and three major projects in the Auckland region alone.

In support of the society's objectives, it has been involved in resource management processes at the national, regional, and district level. It routinely submits on regional and district plan provisions, some resource consents and advocates in the Environment Court in relation to biodiversity, landscape and natural character. It is particularly committed to ensuring that the environmental bottom lines established in national policy statements in order to give substance to the "protective" element of Part 2 of the RMA are given effect to in regional and district plans and achieved through decisions on resource consents.

The two local branches carry out a range of activities, including but not limited to weed control, pest control, restorative planting, education events, content creation and environmental advocacy. The North Shore branch covers the area from the East Coast Bays, south to Devonport, west to Greenhithe, and north to the Weiti River including Okura Bush. While the Hibiscus Coast Branch area covers from the Whangaparāoa Peninsular, west to Waitoki with the northern and southern boundaries of Puhoi and Silverdale, respectively. Everyone involved in the branches are volunteers, including the committee, trappers, and supporters.

In addition, Forest & Bird has one of its National Conservation Projects located in the area, Pest Free Hibiscus Coast, which covers the Hibiscus Subdivision. This landscape scale, community-based project demonstrates how to successfully control pest animals in a way that engages thousands of residents and brings a range of benefits for people and nature. The project has a particular focus on the Whangaparāoa Peninsula, with the long-term goal of eliminating pest animals from this area and plays a key role in protecting important wildlife sites such as Shakespear Regional Park, Ōrewa Estuary and Alice Eaves Scenic Reserve. PFHC collaborates with many other local conservation groups, iwi, schools, and community organisations.

Approach

We are structuring our submission to include Objectives, Key Initiatives, and Advocacy items; just as they may appear in a Local Board Plan; along with commentary on some items and localised specifics. We would like to request the opportunity to make an oral submission on the plan, with the Local Board, where we can answer any questions you have around our views.

Our Environment

While we agree with all draft objectives and key initiatives, we would like to offer the below objectives and key initiatives to integrate into the Local Board Plan:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
<p>Access to indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is managed to promote enjoyment while protecting vulnerable ecosystems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and promote the provision of paths and tracks to give people access to forests in local reserves that promote ecological hygiene and conservation of vulnerable habitats. • Identifying high value ecological areas close to urban populations, manage access and monitor encroachment to prevent damage. • Work with neighbouring Local Boards to review the Auckland Policy on Dogs, keeping dogs out of high value conservation areas while providing space for responsible pet ownership. Dogs off leash are causing severe damage in many reserves and streams. Enforcement of dog control rules is particularly important where shorebirds are roosting and nesting, for example on Big Manly Beach where New Zealand dotterel nest in the summer. • Work with neighbouring Local boards to adopt meaningful cat management policies and regulations to a support responsible domestic cat ownership. And remove feral and stray cats from all areas of high biodiversity value. • Continue to implement actions from the Urban Ngahere (forest) Strategy
<p>The lifeforce (mauri) of our waterbodies is respected and restored</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support schools, businesses, environmental groups and community volunteers to carry out stream restoration projects including pollution reduction, stream clean-ups, habitat improvement and native riparian planting on public and private land. • Prioritise ecological maintenance projects that protect and enhance identified potential inanga spawning sites through bank stabilisation, pest plant control, sediment control and

	pest animal control, such as the Nukumea Stream.
We will adopt landscape approaches to managing our environment that recognise the connections between different local habitats, such as the North West Wildlink.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support initiatives that deliver on current ecological strategies. • Identify and prioritise restoration planting opportunities, for community and council projects, that create ecological connections by retiring hard to maintain areas within existing parks and reserves.

Opportunities

We suggest adding pest animal control into paragraph one (*Opportunities, Our environment*) as something the local community said was important to them as part of recent surveys. This has a direct connection with land stability through the creation and maintenance of healthy forests. When damaged by rats and possums, bare forest floors become subject to erosion, and thin canopies result in increased rainfall reaching the soil.

Commentary on paragraph two (*Opportunities, Our environment*): Our groups can lead the way in identifying and realising big environmental goals, such as pest elimination on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, enabling Hibiscus & Bays Local Board to demonstrate excellence in community-based conservation in the Auckland Region, and protecting our only site with kiwi, at Shakespear.

There is also a challenge here that some residents assume that many of the services carried out through partnerships with community groups and Council are in fact carried out by contractors or Council staff. There is an opportunity for the local board to highlight these partnerships through effective communications.

There is much evidence to show that by engaging the community in activities that protect nature and the environment, that people too can directly benefit. We can increase positive outcomes for health and social cohesion by connecting our community initiatives with environmental ones, through joint events and collaboration between community programmes.

Advocacy:

We support all the current advocacy points, especially those focused on the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, climate change, pet ownership and marine protection. Below we would like to suggest some additional advocacy points and provide commentary on existing points.

Commentary on point 4 (*Advocacy, Our environment*):

- Eradication is not the correct term here in relation to pest animals or plants. This term relates to zero animals / plants remaining and minimal chance of reinvasion, which is not possible on the mainland for the foreseeable future. The correct term would be suppression or control for pest animals and plants, aside from for the Whangaparaoa Peninsula where elimination of possums and mustelids is feasible. Elimination refers to the removal of all individuals, but with high risk of reinvasion which is constantly monitored.

Alternative wording for this advocacy goal would be as follows:

- a. Advocate to the Governing Body for continued use of the Natural Environment Targeted Rate to assist in stronger pest control and ecological restoration. In particular:
 - Assisting with increasing the area under pest animal control and concentrating increased effort on endangered habitat types such as wetlands and cheniers, and in areas where elimination is feasible, such as peninsulas.
 - Targeted removal and sustained control of invasive pest plant species around high value biodiversity park land sites.
 - Monitoring and eradication of pathogens (including kauri dieback and myrtle rust) and invasive marine pests such as Caulerpa.

We believe the inclusion of the below advocacy points would help the Local Board achieve its objectives;

- Advocate and support the revitalisation of the North-West Wildlink concept.
- Advocate to the Governing Body that the Local Board and local volunteer groups are more directly involved in the setting and delivery of council-controlled ecological services
- Advocate for funding and regulation to enhance water retention and reduce stormwater surges in local streams through the use of retention tanks, rain gardens, wetland restoration, tree planting, reduced impermeable surfaces, and the daylighting of streams.
- Advocate for the development of Blue Green Spatial Network plans, especially in future urban zones that support the preservation and enhancement of natural assets (such as streams and wetlands) that will create greater resilience to flooding, improve water quality and maintain/enhance ecological connectivity
- Advocate for priority development of shoreline adaptation plans including funding to implement actions to ensure a sustainable approach to the management of our shorelines.
- Advocate for strong tree protection (in particular of mature native trees) to support the goals of Urban Ngahere action plans and strategies and maintained canopy coverage
- Advocate for reserve acquisition, the retention of open space and planning rules that promote the development of new local habitats that improve ecological connectivity, for example at Archers Block, behind Alice Eaves Scenic Reserve and at Hatfield's Beach Future Urban Zone
- Raise awareness and advocate for dark sky areas/decreased light pollution and the importance of this for indigenous sea and shore birds.

Our community: Our communities live well alongside nature as climate changes

We would like to see the objectives and key initiatives under *Our community* expanded to include the below:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
We adopt best practices for all council maintenance and projects to maximise the net benefit to community and nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve climate impact statements in reports to consider net emissions, biodiversity loss, effect on impermeable surfaces and stormwater, and scarce resource use and recovery.
Our communities are resilient to climate change and care for their surrounding environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support initiatives that build community networks and connections which help communities respond to

	<p>emergencies and the impact of climate change and biodiversity loss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support community led initiatives and projects that improve wellbeing by promoting a sustainable lifestyle, including waste minimisation, emissions reductions and the implementation, maintenance and understanding of ecosystem services
<p>Our aquatic, recreational, art, and community facilities are fit-for-service, meet the needs of our growing and changing population, and are resilient to climate change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure our playing surfaces, sports fields, aquatic, recreational facilities, and community facilities meet increasing social and recreational needs, are accessible, well maintained, available to the public, sustainable, resilient to climate change, and fit for purpose.

Advocacy

We would like to see the advocacy section under *Our community* expanded to include:

- Advocate to the governing body for appropriate long-term planning and associated funding for infrastructure in growth areas that support Auckland climate goals.
- Advocate to the governing body for immediate long term risk scenario planning for the next 50 to 100 years to prepare for and respond to climate changes.
- Advocate for adequate level of renewals funding to ensure existing assets are well maintained and are adapted to be resilient to climate change.
- Advocate to Watercare for the use of non-potable water for irrigation of sports and recreation facilities.
- Advocate to the governing body, Auckland transport and Watercare to ensure Aucklanders have a greater understanding about the policies for maintaining and monitoring infrastructure and the importance of reporting faults.

Our Places and Our Economy: Our economy meets the needs of our communities with minimal impact on nature.

We would like to see the objectives and key initiatives under *Our Places and Our Economy* expanded to include the below:

Objectives	Key Initiatives
<i>Getting around without a car is attractive because of the seamless and safe network of paths and public transport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver and maintain more healthy street trees and rain gardens to beautify walking areas, while achieving Urban Ngahere plans and strategies, climate emissions mitigation, providing shade, and better stormwater management.
Our economy grows through sustainable practices by embracing the circular economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support projects that engage, advise, educate, and assist our community on how to minimise and build the circular economy • Support the work and expansion of the network of community recycling centres for the benefit of our community

Advocacy

- Advocate to the Governing Body for the retention of the Local Board transport capital fund
- Advocate for Auckland Transport to take a more proactive approach by taking the lead in working with new commercial developments that are trip generators, such as supermarkets, to include provision for safe public transport infrastructure, such as bus stops, even on streets with a higher volume of users.

Selective Commentary

Our environment: Nature thrives across our entire rohe.

Connecting highly valued ecological habitats is an important part of enhancing the biodiversity within them. Most native and indigenous biodiversity is not adapted to crossing sparse urban areas; with many forest birds only willing to fly a couple of hundred metres between forest fragments. As the city continues to intensify, with a corresponding loss of private open space, council needs to invest in developing and maintaining ecological corridors to connect biodiversity hotspots. This involves both the development of existing reserves to host biodiversity (daylighting streams, planting, etc) and acquiring new protected ecological spaces through acquisition and vesting of reserves and planning rules. Maintaining these biodiversity hotspots and ecological corridors requires a landscape approach to council controlled ecological maintenance and community collaborations. This means prioritising investment in ecological and park maintenance to manage pest plant and animal populations in specific areas rather than regional elimination of selective pests. This approach can be demonstrated by the Pest Free Hibiscus Coast Project, working with Auckland Council to create safe corridors from Shakespear Open Sanctuary, through both public and private land along the peninsula, connecting with Orewa Estuary and Alice Eaves Scenic Reserve.

Often there is a correlation between ecological corridors and urban waterways. As such, investment in terrestrial ecology along streams and wetlands has a positive impact on managing stormwater while enhancing freshwater ecology and the health of receiving waterbodies such as the Hauraki Gulf. Blue-Green Spatial network plans are an important planning tool for identifying where open space needs to be retained or reclaimed from development to manage stormwater, to minimise sediment and pollution entering the harbour and to mitigate the risk of flooding. Within currently urbanised areas opportunities to reclaim open space in flood prone areas should be a priority, alongside reducing the impact of stormwater surge by supporting the use of water retention devices and planting in new development and retrofitting older developments.

Highly valued ecological habitats are not the only places where biodiversity is valued. Tree cover across the entire urbanised area provides benefits for people and for native fauna; regardless of whether it is native or not.

Our Communities and Places: Our communities live well alongside nature as climate changes

Within many Local Board Plans, goals for sustainable lifestyles and climate change adaptation are included within the environment outcome. We believe that these objectives are better placed across outcomes where they will be acted on more directly. This is of particular importance when considering that the end users of Local Board Plans are Council Departments and CCOs. We do not want climate change and sustainability to just be an issue considered by those parts of the council concerned with environment and infrastructure. Within this outcome we want it to be at the forefront of mind for those parts of council concerned with community development and resilience, and the provision of sports and recreation facilities. While these actions can have a positive impact on nature and areas of biodiversity, their primary benefit will be in the lives of people and communities.

Our Places and Our Economy: Our economy meets the needs of our communities with minimal impact on nature.

Our communities spend more time involved in economic activity than any other single activity. Economics is not simply the domain of business owners and managers; it is also the interest of workers, customers, and nature. Nature cannot be seen as a limitless resource of materials for economic systems and the mythical “away” to which we throw the waste of economic activity. The resources that fuel our economic activity are scarce and if we waste them for short term profits then we will continue to destroy our natural heritage and rob future generations of economic opportunity.

Adopting a circular economy; where the waste of one economic activity is recovered to fuel another economic activity, is the most responsible form of economic development. Investing in waste recovery, through incentives like community recycling centres, creates employment and new sources of raw materials for local businesses. Community initiatives like repair cafes improve the wellbeing of residents by extending the useful lifespan of the goods they already own.

Transport is another economic activity that requires reform to become more efficient. Not only can Auckland not financially afford to continue to address congestion by investing more in roads for private vehicles; but doing so deprives the city of many other benefits from public and active transport. Public and active transport are both more efficient uses of scarce resources, reducing economic impact on nature. They are also more social means of travel that can build community and make places safer by putting more active eyes onto the streets. Local Boards play a key role in the development of active transport through street to park connections in Greenways plans, Local Board transport capital funds and advocacy to Auckland Transport. Delivering an effective active transport

network should not just be about paths though, street trees and facilities play an important part in making these spaces attractive options to meet transport needs.

Thank you for considering Forest & Bird's submission, we look forward to further discussing.



Hibiscus & Bays Local Board Plan

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I don't know

Tell us more

Caitlin's local board feedback form

Keeping rubbish bins in public places to keep litter away from beaches i.e. not reducing their numbers

Support volunteer groups that look after local parks and waterways like Maygrove Park + Lake + Marmalade Island

Orewa Reserve - create sand dunes but I also like looking at the pine trees. I like where the playground is and walking there from the shops.

Please support volunteer groups like Love Soups, tree planting (like SOSSI and Restore Hibiscus). Keeping away rates and possums.

Please support family community festivals

Please Centrestage Theatre - I do musical theatre and go to the shows.

I think Orewa library is important.

More facilities in Hibiscus for scooter parks (scooters rather than skateboards)

My favourite playgrounds are Orewa Beach reserve and Stanmore Bay Beach Reserve

If Orewa Beach playground was changed, I would like: a multi-storey lighthouse to climb up in, a sit-in spinning eggshell/bowl (like Stanmore), a flying fox, a climbing structure that is painted and decorated to look like a tree, with a treehouse up top with beanbags and bookshelves for shelves and a bookswap library as a quiet sensory space.



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Hope support continues for Centrestage and local community festivals and community groups (such as LoveSoup, GutterKitties, Rainbow Youth, Restore Hibiscus, SOSSI, community gardening and tree planting groups).

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Yes

Tell us more

Support creating of dune system (with planting and nesting) at Orewa Beach. At the same time the current location of the playground is accessible for families walking from the shops/library and has mobility parking in front of it (which we use). Could the basketball court be shifted to the far side of the surf club and playground equipment be on the near side.

We periodically pick up litter along Orewa beach/reserve and hope the number of rubbish bins in local communities do not reduce (as that would realistically see an increase in litter. Regional parks have the difference of not having shops/takeaways!)



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The Tree Council

Local Board: Not supplied

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Tell us why

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Climate Action

The Tree Council comment:

- We are delighted to see your aim to support mana whenua and community groups working to enhance biodiversity and undertake tree planting.
- We also see that you recognise the need to enhance tree cover within the local board area but don't see any initiatives targeting achieving this.
- If you haven't already developed an Urban Ngāhere Strategy Action Plan for your local board area to enable opportunities to enhance tree cover to be identified and activated we urge you to do so.

Our Environment

The Tree Council comment:

- We urge you to oppose all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees on both private and public land as these are so important to retain for future generations.
- If you have kauri in any of your local reserves you should consider getting them urgently tested for kauri dieback and if found to be positive then you should consider getting them

treated to keep them alive. Kauri dieback has an almost 100% mortality rate so all infected trees will die without treatment. We recommend you work with the Kauri Rescue Trust for the best way to approach this problem. There is an urgency as trees in which the disease has progressed too far will not survive even after treatment, so the earlier this happens the better. Kauri are carbon sinks, we need to keep these trees alive as long as possible.

In addition we would like to see specific support, including financial support, for the following initiatives to protect and enhance existing tree cover:

- Practical support and (for eg legal) advice for private landowners wishing to provide permanent protection for their trees eg via covenants &/or scheduling to enable protection of existing tree cover on private land to be optimised as most of the mature trees in Auckland are on private land with no legal protection.
- Grants for private landowners to maintain Scheduled Notable Trees on their property
- Provide permanent and visible physical labels for all Scheduled Notable Trees in the local board area to enable the public to see that this tree is legally protected and tell the stories of our natural heritage.
- Look for opportunities to schedule additional mature trees and encourage Council to undertake Plan Changes to the Unitary Plan to regularly add new trees to Schedule 10 (Notable Trees).
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**Submission - Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2023
by The Tree Council**

14 August 2023

From: The Tree Council

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Thank you for the opportunity to present The Tree Council's submission on the proposed **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Plan 2023**.

This submission is made by The Tree Council, an independent, voluntary organisation, a non-profit incorporated charitable society which has been serving the Auckland community since 1986 in the protection of trees and as advocates for the significant benefits and services that our trees and green spaces provide.

Climate Action

The Tree Council comment:

- *We are delighted to see your aim to support mana whenua and community groups working to enhance biodiversity and undertake tree planting.*
- *We also see that you recognise the need to enhance tree cover within the local board area but don't see any initiatives targeting achieving this.*
- *If you haven't already developed an Urban Ngāhere Strategy Action Plan for your local board area to enable opportunities to enhance tree cover to be identified and activated we urge you to do so.*

Our Environment

The Tree Council comment:

- *We urge you to oppose all consents proposing to remove trees in Significant Ecological Areas and Scheduled Notable Trees on both private and public land as these are so important to retain for future generations.*
- *If you have kauri in any of your local reserves you should consider getting them urgently tested for kauri dieback and if found to be positive then you should consider getting them treated to keep them alive. Kauri dieback has an almost 100% mortality rate so all*

infected trees will die without treatment. We recommend you work with the Kauri Rescue Trust for the best way to approach this problem. There is an urgency as trees in which the disease has progressed too far will not survive even after treatment, so the earlier this happens the better. Kauri are carbon sinks, we need to keep these trees alive as long as possible.

In addition we would like to see specific support, including financial support, for the following initiatives to protect and enhance existing tree cover:

- *Practical support and (for eg legal) advice for private landowners wishing to provide permanent protection for their trees eg via covenants &/or scheduling to enable protection of existing tree cover on private land to be optimised as most of the mature trees in Auckland are on private land with no legal protection.*
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13th August 2023

Submission to Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Draft Plan

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Affiliations

Deputy Chair to Restore Hibiscus and Bays

Past Chair (22 years) for Hibiscus Coast Branch Forest and Bird

Current member of Forest and Bird Hibiscus Coast

Member of Estuary Art Centre.

Tutor at Estuary Art Centre

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Centennial Park Bush Society – feedback to the 2023 Hibiscus and Bays Local Board draft plan

Page 3 “Top of mind for everyone is the environment...”

- The plan needs to distinguish between increasing environmental risks associated with climate change -- flooding, storm damage, drought and wildfires – which, in the immediate aftermath, are dealt with by emergency services and the long-term restoration and protection of Hibiscus and Bays’ natural heritage, which is carried out by volunteers. (The two are of course closely connected.)

“we are doing more with less...”

- Environmental volunteers are accustomed to doing huge amounts with very little. It is critical that current CPBS funding streams are maintained.
- The current Community Facilities \$17 million NET budget should be scrutinised to see if some of this funding could be directed to more environmental protection and management.

“I constantly receive messages concerned about the wellbeing of our young people...”

- CPBS sees young people as the answer, not the problem. Our student volunteers are strong, keen, fun and passionate. They are our future kaitiaki. Young people’s mental and physical health improves markedly when they are involved with the natural world and working alongside committed oldies gives them knowledge and hope.
- CPBS supports a closer tripartite relationship between the Local Board, environmental groups and the area’s schools.

“Legally councils are tasked with promoting the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of their communities.”

- All four requirements are fulfilled by eco-volunteering -- which brings diverse communities together. Hibiscus and Bays’ natural heritage is the area’s wealth and, with Local Board imagination and support, more employment and cultural opportunities can be created based upon it.

Page 9 “maintaining a harmonious relationship between the people, the land and the sea...restoring the mauri ora of the land and water...”

- Restoration work in Centennial Park and the bay’s stream network helps improve the health of the Hauraki Gulf. CPBS fully supports the creation of mini marine reserves along the Hibiscus and Bays coastline. “No take” zones allow marine ecosystem recovery, increase fish stocks and fit with the Gulf’s 12 new high protection areas announced on August 9, 2023.

Page 11 “integrating climate awareness into all decisions”

- Loss of urban tree canopy, the felling of large, mature trees, housing intensification and building consents which permit the complete removal of green cover while simultaneously allowing total impermeable cover of building sites and sediment run-off all need urgently addressing. Developers are cutting trees down fast. CPBS has planted 30,000 trees in the last 20 years but these will take decades to mature.
- CPBS supports the planting of tiny native forests on public land (and their encouragement on private properties) across the region, especially in areas which have lost canopy and habitats. Tiny forests support wildlife and capture carbon. They are easily planted and maintained. (But cannot replace mature, chainsawed trees.)

Page 13 “We have one of the longest stretches of coastline of any local board area...”

- The extra-long coastline gives Hibiscus and Bays its beautiful edge and distinctive character – very different from other local board areas. But the land-sea interface brings with it additional responsibilities including a duty of care towards the Hauraki Gulf.
- CPBS supports coastal eco-tourism opportunities including those associated with Te Araroa Walkway which runs the full length of Hibiscus and Bays’ coastline. Te Araroa walkers often pass through Centennial Park and CPBS volunteers talk to them. More natural history information needs to be available for these visitors, who often have no idea of the taonga they are passing.

Page 15 “age, gender and ethnicity gaps – lack of representation/ voices not being heard”...Page 16 “relationship agreements with mana whenua and representatives from ethnic groups...”

- Eco-volunteering is the perfect opportunity for helping close these gaps, which we are very aware of in our suburb. What we notice is that young people from different ethnic

backgrounds volunteer happily and comfortably together. We hope this helps grow their parents' sense of belonging. CPBS supports ethnically diverse local body representation and the appointment of youth advisors to the Local Board.

Page 18 "pests and invasives are causing a decline in indigenous species and ecosystems"

- Yes, it's worrying but the area's long-established environmental groups know what to do and are keen to share skills and knowledge. CPBS supports the establishment of a Hibiscus and Bays ecology learning centre offering short-term (fee-paying) courses on: basic New Zealand botany, matauranga Maori, urban stream and bush restoration, urban wildlife protection, pest and weed control, marine ecology and protection, foraging, tiny forest planting, forest bathing, climate change risk management for property owners...etc.
- CPBS supports the identification, GIS mapping and protection of significant mature native trees and groups of native trees throughout the Hibiscus and Bays region. We can't protect what we don't know we have.
- CPBS supports the strengthening of Local Board information and messaging around keeping dogs on-lead in sensitive ecosystems, especially on forest tracks and near streams. Dog control in sensitive areas needs to become a societal norm.
- Centennial Park needs high value reserve classification, similar to the area's more well-known ecological areas including Shakespear Regional Park and Tiritiri Matangi Island - which inspired the Campbells Bay Urban Sanctuary (CBUS) concept. The park's funding needs to reflect high value status so we can do more targeted ecological weed control.



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3. A permanent fenced area for dotterel on Matatakia Manly and permanent signage/interpretation for the dotterel protection
4. For public to have any input into the development of gulf harbour and/or for council purchase of the golf course to have green space for recreation for perpetuity
5. Ocean protection of Waitemata Harbour. All local boards and local iwi and children to join focus to protect the Waitemata in protected areas in perpetuity. ECE children, primary and secondary children are all aboard ocean protection and their teachers.
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7. for mindfulness education to be given to business communities and locally to support greater awareness and support for mental health and wellbeing for all ages
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9. Sport and leisure centre Stanmore Bay to have two spas - one a child friendly - local board .[?] new spa> Family friendly w&m spa space. A separate womans sauna

10. local board to have a celebration to honour all the work diverse churches are doing in the community - a coming together of faith community teaches and promotes tolerance and diversity in faith

11. To create solutions with local youth to support recreation or fun days for them i.e. a teen fashion show with local businesses etc. Or a staffed creative arts studio available for teens on weekends. To work with colleges on teen voice for what teens want in the community.

Whangaparaoa library is very well run and managed and is asn asset to the community.

Happy to discuss any the points 1-12



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Friends of Okura Bush would like to congratulate the HBLB on their LB Plan 2023. There is emphasis on climate change which is one of the biggest issues facing mankind (if not the largest). Maori have much knowledge, *maturangi moori*, that if understood, and heeded gives direction on how to protect our environment, and our people. Linking with Iwi Hapu of the HBLH rohe, and Iwi Te Hererge Waka O Orewa, will provide diversion in keeping with the board's other outcomes sought.

All the board's aspirations and action plans related to Climate Actions are very strongly supported. Indeed, should be the underpinning of all decision made by the board.

Our environment - The Māori view of environment is encapsulated in the words "Te ngahere" referring to the connection of all aspects of the natural world, for the good of all. The plants (waterways as well) is well, the people will be well. Very strongly support the aspirations and action plans documented in the HBLB Plan 2023, all other outcomes will be met.

The HBLB has 4 major community organizations involved in environmental restorations; Restore Hibiscus and Bays, Whangaporoa Pest Free, Centennial Park Society and FOOB. FOOB would like to have its work in a significant area of the HBLB recognizes water equitable functioning from the board's budget, equitable to the other 3 organizations, rather than having to plan programmes. Overall, well done. HBLB with your brave and ambitious plan.



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Keeping rubbish bins in public places to keep litter away from beaches (ie not decreasing their numbers)

Support volunteer groups that look after local parks and waterways like Maygrove Park and Lake and Marmalade Island

Orewa Reserve - create sand dunes but I also really like looking at the pine trees. I like where the playground is and walking there from the shops

Please support volunteer groups like: Love Soups, tree planting (like SOSSI, Restore Hibiscus), keeping away rats and possums

Please support family community festivals

Please Centrestage theatre - I do musical theatre and go to the shows

I think Orewa Library is important

More facilities in Hibiscus for scooter parks (scooters rather than skateboards)

My favourite playgrounds are Orewa Beach Reserve and Stanmore Bay Beach Reserve

If Orewa playground was changed, I would like added: a multi-storey lighthouse to climb up in, a sit in spinning egg shell / bowl (like Stanmore), a flying fox, a climbing structure that is painted and decorated to look like a tree with a treehouse up top with beanbags and bookshelves for shells and a book swap library as a quiet sensory space



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Feedback attached to the official form

Q1. Not Very Well

Comparing this plan to how other Boards have dealt with the rapidly growing aging population issue, our seniors' needs are barely given a nod. Waitemata and Whau Local Boards are positive examples of Boards making a firm start.

Q2. However, the list 1 to 7 of new initiatives are all very important and hard to separate out in priority. (A1 to A4)

Emphasis on the environment and cost savings is obviously needed, but not at the expense of progress towards social connectivity and wellbeing, which must precede any planning and resources being directed at emergency management and storm water recovery. We will be submitting feedback on these shortly.

Recognising the importance of building social networks, and connectivity has been outlined by the Auditor General in his review of Auckland Council's Emergency Management 2023.

Loss of staff knowledge through staff turnover is a factor, but lack of linkage with the considerable work done on strategic plans in 2021 through to 2022, is a bigger concern, especially for our senior population. The AC's Age-Friendly Action Plan and the Tamaki Makaurau Thriving Communities Plan have many elements of direct relevance and value in helping shape well connected communities.

The lack of linkage with these plans and concrete initiatives that build resilience is disappointing as the Board in previous years has led strongly in quality town centre design involving accessibility and connectivity.

Seniors needs for "walkability", and safety re footpaths has appeared in principle, but considerations such as affordable parking, locally in town centres and at park and rides, concessions for anti-congestion charges feature as real concerns in regular senior community meetings.

Advocacy Issues are narrow and mostly not targeted towards a growing senior population, where 1 in 4 residents will be over 65 in the next decade. In the Bays, the concentration of seniors is already one of the highest in Auckland city.

Affordable housing, especially access to low cost loans for repairs for those only on pensions, and choices to downsize and remain in connectivity with their communities is a key concern.

Improving public transport,(especially after the impact of the bus cancellations), with feeder buses in off peak times doing circuits through narrow streets should be trialled.

Current impacts of the closure of Glenvar Road do not seem to be monitored well.

e.g. Marina Road is narrow with parking on both sides of the road and undulating so fast approaching vehicles doing 60 are in the centre of the road, coming over a rise, an accident or two waiting to happen.

Digital services to support improved communications within, amongst and to and from seniors and Local Govt and Central Govt agencies, as well as socially within networks, should be prioritised.

Libraries are offering improved services to assist seniors socially, digitally and with large print books as well as book clubs. Cutting hours or closing building will increase isolation for many, and

Mobile services while helpful for some seniors, who are restricted in mobility, are no substitute for face to face meet and greet opportunities.

Funding issues like prioritising youth groups to co-ordinate leadership across the sector and avoid double ups applies to seniors as well.

There is no collaborate senior network encouraged by the Board to ensure quality attention is paid to seniors' needs. Some groups Like Age Concern and CMA do host meetings to decrease social

isolation, but with four generations across the 50 plus to 100 plus age groups, the sheer diversity of seniors needs requires a real effort to co-ordinate, which is a funding gap currently unmet.

Intergenerational activities could be facilitated by adding a funding criteria that all groups applying need to hold at least one such activity in their calendar each year they receive funding.

Funding for facilities and buildings, like Mairangi Arts which has been well served by volunteers over more than 25 years, must be provided, and not quietly axed or the asset sold off.

A database of older adults requiring assistance to leave their homes in an emergency is long overdue. Some NZ cities have had such a database for over 10 years, so if Palmerston North can manage it and keep it updated, Local Boards here could do the same.

Q3 was difficult to answer Yes. So “No” it is!
And for all the reasons given in the summary above.

An effort will be made to present to the Board shortly as I believe new Board members are not familiar with the extensive consultation carried out by AC with the senior community in 2021.

Brief Summary on the Background of Senior Focus.

Senior Focus was set up as a communication information network for seniors, to host a weekly radio show on Planet FM, Auckland's Community Access Radio in 2015.

Following advocacy over the formation of the Super City, submissions to the Royal Commission, and AC's Annual Plans plus Local Board Plans, there was deemed to be a need to have interviews with experts local and national, elected representatives and commentators, so seniors could be engaging with relevant news and views on what matters to them in their daily lives.

We have a panel of six advisers, several with broadcasting experience, and guest interviewers, and hosts come into the new

studio now. After 35 years of fund raising Planet FM owns its own building, and NZ on Air funding allows Senior Focus to continue our efforts to reach seniors in their homes, and by computer and or smart phone.

Our oldest contributor and financial supporter was 101 and he died last year. We hold informal social gatherings and raise funds as needed to cover broadcasting fees and travel costs. But largely rely on volunteers and I myself undertake the co-ordination as a volunteer.

Broadcasting from SkyTower we reach across the region from Te Hana in the north to Pukekohe in the south, but our real power lies in the flexibility of podcasting and on-line access to our library of archived material.

It is hoped we will see more attention paid to the Auckland Council's Age Friendly Action Plan 2022 as it is designed to inform, and provide steerage on important policy issues already heavily consulted on. Local Boards, Auckland Transport and other local Govt decision making bodies, need to be aware that it was developed with guidance from the Office of Seniors, Ministry of Social Development.

Thanks for the this opportunity to provide input.

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I really enjoy all the art classes I'm involved in.



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Thank for your continued support for us to service our community. As we all navigate financial challenges, collaboration and communication have been vital components in progressing forward productively.

Specifically we look forward to the local board's decision on continuing funding the Hibiscus and Bays arts awards exhibition that we and estvary art centre alternate in hosting. 2024 would be the 10th anniversary of which would be ideal for the local board to make the most in celebrating, we look forward to hearing the results after review.



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How will Auckland Council ensure new infrastructure is planned and designed to minimise climate risks and lifecycle emission.

Re look at how high density housing is managed a single site. Surely better design and planning is needed to enable increased density of housing/apartments, but ensuring flood prevention and open spaces are safeguarded to reduce the risk of flooding/erosion.

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Civic Trust Auckland

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6.	Work with our art centres and theatres to develop fairer and more certain funding	
7.	Supporting safer separated walking or cycling routes and advocating for improvements in public transport to ensure it is more reliable, and able to be linked better to journeys started by cycling or scootering	

3. We have prepared our draft local board plan to reflect the legal obligations to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of our communities.

We think we have something here for everyone, but we need your thoughts. Is there something for you?

Tell us more

See attached



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Introduction

Civic Trust Auckland (CTA) is a non-profit public interest group, incorporated in 1968, with activities and interests throughout the greater Auckland region

The aims of the Trust include:

- Protection of natural landforms
- Preservation of heritage, in all its aspects
- Encouragement of good planning, for the city and region.

We are on Council's list of regional stakeholders and we have previously provided submissions on Local Board plans, as well as on many other Auckland Council plans. Some matters that we have advocated for are now in place, such as smoke-free parks and public open spaces, more resource recovery centres and public education about waste reduction, especially as regards plastic bag use, and Local Boards holding their monthly meetings at varying times.

Other matters are partly in place but we feel the need to submit on them again, including improved public transport: bus, rail and ferry services, better provision for walking and cycling, involving the community more in decision making as well as supporting them as volunteers and improved Local Board engagement with the community, perhaps through a regular clinic at varying times of the day.

CTA has a particular focus on the Environment and Climate Action parts of the Local Board plans.

CTA greatly appreciates the work of Local Boards, and recognises that they know their local communities and are focused on the needs of those particular communities, as well as responding to Auckland Council plans. We are aware of the reduced amount of funding Local Boards have been allocated. We support in general the initiatives in the draft plans. We have highlighted some areas of particular support and particular concern, first making some general points about all Local Board plans as well as particular points for a number of Local Boards, in alphabetical order according to the names of those Local Boards. When quoting from Local Board plans, we use *italics*.

All Local Boards

Climate Action

All the plans address climate action and emissions reduction. We support all Local Boards in the importance they have placed on climate action and commend those that have their own Climate Action Plan, especially those that put them in place even before Auckland Council formulated its Climate Action Plan, such as Puketāpapa. As stated in the Upper Harbour Draft Local Board Plan: *“We recognize that climate change is a complex issue that will require collaborative effort from all of us”* (page 10). The Kaipātiki Local Board articulates that “Climate impact is a key consideration for all decisions made.”

The plans address similar concerns:

- lack of knowledge about how to live low carbon lives
- community preparedness for impacts of climate change
- additional barriers for migrant and ethnic communities
- lack of access to reliable public transport
- road safety concerns, particularly in rural areas
- coastline erosion, sea level rise and flooding
- low tree canopy cover and lack of greenspace to match the rate of urban development and intensification • vegetation, soil and biodiversity loss (urban development, transport, pollution)

We support climate actions across the Local Boards such as

- establishing / supporting EcoNeighbourhoods
- implementing local Urban Ngāhere (Forest) Action Plans
- implementing Shoreline Adaptation Plans, especially in collaboration with a neighbouring Local Board
- local waste minimisation, resource recovery initiatives and public education about waste reduction.
- the planting of more trees by Local Boards and support for the community to plant trees
- ensuring Local Board assets will be resilient to the impacts of climate change or severe weather, and reinstating any assets lost or damaged as a result of storm events
- implementing low carbon practices when upgrading or developing Local Board assets
- developing community-led emergency preparedness plans and
- working alongside the community in response to flood events

Furthermore, we support those Local Boards such as Aotea-Great-Barrier that have their own local Emergency Response Team to lead emergency preparedness, response and recovery, and those advocating, as the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board articulates: *“Advocate to and work with Auckland Emergency Management and wider council departments to support community networks and connections that help people to fare better and respond to emergencies and the impacts of climate change”* (page 16).

We are hopeful that communities know about their local Climate Action Plan or are able to find it online or elsewhere.

Māori Outcomes

As stated in all the Local Board plans, *“Māori identity and culture are Auckland’s unique point of difference in the world.”* CTA endorses all the plans listing strong Māori initiatives that build whānau wellbeing and strengthen resilience, such as practicing te ao Māori guardianship (kaitiakitanga) principles led by mana whenua and incorporating mana whenua identity and culture into the design of developments. We support dual naming of parks and other sites to reflect Māori heritage.

We note that the Manurewa Local Board has the highest proportion and highest number of Māori residents across all the Local Boards and that, appropriately, they include in their plan a particularly strong and high number of listed Māori outcomes, including for Māori youth.

Places

All Local Board Plans have included the following in their draft plans under Local Planning and Development:

“We support local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives.”

Local boards, sometimes with input from local heritage organisations, arguably have the best understanding of their local heritage and therefore have an important role in its identification, protection and enhancement. We strongly support local boards identifying and assessing the heritage items and places in their area, making use of local knowledge and skills to do so, and consulting with stakeholders in working to preserve and enhance their built and natural heritage.

We observe that the Waitemātā Local Board lists particular heritage buildings in its draft plan, and it seems that only two other Local Board do so (Orakei Local Board – Remuera Library, Waitākere Ranges – Waikumete Cemetery, the rail station house and Playhouse Theatre). We know that communities value their heritage buildings and we know that many of them remain unidentified and unprotected, so we encourage Local Boards to include the identification, protection, enhancement and restoration of built heritage as key initiatives in their plans.

CTA supports local boards to advocate and provide for local board input for improved outcomes for heritage in Council planning documents for the region’s collective heritage.

CTA supports the creation and maintaining of a regional cultural heritage database to provide information to landowners, resource consent applicants and other interest groups. We encourage Council and community groups sharing collective information for the purposes of heritage identification.

CTA encourages all Local Boards to investigate incentives for enhancing low quality designs and to encourage any design solutions that might assist in this. We support Local Boards advocating to the Governing Body for the creation of the position of City Architect.

We support Local Boards reviewing their community-leased buildings, approach and fees to make best strategic use of those spaces.

We support the intention of the Local Boards which are looking at partnership opportunities with local schools, churches, and other organisations to make their spaces available for community use and to ensure programmes and initiatives are coordinated to fill any gaps and to avoid duplication. Schools in particular are a valuable resource for all communities, both their facilities and their populations.

We support the Local Boards working with Kāinga Ora to help provide park and community facility assets, as well as integrate their housing developments with the character of the area, ensure that developments are well planned and that the transport and other infrastructure works well.

Environment

Many of the Local Boards in their plans recognise and celebrate their environmental volunteers who have restored, protected and cleaned up areas over many years and continue to do so. This includes community-led pest control and biodiversity projects. The support of Local Boards for such work is important.

Also important are the actions of those community groups which work to identify and protect built heritage, which is recognised by the Ōrākei Local Board in its intention to work with the Remuera Heritage Society (amongst others) to preserve heritage character in the area (page 25).

Local Board support, including funding initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, and waste minimisation projects is important for healthy ecosystems and sustainability.

Some Local Boards contain Special Ecological Areas within them and we support their work in this regard.

CTA supports the daylighting of streams to divert them from pipes back to the surface, as the Manurewa Local Board and others are planning to do, including Waitematā Local Board with the Waipapa Stream.

We support the use of electric vehicles and the installation of charging stations.

All Local Boards recognise the importance of parks and open spaces in their area and we support those that plan to acquire open space where possible, such as through large-scale developments, and to improve existing parks space through land exchanges, reconfiguration and improving linkages and connections.

We support management plan for local parks, reserves and other open spaces. However, care may need to be taken so that an omnibus management plan does not mean that unique aspects of certain spaces are not protected. Some spaces may need their own separate management plan.

We support more tree planting throughout the city, and, in general, oppose the removal of already planted trees. This includes the removal of exotic trees from the maunga that are demonstrably valued by the people of Auckland. We submit that trees already planted be allowed to live out their natural lives and that any succession planting, where appropriate, should focus on natives.

We suggest that small local projects involving the community, particularly new migrants and/or those for whom language is a barrier, could be to beautify/make use of small areas, including on land which is awaiting development, for planting or for art installations.

Transport

As mentioned in the Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan (page 25), *“Local Boards have an advocacy role when it comes to many transport projects.”* All the plans address transport issues, particularly public transport, and they advocate for efficient, affordable and convenient public transport, which CTA has previously advocated for and supported.

CTA supports the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Otara-Papatoetoe Local Boards in advocating for free public transport. CTA has suggested in previous submissions that a trial of free transport be held. As pointed out by several Local Boards, transport in Auckland accounts for nearly half of the city's greenhouse gas emissions. Some Local Boards also mention car-dependency and congestion.

We also support safer speeds, especially around schools, traffic calming, road safety and pedestrian and cyclist priority, including cycleways and greenways to encourage healthy activity and less care use, as is advocated for by most, if not all, Local Boards. We caution that when considering implementation of the relevant infrastructure, including bicycle parking, there should be full consultation with affected people, primarily being the residents and/or businesses in the area under consideration. Streetscape character should not be compromised. We suggest that there is already sufficient infrastructure in place for bicycle parking, partly because some Local Board areas have already provided specific bicycle parking and partly because most cyclists like the ability to park very close to where they are going and are happy to use a pole, fence or tree to chain their bike to, and in our experience, this is workable for everyone (in contrast to e-scooter parking). We consider that the negative effect of placing any transport infrastructure in the public realm needs to be recognised and minimised.

CTA encourages Local Boards to support our advocacy to Auckland Council for a Public Transport champion. This could be a youth role and it could involve the telling of good stories about public transport. In our view, many more people would use public transport if they could see other people like themselves using it on a regular basis and get to know more about HOP cards (and the imminent introduction of the use of credit cards to pay for public transport), that public transport can accommodate the frail and disabled, and that there is, in fact, often a bus stop not too far from their house and/or place of work.

We support the Local Boards that are advocating for more bus shelters in their area. In our view, a shelter in addition to a seat at a bus stop is an essential part of the public transport infrastructure, for protection from both sun and rain. Future designs should consider the potential for the seat and the people waiting at the bus stop getting wet from driving rain, as is the case with some of the current shelters.

Community Engagement with Local Boards

The Devonport-Takapuna Draft Local Board Plan under "Challenges" states: "*Low levels of participation and understanding of what local boards do, which weakens local democracy and decision making*" (page 14) and also under "Challenges" the Franklin Local Board includes: "*Limitations to understanding the board's role and mandate, and its influence in regional and national decision-making*" (page 21). The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board will advocate for "*Auckland Council to communicate in a way that is accessible to all our community leading to a better-informed community and improved engagement with the council*" (page 15).

In our view, engagement with the community is an issue for all Local Boards, as well as the wider Council. We have observed that many members of the community still do not know much (if anything) about local boards, and a very small percentage of them actually engage with their local board. Furthermore, some people find it difficult, for various reasons, to approach their local board and/or to be listened to. We commend those Local Boards which have made their members available through regular open meetings to members of the public, especially those that are at varying times of the day to cater for the availability of different members of the community. We suggest that time could usefully be made available within Local Board workshops for members of the community dealing with certain issues to engage more thoroughly with board members and staff than is possible in public forum appearances at local board business meetings.

The Local Board plans outline what Local Boards do, who the members are and where they are based, so if people in their area read the plans, they would have a better awareness about Local Boards. If all libraries held copies of the relevant Local Board plans in their final version, this would assist in more people becoming more aware of Local Boards.

We suggest that Local Boards share with other Local Boards what has worked in terms of public engagement for them. An idea from a member of the Puketāpapa community is that Local Board members hold their clinics or engagement (where practical) “on the street,” which could mean in a park or square which is used well by the public. We note that when Local Board candidates are campaigning for election, they tend to go to where the people are, and we suggest that this could be part of the answer, rather than expecting the people to come to where they are. We know that many people do not know where their Local Board office is. If practicable, Local Board members could now and again set up tables, chairs and coffee on the footpath outside their office.

We also note that a key initiative of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is: *“Community conversations – enabling communities we hear from less to engage more comfortably and on their terms”* (page 15), so perhaps their ideas could be shared with other Local Boards. We also see that this Local Board will *“Advocate for accessible and easy to use engagement methods that suit our residents for both local and regional consultations”* (page 16).

We encourage local board members (and future candidates) to retreat from political affiliations. In our experience, alignment with a political group creates an impediment to good governance and working effectively for the community. Community groups tend to be apolitical and their members tend to work well together. The political affiliations of Local Board members can act as a barrier to community engagement – as well as a barrier for members to engage with and cooperate with each other.

Albert-Eden

We support the Carrington residential development and the way it has developed, including working with the iwi involved, and we also support the bid by the Pt Chev Social Enterprise Trust for there to be a community wellbeing hub incorporated into Building One on this site. We are disappointed that one wing of this building is to be demolished, due to the roading design.

We strongly support the Local Board’s key initiative to: *“Provide feedback on resource consents and planning processes to ensure good design outcomes are achieved and significant views of the maunga (volcanic cones) are protected through the volcanic viewshafts and height sensitive areas in the Auckland Unitary Plan”* (page 12).

CTA strongly supports the establishment of the Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre (opened on 11 August), which seems to be a shared facility between the Albert-Eden and Waitemata Local Board areas, and supports the promotion by these two Local Boards of the facility. We suggest that libraries in all Local Board areas could be a place for dropping off small items such as used batteries (battery collection being something that has taken place in Wellington libraries for some years).

CTA supports this Local Board including as one of the objectives of its plan: *“The history, identity and character of our neighborhoods are celebrated”* and that a key initiative is: *“Protect and celebrate our historic heritage by being good stewards of the assets we own and supporting others to care for theirs”* (page 29). Supporting others could be seen as both support for the people in their Local Board area as regards historic heritage that is privately owned, and supporting other Local Boards to care for historic heritage that are their assets, as well as other Local Boards supporting the protection of other historic heritage sites.

We support the Albert-Eden Local Board for the following (page 31):

- *“Renewal funding for seismic upgrades for heritage assets*

- *Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority in their aspiration to have the maunga recognised as UNESCO World Heritage site*
- *The Auckland Unitary Plan reflects the importance of built and natural heritage and the contribution that heritage makes to the identity, history and story of Tāmaki Makaurau and its people”.*

We endorse this Local Board’s plan to carry out an audit of the parks in their area to identify where they can get better use, to activate them more and to see if there is the right mix of uses for the future.

A photo of Rocket Park in Mount Albert is featured in the Albert-Eden Draft Local Board Plan. This park no longer functions as it was intended. It was originally a park where children with disabilities could use special equipment such as a Liberty Swing for wheelchairs. We understand that the swing is no longer there, and we submit that it be reinstated, along with the other original equipment for this special park.

We support the Local Board’s intention to *“Encourage green business practices and share information on existing resources such as Sustainable Business Network and Climate Connect Aotearoa”* (page 35).

Aotea-Great-Barrier

This Local Board’s plan states that *“Our community is also incredibly conscious of remote living and the carbon impacts of freighting supplies to the island”* (page 11). The island is very different from the mostly urban areas of Auckland and has some different issues to deal with, which perhaps the rest of the city does not recognise.

CTA supports this Local Board’s intention to *“advocate to the Governing Body for continued staff support to investigate a visitor levy to respond to the impacts of tourism”* (page 14), like the levy that has been introduced to Rakiura / Stewart Island.

The Aotea-Great-Barrier Local Board has been progressing solar power upgrades of council and community buildings and electric chargers, as have several other Local Boards, and we encourage more area to do this, and for Local Boards to learn from each other in this regard.

Another aspect that perhaps other areas could learn from is the island’s *“bespoke approach to education through our Lifelong Learning Strategy, especially for our tamariki and rangatahi with a new early childhood education centre and established Aotea Learning Hub”* (page 13).

We congratulate the island on being designated as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

An aspect of the island that needs recognition by Auckland Council is that *“Climate change has led to warmer waters and the arrival of exotic marine pests such as Caulerpa, Asian Paddle Crab, Sea Squirt and Mediterranean Fan worm”* (page 16). We support the Local Board’s call for tighter protections for their coastal waters.

We congratulate this Local Board on its innovative low carbon initiatives, such as Anamata’s Resource Recovery Centre and AoteaOra Trust’s Off the Grid events (page 16) and agree that these should be showcased globally and there should be trials of new sustainable systems. The landfill on the island has closed, which presents a different situation than all other Auckland communities.

We support this Local Board in advocating to central government and the Governing Body to encourage manufacturers to commit to product sustainability (page 17) and encourage other Local Boards to do the same.

We also support this Local Board to:

- *“Advocate to central government and the Governing Body to abolish bottom trawling and dredging in the Hauraki Gulf and to encourage sustainable fishing as directed through Sea Change - Tai Timu Tai Pari*
- *Advocate to central government and the Governing Body for the prohibition of marine dumping” (page 17).*

Aotea-Great-Barrier does not have any public transport and we support the Local Board’s key initiative to *“Investigate a community-led public transport system” (page 19).*

We also support them to advocate to technology providers for stronger connectivity options (page 20).

Devonport-Takapuna

We support collaboration between Local Boards on many matters and so are pleased to see that this Local Board is collaborating with the Kaipātiki Local Board *“on the reduction of litter, sediment, and industry pollutants to improve the water quality of streams and ponds in the catchment of the Wairau Estuary” (page 11).*

This Local Board (and many others) is supportive of the work of environmental groups and environmental education. Amongst other environmental initiatives, we support their aim to *“Prioritise funding and support zero waste initiatives that promote a circular economy”* and the *“focus on native and ecologically appropriate planting and the principle of having the right tree in the right place” (page 12).* Regarding the trees, we would caution that the wrong tree in the wrong place (in any Local Board area) does not necessarily get removed but that it is allowed to live out its natural life, or there is consideration given to transplanting the tree. We understand that there is modern machinery that enables the transplanting of large trees. Perhaps Local Boards, including this one, could advocate to the Governing Body and/or central government for investment in one of these machines.

We see that this Local Board’s intention of *“Working with our neighbouring local boards on joint environmental initiatives to increase the impacts” (page 18)* is something that all Local Boards could do – and we know that many of them are.

We are pleased to see amongst the objectives in this Local Board’s draft plan: *“Natural and built heritage are conserved and both colonial and Māori history and significant places are valued, promoted, and celebrated” (page 19).*

We support this Local Board to *“Advocate to the Governing Body for additional funding to renew our heritage asset portfolio and enable greater protection for our heritage assets” (page 20).*

We also support this initiative (and other similar ones of other Local Boards): *“Utilisation of regional funding to retrofit assets and upgrade them with solar energy saving measures” (page 22).*

On page 25 it is stated that there is: *“Limited capacity for bikes on ferries, zero capacity for bikes on buses, and the absence of infrastructure for active travel modes on the harbour bridge is a constraint on reductions to transport emissions.”* We note that there is not quite zero capacity for bikes on buses, as fold-up bikes can be taken on buses: *“For safety of the passengers on board of buses only compact folding bikes and scooters are permitted on board, and must be folded down before boarding (at.govt.nz).”*

We would encourage the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to advocate for bike racks on buses that go across the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

Franklin

We support this Local Board's initiative to *"Identify opportunities to reduce Franklin's mowing footprint by replacing lawn with trees"* (page 15) and the other Local Boards that have this same initiative.

We support their advocacy for *"Provision of fit for purpose public transport services that enable underserved communities to access Auckland's public and active transport networks and community service hubs, e.g. through 'AT Local' services or new bus routes"* (page 19).

Franklin, being a rural community, includes in its draft plan, which does need to be recognised by other areas: *"Auckland climate action is focussed on reducing carbon largely by reducing the use of private vehicles but does not constructively support rural residents and farmers in taking action, such as emission reduction"* (page 25).

We support this key initiative: *"Advocate for investment from Auckland Transport and central government in local initiatives that encourage and incentivise modal shift (from private vehicles to active or public transport) or shorten the commute for those reliant on private vehicles (by improving access to public transport)"* (page 26).

We support the following (pages 26 & 33):

- *"Require all public space projects in urban/future urban areas to actively contribute to increases in tree canopy cover and more green infrastructure."*
- *"Advocate for a change of policy and process so that new developments deliver 'urban lungs' i.e. areas to be planted with semimature trees to improve air quality, to lower surface temperatures and to absorb and filter rainfall."*
- *"Increased ferry capacity at Pine Harbour, Beachlands, to address local population growth, acknowledge east Auckland congestion issues and offer off-road commuter options."*

Henderson-Massey

We support this Local Board in the following:

- *"Working with Waitākere Ranges and Whau local boards to take a 'west Auckland' approach to strengthen our capacity"* (page 14)
- *"Continue to prioritise parks and play spaces that are inclusive, accessible to all, and support whānau-focused gatherings and activities"* (page 20)
- *"Progress opportunities for neighbourhood path connections, guided by the Connections Plan"*
- *Prioritise transport projects that improve safety and health and contribute to climate action and social outcomes"*
- *Support initiatives that help remove barriers to cycling e.g. access to a safe affordable bike and learn to ride programmes"* (page 22).

Hibiscus and Bays

On page 12 of this Local Board's plan, their Climate Plan actions are well detailed.

CTA supports this key initiative: *"Take a more proactive approach to ensuring that the different voices in our community are heard to inform our local board decision-making"* (page 16).

We particularly like the way this Local Board has articulated its appreciation for local volunteers: *"Our committed and skilled environmental groups we support have long established histories and have been award winners for their professionalism and work"* (page 19).

This challenge is one that other Local Boards may also face: *"There is increasing demand for council services to be available online, and 24/7 whilst recognising that at other times residents are more comfortable with a face-to-face service provision, all within budget constraints, which will require better integration of locally delivered services with regionally provided online services"* (page 22.)

We are pleased to see this opportunity expressed: *"The rapid increase in residents working from home reduces congestion and adds value to the local economy by keeping commuter spending local"* (page 25).

CTA supports the following: *"Advocate to Auckland Transport to better accommodate the integration of public transport vehicles, major bus stop and park and rides, with micro mobility and bicycles, to enable people to use these modes to connect with their public transport journey"* (page 26).

We would encourage this Local Board to also advocate to Auckland Transport for bike racks on buses.

Howick

This Local Board has a strong focus on youth, as do many of the others.

We note the following key initiative: *"Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to protect and enhance Ōhūiarangi / Pigeon Mountain"* (page 20). We do support protecting the maunga but we do not support the removal of trees from any of the maunga in Auckland. It is our position that particular trees that are not wanted on the maunga should live out their natural lives and that replacement planting of other species can be planned for.

We support this Local Board in its intention to advocate to local schools to *"make sustainability, environmental responsibility and waste management part of school values"* (page 20). These values, across Auckland schools should, through school students, extend into the community and become embedded in future generations.

We support this key Initiative (which is shared by other Local Boards): *"Promote healthy living and sustainable lifestyles by supporting community-led initiatives, such as vegetable gardens, and by encouraging and educating the wider community of the benefits of growing your own food"* (page 22).

We support this special initiative and are of the view that it would have region-wide use: *"Establish a sensory playspace that contains areas and equipment that provides stimulation of the senses for children with visual impairment or developmental disorder"* (page 22).

CTA supports this advocacy to Auckland Transport, which could be replicated in other Local Board areas, where appropriate, for:

- “feeder bus services or other innovative on demand services that will enable the community to access the existing bus / ferry networks
- more bus services to serve all areas of the local board
- provision of more ferry and train services” (page 26).

The following is important for all Local Boards: *“Advocate to the Governing Body to: ensure adequate infrastructure is in place before approving housing intensification”* (page 26).

We support the following key initiative: *“Continue to provide operational funding support for the Howick Historic Village”* (page 28).

We support the protection of historic landscapes and in this regard, support efforts to protect in the Unitary Plan the views from Stockade Hill.

Kaipātiki

As with other Local Boards, this one is looking at solar energy, and we support their particular initiatives to: *“Investigate installing solar on facilities with significant solar potential, including: Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre, Kaipātiki Local Board Office, Glenfield Pool and Leisure Centre”* (page 14).

We feel that the following key initiative could be adopted by all Local Boards: *“Seek feedback from our student and children’s panels to inform our decisions with a child-lens”* (page 17).

CTA supports the Kaipātiki Local Board’s advocacy to the Governing Body:

- *“to protect and celebrate our built and cultural heritage”* (page 18), and
- *“for the ability for local boards to have direct decision-making authority to make temporary changes to dog access rules to mitigate environmental or social problems, and request the opportunity to be included in the next round of dog access revision hearings Governing Body”* (page 23).

We also support this Local Board advocating to central government:

- *“to reinstate legislation that provides general tree protection”* (page 23), and
- *“for urban planning legislation to adequately protect special ecological areas Central Government”* (page 23).

We see that the challenge expressed by this Local Board that *“An increased number of schools are restricting public access to their grounds outside of school hours which is impacting informal community recreation opportunities”* (page 25) could provide the opportunity to talk to other Local Board about this problem and possible solutions.

We support the following key initiatives, which could be the same for all Local Boards:

- *“Consider climate impact when developing places and spaces, to reduce or avoid emissions and adapt to climate change, including avoiding areas or activities that are vulnerable to climate risks such as drought, extreme rainfall, coastal flooding, and heat*
- *Prioritise investment in assets that are well positioned, multi-purpose, and with good transport links, to reduce its carbon footprint”* (page 27).

We also consider that all Local Boards would similarly advocate for and support the following:

- *“the development of a quality compact, urban form that supports low carbon, resilient development, while ensuring adequate infrastructure to support it*
- *the uptake of sustainable design and construction that will be resilient to the impacts of climate change, including council projects, and encourage residents and businesses to use eco-design and water sensitive design practices”* (page 28).

We think that all Local Boards would want this for their area: *“Advocate for increased resource for compliance enforcement teams so they can respond to all requests and complaints received in the Kaipātiki area”* (page 28).

We support cheaper fares, more frequent ferries, and more buses going to more destinations, more directly (page 29). We view the harbour as an underutilised resource which does not need the sort of maintenance that roads and rail do. We also support electric buses and ferries for Kaipātiki (page 32).

This matter seems to need to become more widely known within Auckland Council: *“Advocate for policy and funding changes to reduce the use of the ‘chip seal’ road resealing method on suburban roads”* (page 32).

We find it useful to have this pointed out: *“Increase in working from home means more of our people are based locally during working hours which can help ease congestions at peak times, enable access to skilled work without the need to travel as frequently, and help increase spending in our town centres”* (page 35).

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

This Local Board sees as an opportunity, which we think other Local Boards could embrace as well: *“Identify areas where community groups are better placed to deliver services and projects that are currently delivered by council”* (page 14).

CTA supports the **Māngere-Ōtāhuhu** Local Board to:

- *“Revive the Māngere Gateway Heritage plan to enhance Stonefields and promote and regain heritage values* (page 17).
- *Partner with mana whenua to protect significant historical sites and waterways that host an abundance of native plants and animals*
- *Work with Kāinga Ora to encourage tree planting in their housing developments”* (page 18).

CTA supports the entire advocacy list of this Local Board, on page 18 of their draft plan, which focuses on protecting and enhancing their natural environment, including active management of high-value biodiversity features in their area, and achieving zero waste and zero dumping.

Manurewa

The Manurewa Local Board highlights the lack of equitable funding for their area over the last 13 years, and we support them in their advocacy to the Governing Body to confirm its commitment to achieving funding equity for local boards, and to *“Look at ways to achieve funding equity for the most underfunded boards in the shortest timeframe possible with a priority focus on Manurewa, then other southern local boards”* (page 23).

As with some other Local Boards, the lack of decent public transport options is noted. We support their advocacy to increase the frequency, connectivity, and capacity of public transport

services in their area (page 15), and, as with all Local Boards, suggest that car pooling is another option that could be promoted and supported by them.

This Local Board (as with all others) intends to enhance the urban ngahere. They point out that *“there is only so much that can be done on council-owned land.”* We support their call for legislative measures that *“could include adding protection and enhancement of urban ngahere to environmental targets and making it easier for local authorities to protect trees on private land”* (page 16).

We support this Local Board (and the others which have this initiative) in the installation of more solar panels across their community facilities in partnership with power companies. The Manurewa Local Board will encourage households to do this too (page 18), and other Local Boards could encourage the households in their areas to do likewise.

CTA supports this Local Board to *“Advocate to Auckland Transport to increase the frequency and capacity of trains and buses to and from Manurewa and Clendon town centres, linking more of our communities to public transport hubs”* (page 18).

We note the establishment of the Manurewa Community Recycling Centre at the Beautification Trust and their support of the pop-up Repair Cafes operating at the Trust and at Nathan Homestead. We support them to *“continue to advocate for a southern resource recovery park as part of the Auckland Resource Recovery Network”* (page 25).

We are pleased to note under Opportunities: *“increase awareness of the notable tree schedule to protect more of our trees”* and *“using nature-based solutions for flood management”* (page 26), and we support the key initiative to *“Replace every tree removed from the streetscape due to damage, storms and accidents within one year”* (page 27). This practical and clear action could be adopted by other Local Boards.

We also support the following: *“Promote the integration of natural ecosystems into the existing built form, which may include the construction of raingardens, living roofs and swales, mass tree planting, remediation of existing or contaminated soils, rehabilitation of watercourses and wetlands, and opening up buried watercourses and restoring them to more natural conditions (stream daylighting)”* (page 27).

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

We liked to see the use of different languages in this Local Board’s draft plan in addition to English and te reo.

CTA supports the following advocacy to the Governing Body of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board:

- *“to ensure appropriate mechanisms are implemented to limit development where infrastructure cannot support increased pressure from planned growth”* (page 21)
- *“for appropriate staffing resources to enable quality advice for good decision-making, particularly planning, to utilise increased local board decision-making and ensure local services are cost effective and fit-for-purpose”* (page 29)
- *“to increase the regional demolition fund. To maximise the use of our open spaces and oversubscribed maintenance budgets, local boards can look to reduce underutilised and aged buildings on reserves. Regional support will help local boards to realise these strategic long-term opportunities”* (page 29).

Regarding the last one, we caution that these buildings first need to be accessed, especially for heritage and community values.

Ōrākei

This Local Board's intention to use methods such as digital signage, e-newsletters and social media as a way to improve communication with the community could be considered by other Local Boards.

We support the idea to *“Advocate to businesses and philanthropic organisations to seek funding partnerships for community services”* (page 14), which perhaps other Local Boards could also adopt.

We are pleased to see the inclusion in the draft plan of *“Delivering the Pourewa Valley Integrated Management Plan will support the restoration of this significant urban forest”* (page 16).

We strongly support the following (the second of which is also advocated for by other Local Boards):

- *“Continue funding for the Eastern Bays Songbird Project in their valuable work creating and maintaining a sanctuary for wildlife in the Eastern Bays area”* (page 17)
- *“Advocate for a sponge-city approach which promotes water-sensitive design and enables bluegreen networks to manage flooding”* (page 18).

The Ōrākei Local Board states that *“Seismic restoration of Remuera library is undertaken”* (page 23) and we strongly support the restoration of what is not only a heritage building but a community asset.

The Ōrākei Local Board states in its draft plan that theirs is *“an area rich in history. We can use our wonderful built heritage and local history to engender pride in our area and to help protect this valuable heritage”* (page 25). We appreciate the Local Board's acknowledgement of their built heritage and also of the Remuera Heritage Society (page 25).

We support the Local Board advocating to the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to *“protect the War Memorial Seat and daffodil commemorative garden, and for effective pest control on Ōhinerau / Mt Hobson”* (page 27).

CTA also supports the Local Board advocating to the Governing Body, central government and developers *“to ensure the unique character and heritage of our area is retained as development occurs”* and we support the Local Board *“monitoring and assessing proposed legislation that may increase intensification that may have an effect on our infrastructure and character”* (page 27).

Otara-Papatoetoe

This Local Board articulates (as many other Local Boards do, and with which CTA agrees) that it should be the local people who decide what the priorities in their area are: *“Your input on what we need to prioritise for the next three years will help us greatly with this challenge”* (page 3).

Regarding the Local Boards intention to *“Develop a multi-park management plan that manage the use, development and protection of all parks, reserves and open spaces in the area”* (page 21) we would say that the different types and characters of parks need to be considered when developing such a plan or plans.

On page 3 it is stated that *“Public transport hubs and facilities including Manukau Bus and Train Stations, Puhinui Station Interchange, and the Southern Line train provide opportunities for connectivity and public transport use for both residents and visitors”* and the Puhinui Station to attract visitors to the area is a key initiative. As CTA detailed in our submission on [Auckland Council's Future Development Strategy](#):

“This station is an important part of the city’s infrastructure. As Puhinui Station connects to the wider public transport network, you can travel to and from Auckland Airport from anywhere in the city. The bus operates every 10 minutes from 4.30am to 12.40am, 7 days a week and there is a train from Puhinui Station to Britomart every 15 minutes. However, this AirportLink service is not clearly signposted at the airport and we understand that it is used very little. The facility to use public transport without needing a HOP card, as planned within the next 12 months, should help in this regard, but the AirportLink service needs more publicity. For example, the staff at the airport who monitor cars that arrive at the domestic terminal to pick up incoming passengers could hand drivers brochures that describe this service, so people can use it next time.”

We would encourage this Local Board to advocate to AT to publicise this important part of the public transport network.

Papakura

We support this Local Board to: *“Continue work on a heritage trail featuring sites of significance in Māori and European local history, acknowledging Ngāti Tamaoho’s cultural indicators along the southern path overlooking the Manukau Harbour”* (page 8) and we support their aim to highlight and celebrate the area’s history and heritage.

We are pleased that the Manurewa Community Recycling centre is in place and that the Papakura Local Board describes the circular economy that will *“reduce costs and reduce carbon footprint”* (page 11).

We support this Local Board’s advocacy in the following areas of public transport (pages 29 & 30):

- *“Developing AT Local (on demand shared public transport service) in parts of Papakura Local Board area to increase public transport use.*
- *Great South Road –moving the cycle lane to an off-road shared pathway and converting the existing cycle and parking lanes into a combined T2 bus lane.*
- *Increased operating hours of southern train and public transport connections to airport and other employment nodes.*
- *Extending public transport routes to Ardmore and Bruce Pulman Park.”*

We also support the advocacy for *“an increase in the standard street width requirement in new developments”* and *“developers /body corporates to cover ongoing maintenance of green space and enhanced tree canopy in new developments”* (page 30).

Puketāpapa

We congratulate the Puketāpapa Local Board for developing their [‘Becoming a Low Carbon Community’ Action Plan](#) action prior to Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland Climate Plan. We would like to see the “local climate champions” mentioned in this plan become more visible and for other Local Boards to adopt this idea.

We support the Local Board’s aim to *“Use existing community hubs, such as the library, to increase community understanding of climate change and promote local climate action initiatives”* (page 16). Schools and libraries are an excellent resource for educating the wider public on climate change.

Rodney

This Local Board states that its residents *“often feel marginalised from Auckland Central and generally do not feel heard by decision makers”* (page 14). We are not sure how the Local Board will address this, but making other Local Boards aware of it should help.

CTA supports the following advocacy by this Local Board to the Governing Body:

- *“for Kawau Island to become pest free, with the support of the community, iwi, the Department of Conservation and stakeholders”* (page 20)
- *“for more investment in regional parks in our local board area and resourcing for service provision, such as with service centres, to meet the pressures of population growth and tourism”* (page 24).

The draft plan states that *“Our large geographical area and low population makes providing public transport difficult”* (page 30). We suggest that with the good community connections described in the draft plan, where *“people look out for each other and feel supported”* (page 3) that carpooling would be a good option that could be promoted and supported.

CTA supports the following advocacy to Auckland Transport:

- *“for the use of the existing rail network to be used for commuter transport to service the North West.”*
- *“for further improvements and the expansion of Rodney bus services particularly in new development areas including park-and-rides, dedicated bus ways, additional routes and stops, weekend services on busier routes, higher frequency on busy routes and greater safety for bus drivers”* (page 31).

Upper Harbour

We support the Upper Harbour Local Board to *“Advocate for accessible, multi-lingual, and easy-to-use engagement methods that enable our diverse residents to participate in both local and regional consultations and engagement processes”* (page 14).

We appreciate that this Local Board has articulated (under Challenges): *“Cost implications of restoration and conservation of our natural environment balanced against the cost of doing nothing”* (page 16) and the huge risks that climate change poses to the environment and people, also the negative impacts of intensification and population growth. In our recent submission on Auckland Council’s Future Development Strategy, we cautioned against too much growth too fast, and that it is preferable to stage intensification, and certainly not to do so in areas that were exposed to potential hazards.

We agree that *“Reducing carbon emissions as individuals can be difficult”* and that *“Communities need support and opportunities to make changes and live more sustainably”* (page 16). We are of the view that Local Boards are making positive differences as regards education about climate change and they can learn from each other’s problems and initiatives, and support each other.

Waiheke

Waiheke is an island sanctuary in the Gulf, as articulated in this Local Board’s draft plan on pg 3.

We commend this Local Board for *adopting “even bolder climate goals through its Waiheke Local Climate Action Plan which includes the aim of achieving a net positive carbon footprint by 2040”* (page 11). This could be a model for other Local Boards.

We recognise this key initiative as important: *“Complete a feasibility study into the equity of year-round access to adequate potable water supply for Waiheke Island residents”* (page 13).

We support this opportunity: *“Waiheke becoming a predator free island”* (page 16) and see the importance of public messaging and the work of predator-free groups.

We support the creation of wildlife corridors (including new and restored wetlands), kauri sanctuaries and seabird and shorebird breeding colonies across the islands, as well as stream restoration projects and academic and citizen science programmes to help understand and support the health of the aquatic environment (pp 16 – 17).

CTA strongly supports advocacy for *“an end to bottom contact fishing such as dredging, bottom trawling and Danish seining”* (page 18).

We also support advocacy to Auckland Transport for a designated Harbourmaster on Waiheke to be sufficiently empowered to address the increasing numbers of abandoned or derelict boats degrading the island’s marine environment.

CTA also supports this Local Board’s key initiative to *“Implement the Waiheke Be Accessible Plan as resources become available to ensure facilities are accessible to all”* (page 21).

Waitākere Ranges

The people of this Local Board area (as with others in the outer areas) often travel long distances to access work and education opportunities. We see that park and ride is an important way of connecting to public transport services (page 12) and that there is anticipation of the benefits that the City Rail Link will bring, as it will mean a 30-minute trip to get into the city.

We support this Local Board’s advocacy in *“Trialling a rural bus service to give our residents and visitors access to public transport”* (page 29).

We support the Local Board also advocating for improved access to broadband and mobile phone services (page 12).

The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area is a place of national significance which is appreciated by many throughout Auckland, for whom it is a favourite place to visit. There are at least 27 volunteer environmental groups active in the area, recognised in the draft plan. We support the Waitākere Ranges Local Board in its focus on protecting, restoring and enhancing this special area, including making the area a dark sky viewing location (page 15).

CTA supports this key initiative and would like to see it adopted by other Local Boards: *“Ensure universal design for accessibility is embedded into all park development projects to enable everyone to access their local parks”* (page 25).

We also strongly support the following: *“Provide input into council plans, policies and project design, as well as the resource consent decisions relating to heritage”* (page 29).

Waitematā

We support the Waitematā Local Board to *“Promote Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre, local waste minimisation and resource recovery initiatives”* (page 14), and we encourage this Local Board to do this in collaboration with the Albert-Eden Local Board.

We support this key initiative *“Local composting and community gardens network”* (page 14) and would like this Local Board to revisit the application of OMG (Organic Market Garden) to establish a community garden in the Bowen Ave part of Albert Park which has not yet gone ahead, having not received the support it needed.

Under “Our People,” the statement *“We celebrate our diversity and heritage and encourage equitable access to social, economic, environmental and cultural opportunities”* is inspiring (page 16).

We appreciate the following being articulated in the plan: *“We recognise the importance of treasuring and protecting our green spaces, heritage parks and trees”* (page 27).

Under Opportunities: *“Greater value for money through a partnership model which could leverage funding from other sources outside of Auckland Council”* (page 18) is something that other Local Boards could also consider.

We are pleased to see that the problem of air pollution and pollution from shipping is noted (page 21). Pollution as such is not articulated in other Local Board plans. We are also concerned at the proliferation of visual clutter, particularly in terms of lighting, signage and some unnecessary street furniture.

We support the following and consider that other Local Boards could adopt the same: *“Encourage, exemplify and promote the installation of ‘living’ green walls, rooftops, and assets in public buildings and private developments such as the Central City Library living roof, to improve air quality, green space, and biodiversity outcomes in urban environments”* (page 24).

We support the following, and again, encourage other Local Boards to do the same: *“Continue to reduce the use of agrichemicals in our parks and open spaces and advocate for agrichemical spraying to be phased out regionally”* (page 24).

We strongly support this advocacy: *“Auckland Council to advocate for changes to legislation and regulations to enable councils to introduce planning controls on how urban trees are assessed and protected. Auckland Council to simplify and better resource processes for identifying and protecting mature trees”* (page 25).

We encourage the Local Board to consider, when developing concept plans (e.g., Basque Park, Heard Park, 254 Ponsonby Road and Wynyard Point) (page 27) not only the views of the local community and others who will access these spaces but also whether any “revitalisation” works planned are necessary. CTA has previously submitted that Heard Park does not need a makeover, and that the money be better spent elsewhere. Indeed, a couple of paragraphs down (on page 27) in the draft plan it is stated, *“The cost of maintaining our assets and facilities is no longer affordable.”*

CTA strongly supports the key initiative to: *“Deliver seismic strengthening, restoration and modernisation of Leys Institute Library and Gymnasium to preserve as a heritage taonga for future generations”* (page 28).

Regarding the development of a Local Parks Management Plan (page 28), we caution that not all local parks are the same, and their diversity and special circumstances should be catered for.

We support this key initiative: *“Acknowledge the importance of Te Hā (pōhutukawa) and the whenua that sustains it and investigate opportunities to increase the status and protection of Dove Myer Robinson Park including the possible inclusion in the heritage schedules of the Auckland Unitary Plan”* (page 29).

Under “Our Places,” the Local Board states: *“The government’s proposed legislative changes in resource management and urban development enable more intensive development in the city centre and around our neighbourhoods. This creates a challenge to ensure our neighbourhood character and heritage is conserved within our urban landscapes. We will support quality design in new developments that embraces existing heritage to create the heritage of the future”* (page 32). CTA strongly endorses this statement, and also the following one: *“We want to increase understanding, protection and conservation of city centre heritage places, landscapes and*

stories. Our city centre should actively recognise and celebrate Auckland’s historic heritage as a driver of positive change and placemaking” (page 33) and “Valued elements of heritage and special character in the local board area should be recognised formally and informally to assist with its protection and incorporation in the development of our urban landscapes” (page 34).

We support the following key initiatives (page 36):

“Provide feedback on resource consents and planning processes to ensure heritage sites and Special Character Areas are protected

- *Ensure our heritage assets are restored such as Ewelme Cottage and Symonds Street Cemetery monuments*
- *Seek opportunities to promote and celebrate heritage places in Waitemātā including making digital content and place-based stories more accessible*
- *Reflect Māori heritage and whakapapa in our public spaces and facilities incorporating Māori design principles and artwork.”*

We also support this Local Board’s advocacy to the Governing Body as follows (page 37):

- *Advocate to the Governing Body to allocate adequate funds to restore and preserve its heritage buildings, including incorporating seismic strengthening where necessary, to ensure their ongoing usage.*
- *Advocate to the Governing Body to allocate adequate funds to continue identification and formal protection of heritage and character elements of the Waitemātā environment.*
- *Advocate to the Governing Body to retain the council’s Heritage Acquisition Fund to assist with the protection and adaptive re-use of significant heritage buildings in the local board area.*

CTA strongly supports the following initiatives (page 44):

- *Support the preservation of significant heritage buildings such as Carlile House, the former Fitzroy Hotel and St James Theatre.*

We also strongly support advocacy to central government for incentives to encourage the retention of heritage and character elements of the built environment (page 44).

CTA submits that an important addition to the draft plan is the recognition that significant parts of the landscape need protecting, particularly the Waitemātā Harbour and volcanic cones, and other heritage landscapes.

Whau

CTA supports this Local Board advocating to central government for *“Legislation to protect a greater number of significant trees”* (page 23), which other Local Boards have also included in their draft plans.

We also support their concern for sustainable building initiatives and practices (page 23).

We strongly support the key initiative to: *“Ensure events and services are developed with accessibility considerations to support participation from residents with either physical or intellectual disabilities”* (page 25) and to *“Continue to prioritise and implement actions identified in the previous term to improve accessibility within key parks in the Whau, and do accessibility audits within additional parks”* (page 26).

We support the advocacy to *“Progress on the development of the Avondale-Southdown rail line to support freight movement Kiwi Rail Feedback on relevant policies and plans Central government Auckland Light Rail Group”* (page 31).

We strongly support the following initiative: *“Infrastructure and development that meets future growth, incorporates sustainable urban design principles, and is resilient to climate change, e.g. waste reduction, installation of stormwater retention tanks and permeable surfaces in housing developments”* (page 31).

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Signature:



Secretary, Civic Trust Auckland





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Local Board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback

We have prioritised the environment in this plan. This is reflected in the desire for better emergency planning, improving the ability of green spaces to cope with climate extremes, and a call to have whatever way you wish to travel to be safe, reliable and flexible.

1. How well does our draft local board plan reflect what you want for this community over the next three years?

Not well at all

Tell us why

Not inclusive on all aspects of the community and their needs. Maori and European people seen the focus not all communities and their needs are met.

2. These are all new initiatives in the draft local board plan. We'd like to know your thoughts on them. How important are they to you?

1.	Setting up and resourcing of local civil defence networks, to enable quicker responses to future emergencies, such as storms or floods	Very important
2.	Support more council owned recycling centres, closer to where you live, especially for your bulk recycling or construction waste	Very important
3.	Fund projects to preserve Māori and European heritage in our area	Less important
4.	Improve our parks and reserves current ability to	Very important

	take excess stormwater, to better protect surrounding properties	
5.	Discuss with private organisations and schools potential agreements with council to open their courts, pools or fields for community use	Fairly important
6.	Work with our art centres and theatres to develop fairer and more certain funding	Very important
7.	Supporting safer separated walking or cycling routes and advocating for improvements in public transport to ensure it is more reliable, and able to be linked better to journeys started by cycling or scootering	Less important

3. We have prepared our draft local board plan to reflect the legal obligations to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of our communities.

We think we have something here for everyone, but we need your thoughts. Is there something for you?

Yes

Tell us more

Consideration of the reality of Auckland as a city that requires cars for practical transport purposes cars and buses are not reliable and practical for many people which is a reality.



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Quite well

Tell us why

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5.	Discuss with private organisations and schools potential agreements with council to open their courts, pools or fields for community use	Less important
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Mairangi Art Centre

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I don't know

Tell us why

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	surrounding properties	
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Bike Auckland

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

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Tell us more

See Attached.

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Who is Bike Auckland?

Bike Auckland is a non-profit organisation advocating for safer streets on behalf of everyone who rides a bike in our region - and everyone who would love to give it a go. But more than that: we believe that more people on bikes makes for a better city. Call it a virtuous cycle. Cleaner air, streets with birdsong, neighbours who know each other, elderly people staying active and healthy, children playing on quiet roads. Resilient, eco-friendly multi-modal communities which have long term sustainability. We can create this liveable city by investing in walking, cycling, and public transport. Investing now will save us more money in the future and that's the future we want to live in.

Our audience and members live and work in every local board area, all across the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland region. This feedback is on their behalf.

Our feedback

We know our members would like to see the following in their local board plans:

- Public transport and active transport modes given priority
- Accessibility for all kinds of disabilities
- Safe streets for kids to walk and cycle to school
- Vibrant town centres with well-designed, people-oriented public spaces
- Low traffic neighbourhoods

Note: People, Environment, Economy, Place, Community are all interlinked focuses and all can be benefited through more transport choice; allowing them to choose to walk, cycle, other micromobility, or use public transport.

People: Diversity includes people who are disabled or who experience mobility difficulties. 28% of Aucklanders do not have a license, and many more do not (or cannot) drive due to illness (seizures, fatigue, anxiety), vision impairments, medication, ADD, or age. These people need the choice to safely walk, cycle and take public transport to get around. Some people find that cycling is easier, and less painful for them than walking (especially if it's an E-bike), and cycling is often recommended by physios as a way to rehabilitate after illness or injury. Providing safe ways to get around by bike creates greater accessibility for this significant portion of our population, and for everyone when they are temporarily injured and are recuperating.

Environment: Cars create run off into our waterways. Giving people the safe option to walk and cycle more will lead to healthier waterways.

Community: When people walk and cycle for their transport they make more eye contact, say hello more, and generally become more connected with their surroundings. This leads to more connected communities, greater community cohesion, greater trust in neighbours, and less loneliness and isolation. This connectedness becomes powerful during times of emergency and can make stronger communities that support each other more and have greater resilience to bounce back from disasters. Bikes can also play crucial role as resilient and versatile transport modes during disasters, especially as they are small, and do not form traffic jams the way that cars do. [More on this here.](#)

Key initiatives

Safe speeds

[Safe speeds](#) on residential streets, town centres, and [around schools](#). Permanent speed reductions to 30km/hr not only provide amazing safety outcomes, they are also our fastest and cheapest way of making a safe network for cycling. If our residential areas, schools, and town centres are 30km / hr it feels (and is!) much safer to walk and ride a bike, and many more people will begin to use these transport modes for their everyday local trips.

Modal filters

Another cheap and fast improvement is use of modal filters in residential streets (such as planter boxes or bollards). Modal filters stop cars from cutting through but allow people using bikes, wheelchairs, and pushchairs to get through. Particularly for streets with a large amount of people driving through as a short-cut (rat running) modal filters can help to make the street safer, and quieter, and can also encourage locals to use their bikes and feet for short local trips.

Protected Cycleways on main arterials

Arterial roads usually have higher traffic volumes, higher speeds, and more trucks and buses. Altogether this makes a formidable environment for riding a bike! They are also usually the most direct route to a destination! To give people greater transport choice, there needs to be protected spaces along our main arterials for people to cycle in. This can be done cheap and fast through the use of road reallocation and “pop up” materials like concrete tim tams or tall rubber. We know our members would like to see a network of safer streets sooner, and this means investing in infrastructure which is cheap and fast to roll out.

Greenways

Include safe cycleways through parks, green spaces, and “[blue-green networks](#)”. These provide safe spaces for children and adults to learn to ride a bike and become more confident - they can also form amazing connections to schools, local shops, and public transport.

Safer speeds, modal filters, protected cycleways on arterials, and off road paths through parks all together will form an accessible, safe, efficient, and connected network safe places to ride a bike across our neighbourhoods. These would link people to schools, town centres, and public transport, making local trips by carbon friendly and active modes easier and more appealing.

We also want to see secure bike parking at train stations, transport hubs, town centres, and community facilities (eg. work with your local businesses to get a network of [Lockydocks!](#)), wayfinding to help people find their way around the existing cycleways, and support for community bike hubs and community events which include cycles

We’ve listed some specific transport projects we know our local members would love to see their local boards support. You can find them below in the list of specific local board area ideas.

We would like local boards to advocate for Auckland Transport to:

- Align all projects and renewals with the [Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway \(TERP\)](#) and emission reduction goals
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling
- Advocate for an [E-bike subsidy](#) to help more people replace their car trips with bikes! E-bikes are more accessible for a wider range of people
- Invest more from the financial budget towards walking and cycling. Our emissions reduction and vision zero targets demand a larger monetary allocation towards these modes
- Make streets safer by [reducing speed limits](#) to 30km/h [around schools](#), residential streets, and town centres
- Use modal filters to stop rat running and make residential streets safer and quieter
- Provide an accessible, safe, and efficient local network of pathways and cycleways throughout the region
- Advocate for a local version of Portland's Bike [Disaster Relief Trials](#) to prepare our communities and equip them to respond during emergencies
- Improve cycle and pathway safety, including lighting, physical traffic barriers, non-slip surfaces
- Improve the local public transport network and bus lane priority (bus lanes are often used by more confident cyclists)
- Support local initiatives to reduce emissions by encouraging more use of public transport (eg. secure bike parking at transport hubs, safe cycleways connecting to public transport hubs)

Ideas for specific local board areas:

In alphabetical order...

Albert-Eden Local Board

- Advocate for delivery of the [New North road and Symonds street upgrade](#)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection along St Luke's road
- Support having a [community bike hub](#) in or near the Mt Eden area

- Ensure the [Pt Chevalier to Westmere Improvements](#) is delivered

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

- Advocate for safe cycle connections from trails to airports and ferry terminals

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling
- Support safer speeds, cycle improvements, and raised pedestrian crossings in [Devonport Village](#)
- Support a protected cycleway along Bayswater Avenue (especially so the kids can safely cycle to school)
- Support a protected cycleway along Lake road to connect Devonport safely to Takapuna!

Franklin Local Board

- Support local trail connections throughout the area
- Advocate for, and support, a safer Pukekohe town centre

Henderson-Massey Local Board

- Support protected cycleways through the Henderson town centre
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from the Henderson town centre to the North Western pathway
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Te Atatū town centre to the North Western pathway
- Advocate for improvements for Twin Streams paths ([Opanuku](#) and [Oratia](#)) – especially where they have been damaged by recent weather

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Whangaparāoa town centre to Shakespeare Regional Park
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Torbay and Browns Bay to the [Northern Corridor](#)

Howick Local Board

- Support the safe cycleway which is part of the extension of the Eastern Busway project
- Advocate for safe cycleway connections to the Eastern Busway and the cycleway beside it

Kaipātiki Local Board

- Support a safe cycle connection from Upper Harbour Drive to Albany Highway
- Support extension of the [Albany Highway](#) cycleway to connect South to the Glenfield road cycleway as was planned a long time ago!
- Advocate and support the continuation of the [Northern Pathway](#) to Westhaven
- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Northern Pathway
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

- Advocate for the [Waikaraka Cycleway](#) to connect all the way around Manukau Harbour to [Norana Esplanade](#) for greater transport choice (especially for people who live or work in Ōtāhuhu) and for a beautiful scenic ride
- Advocate to make the slippery paths in Norana Esplanade safer for people using bikes!
- Support a safe cycleway connection from Māngere Town Centre and the Airport all the way to Nga Hau Māngere Bridge (connecting schools along the way!)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Ōtāhuhu to Sylvia Park

Manurewa Local Board

- Pop up cycleways, such as using concrete tim tams to make a protected on road cycleway, are a fast and cheap way of creating a safe cycle network. Let this board know whether or not you support pop up cycleways for this area
- Support a safe, protected cycleway along Mahia and Roscommon roads
- Support and deliver a [walking and cycling bridge](#) over Papakura stream to connect Wattle Downs and Waiata Shores
- Advocate for an extension of the Southern Corridor further North to connect to the CBD (eg. along Great South road)

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

- Advocate for the [Waikaraka Cycleway](#) to connect all the way around Manukau Harbour to [Norana Esplanade](#) for greater transport choice (especially for people who live or work in Ōtāhuhu) and for a beautiful scenic ride
- Advocate for safe cycle connections from the existing surrounding cycleways through Mt Wellington (eg. Waikaraka Cycleway, Eastern Busway cycleway in Panmure)
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection from Panmure through to the Glen Innes shared path (from which you can ride safely all the way to the CBD!)
- Advocate for a safe cycle network [through Onehunga](#) and connecting to Royal Oak roundabout
- Advocate to make [Royal Oak roundabout safer](#) for everyone (there are some glaring gaps in safety for people riding bikes!)

Ōrākei Local Board

- Advocate for and deliver the Gowing Drive connection to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai, the Glen Innes to Tāmaki shared path
- Support the completion of [Stage 4 of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai](#)
- Advocate for a space for local mountain bike tracks and skills equipment
- Advocate to make the slippery boardwalks safer for people using bikes!

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

- Support delivery of a local bike park
- Advocate for an extension of the Southern Corridor further North to connect to the CBD (eg. along Great South road)

Papakura Local Board

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- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Southern Corridor

Puketāpapa Local Board

- Continue to support safe cycle connections throughout the area

Rodney Local Board

- Support a safe cycle connection from the NorthWestern shared path through to the Kumeū town centre

Upper Harbour Local Board

- Advocate for a safe cycleway along [Oteha Valley Road](#)
- Advocate and support the continuation of the [Northern Pathway](#) to Westhaven
- Advocate for safe cycle connections to the Northern Pathway
- Support extension of the [Albany Highway](#) cycleway southwards to connect to the Glenfield road cycleway as was planned a long time ago!
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Waiheke Local Board

- Advocate for safe, protected cycleways throughout the island!

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

- Support safe cycle connections to public transport hubs
- Support safe cycle connections through Glen Eden and to the Waikumete stream
- Advocate for a safe cycle connection through to Kelston and New Lynn
- Investigate potential for cycle trails through the Waitākere area

Waitematā Local Board

- Continue to support and implement the [City Centre Masterplan](#)
- Connect [Te Hā Noa](#) up to the rest of the Victoria Street cycleway; under current plans there will be a sad gap of a couple of blocks between them!
- Make sure [the Strand](#) has a safe connection for bikes to cross the bridge over the railway (to Tāmaki Drive / Quay st)
- Support safe walking and cycling connections around the [Karanga-a-hape station](#) and to the rest of the cycleway network
- Ensure the delivery of the [Great North road street improvement project](#)
- Support the [Waitematā Safer Routes](#) to get funded and delivered
- Support the campaign to [Liberate the Lane](#) on the Auckland Harbour Bridge for walking, cycling, and wheeling

Whau Local Board

- Support the completion of the next section of [Te Whau Pathway](#)
- Continuing open streets events through the Avondale town centre (eg. regularly on Sundays when the market is on)
- Support safe cycle connections through New Lynn and Kelston
- Support the [New North road and Symonds street upgrade](#) (it connects along the top of Rosebank road)



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Not very well

Tell us why

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4.	Improve our parks and reserves current ability to take excess stormwater, to better protect surrounding properties	Very important

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Yes

Tell us more

Art is vital to mental health



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Mairangi Art Centre

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It is very important that the funding for education is the art centre remains. Art education is vital for children and adults alike for children, it contributes enormously to brain and cognitive development, and skill building, which is vital in this day and age of so much technology. Extending opportunities for children's creativity is also vital as the state education system does not have specialist art teachers and children are so often reduced to stereotypical art for lack of extension to their visual skills. For adults art classes are vital for extending existing skills, building on their art practice, confidence building and in the case of some seniors, undertaking a practice which they have never had the opportunity to explore in the past. So funding and support from Council is vital for both tutor fees and material.



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Safe cycling and support for Mirangi Art Centre. Better water management during storms.

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Good community resources

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Community Groups Feeding the Homeless

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See Attached.



Submission of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless

Draft Local Board Plans - all

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The focus of Community Groups Feeding the Homeless (CGFH), which has been in existence for 5 years, is on feeding homeless people and supporting them in other ways. We act as an umbrella group that supports a number of groups, including Sunday Blessings (Waitematā) and Waka of Caring (Manurewa).

Homelessness is an issue that affects all of Auckland. Homeless people are amongst the most vulnerable people in our communities. In our view, local boards could help with community initiatives that support homeless people, and we know that some of them do and we appreciate that. Community Groups Feeding the Homeless (CGFH) has received funding from two local boards to support groups that we provide admin and practical support to, for which we are very grateful. We also appreciate the Local Boards that mention homelessness and/or deprivation and inequity in their plans and those that have key initiatives or advocacy that address homelessness.

We would like to see local boards support members of the community wishing to set up Pātaka Kai (<https://www.patakai.co.nz/>) and that local boards publicise, perhaps in their e-newsletters, the locations of these free community pantries in their area. These pantries have been set up around New Zealand and many of them are in Auckland, though there are none in the city centre or on Aotea-Great Barrier.

We are also aware that some local board areas have community fridges in them, and we would like to see local boards supporting the establishment of more of them.

CGFH supports the roll-out of food scraps bins, and once they are established and people know how to use them, we would like the community to be encouraged to place any edible food that they don't need in a Pātaka Kai or fridge rather than in their food scraps bin.

We would also like to inform Local Board that one of the groups we are associated with, Guru Nanak Free Kitchen, has informed us that all the Sikh gurdwaras throughout Auckland are open 24/7 with food available for homeless people and others in need. In this time of cost of living difficulties and food insecurity, we feel it is important that the community know of such facilities and local boards are one way to inform the community.

We know that many of the libraries and community centres throughout Auckland welcome homeless people and some of them have programmes to support them and/or facilities such as showers that homeless people can use. We thank these places for their valuable support.

We note in the following local board draft plans what could and/or definitely are references to support for homeless people and those who are suffering from food insecurity in key initiatives and advocacy, and we endorse your support:

Henderson-Massey

What we will work on:

“Prioritise investment into communities of greatest need to support initiatives led by the community, for the community” (page 14).

“Work with West Auckland Together to support community-led resilience through the kai sovereignty project, including developing māra kai” (page 18).

“F2. Protect our productive soils and move toward regenerative practices to increase food security and carbon sequestration F3. Prevent and reduce waste and maximise the value of surplus food F4. Increase supply and demand for local, seasonal and low carbon food” (page 12).

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“Advocate for better connections between the local board, our communities and central government agencies working with our communities to build trust, and better outcomes for all, in key areas of concern such as homelessness, housing, transport and marine fisheries (page 16)”

Franklin

“Fund community resilience programmes that: • facilitate locally-led emergency response and resilience planning • support resident associations to embrace new communities • support organisations helping our most vulnerable” (page 18).

Kaipātiki

Flagship project

“Support community-led low carbon food initiatives such as community gardens, markets, cooking lessons, plant-based meal choices, community fridges and urban farm projects, such as those set out in the Kaipātiki Naturalisation of Parks Service Assessment (page 14)”

“We recognise that our physical, mental, social, and spiritual wellbeing is critical in enabling community connection and engagement. We support Te Whare Tapa Whā, a holistic model developed by Māori health expert Sir Mason Durie, which highlights the need to look after all the different aspects of our lives to be well. We are particularly aware of the importance of looking after our mental health. We use the Mental Health Foundation’s Five Ways to Wellbeing as a framework for the decisions we make – Be Active, Give, Connect, Keep Learning, and Take Notice” (page 16).

“Support community-led low carbon food initiatives that also promote kai sovereignty” (page 22).

Mangere- Otahuhu

“Support food scraps, community gardens and māra kai initiatives to improve food security and sustainable living.”

Manurewa

“the Governing Body to address historical and structural inequities in its budget by investing in our most vulnerable communities to keep pace with current economic trends” (page 22).

“In addition, Manurewa residents are more likely than all Aucklanders to mention food security as a key climate change challenge facing our area” (page 15).

“We recognise our community’s concern about food security. We know that as the effects of climate change increase, such as droughts and extreme weather events, crop yields decrease and food prices rise. Already, the cost-of-living crisis is having significant effects on our community. We’ve started work on locally-led food sovereignty and are initiating ways to strengthen community-led food systems in Manurewa” (pages 15-16).

“Continue to support Auckland Teaching Gardens and support other community food initiatives such as local food markets and community gardens” (page 17).

“Continue to fund locally-led food sovereignty and initiating ways to strengthen community-led food systems in Manurewa” (page 18).

“Work with community partners who are targeting harm reduction associated with smoking, gambling, alcohol, drug use and unhealthy diets (page 22).

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

“Promoting and facilitating access to healthy food options for all, including through community and teaching gardens, are simple ways to improve the well-being of all communities” (page 20).

“Explore partnerships with iwi, marae, community organisations including Ngāti Tamaoho and Ngāti Ōtara Marae to reduce the levels of homelessness” (page 27).

Papakura

“The main issues raised by Māori include food security and having healthy options, the importance of youth pathways (e.g. employment/further education), growing Māori economic prosperity, and the need to enhance the green space at Te Koiwi Reserve” (page 8).

“Support māra kai and food security initiatives” (page 16).

“the support and development of resilient local food systems with access to affordable, appetising food/drink. This would be sustainable, locally produced and culturally appropriate. The goal is food security and food sovereignty for all residents in the Papakura local board area” (page 17).

Waiheke

“Support actions and policies aimed at reducing harm caused by alcohol, smoking, drugs, and gambling, including development of a local alcohol policy” (page 13).

“Support the Waiheke Kai Charter, Piritahi Marae Māra Kai model gardens and other community-led programmes that achieve sustainable and lowcarbon behaviour change and self-sufficiency such as composting, vegetable gardens, renewable energy generation and food waste reduction” (page 17).

Waitākere Ranges

“Investigate opportunities to promote and support kai sovereignty” (page 18).

Waitematā

“The board currently supports Māori outcomes through: • taking action in response to people experiencing homelessness.”

“Engage with our vulnerable and diverse communities, such as people experiencing homelessness, elderly, and ethnic communities to better involve them in the planning and programming decisions that affect them” (page 10).

“Support a network of community gardens and food resilience activities” (page 11).

“Continue to support local communities to implement local composting and grow a local low-carbon, resilient food production system, such as through community gardens” (page 23).

“We will support communities to lead their own solutions. We will maintain our commitment to community driven activities and grants that enable positive outcomes for our people. Community groups, organisations, and delivery partners are working every day to provide services that improve community resilience, connection, and wellbeing. Whether this is for vulnerable communities such as those challenged with homelessness, or our rainbow youth, or our elderly living in high-rise residential towers, we want to ensure our funding reaches across the spectrum and continues to provide benefits. Where we cannot directly support with funding, we

will advocate for involvement and programming from other providers, such as central government, and work with delivery partners across Waitemata, such as Auckland Transport, Eke Panuku and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, to ensure the community is provided for in programming and initiatives” (page 17).

“Engage with our vulnerable and diverse communities, such as people experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities, youth, elderly, and ethnic communities to better involve them in the planning and programming decisions that affect them” (page 18).

“Advocating to Affordable housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness Advocate to the Governing Body and Central Government for increased support to ensure homelessness becomes ‘rare, brief and non-recurring’ including providing short-, medium- and long-term affordable housing solutions” (page 19).

“Support affordable housing provision by iwi, community housing providers and co-housing Advocate to the Governing Body to actively, and appropriately respond to Auckland’s affordable housing crisis; to prioritise and support affordable housing provision by iwi, community housing providers and cohousing projects through advice, raising bonds, guaranteeing loans, empathetic planning rules and consenting. Governing Body, Eke Panuku Council provision of appropriate affordable housing Council to investigate planning for the provision of appropriate affordable housing, particularly Pensioner Housing, in the Auckland Isthmus, where there is no Council housing. Street outreach for mental health and addiction support. Advocate to Governing Body and Central Government to increase funding for assertive street outreach and mental health and addiction support for our communities sleeping rough” (page 19).

“Advocate to Governing Body and CCO’s to enhance provision of city centre public amenities such as drinking fountains, toilets, showers, and lockers which will support travel mode shift and climate change outcomes providing a rich urban experience for our tourists, visitors, families and elderly, and people experiencing homelessness.” (page 19).

“Support a network of community gardens and food resilience activities” (page 29).

Whau

“Grow capacity and network with partners to provide opportunities for kai sovereignty projects”
(page 18).

“Find new ways to engage with our communities and involve individuals and groups, especially those generally underrepresented, in civic initiatives and democratic processes”

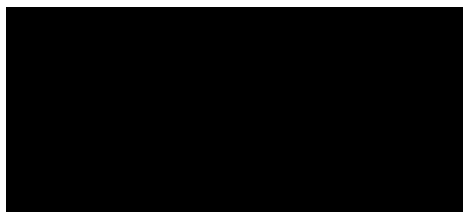
“Positive outcomes for our diverse communities and less prosperous populations (page 13).”

“Improve open spaces, considering public need for shade, shelter, drinking fountains, and toilets” (page 29).

Date of submission:

14 August 2023

Signature:

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Community Groups Feeding the Homeless Inc.



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Community Cat Coalition Inc.

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

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Tell us why

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Tell us more

Please see attached



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The Community Cat Coalition Inc. is committed to the humane management of community (stray, unowned, 'street') cats across Auckland. Established by Bob Kerridge of the SPCA in 2009 to support the work of the many different individuals and groups caring for community cats and working to manage their numbers, CCC is now a registered charity and incorporated society which facilitates and finances around 2500 de-sexings (spay and neuter) of community cats each year, finds responsible homes for as many of these cats as possible, and works to educate the public about de-sexing as the most humane, effective, sustainable and socially-licensed long-term solution to both welfare concerns about too many unwanted cats and biodiversity concerns around cats as predators in urban/suburban areas.

We also work to improve public understanding of the different categories of cat, as defined in the Companion Cat Code under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. The community cats we desex and manage **are not feral** – by definition, feral cats live well away from areas of human habitation, have none of their needs met by people, and their population sizes fluctuate largely independently of companion or community cat populations. Most people never see a feral cat, certainly never in or near Auckland. Community cats are companion cats who have been abandoned, dumped, got lost, are very loosely owned and/or simply the product of people failing to desex their companion animals. They are variably socialised, but by definition they are not 'feral', which in this context does not mean 'hissy' - they have been bred for domesticity and depend on the community to meet their needs. CCC's work is entirely with community cats, not with feral cats. Unlike community and companion cats, feral cats may, in some sparsely populated regions, be defined as pests and be subject to pest management control. Humane community cat management around areas of human habitation (what we do) is an under-funded area of conservation focus and expenditure.

Amongst the introduced animals targeted by biodiversity initiatives, cats are unique in that they are also NZ's most popular companion animal - many people have a great deal of affection for them, and recognise the documented health and life-

enhancing benefits of their companionship, especially for the socially marginalised. The potential for managing community cats as CCC does and seeks to do more of, derives from this historic relationship and regard. In conjunction with initiatives promoting de-sexing of both companion and community cats, TNR, Adoption, and Colony Management programs humanely and effectively address the potential for predation of native fauna by community cats within urban areas, as well as any potential for their recruitment into cat populations within areas identified by Council as ecologically significant.

CCC is seeking recognition by Boards that progress towards the attainment of the biodiversity objectives of their Plans may be advanced by supporting the work of the Community cat Coalition Inc., and/or other groups engaged in this mahi.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the Local Board Plans of 2023.

Community Cat Coalition Inc.



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Tell us more

The priority for me is to stabilize the Orewa Beach bank.

Extend the board walk to the Northern end of Orewa Beach so elderly and disabled walkers can walk along easily without having to walk on uneven ground. Surely the beach bank is on public land. Private sections shd not encroach on public access.

Erosion is public enemy number one. If there is no action Orewa Beach will begin on the edge of the Hibiscus Coast Road.



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I don't know

Tell us why

Local business networks to only do community business trends (?) that are community minded, child safe, teen safe and women safe a all time

2. These are all new initiatives in the draft local board plan. We'd like to know your thoughts on them. How important are they to you?

1.	Setting up and resourcing of local civil defence networks, to enable quicker responses to future emergencies, such as storms or floods	Very important
2.	Support more council owned recycling centres, closer to where you live, especially for your bulk recycling or construction waste	Fairly important
3.	Fund projects to preserve Māori and European heritage in our area	Very important
4.	Improve our parks and reserves current ability to	Very important

	take excess stormwater, to better protect surrounding properties	
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Yes

Tell us more

'1. To have a Pou whenua or sculpture on Arkles Bay or Matakatia to respect sacred dotterel ground and where Weiti river meets ocean

2. An increased area for skateboarders or development with larger area and BBQ for families

3. A permanent fenced area for dotterel on Matakatia Mahi (?) and permanent signage / interpretation for dotterel protection

4. For public to have any input into development Gulf Harbour and / or for council to purchase the golf course to have green space for recreation for perpetuity

5. Ocean protection of Waitemata Harbour. All local boards and local iwi and children to join forces to protect the Waitemata in protected areas in perpetuity. ECE children, primary and secondary school children are all aboard ocean protection and their teachers

6. local board to support angel investors for young professionals who want to set up business as private investors

7. For mindfulness education to be given to business communities and locally to support greater awareness and support for mental health and wellbeing for all ages

8. For local board to fund some beach fun day events BBQ sausage sizzle, live music for families at Orewa beach, Arkles Bay, Manly (Big)

9 . Sports - leisure centre Stanmore Bays

- to have two spas - one a child friendly, family friendly warm spa space - local board funds new spa

- a separate woman's sauna

10. local board to have a celebration to honor all the work diverse churches are doing in the community - a coming together of faith community leaders and promote tolerance and diversity in faith

11. To create solutions with local youth to support recreation of or fun days for them ie a teen fashion show with local businesses etc. Or a staffed creative arts studio available for teens on weekends. To work with colleges on teen voice for what teens want in the community

12. Whangaparaoa library is very well run and managed and is an asset to the community

Happy to discuss any of the points 1-12



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Mairangi Bay Art Centre

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Not very well

Tell us why

Too many meetings and not enough action.

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Yes

Tell us more

Too Much talk and not enough action! Please look at areas that are used every day before launching into big projects that most of us will not use. Signage on streets that cyclist use should have specific signs for these cyclists to protect elderly people who are endearing to crossroads get out of their vehicles when parked in streets outside shops.



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Quite well

Tell us why

I could see the efforts that the local community have made and actively listened to the media to reflect. Residents require help.

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Yes

Tell us more

Roads are becoming narrower due to new houses being built. Dangerous.

There are not enough car parks.

Public toilets at the parks are a must. Currently, there are many places without them.

Bus times – Sometimes they are delayed for about two to three minutes and other times, they are delayed for 30 minutes. It is painful to wait that long.

Tennis court.

Migrants support.

Larger recycle bins and recycling centres are needed.



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Very well

Tell us why

Good residential environments are being made. Especially proud of the sports parks.

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