# Te mahere ā rohe o Kaipātiki 2023 Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2023



## Draft Summary - June 2023



### **From the Chair**

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

I'm pleased to introduce the draft Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2023. This plan will guide our decisions over the next three years, so please let us know if you think we've got it right.

### About the draft plan

Although this plan is aspirational, we've indicated some of the key things we'd like to do over the next three years. It's not meant to be a long list of projects, but instead sets out the objectives and key initiatives we think we should focus on to help achieve our desired outcomes.

Over the last six months we've looked back over previous local board plans, held a hui with North Shore Māori, and talked to individuals and community organisations to find out what is important to them. We've done our best to reflect that feedback in this draft plan.

Earlier this year, our area was hit hard by significant flooding and storm events. This has resulted in many slips on our coastline and in our parks, and much damage to our bush tracks and connections. We plan to restore our park assets and re-open connections, where possible, while continuing to upgrade our bush tracks to protect kauri from dieback disease. We also plan to work with other parts of council towards future-proofing our flood-prone areas, such as Wairau Valley.

You told us you want to see improvements to the public places and spaces you visit. We plan to improve safety and accessibility in our parks, town centres and leisure facilities. We also plan to continue enhancing our playspaces and installing shade over playgrounds. We will continue to work with Eke Panuku to redevelop Northcote town centre, and to ensure suitable public space and facilities.

You told us that you want clean waterways and climate change resilience. We plan to focus on restoring our waterways and urban forests, and eradicating plant and animal pests. We have also reflected climate action and sustainability throughout many outcomes of this draft plan. You told us that you support affordable events and services, and



opportunities for recreation, art, sport, and celebrating culture and diversity. We plan to provide for this, as well as building stronger relationships with mana whenua and Kaipātiki mataawaka.

Some of the initiatives we propose aren't direct decisions of the local board or are beyond our usual financial means. To make these things happen we need to advocate to the Governing Body to secure funding from the council's 10-year budget, as well as advocate to other decision-makers such as Auckland Transport.

### Our projects

Each year the board develops an annual work programme that details the projects and programmes to be undertaken in the next financial year. These include renewals and enhancements of existing assets, specific projects, events and financial support for community groups via grant funding rounds. The initiatives set out in this local board plan help us prioritise and decide what work we carry out in Kaipātiki each year.

### Have your say

Please let us know whether the outcomes, objectives and key initiatives outlined in this draft plan are the right ones. Let us know what you think the local board should be focusing on and investing in, on the community's behalf.

We look forward to receiving your feedback. By working together, we can achieve great things for Kaipātiki.

**John Gillon** Chairperson, Kaipātiki Local Board

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



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

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

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

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

- continue supporting Uruamo Maranga Ake Marae plans to develop a marae in Beach Haven
- continue supporting activities that showcase Māori identity and culture
- build relationships with mana whenua, and with local mataawaka groups
- continue working with with mana whenua to restore names significant to Māori
- incorporate te reo Māori into local programmes, services, and facility developments
- partner with mana whenua on projects that support kaitiakitanga outcomes.

### Our plan proposes to meet the challenge of taking climate action, including the following:

- develop a programme of funded tree plantings
- investigate installing solar on facilities with significant solar potential
- champion opportunities for improved active travel
- fund the establishment of a community climate activation programme
- support community-led low carbon food initiatives
- build relationships with mana whenua as a foundation for future co-delivery of te taiao projects.



Kaipātiki Project Volunteer

## Belonging and wellbeing

Our people are engaged, connected, healthy, thriving, and are proud to live in Kaipātiki

### Our Plan:

What we want to achieve (objectives)

- Kaipātiki is rich with Māori identity and culture through active partnership with mana whenua and Māori
- our diversity is celebrated and nurtured
- our children and young people have a voice and are empowered to effect change
- opportunities to participate in the arts and sport are available and accessible
- our people are informed and engaged in the decisions that affect them.

### Some of our key initiatives in this outcome area include

- supporting a community-led approach to deliver community services
- working with local groups and government agencies to improve community safety
- improving local preparedness for a civil defence emergency
- supporting intergenerational opportunities for sharing skills and talents
- encouraging accessible and affordable initiatives that celebrate our diverse community
- improving our understanding of our growing Asian and Pacific communities
- reinvigorating our Kaipātiki Youth Council
- supporting participation in sport and recreation, arts, and cultural opportunities
- improve the way we engage and communicate.

### Advocacy:

- increased funding for sport and recreation and public art opportunities opportunities in Kaipātiki
- protection and celebration of our built and cultural heritage
- increased funding to support improved provision of local community services.



Chinese / Korean New Year event, Northcote Town Centre

### Environment

Our natural environment is restored and protected for future generations to enjoy

### Our Plan:

### What we want to achieve (objectives)

- use a Māori world view to treasure and protect our natural environment (taonga tuku iho)
- our parks, waterways and forests are protected and enhanced so that birds and other native wildlife flourish
- our people are environmentally aware and live sustainably
- our community are prepared for the impacts of a changing climate.

### Some of our key initiatives in this outcome area include

- improving water quality and biodiversity
- controlling plant and animal pests
- supporting our local park volunteers
- protecting and enhancing our tree canopy cover
- investigating options for additional stormwater detention facilities at our parks and reserves
- supporting a community climate activation programme.

### Advocacy:

- increased involvement of volunteer groups in our ecological services contracts
- appropriate legislation that protects trees and special ecological areas
- continued investment of environmentally focused targeted rates into Kaipātiki
- reduced wastewater overflows into our streams and beaches
- authority to make temporary changes to dog access rules to mitigate environmental problems.



Wai manawa / Le Roys Bush, Birkenhead

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### **Places and Spaces**

Dur built environment is vibrant, well-maintained, reflects the culture and heritage of Kaipātiki, meets our people's needs, and has a low impact on our climate

### Our Plan:

### • What we want to achieve (objectives)

- our parks, playgrounds, and public spaces are fit-for-service, accessible, SunSmart, well maintained, and cost-effective
- our aquatic, recreational, art and community facilities are fit-for-service and meet the needs of our growing and changing population
- our parks and places reflect the culture and heritage of Kaipātiki
- our town centres of Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote are strengthened to be vibrant and safe hubs that meet the needs of our people
- quality and sustainable urban development occurs that creates spaces that are safe, healthy, multifunctional and have a low impact on the climate.

### Some of our key initiatives in this outcome area include

- maintaining our facilities and assets in our parks, public spaces, and along the coast
- implementing the actions and priorities identified in our strategic park planning documents
- ensuring our community, art, sporting and recreational facilities are accessible, well maintained, and meeting community needs
- ensuring the Northcote redevelopment supports a successful and integrated community
- prioritising investment in assets that reduce our carbon footprint.

### Advocacy:

- bringing forward implementation of the Birkenhead War Memorial Park Masterplan
- sufficient funding to maintain community and recreational facilities
- investment into assets around the Kaipātiki coastline
- a high quality urban form that supports low carbon and resilient development
- uptake of sustainable design and construction that is resilient to the impacts of climate change
- increased resource for compliance enforcement.



Windy Ridge Reserve playground

### **Transport and connections**

Our people have many transport options and can easily and safely move around and find their way

### Our Plan:

### What we want to achieve (objectives)

- people have more travel choices to get to work, school or go about their daily lives
- the Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan delivers commuter and recreational walking and cycling links through the local board area.

### Some of our key initiatives in this outcome area include

- working with Auckland Transport (AT) to:
  - o identify maintenance priorities for our vulnerable road users
  - o ensure the reduction of congestion is a key consideration in its projects.
  - o transfer greater local road corridor decision-making to the local board
  - working with AT and our school communities to develop better school travel options
- working with AT and Waka Kotahi NZTA to identify priority improvements to active mode
- infrastructure in the Kaipātiki local board area, including the Waitematā Harbour Connection
- implementing the Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan priorities
- restoring our bush tracks damaged by severe storm events in 2023.

### Advocacy:

- investment in a high standard, and safe roading environment
- cheaper ferry and bus fares, increased frequency of the ferry service, and more buses going to more destinations more often
- moving to an electric bus and ferry fleet serving Kaipātiki
- progress on the Waitematā Harbour Connection
- better West-East connections across Kaipātiki and into the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area
- improved street lighting
- a full daytime clearway on Onewa Road
- bringing forward deferred budget for the Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan
- policy and funding changes to reduce the use of the 'chip seal' road resealing method.



Double decker bus, Glenfield Town Centre

### Opportunity and prosperity

Our people are prosperous, and our businesses continue to flourish

### Our Plan:

### What we want to achieve (objectives)

- the Wairau Valley and our other business areas provide our people with the opportunity to work locally
- local and international visitors are attracted to our area
- our young people are ready and prepared for the workforce
- our business community encourages and supports local sustainable business practices and initiatives.

### Some of our key initiatives in this outcome area include

- continuing to develop strong communication channels with businesses in the Wairau Valley
- supporting the Northcote and Birkenhead Business Improvement Districts to encourage social procurement, local employment, and retail opportunities in Kaipātiki
- implementing actions from the Glenfield Centre Plan
- working with local businesses and the council group to realise the economic benefit of showcasing Kaipātiki
- continuing support of the Young Enterprise Scheme to provide young people the opportunity to acquire and strengthen their skills for employment and entrepreneurship
- supporting local businesses to take up more sustainable business practices.

### Advocacy:

- improved public transport to provide better access to employment and education
- programmes and greater opportunities for young people to continue in education or training
- investment to successfully deliver plans for Northcote, Glenfield and Tōtara Vale
- changes to the procurement policy that allows for greater use of smaller, local businesses and / or not for profit organisations.



New development overlooking Greenslade Reserve, Northcote



