

# Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2023 Summary of Feedback





# Summary of feedback on the draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan 2023

## Purpose

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

## Executive Summary

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

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

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

## Engagement Approach

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

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

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

## Mana whenua engagement

A co-ordinated approach was taken by local boards so that mana whenua were invited to engage with relevant local boards in one hui rather than receiving separate invitations from each local board. The draft Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan was shared with Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Te Akitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua, Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Paoa Iwi Trust and Ngāti Paoa Trust Board. No formal feedback was received.



## Mataawaka engagement

During early engagement the local board held events engagement events in the community. Demographic data was asked but many did not provide this information so only approximate participation numbers were gathered.

The local board worked alongside Rakau Tautoko to engage with Māori. Thirty five submissions were received from participants that identified as Māori.

## Stakeholder and community engagement

Note that for some events demographic data was not easily captured and an approximate participation numbers are noted in the tables below and indicated by the +/- symbol.

Table 1: Summary of early engagement activities

Activity	Who was involved	How many people participated
Mt Wellington Night Market – 21 Feb	Local Board, visitors of the market	+/- 30
Panmure Basin Fun Day – 26 Feb	Local Board, general public	+/- 250
Onehunga Festival – 4 Mar	Local Board, general public	+/- 185
Mt Wellington Night Market – 7 Mar	Local Board, visitors of the market	+/- 35
Deliberative Democracy Pilot	Project team, rangatahi	20

Table 2: Summary of consultation activities during the consultation period

Activity	Who was involved	How many people participated
Matariki Light Trail Have Your Say Event – 22 Jul	Local Board, visitors of event	+/- 40
ESTABLSHD Workshop	Rakau Tautoko	5
The Asian Network Inc Workshop	Rakau Tautoko	12
CNSST Foundation Workshop	Rakau Tautoko	10
Saint Mary’s Church Workshop	Rakau Tautoko	4
Onehunga High School Workshop	Rakau Tautoko	13
Tāmaki College	Rakau Tautoko	7
Mt Wellington Collective	Rakau Tautoko	1
Tamil Senior Association	Rakau Tautoko	11
Ha’ape Mata Mei Langi	Rakau Tautoko	9

## Feedback from community organisations

Fourteen organisations provided a submission on the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan. This summarised in the sections below.



- Panmure Business Association
- Onehunga Sports Football Club
- The Asian Network Inc.
- Sport Auckland
- The Synergy Projects Trust
- Tāmaki Estuary Protection Society Inc
- Mt Wellington Rugby Football Club Inc
- St Mary's Church
- Aktive
- Richmond Residents' Association
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc.
- WayFynders
- Big Street Bikers
- Onehunga Business Association

Five organisations provided submissions to all local boards. Relevant content is included in the sections below.

- Disabled Persons Assembly NZ
- Civic Trust Auckland
- Bike Auckland
- Community Groups Feeding the Homeless
- Community Cat Coalition Inc.

## Summary of feedback

### Māori Outcomes

Delivering outcomes for Māori is an important feature of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan.

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

The draft plan proposed the following initiatives to support Māori outcomes in our area:

- strengthening our relationship mana whenua in the rohe, with a focus on building our relationship with iwi who have indicated that they have capacity to do this: Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāti Whātua, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Te Kawerau a Maki, Te Ākitai Waiohua, Ngāti Te Ata, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, and Te Patukirikiri
- support mana whenua to fulfil their role as kaitiaki, by guiding the local board and wider community's environmental initiatives
- work alongside Ngāti Paoa Iwi Trust to co-manage Ōmaru / Point England Reserve
- te ao Māori to be felt throughout our community and reflected through our facilities and open spaces
- support kaupapa Māori programmes that are Māori-led
- continue building our relationships with marae and continue to work with Ruapōtaka Marae in their marae redevelopment.

Key themes in feedback on climate action are threaded in the sections below.



## Climate action

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.

The draft plan proposed to meet the challenge of taking climate action in the following ways:

- enable mana whenua to fulfil their role as kaitiaki / guardians, embedding mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori principles that guide how our community works together to ensure an equitable transition to a low carbon, resilient future.
- explore affordable options to reduce climate impacts, such as developing our shared paths away from areas vulnerable to coastal hazards
- continue to implement the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Ngahere Action Plan 2021 to achieve and exceed our goal of increasing the canopy cover by 3 per cent
- develop a local emergency response plan, to ensure our communities feel prepared for future emergencies, including natural disasters such as severe weather events

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## Our People

Our people feel a sense of belonging and our diversity is celebrated. We prioritise support to those who need it most. Our community is empowered to lead and overcome challenges. Mana whenua and Māori are our treaty partners; Māori initiatives are Māori-led.

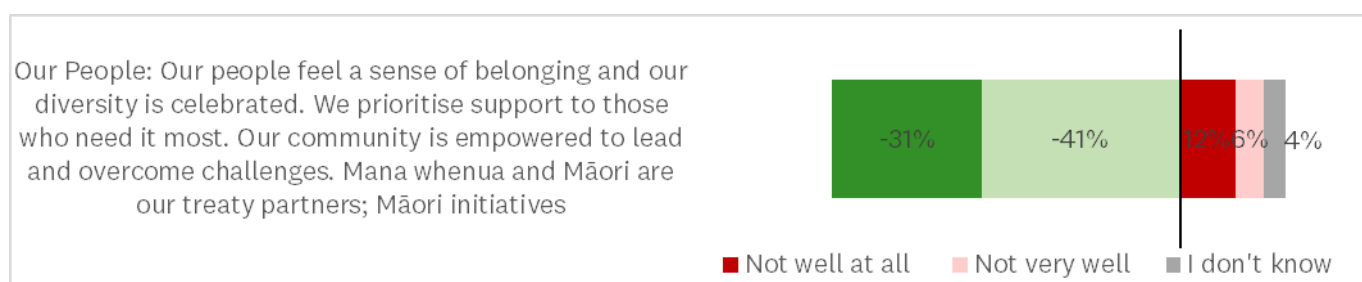
### Objectives:

- Mana whenua and Māori are active partners and participants in local decision-making
- Communities are given the opportunity to fully participate and feel a sense of belonging
- Communities are proud of their history, culture, and identity
- Communities are self-led and empowered to sustainably overcome challenges and succeed

### Advocacy:

- Advocate to the Governing Body for equity and accessibility to be the overarching principles that guide Auckland Council’s decision-making, focusing our investment on areas that have infrastructure gaps and supporting the communities that need it most.
- Advocate to the Governing Body to use social and local procurement for council contracts wherever possible.

### Consultation question: How well do you think our key themes [Our People] reflect the needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?





### **Key themes in feedback:**

- Positive sentiments regarding the theme of Our People:
  - Treaty centred
  - Community focused
- Suggested improvements regarding the theme of Our People:
  - Need to focus on reducing sale of addictive substances
  - Need to encourage sense of belonging to reduce nuisance behaviour including littering and graffiti
  - Need to keep fostering and developing the community to be culturally confident of different and diverse cultures
  - For the local board to support the community to run cultural/ community events

### **Our Environment**

Our arawai / waterways and whenua / land are healthy and thriving. We are resilient to the impacts of climate change. Mana whenua and community are supported to be kaitiaki / guardians for our environment.

#### **Objectives:**

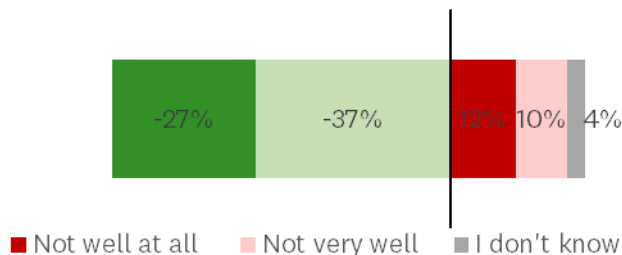
- We support iwi to fulfil their role as kaitiaki and enhance the mauri of te taiao
- Our ecosystems are respected, protected, and restored
- Our community is resilient and feels prepared for the effects of climate change

#### **Advocacy:**

- Advocate to the Governing Body for greater investment and resources in Manukau Harbour, to bring it to the same level of status and investment as the Hauraki Gulf.
- Advocate to the Governing Body for greater investment and resources in the Tāmaki Estuary, to restore and enhance its water quality and habitats for native marine and bird life.
- Advocate to Kāinga Ora and Tāmaki Redevelopment Company for sustainability to be a key factor in development agreements.
- Advocate to the Governing Body for additional funding from the Climate Action Targeted Rate (CATR) for urban Ngahere planting, as our local board area has low tree canopy cover and a vulnerable population to urban heating resulting from climate change.
- Advocate to the Governing Body and Watercare to assess infrastructure condition following storm and flooding events and prioritise investment to ensure infrastructure is future proofed.
- Advocate to the Governing Body to ensure appropriate mechanisms are implemented to limit development where infrastructure cannot support increased pressure from planned growth.
- Advocate to the Governing Body and Watercare to request that Central Government for significant investment to support infrastructure upgrades to mitigate ongoing flooding from increasingly frequent storm events.

## Consultation question: How well do you think our key themes [Our Environment] reflect the needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

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### Key themes in feedback:

- Positive sentiments regarding the theme of Our Environment:
  - The inclusion of urban ngahere and growing native and fruit trees
  - Support the theme but suggests need for more resiliency planning
- Suggested improvements regarding the theme of Our Environment:
  - Need trackable aspirations with clear plans
  - Concern regarding pollution in Tāmaki Estuary and in open spaces
  - Work with other local boards to protect local waterways and biodiversity
  - Need more focus on public and active transport to reduce emissions.

## Our Community

Our facilities and open spaces are accessible, cost-effective and fit-for-purpose. Te ao Māori is seen throughout our community. We plan for the future and are open to all the opportunities that can enable greater and more targeted investment in our community.

### Objectives:

- Community places are accessible and welcoming to our diverse communities
- Māori culture and identity are visible
- We are prepared for future investment
- Our community facilities and open spaces are interconnected, cost efficient, and fit-for-purpose
- We empower our community organisations and sporting groups to collaborate and be financially resilient through strategic partnerships

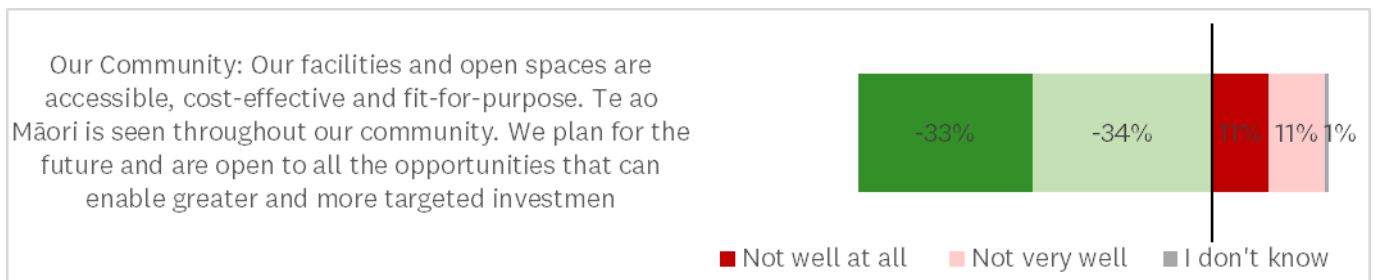
### Advocacy:

- Advocate to the Governing Body for confirmation of funding for the redevelopment of Ruapōtaka Marae through the 10-year Budget.
- Advocate to the Governing Body for local boards to have greater decision making to determine how growth funding is allocated within an area of growth, based on the priorities and needs of our growing community.
- Advocate to the Governing Body to retain the growth-funding for Waikaraka Park and support investment in the implementation of the Waikaraka Park Masterplan, including the investigation and design of the motorsport precinct and shared multi-use sport facilities.



- Advocate to the Governing Body to retain growth funding for the Tāmaki area, to support the needs of our community experiencing significant housing intensification.
- Advocate to the Governing Body 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.
- Advocate to the Governing Body 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.

**Consultation question: How well do you think our key themes [Our Community] reflect the needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?**



**Key themes in feedback:**

- Positive sentiments regarding the theme of Our Community
  - Support for upgrading and developing multi use facilities, particularly at Waikaraka Park
  - Access to open space is needed
- Suggested improvements regarding the theme of Our Community
  - Need more of a focus on inclusive places and open spaces for disability community
  - Fergusson Domain needs upgrading to meet growth
  - Continue to advocate for a multisport hub at Mt Wellington War Memorial Park.
  - Accessibility is a big issue for the community including cost.

**Our Places**

Growth in our rohe is well-planned and environmentally aware. We have connected neighbourhoods where people feel safe in our community. Our town centres, open spaces and facilities have a range of accessible and reliable transport links to get people to places. Our transport infrastructure is fit for purpose and supports future growth.

**Objectives:**

- We encourage well-planned and sustainable infrastructure that supports our growth
- People and traffic move more freely and safely around our area

**Advocacy:**

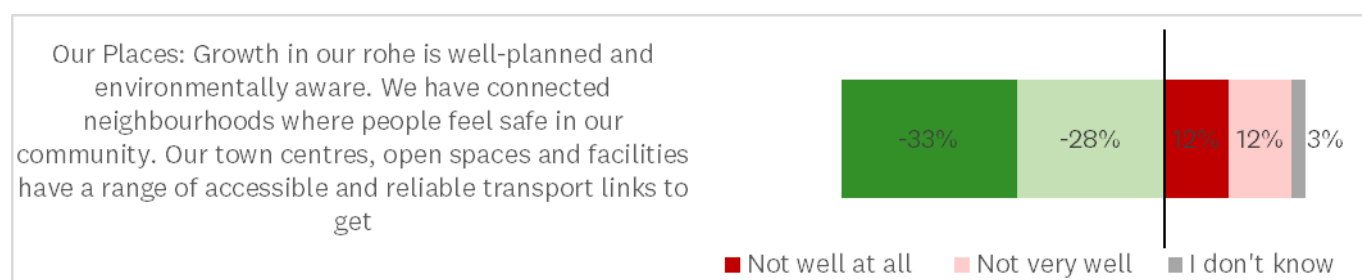
- Advocate to Kainga Ora and Tāmaki Regeneration for a mix of social and private developments throughout our communities, and to develop a range of housing types such as for larger families and elderly.





- Advocate to Kainga Ora, Tāmaki Regeneration and private developers to maintain the character of our suburbs in any new developments.
- Advocate to the Governing Body and Eke Panuku, to ensure that the Eke Panuku funding model provides for full funding for the already planned Unlock and Transform projects.
- Advocate to the Governing Body and Auckland Transport for long term continuation of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund.
- Advocate to Auckland Transport to deliver an integrated and accessible transport hub in Onehunga with similar frequency and connections as other town centres and that accommodates future growth.
- Advocate to Auckland Transport to upgrade Penrose train station, to improve safety, protection from the weather and attractiveness of the station, to accommodate for increased patronage due to impacts from the reduced Onehunga Line and KiwiRail maintenance schedule.
- Advocate to KiwiRail, requesting that any future work proposed on the Avondale to Southdown Rail Corridor has specific community engagement, so that all communities impacted are given the opportunity to clearly express their views and the route through Onehunga that provides maximum benefits for the community and does not detriment the natural environment, and the enjoyment and wellbeing of residents, businesses, visitors and our schools.
- Advocate to Auckland Light Rail for a route through Onehunga that provides maximum benefits for the community and does not detriment the natural environment, and the enjoyment and wellbeing of residents, businesses, visitors and our schools.

**Consultation question: How well do you think our key themes [Our Places] reflect the needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?**



**Key themes in feedback:**

- Suggested improvements regarding the theme of Our Places:
  - Infrastructure needs to support growth
  - Not clear what will be done to support Panmure and Glen Innes town centre
  - Need safe connections between already established cycleways/ shared paths
  - Need to focus on accessible active and public transport for seniors and disability community
  - Active transport infrastructure needed (bike parking)
  - Concern with increased housing density and impact on traffic.



## Our Economy

Our town centres are thriving, and our businesses are resilient. We can live, work, and play locally. We are skilled and our businesses thrive. Our quality of life is high, and we can develop to our full potential.

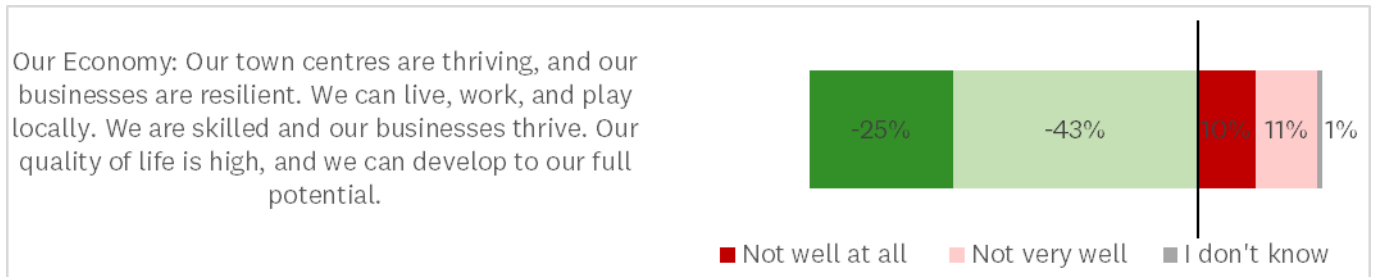
### Objectives:

- People are empowered and have the opportunity to access local employment, education and training opportunities
- We encourage enterprise and innovation in our community
- Thriving local businesses and town centres
- Local businesses are supported to provide an environmentally sustainable future.

### Advocacy:

- Advocate to Auckland Transport for better, integrated local transport links between and to our town centres to enable greater access to employment and business opportunities.
- Advocate to Vector to investigate whether their infrastructure is sufficient to support large industrial businesses to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure, in effort for businesses to become more environmentally responsive.
- Advocate to Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi to provide sufficient roading infrastructure for key industrial areas such as Penrose and Sylvia Park, to support movement of freight as well as reduce pressure on the wider roading network.

### Consultation question: How well do you think our key themes [Our Economy] reflect the needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?



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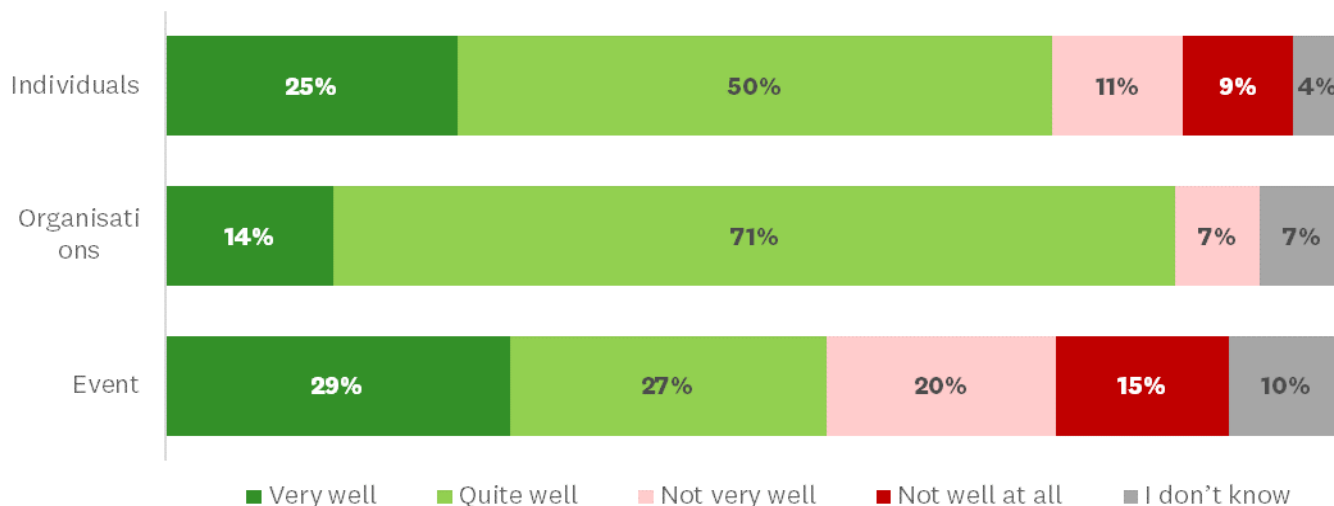
- Suggested improvements regarding the theme of Our Economy:
  - Need more focus on safety
  - need easy access to services and businesses
  - ensure our business communities needs are understood and prioritised as they provide employment and income.



## Other questions asked

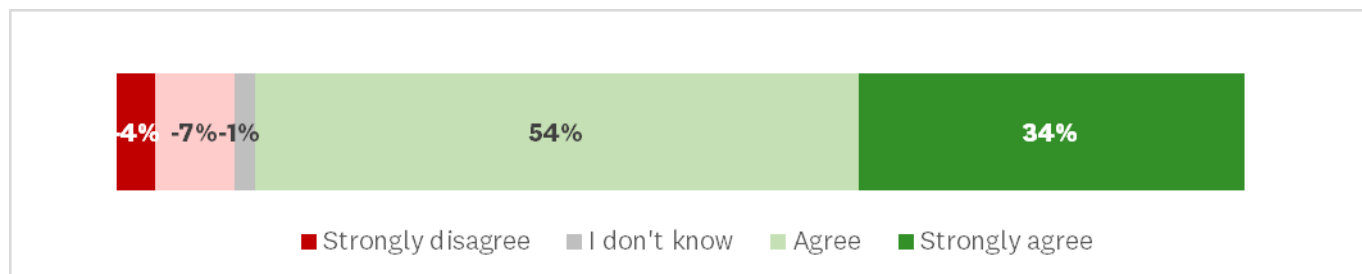
As part of the draft local board plan consultation, the following additional questions were asked.

### How well do you think our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?



### What do you think of our approaches to deliver differently?

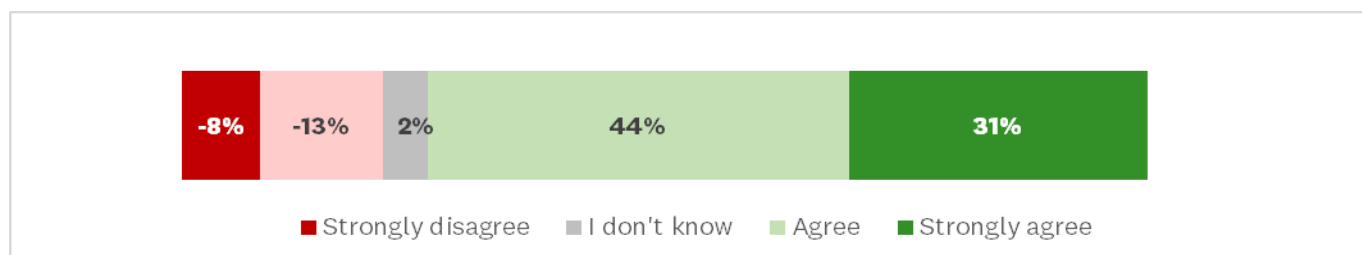
- i) Prioritise developing plans and strengthening strategic partnerships with community organisations, to ensure that council and community organisations can implement projects and initiatives when funding becomes available.



- ii) Adjust service levels (such as opening hours, fees, and number of community programs delivered) at our community facilities, such as pools, libraries, and community and art centres, to minimise overlap in delivery and provide services that are appropriate.

#### Key themes in feedback:

- Sentiments noting concerns if library hours and access to Te Oro and pools is reduced

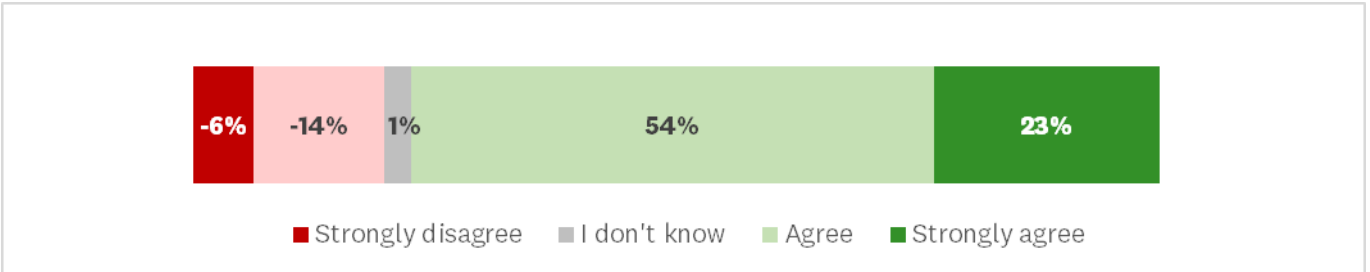




iii) Rethinking the way we maintain and renew our assets; lowering our maintenance costs by reducing the number of council owned buildings to ensure those that we keep are renewed to a high standard, are fully utilised and meets our communities growing needs.

**Key themes in feedback:**

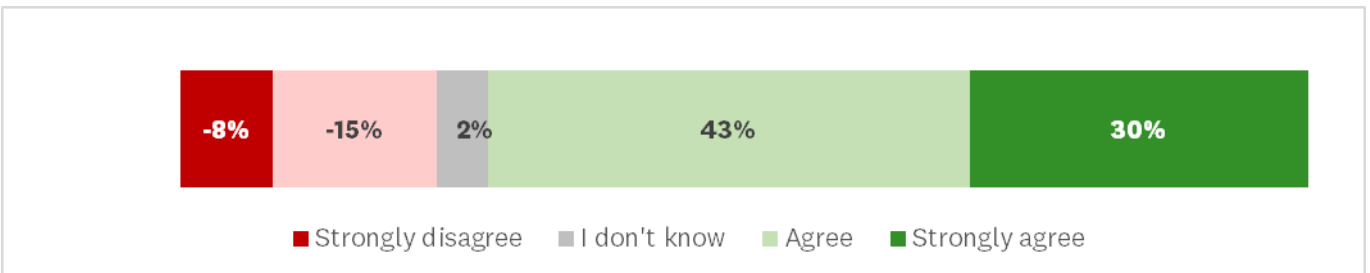
- Need parks to be maintained for the community to use



iv) Investigate selling underutilised buildings and/or land to fund other projects in the local board area, such as a new multi-use community facility or park.

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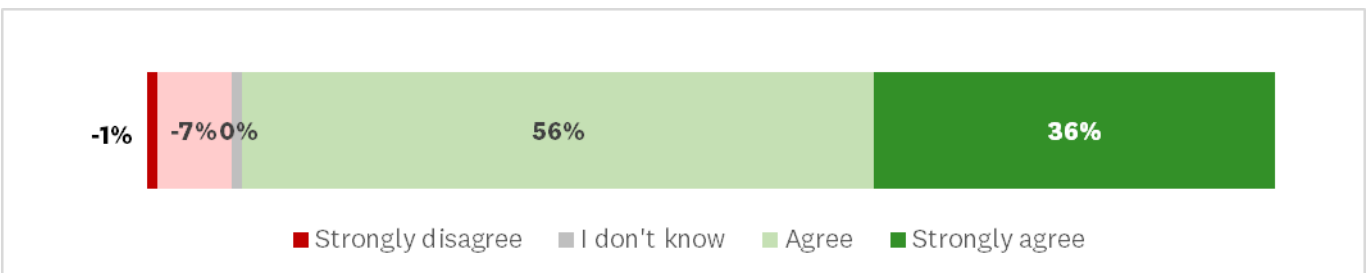
- Selling land only if in poor condition
- Few community spaces as it is
- Need to be careful of selling as will not be able to buy these back



v) Adapting how we operate council-owned buildings to ensure greater access to community spaces by a wider range of community groups.

**Key themes in feedback:**

- Concern of privatisation of community services impacting community access and creating long term issues

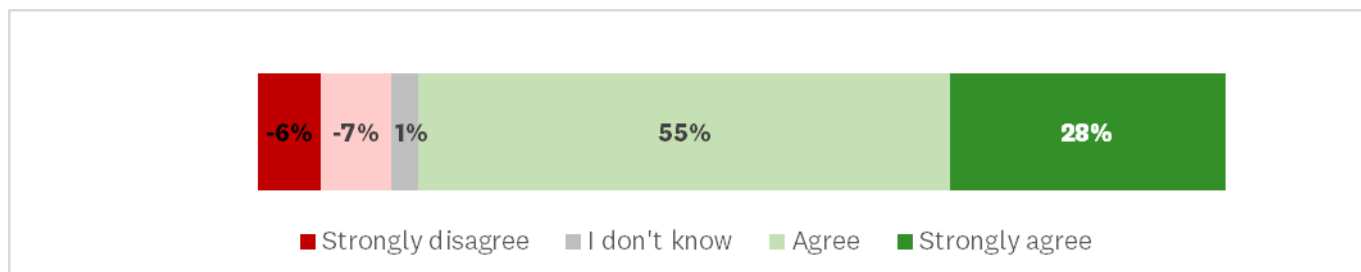




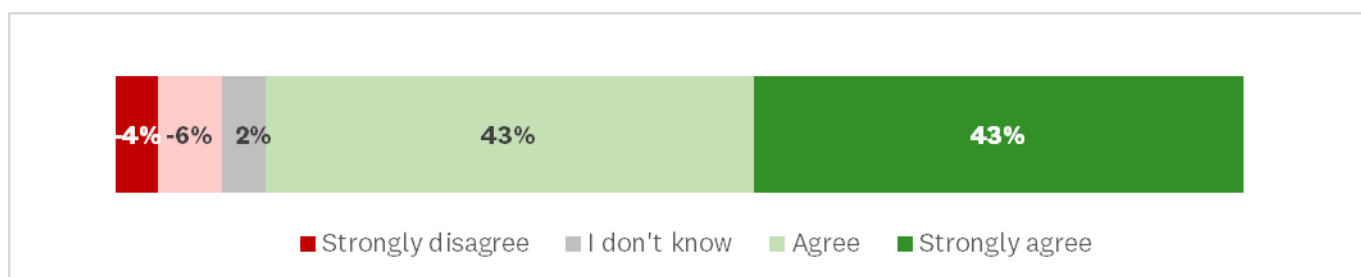
- vi) Changing how local services are delivered, such as partnering with community and government organisations to provide public access to non-council owned facilities like playgrounds, fields or community spaces.

**Key themes in feedback:**

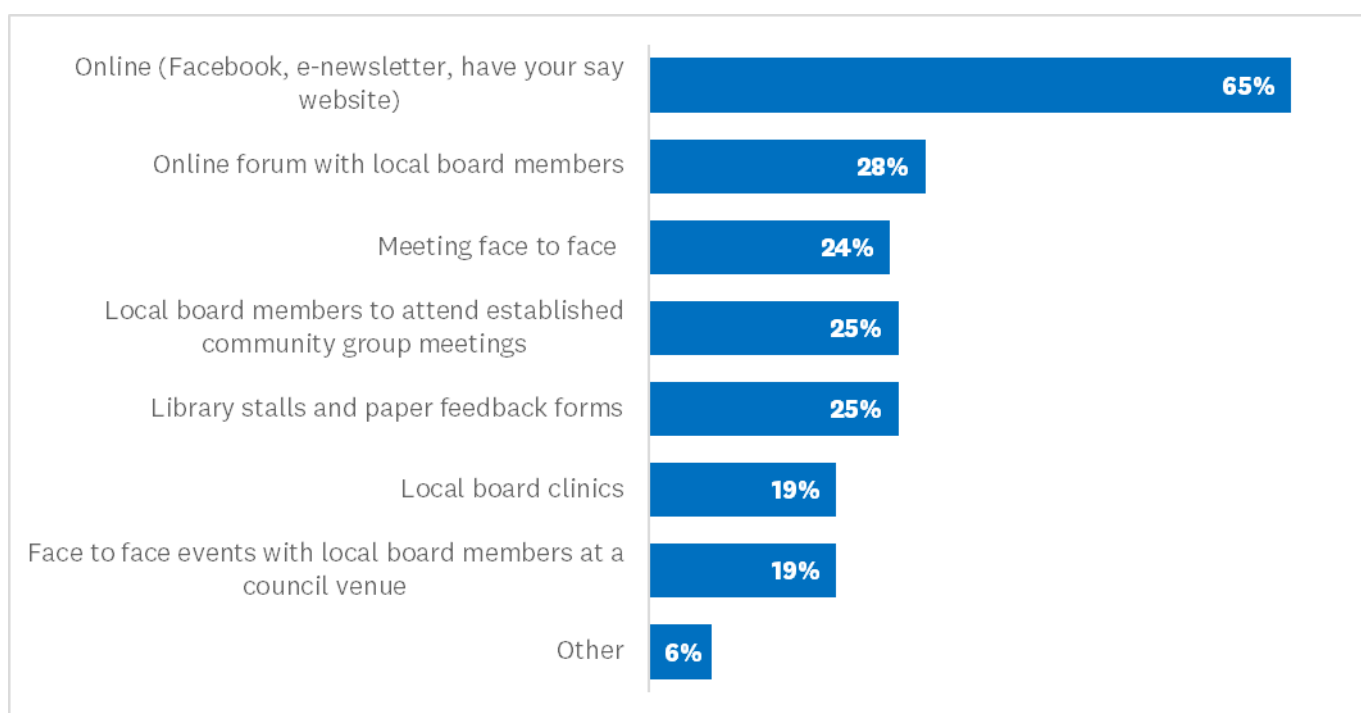
- Support as community groups know the community well



- vii) Support community organisations and sporting groups to collaborate and find sustainable funding opportunities, such as leveraging external funders to develop multi-purpose facilities.



**What would be the best way to keep you updated as we investigate approaches to deliver differently?**





## Do you have any other feedback for the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan?

- Support for elderly
- Increase public transport reliability and provide active transport connections between existing shared paths/cycleways, and between Glen Innes and Panmure
- Support for Waikaraka park upgrades
- Concern regarding council budget cuts and the impact this will have on maintenance and business ability to create a thriving centre
- Include support for the expansion of the Onehunga Business Association
- advocate to GB for more investment into the Sport and Rec Facility Investment Fund and Regional Sport and Rec Facilities Operating Grant.

## Who we heard from

The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic profile of those that answered the demographic questions.

