

# Papakura Local Board Plan 2023 Summary of Feedback





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

## Purpose

This report summarises feedback received during the public consultation in July/August to inform the development of the Papakura 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 Papakura 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.

For the Papakura Local Board, engagement took place through Ara Kōtui, a roopu comprising of the five southern local boards (Papakura/Manurewa/Franklin/Māngere-Ōtāhuhu/Ōtara-Papatoetoe) and Mana whenua representatives through two hui held on 6 June and 8 August.

Mana whenua were sent a copy of the draft local board plan in June 2023 and encouraged to provide written feedback. No formal submission feedback was received by mana whenua however ongoing informal discussions are held regularly.



## Mataawaka engagement

No specific activities took place to engage with mataawaka during the early engagement and consultation periods. However, the Papakura Local Board have strong relationships with the Papakura Marae on an ongoing basis through our Strategic Broker, existing relationships and various projects.

## Stakeholder and community engagement

Table 1: Summary of early engagement activities

Activity	Who was involved	How many people participated
Kerri Downs Pump Track Celebration	Community – Drop In	150
Drury Residents and Ratepayers	Residents of the Drury Area	60
Youth Focus Group – ACG Strathallan	Students	28
Youth Focus Group – Rosehill College	Students	30
Waka Kotahi Supporting Growth Event	General Public	30
Sikh Community Event – Private	Sikh Community Leaders	20
SCP – World of Cultures – Have your Say event	General Public	100

Table 2: Summary of consultation activities during the consultation period

Activity	Who was involved	How many people participated
Te Paataka Koorero o Takaanini Library Activation	General Public	40
Sir Edmond Hillary Library Activation	General Public	45
Have Your Say Drop in Event Sir Edmond Hillary Library - SCP	General Public/Community groups/Stakeholders	40
Have Your Say Drop in Event Te Paataka Koorero o Takaanini	General Public/Community groups/Stakeholders	30

## Generic submissions to all boards

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

- Aktive
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society
- The Tree Council
- Disabled Persons Assembly NZ
- Civic Trust Auckland
- Bike Auckland
- Community Groups Feeding the Homeless in Auckland
- Community Cat Coalition Inc.



## Summary of feedback

### Māori Outcomes

Delivering outcomes for Māori is an important feature of the Papakura 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:

- Kia ora te whānau (Whānau and Tamariki Wellbeing), the connected communities mahi, māra kai and food security initiatives.
- Kia ora te umanga (Māori Business, Tourism and Employment), working with Ngāti Tamaoho to support youth employment opportunities.
- Kia ora te marae (Marae Development) by supporting Papakura Marae's proposed development.
- Kia ora te reo (Te reo Māori) and Kia ora te ahurea (Māori Identity and Culture) through Te Kete Rukuruku and encouraging events and services to be delivered through facilities such as the libraries, art centre and museum to celebrate and promote Papakura's Māori history and talent. Partner with Māori to continue Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori language Week) and Matariki celebrations and activities. The local board is also progressing members' knowledge of Te Ao (the Māori world view), tikanga and te reo. We will continue supporting Māori-led initiatives such as Whiri Aroha which aims to keep traditional art korowai weaving alive, and Wāhi rongoā at Papakura Marae/Te Koiwi Reserve.
- Kia ora te hononga (Effective Māori Participation) through Ara Kōtui.
- Kia ora te rangatahi (Realising rangatahi potential) through the TUIA mentoring programme which develops leadership capacity of rangatahi Māori in communities throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Kia ora te taiao (Kaitiakitanga) through the Manukau Harbour Forum, Papakura Stream restoration, Southern Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum, and Pukekiwiriki Paa Joint Management Committee.

No specific consultation questions were asked but below are responses received in general relating to Māori outcomes.

- Allow rangatahi chances to speak, follow rangatahi and their legacy.
- Stay connected with our community. Listen to us! Be out in the community! Do the Mahi, get the treats, everybody wins
- Support Māori to engage safely and unapologetically
- Māori Language supported
- Has a strong Māori focus, and I agree mostly with aims and objectives and hope we have strong advocacy team in regard to the disparities we have as a community and area

The feedback below was received from attendees at Ara Kōtūi Hui, held on 6 June and 8 August 2023 relating to the Southern Local Board plans:



- Recognition of te Tiriti and the partnership it creates between mana whenua and local boards
- Clear recognition of and support for the role of mana whenua iwi and their marae within the community
- Support for existing mana whenua projects, especially where they overlap with (or duplicate) local board projects and outcomes
- Strengthening mutual understanding and knowledge of each other's views when giving feedback to council and other organisations (e.g. to Kainga Ora)
- Working in partnership with mana whenua on environment and climate change projects, acknowledging the special role of mana whenua as kaitiaki in addressing our challenges
- Potential for partnering with mana whenua to attract 3rd party funding to help get applications over the line

## 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:

- Working with other local boards to maximise future investment opportunities.
- Exploring wider funding opportunities with the Governing Body and central government to be more responsive to environmental issues such as water and biodiversity outcomes.
- Rebuilding of the Auckland rail network over the next three years, and the opening of the City Rail Link. While these changes may present a challenge in the short-term, they also provide an opportunity for Papakura residents to travel sustainably to work or other locations.
- When community facilities renewals are being planned, the local board will seek opportunities to make climate responsive improvements such as the installation of solar power panels.
- Connecting groups (including community-led initiatives) and agencies within Papakura that work within climate capability and resilience space.
- An advocacy opportunity to further extend the on-demand ride share services as well as maximising the metropolitan status zoning for intensification in the town centre.
- Encouraging cyclists to connect between the Southern Pathway and the Papakura town centre through the installation of way finding signage.
- Activities such as pest control and management, water quality improvements, riparian and urban ngahere planting, and community-led sustainable food initiatives to improve ecosystem resilience.
- Advocating for additional climate action funding for the Papakura Food Hub.
- Advocating for a local emergency response plan to be developed that is community-led and implemented.

No specific consultation questions were asked but below are responses received in general relating to Climate Action outcomes.

- It is great to see the LB placing more focus on our whenua and environment.
- Lacks priority emphasis on climate action



- Climate action leadership required
- Local Board Members to provide unequivocal, strong leadership at every possible opportunity on the need for Climate Action. To be active, visible role models of all the actions identified as helpful to reducing global warming

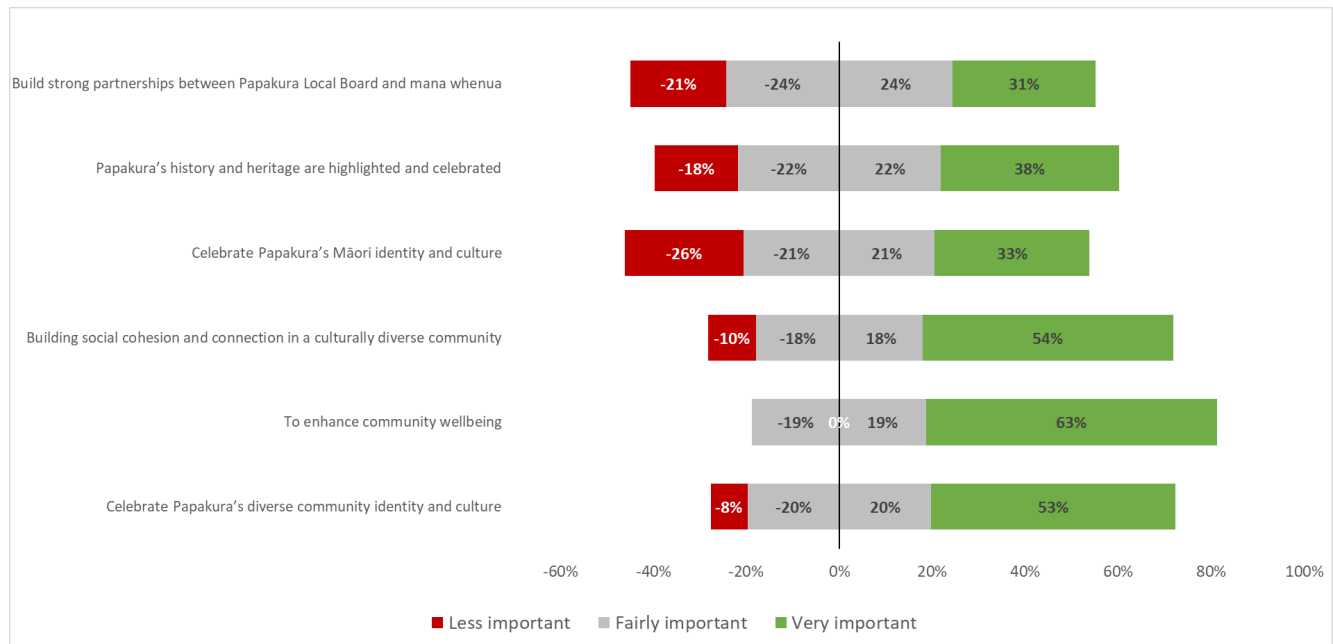
## Our People

The Papakura Local Board want to continue strong partnerships with Māori and support Māori aspirations. The diverse community identity and culture in Papakura is celebrated. The safety of the community, their wellbeing, community preparedness and resilience is improved across the local board area.

The Papakura Local Board wants to advocate for;

- Legacy funding inequity to be addressed
- Safety in the area, working with central government agencies for positive promotion of the area.
- Making sure Papakura has an up to date and localised emergency management planning
- Climate action funding to enable food security and
- Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to develop an economic strategy that supports Māori economic aspirations

The Papakura community were asked to rate Papakura Local Board’s ‘Our People’ objectives from very important to less important and results are shown in the below graph.



Key themes from the feedback included:

- Te reo language
- Strong Māori focus
- Crime concerns
- Motorbikes
- Affordable housing



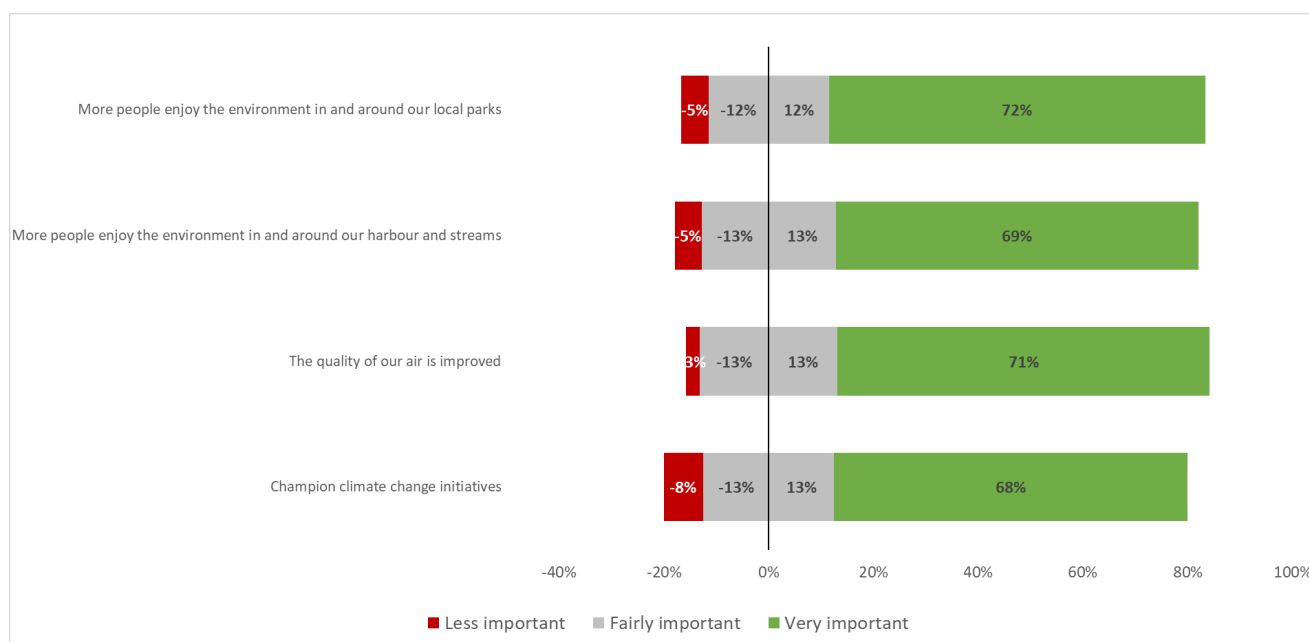
## Our Environment

The Papakura Local Board wish to continue support of programmes that improve the health of the environment through increasing the tree canopy coverage, improving air and water quality, reducing the threat of pests, and addressing pollution and waste. The Papakura board want people to have opportunities to enjoy the environment around local parks, our harbour and streams.

The Papakura Local Board will be advocating for;

- Funding for educating businesses about pollution control.
- Increased tree cover by partnering with local communities and neighbouring local boards.
- For the Climate Action Targeted Rate (CATR) funding to implement the local board’s Urban Ngahere Action Plan.
- The Papakura Local Board would like successful programmes in Papakura to help people reduce, reuse and recycling and establishment of a network of recycling centres in partnership with other agencies.
- For promotion of environmental programmes that give residents, businesses, and schools the opportunity to learn and carry out waste minimisation and more sustainable practices.

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Key themes from the feedback included:

- Mangrove removal environmental concerns
- Waste education required
- Overall rubbish concerns
- Flooding concerns
- Environmental education



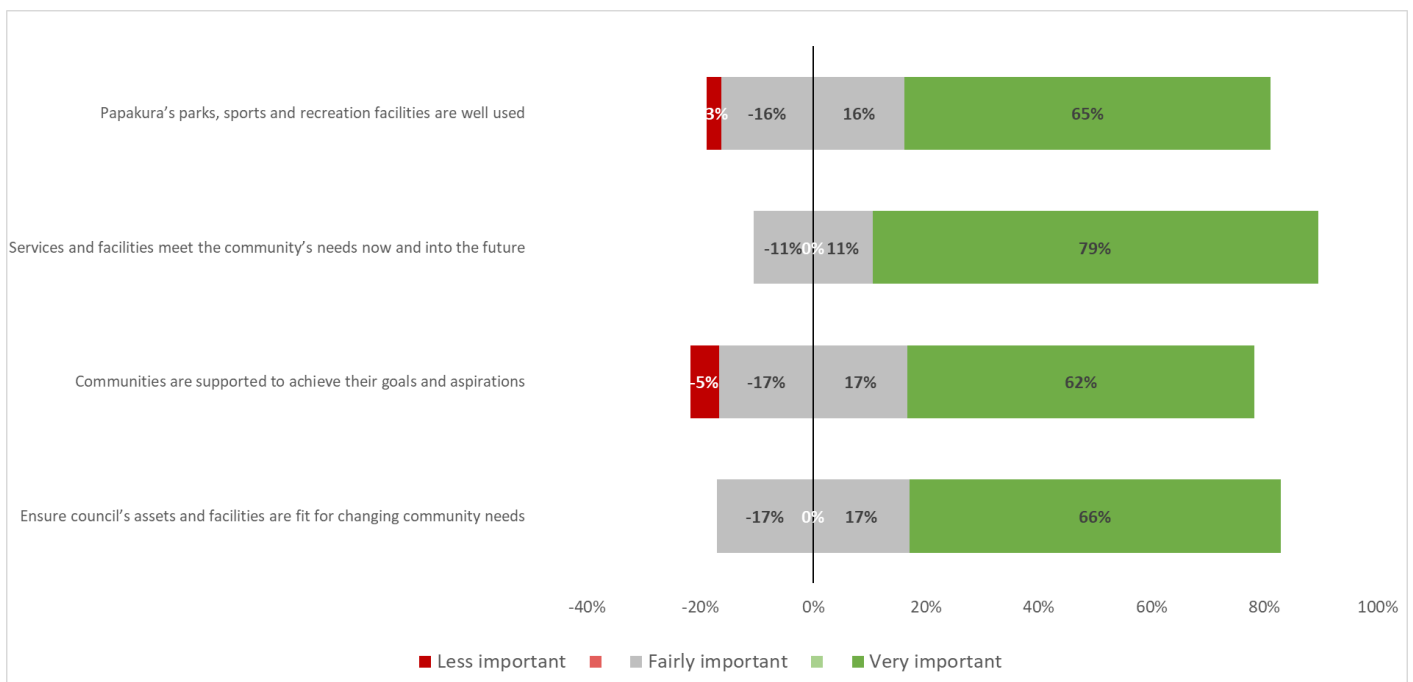
## Our Community

The Papakura Local board want a community enriched by its diversity, where people feel connected and lead active, healthy lives. We have great parks and places to play and enjoy. Where we come together at lively events and activities that include people socially, drawing on the strengths of our different cultures. As the population grows and becomes more diverse, our parks, community spaces and facilities need to keep pace with rising demand and changing needs.

Community infrastructure /council buildings is the focus of the Papakura Local Board’s advocacy under our community objective. The board will advocate for the following from the Governing Body:

- Funding from the 10-year budget for comprehensive renewal of the Massey Park swimming complex and Massey Park Grandstand maintenance.
- Additional funding for minor upgrades of park facilities (e.g. playgrounds) where prior funding has left a shortfall.
- Release of the encumbrance budget, in addition to annual capex budget allocated, to allow the connection of the Opāheke Sports Park toilet block and changing rooms to the mains water and wastewater systems.
- Release of the legacy Papakura District Council parking fund in addition to annual capex budget allocated

The Papakura community were asked to rate Papakura Local Board’s ‘Our Community’ objectives from very important to less important and results are shown in the below graph.



Key themes from the feedback included:

- Playground upgrades
- Dog parks
- Youth activities, activations and youth centre requests
- Sports fields and parks upgrades





- Prioritise accessibility for disabled people to participate in the community, use council facilities and public spaces etc.

## **Our Places**

The Papakura Local Board would like a well-connected area where it's easy to move around. The roads are less congested, public transport is convenient and reliable, walkways and cycleways are linked together and safe. It is also important to ensure that the significant growth occurring in the local board area is supported by appropriate infrastructure.

The Papakura Local Board will take up the following advocacy initiatives:

### **Transport Advocacy – Auckland Transport**

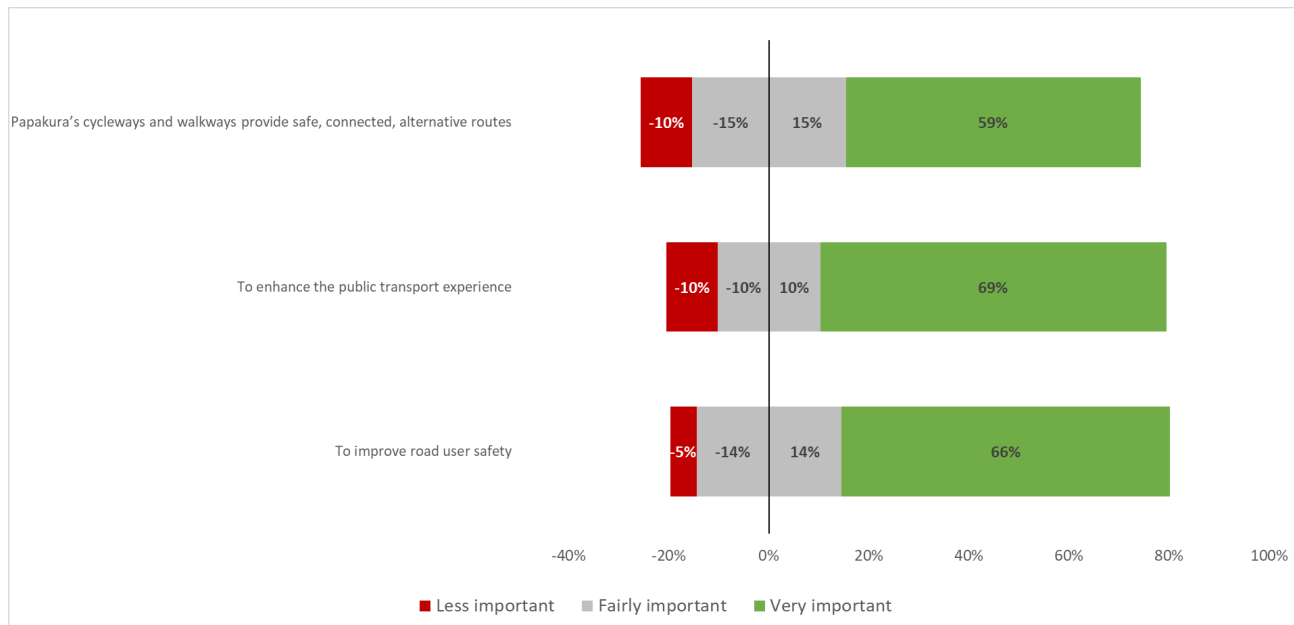
- Improved pathway and cycling safety, including lighting, accessibility and proactive maintenance to prevent problems; planning for impacts of climate change.
- Increasing/enhancing public transport services:
  - Developing AT Local (on demand shared public transport service) in parts of Papakura Local 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.
- Retention and increase of the Local Board Capital Transport Fund.
- Safe and clear walking and cycling links between key facilities to encourage a shift away from using motor vehicles, e.g. Waiata Shores Bridge.
- Safe active transport spaces (walking and cycle paths) particularly around schools.

### **Specific area planning / growth and development**

- Maximising amenity value such as playgrounds, greenspace and shared pathways in new developments when resource consents are considered.
- New developments to provide a community garden.
- An increase in the standard street width requirement in new developments.
- Developers /body corporates to cover ongoing maintenance of green space and enhanced tree canopy in new developments.
- To use growth funding to provide new facilities in line with growth and deprivation.



The Papakura community were asked to rate Papakura Local Board's 'Our Places' objectives from very important to less important and results are shown in the below graph.



Key themes from the feedback included:

- Potholes, footpaths, and maintenance
- Pedestrian crossings
- Speed restrictions – for and against
- Public transport needs, connection, express rail and direct services
- Bus shelters
- Cycleways – for and against

## Our Economy

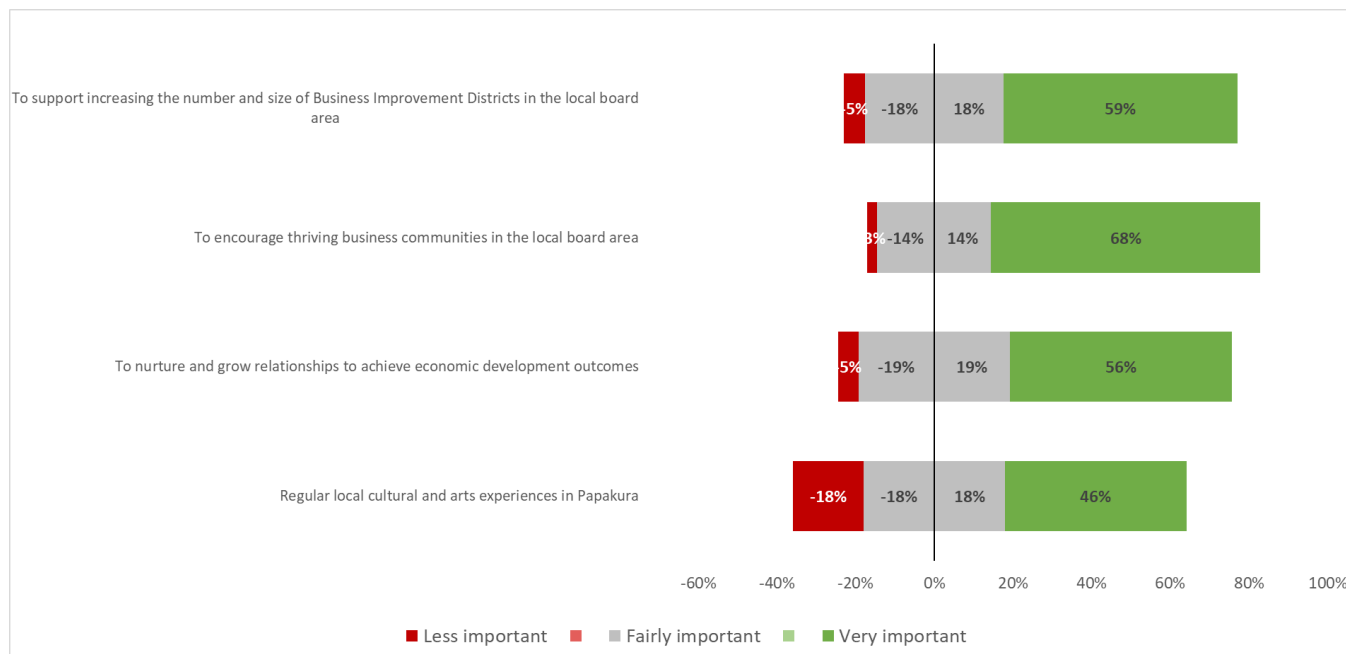
Papakura Local Board want to see the local economy thrive, with successful local businesses creating quality jobs for local people. With the commercial centres being great places to work, shop, relax and enjoy. Visitor numbers are increased through the promotion of facilities and services in Papakura.

The Papakura Local Board will take up the following advocacy initiatives;

- Better public transport – Ardmore Airport and ride-share services
- Educational opportunities – Education programmes to enable upskilling, early conversations in schools, apprenticeship programmes in schools/local businesses along with heads of organisations to talk about apprenticeship schemes
- Growth Opportunity leverage – Admore industrial area, Drury area and apartments in Papakura



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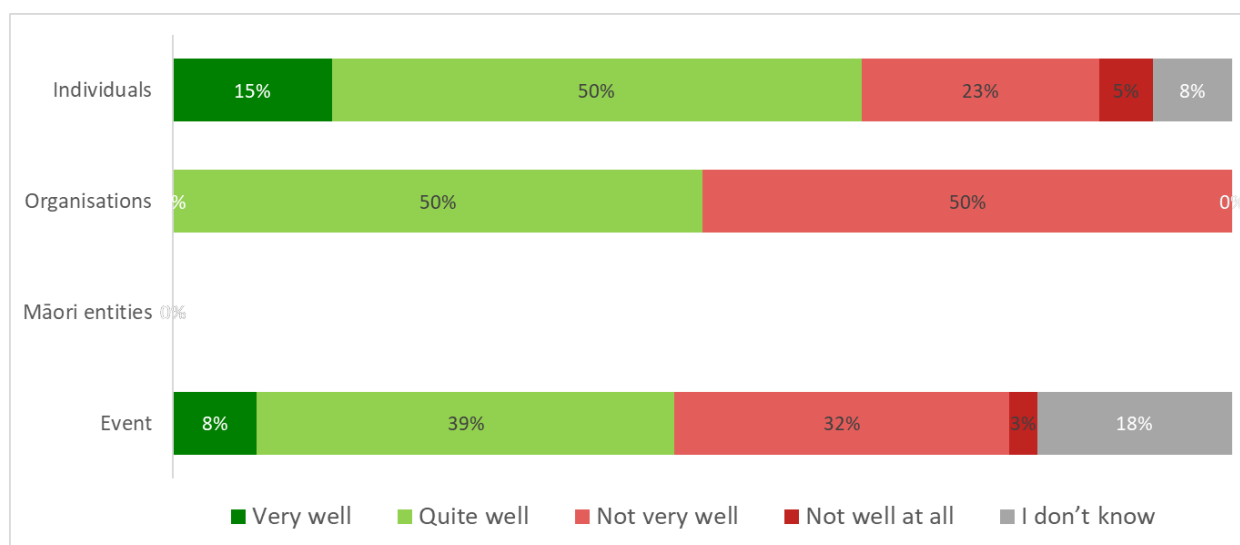
- More events – music, food, cultural, arts and crafts, concerts
- More support is needed for the Papakura BID.
- No cuts to CAB

## Other questions asked

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

Two questions were asked, and responses and results listed below:

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





Key themes received were:

- Issues with roading/maintenance/potholes
- Crime/motorbikes
- Roaming dogs
- Less liquor/vape stores
- Maintenance/Rubbish
- Overall Plan setup comments

**Do you have any other feedback on our draft Local Board Plan, for example how we could better meet our climate change goals, Māori outcome aspirations, youth needs or anything else you would like to share?**

Key themes received were:

- Public Transport
- Roading – road calming measures, pedestrian crossings, maintenance
- Climate change
- Youth

## Who we heard from

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

