
Local Board Plan 2023

**Waitematā Local Board
EVENT FEEDBACK**

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Following on from our discussion last night

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Great to chat with you both last night at the Ellen Melville Centre. Very excited to see what might unfold from that seed of an idea we were jamming on. I fleshed it out a little more (see below).

[REDACTED] this was the map I mentioned

- <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=194MCRAFDUzis8gdVfBn6mVSDo-h4i2sR&usp=sharing>

I've also linked Ben (Founder of the Urban Room) into this thread, because the work he's been doing using the scale models of Auckland to bring people together to stimulate better planning conversations, seems very aligned with what we were discussing last night.

Warm wishes to you all!

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[Concept Draft]

"Planning of the Fittest"

Survival of the fittest is not about the biggest or the best, it's about the best 'fit'. Good plans are ones that align with the unique potential of a place, rather than being something generic that gets plonked onto a landscape or city (often with dire consequences - like wasted resources through mitigation and remedial work, public backlash, lost histories, a project or structure quickly becoming redundant or non-functioning, to name a few).

It's about getting the right fit for *here*. It's about being place-led.

Whether you're a community centre planning neighbours day events, or a developer planning a new apartment complex, you need to start with understanding the place, in all its layers. From past, to present day, as well as looking ahead to what's coming in the future.

Layers of geology, water flows, sun pathways, mana whenua sites of significance, heritage sites, power point and tap locations, future infrastructure plans, public toilets, climate change predictions, unique flora and fauna, social demographics, cycleways etc.

Think GIS maps but with time scales, plus more of the dimensions/layers that make up the true picture of a place, and being accessible to more than just technical experts. Something that could slowly develop over time as more and more data is added by the people of a place and experts who are studying it.

Perhaps an evolution of the 'Digital Twin' tool? Perhaps an augmented reality overlay of place?

What about data that isn't usually shared publicly, like Mana Whenua narratives? Well, perhaps this tool could have map markers that can alert a user to a story or piece of data that is locked, but can be accessed through making contact with certain people.

If mana whenua and the community (the people of a place) are involved in the data input and ongoing updating of such a tool, then it would make sense to involve them right from the start of the process, enabling a true sense of

collaboration and partnership, so all parties feel a sense of shared ownership and thus continue to care for its ongoing evolution, because they all see themselves in it.

