

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Aotea/Great Barrier
Te Rīpoata ā-Tau 2018/2019

Aotea/Great Barrier

Local Board Annual Report 2018/2019



Mihi

Aotea moutere rongonui
 Aotea whakahirahira
 Aotea utanga nui
 Aotea taonga maha
 Aotea te tauranga o ngā waka maha
 Aotea te kāinga o Ngāti Rehua – Ngātiwai ki Aotea
 Ngā kitenga i te pō,
 ngā kitenga tauranga me ngā takutai
 Teitei ngā maunga me Te Wao-nui o Tāne,
 he kāinga oranga mai i te whenua ki te moana

Aotea is the sacred island
 Aotea the landing place of many waka
 Aotea the home of Ngāti Rehua – Ngātiwai ki Aotea
 From starry nights, to shining seas and shores
 Lofty mountains and forests a land of plenty
 Aotea is the jewel of Te Moana-nui-o-Toi
 Aotea my home
 Aotea my place to stand

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 Chair of the Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust – 2017*

He kōrero mō tēnei rīpoata

About this report

This annual report tells the story of how Auckland Council has performed in delivering services in the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board area from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

You can read about our progress, expenditure, service performance and challenges faced in 2018/2019. It's part of the wider annual reporting package for the Auckland Council Group and meets our Local Government Act 2002 obligations to report on our performance against agreed measures. It also reports against the council's Long-term Plan 2018-2028 (10-year Budget 2018-2028) and the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board Agreement 2018/2019.

This report also reflects the local flavour of your area by profiling its population, people and council facilities. It also features a story about a council or community activity that adds special value to the area and demonstrates how together we're delivering for Auckland.

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Riparian restoration

He kōrero mai i te heamana From the chairperson



It has been a successful year on Aotea, with the Claris council offices now running on solar, a community nursery germinating and the Learning Hub thriving.

I'm proud of our island's achievements, which have come about with your support.

The island's council buildings' switch from diesel to alternative energy has been a major accomplishment. The new system powers the service centre, local board office, dentist, morgue, rural fire station and our electric vehicle, and provides backup for the health centre.

We made operational grants over \$150,000 and capital grants over \$250,000 this year. This funding has gone to our community groups to support their operations, events, projects and facility upgrades. Our community groups do an amazing job of supporting the island's wellbeing and also collaborate with the board to deliver the Ecology Vision, Visitor Strategy, Dark Sky Sanctuary, and Life-long Learning Strategy.

We completed some spatial plans including a village Places and Spaces plan, Accessway and Linkages Plan and the Heritage Survey. Concepts identified in these plans will be further consulted on and possibly feed into the Aotea/Great Barrier Area Plan. We also furthered our investigations on the Claris and northern cemetery sites.

To protect and enhance our environment, we continued our funding for the Ecology Vision, a biodiversity/biosecurity officer, pest control initiatives, water quality programmes and other environmental projects. This year we also strenuously objected to the Coastal Resources Limited marine dumping consent and have continued to support iwi and community High Court appeals. We will continue to advocate for alternatives to the dumping of dredge spoils in the marine environment.

On behalf of the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board, we'd like to say thank you to all our community groups, local businesses and council staff who've worked tirelessly to help us achieve these outcomes. We look forward to the coming financial year 2019/2020.

Izzy Fordham
Chairperson, Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Aotea/Great Barrier Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board



Your board

(L to R): Shirley Johnson, Sue Daly, Luke Coles (Deputy Chairperson), Izzy Fordham (Chairperson), Jeff Cleave.



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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Aotea/Great Barrier projects and improvements

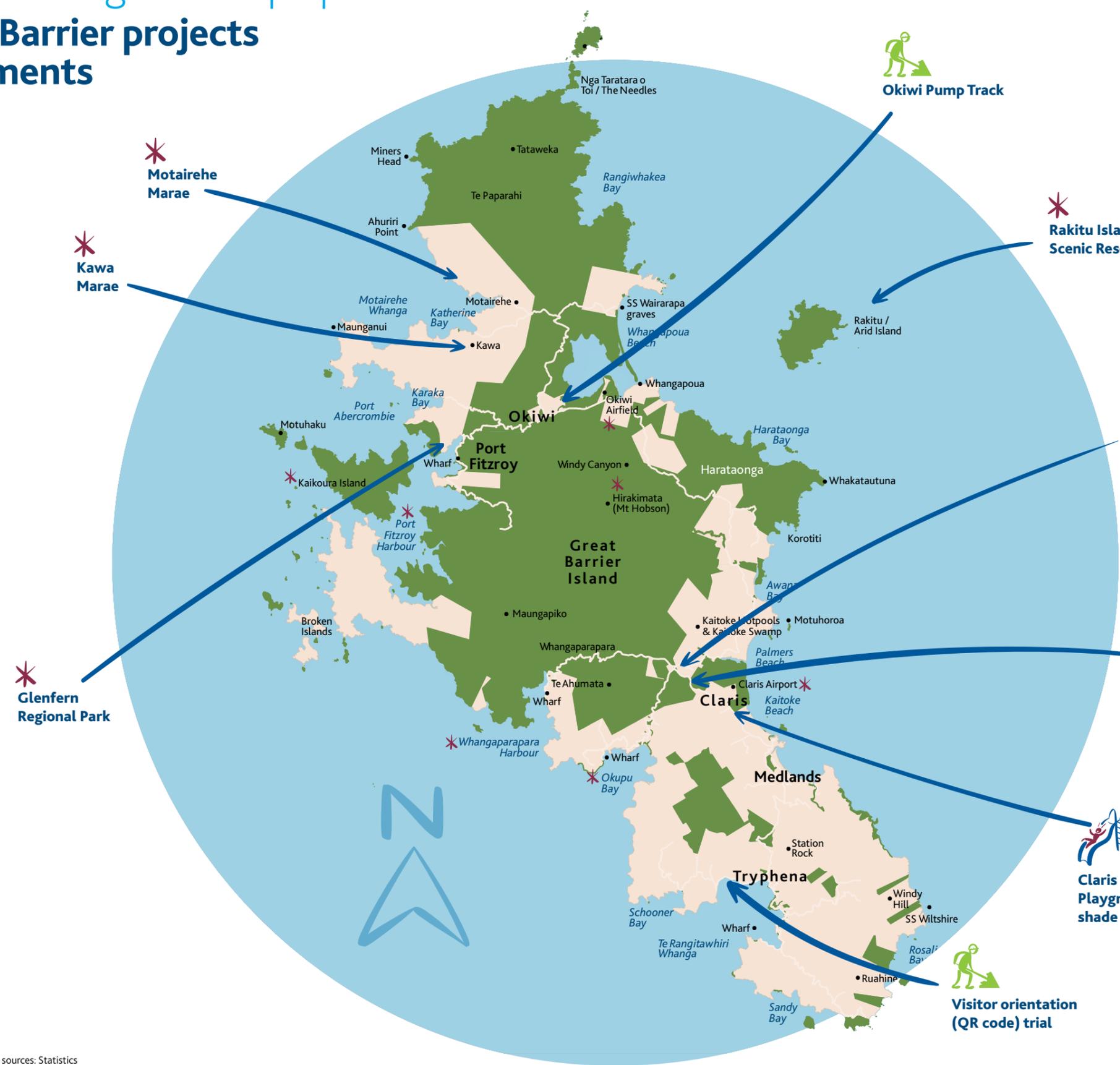
KEY TO CURRENT & PLANNED PROJECTS

-  Delivered projects
-  Current projects
-  Current playground renewals
-  Place of significance

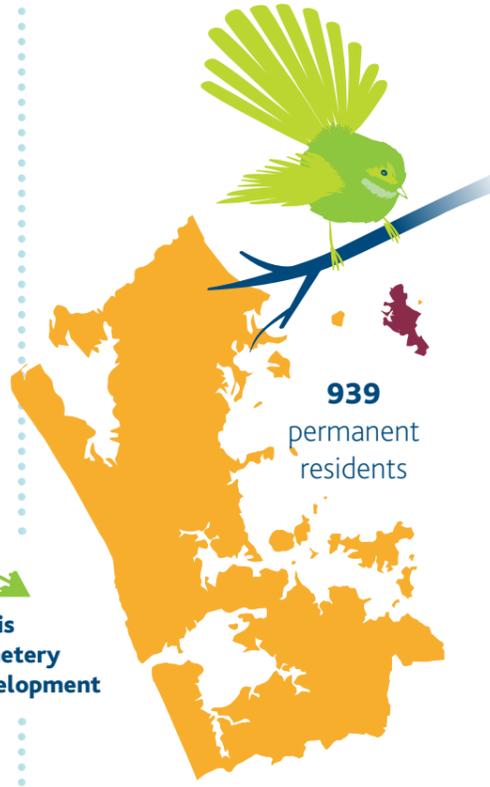
LEGEND

-  Aotea Conservation Park
-  Road

Data sources: Statistics New Zealand 2013 Census.



Over **60%** of the island is Department of Conservation (DoC) estate; 43% of which is the Aotea Conservation Park.



55% of residents are aged 50 years and older



One of **10** places in the world to be designated a sanctuary by the International Dark-Sky Association

Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

Our performance report

Local Community Services

Highlights include the board agreeing to fund development of a cemetery at Claris and we're finalising the design. We also provided funding for a pump track at the Okiwi Park which will be installed later in 2019.

● Achieved
 ● Substantially achieved
 ● Not achieved

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2019 Target	2019 Result	2018	2017	How did we perform
Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities							
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - day time	●	▲	92%	98%	96%	92%	
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	●	▲	90%	96%	85%	90%	
Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities							
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that are community led	●		35%	68%	New Measure	New Measure	Our target was based on previous years' local board work programme activities. We exceeded target, as the community-led practice is championed through activities such as managing the Aotea Learning Hub for correspondence school kids and operation of the Visitor Information Centre.
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability	●		30%	43%	New Measure	New Measure	Our target is based on previous years' local board work programme activities. We exceeded target, as community capacity and capability are being built through activities such as the adult education workshop series, the youth leadership programme, and upskilling island tourism operators with workshops on handling feedback and customer service.
We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people							
The percentage of arts, and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led	●		85%	100%	New Measure	New Measure	
We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people							
The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event			70%	Not Measured	New Measure	New Measure	We had a nominated event, but it was not surveyed due to high cost estimates for the survey. We're working with staff to find cost-efficient ways of measuring this in the new financial year.
We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life							
The number of internet sessions at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks)	●		10,000	5,039	New Measure	New Measure	Broadband roll-out and greater availability of data connections across the island are reducing the need for free WiFi at the library.
The number of visits to library facilities	●		10,000	15,339	New Measure	New Measure	Since, the library and the service centre share the same building a part of the high results can be attributed to service centre visitors. A greater influx of visitors over an excellent summer could also have contributed to the results.
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▲	85%	95%	93%	98%	We exceeded target significantly, with a high level of customer satisfaction with overall experience of Auckland Libraries.
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, and beaches							
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●		70%	57%	New Measure	New Measure	Resident satisfaction is well below target. Opportunities to improve the visitor experience include additional play equipment that provides challenges, particularly for older children, further development of the existing learn-to-bike facilities and creating a hard surface for basketball.
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	▲	81%	80%	69%	81%	Visitor result, though short of target by 1 per cent, has shown a marked improvement from previous year. The board's ongoing investment to improve access and better activation of reserves should help improve results next year.

Local Community Services measures cont'd over

Local Community Services cont'd

We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture

The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	●		11.6%	8.5%	New Measure	New Measure	All our local programmes, grants and activities are community led. Our partners have been encouraged to increase this focus to improve the result for next year and we will continue encouraging community groups responding to Māori aspirations to apply for the community grant schemes.
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Local Environmental Management

We supported and funded environment initiatives such as the Ecology Vision co-ordinator, Argentine ant and plague skink surveillance, rabbit control and weed survey and removal. We also funded a part-time bio-diversity/biosecurity advisor to support environment programmes, provide expert advice to the community, and to protect locally important indigenous biodiversity.

● Achieved
 ● Substantially achieved
 ● Not achieved

Outcome	Year-on-year change	2019 Target	2019 Result	2018	2017	How did we perform
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We manage Auckland's natural environment

The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	●	▼	100.0%	87.5%	88.9%	86.0%	We successfully delivered seven of eight environmental project. A riparian fencing project has been deferred for delivery in the next financial year.
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He whakamārama mō ā mātou mahi whakahaere

Our performance explained

LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

As there are no council-owned facilities on the island, the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board provides capital grants to maintain marae and community facilities owned by local community groups.

In 2018/2019, we funded a Aotea/Great Barrier Island interpretive signage project to place signs at important places with some description on their significance. Complementing this is another board-funded trial developing QR codes across various sites to provide information on those sites digitally.

We approved funding to the Glenfern Sanctuary Management Trust to deliver a business case for an Aotea/Great Barrier education and research centre on Glenfern Regional Parkland.

We provided support and funding to the island's health, welfare, arts, education and tourism organisations that consistently and effectively support residents.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Pest pathway ambassadors were funded by the board to advise visitors and residents of the risks of accidentally transporting pests to the island, and to support inspection of goods being transported to the island. In addition, we appointed a community pest control co-ordinator to facilitate community pest control activity, especially at Okiwi.

The board continued its freshwater quality monitoring programme, which included septic tank inspections and follow-ups, stream walks and a community planting day.

LOCAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The board worked with Destination Aotea/Great Barrier Island, the community, Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea, DoC and island-based service providers to progress implementation of the Aotea/Great Barrier Island Visitor Strategy developed by New Zealand Tourism Research Institute. The board also provided funding to Destination Great Barrier Island to leverage our successful Dark Sky Sanctuary accreditation and to help maintain its status.



Gooseberry Flat Beach, Tryphena

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board embraces solar power



Over the past year, the Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board took an important step towards cleaner and greener living by adopting a solar-powered system for the council facilities at Claris.

Solar power was implemented to fully run the service centre, local board office and the dentist, which officially opened in March.

The solar system will also power the morgue and provide back-up power for the health centre.

The solar panels will provide a cleaner and more renewable system for the buildings, which until March had been powered by diesel generators.

The aim has been for solar to provide 100 per cent of the energy needs of the offices from day one, but the generators will remain in case they are needed.

Aotea/Great Barrier Island has no reticulated power grid or any plans to join the national network.

The local board's vision is for Aotea/Great Barrier to be a world leader in alternative renewable technology and to celebrate living off the grid.

The system is an important step towards that vision and to stop the reliance on fossil fuels.

There is also an electric vehicle for council to use on the island and an electric bike.

The project was finalised in early 2019 and launched at a public ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 5.



“The local board's vision is for Aotea/Great Barrier to be a world leader in alternative renewable technology...”

Te tahua pūtea

Funding impact statement

For the period ended 30 June 2019

\$000s	NOTES	ACTUAL 2018/19	ANNUAL PLAN 2018/19*	ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		2,782	2,782	2,723
Targeted rates		0	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		0	0	0
Fees and charges		6	0	0
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		2	2	2
Total operating funding		2,790	2,784	2,725
Applications of operating funding:				
Payment to staff and suppliers	1	2,946	2,477	2,244
Finance costs		81	81	75
Internal charges and overheads applied		223	223	406
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		3,250	2,781	2,725
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		(461)	3	0
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions*		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt		812	951	296
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		0	0	0
Lump sum contributions		0	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding		0	0	0
Total sources of capital funding		812	951	296
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		114	154	196
- to improve the level of service		231	666	0
- to replace existing assets		7	134	100
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	2	351	954	296
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		461	(3)	0
Funding balance		0	0	0

Variance explanation Actual 2018/2019 to Annual Plan 2018/2019

- Supplier payments are above plan due to higher than anticipated maintenance expenditure incurred for the maintenance of local facilities and assets. In 2018/2019, significant areas of spend in Great Barrier included the maintenance of gardens at the Medlands Playground Reserves and the repairs and maintenance for Gooseberry Flat playground.
- Capital expenditure is below plan due to:
 - The postponement of renewals projects such as Pa Point steps and Gooseberry Flat playground due to them being well maintained;
 - The delivery of the Mulberry Grove skate ramp renewal was deferred to 2019/2020; and
 - The deferral of local improvement and discretionary projects to future years. The spend will occur when projects are identified.

*Year 1 of the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 (10-year Budget 2018-2028)

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