

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Rodney
Te Rīpoata ā-Tau 2018/2019

Rodney

Local Board Annual Report 2018/2019



Mihi

Tēnā, ngā mihi te tukuna atu nei ki a koutou
 e nga manawhenua
 e kapekape tonu nei
 i ngā ahikā roa e horapa mai nā
 ki te taha whakararo o te tipua tāone nei
 o Tāmaki Makaurau.
 Kia pāorooro tēnei karere
 mā runga i ō maunga whakahī.
 Kia tīmata ake au i te Kumeū,
 ka rere whakawaho ki te one tapu o Muriwai.
 Kia hoki ake ki uta, ko Tauwhare ki te rāwhiti,
 a Tarawera ki te raki,
 ki te taha whakaroto
 ko Tuhirangi rāua ko Te Atuanui
 Kia kauhoe ngā mihi mā te moana
 ki te Araparera
 ko koe tēnā e Taranaki,
 ka kapi ngā pou tauawhi i a te Kaipara
 i hua ai te kōrero,
 “E tupu i wīwī, i wāwā, tūria i te wera,
 piri ki te rito o te rengarenga,
 waiho me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki.”

Ināiane me māwhiti aku kupu ki Kaiwaka,
 ki Pukekaroro ki te raraunga o te tini i mate,
 te aroha tonutia i muri nei.
 Kia tahuri iho rā ia ki Matakana,
 ko Tamahunga tērā e tū mai rā i te pae.
 Ka hīkoi aku mihi mā ngā kāhiwi
 kia heke iho ki te awa o Pūhoi
 kia rere aku mihi ki te tuawhenua
 i nohoa e te iti me te rahi.
 Kia ū mai anō taku haere ki Huapai,
 ā-tangata, ā-whenua.
 Nō rātou te whiwhi, nō mātou te whiwhi,
 kia kī ake ai tātou katoa,
 “He rohenga tangata,
 he iwi tōpuni,
 mōwai tonu te whenua e takoto nei e.”

Our greetings and salutations to you
 the mana whenua
 who continue to tend
 the historical fires that encompass
 this great city
 of Auckland.
 May this message echo
 across your noble mountains.
 Let me begin at Kumeū
 then turn outwards to the sacred sands of Muriwai.
 I hook inward again where eastward, is Tauwhare,
 to the north is Tarawera,
 and inland stands
 Tuhirangi and Atuanui.
 Let this greeting travel the inland sea
 to Araparera
 where Taranaki
 completes the guardians of the Kaipara,
 who inspired the proclamation,
 “People will grow here and there, upright in the heat,
 hiding like the shoots of the rengarenga,
 and maturing like the fruit of the kawariki.”

Now let my words cross to Kaiwaka
 and Pukekaroro, the scene of past losses
 that are still mourned today.
 Turning then to Matakana,
 where stands Tamahunga on the horizon.
 Let this greeting follow the ridgeline
 down to the Pūhoi River
 where it can return inland to the valleys
 where the original settlers came.
 Our journey ends at Huapai,
 of people, and land.
 Their good fortune is our shared providence,
 so, the axiom,
 “The community
 are people in communion,
 and a calm lies over the land.”

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 Rodney 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 Rodney 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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Contractors finishing work on the new seawall at Algies Bay.

He kōrero mai i te heamana From the chairperson



I am pleased to present the Rodney Local Board Annual report for 2018/2019. We are very proud of what we've accomplished, which wouldn't be possible without your ongoing support.

A major highlight was completion of the Kumeu Arts Centre expansion. This project was fully funded by the board and fills a key gap in the provision of usable space for the art centre's activities. When the neighbouring Huapai Hub is built, this area will be completely revitalised into a vibrant community space.

We have made significant investments at Algies Bay, with completion of a seawall and adjacent car park, and at Shelly Beach where work on the seawall has begun. These large coastal structures require a multi-million dollar investments and are a feat of engineering in a challenging environment. They are important for the ongoing safety and security of our coastal communities.

This year, we completed two major studies on community needs that come up frequently during consultation – playgrounds and public toilets. These studies provide an evidential basis for the needs of Rodney's towns and villages that will attract future funding and help us prioritise funding to get the most value for money. We've begun planning the replacement toilets in Wellsford and Omaha with construction due over the next couple of years.

We continued investing in achieving our environmental outcomes. The board provided \$250,000 to kickstart dredging of the Mahurangi River, a community-led project to clean out the Warkworth town basin and re-open the waterway for vessels at all tides. We increased funding for our community volunteers to pay for staff support, materials and plants to help them improve and maintain our public spaces. Our Healthy Harbours Fund provides support for landowners to fence waterways and plant out stream banks to improve water quality.

Thank you to the many community groups, local businesses, council staff and my fellow local board members who work tirelessly to achieve the best for Rodney. We look forward to this continuing in 2019/2020.

Beth Houlbrooke
Chairperson, Rodney Local Board

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Rodney Rodney Local Board



Your board

(L to R): Phelan Pirrie (Deputy Chairperson), Louise Johnston, Beth Houlbrooke (Chairperson), Brent Bailey, Tessa Berger, Cameron Brewer, Colin Smith, Brenda Steele, Allison Roe



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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Rodney projects and improvements

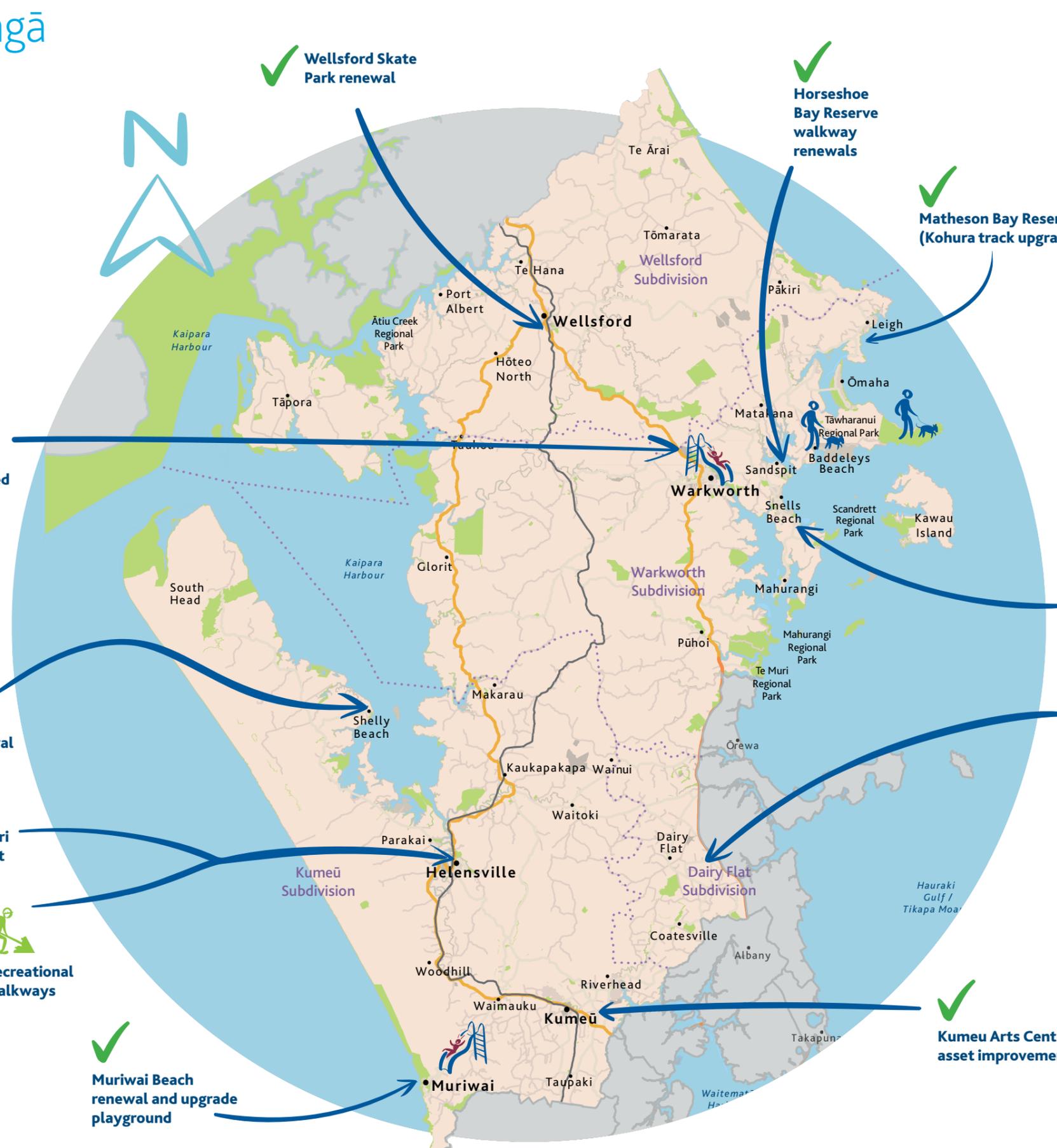
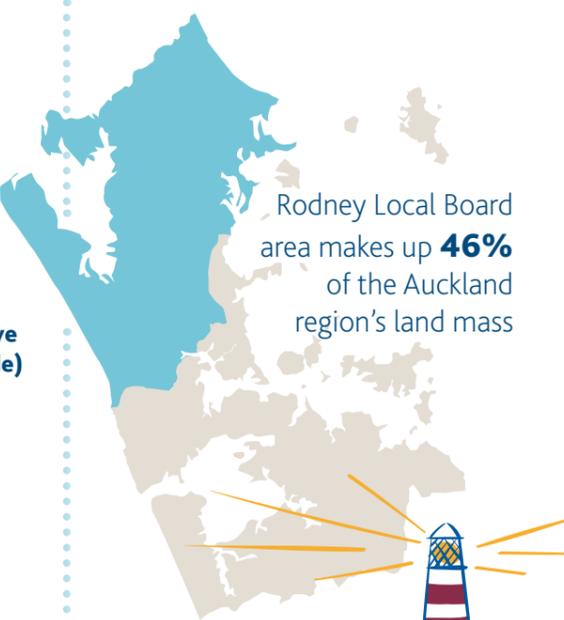
KEY TO CURRENT & PLANNED PROJECTS

-  Delivered projects
-  Current projects
-  Current playground renewals
-  Current track renewals

LEGEND

-  Local Board Subdivision Boundary
-  Public Open Space (Unitary Plan)
-  Motorway
-  Major Road
-  Arterial Road
-  Medium Road
-  Minor Road

Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2017), and Population Projections (2013-base).

Rodney Local Board area makes up **46%** of the Auckland region's land mass



Rodney has more than **1500km** of coastline

37 towns and villages



We are home to more than **200** local parks, **5** libraries, **23** council-owned community halls



Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

Our performance report

Local Community Services

We renewed seawalls at Algies Bay and Shelly Beach and completed building works at Kumeu Arts Centre, along with walkways, court renewals and toilets at Rautawhiri Park. We supported the Mahurangi Restoration Trust dredging works in Warkworth

(\$250,000), Helensville Arts Centre (\$20,000) and Kumeu Arts Centre (\$40,000). Bookings and use of our facilities rose after we introduced an onsite co-ordinator for our halls.

● 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%	91%	90%	92%	Respondents feel unsafe due to vehicle speeds being too high in town and village centres. There was also a perception that there is a lack of police patrolling the streets during the day.
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	●	▲	42%	56%	55%	42%	
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	●		50%	75%	New Measure	New Measure	Community-led practice was championed through activities such as Kawau Bay sun shelter, Wellsford Tea and Toast sessions, and establishment of the Wellsford Community Voice group.
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability	●		50%	68%	New Measure	New Measure	Community capacity and capability is being built through activities such as monthly steering group meetings of OWL (Old Wellsford Library), the Wellsford Community Voice group and community gathering space consultation sessions.
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	●		95%	100%	New Measure	New Measure	This target has been exceeded due to all programmes being community-led.
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	●		75%	76%	New Measure	New Measure	Respondents at the Helensville Christmas Parade enjoyed the atmosphere, the floats, and the number of children having fun. Areas for improvement included restricting car parking on the main street, more stalls and starting on time.
We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection							
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	●		88,949	158,603	New Measure	New Measure	We have seen an increase in the number of facilities we're partnering with, increasing the number of people taking part.
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●		64%	64%	New Measure	New Measure	There has been no change in the model of operation of these facilities compared to the previous 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)	●		230,000	215,408	New Measure	New Measure	As per the regional trend, the decline in internet sessions was mostly driven by a significant decline in WiFi sessions, which may reflect the availability of better and more affordable data plans. Helensville was the only library in this board where internet sessions increased (+10 per cent).
The number of visits to library facilities	●		380,000	400,072	New Measure	New Measure	Libraries are focusing on a new strategy to reverse falling visits for each library in this local board area.
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▲	85%	97%	96%	95%	The overall satisfaction rating of libraries in the Rodney Local Board is one of the highest in Auckland, and driven to a large extent by the great service delivered by staff and the range of activities, events and collection on offer.
We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often							
The percentage of park visitors who are satisfied with the overall quality of sportsfields	●		70%	76%	New Measure	New Measure	

Local Community Services measures cont'd over

Local Community Services cont'd

We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, and beaches							
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●		69%	63%	New Measure	New Measure	Rodney is experiencing large growth in its townships, particularly Riverhead, Kumeū, Huapai and Warkworth. The development and delivery of new reserves doesn't always match the growth in housing and could be a timing issue. There continues to be significant investment in parks facilities and services, including the acquisition of local parks in new growth areas. These may help to improve future satisfaction ratings.
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	▲	83%	74%	72%	83%	The council is rolling out a range of programmes that connect people to nature and activate our local parks that should also contribute to an increase in park visits in future.
We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture							
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	●		3.0%	12.5%	New Measure	New Measure	

Local Environmental Management

The major highlight is our Healthy Harbours Riparian Restoration Fund, with \$250,000 allocated by the board and \$99,030 from the water quality targeted rate. This fund helps landowners and community groups protect and restore the riparian margins of our

waterways. Approximately 9,432 metres of fencing has been put in place to date. We also supported the Small Building/Business Sites Ambassador programme and work related to the drainage districts programme.

● Achieved ● Substantially achieved ● Not achieved

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2019 Target	2019 Result	2018	2017	How did we perform
We manage Auckland's natural environment							
The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	●	▬	100%	100%	100%	100%	Three environmental projects were delivered successfully.

Local Planning and Development

We continued our support and engagement with North West Country Incorporated.

● Achieved ● Substantially achieved ● Not achieved

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2019 Target	2019 Result	2018	2017	How did we perform
We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland							
The percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) Partnership Programme obligations	●	▬	100%	100%	100%	100%	North West Country Incorporated has complied with its BID Policy obligations, which include submitting a strategic plan, annual financial accounts and annual business plans to Auckland Council.

He whakamārama mō ā mātou mahi whakahaere

Our performance explained

LOCAL TRANSPORT TARGETED RATE

The Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate was introduced in 2018/2019. It collected \$4.183 million in its first year and seen progress on the 10-year programme of work consulted on during the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan. The board met with Auckland Transport regularly throughout the year to progress planned projects for new bus routes and future park-and-ride facilities.

The targeted rate has delivered three new operational bus services and routes within the board area:

- Wellsford to Warkworth (998 bus) started 24 February 2019
- Helensville to Hibiscus Coast Station via Kaukapakapa and Waitoki (128 bus) started 24 February 2019
- Westgate to Albany, via Riverhead and Coatesville (126 bus) started 6 May 2019.

Investigation and design of park-and-ride facilities are underway including feasibility studies to determine locations for park-and-rides in Warkworth and Huapai/Kumeū.



Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

Better facilities for Helensville sports codes

A multi-million-dollar upgrade to Rautawhiri Park will enable more people to enjoy sport and recreation throughout the year.

Rautawhiri is the largest park in Helensville and home to many sports codes including rugby, league, netball, tennis and cricket. The upgrade aligns with the Rodney Local Board's commitment to develop and improve sports parks and hard courts. The improvements also benefit the area's growing population which includes a new housing development opposite the park.

The park now has new surfaces for netball and tennis courts, better drainage, new nets, hoops, fences and lights, and a practice wall.

A perimeter path will link the park's facilities, and provide a walking and exercising circuit. The path is being built in stages and after the first stage was completed, the local board hosted a community celebration in February.

Dean Clemas serves during a tennis tournament at Rautawhiri Park.



"We hope people enjoy the equipment and get fit and healthy."



Lions Club of Helensville member Chris Clark tries out the fitness trail at Rautawhiri Park.

The Lions Club of Helensville has donated several fitness stations which have been placed along the path. Club Fitness Trail project manager Scott Osmond says fundraising helped make the donation possible.

"We hope people enjoy the equipment and get fit and healthy. Families will be able to work out together on equipment designed for all ages, abilities and fitness levels."

The park's facilities have been developed over 20 years and include a community building, tennis and netball courts, football fields, a children's playground and extensive walkable parkland.

The board's focus is to invest in local communities and the park is an asset that people will enjoy for years to come.

Future plans include upgrading the toilets, changing rooms and several sports fields, investing in new park furniture and developing the rest of the perimeter path to complete the circuit around the park.

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		15,243	15,243	13,532
Targeted rates		180	181	178
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		5	5	12
Fees and charges		185	132	199
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		44	7	25
Total operating funding		15,657	15,568	13,946
Applications of operating funding:				
Payment to staff and suppliers	1	12,232	11,771	10,396
Finance costs		966	966	1,409
Internal charges and overheads applied		2,452	2,452	2,174
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		15,651	15,189	13,979
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		6	379	(32)
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions*		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt		9,931	9,675	6,411
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		9,931	9,675	6,411
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		707	746	371
- to improve the level of service		272	1,024	624
- to replace existing assets		8,959	8,284	5,384
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	2	9,937	10,054	6,379
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		(6)	(379)	32
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 Rodney included streetscaping services for trees and the repair and maintenance of the Huapai Recreation Reserve grounds.
- Capital expenditure was below plan due to the expenditure for local board discretionary projects being delivered later than planned. These projects, including town centre improvements in Helensville, Warkworth and Kumeū/Huapai, will be delivered in future years.
This is partially offset by the Algies Bay and Shelly Beach seawall renewal projects, which incurred slightly higher spend than planned.

Sources of funding from targeted rates in the Rodney Local Board area does not include the Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate. This is shown on page 74 of Volume 3 of the Auckland Council Annual Report 2018/2019.

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



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