

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

Waiheke

Local Board Annual Report 2018/2019



Mihi

Titiro ki te Pane o Horoiwi,
 ka whakapukepuke, ka whakatiketike ki waho rā.
 He kawau, he kawau, he kawau!
 He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna tōrea.
 He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna ki
 Te Waitematā.
 Ko koutou ēna e ngā mataawaka
 i rite ai te kōrero,
*Ngā waka o Taikehu me he kāhui kātaha
 kapi-tai, ka eke!
 Kua eke, hui e, tāiki e!*
 Te noho nei au i te kūrae i Takaparawhā,
 ka titiro whakawaho ki a koe Aotea
 e tū hiiwa mai rā i te pae o te moana o Hauraki.
 Ka hoki whakaroto ake aku mihi ki a Waiheke,
 ki a Rangitoto te pueanga mutunga
 a te moana.
 Kia ū mai anō au ki te one i Ōkahu,
 kia takahia e au te rārangi maunga i uta.
 Ki te tonga ko Maungarei,
 kei raro ko te Kōpua Kai a Hiku.
 Ka rere mā roto ki Puketāpapa,
 kia piki au ki Maungakiekie,
 Tūpō-o-te-tini.
 Ka whakamau taku haere
 mā te Ahikāroa a Rakataura kia taka atu au
 ki te Ara Whakapekapeka o Ruarangi.
 I konā ka aro tika atu au ki a koe e Maungawhau
 te tū whakahira tonu mai nā i te pū o te wheke,
 kua werohia nei e te Tūkoī o te Rangi,
 kia pokanoa au ki te pepeha
 a Tītahi,
*“Koia te pou whakairo ka tū ki Waitematā
 i ōku wairangitanga”,
 kia whakaotihia noa ai ki te kōrero rā,
 “Te pai me te whai rawa o Tāmaki.”*

Look to the sandbanks at Achilles Point,
 rising majestically out there.
 It is the visiting cormorant!
 It has alighted onto the beach of the oyster-catcher.
 A distinguished visitor has come to
 the Waitematā.
 It is you the descendants of the ancient voyagers,
 those who embody the axiom,
*The canoes of Taikehu, like shoals of herrings
 on the tide, you have arrived!
 The connections are made!*
 So here I sit on the headland at Bastion Point,
 and I look out to Great Barrier Island
 shimmering on the Hauraki Harbour.
 Returning my gaze to Waiheke
 and then to Rangitoto, the last gift
 from the sea.
 Once more I stand on the shore at Ōkahu,
 from where I can traverse the ancient peaks.
 To the south is Maungarei
 below which lies the Panmure Basin.
 Flying inland I come to Puketāpapa
 from where I scale Maungakiekie,
 resting place of many who have passed on.
 I follow then the pathway
 to Mt Albert down
 into Pt Chevalier.
 From there I return to Mt Eden,
 shining gem at the heart of the great city,
 lanced by the sky tower
 so that I might appropriate the prophecy
 of Tītahi who said.
*“A tower that will stand in the Waitematā -
 that is what I saw in my feverish dream,”
 and to end it with the maxim,
 “So flows the goodness and riches of Tāmaki”.*

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 Waiheke 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 Waiheke 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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Tawaipareira Reserve skate park

He kōrero mai i te heamana From the chairperson



On behalf of Waiheke Local Board, I am pleased to reflect on the local board's achievements as part of the 2018/2019 Auckland Council Annual Report.

We made sound progress on the vision and outcomes we all share for our environment and our community.

We made significant progress with the Waiheke Governance pilot which gives us greater say in local decision-making on matters such as transport and placemaking, and we continue to explore opportunities for local policy development.

The board approved stage one of the Matiatia Plan at its July 2018 meeting. A detailed stage two plan will be developed in 2020 and formally consulted on. Commercial leases have been transferred from Panuku to Community Facilities with opportunities for local placemaking. NZTA began its business case for the \$15 million Matiatia transport project.

Programmes involving community partnerships continued to be great successes. These included environmental restoration projects, locally managed facilities, and support for a Youth Hub at Surfdale Hall. The Tawaipareira skate park will be rebuilt soon, and the Little Oneroa Reserve playground will be refreshed following public consultation on the concept plan.

We approved the Waiheke Paths (Greenways) Plan and our Artworks facility had a major facelift. We will continue working closely with our art community to develop an arts strategy.

We continue to work towards ensuring tourism benefits the island without compromising our lifestyle or environment, and had some success with increased regional budgets to protect and enhance Waiheke.

We have some challenges with the quality of our fresh water and are working with Healthy Waters and the Plans and Places teams to understand the causes.

On behalf of my fellow local board members, I'd like to thank our communities for their involvement over the past year. Working together builds strong and resilient island communities and we are fortunate to have such an engaged, passionate community.

Cath Handley
Chairperson, Waiheke Local Board

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waiheke Waiheke Local Board



Your board

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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Waiheke projects and improvements

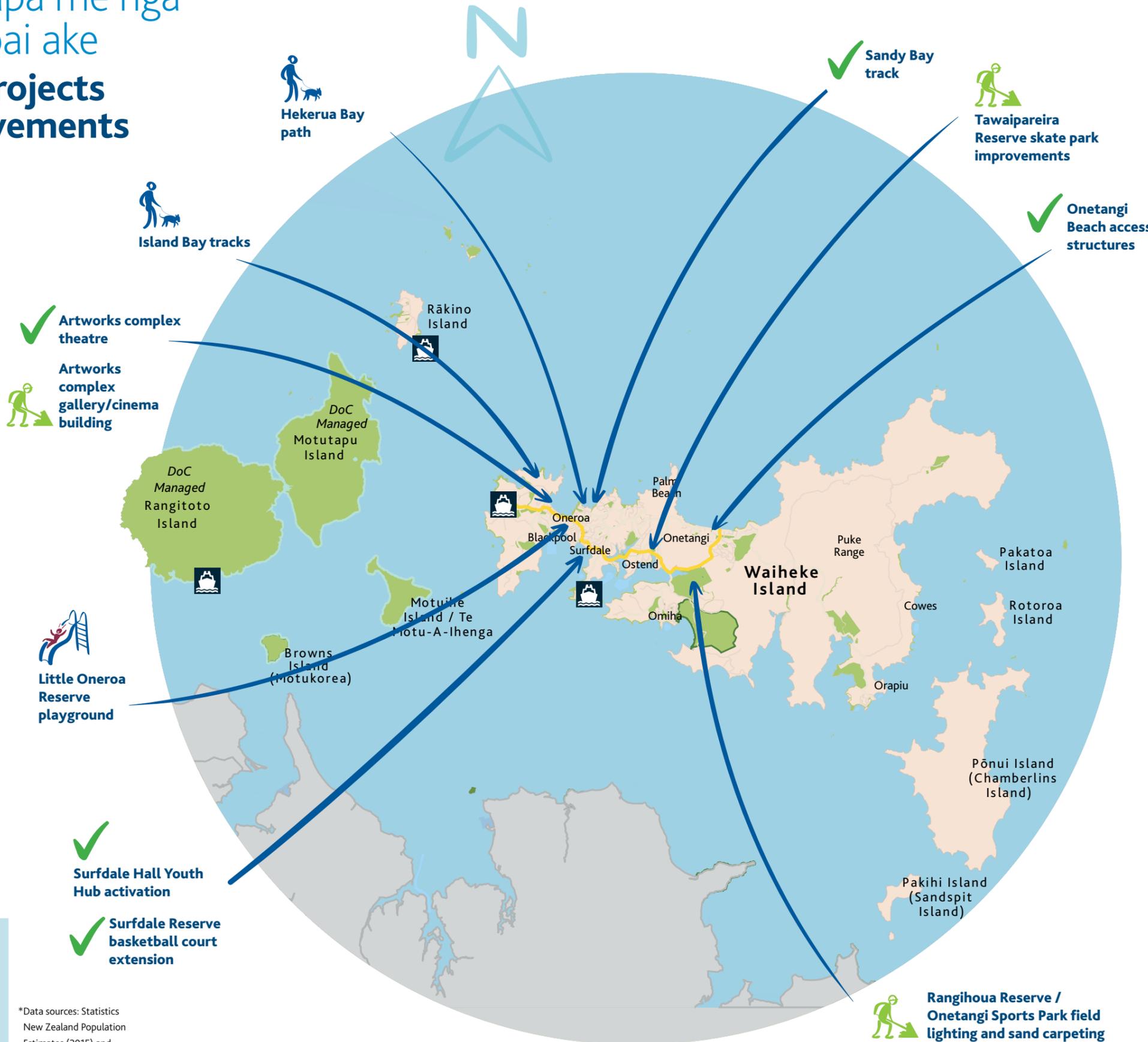
KEY TO CURRENT & PLANNED PROJECTS

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

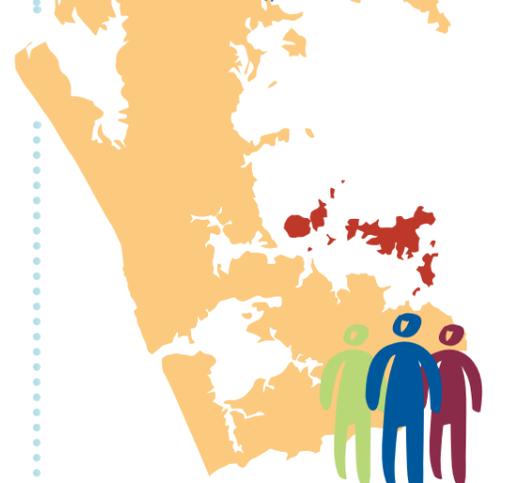
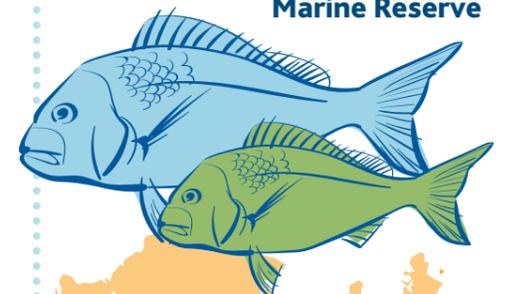
LEGEND

-  Public open space (Unitary Plan)
-  Arterial Road
-  Medium Road

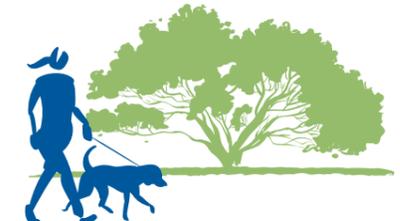
*Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2015) and 2013 Census.



Waiheke Island is **19km long** with a surface area of 92km² and 133km of coastline and is home to the **Te Matuku Marine Reserve**



A population of **9250*** an increase of 7% since 2013 census



We are home to **100** parks and reserves, the Te Ara Hura **100** kilometre round-island walking track and the Whakanewha Regional Park with **270** hectares of bush, forest, beach and wetlands

More than **1 million** people visit Waiheke each year



Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

Our performance report

Local Community Services

Highlights include adoption of the 2019-2021 Housing Strategy to provide direction and identify key initiatives to ensure Waiheke residents have access to safe, affordable and healthy housing. The board also worked with local group Project Forever Waiheke to produce a plan for sustainable tourism for Waiheke.

A feasibility study for a community swimming pool has been completed with options and locations to be investigated. The board supported conversion of the Surfdale Hall to a Youth Hub and provided funding for its activation.

● 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	●	▼	97%	92%	98%	97%	Safety on the island is not an issue. Most of the survey respondents from Waiheke had concerns over safety in Auckland's CBD and this is reflected in the results.
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	●	▲	81%	85%	84%	81%	
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%	95%	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 Ostend Market Working Group consultation workshop to identify community needs for Anzac Reserve and the Waitangi Day community event at Piritahi Marae.
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability	●		30%	68%	New Measure	New Measure	Our target was based on previous years' local board work programme activities. We exceeded target, as community capacity and capability are being built through activities such as E Tipu E Rea rangatahi mentoring project which supported 20 youth to develop artworks for the Matariki exhibition; and Many Voices Shape Waiheke youth planning hui.
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 number of attendees at council-led community events			1,100	Not Measured	New Measure	New Measure	No result is recorded for the year as the Waiheke Christmas event is now a community delivered event.
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	●		84,511	92,140	New Measure	New Measure	Waiheke Community Art Gallery had higher participants this year due to Perpetual Guardian Sculpture On The Gulf 2019.
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●		40%	60%	New Measure	New Measure	
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)	●		100,000	74,578	New Measure	New Measure	Our results were worse than the regional trend of decline. While mostly driven by a significant decline in WiFi sessions, which may reflect availability of better data plans, scaffolding around the building may also have contributed. For Aucklanders without data access, free library WiFi remains an important means of access to information and participation.
The number of visits to library facilities	●		170,000	158,208	New Measure	New Measure	Though we have not achieved our target, the Waiheke Library visit performance and trend are positive as the decline slowed down this year, unlike the regional trend. This is despite a few months of scaffolding around the building, which may have diverted customers away for a short while.
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▲	85%	96%	93%	87%	

Local Community Services measures cont'd over

Local Community Services cont'd

● Achieved ● Substantially achieved ● Not achieved

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2019 Target	2019 Result	2018	2017	How did we perform
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	●		63%	69%	New Measure	New Measure	A pleasing result in line with the community expectations. While the community has some expectations around specific sporting codes, in general the network is performing well.
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, and beaches							
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●		64%	70%	New Measure	New Measure	
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	▲	92%	92%	91%	92%	
We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture							
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	●		10.0%	33.5%	New Measure	New Measure	

Local Environmental Management

The board successfully delivered its environmental projects which included giant kōkopu protection at Awaawaroa wetland and Sustainable Schools Waiheke – marine education initiative. Our ecological assistance fund supported several community-led

projects, in addition to progress on ecological contract work focusing on weed control and plant releasing at Matiatia, Rangihoua, Little Oneroa, Te Toki and Te Matuku. The Te Korowai o Waiheke predator-free programme was established during the year.

● 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%	We successfully delivered all four environmental projects.

He whakamārama mō ā mātou mahi whakahaere

Our performance explained

LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Tawaipareira skate ramp renewal moved to design stage alongside a concept plan for improvements to the entire Tawaipareira Reserve. A concept plan to improve the Little Oneroa Reserve for the benefit of Waiheke residents and visitors was also drafted. We began developing a board-funded parks management plan to help the board manage use, develop and protect all local parks and reserves on the island. We also began developing a separate plan for Rangihoua Reserve/Onetangi Sports Park.

We remediated and renewed major walking tracks including the Sandy Bay, Kuakarau Bay, Musson, Trigg Hill and Newton tracks, and Waikare Reserve accessway.

Several initiatives have been progressed with funding from the board's Māori responsiveness budget in collaboration with Piritahi Marae and mana whenua.

The board also granted funding to activate the Artworks Courtyard over summer which increased day-to-day use. Two facilitated sessions were held with Waiheke arts organisations and practitioners to agree on direction for an arts community strategy for the island.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

In addition to ongoing community-led environmental restoration projects, the natural environment targeted rate is funding an increase in the ecological restoration budget in several Waiheke parks, enhanced pest plant and animal control in Whakanewha Regional Park, and increased rhamnus control across the island.

Project Little Oneroa continues to investigate water quality issues, including septic tank inspections, in the catchment. Investigations on the remaining catchments will begin soon under the regional water quality targeted rate programme.

The board adopted the Waiheke Water Plan during 2018/2019 to ensure emergency water supply is available if required.

Stormwater management plans were developed and work began on stormwater infrastructure on Moa Avenue, Tahī Road and Wilma Road. Initial planning is well underway for work on Trig Hill Road and Fourth Avenue. Stormwater plans will be produced for the rest of Waiheke by the end of 2019.

In line with the Tikapa-Moana Hauraki Gulf Islands Draft Waste Management Plan, we began procuring a new waste collection service and community resource recovery park.

LOCAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Stage one of the Matiatia Strategic Plan was developed and approved for consultation.

We began developing the Waiheke Area Plan which focuses on matters such as tourism and the character of Waiheke Island, and its villages, freshwater and coastal water quality, roading, wastewater, localised flooding, and the natural environment.

Heritage and archaeology, transport, cultural values, village growth and housing, local business and job opportunities, parks, and community facilities will also be addressed in the plan.

During this financial year the board adopted the Waiheke Paths (Greenways) Plan to provide infrastructure for walking and cycling. This further contributes to the 10-year transport plan.

OTHER INITIATIVES

We established a Transport Forum Committee with key stakeholders and Auckland Transport to improve community input into transport projects. Together, they've developed a 10-year plan identifying and prioritising transport projects including walking and cycling, starting in 2020. This includes a focus on public transport network improvements, ferry services, roading quality and linkages, and low carbon opportunities.

We reviewed our public transport network and improvements will be implemented shortly, including a roll-out of a new electric bus fleet and bus shelters with a local theme.

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

Big changes at the Artworks precinct



It has been a busy year of refurbishments and improvements for Artworks, Waiheke's performing arts hub. The Waiheke Local Board has funded extensive improvements including waterproofing, ventilation and new paintwork, and historic drainage issues have also been fixed.

The Artworks Gallery has new vinyl flooring and its foyer repainted. The façade, wooden entry ramp, decking and stairs have also been replaced.

At the cinema, both restrooms have been refurbished.

The Artworks Theatre has had all exterior walls waterproofed and new air conditioning and ventilation systems to control the temperature. A new fire escape will help open up the theatre for more seating and increased use of the upstairs room.

Artworks Theatre venue coordinator Kashmir Postel says the refurbishments are extremely important to the theatre.

"The generosity of Auckland Council with the current refurbishments is highly appreciated. Due to the popularity of the space, the third fire exit upstairs was necessary to ensure it is a safe space," he says.

Kashmir says the theatre is the hub for performing arts on Waiheke and it is the house of opportunities, learning, expression and joy. "The facility provides the community with a space to express their art and share it with an audience."

The theatre hosts about 18 onshore performing arts groups who use the space for rehearsals, music concerts, theatre plays, singing groups, dance shows and much more. The investment has opened up more opportunities for the space and improved on what can be offered.

Auckland Council purchased the site in 2003 to ensure arts and cultural activities continue on Waiheke.

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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		5,054	5,054	5,554
Targeted rates		0	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		1	1	4
Fees and charges		28	14	30
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		91	7	187
Total operating funding		5,174	5,076	5,775
Applications of operating funding:				
Payment to staff and suppliers	1	4,841	3,885	4,421
Finance costs		261	261	285
Internal charges and overheads applied		780	780	944
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		5,881	4,926	5,651
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		(707)	150	124
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions*		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt		2,623	2,583	1,511
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		2,623	2,583	1,511
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		86	0	150
- to improve the level of service		16	207	50
- to replace existing assets		1,815	2,526	1,435
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	2	1,917	2,733	1,635
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		707	(150)	(124)
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 Waiheke included streetscaping services for trees and ecological maintenance services for Onetangi Sports Park.
- Capital expenditure is below plan due to:
 - The budgeted remediation of a major slip on the Island Bay track, Oneroa is currently in the tendering phase and physical works have yet to commence.
 - Capital spend on the Little Oneroa reserve playground renewal has been delayed in part. The concept plan is complete, and is currently subject to public consultation; and
 - The Waiheke Paths (Greenways) Plan, which provides infrastructure for walking and cycling, has been adopted by the local board. The implementation of the plan will occur in future years.

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



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