

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waitākere Ranges
Te Rīpoata ā-Tau 2018/2019

Waitākere Ranges

Local Board Annual Report 2018/2019



Mihi

Noho mai rā Tāmaki Makaurau,
moana waipiata,
maunga kākārīki.
Mai i ngā wai kaukau o ngā tūpuna,
ki ngā puke kawē i ngā reo o te tini,
i puta ai te kī mōu.
Tū ana he maunga,
takoto ana he raorao,
heke ana he awaawa.
Ko ō wahapū te ataahua,
ō tāhuna te mahora,
te taiao e whītiki nei i a koe he taonga tuku iho.
Tiakina kia meinga tonu ai koe
ko 'te tāone taioreore nui o te ao,
manakohia e te iwi pūmanawa'.
Tāmaki Mākaurau tirohia te pae tawhiti
he whakairinga tūmanako
mō ngā uri whakaheke ō āpōpō,
te toka herenga mō te hunga ka takahi ake
mā ō tomokanga,
te piriti e whakawhiti ai
tō iwi ki ngā huarahi o te ora.
Tāmaki Mākaurau e toro whakamua,
hīkina te mānuka.
Tērā te rangi me te whenua te tūtaki.
Maranga me te rā, he mahi māu me tīmata,
ka nunumi ana ki te pō,
whakatārewahia ō moemoeā ki ngā whetū.
Ko te oranga mutunga mōu
kei tua i te taumata moana.
Tūwherahia ō ringa, kūmea mai ki tō uma.
Tāmaki Makaurau
he tāone ūmanga kurupounamu koe;
tukua tō rongō kia rere i te ao.

Tāmaki Makaurau
who bestrides shimmering seas,
and verdant mountains.
From the bathing waters of our forebears,
and hills that echo with voices
that acclaim.
Your mountains stand lofty,
your valleys spread from them
and your streams run freely.
Your harbours are majestic,
your beaches widespread,
the environment that surrounds you is a legacy.
Take care of it so that you will always be known
as 'the world-class city
where talent wants to be'.
Tāmaki Makaurau looking to the future,
repository of our hopes
for generations to come,
anchor stone for those who venture
through your gateway,
and the bridge that connects
your citizens to life.
Tāmaki Makaurau moving on,
accepting all challenges.
Where even heaven and earth might meet.
Rise with the sun as there is work to be done
and when evening comes,
allow your dreams to glide among the stars.
Perpetual health and growth
is beyond the horizon of cresting waves.
Open your arms and pull them to your embrace.
Tāmaki Makaurau, you are a city
where valued business and enterprise thrives;
let your good name traverse the world.

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 Waitākere Ranges 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 Waitākere Ranges 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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Ninepin Rock view to Awhitu Peninsula

He kōrero mai i te heamana From the chairperson



Kia ora koutou katoa.

We have a long-term vision to create a civic heart in Glen Eden town centre where people can enjoy spending time, relaxing, socialising or celebrating. This year we were excited to take a significant step towards this with the purchase of 202-208 West Coast Road for a future civic space.

In 2016, the board approved the Huia seawall renewal and extension project to reduce erosion on the Huia Domain and foreshore. This big project is nearing an end and we are pleased to see the difference it is making for local people and other lovers of Huia Domain.

In Sunvue Park in Glen Eden children have been enjoying a new mobile pump track inaugurated by the board in February. Kids, next stop is Les Waygood Park in Piha, later this year.

We've been told 714 properties are now involved in the *Our Backyard Waitākere* project to reduce the density of climbing asparagus on private property. This project involves direct engagement and surveys with results and information fed back to landowners, control of the weeds including follow-up visits and community feedback.

We had 1,800 people watch *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* in Duck Park in February. We also funded a variety of community projects and events that draw people in and to our area – the Going West Writers Festival, Waitangi@Waititi, Neighbours Day gatherings and Kids Day at Arataki Visitors Centre. Locals enjoyed listening to local musicians outside Glen Eden Library on Saturday nights through summer – watch out for them again next year.

Ngā mihi

Greg Presland

Chairperson, Waitākere Ranges Local Board

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waitākere Waitākere Ranges Local Board



Your board

(L to R): Ken Turner, Sandra Coney QSO, Neil Henderson, Greg Presland (Chairperson), Steve Tollestrup, Saffron Toms (Deputy Chairperson)



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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Waitākere Ranges projects and improvements

KEY TO CURRENT & PLANNED PROJECTS

-  Delivered projects
-  Current projects

LEGEND

-  Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area
-  Public open space (Unitary Plan)
-  Motorway
-  Major Road
-  Arterial Road
-  Medium Road
-  Minor Road

Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Projections (2013-base) and 2013 Census.



 Sunvue Park Modular pump track installed

 Harold Moody Park sportsfield resurfaced

 202-208 West Coast Road bought for future lane development

 Waitakere Weed Action Project

 Huia Domain retaining wall renewal

 Big Blue Waitākere report

 Glen Eden Beats and Eats

We are home to:

- the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area – the only part of mainland Auckland to have its own legislation
- five local area plans (containing policies and actions to implement the long-term vision for the area)
- more than 200 local parks and sports fields, from tiny pocket parks to Parris Park in Oratia, winner of two international Green Flag quality marks for parks and green spaces
- two council libraries (Titirangi and Glen Eden), and a volunteer library in Piha and Waiatarua
- the long-tailed bat and grey-faced petrel



Waitakere Ranges has nearly **40%** of all native vegetation in the Auckland Region and is home to eight types of threatened native plants



Waitākere Ranges is home to Waikumete Cemetery – the largest cemetery in New Zealand with more than **90,000** graves



Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

Our performance report

Local Community Services

Highlights include the purchase of 202-208 West Coast Road for future laneway development, resurfacing of Harold Moody Park sports fields and the Kauri Karnival which drew 1,000 people for the free family day. We renewed the Huia Domain retaining wall and launched Waitākere ki Tua, our action plan in response to local Māori aspirations. Glen Eden Beats and Eats summer events

saw people having a meal outside the Glen Eden Library with performances by local musicians. Attendance grew over the four weeks, with positive feedback from audiences and artists.

● 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	●	↔	76%	79%	79%	76%	
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	●	▲	26%	30%	28%	26%	
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%	83%	New Measure	New Measure	We exceeded target, as the community-led practice is championed through activities such as Glen Eden town centre development including community play area, youth providers' network forum events and network events/open-door sessions.
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability	●		30%	90%	New Measure	New Measure	We exceeded target as community capacity and capability are being built through activities such as training sessions for NGOs and community groups and Welcome to Auckland workshops for new migrants.
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	●		2,100	2,800	New Measure	New Measure	While the overall result was ahead of target, the Kauri Karnival recorded a lower attendance than target while the Movies in Parks event recorded a higher attendance level.
The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event	●		70%	83%	New Measure	New Measure	The Kauri Karnival exceeded expectations thanks to its location at Parris Park, ease of access and parking, and a safe and well organised environment.
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	●		300,849	297,953	New Measure	New Measure	We didn't meet target and maintenance work at Titirangi War Memorial Hall may have been enough to affect the result.
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●		86%	86%	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)	●		140,000	116,647	New Measure	New Measure	While our decline in internet sessions was worse than regional results, we only have two council-run libraries with many communities at considerable distance from them. The significant decline in WIFI sessions may reflect more affordable data plans, although volumes increased later in the year. Libraries remain an important access point for Aucklanders without data access.
The number of visits to library facilities	●		270,000	309,910	New Measure	New Measure	We exceeded target, which was a real credit to our library team. The shift from a previous decline to an increase this year was mostly driven by refurbishment disruption at Titirangi Library in 2017 and successful programming across the board.
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▲	85%	96%	90%	90%	Customer satisfaction with overall library service delivery is well above target at 96 per cent. This is a very strong performance given it improved on previous years' excellent results. Factors such as programmes and events run by the libraries, satisfaction with the library environment and customer service were key in achieving this result.

Local Community Services measures cont'd over

Local Community Services cont'd

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	●		73%	81%	New Measure	New Measure	While we have enough sports capacity by way of fields, we have a significant shortfall in lights, and we'll investigate options for more lighting.
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, and beaches							
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●		73%	70%	New Measure	New Measure	Residents' satisfaction with local parks and reserves remains below target. We don't expect this to result in any negative impact on services. Investment in parks facilities and services continues to be significant, including the acquisition of local parks in new growth areas which may help improve future satisfaction ratings.
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	▼	86%	79%	84%	86%	While we didn't meet target, our residents still value our parks. The council is rolling out a programme to connect people to nature and activate our local parks and these may increase 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	●		8.0%	26.5%	New Measure	New Measure	

Local Environmental Management

Highlights includes continuation of the Waitākere Weed Action project working with the communities at Piha, Karekare and Huia to reduce the density of climbing asparagus on private property and completion of the seabird and shorebird surveys in partnership with community groups.

● 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	●	▼	90.0%	85.7%	93.3%	100.0%	We successfully delivered 12 of 14 environmental projects. Problems with contractor capacity means engagement as part of the Our Backyard project was not done in quarter four and will be carried over into the new financial year.

Local Planning and Development

Highlights include the launch of the Glen Eden Investment attraction plan to promote Glen Eden as an attractive and welcoming town centre.

● 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%	The Glen Eden Village Business Association 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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

We showcase Auckland’s Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture: the percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations

Waitākere ki tua/Waitākere going forward is an action plan developed in response to the aspirations of west Auckland Māori. The plan, adopted by Waitākere Ranges, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, builds on two key reports – Toitū Waitākere report 2017 and the West Auckland Mataawaka Report from 2014 – and responds to council and boards’ obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. A key new proposal is the establishment of a three-year, local community-based Māori broker project. This role would look to strengthen connections and capacity across west Auckland Māori communities, as well as fostering the relationship between west Auckland Māori communities and individuals and Auckland Council at elected member governance and staff operational levels.

Percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks

Waikumete Cemetery and Parrs Park have won the prestigious Green Flag Award for the fourth time and is well deserved, says Waitākere Ranges Local Board. The parks are two of 10 winners across Auckland to receive the award – an international quality mark for parks and green spaces. Both parks won in 2014, 2016 and 2017 (the scheme did not operate here in 2015), while Waikumete cemetery was the first in the Southern Hemisphere to win the award.

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

Volunteer group tackling pest problems in the ranges

Award-winning volunteer organisation South Titirangi Neighbourhood Network (STNN) is making a real difference controlling pests and predators in Titirangi.

STNN has been funded by the Waitākere Ranges Local Board and has around 300 households in south Titirangi involved in a large predator control programme.

Formed around three years ago, STNN came together to help improve the wellbeing of people and nature across south Titirangi by tackling pests and weeds. It won the 2018 EcoMatters Rātā Award for an “outstanding volunteer group or organisation taking action on a local environmental issue” along the way.

“Animal pests and invasive weeds are a huge threat to our ecology. Auckland is described as the weediest city in the world, and south Titirangi one of its weediest suburbs, so it is a challenge,” says Vicki Sargisson, one of STNN’s nine neighbourhood co-ordinators.

“We are very much neighborhood-led. It’s about neighbours doing only what they want to, and networking makes it effective. It quickly becomes more than weed and pest control. Caring for our environment and each other creates good neighbourhoods,” she says.

Thirty per cent of the households in the area are helping reverse the ecological decline, mainly through pest control, and numbers are continuing to rise.

“We will be making a real difference when we have over 60 per cent of households engaged,” says Vicki. And the support from the Waitākere Ranges Local Board has been invaluable.

“Since forming, we have run 20 events, with approximately 2,695 volunteer hours removing 5,200 kilos of weeds and over 6,300 pests such as rats, stoats, possums and others,” she says.

“We are already seeing great results, especially among our bird population. Kaka sightings are up and fantail numbers have increased. As well as recent sightings of tomtits, we are looking after grey-faced petrels nesting.”



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Members of the South Titirangi Neighbourhood Network tackling pests and weeds across South Titirangi.

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		10,890	10,890	9,710
Targeted rates		96	167	92
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		7	6	10
Fees and charges		114	78	86
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		336	343	57
Total operating funding		11,444	11,484	9,956
Applications of operating funding:				
Payment to staff and suppliers		9,580	9,396	7,958
Finance costs		307	307	599
Internal charges and overheads applied		1,764	1,764	1,386
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		11,651	11,467	9,944
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		(207)	17	12
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		154	0	0
Development and financial contributions*		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	1	5,987	3,059	2,434
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		6,142	3,059	2,434
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		1	36	0
- to improve the level of service		3,896	608	5
- to replace existing assets		2,037	2,431	2,442
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	2	5,935	3,076	2,447
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		207	(17)	(12)
Funding balance		0	0	0

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

1. The increase in debt is above plan due to higher than anticipated capital expenditure, resulting in an additional requirement for debt funding.
2. Capital expenditure is above plan due to the upfront purchase of land for the revitalisation of Glen Eden town centre.



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