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Waiheke Local Board

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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 hihiwa 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 Whakapekepeka 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 Tūkoi o te Rangī,
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.”

On the cover: Waiheke Island.

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 2019 to 30 June 2020.

You can read about our progress, expenditure, service performance and challenges faced in 2019/2020. 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 2019/2020.

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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Waiheke Island.

He kōrero mai i te heamana From the chairperson

Kia ora koutou,

The past year has been a remarkable one for us all. I wish to acknowledge the impacts of COVID-19 on our community – both negative and positive – and in particular to those whose employment, livelihood and/or businesses have been lost or comprised. For those for whom lockdown was a period of renewal and inspiration, I tautoko your spirit. Our community responded to need at a local level which was inspiring

For the Waiheke Local Board, support for the rebuilding of a diversified and robust economy will need to be a focus over the next few years, as will support for our community to improve our resiliency, protect our environment and to help us build our very best future together.

Following the election in October, the new board got straight into reviewing work programmes, forward planning and seeking input into the 2020 Local Board Plan. We started community engagement for that in February before COVID-19 interrupted the process.

Because of the lockdown and subsequent rebuild, this Annual Report is somewhat light in terms of delivery of some programmes. However, in terms of delivering on our 2019/2020 Local Board Agreement, we have made good progress on most key projects. Construction of an improved skate park at Tawaipareira Reserve will soon be underway, development of a swimming pool is looking likely, and management plans for our local parks have been drafted.

There have been some major repair and maintenance works on our tracks and pathways and some much-needed painting and repairs of our facilities have been carried out.

Regional funding has enabled Healthy Waters to finalise plans and to commence much-needed flood mitigation and stormwater projects for Tahi Road and Fourth Avenue, and to finalise the plans and consents for Moa and Wilma Roads.



Approval of the Waiheke 10-year Transport Plan by Auckland Transport’s board following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, which includes a commitment to becoming carbon neutral and the appointment of a new Transport Operations Manager, were positive outcomes as a result of the Waiheke Governance Pilot, as was commencement of discussions with ATEED and the Waiheke Transport Forum to co-design a sustainable tourism economy with the community’s involvement.

The Harbourmaster building at Mātiatia is now tenanted and improvements continue on the redevelopment of the carpark. A business case for the NZTA is underway for the wider \$15 million Mātiatia transport project.

Programmes involving community partnerships continue to be great successes. These included environmental restoration projects, locally managed facilities, and the Youth Hub at Surfdale Hall.

On behalf of my fellow local board members, I’d like to thank our community for their involvement over the past year. 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

(L to R) Kylee Matthews, Bob Upchurch (Deputy Chairperson), Cath Handley (Chairperson), Paul Walden, Robin Tucker.



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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Waiheke projects and improvements

KEY TO CURRENT AND PLANNED PROJECTS



Delivered projects



Current projects

LEGEND



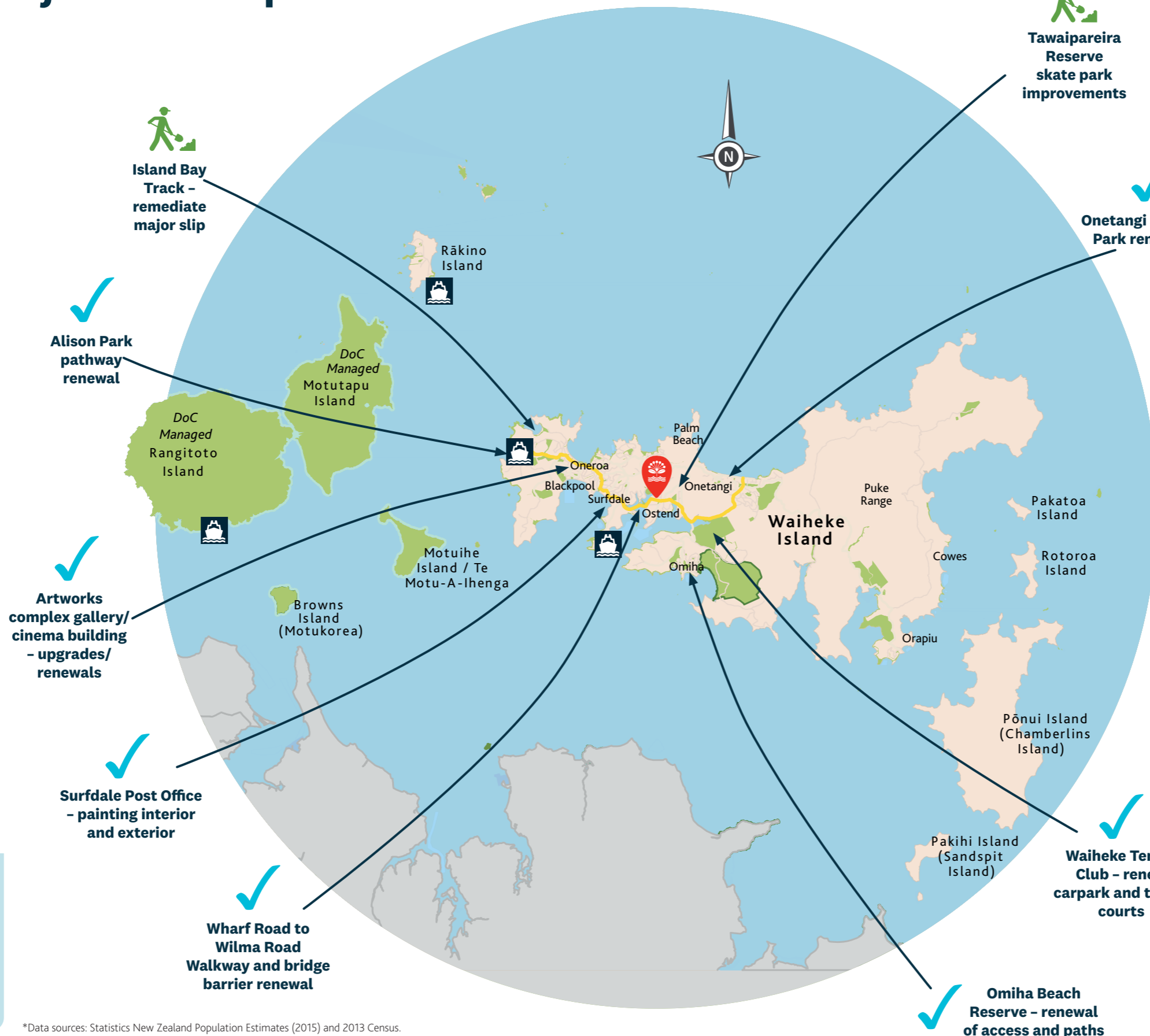
Local board office



Public open space (Unitary Plan)

Arterial road

Medium road



Island Bay Track - remediate major slip



Alison Park pathway renewal



Artworks complex gallery/cinema building - upgrades/renewals



Surfdale Post Office - painting interior and exterior



Wharf Road to Wilma Road Walkway and bridge barrier renewal



Tawaipareira Reserve skate park improvements



Onetangi Sports Park renewal

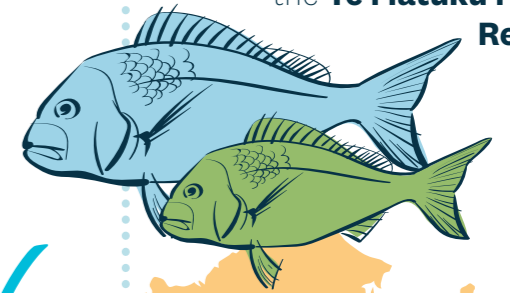


Waiheke Tennis Club - renew carpark and tennis courts

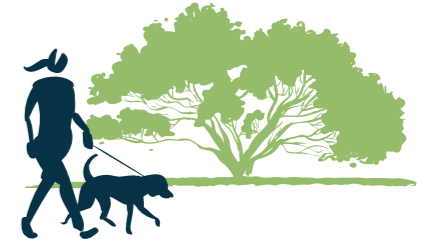


Omiha Beach Reserve - renewal of access and paths

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 **9,063** projected with 16% of residents under 15 and 21% over 65



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



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

Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

Our performance report

● **Achieved**
Target has been met or exceeded

● **Substantially achieved**
Target has not been met by a slim margin (+/-2%)

● **Not achieved**
Target not achieved

▲ **Progress made**
Result improved from prior-year result

— **No change**
No change from prior-year result

▼ **No improvements**
Not improved from prior-year result

* **Impacted by COVID-19**
Measures favourably / unfavourably impacted by COVID-19

Local Community Services

Highlights include completion of the Waiheke Island Community Pool Feasibility Study and the Waiheke community pool survey. Based on these the board has provided funding to the Waiheke Community Pool Society to support community-led redevelopment of the existing Te Huruhi School swimming pool as a community pool. The board funded an island-wide delivery of the Gulf News, providing information to the community about the island's COVID-19 essential services and response. The board also funded the Waiheke Health Trust to support capacity building for the Housing Quality Project. The board in response to the COVID-19 crisis has provided funding to the Waiheke Tourism Forum to support the Waiheke Island Tourism Campaign. Concept plans for Tawaipareira Reserve and Little Oneroa Reserve were endorsed and a Local Park Management Plan for reserves on Waiheke is progressing well. Stage one of the Mātiatia Plan was approved and a business case for NZTA funding is underway for the wider \$15 million Mātiatia transport project.

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2020 Target	2020 Result	2019	2018	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%	100%	92%	98%	
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	●	▲	81%	88%	85%	84%	
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	●	▼	40%	93%	95%	New Measure	Collaboration between communities and Council has ranged from community-led housing initiatives - working with Piritahi Marae, enabling increased activation of facilities through the Youth Hub initiative, and neighbourhood level resilience responses during COVID-19.
The percentage of Empowered Communities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goal	●	▼	35%	36%	68%	New Measure	Many of the Empowered Community activities in Waiheke engages community organisations and networks, providing them with support to develop their own capacity to achieve their goals. Although we met the target for the current year, an improved method of data collection and the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of some of the activities, led to a drop in results compared to 2018/2019.
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%	100%	New Measure	All programmes are community-led.
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	●	▼	85,397	70,275*	92,140	New Measure	Community venues were closed due to COVID-19 from 23 March through to 18 May. A staggered opening approach was implemented with reduced capacities until Alert Level 1.
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●	—	60%	60%	60%	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 Wi-Fi networks)	●	▼	100,000	51,969*	74,578	New Measure	PC and Wi-Fi sessions are in continuous decline, libraries closure for about 9-11 weeks in response to the COVID-19 has further impacted the trend.
The number of visits to library facilities	●	▼	180,000	128,875*	158,208	New Measure	The result is most likely related to very ambitious targets being set: while visits were increasing early in the financial year, the library was still under target. COVID-19 has impacted the underperformance further.
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▲	85%	98%	96%	93%	The high level of overall satisfaction has been driven to a large extent by the great service delivered by staff. The satisfaction is one of the highest in Auckland.

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 ¹	●	▲	63%	91%	69%	New Measure	
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, and beaches							
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks ¹	●	▲	64%	76%	70%	New Measure	
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	▼	92%	90%	92%	91%	While just short of the target, this shows the importance Aucklanders place on local parks. We are rolling out Connect with Nature programmes to connect Aucklanders to nature and activate our local parks.
We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture							
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	●	▼	11.0%	17.8%	33.5%	New Measure	

1. The target has been exceeded as a result of the initial targets being set with limited baseline data. Targets will be reviewed as part of the 10-year Budget 2021-2031, using the historical results as a realistic baseline.

Local Environmental Management

The board continued to fund and support environmental initiatives such as giant kōkōpu protection at Awaawaroa Wetland Reserve and Sustainable Schools Waiheke – marine education initiative. The board continued funding Project Little Oneroa, which supports restoration of the Little Oneroa Stream and neighbouring water catchments. In addition, our ecological assistance fund supported several community-led projects.

Regionally funded projects, such as stormwater mitigation at numerous sites and capping of the Tawaipareira landfill, commenced. Environmental programmes such as Love our Wetlands continue to be a success and pest management volunteers are seeing good results.

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2020 Target	2020 Result	2019	2018	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%	All four environmental projects were delivered for Waiheke in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Local Planning and Development

The board approved the Waiheke 10-year Transport Plan, which will help guide future focus and investment in the roading corridor. Work on the Waiheke Area Plan also commenced. This is a 30-year vision to help shape the future of Waiheke Island and inner Gulf islands.

He whakamārama mō ā mātou mahi whakahaere

Our performance explained

Local community services

The Waiheke local board supports and funds capacity building programmes such as community and social economic development, community-led housing initiatives and Youth Voice. Through these programmes the local board facilitates local community economic development, through social enterprise and entrepreneurship and youth development. The housing programme responds to the Waiheke Local Board Housing Strategy 2018, incorporating the principles of 'Essentially Waiheke'. These programmes were progressing well until COVID-19 and will continue in 2020/2021.

During the year board funded the Waiheke Community Art Gallery for E Tipu E Rea rangatahi mentoring project, through which 15 rangatahi were recruited and the Matariki Exhibition was to be held in July 2020. The local board held a hui with Pirihahi Marae Komiti to better understand the marae's strategic goals and future aspirations.

Local environmental management

Ecological programmes funded by the board involved community in controlling pests across the island. More bait stations and higher Ratbusters contracts were delivered during the year. Although volunteer activities in Waiheke Local Parks were very severely reduced due to COVID-19 restrictions, animal pest control and ongoing restoration work re-commenced at the usual sites after restrictions were lifted. The Awaawaroa wetland management continued to get support and funding from the local board to manage and restore the Awaawaroa wetland and protect the only known breeding site of the nationally threatened giant kōkopu on Waiheke. Local landowners were

involved in baiting on private properties and the Eco Village residents were involved in rodent control and restoration planting. Results from tracking show effective control of rodent numbers in the spawning areas.

At a regional level, development of a Waiheke Community Resource Recovery Park is about to commence. There was good progress on flood mitigation and stormwater management however due to the impacts of COVID-19 many of these projects will be delayed.

Local planning and development

A draft Onetangi Beach service assessment has been developed to guide management and development such as reducing erosion along the coastal edge. This will be consulted on in 2020/2021. An island wide Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan has been developed to assist the Waiheke Local Board in managing use, development and protection of parks and reserves. Another plan specific to the Rangihoua Reserve and Onetangi Sports Park is also being developed.

Concept plans for Tawaipareira and Little Oneroa Reserves have been approved and implementation will commence over 2020/2021. Stage two of the Mātiatia planning project is underway and a business case is being developed with the support of Auckland Transport and Direction Mātiatia Incorporated.

The signing of an Auckland Transport Memorandum of Understanding has strengthened the partnership between Auckland Transport and the local board. Development of the Waiheke 10-year Transport Plan has been a key outcome from this agreement.

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe Local flavour

Rangatahi and kaiārahi in creative unison

Students and mentors became contemporaries this year with an exhibition of works at Waiheke Community Art Gallery: Te Whare Taonga by those involved in the E Tipu E Rea project.

This was the culmination of the kauapa Māori mentoring project started three years ago, that sees local rangatahi (students) paired and up with and mentored by established Māori artists to develop their skills, confidence and cultural identity.

The students and their kaiārahi (mentors) were part of the annual Matariki exhibition at the gallery.

E Tipu E Rea reached a milestone in 2020 where rangatahi exhibited alongside their kaiārahi (mentors) in the annual Matariki exhibition at Waiheke Community Art Gallery: Te Whare Taonga.

Artists Anton Forde, Jeanine Clarkin and George Kahi have been leading the project in collaboration with Waiheke Community Art Gallery: Te Whare Taonga and Waiheke High School. For the last 10 years, the trio have developed and curated the Matariki exhibition at the gallery.

Fashion designer Jeanine Clarkin, who's well-known for her high-end blanket garments, says the project's kaupapa is 'Mā te tuakana te teina e tōtika, Mā te teina te tuakana e tōtika' or 'The older will lead the younger and the younger will lead the older.'

"In the weeks leading up to Matariki, our artist mentors support the rangatahi to develop their own unique artworks for the exhibition.

"They provide advice and guidance through an initial group hui, one-on-one mentoring sessions, noho (overnight stay) at Pirihahi Marae, and visits to Connells Bay Sculpture Park and Auckland Art Gallery: Toi o Tāmaki to learn about the works of contemporary Māori artists."

However, Jeanine says that during the project, learning and teaching goes both ways, with rangatahi often inspiring their mentors with fresh ideas and a new take on artistic expression, making the project mutually beneficial.

E Tipu E Rea is supported by the Waiheke Local Board which approved funding for it to run for a third year.



From left, Sylvia Nelson, Jess Puawai, Elizabeth Allen, Jackie Rhind, George Kahi, Harey Wade, Jeanine Clarkin, Jane Rippingale, Safari Gateja, Coco Blee and Keira Gateja. (Photo Kim Wesney)

Te tahua pūtea

Funding impact statement

For the year ended 30 June 2020

\$000s	Notes	Actual 2019/2020	Annual Plan 2019/2020	Annual Plan 2018/2019**
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		5,204	5,204	5,054
Targeted rates		0	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		1	1	1
Fees and charges		33	9	14
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		56	7	7
Total operating funding		5,294	5,221	5,076
Applications of operating funding:				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	4,860	3,947	3,885
Finance costs		386	386	261
Internal charges and overheads applied		729	729	780
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		5,974	5,062	4,926
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		(681)	159	150
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt		1,808	1,729	2,583
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		1,808	1,729	2,583
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
• to meet additional demand		179	0	0
• to improve the level of service		126	37	207
• to replace existing assets		822	1,851	2,526
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	2	1,127	1,888	2,733
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		681	(159)	(150)
Funding balance		0	0	(0)

Variance explanation Actual 2019/2020 to Annual Plan 2019/2020

- Supplier payments were above plan due to higher than anticipated maintenance expenditure on local facilities and reserves. Areas of significant spend were streetscaping services and the maintenance of Rangihoua Reserve and Onetangi Sports Park.
- Capital expenditure was below plan due to deferral of non-essential projects in response to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



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