

Te Rīpoata ā-Tau 2017/2018
Te Poari ā-Rohe o Aotea Great Barrier

Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Annual Report 2017/2018



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*

*Mihi generously gifted for use by Nicola MacDonald,
Chair of the Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust*



Looking out to the Hauraki Gulf

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On the cover: At the beach

Ngā kawekawenga

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 2017 to 30 June 2018.

You can read about our progress, expenditure, service performance and challenges faced in 2017/2018. It's part of the wider annual reporting package for the Auckland Council Group and fulfills the council's obligations to report performance under the Local Government Act 2002. It reports against the 2015-2025 Long-term Plan, Annual Plan 2017/2018 and Great Barrier Local Board Agreement 2017/2018.

The report goes beyond this requirement. It also reflects the local flavour of your area. It does this by profiling the make-up of your area – population, people and council facilities. It also features a story about something that council has done with the community that adds special value to the area and demonstrates how

together we're Auckland.



Windy Canyon lookout

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the chairperson



On behalf of the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board, I am pleased to reflect on our achievements for 2017/2018. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish for our community with your support.

We made operational grants exceeding \$150,000 and capital grants over \$250,000 this financial year. We are pleased to have funded a wide array of community groups, events and projects. Our community groups do a great job of making the most of this limited funding.

We supported the continuation of the Dark Skies sanctuary programme and will keep working with Destination GBI to make this programme self-sustainable.

We said we wanted to enhance, protect and maintain our natural environment, so we'll continue to fund a biodiversity/biosecurity officer, pest control initiatives, water quality programmes and other environmental projects. We'll continue to work with council staff to identify areas where we could use the new water quality and natural environment targeted rates locally.

We successfully advocated for the continuation of our capital grants programme and will continue to advocate for budgets to support small local improvements projects.

This year, the council reviewed the long-term plan. We focused on advocating for an upgrade of the service

centre and local board office with an alternative energy system and electric vehicle chargers. We'll advocate for advancing off the grid, alternative energy and sustainability initiatives. We gained exemption from the region-wide fuel tax.

After extensive consultation with our community, we adopted our local board plan to guide our funding priorities for the next three years. In listening to you, we are focusing on our people, environment, infrastructure, and economy.

Thank-you to the many community groups, local businesses and Auckland Council staff who've worked tirelessly with us to achieve these outcomes. We look forward to this continuing as we embark on our new local board plan priorities for 2018/19.

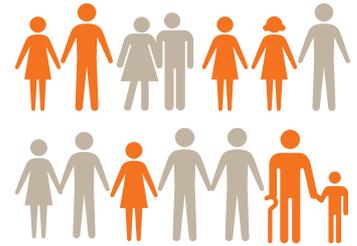
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Izzy Fordham'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Izzy Fordham

Chairperson, Aotea Great Barrier Local Board



939
permanent residents



55%

of residents are aged
50 years and over

Nearly

60%



of the island makes up the
Department of Conservation's
Aotea Conservation Park

No reticulated
water, sewage,
power or public
transport



One of

3

places in the world to be
designated a sanctuary by the
International Dark-Sky Association



Te mahere ā-rohe O Aotea Great Barrier Local Board 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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Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour



Learning bush-craft skills

Nowadays Blue Light is a stand-alone charity working with Police to provide youth programmes that go beyond discos, and Roger Bright and his Department of Conservation colleague Geoff Woodhouse deliver them on the motu.

Supported by the board, the Blue Light Ventures team runs the annual Aotea Great Barrier Island Kids Hunter National Training Scheme course, which aligns to the board's ethos – and the island's – of resilience, self-sufficiency, and respect for the environment.

It's designed to give 11-14-year-olds bush-craft survival skills, firearms and safe hunting lessons, and to provide motivation for youngsters both as individuals and as part of a team. There is also a focus on timeliness, personal responsibility and hygiene, safety around aircraft, cooking and self-sufficiency, and environmental care.

The board allocated \$2245 to the 2018 course, something chair Izzy Fordham says is an investment in the island's young people. "The feedback we get is that it's a pity more can't go on it."

The course is limited to six, with young people being taken into an outdoor environment – where, as they find out – safety can't be compromised.

One participant told the board she had always wanted

to go. "It was the greatest course. I made some priceless memories I will treasure forever. I know it would not have been possible without the board's support."

“That knowledge can be applied in the rest of the world as this generation grows up.”

In its funding application, Blue Light Ventures said learning about environmental care taught the kids about sustainability, something they could apply on and off the island.

"That knowledge can be applied in the rest of the world as this generation grows up."

Te pūrongo mō ngā mahi whakahaere

Performance report

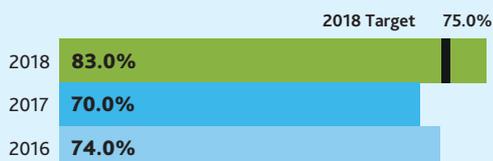
Local parks, sport and recreation

Highlights include:

- restoration of the stone wall and renewal of the playspace at Mulberry Grove
- interpretive signage was constructed at various sites across the island.

Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches

Percentage of residents satisfied with the provision (quality, location and distribution) of local parks and reserves



Recently completed projects that may contribute to lifting future satisfaction include; Completion of five year upgrade of Harataonga Track to walking and mountain biking standard; Opening of Station Rock Road walking track – 3.5km; Mulberry Grove reserve improvements; New interpretive signage at historic sites around the island; New path at Okupu Reserve; and refurbishment of the wharf shed at Whangaparapara.

Percentage of residents who visited a local park or reserve in the last 12 months



We will promote our parks and facilities to help visits by islanders. We've identified potential development and improvement options to improve connectivity across the network. Activation programmes such as guided walks and volunteer activities could increase visitor numbers.

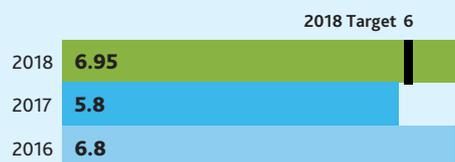
Local community services

Highlights include:

- funding community development initiatives across the island to increase opportunities for community groups to develop and build capacity
- significant investment into local community groups through our grants funding
- local libraries continue as thriving community hubs providing free Wi-Fi, programmes and space for people to connect and upskill.

Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities

Use of libraries as digital community hubs: Number of internet sessions per capita (PC & Wi-Fi)



Aotea Great Barrier's low population makes the per capita calculation very volatile, as a small change in sessions can lead to significant changes in per capita numbers. This volatility makes precision for targets difficult.

Number of visits to library facilities per capita

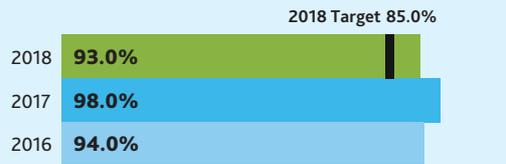


The target was set to reflect the decline in traditional library business and the shift to customers accessing library services digitally. However, increased use of libraries as social and digital hubs has resulted in higher-than-expected library visits.

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Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery



The small sample size is due to small resident population, so there is a much higher chance the survey result is over- or under-estimated. The results should be considered as indicative only.

Percentage of customers satisfied with the library environment



Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer-centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting

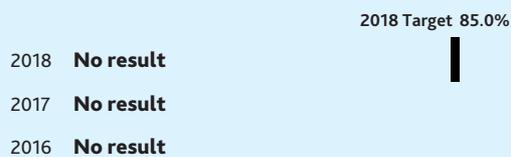
Percentage of funding/grant applicants satisfied with information, assistance and advice provided



Overall the local boards have improved by 5%. Further improvements continue to be made to the website and application form over the next year.

Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities

Percentage of attendees satisfied with council delivered and funded local events



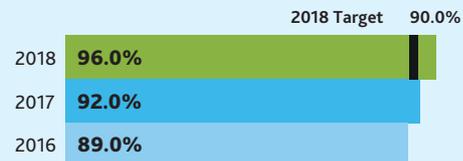
This measure aims to survey two events annually for each local board to assess attendees' views on a sample of events provided or funded by the council. No suitable events were identified for surveying this year.

Percentage of Aucklanders that feel connected to their neighbourhood and local community



Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to place-making and thriving communities

Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – day time



Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – night time



Local planning and development

There are no performance measures for this group of activities.

Local environmental management

Highlights include:

- Completing eight of nine environmental projects.

Provide leadership and support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage

Proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes



The Treasure Islands ambassador programme experienced delays due to issues with recruitment, scheduling conflicts for the students, and inclement weather which reduced the engagement with passengers.

Local governance

There are no performance measures for this group of activities.



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Te tahua pūtea

Funding impact statement

For the year ended 30 June 2018

\$000's	NOTES	ACTUAL 2018	ANNUAL PLAN 2017/2018	ANNUAL PLAN 2016/2017
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties		2,714	2,723	2,950
Targeted rates		-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		-	-	-
Fees and charges		7	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		2	2	2
Total operating funding		2,723	2,725	2,952
Applications of operating funding:				
Payment to staff and suppliers		2,136	2,244	2,453
Finance costs		75	75	87
Internal charges and overheads applied		406	406	412
Other operating funding applications		-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding		2,617	2,725	2,952
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		106	-	-
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		-	-	-
Development and financial contributions		-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in debt		112	296	286
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		-	-	-
Lump sum contributions		-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding		-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding		112	296	286
Applications of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		102	196	191
- to improve the level of service		-	-	-
- to replace existing assets		116	100	95
Increase (decrease) in reserves		-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in investments		-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding		218	296	286
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		(106)	-	-
Funding balance		-	-	-

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