

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Aotea / Great Barrier  
Te Rīpoata ā-Tau 2022/2023

# Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board

Annual Report 2022/2023



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## Mihi

Ko Aotea te moutere rongonui

Ko Hirakimata te maunga tapu

Ko te moana nui a Toi  
te moana

Ko te Tuatara, te Mauri, rātou ko te Tukaiaia ngā  
kaitiaki

Ko Aotea te kāinga o ngā uri o Ngāti Rehua  
Anei te whenua e manaakitia tātou. E whakapiritia  
tātou. E whakaoratia tātou.

Te waahi o ngā taonga maha, ngā taonga tapu, ngā  
taonga matahāpo.

Na ngā whetū e kanapu ki te rangi ki ngā aitenga a  
punga e kōhimuhimu ana ki ngā ngahere.

Ko Aotea te taonga motuhake  
o te moana nui a Toi.

Ko Aotea toku tūrangawaewae.

Aotea is the renowned island.

Hirakimata is the sacred mountain.

The Moana of Toi is the ocean that embraces  
our island.

The Tuatara, Mauri, and the Tukaiaia are the  
guardians.

Aotea is the home for the descendants  
of Ngāti Rehua.

Here is the land that protects us, brings us  
together, keeps us alive.

A place of many treasures, sacred treasures,  
precious treasures.

From the stars shining bright in the sky to the  
insects that whisper in the forest.

Aotea is the prize of the moana of Toi.  
Aotea is my standing place.

Ngāti Rehua – Ngāti Wai ki Aotea Trust Board 2023

## 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 Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

You can read about our progress, expenditure, service performance and challenges faced in 2022/2023. 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 reports against the council's Long-term Plan 2021-2031 (10-year Budget 2021-2031) and the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Agreement 2022/2023.

This report also reflects the local flavour of your area by profiling its population, people and council facilities. It 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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▲ Anamata Community Recycling Centre

## He kōrero mai i te heamana From the chairperson

It has been a significant year with several extreme weather events. Our thanks go out to all emergency workers and contractors for their hard work fixing our infrastructure during such difficult times.

In the 2022/2023 financial year, we continued to work towards our three-year local board plan outcome for island resiliency. We partnered with community groups to deliver some truly outstanding resilience-focused roles and projects. These include a food resilience coordinator, a construction and demolition advisor, a supply of water tanks, and installation of drinking water fountains.



our Aotea tamariki, rangatahi and whānau.

We will be continuing our focus on resilience in the next financial year, supporting mana whenua and our community groups to deliver their outstanding services and projects for our island.

Stay safe and well.

We worked alongside mana whenua on protecting our marine waters with an extended Controlled Area Notice around the affected areas to control the spread of exotic Caulerpa and establishing community-led Ahu Moana marine restoration projects at Katherine Bay and Schooner Bay.

Aotea Education Trust officially opened the new Learning Hub building and opened the Early Learning Centre in Kaitoke. These are two huge board-supported projects and mean so much for

**Izzy Fordham**  
Chairperson, Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board

## Te Poari ā-Rohe o Aotea / Great Barrier Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board



### Your local board

(L to R) Chris Ollivier, Patrick O'Shea (Deputy Chairperson), Izzy Fordham (Chairperson), Neil Sanderson, Laura Caine



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# Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

## Aotea / Great Barrier projects and improvements

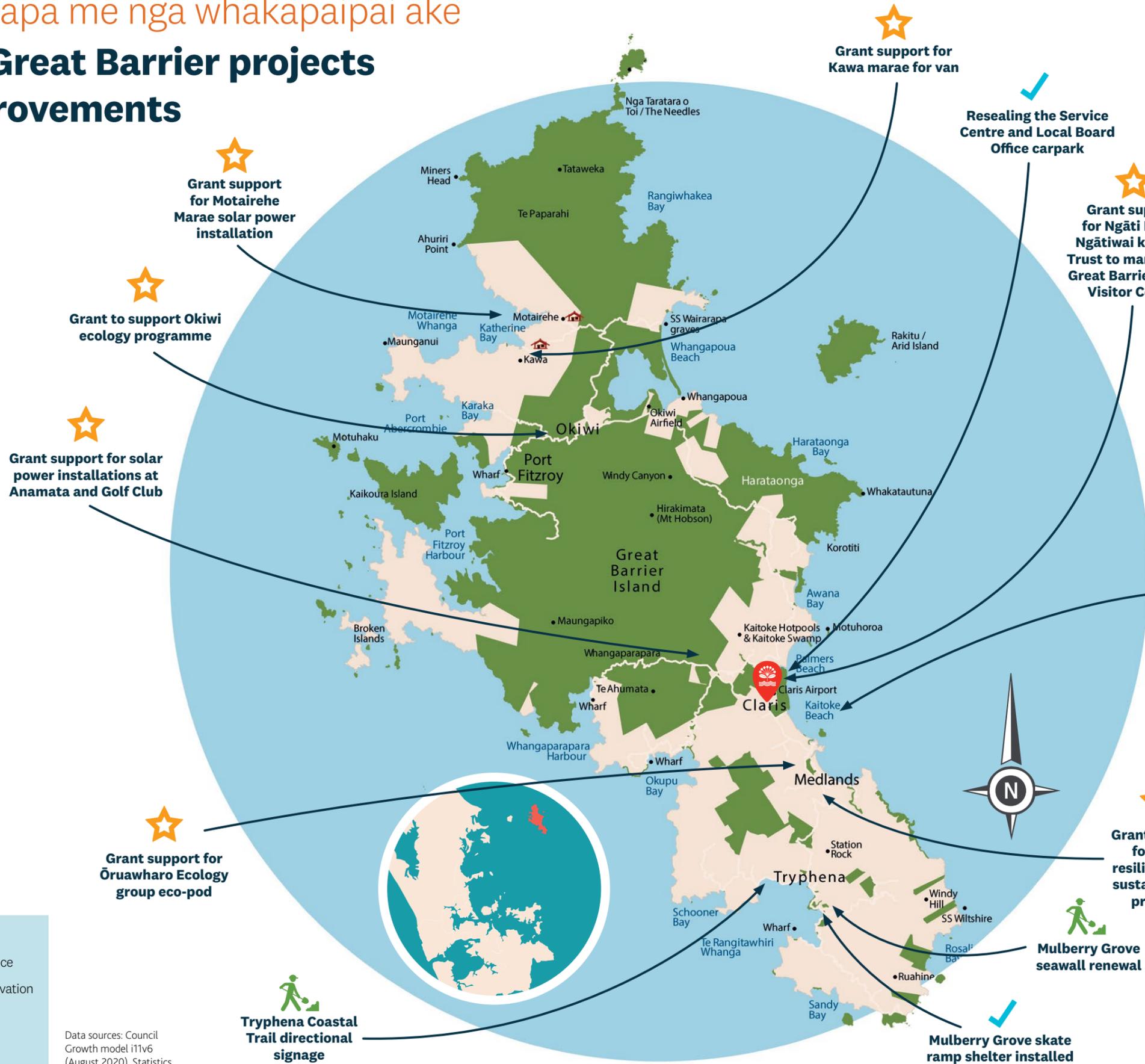
### KEY TO CURRENT AND PLANNED PROJECTS

-  **Delivered projects**
-  **Current projects**
-  **Significant local grants funded projects**

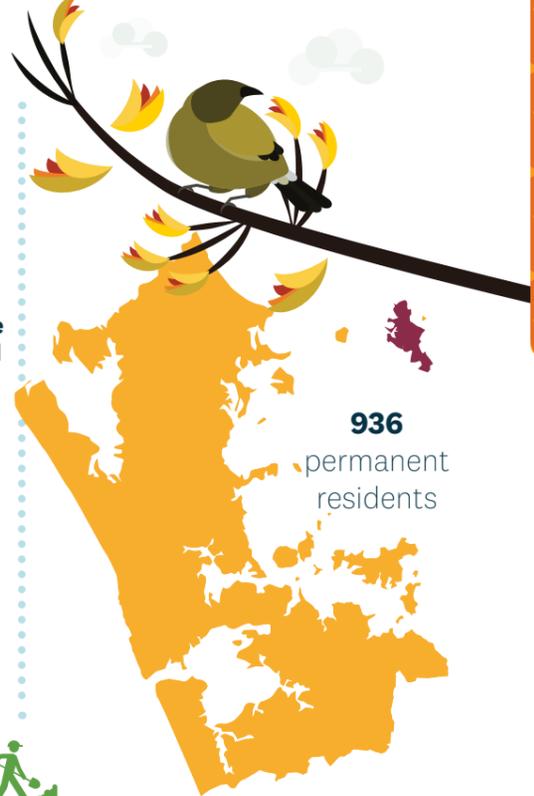
### LEGEND

-  Local board office
-  Dept. of Conservation (DOC) Land
-  Road
-  Marae

Data sources: Council Growth model i11v6 (August 2020). Statistics New Zealand 2018 Census.



Over **60%** of the island is Department of Conservation estate; **43%** of which is the Aotea Conservation Park



**55%** of residents are aged 50 years and older



One of **11** places in the world to be designated a sanctuary by the International Dark-Sky Association

# Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

## Our performance report

### Local Community Services

We continued to provide community grants funding to our health, welfare, arts, education, sustainability, and tourism organisations to deliver on-island community services. Aotea Education Trust delivered community-led education initiatives which included two big celebrations to officially open the Learning Hub and launch the Early Learning Centre. Our support for food resilience continued with funding for the food resilience coordinator and community garden manager. We used the Village Activation Plan to upgrade our parks and reserves with seating and trees for shading. We continued to support Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust in their delivery of the Visitor information Centre service and community te reo courses.

- 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

For more information on our service performance judgements and assumptions please refer to page 171 of Volume 1 of the annual report.

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2023 Target	2023 Result	2022	2021	How did we perform
<b>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities</b>							
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – day time	●	▼	92%	88%	100%	97%	While residents' perception of feeling safe at day time has declined to 88 per cent, no feedback was provided. The small sample size of 25 participants in the survey may not represent the general feeling of residents.
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – night time	●	▼	90%	66%	82%	86%*	Claris is considered to be the centre of Great Barrier Island. No feedback was provided as to why residents' perception of safety has declined. The small sample size of 25 may not represent the general feeling of residents.
<b>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities</b>							
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that are community led	●	▼	70%	70%	78%	74%	This year's target has been achieved although it is lower than last year's. The board continues to support community groups such as Aotea Family Support Services, Destination Great Barrier Island, the Aotea Education Trust and mana whenua activities that are community led.
The percentage of Empowered Communities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goals	●	▼	60%	71%	80%	86%	The result exceeded the target. This was largely due to the Food Resilience and Sustainability programme which provides workshops on home gardening and operating a community garden. It also provides support for grant funding applications.
<b>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, beaches, recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often</b>							
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●	▼	70%	52%	63%*	85%	The community's level of satisfaction with local parks did not meet the target. This measure shows a decline compared to last year. The wet weather conditions and flooding have delayed maintenance of open spaces, paths and walkways and have had an impact on users' satisfaction level.
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	▼	81%	90%	91%*	84%	A particularly wet summer season, flooding and weather events have contributed to lower visitor levels at local parks. However the target for the 2023 financial year was achieved.
<b>We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture</b>							
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	●	▼	25%	35%	41%	25%	The result exceeded target with 70 per cent of all applications for community grants and community empowerment activities responding to Māori aspirations. This is offset by lower delivery of arts and culture programme this financial year.
<b>We fund, enable, and deliver services, programmes, and facilities (art facilities, community centres, hire venues, and libraries) that enhance identity, connect people, and support Aucklanders to participate in community and civic life</b>							
The number of internet sessions at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks)	●	▲	4,500	5,724	5,232	5,236*	Library internet sessions exceeded the target, after a slow start in the first half of the year. A possible reason for the increase could be attributable to the weather events which kept visitors longer in the library.
The percentage of local community services, programmes and facilities that are community led	●		Set baseline <sup>1</sup>	Baseline not set	Not measured	New Measure	
The percentage of arts, and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led	●	—	90%	100%	100%	100%	All Arts and Culture programmes were delivered by funded partners, resulting in 100 per cent of the programmes being community-led.
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●		100%	100%	New measure	New measure	

Local Community Services measures cont'd over

## Local Community Services cont'd

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2023 Target	2023 Result	2022	2021	How did we perform
The number of participants for local community services, programmes, and facilities	●		Set baseline <sup>1</sup>	Baseline not set	New measure	New Measure	
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	●		14,000	18,347	New measure	New measure	The Great Barrier Island Community Heritage and Arts Village was funded by the local board and contributed to this measure. The target and actual numbers were not set/reported as it was new measure in the previous years.
The number of visits to library facilities	●	▲	13,000	10,172	6,820*	13,776*	Library visits were lower than target but exceeded last year's numbers. Severe weather events had an impact on visitation numbers. There was a notable increase in library visits after March 2023.
The percentage of customers satisfied with quality of local community services, programmes, and facilities	●		Set baseline <sup>1</sup>	Baseline not set	Not measured	New Measure	
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▲	85%	97%	95%*	93%	Customer satisfaction has exceeded target and increased over the previous years. This could be attributable to the satisfaction of staff level of service.

1. Better measures on overall participation, satisfaction and enabling more community-led community services were the original intent when these measures were included in the 2021-2031 Long-term Plan, signalling a shift in our approach and scope in delivering community services. We explored different methodologies but data gaps in some services mean a consolidated measure across community services is difficult to measure, while the scope of council-led community services are expected to change. Further work will be on hold until future options for community services are considered as part of the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan.

## Local Environmental Management

We continued to support local Ecology Vision environmental groups, such as Oruawharo Medlands Ecovision and Okiwi ecology group, to maintain healthy ecosystems through initiatives such as riparian planting and pest control. With the Claris landfill recently closing, we supported local waste minimisation and sustainability projects delivered by Anamata including the Construction Waste Leadership Project. We supported community-led water resilience initiatives led by Aoteaora Trust to install drinking-water tanks and fountains.

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2023 Target	2023 Result	2022	2021	How did we perform
<b>We work with Aucklanders to manage the natural environment and enable low carbon lifestyles to build resilience to the effects of climate change</b>							
The percentage of local low carbon or sustainability projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes			N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>	0%	New measure	
The percentage of local water quality or natural environment improvement projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes	●	▲	85%	100%	90%	New measure	We successfully delivered eight Natural Environment (Environmental Services) and Healthy Waters projects for Aotea/Great Barrier in the 2022/2023 financial year. These projects have contributed towards the board's environmental outcomes as described in its local board plan.
The percentage of local waste minimisation projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes	●		75%	100%	New measure	New measure	We successfully delivered one Waste Solutions project for Aotea/Great Barrier in the 2022/2023 financial year. This project has contributed to local board's environmental outcomes as described in its local board plan.

1. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board did not directly fund local low carbon or sustainability projects in 2022/2023 but supports community-led programmes within the Local Community Services activity that contribute to low carbon and sustainability outcomes. These programmes are outside the scope of this performance measure. Due to this the target and result are not applicable (N/A).

# He whakamārama mō ā mātou mahi whakahaere

## Our performance explained

### Local Community Services

The island's community groups continue to do an outstanding job leading community services for the island. Services include health, welfare, education, tourism, housing and sustainability. Aotea Great Barrier Local Board supports these groups to supply services through annual funding agreements.

We provide funding support for Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea Trust to manage the Claris Airport Visitor Information Centre. We also fund Aotea Education Trust to implement the Lifelong Learning Strategy through the Aotea Learning Hub, a newly established early learning centre and te reo Māori courses delivered in partnership with mana whenua.

Supporting island resilience is also a focus for the local board. We support AoteaOra Trust to deliver food resilience and sustainability programmes, such as growing and buying local produce and supplying affordable water tanks.

During 2022/2023, park assets on the island were improved, including resurfacing the Mulberry Grove skate ramp and installing a shelter and outdoor seating in reserves.



▲ Kawa Marae

### Local Environmental Management

The local board delivers environmental programmes to support healthy ecosystems and sustainability. This includes surveillance of Argentine and Darwin's ants, and an on-island conservation advisor role.

We also provide funding support for community-led environment groups, including Aotea Ecology Vision, Ōruawharo Ecology Group, the community trap library and Ōkiwi Ecology.

The board funded a new initiative – the Construction Waste Leadership Project – to help minimise waste in the building sector and improve site practices.

We continued supporting the Fresh water Management Programme by providing septic tank education and funding local nurseries for riparian planting projects.

# Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

## Local flavour

### Strengthening community kai resilience on Aotea



▲ Caity Endt, Aotea Food Resilience Coordinator

An uptake in the amount of food grown locally on Aotea / Great Barrier is slowly reducing the reliance on food from outside the island. This brings down food costs for locals and reduces the amount of packaging that ends up at the transfer station.

Caity Endt works as the Aotea Food Resilience Coordinator under the Aotea Ora Trust. This part-time role is funded by the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board. Its purpose is to reduce the dependency on freighting food from the mainland, and increase the skill set of people on the motu able to grow and raise their own food.

One of the initiatives Endt has been working on in the past year is the Aotea Growers and Makers Market.

“The market is focussed exclusively on products or produce made and grown on the island by islanders,” she says.

In December 2022, the first of the Aotea Growers and Makers Markets was held at Claris Conference Centre, followed by regular markets which take a hiatus for the winter months.

“We’ve had fantastic feedback about the market, both from locals attending and stallholders. There is a pool of around 25 stallholders, and we usually host up to 13 at each market. Items for sale vary from fresh produce and seedlings through to crafts and preserves such as chilli sauce.”

Because the conference centre has a kitchen, it also allows a food vendor to offer hot kai, adding another dimension to the market and giving everyone a reason to enjoy the day for longer.

In her role, Endt also engages with different groups from across the island including working alongside the women that manage the māra kai at Kawa Marae, Ōkiwi School, Orama, and the Ōruawharo community garden in Medlands.

Locals interested in learning more about how to establish or improve their gardens can join the Facebook group that Caity set up during the pandemic, Food Resilience Great Barrier Island, or follow the Grow Food Aotea Facebook page.

“If people really understand why they’re doing something, then they’re going to do it right.”

# Te tahua pūtea

## Funding impact statement

Financial year ending 30 June 2023

\$000s	Notes	Actual 2022/2023	Annual Plan 2022/2023	Annual Plan 2021/2022*
<b>Sources of operating funding:</b>				
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		2,515	2,515	3,256
Targeted rates		0	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		0	0	0
Fees and charges		0	0	0
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		3	2	2
<b>Total operating funding</b>		<b>2,518</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>3,258</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding:</b>				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	2,307	2,168	2,758
Finance costs		75	75	72
Internal charges and overheads applied		249	249	425
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
<b>Total applications of operating funding</b>		<b>2,631</b>	<b>2,492</b>	<b>3,255</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) of operating funding</b>		<b>(113)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding:</b>				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	2	489	566	251
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		0	0	0
Lump sum contributions		0	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding		0	0	0
<b>Total sources of capital funding</b>		<b>489</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>Application of capital funding:</b>				
Capital expenditure:	3			
- to meet additional demand		60	11	11
- to improve the level of service		44	14	14
- to replace existing assets		272	566	230
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
<b>Total applications of capital funding</b>		<b>376</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) of capital funding</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Funding balance</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Variance explanation Actual 2022/2023 to Annual Plan 2022/2023**

- Recent weather events caused damage to open spaces and tracks. The Okupu Reserve track was closed due to a washout and a geotechnical engineer was engaged. All other tracks on Aotea Great Barrier were also closed to allow for assessment of the damage. This resulted in consultancy expenses and outsourced works and services being higher than planned.
- Whilst partly offset by higher than planned payments to staff and suppliers, capital expenditure was lower than planned. This resulted in a funding surplus which meant that less debt funding was required than planned.
- Capital expenditure was below plan due to delays in the local renewals programme. The damage caused by the recent weather events impacted progress at planned sites. Two projects impacted were the Mulberry Grove sea wall and Pā Point Reserve coastal access step renewals.

\* Same target as the Year 1 of the Long-term Plan 2021-2031 (10-year Budget 2021-2031).

Anamata Community Recycling Centre ►





▲ Aotea Learning Hub

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