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# Franklin Local Board

Annual Report 2022/2023



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## Mihi

Tēnā, kia hōea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi  
o ata e uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki  
ki te ūnga o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.  
I reira ka toia aku mihi ki te uru ki  
te Pūkaki-Tapu-a-Poutūkeka,  
i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.  
E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka a Hoturoa  
ki te kūrae o te Kūiti o Āwhitu.  
I kona ka rere taku haere mā te ākau ki te  
puaha o Waikato, te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna,  
Waikato Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.  
Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo mā  
Maioro ki Waiuku ki Mātukureira  
kei kona ko ngā Pā o Tahuna me Reretewhioi.  
Ka aro whakarunga au kia tau atu ki Pukekohe.  
Ka tahuri te haere a taku reo ki te ao  
o te tonga e whāriki atu rā mā runga i ngā hiwi,  
kia taka atu au ki Te Paina,  
ki te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.  
Ka titiro whakarunga ki te tāhuhu  
o Hūnua kei reira ko Kohukohunui,  
me tōna toronga, a Te Wairoa.  
Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaiāua te whākana atu rā ō  
whatu mā  
Tikapa Moana ki te maunga tapu o Moehau.  
Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana ki Maraetai kia hoki  
ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi,  
heteri mō Pakuranga.  
I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au  
i te awa o Tāmaki ma te taha  
whakarunga ki te Puke o Taramainuku,  
kei kona ko Ōtara.  
Katahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore,  
kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga  
ki runga o Pukekiwiriki  
kei raro ko Papakura ki kona au ka whakatau

Let this vessel that carries my greetings  
travel by way of the Tāmaki River  
to the landing place of Tainui canoe at Ōtāhuhu.  
There, let my salutations be borne across  
the isthmus to the Pūkaki lagoon  
and the community of Māngere.  
Paddling the Manukau Harbour,  
we follow the Āwhitu Peninsula to the headland.  
From there we fly down coast to the  
Waikato river mouth,  
sacred waters of our forebears.  
Coming ashore on the Northern side at  
Maioro we head inland to Waiuku and Mātukureira,  
there too is the Pā at Tahuna and Reretewhioi.  
Heading southward I come to Pukekohe.  
My words turn to follow the ancient ridgelines  
along the Southern boundary,  
dropping down into Mercer and  
Te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.  
I look up to the massif of the Hūnua ranges,  
locale of Kohukohunui and  
its arterial river, Te Wairoa.  
My greetings reach you at Kaiāua  
who gaze across Tikapa Moana  
to the sacred mountain, Moehau.  
Taking to the sea, my remarks travel to Maraetai  
and then to Ōhūiarangi,  
sentinel to Pakuranga.  
There we follow again  
the Tāmaki River  
to Te Puke o Taramainuku,  
Ōtara resides there.  
From here I reach for Manurewa  
until my greetings come to rest on  
Pukekiwiriki.  
Below lies Papakura and there I rest.

**On the cover:**  
Artist Regan Balzer at the blessing of her Pukekohe Library wall mural.

## 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 Franklin 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 Franklin 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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▲ Popular swimming spot Sandspit is now also Taahuna Kaitoto to reflect its significance to mana whenua.

# He kōrero mai i te heamana

## From the chairperson

The past year has seen the election of a new local board, a change of regional leadership and some significant resource and weather-related challenges. Despite this, the Franklin Local Board is pleased with the progress achieved in delivering on year two of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2020.

A highlight has been the June 2023 opening of the Hūnua Traverse, following years of investment through planning and development, and community service activity areas. While the Hūnua Traverse is essentially a recreational opportunity, the board has supported its development as an opportunity to encourage visitors and as a platform for local economic development opportunity and local employment.

We have also been successful in completing a number of local park and public amenity improvements, at a time when the global supply chain and domestic inflation have made it difficult. It is important that our local community facility renewals keep pace with the community transformation we are experiencing as Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland grows. By ensuring our facilities are fit for purpose, and that our communities have access to services locally, we are helping to reduce emissions associated with travel to facility-based services elsewhere.



Our work to restore and protect our natural environment has continued in partnership with mana whenua and community organisations. This year we invested more in the Ngāti te Ata led Te Korowai Papatūānuku programme, resulting in recent evidence of inanga spawning again at the Lees Gully Road restoration site. The Predator Free Franklin programme delivered more than 14 events where the community were provided access to trapping, baiting and pest management equipment and expertise. Participants in the programme reported a reduction in the number of animal predators by more than 16,000 as a direct result.

As we plan for the final year of delivery on the 2020 local board plan, our resources are stretched more than ever. We have had to prioritise our deliverables and are in the process of doing things differently to achieve what our communities need. This is a challenge that the Franklin Local Board has embraced and we remain confident of delivering on our strategic commitments.

**Angela Fulljames**  
Chairperson, Franklin Local Board

# Te Poari ā-Rohe o Franklin

## Franklin Local Board



### Your local board

(L to R) Amanda Hopkins, Logan Soole, Alan Cole, Angela Fulljames (Chair), Malcolm Bell, Amanda Kinzett, Andrew Kay, Sharlene Druyvene and Gary Holmes.



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# Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

## Franklin projects and improvements

### KEY TO CURRENT AND PLANNED PROJECTS

-  **Delivered projects**
-  **Current projects**
-  **Current playspace renewals**
-  **Current track renewals**

### LEGEND

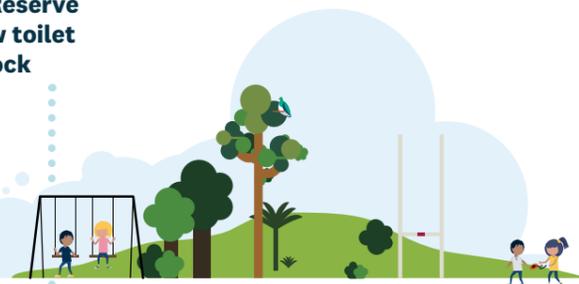
-  Local board office
-  Public open space (Unitary Plan)
-  Motorway
-  Major road
-  Arterial road
-  Medium road
-  Minor road



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



We are home to more than **190** local parks and sportsfields, **2** urban libraries and **6** rural libraries, **2** recreation centres and **3** pools



Franklin has just under **20,000ha** of parkland, ranging from small urban parks to large regional parks on the coast



Increase in population expected from **79,007** to **144,800** by 2041



Home to **32** community halls

# Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

## Our performance report

### Local Community Services

We support and fund strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers. Our key initiatives this year included Māori responsiveness development comprising identifying opportunities for collaboration with iwi and mātāwaka groups, youth participation and advisory programmes, continuation of the Franklin Arts Broker role to deliver local arts initiatives and events, and supporting local community partners through our community partnership grants.

**Achieved**  
Target has been met or exceeded

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

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

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

**Not achieved**  
Target not achieved

**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	●	∨	80%	68%	69%	76%	Day time safety is below target, consistent with the trend of the last 3 years. This year’s result is similar to last year results with community generally feeling safe in our town centres, but reflecting on crime that is not just restricted to night time, including shop raids and increasing opportunist criminal behaviour within retail premises. Lack of visible police patrols is suggested as some mitigation.
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – night time	●	∨	25%	23%	26%	37%	Night time safety is below target, consistent with the trend of the last 3 years. The main concerns were lack of police presence in the evenings when people are using the restaurants and entertainment in the centres, the ever present concerns about possible shop raids, congregation of gang youth in town centre precincts. Social infrastructure could be improved with more lighting in alleyways and bus stops.
<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%	79%	70%	81%	Community-led activity, seen in groups such as Gardens4Health, has improved through greater participation from local people as communities learn to live and thrive past the COVID-19 crisis. Stronger relationships now exist due to consistency of staffing in the local delivery teams.
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goals	●	∧	65%	79%	70%	59%	Building capacity and capability has focused on participation and leadership development. This has resulted in a clear improvement in our result and is despite the weather events which disrupted the participation numbers in prescribed capacity building programmes.
<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 park visitors who are satisfied with the overall quality of sportsfields	●	∨	74%	63%	65%	64%*	A particularly wet summer season, flooding, and weather events have resulted in postponing or delaying maintenance. This has impacted the service delivery for sports fields, resulting in lower visitor satisfaction.
The customers' Net Promoter Score for Pools and Leisure Centres	●	∧	10	-16	-45	-13	Whilst this result has increased when compared with last financial year, it remains low. Customer feedback (for items within the control of the facility operators) can be attributed to the management of the facility and focus areas for the new financial year will be around cleanliness, staff retention in a competitive environment, and communication with the community. The majority of the negative sentiment from users of the facilities relates to the provision of aquatic services. There is a consistent thread of customer feedback relating to the age and maintenance of the facility.
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●	∨	71%	62%	63%*	61%*	Weather events have caused significant damage and closures to parks, walkways, and paths. Coastal reserves including Maraetai foreshore, Orere Point, and Hudson’s Beach have been undermined due to runoff and tides. Contractors have worked to make these spaces safe and where required carry out further repairs. This damage, and closures, have impacted on the satisfaction of local park visitors.
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	∧	76%	77%	76%	81%	

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
<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%	25%	29%	24%	We exceeded target thanks to the high number of local and quick response grants that responded to Māori aspirations following active promotion and ongoing focus on Māori outcomes. Despite delivering fewer programmes because of COVID-19 restrictions, arts and culture performances increased 11 percentage points especially in the Franklin Arts Centre which is informed by the local board plan and Toi Whītiki – the Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan.
<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)	●	▲	110,000	109,853	62,411*	112,868*	Library internet sessions were expected to recover after the pandemic, but didn't until March 2023. However, when internet sessions in Franklin did increase again in March, usage was higher than expected and Franklin ended up almost meeting the target.
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	●	▲	47%	52%	33%	11%	This board exceeded its target. 89 per cent of programmes were delivered by Council-led Franklin Arts Centre - of which 49 per cent were community-led programmes - which largely contributed to exceeding the target. There was an increase in locally driven community arts programmes delivered this year, which also contributed to the positive performance.
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●	▬	68%	67%	67%	68%	
The number of participants for local community services, programmes, and facilities	●		Set baseline <sup>1</sup>	Baseline not set	Not measured	New measure	
The number of attendees at council-led community events	●	▬	1,200	0	0*	0*	A local board decision was made to not include a council-led community event this year being Movies in the Park. The area of Franklin is extensive and most of the community would not be able to attend this single event based on distance and limited attendee capacity. The event did not align with the board's strategic direction for the area.
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	●	▲	245,000	279,474	135,083*	186,645*	The 2022/2023 financial year saw the greatest number of participants for the last 3 financial years. Facilities were able to operate without COVID disruptions, which likely helped increase participant numbers. Pukekohe War Memorial Town Hall and Alfriston Hall saw large increases in the number of participants and were top contributors for the local board.
The number of visits to library facilities	●	▲	252,000	222,455	142,625*	223,027*	Library visits were expected to recover after the pandemic, but didn't until March 2023. In addition, Auckland Libraries moved to an improved system of counting visitor numbers in this financial year, leading to more accurate but lower results. If Franklin performed throughout the year as it did after March, it would've reached the target.
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	
The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event	●		75%	81%	Not measured*	Not measured*	Steels 'n' Wheels long-running event held in collaboration with NZ Steel, Waiuku Business and Development Association and the Franklin Local Board. Entertainment includes, family fun, markets, free kids carnival, classic cars, hot-rods, chainsaw racing, dragster fire-ups, bike stunts. This is the first Steels 'n' Wheels after two years of Covid-19 distancing restrictions where physical surveys were cancelled. The 2023 attendance and entertainment were observed as a major highlight of the year for the Waiuku community and surrounding districts after previous event restrictions evidenced by a six point increase above target
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▲	85%	97%	94%	96%	Franklin Local Board Libraries continue to exceed the customer satisfaction target. This shows the dedication and commitment of our frontline library staff to ensuring our customers receive the best experience at all times, as shown by the high level of customer satisfaction.

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 Planning and Development

We have continued to fund the Franklin Economic Broker role to deliver economic opportunities to support local prosperity and employment, and support third-party tourism development. We have funded the community and iwi-led development of Clevedon and surrounds as a visitor destination, including the completion of Stage 1 of the Hūnua Traverse route improvements. We also support the Unlock Pukekohe programme so that Pukekohe is well placed to evolve and benefit from significant change underway in Drury and the north Waikato.

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2023 Target	2023 Result	2022	2021	How did we perform
<b>We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland</b>							
The percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) Partnership Programme obligations	●	—	100%	100%	100%	100%	All BIDs in the Franklin Local Board complied with the BID Policy 2022.

## Local Environmental Management

We fund healthy ecosystems and sustainability such as planting, pest control, and waste minimisation projects. Te Korowai o Papatūānuku programme has enabled extensive tree planting to restore awa and areas of cultural significance. Waiuku Zero Waste recycling hub continues to be a successful model receiving nationwide and international praise, and attention at the WasteMINZ conference this year. Predator Free Franklin continues to thrive, with a greater degree of interest and demand for information and resources from activities including planting, bait and trap supplies, and newsletter subscriptions.

	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%	86%	100%	New measure	We successfully delivered six of seven Natural Environment (Environmental Services) and Healthy Waters projects for Franklin in the 2022/2023 financial year. These projects have contributed towards the board's environmental outcomes as described in its local board plan. The Waterways Protection Fund had delivery issues and is expected to be complete in quarter one 2023/2024.
The percentage of local waste minimisation projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes	●	—	75%	100%	100%	New measure	We successfully delivered one Waste Solutions project for Franklin in the 2022/2023 financial year. This project has contributed to local board's environmental outcomes as described in its local board plan.

1. Infrastructure and Environmental Services did not plan to deliver local low carbon or sustainability projects in Franklin in 2022/2023. Due to this the target and result are not applicable (N/A).

## He whakamārama mō ā mātou mahi whakahaere

### Our performance explained

#### Local Environmental Services

The Franklin Local Board successfully delivered six natural environment and healthy waters projects this year. These projects contribute towards the board's environmental outcomes, as described in our local board plan. We are pleased the funding the plan allocates is being put to beneficial use for the local environment.

Our board covers a vast area and has seen pleasing outcomes – area-wide – from its discretionary funding for environmental matters. Highlights include funding for EcoQuest and Predator Free Franklin to find new endangered long-tailed bat (pekapeka tou roa) populations – work that detected bat activity over a much wider area than anticipated.

Waiuku Zero Waste recycling hub continues to be successful and is now a model for other boards wanting to create similar centres. The hub has started collaborating with local iwi, attended the Wasteminz Conference, advised the Tongan Waste Authority, and presented its successful model to councils in the Wellington region.

Te Ara Hikoi distributed predator control supplies at community days and to landowners within biodiversity focus areas. Last year, the group collaborated with Predator Free NZ to host predator control workshops in Hunua and Waiuku, and its research into better trapping systems was recognised with a Mayoral Conservation Award.

It is evident to the board that people's interest in the environment continues to grow. There is more awareness that the environment must be nurtured, and that we cannot continue to do the same old things that have led to uncertain climate



▲ Use of the Log Cabin at Beachlands, administered in a new arrangement between the board and the Takutai Trust, has increased with more activities added.

conditions, less tree cover, loss of native forest and so many other issues. We are grateful for the volunteer time that goes into enhancing Franklin's environment. Te Ara Hikoi, Friends of Te Wairoa, the children and families who turn up at planting days and beach clean-ups, the farmers and businesses open to change – these are all things taking us forward.

The message continues to be spread, with Predator Free Franklin holding conservation and pest education days in Ararimu, Beachlands, Pukekohe and Hunua Village, enabling traps and bait to be distributed directly to the community. More than 2,200 people subscribe to the group's newsletter, registering about 2,000 traps and 3,700 bait stations on Trap.NZ. More than 20,000 pests have been removed. Friends of Te Wairoa supporters also continue to remove thousands of pests from the environment.

It is not just pest prevention that is flourishing. Hundreds of people also attended repair and workshop events, groups are investigating bike repair centres and doing ongoing work in schools, a junk play activation took place in Pukekohe town square and the return of the Pukekohe Sustainability Expo attracted almost 300 visitors, with the many stallholders including Predator Free and Auckland Council's WasteWise team.

The challenge is now to move from encouraging growth in community participation to maintaining a model that can support those already involved; with more demand on funding resources projected.

## Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

### Local flavour

#### Hope through pain: Murals share stories of the past in Franklin

Three new murals tell a story of hope, but also of racism, as part of Franklin's history.

Martin Langdon's West Street mural references the Seddon Memorial light and the Judas tree, while using prompts to unseen histories, so viewers can look back with new light.

With Creative Communities funding from Franklin Local Board, Jimmy James Kouratoras painted the town square mural, likening it to a waharoa / gateway for conversation.

"It's about changing the narrative for our youth and bringing a new colour to their story."

Regan Balzer's kumete / food bowl on the outside wall of Franklin: The Centre was painted with the help of Pukekohe High School students, who added children unseen behind a hedge, a reference to Pukekohe Cemetery's unmarked graves.

Balzer says her work represents the area's fertile soil, waterways and foods, while aligning with the words "Te Kai a te Rangatira" / "the food of the chief is korero", and the library as a place where

people share knowledge and learn.

Pukekohe High School art teacher Catherine Tamihere coordinated the students involved.

"The idea was that when you look, these little ones look back at you. It honours the children in unmarked graves, from the gardens, and those yet to come."

Franklin Local Board Chairperson Angela Fulljames says the mural and its messages are powerful.

"We need to acknowledge our history, some of it less perfect than we might like. That is both honest and constructive. There are people still directly affected, it's very recent history. My hope is that we can all see the murals as part of the healing process."

Tamihere hopes the murals can also become an educational resource. "With New Zealand history in schools, this is the time to use the murals like a walking tour of our own past."

The murals form part of a response to the book *No Māori Allowed*, with the first initiative having author Robert Bartholomew speak locally, and the second the Hikoi for Harmony.

"The creation of beautiful art that depicts Te Ao Māori, where all things are connected, can help us heal and break a taboo that has sat over our town," says Tamihere. "For only by acknowledging the past can we move into the future."



▲ Murals by Martin Langdon, Jimmy James Kouratoras and Regan Balzer are part of the town's response to past racism.

## 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		17,243	17,243	16,308
Targeted rates		613	640	593
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		18	11	11
Fees and charges		366	340	317
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		63	123	999
<b>Total operating funding</b>		<b>18,303</b>	<b>18,357</b>	<b>18,228</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding:</b>				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	14,609	15,002	14,850
Finance costs		951	951	789
Internal charges and overheads applied		2,077	2,077	2,559
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
<b>Total applications of operating funding</b>		<b>17,637</b>	<b>18,030</b>	<b>18,198</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) of operating funding</b>				
		<b>666</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>30</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	6,104	10,020	8,587
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>6,104</b>	<b>10,020</b>	<b>8,587</b>
<b>Application of capital funding:</b>				
Capital expenditure:	3			
- to meet additional demand		336	825	1,359
- to improve the level of service		205	526	541
- to replace existing assets		6,229	8,997	6,718
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
<b>Total applications of capital funding</b>		<b>6,770</b>	<b>10,347</b>	<b>8,617</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) of capital funding</b>				
		<b>(666)</b>	<b>(327)</b>	<b>(30)</b>
<b>Funding balance</b>				
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

1. Payments to staff and suppliers were below plan as overall there has been lower than anticipated maintenance expenditure on local facilities and sports fields. Unseasonal wet weather prevented planned outdoor maintenance, and maintenance crews were diverted to respond to storm damage in other parts of the city.
2. Capital expenditure and payments to staff and suppliers were lower than planned. This resulted in a funding surplus which meant that less debt funding was required than was planned.
3. Capital expenditure was below plan due to delays in the commencement of the Glenbrook Beach Front Coastal Erosion project and the Sunkist Bay Reserve pathway redevelopment. The Glenbrook Beach project will advance in stages while the Sunkist Bay project is expected to be delivered in 2023/2024.

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



▲ Electrification of the rail line to Papakura continues, with three new stations to be added alongside a major upgrade for Pukekohe.



► Evidence of inanga spawning has been found at Lees Gully Road; a site nurtured through the Franklin Local Board's Waterways Protection Fund



▲ Signs of continued growth are everywhere across the Franklin region, with major developments underway in Pukekohe and Clevedon.

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