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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: The new Island Bay Walkway

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 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 Waiheke 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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▼ Members of the Waiheke Love Our Wetlands team gearing up to tackle invasive plants at Rangihoua Wetlands

He kōrero mai i te heamana

From the chairperson

On behalf of Waiheke Local Board, I am pleased to reflect on the local board’s achievements as part of the 2022/2023 Auckland Council Annual Report.

The significant weather events in the second half of the year impacted the progress of many of the board’s capital projects. However, we successfully delivered a number of projects including the new toilet block in Oneroa and multiple track and facility improvements around the motu. Following completion of the skatepark at Tawaipareira Reserve, the renewed playground and new pump track are on schedule to commence before the end of 2023. We will continue to engage with the community to prioritise projects, and advocate to Council to progress these.



community and businesses. The construction waste programme has already increased timber sales from our Waste Recovery Centre by 400 percent.

The board is grateful for the support of the community, resident groups, and emergency services during recent civil defence responses. The board will be focusing on this further in the coming year to ensure we are more resilient and prepared.

We continue to strongly advocate for areas that sit outside the board’s decision

making, including more equitable ferry services, for stormwater management, reduced helipad consenting, affordable housing and for increased local decision making.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank you for your involvement over the past year. We all know that the key to building strong and resilient island communities is through the collaboration of our engaged and passionate people.

Cath Handley
Chairperson, Waiheke Local Board

The soon to be adopted Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Management Plan and the Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan will guide future use and management of our valued open spaces.

Community partnerships, including ecological restoration, waterway quality and predator management continued to be successful. Waiheke’s rat and stoat eradication programmes have been highly successful with significant regeneration of our indigenous biodiversity and birdlife. Applications from the community grants and environmental grants programmes led to delivery of a rich diversity of local projects and events underpinned by community-wide volunteer support.

Climate change mitigation and readiness continue to be top of mind while we implement our Waiheke Low Carbon Action Plan in partnership with

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Waiheke Local Board



Your local board

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



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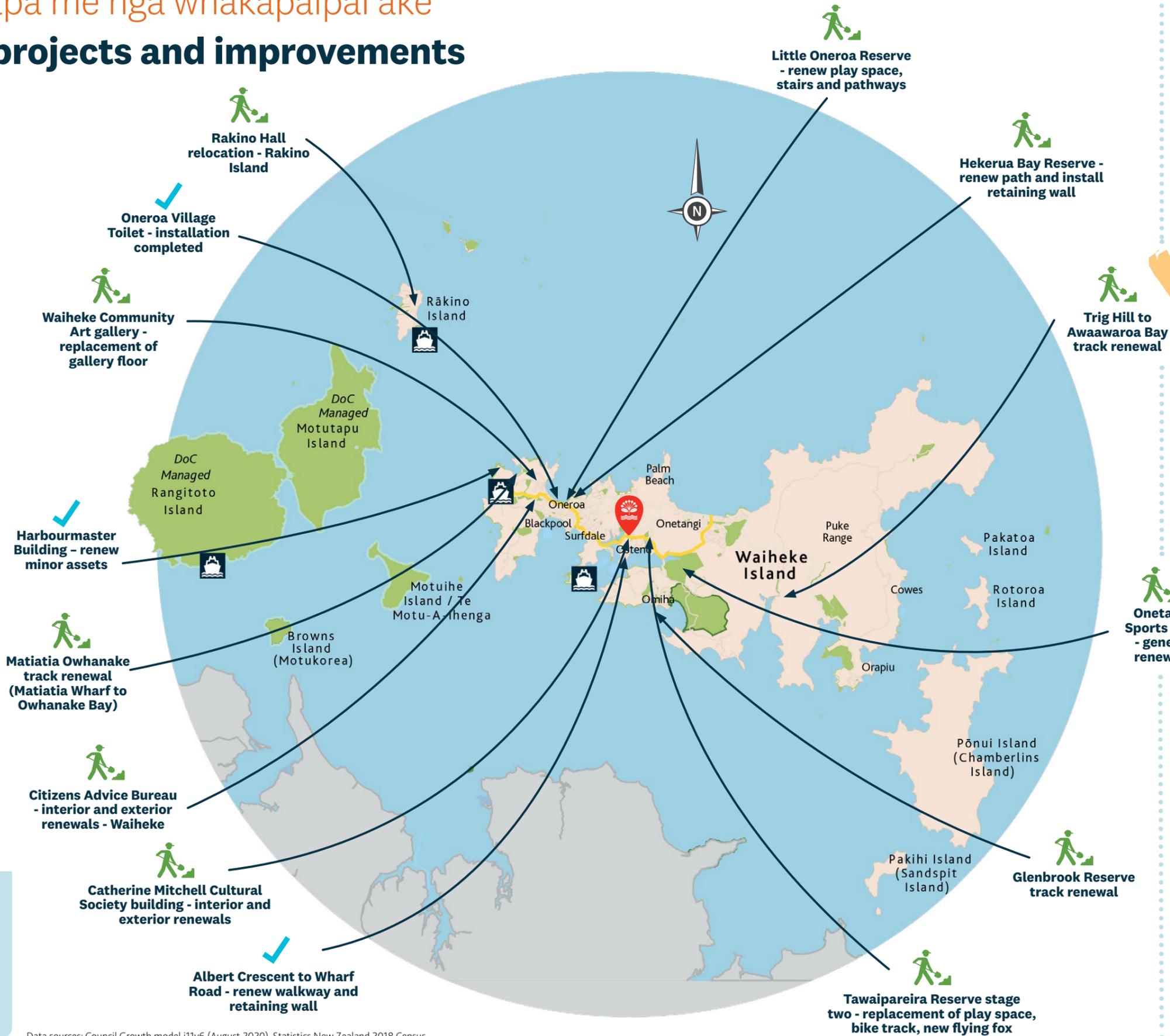
Waiheke projects and improvements

KEY TO CURRENT AND PLANNED PROJECTS

-  Delivered projects
-  Current projects

LEGEND

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



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

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 **9,294** 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



Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

Our performance report

Local Community Services

We supported strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries, arts and culture, facilities, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers. We supported community-led programmes in areas such as housing, business, sustainability and youth. We continued delivery of the Tawaipareira Reserve Concept Plan, including a new playground, learn-to-ride and pump track.

- **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
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	●	▲	100%	99%	98%	99%	A majority of residents felt that their town centre is safe during the day (99 percent). No feedback was provided for the opinion.
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	●	▲	100%	80%	77%	86%	80 per cent of residents felt safe during the night. This is an increase over last year's result. No feedback was provided.
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	●	▲	90%	95%	90%	97%	
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goals	●	▲	65%	85%	74%	40%*	The result has exceeded target. There has been a substantive increase in comparison to last year reflecting a focus on recovery. A popular activity that empowers local rangitahi is Waidrive, a learn to drive initiative on the island.
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, beaches, 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	●	▼	85%	71%	81%*	81%	A particularly wet summer season, flooding and weather events postponing or delaying maintenance have also impacted on service standards of grounds and lower visitor satisfaction.
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●	▲	80%	76%	75%	76%	A particularly wet summer season, flooding and weather events have contributed to a lower satisfaction level with local parks. Maintenance of these items were postponed or delayed due to weather impacts. Renewal of deteriorating park assets including replacement of picnic tables, seats and benches at Kennedy Point Reserve and Dead Dog Bay Reserve and Te Whau Esplanade Reserves is expected to have a positive impact on overall satisfaction in 2024.
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	▼	90%	88%	93%	90%	The wet summer season, flooding and weather events have contributed to lower visitor levels at 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	●	▼	37%	35%	38%	33%	The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations was just under target. Together, Waiheke Arts Community Gallery and Artworks Theatre delivered more arts and culture programmes with an increase of 35 per cent, however the proportion of programmes that respond to Māori aspirations declined. This year's target of 37% was an aspirational goal and was not met.
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							
The number of internet sessions at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks)	●	▲	40,000	46,118	22,791*	48,487*	Library internet sessions were higher than target and last year's result. Recovery after the pandemic occurred in March 2023.
The percentage of local community services, programmes and facilities that are community led	●		Set baseline ¹	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.

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 percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●	—	67%	75%	75%	67%	The local board has four community led facilities - Surfdale Hall, Artworks Theatre, Waiheke Community Art Gallery and Ostend War Memorial Hall.
The number of participants for local community services, programmes, and facilities	●		Set baseline ¹	Baseline not set	Not Measured	New measure	
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	●	^	75,750	75,318	42,254*	81,567	The total number of participants for financial year 2022/2023 was very close to target and reflects the continued recovery from COVID-19 related disruptions.
The number of visits to library facilities	●	^	95,000	89,263	50,340*	90,305*	Library visits were expected to recover after the pandemic, but this did not occur 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.
The percentage of customers satisfied with quality of local community services, programmes, and facilities	●		Set baseline ¹	Baseline not set	Not Measured	New measure	
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	^	95%	96%	94%*	97%	

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 supported healthy ecosystems and sustainability through local board-funded initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, healthy homes, and waste minimisation projects. We collaborated with our community and businesses to progress actions within the Waiheke Island Climate Action Plan.

	Outcome	Year-on-year change	2023 Target	2023 Result	2022	2021	How did we perform
We work with Aucklanders to manage the natural environment and enable low carbon lifestyles to build resilience to the effects of climate change							
The percentage of local low carbon or sustainability projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes	●	—	80%	100%	100%	New measure	We successfully delivered three sustainability initiative projects for Waiheke 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 water quality or natural environment improvement projects that have successfully contributed towards local board plan outcomes	●	^	85%	100%	20%	New measure	We successfully delivered three Natural Environment (Environmental Services) and Healthy Waters projects for Waiheke 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	●		65%	100%	New measure	New measure	We successfully delivered two Waste Solutions projects for Waiheke in the 2022/2023 financial year. These projects have contributed to local board's environmental outcomes as described in its local board plan.

Local planning and development

We supported the finalisation of the Waiheke Area Plan, the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Management Plan and the Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan. We coordinated community-led resilience and recovery plans and progress the Mātiatia Strategic Plan.

He whakamārama mō ā mātou mahi whakahaere

Our performance explained

The Waiheke Local Board Community Grants Programme supported numerous initiatives that helped build community connectedness and resilience.

The Artworks Theatre, Waiheke Community Art Gallery and Waiheke Library continue to provide a diverse range of learning and cultural experiences. Events such as EcoFest, outdoor cinema and Spirit of Christmas bring our community together.

We also worked with our community partners to deliver programmes that help restore and enhance our environment, such as the Waiheke Resources Trust's Love our Wetlands Programme, the various 'friends of' park groups and the Ratbusters Programme. All have been progressing well and involved significant volunteer support.

Social areas such as housing, youth, food security and community resilience were also supported, along with funding for Piritahi Marae infrastructure.

Works to improve and maintain Waiheke's local parks and walking network are extensive and ongoing.

We support and promote use of these places by funding the Waiheke Walking Festival, printing maps and providing online tools. The Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Management Plan has been drafted and hearings will commence shortly. The Waiheke Local Parks Management Plan, which guides future use and development of our open space, has been adopted.

The Waiheke Climate Action Plan guides our future actions to reduce carbon emissions. We have funded a climate activator position to help drive delivery of these actions, in conjunction with businesses and our community. Waste from our construction industry has been reduced due to a programme that provides advice on reuse, recycling and on-site sedimentation control.

Our Water Quality Programme continues to educate and support improvement of our waterways, and our marine education initiative works with local schools on citizen science to protect and restore our marine environment.



▶ A member of the Waiheke Food Recovery Programme takes a delivery

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

The Waiheke Bike Box initiative has put over 300 bicycles into action on Waiheke's roads since opening in May 2022.

Bike Box was funded by Waiheke Local Board as part of its commitment to its climate action plan. Cycling advocacy group Cycle Action Waiheke presented a plan to create a space to support local people to fix and maintain their bicycles and encourage the uptake of cycling on the island.

The board committed \$10,000 per annum, which went toward a paid mechanic/coordinator, spare parts and promotions in local media, and enabled the project to get off the ground.

Further support came from Mainfreight, who donated a shipping container to be used as a workshop space. The board funded the fit-out of the container using material from the Waiheke community recycling centre. The project has also received help from local volunteers.

"It's great to see how the island community has welcomed the Bike Box and the impact it is having on the uptake of cycling on the island," says Local Board Chairperson Cath Handley.

Since opening, the Bike Box has received over 400 visitors, repaired over 250 bicycles, distributed 26 bicycles (plus a bike trailer) and rescued 41 bicycles from local streams. It also acts as a focal point for Cycle Action Waiheke events such as the recent International Women's Day Wāhine Bike Fix Workshop.

The success of the project has been welcomed by Auckland Transport who have supplied the Bike Box with free bike locks, high-vis vests and bike lights to be distributed to people in the community.



▲ The Bike Box has already put over 300 bikes into action on Waiheke's roads

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*
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		6,687	6,687	8,839
Targeted rates		0	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		2	2	2
Fees and charges		42	45	56
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		94	64	57
Total operating funding		6,824	6,798	8,954
Applications of operating funding:				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	5,446	5,546	7,326
Finance costs		385	385	328
Internal charges and overheads applied		773	773	1,290
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		6,604	6,704	8,944
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		220	94	10
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	2	2,060	2,645	2,340
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		2,060	2,645	2,340
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:	3			
- to meet additional demand		29	181	38
- to improve the level of service		87	241	50
- to replace existing assets		2,164	2,317	2,262
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding		2,280	2,739	2,350
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		(220)	(94)	(10)
Funding balance		0	0	0

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

1. Payments to staff and suppliers were below plan as normal maintenance and repairs for open spaces ceased due to adverse weather conditions causing contractors to be diverted to assess storm damage and undertake recovery works.
2. Capital expenditure was below plan. This resulted in a capital funding surplus which meant that less debt funding was required than planned.
3. Capital expenditure was below plan for local asset renewals to delays in Hekerua Bay Reserve slip remediation design work and delays in issuing tenders for physical works for replacement of the play space at Tawaipareira Reserve.

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

Rangihoua Wetlands ►

▼ The Waiheke Touch Football Competition at Onetangi Sports Park



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