

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Howick  
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# Howick Local Board

Annual Report 2020/2021



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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 tōia aku mihi  
 ki te uru ki te Pūkaki Tapu o Poutūkeka,  
 i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.  
 E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka o Hoturoa  
 ki te kūrae o Te Kūiti o Āwhitu.  
 I konā, ka rere taku haere mā te ākau  
 ki te pūaha o Waikato, te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna,  
 Waikato Taniwha Rau, he piko he taniwha.  
 Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo  
 mā Maioro ki Waiuku ki Mātukutūreia,  
 kei konā, ko ngā Pā o Tāhuna 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.  
 Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaiaua  
 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 Ōhuiarangī,  
 heteri mō Pakuranga.  
 I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au  
 i te awa o Tāmaki  
 mā te taha whakarunga ki te Puke o Taramainuku,  
 kei konā ko Ōtara.  
 Kātahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore,  
 kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga  
 ki runga o Pukekiwiriki  
 kei raro ko Papakura – ki konā 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 the 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 Mātukutūreia,  
 there too is the Pā at Tāhuna 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.  
 My greetings reach you at Kaiaua  
 who gazes across Tikapa Moana  
 to the sacred mountain, Moehau.  
 Taking to the sea, my remarks travel to Maraetai  
 and then to Ōhuiarangī,  
 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:  
 Splash Pad, Lloyd Elsmore Park.

## 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 Howick Local Board area from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

You can read about our progress, expenditure, service performance and challenges faced in 2020/2021. 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 Howick Local Board Agreement 2020/2021.

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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Celebrating Cultures at Sir Barry Curtis Park

# He kōrero mai i te heamana

## From the chairperson

### What we achieved

The impact of COVID-19 continues to affect our community in various ways. We have focused on supporting the community to feel engaged and connected during this time, while also ensuring the delivery of our work programme remained a high priority. We are proud to have delivered on almost all of what we set out to achieve given the interruptions caused by lockdowns.

Over the past year, we provided the largest number of activations across all local boards in our parks, places and open spaces. This supported the community in maintaining physical activity and involvement with one another in our beautiful outdoor spaces.

We invested the impressive amount of \$710,000 in community grants to successful applicants across the local board. This funding went to projects that the community told us were important to them.

Lockdowns led to the cancellation of the Moon Festival event, so we pivoted and utilised the budget to deliver the inaugural Celebrating Cultures event instead. This event directly meets our local board plan outcome of valuing our diverse communities. It was so well attended and enjoyed by all that we have approved to deliver both the Moon Festival and the Celebrating Cultures events in the coming year.

We also managed to finally hold the celebration of the installation of the Dick Quax memorial markers in 2020 at Wakaraanga Reserve.



Another highlight in the past year was the installation of the pump track at Nixon Park, which we continue to hear is well utilised.

### Looking forward to 2021/2022

We continue to progress our local board plan which focuses on the health and well-being of our communities, environment and local economy.

We have increased our investment in activations in our parks, places and open spaces as we know this is important.

We are also going to start upgrading the local skateparks as well as introduce dog exercise areas to suitable parks in the local board area.

We will continue to work with local schools in reducing waste with our successful waste minimisation programme. Over the past year, with the help of this programme, we saw 18 schools reduce their waste by 40% or more!

We will continue to focus on ensuring the environment is protected and restored by controlling pest plants and animals, minimising waste in schools and improving our streams. We are also supporting the Ngahere Urban Forest Growing Programme to improve our local tree canopy cover. I look forward to updating you on our work as the year progresses.

**Adele White**  
Chairperson, Howick Local Board

# Te Poari ā-Rohe o Howick

## Howick Local Board



### Your board

(L to R) Bo Burns, Bruce Kendall, David Collings, Bob Wichman, Adele White (Chairperson), Mike Turinsky, Peter Young, John Spiller (Deputy Chairperson), Katrina Bungard.



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# Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

## Howick projects and improvements

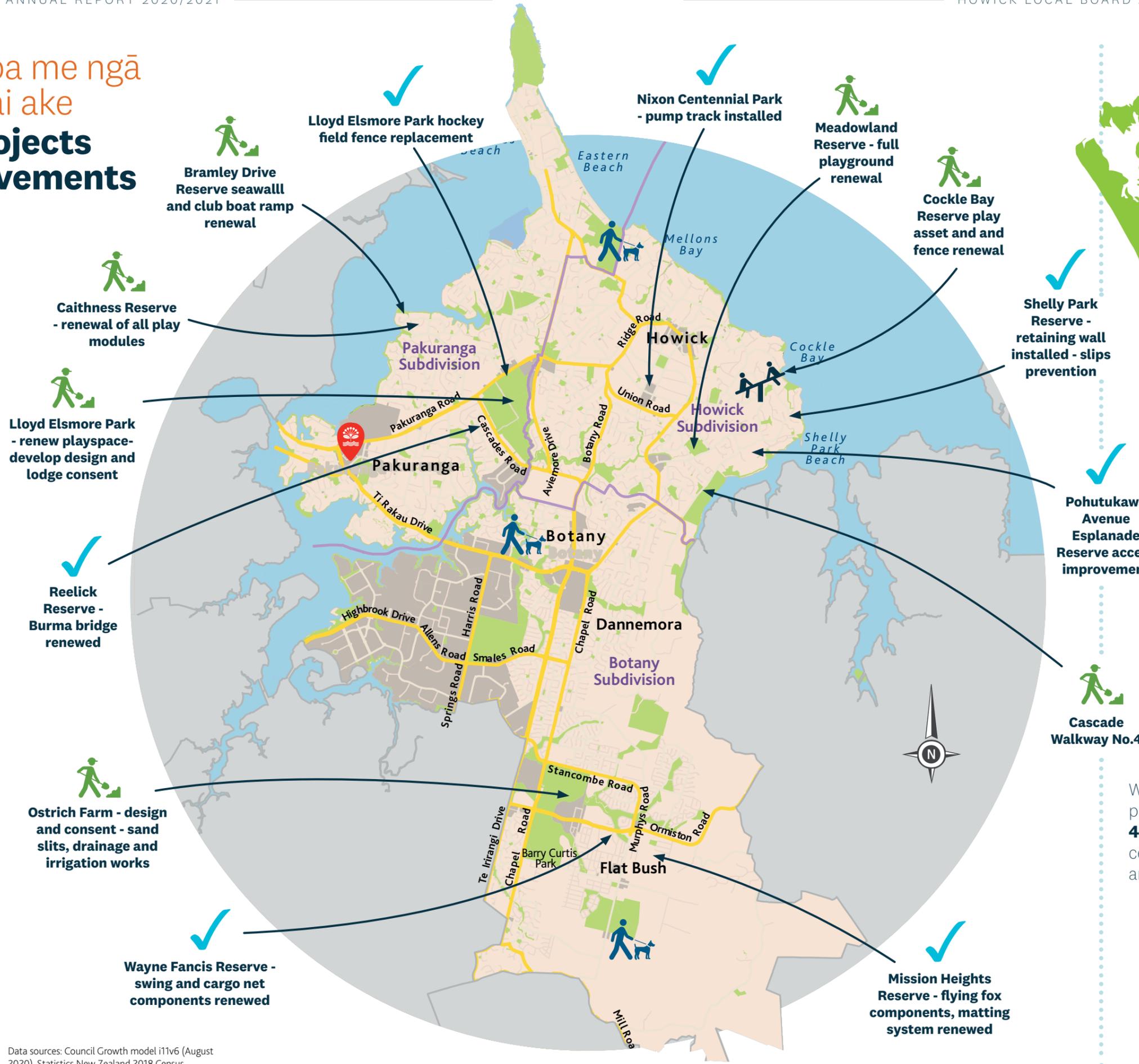
### KEY TO CURRENT AND PLANNED PROJECTS

-  **Delivered projects**
-  **Current projects**
-  **Current playground renewals**
-  **Current track renewals**

### LEGEND

-  Local board office
-  Subdivision boundary
-  Public open space (Unitary Plan)
-  Railway
-  Arterial road
-  Medium road
-  Minor road

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



We have a population of **144,744** or **9%** of Auckland's total population



We are home to **266** local parks, **14** sports parks, **4** libraries, **4** recreation centres, **7** community halls and houses

# 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

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

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

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

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

## Local Community Services

We support local arts, cultures, events, sports and recreation. We provide grants and partner with local organisation to deliver community services. The local board maintains facilities, including local parks, libraries, and halls. We have worked on improvements to Pohutukawa Esplanade Reserve access, the installation of a pump track at Nixon Centennial Park and a retaining wall at Shelly Park Reserve.

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2021 Target	2021 Result	2020	2019	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	●	▼	85%	78%	83%	86%	Residents are feeling less safe during the day. They feel threatened by antisocial behaviour and homeless around the main town centres.
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – night time	●	▼	56%	38%	48%	45%	There is a perception of an increase in crime such as burglaries and car thefts. Residents advocate for more street lights and night police patrol to deter anti-social behaviour.
<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	●	▲	45%	85%	54%	41%	The capacity building programmes have achieved a higher participation rate and contributed to more activities that are community led. For example, the youth initiatives, the Ethnic Leaders Forum, Fruit Trees in school and Clean Plate (health lunch) initiatives.
The percentage of Empowered Communities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goal	●	▲	40%	81%	35%	75%	This is a key priority area and examples of this work include a number of youth council events, engagement with diverse communities through the ethnic leaders forum, activities for the LGBTQI community and engagement and information sessions for the senior and disabled communities in the local area.
<b>We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people</b>							
The percentage of arts and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led	●	▬	85%	100%	100%	100%	All programmes are community-led.
<b>We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people</b>							
The number of attendees at council-led community events	●	▼	4,600	6,200	8,900	3,900	Attendance at Kiwi Anthems and the two Movies in Parks were higher than expected. However the numbers were below the previous year's especially for Movies in Parks.
The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event			75%	Not measured*	75%	42%	Satisfaction survey methods require physical engagement with event attendees. The promotion of physical distancing to minimise risk at community events meant that satisfaction surveys were unable to be carried out this year.
<b>We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection</b>							
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	●	▼	600,925	414,804*	446,972*	556,042	Community venues were closed for nearly 36 days in response to two COVID-19 alert level restrictions on social gatherings during the year. While utilisation is back to pre COVID-19 levels, participations were slower to pick up due initially to social distancing requirements and subsequent precautionary considerations around hygiene.
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●	▬	56%	56%	56%	56%	
<b>We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life</b>							
The number of internet sessions at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public Wi-Fi networks)	●	▲	640,000	452,235*	404,945*	597,268	A 12% increase in internet sessions overall, driven by high internet sessions in Botany Library which had a new fit-out and in a larger location within Botany town centre. Other libraries such as Highland Park, Howick and Pakuranga have declined along with regional trends as customers opt for other convenient access to the internet. Closures of libraries due to COVID-19 restrictions also reduced uptake.
The number of visits to library facilities	●	▲	900,000	812,736*	760,845*	1,014,801	Library visits have a 7% increase over last year, driven by higher visits to the Botany Library which had a refit and a relocation to larger premises. Other libraries such as Highland Park, Howick and Pakuranga libraries follow the regional downward trend of decreasing visits to libraries.

## Local Community Services cont'd

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2021 Target	2021 Result	2020	2019	How did we perform
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▲	85%	97%	95%	94%	The high level of overall satisfaction has been driven mainly by the quality of service delivered by libraries staff and computers available for public use.
<b>We provide 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	●	▲	79%	80%	79%	72%	
The customers' Net Promoter Score for pool and leisure centres	●	▼	44	48	54	39	
<b>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, and beaches</b>							
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●	▼	77%	68%	75%	74%	Satisfaction with local parks has declined. There is a suggestion that more investment is needed in the smaller neighbourhood parks as some neighbourhoods either do not have playgrounds or have playgrounds of low quality.
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	▲	85%	81%	79%	88%	
<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	●	▲	10.0%	14.8%	14.3%	8.0%	

## Local Environmental Management

We work in partnership with local communities, schools and iwi to improve the local environments. We fund environmental initiatives such as stream restoration, pest-free initiatives and support environmental volunteers.

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2021 Target	2021 Result	2020	2019	How did we perform
<b>We manage Auckland's natural environment</b>							
The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	●	▲	95%	100.0%	87.5%	100%	

## Local Planning and Development

Supporting our local business and business improvement districts (BIDs) to recover from the impact of COVID-19. Coordinate the Howick Village Centre Plan implementation.

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2021 Target	2021 Result	2020	2019	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%	



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## Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

### Local flavour

#### Howick children at the forefront of making Auckland pest free

Schoolchildren and preschool toddlers in Howick ward are putting many to shame with their record-breaking efforts towards protecting our native environment.

Earlier this year, 225 students from 23 schools across the ward took part in a moth plant pod collecting competition and yielded monumental results – a whopping 54,890 moth pods and small vines. The number equates to an estimated 3.8 million seeds that will not germinate.

The project coordinator Lorelle Stranaghan says it has been rewarding to see growing interest in fighting this invasive pest plant and protecting our native trees.

“We have seen incredible growth in participation from schools and teams over the years – almost up to 390% this year.

“There has been increased awareness in the community with people sharing locations where they see this plant growing and students and neighbours being able to assist.”

This year’s collection was 44,000 more pods and vines than the 2019 competition, and 53,000 more than the 2018 competition.

The competition is one of the many activities Howick Local Board funds through the Pest Free Howick Ward project. The local board chairperson Adele White says seeing our youngsters’ passion for this reaffirms that the environment is their top priority.

“It has been wonderful to see all those kids going out in the community with their teams, pulling out moth pods, some even collecting more than 8000 pods, and helping with our effort to make Howick pest free.”

The competition is open to all schools in the Howick ward and Stranaghan says it has been incredibly rewarding working with the students and teachers.

“The students are engaged, motivated and determined. They take the message home to their families who also get involved.

“The Enviro Teachers have been incredibly supportive in promoting the competition in their schools and community, handing out the moth plant kits that we provide, and inspiring the spark to get involved.

“We have kindergarten, primary, intermediate, secondary students taking part – it’s a project highlight for our team.”

Stranaghan says other local boards are also getting involved to help curb this prolific pest plant and help with the efforts to make Auckland pest free.

“I really feel we are making a difference, especially the amount of awareness this competition raises for the community to actually be able to recognise the moth plant and want to take action.”

▼ Winning team Mel and Tracey of Botany Downs Secondary College collected 8876 moth pods.



# Te tahua pūtea

## Funding impact statement

Financial year ending 30 June 2021

\$000s	Notes	Actual 2020/2021	Annual Plan 2020/2021	Annual Plan 2019/2020
<b>Sources of operating funding:</b>				
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		25,381	25,381	21,420
Targeted rates		420	440	412
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		564	708	694
Fees and charges	1	2,747	3,214	3,960
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		709	605	587
<b>Total operating funding</b>		<b>29,821</b>	<b>30,348</b>	<b>27,073</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding:</b>				
Payments to staff and suppliers	2	23,114	24,822	20,335
Finance costs		2,497	2,487	3,239
Internal charges and overheads applied		2,918	2,918	3,349
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
<b>Total applications of operating funding</b>		<b>28,529</b>	<b>30,227</b>	<b>26,923</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) of operating funding</b>		<b>1,292</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>150</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	3	2,165	1,408	15,005
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>2,165</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>15,005</b>
<b>Application of capital funding:</b>				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		1,434	0	5,154
- to improve the level of service		375	138	4,936
- to replace existing assets		1,648	1,391	5,065
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
<b>Total applications of capital funding</b>	4	<b>3,457</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>15,155</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) of capital funding</b>		<b>(1,292)</b>	<b>(121)</b>	<b>(150)</b>
<b>Funding balance</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Variance explanation Actual 2020/2021 to Annual Plan 2020/2021**

1. Fees and charges were below plan. Howick Leisure Centre and Marine Fitness operations have experienced a decrease in active visits from a combination of lower membership and caution around COVID-19 hygiene and public safety.
2. Payments to staff and suppliers were below plan primarily due to COVID-19 and the associated lockdowns resulting in lower staffing costs due to closure of council facilities, assets and parks.
3. Capital expenditure was higher than planned, and funding from fees and charges was significantly lower than planned. This resulted in a funding shortfall that was met by more debt funding than was planned.
4. Capital expenditure was above plan primarily due to:
  - Ormiston Road Flat Bush Water Quality Pond project being reprioritised from future years to 2020/2021.
  - completion of the Howick Recreation Centre which was planned to occur in 2019/2020, however delays due to COVID-19 resulted in completion in 2020/2021.
 This was partly offset by annual renewal programmes being reprioritised to occur in 2021/2022.

Time for bubbles at Howick Library ▶



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