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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: Waiheke Island

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 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 Waiheke 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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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 2020/2021 Auckland Council Annual Report.

Following the adoption of the 2020 Local Board Plan in October, the board reviewed current work programmes and began identifying new projects which align with the plan’s objectives. This year’s programme will include extensions of successful projects, continuing implementation of existing projects and introducing new community priorities.

In terms of delivering on our 2020/2021 Local Board Agreement, we have made good progress on some key projects. The improved skatepark at Tawaipareira Reserve is complete and our new Youth Hub at Surfdale Hall is well-used. The skatepark has been a huge success and the youth hub is a gathering point for our tamariki.

Development of the inaugural Waiheke Destination Management Plan is underway. The future wellbeing of our communities, the land, the environment and the protection of biodiversity are key areas of focus and it will cover issues such as how best to balance sustainability, economic and social priorities and the community’s aspirations for Waiheke Island.

Programmes involving community partnerships continue to be successful. Ecological restoration, waterway quality and predator management remain priorities. Healthy and affordable housing provision are critical challenges, and we will continue to implement actions identified in the board’s Housing Strategy.

Climate change mitigation and readiness continue to be top of mind. Stage one of the Ngahere (Island Forest) Strategy and our draft Low Carbon Plan will



be adopted shortly. These will provide us with priority areas to focus on such as canopy cover and strategies to protect and increase resiliency. A highlight from last year was the introduction of our electric bus fleet. A number of electric charging stations are now installed across the island thanks to the advocacy of Electric Island Waiheke.

Public consultation will start soon on the management plan for our local parks, and the 30-year Waiheke Area Plan is due to be adopted in the coming months. These plans will provide a clear direction for focus and investment in future years.

Progress on transport elements of the Mātiatia Strategic Plan can now move ahead following approval of funding within the Auckland Transport Regional Land Transport Plan. However some court proceedings do need to be finalised before non-transport elements can be progressed. Stakeholder and public consultation will progress as these matters are clarified.

On behalf of the board, I’d like to thank you, our community, for your involvement over the past year. Working together builds strong and resilient island communities and we are fortunate to have such an engaged, passionate community.

Cath Handley
Chairperson, Waiheke Local Board

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Waiheke Local Board



Your board

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



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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Waiheke projects and improvements

KEY TO CURRENT AND PLANNED PROJECTS

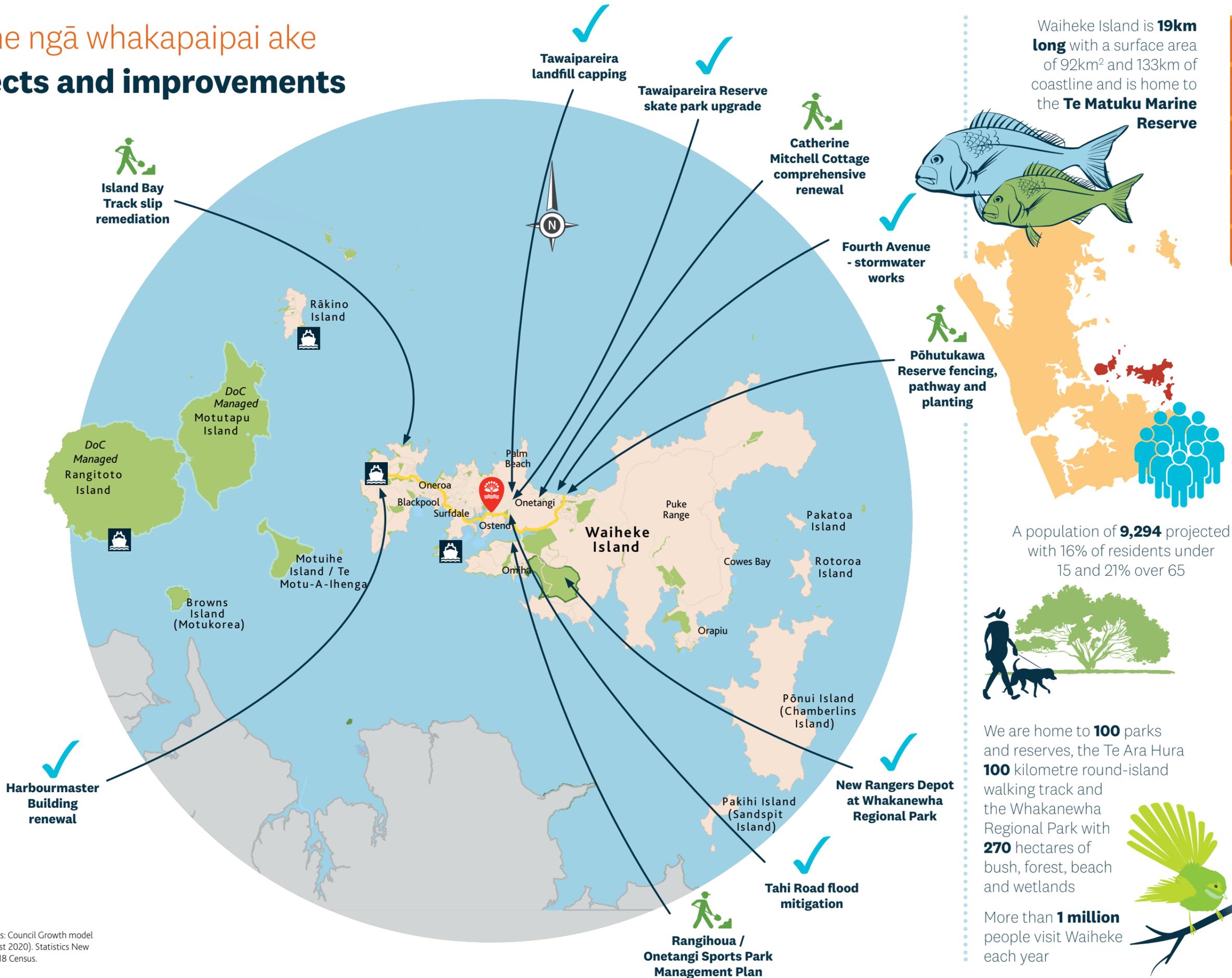
-  **Delivered projects**
-  **Current projects**

 In 2020/2021 Waiheke island became the first area in Auckland to operate an electric bus fleet starting with 6 electric buses. All remaining buses in the 17-strong fleet will be replaced for electric as they reach their end of life.

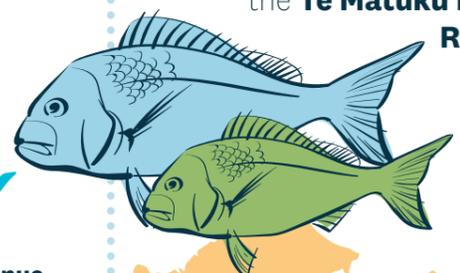
LEGEND

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

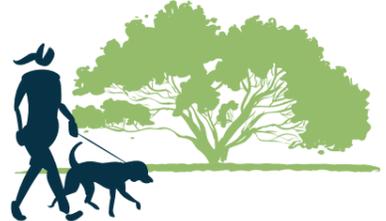
Data sources: Council Growth model i11v6 (August 2020). Statistics New Zealand 2018 Census.



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

● **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

Local Community Services

This year the board continued funding capacity building programmes to support and develop community wellbeing. There was a significant increase to the board's grants allocation which saw many more community projects receiving local board support. The Waiheke Healthy Homes service funded by the local board and delivered in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity, completed home repairs for residents with disabilities and assisted low-income families with winter warmer packs and curtains to improve their housing quality.

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2021 Target	2021 Result	2020	2019	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	●	▼	95%	99%	100%	92%	
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe - night time	●	▼	80%	86%	88%	85%	
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%	97%	93%	95%	Larger number of activities were focused on community delivery rather than building organisational capacity and capability, such as events and programmes delivered through Waiheke Youth Centre. COVID-19 has also impacted several activities in this area.
The percentage of Empowered Communities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goal	●	▲	65%	40%*	36%	68%	Target not met. The lower proportion of activities of this nature is partly due to a high number of activities that are focused on community delivery rather than building organisational capacity and capability, for example a high number of events and programmes delivered out of the Waiheke Youth Centre while COVID-19 has also had an impact on the number of activities taking place. The result did improve on last year's result however.
We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people							
The percentage of arts and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led	●	—	100%	100%	100%	100%	
We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection							
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	●	▲	75,000	81,567	70,275*	92,140	
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	●	▲	60%	67%	60%	60%	
We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life							
The number of internet sessions at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public Wi-Fi networks)	●	▼	70,000	48,487*	51,969*	74,578	Reduction was partly due to the two alert levels restrictions during this financial year, customers opting for online services and more users having internet available at home
The number of visits to library facilities	●	▼	150,000	90,305*	128,875*	158,208	Library visits continued to decline due to changing customer behaviour and preference for online services. This was further affected by closures during COVID-19 lockdowns and the residual effect of initial outbreaks. Waiheke Library has had the largest decline in visits, due to a lack of international visitors and seasonal workers to the island. An adjacent cinema which was temporarily shut, has contributed to the reduced foot traffic that it normally attracted to the area.
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	●	▼	95%	97%	98%	96%	The overall satisfaction rating of libraries in the Waiheke Local Board is one of the highest in Auckland, and driven to a large extent by the great service delivered by staff.

Local Community Services measures cont'd over

Local Community Services cont'd

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2021 Target	2021 Result	2020	2019	How did we perform
We provide 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	●	▼	63%	81%	91%	69%	The playing surfaces were in better condition, partly attributable to pause to sport due to COVID-19 and a changing of season timing. Also, an understanding by sporting clubs and the community about council's Emergency Budget led to a collaborative approach that resulted in good outcomes.
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves, and beaches							
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	●	—	70%	76%	76%	70%	
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	●	—	90%	90%	90%	92%	
We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture							
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	●	▲	20.0%	33%	17.8%	33.5%	Key focus areas were working with local iwi, Piritahi Marae, arts partners, and contestable grants via Creative Communities scheme that respond to Māori aspirations.

Local Environmental Management

There was increased local board funding for environment initiatives in the 2020/2021 financial year, compared to the previous year. A bike hub is being established with support from the local board and Mainfreight to assist with bicycle repair, promote cycling, and to act as an advocacy centre. The Waiheke Environmental Fund supported eight community projects, delivering a range of environmental outcomes including pest control, restoration and planting.

In the 2020/2021 financial year Healthy Waters completed the Fourth Avenue project to reduce habitable floor flooding, and the Tahurangi flood mitigation project to provide flood mitigation measures to alleviate flooding experienced by the industrial properties on the western side of Tahurangi Road, adjacent to the Tawaipareira Reserve.

	Results against target	Year-on-year change	2021 Target	2021 Result	2020	2019	How did we perform
We manage Auckland's natural environment							
The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	●	—	100%	100%	100%	100%	We successfully delivered all six environmental projects for Waiheke in the 2020/2021 financial year. These projects have contributed to local board's environmental outcomes as described in its local board plan.

He whakamārama mō ā mātou mahi whakahaere

Our performance explained

Local community services

Through the 2020/2021 financial year the Waiheke local board supported and funded capacity building programmes such as community and social economic development, community-led housing initiatives and Youth Hub. Through these programmes the local board facilitated local community economic development via social enterprise and entrepreneurship and youth development.

The local board funded a pilot Kaiwhakahaere Marae (Operations manager) at Piritahi Marae. With this seed funding, the Marae was able to secure additional funding and the role has now been established as an ongoing paid position to oversee and coordinate marae projects. The board funded housing programme works towards implementing the Waiheke Local Board Housing Strategy 2018, incorporating the principles of 'Essentially Waiheke'.

Local environmental management

The Waiheke local board funded six environmental projects in the 2020/2021 financial year including projects focused on biodiversity, climate action, marine education, and waterway restoration. New initiatives this financial year included funding for the establishment of a community bike hub, and the development of a climate action plan. A total of 155 students were involved in experiential learning around marine protection, and workshops were held in four key catchments to educate homeowners on maintenance of septic systems and water sensitive design to reduce contamination into Waiheke waterways. Pest control continued at the Awaawaroa wetland to protect the spawning grounds of the endangered giant kōkopu, and \$33,000 for ecological restoration and management was granted to community organisations on Waiheke.

Pest plant eradication work funded through the Natural Environment Targeted Rate largely focused on moth plant and rhamnus. Pest animal control was undertaken for stoats, rats, and feral pigs. Performing over 47,000 trap checks, a total of 1947 pests were trapped with 89 of these being stoats. Work has also been undertaken to manage priority biodiversity

sites on private land and develop a programme to educate the public on marine pests and methods of control. In the 2020/2021 financial year, fencing and edge boarding was erected at several key sites to minimise the risk of kauri dieback introduction and transmission on Waiheke.

Local planning and development

During 2020/2021 the Waiheke Local Board continued to advance the Mātiatia Plan in partnership with Auckland Transport and mana whenua. The plan aims to achieve community agreement on the future use and development of public land at the island's main entry point. Initial concepts have been discussed with stakeholders and more detailed designs will go out for public consultation later in 2021.

The board also completed a major feasibility study into options to develop a new community swimming pool for Waiheke and agreed that this should be located at Te Huruhi School. The study confirmed that a comprehensive indoor new pool complex was unaffordable, resulting in the board funding the Waiheke Pool Society to lead on a redevelopment of the existing Te Huruhi School pool. The board's funding has enabled the society to engage professionals to develop ideas and designs.

The Waiheke Area Plan has progressed to draft stage following community engagement and extensive research. It will present a 30-year vision for Waiheke and the surrounding Hauraki Gulf islands and will identify key issues that need to be addressed in the near future. The plan will be approved by the board following input from mana whenua.

COVID-19 impact on our community

In the 2020/2021 financial year the board included a priority within its community grants programme to support post COVID-19 economic development and initiatives that address community hardship. Budget allocation for community grants was significantly increased from the previous year to support these applications.

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

Tamariki connecting with nature through gardening on Waiheke

Waiheke Island Playcentre was supported to connect tamariki and their mātua with nature, through funding from the Waiheke Local Board's Environment Grant.

The playcentre applied for the grant funding to develop an existing vegetable garden so they could provide hands-on learning about gardening and food growing to parents and their children.

Their application was successful, and funding was used to plant fruit trees and herbs, along with a greater variety of vegetables, in a series of volunteer working bees over a six month period.

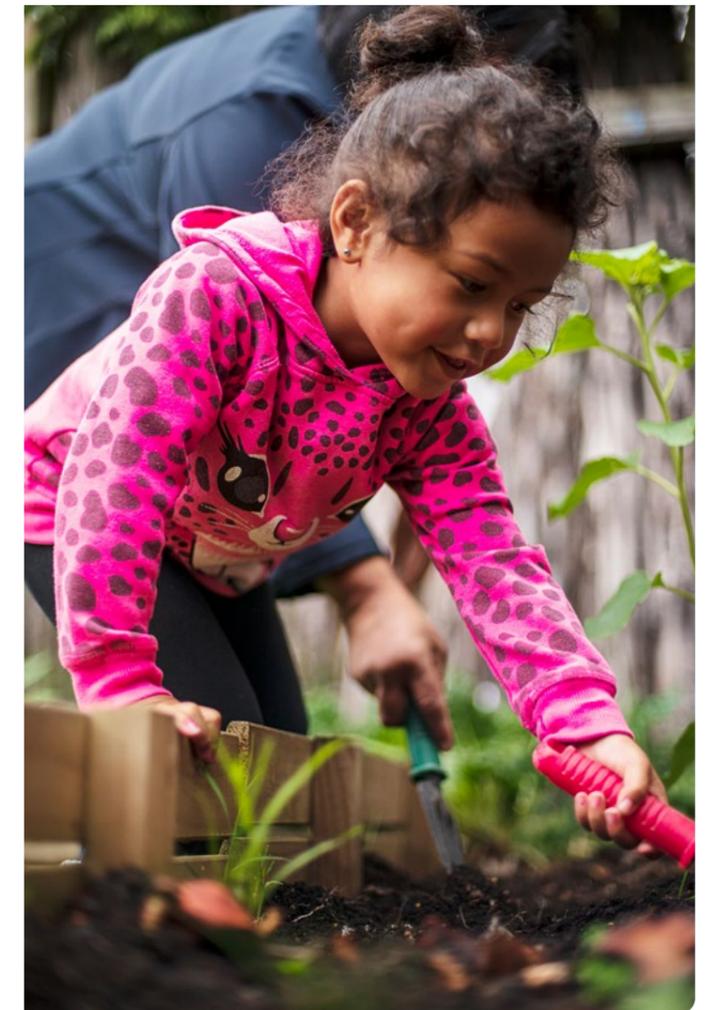
Playcentre parent Kodie Hyde said as well as more plants, the funding helped to purchase new equipment to improve the garden through pruning, composting, and mulching.

"Our garden is developing our tamariki's love of nature and we're teaching them the value of growing their own food.

"They're developing a foundation of environmental awareness and are learning to be kaitiaki."

Waiheke Local Board Chairperson Cath Handley said the board was pleased to provide support for the playcentre's garden.

"Connecting our younger generations with nature and teaching them practical skills like growing their own food is exactly the kind of work we love to support in our community."



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
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		7,791	7,791	5,204
Targeted rates		0	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		0	1	1
Fees and charges		41	33	9
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		90	65	7
Total operating funding		7,921	7,890	5,221
Applications of operating funding:				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	6,599	6,744	3,947
Finance costs		348	348	386
Internal charges and overheads applied		628	628	729
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		7,575	7,720	5,062
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding				
		346	170	159
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	1,345	972	1,729
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		1,345	972	1,729
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		84	42	0
- to improve the level of service		107	0	37
- to replace existing assets		1,500	1,100	1,851
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	3	1,691	1,142	1,888
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding				
		(346)	(170)	(159)
Funding balance				
		0	0	0

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

1. Payments to staff and suppliers were below plan due to planning and design of Te Huruhi Primary School pool upgrade being delayed. The local board has resolved to provide funding to the Waiheke Pool Society, which was not paid in 2020/2021 as the details of the project had not yet been finalised by the end of the financial year.
2. Capital expenditure was greater than planned, therefore increased debt was required to fund the deficit. This was partially offset by lower than planned payments to staff and suppliers.
3. Capital expenditure was above plan due to the Tawaipareira Reserve skatepark and Onetangi Sports Park pavilion roof fastenings restoration projects being delivered in 2020/2021 which was ahead of schedule.

Exploring Waiheke by bike ►



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