



TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O HENDERSON-MASSEY 2020

# Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2020

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# Introduction and context

This progress report provides a summary progress update against the key initiatives in the three-year Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2020. The report covers from October 2020 through to November 2021.

Local Board Plan progress reports are a supplementary resource for easy reference and contain summary information rather than a detailed analysis. For a more detailed record of projects and work programmes, quarterly performance reports and annual reports can be found on the Henderson-Massey Local Board business meeting agendas. This information is available through Henderson-Massey Local Board business meeting agendas on the Auckland Council website at <http://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/>

## Local board plans

A local board plan is refreshed every three years and is one of the first major projects of each newly elected local board. It informs the development of the council's ten-year plan and local board annual agreements and budgets. It also enables the local board to represent the public's preferences on regional strategies and plans.

Four local board plans have now been produced since the 2010 amalgamation of the region's seven city and district councils and formation of the new Auckland Council.

The next Local Board Plan 2023 will be adopted in October 2023.

## How the community helped develop the 2020 plan

To help develop the draft plan the board talked informally to the community at local events and library drop-in sessions and the public filled in feedback forms and questionnaires. A draft plan was written based on what the community told the board and then written submissions were called for and hearings held as part of the formal consultation process. The 2020 plan was finalised and adopted in October 2020.

## How the local board plans work

Local board plans set a strategic direction and provide enough flexibility to cope with change for three years, so some change of direction in the projects and initiatives is expected from one plan to the next. The test is whether progress can be seen and whether the community's aspirations are being honoured.

In the 2020 plan, the five outcomes cover broad areas such as transport, placemaking and community life, and environmental concerns. They reflect much the same aspirations that the 2014 outcomes did. Each outcome has a list of objectives to work towards, which then contain two or three specific initiatives that can be focused on.

## Māori responsiveness

The Māori Responsiveness Framework in the Auckland Plan (Whiria Te Muka Tangata) sets out council's commitments and obligations to Māori. Building relationships with Māori, establishing partnerships to support common aspirations and increasing Aucklanders' understanding of Māori and their needs and aspirations are important ways to demonstrate and realise our commitments to Māori.

For Henderson-Massey Local Board to meet its commitment to this framework in the Auckland Plan, Waitākere ki tua was developed. The plan was developed for the three west local boards: Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges and Whau. This was done through kōrero with the west Auckland Māori community, which resulted in the development of the West Auckland Mataawaka Report 2014 and the Toitū Waitākere Report 2017. Both reports were undertaken by Māori leaders in west Auckland who applied a kaupapa Māori methodology and hosted wānanga on marae. The Toitū Waitākere Report in particular, was completed after more than 50 face-to-face interviews and three hui that were held at Hoani Waititi Marae.

Waitākere ki tua honours the process and kōrero by bringing the recommendations of both reports together, so local board decision-making and advocacy reflects Māori community aspirations. Within the wider council family, it aims to focus future business planning (such as the development of the work programmes), improve external systems and processes for Māori and focus services to reflect council's legal and Te Tiriti o Waitangi commitments.

A significant outcome of this plan is the establishment of a local Māori community broker, a Kaiwhakaawe, to take and expand on the actions in the report. The Kaiwhakaawe role has been in action since September 2019.

The key initiatives in this space include:

### Kai Whakaawe role

A Kai Whakaawe (Māori responsiveness broker) was appointed in September 2019. The role was established to develop relationships between the three west local boards, the local Māori community and Hoani Waititi Marae and to progress actions in the Waitākere ki Tua plan.

Most progress is evidenced in increased collaboration with the Kai Whakaawe role, council staff and local kura promoting very successful events such as Te Rā Mokupuna, and Te Rā Kaumatua/Kuia.

### Te Kete Rukuruku

Henderson-Massey Local Board is one of 14 local boards that are supporting the Te Kete Rukuruku programme, which aims to showcase the Māori history and stories of Tāmaki Makaurau. One element is to add names significant to Māori to local parks and community places, including libraries and community centres. Te Manawa, the library and community centre in Westgate was named and Kelston Community Centre was renamed Te Pae o Kura using the kaupapa of Te Kete Rukuruku. The programme responds to the council's Māori Language Policy adopted in 2016 and is a partnership between the council and the 19 mana whenua of Tāmaki Makaurau.

The board formally adopted 63 te reo Māori park names and their associated narratives in May 2021. A second tranche of names are now in the process of being selected by mana whenua. Forty-one parks from the original list of 179 sites, plus Royal Reserve and Waitākere Central Library have been prioritised for naming in tranche two.

## The Opanuku Link project

Henderson-Massey Local Board contributed funding and approved designs as part of the Opanuku Link project, made up of enhancements to Opanuku Reserve, a new bridge to the Corban Arts Estate and an upgrade to Henderson Valley Road which will include a new pedestrian crossing.

Part of Eke Panuku Development Auckland's (Panuku) Unlock Henderson programme, the Opanuku Link project uses Te Aranga design principles (founded on intrinsic Māori cultural values) to enhance Opanuku reserve in Henderson. The design incorporates natural play opportunities developed on the theme of papa tākaro whanau (family play) and the bridge (Te Mana o Tane) is in the form of a fallen kauri, designed by Johnson Witehira and inspired by the tale of Rata and the tree.

## Te Atatū Waka Ama club

The Waitākere Outrigger Canoe (Waka Ama) Club has a vision to build its own clubrooms and storage facility; currently it is based on the Te Atatū Boat Club premises at Bridge Avenue in Te Atatū South. Henderson-Massey Local Board worked with council staff to find a suitable site and after investigation, agreed that its current location in Bridge Avenue was the best choice. Two high-level design options have been developed, both aligning with Te Whau Pathway proposed route. Staff worked with the Waka Ama Club to progress a suitable interim storage solution while options for more permanent clubrooms and storage continue to be investigated. A community lease was granted to Waitākere Outrigger Canoe Club Incorporated to occupy an area at Bridge Avenue which will extend the footprint of its current site on the Te Atatū Boat Club premises. The Te Whau Pathway section at Bridge Avenue has also been designed to support public water access and potentially enable a more permanent facility in the future.

## Te Atatū Marae

The local board supports the Te Atatū Marae Coalition in identifying a suitable land tenure option for the proposed marae on Harbourview-Ōrangihina park in Te Atatū Peninsula. 2.5 hectares of land in the park is designated Māori Special Purpose in the Unitary Plan and a council project sponsor has been given the task of taking the mahi forward. The Coalition secured funding from the Cultural Initiatives Fund and has developed a business case. The local board reaffirmed its support by a formal Notice of Motion at the March 2020 business meeting and at the September 2020 meeting, formally requesting Auckland Council amend legacy council resolutions, paving the way for the Te Atatū Marae Coalition Trust to be given tenure to develop a marae. This enables the Governing Body to take the necessary action to ensure a long-term lease can be granted to Te Atatū Marae coalition. Council staff are working alongside the Marae Coalition in this process.

## Whakapiki te mauri o pukearuhe

A restoration project on the site of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Kōtuku in Ranui, based around restoring the mauri of the former pā site Pukearuhe and protecting a puna and small remnant of wetland area which sits at the headwaters of the Paremuka Stream.

## Kaitiaki project – pā harakeke

The initiative to develop pā harakeke (flax gardens) with Māori communities in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area is now in its 8th year. Te Kawerau ā Maki were involved during the development of the project, including on the pā harakeke locations. Key partners in the well-established Harbourview/Ōrangihina pā harakeke site are the Te Atatū Marae Coalition, local weavers and TAT Upcycle. A new site is under development at Te Rangi Hiroa Park with Te Ukaipo as a key partner and the Rānui Māori Women's Welfare League giving ongoing support. Staff are also in discussion with Piringatahi Marae to identify future activities.

A whakawātea (dawn blessing) of the Te Rangi Hiroa Park site was held on 19 April 2021. Both sites have achieved plant survival targets.

## **The impact of COVID-19**

Henderson-Massey's community organisations showed great resilience and ingenuity through the first COVID-19 crisis and this laid the groundwork for a strong and capable response to the latest lockdown.

Council departments also responded well to the constrained Emergency Budget, finding new ways to deliver services with less money.

The second lockdown since August 2021 has put increased strain on delivery of maintenance and renewals and programmes in libraries and community places. Where possible, programmes moved online. Activities such as parks mowing, repairs and maintenance and new projects experienced delays, but were able to resume at level 3.

The two COVID-19 lockdowns and Auckland Council's Emergency Budget have had an impact on projects during the time frame this report covers. Where it has had an obvious impact, it is described in the body of the report.

The next section provides a summary of progress on the local board plan outcomes.

Whakaotinga tahi: He wāhi pai rawa a Henderson-Massey hei noho, hei mahi, hei tākarō hoki

## **Outcome 1: Henderson-Massey is a great place to live, work and play**

Henderson-Massey Local Board invests annually in a substantial community facilities maintenance and renewals work programme for its parks, sports fields and community buildings. These community facilities are always under pressure as the population grows, so the local board's focus is on making them fit for purpose and finding ways to use them more effectively.

Local board-funded community organisations and hubs are central to supporting a sense of place and belonging in neighbourhoods. They run regular neighbourhood pride activities such as the "Love Massey" murals; Ranui's "Christmas in the carpark" event; Community Waitākere's work with schools in Lincoln North; Manutewhau Hub's Awa Cleanup (clearing rubbish from Manutewhau stream) and McLaren Park Henderson South's (MPHS) "Shape Up Neighbourhood" (S.U.N), working with householders at an individual street level to do street clean-ups and prevent further dumping. Some activities have had to be postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19, but wherever possible, innovative ways to continue have been developed.

Panuku's delivery of Unlock Henderson has progressed significantly; the older people's housing development at 21-33 Henderson Valley Road is complete and a separate development of 50-60 additional terrace homes aimed at families is earmarked for the rest of the site in coming years. Detailed design on the Opanuku Link is nearly complete and concept design for a sustainable design residential development on Alderman carpark is complete. Laidlaw College has purchased part of the Henderson Council Service Centre and the proceeds will be invested back into Unlock Henderson projects.

In May 2021, Kopupaka Playground in Westgate won 'playground of the year' at the New Zealand Parks Awards ceremony, hosted by recreation Aotearoa.

As part of the Te Atatū South Centre Plan, a design framework for street improvements in the Te Atatu South Centre is under development. The parks upgrades are delayed due to financial and staff resource impacts of COVID-19, but will progress in 2022.

### **Heritage and culture are highlighted and celebrated**

#### **Work with mana whenua to identify and highlight sites of cultural significance**

- As part of ongoing work on the Unitary Plan, Auckland Council's heritage team are working with mana whenua across the region to identify sites of significance and additions to the Auckland Unitary Plan.

#### **Progress mana whenua naming of parks and reserves, including interpretive signage that tells the stories of sites of significance to Māori**

- Te Kete Rukuruku programme: The board adopted 63 te reo Māori park names and their associated narratives and approved Rush Creek Reserve and Massey Leisure Centre park (Pukewhakarātara) for installation of bilingual park signage in May 2021.
- Park identification signage at 27 parks was also renewed with dual names in te reo Māori and English.

#### **Explore opportunities to highlight and provide access to sites of heritage value, both natural and built**

- Installation of bi-lingual signage at Pukewhakarātara



## Whakaotinga tahi: He wāhi pai rawa a Henderson-Massey hei noho, hei mahi, hei tākaro hoki

- The board has identified areas of Te Atatū Peninsula Coastal Walkway for upgrades, to improve walking access alongside the ecologically significant coast and wetlands.
- The Harbourview/Orangihina Community Restoration Plan adopted in December 2021 is a community-led and ecologically focused plan. Its aims include restoration of cultural connections and reconnection of people to the environment through involvement in restoring the mauri of the park.

## **Parks, facilities and public spaces are inviting, accessible to all and meet the needs of our diverse communities**

### **Develop parks and new play spaces that are inclusive, accessible to all, and support whānau-focused gatherings and activities**

- Public toilet provision across Henderson-Massey parks has been assessed and more detailed investigation is now underway to determine where additional public toilets, or upgrades to existing facilities are needed.
- Second phase of the parks accessibility study done in 2020 underway - developing accessibility maps and updating online content for the parks identified in the study.

### **Support programming and events in community hubs and centres that focus on removing barriers to access and contribute to reducing social isolation**

- Whai Pūmanawa Literacy programme in libraries provides a range of activities to support early learning, rangatahi and adults.

#### Te Manawa:

- During lockdown welfare calls were made to local housebound library customers. Usage of e-collections increased during lockdown, particularly audiobooks.
- A new bilingual (English and Mandarin) music and movement session 'Starting Line Circle Time' was implemented for children under five. Sessions allow families with different ethnic backgrounds to connect while also learning some basic te reo through rhymes and stories.
- Navigators, a music mentoring youth programme for 13 to 24-year-olds, focuses on guided group discussions, creative writing workshops and recording. Run as an 8-week pilot programme, participants rated it as a great success.

#### Other examples:

- Activities for older people to gather and socialise: Joy Club at MPHS community hub, the Wise and the Wonderful at Ranui community house and the Taumatua- Our Elders at the Pacifica Arts Centre.
- Community dinners at the Massey Community Hub
- Share the Love community meal at Ranui Community Centre
- Pass the Mic story telling of migrant and ethnic communities at a variety of council community facilities
- Papaya Stories' Silent Disco.

### **Support year-round affordable or free activities and activations in our parks and facilities**

- Funding allocated to provide free activities and events that support the local community to be physically active, either through the 'Out and About' programme or other locally focused community or partner organisations and initiatives.

### **Provide more drinking fountains and natural and artificial shade in parks and playgrounds**

- A shade and shelter provision assessment was adopted by the local board in July 2021. It identifies sites needing shade that can be included in future work programmes.

## Whakaotinga tahi: He wāhi pai rawa a Henderson-Massey hei noho, hei mahi, hei tākaro hoki

- Installation of drinking fountains in parks across Henderson-Massey continues as part of the annual community facilities work programme, based on a 2019 collaboration with Healthy Families Waitākere which identified gaps in provision.

### **We prepare for the needs of a growing community**

#### **Continue to advocate for sports, recreation and open-space needs in the northwest and Redhills growth area diversity**

- A Redhills Growth Area Parks Provision Plan was finalised in September 2021. The plan will anticipate local parks needs at Redhills, Massey, and will be used as a guide for development and discussions with the community, local board and land developers. The document will be updated as required, to identify new studies or include newly acquired parkland.

#### **Ensure council facilities contribute to a low carbon future through sustainable design principles**

- Auckland Council adopted the regional Sustainable Asset Policy in October 2021. Local boards across the region will now be required to implement the policy when investing in Community Assets, ensuring sustainability is a key factor in the decision making from the start.

#### **Work with Kāinga Ora to develop sustainable housing that promotes community togetherness and builds community resilience**

- The board meets with representatives from Kainga Ora every six months, where it receives updates on planned work and discusses issues of interest.

### **The northwest growth area is an employment, business, community and recreation hub**

#### **Investigate provision of a swimming pool and recreation centre and community facilities to service the rapidly expanding north-west area**

- Potential sites for an aquatic recreation facility are now being assessed. The board continues to advocate for funding to progress this facility.
- The Redhills Growth Area Parks Provision Plan will anticipate local parks needs at Redhills in Massey.

## Outcome 2: A thriving, inclusive and engaged community

Empowering community organisations to take a community-led approach is fundamental to the way Henderson-Massey Local Board works. The community prioritises what is important to work on and the board then supports that work.

Henderson-Massey is also fortunate to work with well-established local community organisations who understand their communities and have a long-term vision for Henderson-Massey. The board has extended some key organisations' funding agreements from two-year to three-year terms to further support financial and planning stability. It means the groups can use their time focusing on community activity rather than seeking funding.

Local community organisations provide neighbourhood-focused activities and initiatives such as youth leadership programmes Realize Youth in Ranui; Youth Can in Massey; the Youth group at MPHS; West Auckland Pacifika Forum's Tula'i leadership programme and Ranui 135's 'The Clubhouse' mentoring for girls. Examples of neighbourhood activities are Massey Matters community fridge and community lunches and dinners as part of a programme to welcome new residents from diverse backgrounds into the Massey area; Ranui Action Project's work with Western Park Village resulting in support services being based there part-time and MPHS's 'Child Friendly' programmes for children under 5 years and Kids Group for 6- 11 year olds.

The local board-funded Arts Broker role provides funding and advice through Creative Henderson-Massey. Twenty six proposals were received in 2021. After assessing proposals against criteria, 13 projects will receive funding. Seven projects are being produced by new participants in Creative Henderson-Massey. There is a range of artforms and events across the local board area including dance, theatre, photography, public art, exhibitions and spoken word. Eight projects are being assisted to apply for additional funding from other sources, with most of the applicants being entirely new to writing funding applications. Two projects were able to pivot to online delivery during the latest COVID-19 lockdown.

### Diversity and difference are embraced and valued

#### **Work with Pasifika communities to understand their aspirations and priorities**

- The Indigenous Entrepreneur Programme assists local creatives to establish their own enterprise with local mentors and supports. There are now 11 entrepreneurs who successfully sold all their creations at a pop-up shop in West City. Enthusiasm for this programme was not adversely affected by COVID-19, as the entrepreneurs could receive digital support and work alone.
- Continuing consultation in Ranui with the local Pacifika community to identify new locally delivered programmes. A Talanoa will identify this outcome.

#### **Work with the ethnic communities and local ethnic associations to support community-led planning and initiatives that celebrate diverse cultures**

- The local board funds Belong Aotearoa to deliver the Tuhonohono Diversity Programme which supports collaboration amongst ethnic groups in the migrant community. A number of intercultural activities increase inclusion and participation, including Treaty of Waitangi workshops for migrants and refugees,

## Whakaotinga rua: He hapori taurikura, manaaki, tūhonohono hoki

“Pass the Mic” storytelling to build understanding of different cultures (Libraries collaborate on “Pass the Mic”), and hosting a multi-ethnic dinner.

- A digital platform allowing interactive mapping of ethnic groups provides visibility of ethnic communities and informs of services, collaborative opportunities, and service gaps. This assists in empowering communities to respond to highest need.
- Funding for local Diwali, Holi, Waitangi Day and Matariki celebrations is included in the events partnership fund, which supports events led and organised by the community.

## Community arts and events connect people and enhance community identity

### **Expand and refine the existing events partnership programme to support well-loved community-led events**

- Many events both large and small across Auckland were cancelled in 2021 due to lockdown restrictions, including community led events funded by the local board. Council staff worked closely with community groups to find alternatives e.g. run online events, or reschedule. Failing any other options, funding is returned, and the events are funded in the next financial year.
- An example of a successful shift to online is The Papaya stories events. During lockdown, Papaya Stories ran an online event series - “Online Silent Disco Home Alone Editions” and “Escape Rooms” were very popular.

### **Support the Henderson-Massey arts broker role to work with diverse communities and young people to increase local arts opportunities**

- As part of the local board agreed funding priorities for applications, assessment of applications will prioritise ethnic diversity.

## More people are confident, willing and able to engage with council and influence what happens in their neighbourhoods

### **Increase multi-lingual information about engaging with and influencing local government**

- The community partnership programme works with community partners to reach out to diverse communities and help council translate consultation material to engage with these communities. The ‘Translating for a Diverse Auckland’ document provides insight at a local board level on which languages to prioritise for translation.

### **Investigate and implement new ways for people to connect with, and influence, local board decision making**

- Community organisations are funded to deliver local governance training, which helps organisations to be effective when dealing with the council e.g. applying for funding, lease applications, event permits and landowner approvals.

## Outcome 3: Thriving Māori culture and identity

The Māori responsiveness action plan, Waitākere ki tua, is a key example of developing priorities and actions through the community getting together and expressing their aspirations and interests.

### The aspirations of the Māori community are understood and responded to

#### **Support the Kaiwhakaawe role in delivering on the Waitākere ki Tua 2019 action plan**

- The Kaiwhakaawe role is funded for three years, ending in September 2022. Consultation for a new three-year agreement is underway.
- The Kaiwhakaawe role focuses on enhancing council and Māori communities' relationships and how to more effectively work together to deliver the Waitākere ki Tua action plan.

#### **Support rangatahi in growing their confidence and leadership, and improve education and employment opportunities**

- Continued funding for Te Tumoana Dive Programme, where rangatahi build mana by learning how to dive and collect kai moana. Participants build their confidence and leadership in a holistic whanau environment and are connected to the teachings of tūpuna through tikanga based programmes. Lockdowns have compromised the schedule for this programme, but it will continue once facilities are open and normal routines commence.
- Ranui 135 deliver the Mana Motuhake programme in Ranui and Birdwood schools. Online support was organised during lockdown, as well as via Facebook. A new development for Mana Motuhake is creating podcasts that will use storytelling to connect young people.

#### **Progress a relationship agreement with Te Kawerau a Maki**

- Yet to be progressed. COVID-19 restrictions have delayed a kanohi ki kanohi meeting, which is preferred by the board and Te Kawerau a Maki. This will be arranged when in person meetings are feasible.

#### **Support Te Tiriti o Waitangi training in all community organisations' governance training**

- Treaty of Waitangi training is incorporated into community programmes provided by some established community organisations. Belong Aotearoa's Tuhonohono programme for Diversity and Inclusion runs whole of weekend training programmes for migrant and ethnic communities. The Governance training run by MPHS includes basic Treaty of Waitangi education in the 101 governance module and a specific 2.5 hour module for more advanced classes. Community Waitākere integrate Treaty awareness in programming work to increase knowledge and understanding around Te Ao Māori. An online module is also provided.

Whakaotinga toru: Te ahurea me te tuakiri Māori e puāwai ana

## **Māori participation in local decision-making is effective and meaningful**

### **Support whakawhanaungatanga by making culturally meaningful connections through regular hui with the wider Māori community**

- Funding to Te Kura o te Kotuku in Ranui for West Auckland Māori hui and wananga. Two events, West Auckland Tamariki Kohanga Reo and the Kaumatua/Kuia west Auckland hui, are planned.
- As part of the contracted role the Kaiwhakaawe regularly meets with Māori community representatives.

### **Support regular hui with mana whenua representatives to gain their perspective on local initiatives and proposals**

- Yet to be progressed. Kanohi ki kanohi is the preferred mode of hui and COVID-19 restrictions has delayed planned discussion with Te Kawerau a Maki representatives. A hui will be organised in 2022.

### **Advocate for improving council processes that support meaningful Māori input to key strategies and plans**

- The local board supports Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau, the council's performance measurement framework for Māori Outcomes. It brings together Māori aspirations, the council's contribution towards achieving those aspirations, and performance measurement of against the outcomes.
- The local board has advocated to council for quality advice and support for developers when choosing road names and how to better encourage and support developers to propose names that better fit the guidelines for Māori names.

## **More opportunities for expression of Māori language, heritage, culture and arts**

### **Advocate for Waitangi at Hoani Waititi to be supported at a regional level**

- Through the 10-year Budget and Annual Budget process, the board continues to advocate for Waitangi at Hoani Waititi to be funded and supported as a regional event, given that people travel from all over the region to attend.

### **Support the contracted arts broker to engage with Māori-focussed arts groups**

- The local board set the funding priorities for applications, and assessment of applications will prioritise Māori-led arts activity.

### **Progress Te Kete Rukuruku (a project to name, rename or dual name parks and community places) and explore other opportunities to highlight Māori culture and te reo throughout Henderson-Massey including stories, art, pou and interpretive signs**

- As tranche one of the programme, 63 te reo Māori names were formally approved in May 2021. Rush Creek Reserve and the Massey Leisure Centre Park were also formally approved for installation of bilingual park signage. Park identification signage was also renewed in 27 parks with dual names.

## Whakaotinga toru: Te ahurea me te tuakiri Māori e puāwai ana

- Forty-one parks from the original list of 179 sites, plus Royal Reserve and Waitākere Central Library have been prioritised for naming in tranche two. Starling Park has been proposed as the bilingual signage park for tranche two.

Whakaotinga wha: Kei te tautoko te katoa i te whakapakari aumangea me te noho toitū

## **Outcome 4: Everyone contributes to building resilience and living sustainably**

Henderson-Massey local board funds programmes that empower the community to live more sustainably. For example, the Ope Hauāuru programme establishes community partnerships and engages with local schools to grow capacity and bring local communities together. Funding supports a sustainable community coordinator (kairāanga), tuakana/teina buddy relationships to support new Enviroschools, collaborative action/learning projects, and mana whenua and community engagement. Kura Māori will also be supported through Te Aho Tū Roa ki Tāmaki. (a programme that works with iwi, hapū, marae, kōhanga reo, puna reo, kura, wharekura, and all communities that embrace Māori culture, language and mātauranga)

Another project is Whakapiki te mauri o pukearuhe, (see commentary under Māori Responsiveness heading).

The board continues to invest in Project Twin Streams, supporting community trusts and West Auckland communities in restoring streams and encouraging environmental initiatives.

The board also funds EcoMatters Environment Trust and Community Waitākere to deliver programmes that empower the community and businesses to live more sustainably through kaitiaki of the environment, waste reduction and energy saving. These include the Industrial Pollution Prevention Programme; the Bike Hub at Falls Park; Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga; Pest Free Te Atatū; Healthy Homes on a Budget; Love your Neighbourhood and Love your Streams.

Henderson-Massey Local Board is funding local implementation of Auckland's Ngahere strategy through a Ngahere Action plan. The plan identifies the need to plant new trees across the local board area to increase the tree canopy coverage on publicly owned land. Through implementation of the Action Plan the Local Board will take significant steps towards increasing tree canopy cover in the local board area from the current level of 19.9 per cent to 25 per cent over the next 10 years.

Details of the regional strategy can be found here: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/topic-based-plans-strategies/environmental-plans-strategies/Pages/urban-ngahere-forest-strategy.aspx>

### **Increased tree canopy in Henderson-Massey**

#### **Develop programme of street tree-planting across Henderson-Massey**

- Ngahere Action Plan: A parks and street survey has been completed, identifying planting opportunities to be incorporated into the Community Facilities annual planting programme.

#### **Increase the number of trees in parks and around play spaces that provide natural shade**

- Ngahere Action Plan: A programme of new tree planting in parks began in June 2021. Potential planting sites for winter planting have been identified and delivery will be confirmed in February 2022.

#### **Support the implementation of Auckland's Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

- Funding provided for implementation in the Henderson-Massey local board area.



Whakaotinga wha: Kei te tautoko te katoa i te whakapakari aumangea me te noho toitū

More people involved in local environmental protection and increasing indigenous biodiversity to preserve our ecological treasures

**Support and enable communities and schools involved in pest-free, water quality and biodiversity initiatives, for example through Project Twin Streams and Enviroschools programmes**

- Ope Hauāuru: Recruitment for kairāanga underway. Developing relationships with schools and community groups. Connections made with mana whenua and local Kura Māori. Progressing enlistment of Matipo School, Edmonton School, and Birdwood School into Enviroschools. Connections with mataawaka interests delayed due to COVID-19 lockdown.
- Continued funding for EcoMatters programmes: Industrial Pollution Prevention Programme; Bike Hub at Falls Park; Healthy Homes on a Budget; War on Weeds; Love your Neighbourhood and Love your Streams.
- Funding Pest Free Te Atatū work.
- Funding for Whakapiki te mauri o pukearuhe programme.
- Supporting Te Wai o Pareira Rivercare Group initiatives.
- Support for Project Twin Streams.

**Implement the Harbourview-Orangihina Ecological restoration plan**

- Restoration plan adopted December 2021 and implementation has started. Contractors have started pest plant control work in the northernmost area, working their way southward. COVID-19 level 4 lockdown resulted in a five week delay. Work resumed at COVID-19 level 3.

**Build on and expand Māori-led environmental initiatives based on a tikanga Māori approach, for example through Project Twin Streams, pā harakeke and rongoā plantings**

- Ope Hauāuru (see above).
- Whakapiki te mauri o pukearuhe: Some on-site work delays due to COVID-19 restrictions but overall the project remains on track.
- Pā harakeke: Established sites at Te Rangi Hiroa and Harbourview/Orangihina parks achieved plant survival targets and interpretive signage will be installed in June 2022. Engaging with Piringitahi Marae to identify future activities. Some delays to on-site work due to COVID-19 restrictions.

# Whakaotinga wha: Kei te tautoko te katoa i te whakapakari aumangea me te noho toitū

## A reduced local carbon footprint

### **Adopt and implement a community-led local climate action plan**

- The Local Climate Action Plan: Whakarauora Āhuarangi was formally adopted in May 2021. Contracting for an activator to guide delivery on the actions is underway. The plan provides a road map for Henderson-Massey to become a low carbon community. The action plan was developed to align with The Auckland Plan and Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan.

### **Investigate options for the use of the Te Rangi Hiroa Reserve nursery site, with a focus on community-led sustainability and food initiatives**

- Staff have begun developing a business plan to determine options for use of Te Rangi Hiroa Reserve nursery site.
- Asset condition assessment of the remaining plant nursery buildings completed in September 2020. Recommendations for the future of each building are under discussion e.g. removal or rebuild. Removal or rebuilds will occur when funding is available.
- A proposed community-led hui on the future of the site has been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Support community-led initiatives that increase access to local, healthy and affordable food**

- Community gardens at Massey Community Hub and Ranui Community Centre.
- EcoMatters 'Love your Neighbourhood' programme provides funding and practical assistance to community groups and not-for-profit preschools to enable environmental education initiatives e.g. the Transfer Station Kai Security Garden received funding assistance in 2021.
- Ongoing work to develop Te Rangi Hiroa Reserve nursery site

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## **Outcome 5: It's easy to get around Henderson-Massey safely without using a car**

Local boards have a fund used by Auckland Transport for local capital works projects. A separate Community Safety Fund, for local transport safety initiatives is another fund that the board can use for projects around high-risk locations and local schools.

The board recently allocated funds to:

- upgrade and provide lighting for parts of the Henderson Creek shared path
- light the connector path from Central Park Drive to the Northwestern Cycleway
- install bike racks at Te Atatu South Community Centre
- complete the footpath connection at the corner of Landmark Drive and Danica Esplanade, Te Atatu Peninsula.

Auckland Transport did a detailed consultation and mapping exercise on cycling and walking in Henderson, called “Henderson’s Future” which will help prioritise upgrades or new walking and cycling routes. As part of the Unlock Henderson project, Panuku is working on extending the Oratia shared path that ends at the intersection of Vitasovich Avenue and Edsel Street, so it joins with the Henderson Creek cycle path.

Henderson-Massey Local Board increased funding to the EcoMatters Bike Hub at Falls Park due to a strong increase in activity at the hub. During July 2021 there were 218 bike hub visitors, four hours contributed by volunteers, 22 bikes donated, 90 bikes fixed or restored, and 34 bikes distributed back into the community at low or no cost.

The future City Rail Link (CRL) platform at Henderson will transform the commuter experience to and from Central Auckland. Henderson-Massey Local Board provide local insight into the proposed design and advocate for good design that enhances accessibility.

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### **More opportunities for local alternatives to car travel**

<p><b>Prioritise and develop priority routes and connections in the Henderson-Massey Connections Plan and focus on Ranui to Henderson routes from the “Henderson’s Future” cycling investigation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrades underway on Henderson Creek shared path (see above).</li> <li>• Completed concept designs by Auckland Transport for a Ranui to Swanson (Metcalf Road) cycleway. The cost is higher than an allocation the Local Board can commit to, but regional cycleway programme funding may become available in the future for the project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work with Panuku Development Auckland to complete the connection between Opanuku shared path and Henderson Creek shared path</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigation and concept design work underway.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Advocate alongside Whau and Waitākere Local Boards to progress the rail corridor cycleway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Lynn to Avondale cycleway construction underway.</li> <li>• Advocacy for cycleway from New Lynn to Glen Eden to Henderson yet to be progressed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Continue to advocate for funding of the remaining sections of Te Whau Pathway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the Long-Term Plan and Annual Budget process, the board continues to advocate for funding to complete Te Whau Pathway.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Explore opportunities to improve connections onto Te Whau pathway from adjoining parks and paths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocating to Auckland Transport to investigate and collaborate with council in finding opportunities.</li> </ul>

### **More use of existing walking and cycling networks**

<p><b>Work with local communities and walking and cycling advocacy groups to provide wayfinding signage on the network to make it easier for people to use alternative routes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike Henderson working with Panuku have installed wayfinding signage along the Opanuku, Oratia and Henderson Creek cycleways.</li> <li>• Ecomatters guided bike ride events as part of EcoFest West 2021: Intended to help people build more confidence in their riding and to discover Henderson cycling routes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work with local communities and AT to identify priority areas for footpath improvement and renewals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular monthly workshops with AT to discuss issues and opportunities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work with council and AT to upgrade the condition and lighting of existing shared pathways to encourage greater use and increase safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrades to Henderson Creek cycleway underway.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Funding for the Henderson bike hub to enable more members of the community to participate in cycling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased funding for EcoMatters Bike Hub at Falls park.</li> </ul>

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## **A flexible public transport network that meets the varied needs of a growing population**

### **Champion integration of the future Henderson Transport Interchange with Henderson town centre to maximise the opportunity for local economic benefits**

- Construction underway on “Opanuku Link” to provide pedestrian access from proposed residential development on Waitākere Central site at 6 Henderson Valley Road.
- Advocacy to CRL on design of new Henderson platform and bridge.

### **Champion construction of a dedicated rapid public transport corridor along State Highway 16 from Westgate to the city**

- As part of the Supporting Growth Route Protection Programme, an AT/NZTA Alliance has been established to look at route protection for the preferred public transport network in the northwest, north and southern growth areas.
- Consultation underway on Northwest Early Bus Improvements proposed over the next 5 years include:
  - bus interchange at Westgate
  - interim bus interchanges at the Lincoln Road and Te Atatū motorway interchanges to improve connections between local and motorway bus services
  - improved bus priority along the Northwestern Motorway (SH16) shoulders and within the interchanges to provide more consistent and reliable bus travel times

### **Encourage Auckland Transport to investigate park-and-ride options to make it easier for residents who live more remotely to access public transport**

- Auckland Transport review of cycle parking facilities across the public transport network (including at rail stations) underway, in collaboration with both Bike Auckland and Bikes Welcome.



*Figure 2 Opening of Te Manawa*