

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O HOWICK 2020

Howick Local Board Plan 2020



Mihi

Tēnā kia hōea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi o ata
e uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki
ki te ūnga o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.
I reira ka toia aku mihi ki te uru ki te Pūkaki-Tapu-a-Poutūkeka,
i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.
E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka a Hoturoa
ki te kūrae o te Kūiti o Āwhitu.
I kona ka rere taku haere mā te ākau ki te puaha o Waikato,
te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna, Waikato Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.
Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo
mā Maioro ki Waiuku ki Mātukureira
kei kona ko ngā Pā o 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 Kaiua
te whākana atu rā ō whatu mā Tikapa Moana ki te maunga tapu
o Moehau.
Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana ki Maraetai
kia hoki ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi, heteri mō Pakuranga.
I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au i te awa o Tāmaki
ma te taha whakarunga ki te Puke o Taramainuku, kei kona ko Ōtara.
Katahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore,
kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga ki runga o Pukekiwiriki

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 Mātukureira,
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 Kaiua
who gaze across Tikapa Moana to the sacred mountain, Moehau.
Taking to the sea, my remarks travel to Maraetai
and then to Ōhūiarangi, sentinel to Pakuranga.
There we follow again the Tāmaki River
to Te Puke o Taramainuku, Ōtara resides there.
From here I reach for Manurewa
until my greetings come to rest on Pukekiwiriki
below lies Papakura and there I rest.



Ngā upoko kōrero

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On the cover: Local residents Nicke Wickman and Andrew Kirkup enjoy a cycle ride at the Burswood Loop Path in Pakuranga.



From the Chair

It's my privilege to present the Howick Local Board Plan 2020-2023.

Over the years, you have been clear about what you think our priorities should be. Your feedback has helped us refresh our focus for the next three years, so that together we can make the Howick Local Board area an even better place to live, work and play.

There is no doubt that people's lives have been turned upside down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is still unclear what the impacts of this will mean for our communities and the board's ability to deliver on your expectations over the next three years.

We remain committed though to the core outcomes that are important to you; our focus in this plan is on hauora - the health and well-being of our communities, environment, and local economy. This plan includes key objectives and initiatives targeted at helping our local economies and

communities recover. We will have to work together and partner with other organisations to achieve this quickly and effectively.

In addition to this, we need to find ways to mitigate and reduce the increasingly apparent effects of climate change in order to build strong, resilient communities who can face a future with certainty and confidence.

A number of the objectives and initiatives in this plan align strongly with Māori identity and well-being, so it will be important that we work closely with Māori and seek alignment as we prioritise, design and deliver our projects.

You told us over the last few years that getting around the area safely and efficiently is a key concern and we agreed. We have responded by including a new outcome within the plan focussed on transportation – in terms of both key projects and strong advocacy.

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By working together, I know we can achieve great things for Howick.



The initiatives contained within our plan are dependent on finance or resource. To make them happen, we will need to secure funding from the council's long-term plan. At the same time, we acknowledge the challenges our city faces in maintaining services and keeping rates rises at acceptable levels while faced with a rapidly growing population and the ongoing effect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local communities and each local economy will need our support to recover and build a stronger future that is more

resilient and sustainable. By working together, I know we can achieve great things for Howick.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adele White".

Adele White
Chairperson, Howick Local Board

He kōrero nō te Heamana

Nōku te maringanui ki te whakatakoto i te Mahere Poari ā-Rohe o Howick 2020-2023.

I ngā tau kua taha, i matua mārama ki a mātou ngā kaupapa e whakahirahira ana ki a koutou. Nā ngā kōrero i whakahokia mai ai e koutou i whakahoungia ngā whakaaro mō te toru tau kei mua i te aroaro, ā, mā te mahi tahi e tino pai kē atu te rohe Poari ā-Rohe o Howick hei wāhi noho, wāhi mahi, wāhi ngahau.

Kāore e kore kua huripokia te oranga o tēnā, o tēnā i te urutā MATE-KORONA. Kāore anō kia tino mārama ngā pānga ki ō tātou hapori me ngā kaupapa e taea ai te poari te whakatinana i ngā toru tau kei mua i te aroaro.

E mārō ana tō mātou wawata ki te whakatinana i ngā kaupapa e whakahirahira ana ki a koe: ka aro tēnei mahere ki te hauora me te oranga o ngā hapori, te taiao, me te ōhanga ā-rohe. He kaupapa matua, he whāinga matua hoki o te mahere nei ki te

whakakipakipa i te ōhanga ā-rohe me ngā hapori. Mā te toro atu me te mahi ngātahi ki ngā ohu me ngā rōpū e tere tutuki ai ēnei.

Waihoki, me rapu i ngā huarahi ki te whakamāmā i ngā raru āhuarangi e mōhiotia whānuitia, kia kaha, kia aumangea, kia kore ai e āwangawanga ngā hapori o nāiane, o āpōpō hoki.

He maha ngā wawata me ngā kaupapa o tēnei mahere e rere ngātahi ana ki te Māoritanga me te ao Māori, nā whai anō e tika ana kia mahi ngātahi ki te iwi Māori i a tātou e whakaraupapa ana, e whakarite ana, e whakatinana ana i ngā kaupapa.

I ngā tau ruarua kua taha ake i whakahokia mai ngā kōrero mō te whakahirahira o te hāereere marutau, te hāereere tika ki tēnā pito o te rohe, ki tēnā pito o te rohe, e whakaae ana mātou. I whai wāhi atu tēnei kaupapa i te tāpiritanga o te whāinga hou mō te hāereere - ā-hinonga, ā-kaupapa māngai hoki.

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Mā tō rourou,
mā tōku rourou,
ka ora ai te hapori
o Howick.



Kei te nui o te pūtea tautoko te oranga, te hinganga rānei o ngā kaupapa o roto i te mahere. E tinana ai ēnei kaupapa, me whai pūtea tautoko i te Long-term Plan o te kaunihera. Heoi, kei te whakaae mātou - he uaua te whakahaere i ngā ratonga me te whakataupoki i ngā pikinga rēti, i te kaute tangata o te tāone e tere piki ana, i ngā raru o te urutā MATE-KORONA e whakataumaha ana i ngā pūtea moni.

Me tautoko tātou i ngā hapori me ngā ohaoha ā-rohe kia ora ai, kia kaha ai, kia toitū ai ngā hapori o āpōpō. Mā tō rourou, mā tōku rourou, ka ora ai te hapori o Howick.

Adele White

Heamana, Howick Local Board

He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance

We will focus on six outcomes to guide our work and make Howick a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



Open Air Orchestra at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

Outcome 1: People in our communities feel safe, engaged and connected

People are proud to live in the area and actively participate to make it a wonderful, safe place to live, work and play.



Traps display at Festival 2019.

Outcome 4: Our natural environment is protected, restored and enhanced

Our wonderful environment and admired coastline is clean, safe and protected for all to use in the future.



Lloyd Elsmore Park Pool and Leisure Centre.

Outcome 2: Well-planned public spaces that support active, healthy and sustainable lifestyles

Our extensive network of public places and sport, recreation and leisure facilities are looked after so people of all ages and abilities can use them to remain healthy, active and connected.



Local cafe on Picton Street, Howick.

Outcome 5: A prosperous local economy supporting business growth and opportunity

New businesses in our area provide opportunities for local employment. Visitor numbers increase, attracted by our vibrant town centres, recreational opportunities, heritage and events.



Howick Chinese New Year 2020.

Outcome 3: Heritage, local arts and cultural diversity are valued

We are culturally diverse and have great facilities for creative activities and events, including music and dance, theatre and visual arts.



Cascades Road bridge showing the walkway connection down to the Cascades Walkway.

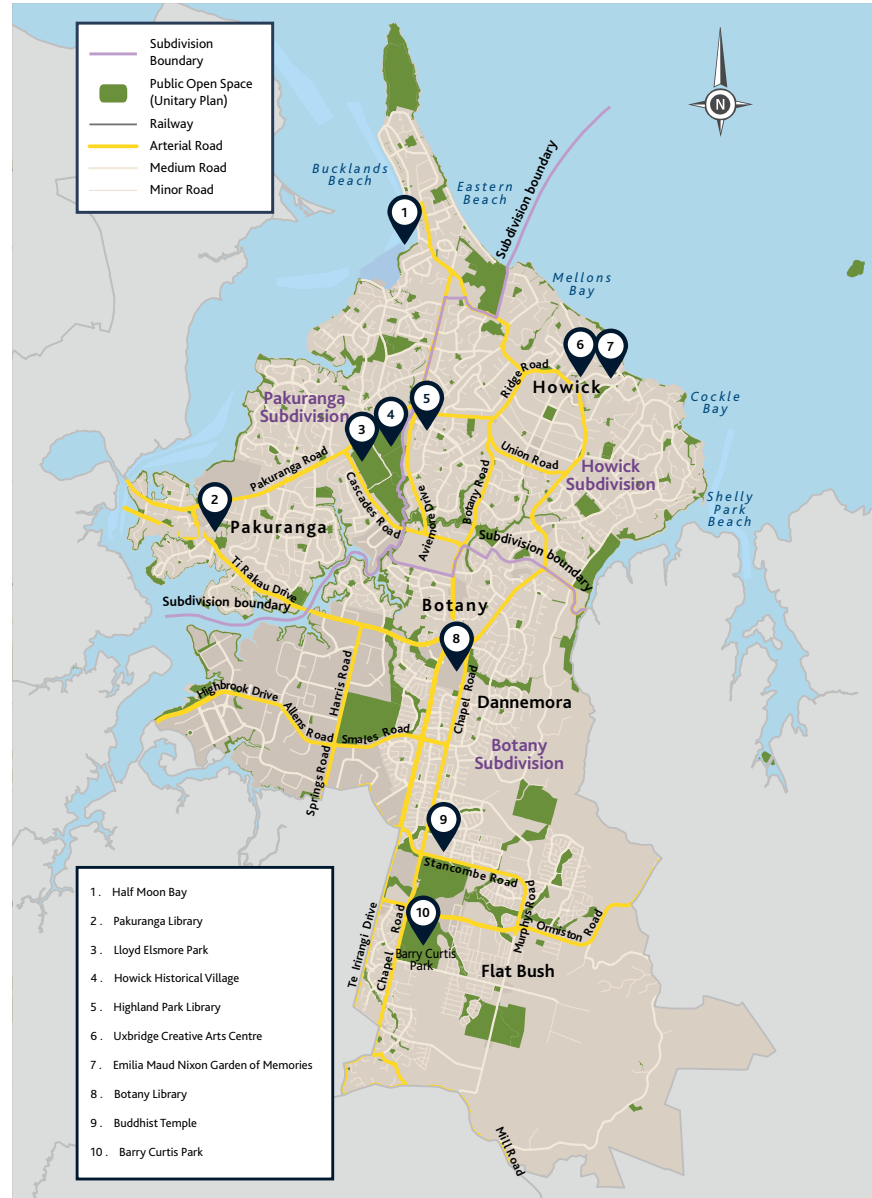
Outcome 6: Effective and accessible transport choices

A safe, convenient, accessible and affordable transport network that plays an important role in wellbeing of communities and health of local economies, by connecting people to each other, the goods and services they need (such as shopping outlets and health services), and their places of recreation, education and work.



Te Rohe ā-Poari o Howick

Howick Local Board area



The Howick Local Board area is the fifth largest urban area in New Zealand and includes the suburbs of Howick, Pakuranga, Botany and Flat Bush and the industrial and commercial areas in East Tamaki and Highbrook.



Howick has four town centres -

Howick, Pakuranga, Ormiston and Botany, along with commercial and industrial areas on East Tāmaki and Highbrook.



We have a population of

140,970

We have a population of 140,970 people in 2018 or 9 per cent of Auckland's total population. This is expected to grow to 180,000 by 2051 5th largest urban area in New Zealand



We have **7 LOCAL BEACHES**

and the Tāmaki River in our

63km OF COASTLINE

We are home to:



266 local parks



14 sports parks



four libraries



and four recreation centres - including one pool, seven community halls and houses

We have four premier parks: Lloyd Elsmore Park, Barry Curtis Park, Macleans Park and Murphys Bush Reserve

He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

About local boards

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 councillors) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local matters, activities and services and provide input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

Local boards make decisions on local matters such as:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans that are developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area that reflects community aspirations and priorities. The plans guide the local boards in:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans are inclusive and connected; they don't operate in isolation. They support the following:

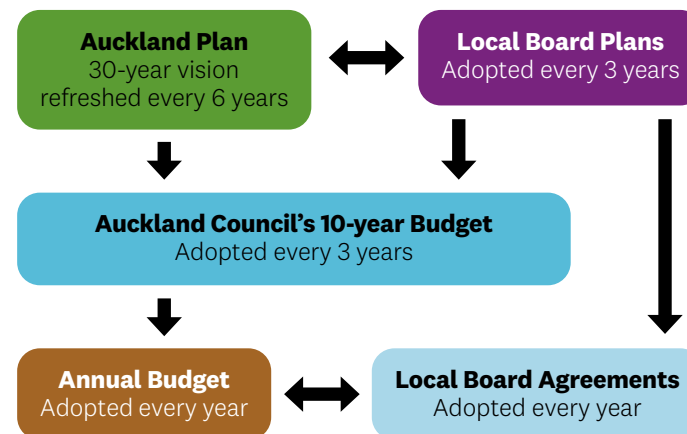
- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget (long-term plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards

- the council's annual budget (annual plan) – funding for the coming financial year of the 10-year budget, including local boards.

Local Board Agreements form the basis for each local board to develop its annual work programme and set out local funding priorities and budgets,

levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year.

Detail of our projects, budgets and timelines are outlined in our annual work programmes. Progress is reported quarterly and communicated to our communities.



Working with Māori

Māori culture and identity is celebrated by Aucklanders and is our point of difference in the world.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi recognises the rangatiratanga of Auckland's hapū and iwi, and the inseparable bond between Tāmaki Makaurau the people and Tāmaki Makaurau the place.

Local boards play a vital role in representing the interests of all Aucklanders. We are committed to our Treaty-based obligations and to Māori participation and development.

We have worked with Māori to develop initiatives that respond to Māori aspirations.



Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

Developing our plan

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them.

A draft plan was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2019 and April 2020. The draft was also developed by

considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you and heard your views on a wide range of topics.

During July and August 2020 we consulted on the draft plan to hear your thoughts. To hear your feedback and ensure we reflected your needs and desires – for the Howick Local Board

area, we engaged with our community at a range of events and activities across the board area to hear your feedback.

The issues and priorities you raised with us through these interactions helped us finalise our local board plan.

The social and economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic mean some of our aspirations have been modified. Our response is delivered via the annual budgeting process but the decisions we make will focus on ensuring the benefits for our community.

Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

Carrying out our plan

Turning plans into reality takes many people working together – the community, the local board and the wider council family such as Auckland Transport.

To deliver against the outcomes in the local board plans, we will:

prioritise budget to focus on the initiatives in the plans

- make the best use of local assets such as community centres and parks
- set direction for the council staff who deliver the projects and services

- work with various community groups and partners to deliver projects and services.

Sometimes important projects in local areas are beyond the funding available to local boards or our authority to make decisions. In those cases, the role

of the local board is to advocate to decision-makers to ensure they are aware of community views and the board's support for them.



Whakaotinga tahi: Kei te rongō
te hunga ki ngā hapori i te haumarū,
i te tūhononga, i te herenga

Outcome 1: People in our communities feel safe, engaged and connected

People are proud to live in the area and actively participate to make it a wonderful, safe place to live, work and play.

***He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people!
It is people!***

The Howick Local Board area is home to a truly diverse population of around 141,000 people. This diversity is both a strength and a challenge, but we are committed to building strong, resilient, inclusive communities that support and enrich us all.

You have told us that it is important to you for our communities to come together, to celebrate and share differences, so that we may learn from each other and understand our differing world views.

The health and well-being of all our diverse communities is a key focus of this local board plan. With this in mind, we will commit to implementing programmes and initiatives that support healthy Howick outcomes for an involved and connected, active and healthy community across all our priorities for the next three years.

To help with this, we will focus on building capacity and capability within key groups and organisations in our area, representing the full range of diversity, to promote wellbeing in an inclusive society where everyone feels valued, respected, supported and safe.

“ The health and well-being of all our diverse
communities is a key focus of this local board plan. ”



Open Air Orchestra at
Lloyd Elsmore Park.





WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Support more informal and small group use of our park assets.”
- “Continue engaging meaningfully with ethnic communities – both first generation, second generation and beyond as each group has a different experience.”

We will promote and support community resilience and self-reliance, working with community leaders to achieve the outcomes they seek. We will target our local grants funding to community-run programmes and events that foster well-being, participation and connection.

We need to hear all of the voices in our community, so that people can participate in local decision-making on matters that interest them. However, eight per cent of our residents cannot speak English. To be truly inclusive, we must meet the challenge this presents and develop ways to communicate so that people will be able to access, understand and respond.

Working with Māori

A thriving Māori identity is Auckland’s point of difference in the world that advances prosperity for Māori and benefits all Aucklanders.

Many of the priorities in this plan will be of particular interest to local iwi and their aspirations. Over the next three years, we intend to foster and grow our relationships with mana whenua (the hapū and iwi of Tāmaki Makaurau) and mataawaka (Māori who are not in a Tāmaki Makaurau mana whenua group). By working together, we can respond to the issues of significance for Māori in Auckland and give more visibility to Auckland’s point of difference - our Māori identity.

Rangatahi / Youth

Young people under the age of 25 make up around 33 per cent of the population of the Howick Local Board area. It is important that they are able to inform our priorities, strategies and plans and have a voice on the issues that are important to them, given the decisions we make will, to a large extent, shape the future they will inherit.

The Howick Youth Council was established in 2011 by the local board to “empower youth to bring about a positive influence in our community by ensuring their voices are heard in the decisions that shape our (area)”. We will continue to support the Howick Youth Council and its priorities to improve and promote youth participation, inclusion and empowerment.

Safety in the community

Feeling safe as we go about our daily lives in the community and at home is essential to a sense of well-being. This means that you feel protected from harm but that help is available should you need it – from neighbours, the community, and the services you rely on in times of need.

To achieve this, we will continue working with the police, other agencies and community leaders to design and implement safety strategies, particularly in our most vulnerable areas. This may include advocating for additional emergency services provision in our newer, developing suburbs.

We will also target local board grant funding to community initiatives and programmes that promote safety, connectedness and well-being in our area.

Opportunities

- Build the capacity of community groups to effectively serve their members.
- Bring people together through involvement in community activities.
- Work with communities to deliver on their aspirations and priorities.



Challenges

- Communicating with a diverse group of communities in a range of different languages.
- Providing opportunities to promote connectedness, safety and social cohesion in areas without easy access to physical or social infrastructure.
- Engaging and representing communities with different priorities, interests and levels of understanding of council and its decision-making processes.
- The medium and long-term impacts of COVID-19, especially on volunteering, financial well-being and ongoing isolation.

Our commitment

- We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



Music in Parks at Lloyd Elsmore Park.



Howick Moon Festival.

Outcome 1: People in our communities feel safe, engaged and connected

Objective	Key initiatives
People actively contribute to their community	<p>Identify and support a network of representative community groups, building their capacity to successfully serve their communities</p> <hr/> <p>Empower community groups to co-deliver projects with Auckland Council, and to take action to protect and maintain community assets</p> <hr/> <p>Fund activities that bring diverse communities together and support volunteering</p> <hr/> <p>Prioritise support for new communities to enhance social connectedness, safety, self-expression and learning (e.g. in Flat Bush and Ormiston)</p>
Build and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with Māori	<p>Strengthen relationships with mana whenua and mataawaka, in order to increase Māori input into decision-making and support participation in local government</p> <hr/> <p>Work together with mana whenua and mataawaka to identify and progress joint aspirations and priorities in our area</p>
People are safe with access to services to support their wellbeing	<p>Work with police and other agencies to implement safety strategies throughout the area, including the new communities of Flat Bush and Ormiston</p> <hr/> <p>Target local board grant funding to community initiatives and programmes that promote safety, connectedness, well-being and COVID-19 recovery in our area</p>
Rangatahi /Youth in Howick have a voice, are valued, and contribute	<p>Continue to support the work of the Howick Youth Council</p>





Lloyd Elsmore Park Pool and Leisure Centre.

Whakaotinga rua: He takiwā tūmatanui kua pai te whakamahere, e tautoko ana i ngā āhuahanga noho oi, hauora, toitū anō hoki

Outcome 2: Well-planned public spaces that support active, healthy and sustainable lifestyles

Our extensive network of public places and sport, recreation and leisure facilities are looked after so people of all ages and abilities can use them to remain healthy, active and connected.

Well-planned public spaces contribute to safe, engaged, connected communities. They provide places for people to come together to enjoy healthy, active lifestyles and participate in a variety of social, cultural and learning opportunities.

The Howick Local Board area has a large number of parks and reserves, along with community, sports and leisure facilities, art galleries and libraries. More facilities are planned to help meet the various needs of a diverse, growing population.

In developing this local board plan, we received many suggestions about other facilities and improvements that would contribute to the well-being of our communities.

“ As our population increases and their needs change, the facilities we have need to keep pace. ”



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “As a community we need places to meet, to be together.”
- “It would be great to have fenced playgrounds with toilets so we can stay and play for longer.”
- “Waste management is everyone’s responsibility, recycling helps but we should re-use and re-allocate unwanted items. I’d love to see a recycle centre within a reasonable distance for our region.”

There were ideas for facilities and activities in parks, reserves and the marine environment. These included developing a network of play spaces and active recreation opportunities that provide for all age groups and abilities. Safe places for recreational walking and cycling, dog exercise areas, learn to ride facilities, opportunities for wheeled play, and activities in and on the water were also mentioned.

We want to provide places for healthy, active lifestyles to suit our diverse communities. We will respond these needs and suggestions over the next three years as our budgets allow. As we continue to build on our quality network of parks and open spaces, we will also consider our environmental outcomes, sustainability and mitigations for climate change.

Formal sport and recreation play a key part in many people’s lives. As our population increases and their needs change, the facilities we have need to keep pace. We must also ensure our existing amenities are fully utilised, fit for purpose and well-maintained. We will work with local sports clubs and organisations to address capacity concerns and support them to build their resilience and capability. This approach responds to the four priority areas of the Auckland Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan - participation, infrastructure, excellence in recreation and sport, and sector development.

It is important for us to recognise opportunities for mana whenua to share their knowledge and local history throughout our parks and open spaces network. This includes the naming of streets, parks and facilities such as the new Flat Bush library and community centre, and the Flat Bush aquatic and leisure centre.

The Howick Local Board fully supports Auckland Council’s vision for zero waste by 2040. Eliminating waste improves well-being, limits environmental impact, and provides opportunities for community and social enterprise. To support this goal, we will advocate for facilities in east Auckland to divert waste away from landfill, provide more opportunities for new waste minimisation initiatives (including

community and business education), and foster a sense of shared responsibility for our environment by actively encouraging participation from all of our communities.

We will also continue to support the council’s smokefree policy initiatives.

In addition, we will encourage and support residents, businesses and schools to build resilience, and implement sustainable and low carbon living practices.

Opportunities

- Further develop our many parks, beaches and marine environment as play spaces for more people to enjoy.
- The number of large parks such as Lloyd Elsmore Park, Barry Curtis Park, Greenmount Reserve and Murphy’s Bush Sports Park and Reserve in various stages of development.
- Develop Flat Bush community facilities to meet the diverse needs of neighbouring communities.

Challenges

- Increasing needs for facilities from existing and emerging new sports.
- Lack of currently available community spaces in the Flat Bush area for people to meet, and limited council community spaces in Botany as well.
- Privately owned town centres (at Pakuranga, Highland Park, Botany and Ormiston) limit potential to develop community facilities in and around them.
- Lack of waste management facilities in east Auckland.

Our commitment

- We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





Bucklands Beach.

Outcome 2: Well-planned public spaces that support active, healthy and sustainable lifestyles

Objective

Community facilities, spaces and activities enable people to participate, learn and grow

Key initiatives

Provide accessible library programmes and services to cater to diverse communities now and into the future

Trial a dedicated and programmed space for young people that offers age appropriate activities

Provide additional street and park furniture and covered spaces in emerging communities

Promote healthy living and sustainable lifestyles by establishing and supporting gardens and orchards in communities and schools

Develop a community facility for Flat Bush residents that provides a place to gather and participate in activities to build a supportive, caring and vibrant community

Advocate for use of eco-friendly and environmentally sustainable building methods for the Flat Bush Aquatic & Leisure Centre and the Flat Bush Community Centre and Library, incorporating nature spaces for reading, nature imagery and views that promote health and well-being

Involve the community in the design and delivery of future event infrastructure at Barry Curtis Park





Lloyd Elsmore Park Pool and Leisure Centre.

Outcome 2: Well-planned public spaces that support active, healthy and sustainable lifestyles

Objective	Key initiatives
Parks, open spaces and coastal areas support a wide variety of recreational activities	Investigate the creation of a 'destination' play space for East Auckland
	Establish dog exercise areas and infrastructure in the East Auckland area
	Explore improving water access, increasing water-based activities, and making better use of our beaches
Sports and recreational opportunities respond to the needs of our communities	Provide facilities and activities across our parks network to suit people of every demographic and ability
	Partner with local sports clubs to continue to investigate a multi-club and code facility at Lloyd Elsmore Park
	Explore ways to assist local sports clubs to improve sharing and utilisation of existing facilities
Accessible waste reduction facilities, services and activities	Review provision of indoor facilities for emerging sports
	Advocate to the Governing Body for local landfill diversion facilities and initiatives for south-east Auckland
	Support community, business and school initiatives to reduce waste to landfill, including construction and demolition waste
	Promote sustainable waste reduction initiatives and programmes that reach out to culturally and linguistically diverse groups



Whakaotinga toru: E kaingākautia ana te tukunga iho, ngā toi ā-rohe, me te kanorau ā-ahurea

Outcome 3: Heritage, local arts and cultural diversity are valued

We are culturally diverse and have great facilities for creative activities and events, including music and dance, theatre and visual arts.

The Howick Local Board area has vibrant and active arts, culture and heritage communities. They are supported by facilities and events that bring people together to experience, share, learn and enjoy, and promote tolerance, open-mindedness and respect.

Over the next three years, we will continue to provide grants to help sustain and support our local arts, culture, and heritage activities as our budgets allow. This may mean reviewing how our current programme is delivered and look at partnering with other organisations to develop new initiatives.

“ They are supported by facilities and events that bring people together to experience, share, learn and enjoy, and promote tolerance, open-mindedness and respect. ”



Howick Chinese New Year 2020.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “I like the strong consideration for the Māori community, but would like more concrete actions in this area.”
- “Barry Curtis Park is a platform for multi-ethnic communication.”
- “Please keep giving us things to celebrate together.”

Heritage

The Howick Local Board will continue to implement initiatives that respond to the Howick Heritage Plan 2016 through our community grants and other funding which will be determined through our annual planning process.

Our area’s local heritage, Māori and European, plays a significant role in plans to attract more visitors to support our local economy. Alongside existing promotional resources, we will explore the possibility of extending and translating Howick’s Heritage App to make it accessible to a wider range of visitors.

Arts and Culture

Participating in arts and cultural initiatives enables Aucklanders to express our unique cultures and see ourselves reflected in public places. Creativity, culture and the arts make Auckland a vibrant and dynamic city.

Over the period of this plan, we will continue our support for local artists, working with communities and groups like Uxbridge, Te Tuhi and theatre / music groups to showcase artists’ work and stage local events.

Opportunities

- Share the stories of mana whenua and pre-European history of our area.
- Display diversity of cultures through built form, spaces and places e.g. cultural gardens.
- Create opportunities to bring people together to experience our rich cultural diversity.
- Use arts facilities to celebrate and showcase the work of local artists and present cultural displays and events.

Challenges

- Diverse communities who do not always easily connect with each other.
- Making sure all cultures are celebrated equally.
- Ensuring the resources we have (facilities and funding) are shared equitably among new arts / cultural groups as well as those already receiving support.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





All Saints Anglican Church, Howick.



Te Tahawai Marae, Pakuranga.

Outcome 3: Heritage, local arts, and cultural diversity are valued

Objective

Key initiatives

Enable people to engage with local history, and share their diverse cultures

Progress actions from the Howick Heritage Plan

Develop public gardens with our ethnic communities that reflect their culture and aesthetic preferences

Māori culture, language, art and stories are incorporated into the design of public spaces

Support local arts, culture, music and heritage activities and experiences

Review and refresh council-funded events to ensure they continue to provide appeal, reflect our communities and are well supported

Co-deliver cultural festivals and celebrations with a view to establishing a signature multi-cultural festival

Fund local arts through operational grants for Uxbridge Arts Centre, local theatre groups and orchestras

Support arts facilities to collaborate with community groups to create art experiences which showcase our ethnically diverse population and cultural heritage, and allow people to do, sample or experience arts and crafts



Whakaotinga whā: Ka tiakina tō tātou taiao, ka haumanutia, ā, ka whakahaumakotia

Outcome 4: Our natural environment is protected, restored and enhanced

Our wonderful environment and admired coastline is clean, safe and protected for all to use in the future.

The natural environment can be described as part of our shared cultural heritage, if you think of heritage as something we've been gifted by past generations to take care of for the benefit of future generations. As caretakers of this environment, we must ensure that what we pass on has been looked after and nourished.

The impacts of climate change are becoming more apparent on the environment and on our lives, so we will encourage an eco-friendly and environmental approach to lifestyle and development at a local level to help mitigate these. We are committed to the council's Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Action Framework, Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and Urban Ngāhere (Forest) Strategy, and the need to both reduce emissions and build local resilience to respond to the changing climate.

Mana whenua as kaitiaki of this area for many generations have a unique relationship with the natural environment. Their body of knowledge and practice can help us all to enhance our relationship with our land, marine and freshwater environments. We must all work together in the interests of those who come after us.

“ As caretakers of this environment, we must ensure that what we pass on has been looked after and nourished. ”



Traps display at Festival 2019.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Beaches are big asset that need safeguarding - climate change makes them vulnerable.”
- “Our local beaches are our taonga and need protecting. They provide great joy to the community and need to be places we can all enjoy along, with a healthy biodiversity.”

On the land

The Howick Local Board area has an abundance of natural and open spaces that contribute to our sense of well-being and provide for our sense of identity and belonging. We are drawn to our wonderful beaches and marine playground in the Hauraki Gulf and Tāmaki Estuary for activities including swimming, boating and fishing.

Our parks and reserves, such as Mangemangeroa, Ōhūiarangi / Pigeon Mountain, Te Naupata / Musick Point, Lloyd Elsmore and Sir Barry Curtis Parks provide for our recreation and host events. But they also play a vital role in protecting our biodiversity, providing habitats for many endangered and threatened species of native flora and fauna.

Working with local Māori, volunteers and schools, we will enable communities to take action to protect, restore and improve our natural environment through grant funding and partnerships, e.g. planting native plants / trees to help improve water quality, Pest Free Auckland and other aligned initiatives.

It is unlikely that the Greenmount landfill site will be ready during the three years of this plan. However, we will continue to advocate for the community’s aspirations to turn it into a public open space reserve with large-scale native planting, cycling and walking, informal active recreation and play, and passive areas for sitting and viewing the landscape.

We will also continue to support the work of the Friends of Mangemangeroa.

Around our coast

You have told us how important our local beaches are and of your concerns for their continuing erosion and the loss of sand. We have received expert advice which helps inform our understanding of local climate change impacts from sea level rise, coastal storm induced flooding, coastal erosion and sand migration. This also helps us identify opportunities for solutions.

We must also consider the marine environment adjacent to our beaches and the role they play in maintaining healthy, functioning ecosystems throughout the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. As we balance the challenges often presented when populations interact with the natural environment, along with the costs and resources needed for mitigation, we will continue to work with affected communities to develop solutions to these pressing issues.

Along our streams

The quality of water in our streams and waterways directly impacts on the health of our harbour and its biodiversity. Many of our streams have been severely impacted by development and pollution through stormwater and waste discharge and we continue to provide support for the Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum. We will support volunteer stream restoration programmes to clean up our waterways, and water quality testing and analysis to assess the effects of small site development activity on the area’s waterways. We will also explore the possibility of stream restoration through riparian planting and daylighting.



Opportunities

- Support and expand the number of environmental programmes and initiatives being delivered by community-based groups.
- Build on the wide support in the community for initiatives to address climate change, particularly from young people, by building capacity and knowledge.
- Deliver Auckland Council's Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy to address climate crisis issues, improve air quality, provide shade, and increase habitat for birdlife.

Challenges

- Aging and inadequate stormwater infrastructure in older areas coupled with intensification of housing leading to overflows, flooding and beach degradation in high rainfall events.
- Climate change and the effects of rising sea levels on the Howick Local Board area's coastline, along with the lack of regional / national response to deal with these effects which are particularly evident in adverse weather events.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



Ōhūiarangi/Pigeon Mountain.





Free pest traps are handed out to residents as part of Pest Free Howick project.

Outcome 4: Our natural environment is protected, restored and enhanced

Objective	Key initiatives
Empower the community to take environmental action	Continue to fund a co-ordinator for the Pest Free Howick Ward pest animal and plant control programme
	Establish a communication tool to link local people with local environmental projects
	Work with local communities and schools to deliver projects that restore sensitive ecological areas, improve local water quality, reduce pests, clean up our environment, and allow people to connect with nature
Protect and enhance our unique coastline	Advocate to the Governing Body for increased regional funding for the restoration of our beaches and to address the impacts on our coastline due to climate change, sea level rise and weather-related events
	Implement sustainable measures to prevent the erosion and migration of sand at local beaches
Protect the mauri / lifeforce of our awa / waterways	Mitigate the effects of climate change by restoring freshwater ecosystems to provide ecological services such as flood mitigation, habitat for native biodiversity, and carbon sequestration through riparian planting
	Undertake environmental and water quality testing and analysis to assess the effects of small site development activity on our waterways





Mellons Bay beach.

Outcome 4: Our natural environment is protected, restored and enhanced

Objective	Key initiatives
Our large natural areas are enhanced and protected	Collaborate with mana whenua, East Tāmaki businesses and communities to transform the former Greenmount Landfill into an urban ngahere (forest) and recreational space
	Support community-led initiatives to restore and enhance our natural environment
	Improve the overall tree canopy cover of the local board area through ongoing annual tree planting programmes to help improve the number and quality of trees on local parks and along streets
	Support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to protect and enhance Ōhūiarangi / Pigeon Mountain
	Support Ngai Tai ki Tāmaki in its management of Te Naupata / Musick Point





Local cafe on Picton Street, Howick.

Whakaotinga rima: He ohaoha ā-rohe taurikura whai āheinga ā-rohe

Outcome 5: A prosperous local economy supporting business growth and opportunity

New businesses in our area provide opportunities for local employment. Visitor numbers increase, attracted by our vibrant town centres, recreational opportunities, heritage and events.

The Howick Local Board area economy has been reasonably buoyant over the past 10 years, with over 18,000 new jobs created and annual GDP growth estimated to have been around three per cent or better year-on-year.

This prosperity, however, has been seriously threatened by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and lock down in early 2020, the full impacts of which (social and financial) are unlikely to be known for some time. For that reason, over the three years of this plan the Howick Local Board will prioritise its efforts to support local businesses to get back on their feet. We will work with Auckland Council, Auckland Unlimited and other agencies, local businesses and communities to try to limit the impact and hasten the recovery. It is also important to consider resilience and sustainability with our response, to ensure that if there is another such event, the impacts are less severe.

“ A strong, prosperous local economy that everyone can participate in is vital to the well-being of the entire community. ”





Part of this will involve working alongside the Greater East Tāmaki Business Association (GETBA) and the Howick Village Business Association (HVBA) to deliver elements of their strategic plans.

Local employment opportunities mean people can live and work locally. We will continue our efforts to attract new businesses to locate in the area. As it's likely international travel to and from New Zealand will be curtailed for some time, and more domestic travellers will be looking for interesting places to visit closer to home, we will work with East Auckland Tourism and link with neighbouring local boards on ways to bring more domestic visitors to explore and experience our area.

A strong, prosperous local economy that everyone can participate in is vital to the well-being of the entire community. The Auckland Plan 2050 describes how our economy needs to be constantly agile and innovative to be resilient against disruption in a changing world. The recent pandemic experience highlights this and it is unlikely we will return entirely to business as usual. As part of Auckland Council, we will work alongside key partners and stakeholders to ensure people can access training and education so they have the skills employers will be seeking.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Position Howick as a clean green eco-friendly place, with stunning natural amenities and great cafes with healthy food.”
- “Hold events in the communities to encourage more people to get involved and support local businesses.”

Opportunities

- Promote “buy local” in response to the COVID-19 economic impact.
- Large industrial/commercial areas for businesses.
- Strong Business Improvement Districts in Howick Village Business Association and Greater East Tāmaki Business Association.

- Large and youthful population to support business / employment.
- Joint approach to tourism with Franklin to promote East Auckland and Pohutukawa Coast tourism.
- New events to attract more visitors, including a signature regional event.
- Promote Howick’s Heritage App and translate it into other languages to improve visitor numbers.

Challenges

- Recovering successfully from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Significant transport challenges for people, goods and services moving to and from the area.
- Rapid public transport – AMET1 Eastern busway and the Airport to Botany link – are still in development.
- Attracting more domestic visitors to the Howick Local Board area.
- Limited opportunity for the council to influence development and operation of privately-owned town centres at Ormiston, Pakuranga, Highland Park and Botany.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



New residential subdivision adjacent to Ormiston Town Centre.



Local cafe at Uxbridge Centre.

Outcome 5: A prosperous local economy supporting business growth and opportunity

Objective	Key initiatives
Support local business recovery from impact of COVID-19	<p>Work with local business associations (such as Greater East Tāmaki Business Association and Howick Village Business Association) and groups such as East Auckland Tourism on initiatives that support recovery</p> <p>Support “buy local” campaigns where possible</p> <p>Identify opportunities for social enterprise developed by communities</p>
Vibrant town centres	<p>Implement actions from the Howick Village Centre Plan</p>
Grow the number of businesses locating in the Howick Local Board area’s key industrial and commercial areas	<p>Support local Business Improvement Districts (Greater East Tāmaki Business Association and Howick Village Business Association)</p> <p>Support initiatives that facilitate youth into training and employment</p> <p>Support initiatives that enable entrepreneurship and capacity building in small business</p>
Generate business activity and employment by increasing visitor numbers to the Howick Local Board area	<p>Support East Auckland Tourism to increase the number of visitors to the area and implement actions from the Howick Tourism Plan 2016</p> <p>Continue to provide operational funding support for the Howick Historic Village</p> <p>Develop new events, infrastructure and amenities to attract more visitors</p>



Whakaotinga Ono: He kōwhiringa
ikiiki pai, haratau hoki

Outcome 6: Effective and accessible transport choices

A safe, convenient, accessible and affordable transport and travel network that plays an important role in the well-being of communities and the health of local economies, by connecting people to each other, the goods and services they need (such as shopping outlets and health services), and their places of recreation, education and work.

You have told us that getting around the area safely and efficiently is a key concern. Over the next three years, we will use our Local Board Transport Capital Fund to deliver local improvements for pedestrian safety, town centre amenity, and infrastructure such as bus stops. We will also prioritise projects from the Howick Walking and Cycling Network Plan for both commuter and recreational use.

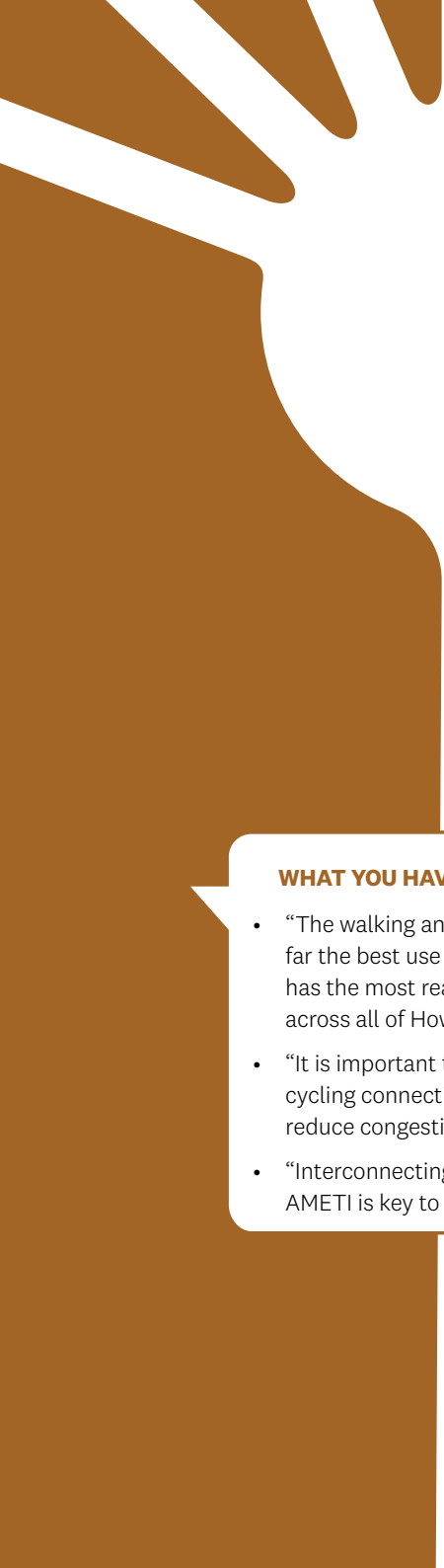
Road Network

An efficient, well-maintained road network provides the foundation for a transport system that supports social connection, access to employment and education, and the movement of goods and services. It provides the public transport routes around our area, and most of the existing walking and cycling network.

“ In order to make walking, cycling and public transport preferred choices for many more people, we must make them convenient, safe, reliable and easily accessed options. ”



Cascades Road bridge showing the walkway connection down to the Cascades Walkway.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “The walking and cycling network plan is by far the best use of limited resources, and has the most reach to the wider community across all of Howick’s Local Board area.”
- “It is important to create better walking and cycling connections with key destinations to reduce congestion on the roads.”
- “Interconnecting cycling infrastructure to AMET1 is key to its success.”

We will continue to support, through our advocacy to Auckland Transport, key additions and improvements to the road network in our area to ensure it meets the needs of business and residential growth. This includes work on key intersections to reduce or avoid bottlenecks, improvements to rural roads to cater for increased traffic flows, and important new routes such as the Mill Road corridor link to the south.

Public Transport

In order to make walking, cycling and public transport preferred choices for many more people, we must make them convenient, safe, reliable and easily accessed options.

The AMET1 Eastern Busway is forecast to carry approximately 7500 passengers during the morning peak period and increase patronage by up to 13 per cent for south-east Auckland suburbs. It will reduce travel times from Botany to Britomart to around 40 minutes, significantly improving transport choices to other parts of the region. Over the three years of this plan, construction of the Pakuranga to Botany section, including the Reeves Road flyover, will get underway, with completion scheduled for 2025. To fully capitalise on the

opportunity this brings, we need to make sure that people from all over the Howick Local Board area can easily connect to all the transport services they need through feeder buses, or safe cycling and walking routes. This includes connections to and infrastructure for Auckland and Waiheke Island ferries. We will work with Auckland Transport on making sure our transport network meets the needs of East Auckland.

We will also ensure newer areas are well served with bus shelters, particularly in Ormiston and Flat Bush, and as budget permits, assess existing bus stops and shelters to ensure they cater for passenger numbers and comfort, now and into the future.

A significant missing link in our public transport network is the Auckland Airport to Botany Rapid Transit Network. This will provide more direct public transport access to the airport through Manukau and the new Puhinui interchange, and an alternative route into the CBD and points south, building resilience into the network. It will also provide a more direct route from the south to bring visitors into the area. We will continue to advocate for this important initiative.



Active travel

Active transport opportunities (walking, cycling and increasingly, micro-transport such as scooters) not only provide travel choice, but they can also help keep children and adults in healthy bodies for a lifetime.

You have told us this is important so we will make safe walking and cycling routes a key priority for us. We want to encourage more children to walk or cycle safely to school, and for active travel to be a realistic option for people going to work or any reasonably close destination. To achieve this, we will progressively implement projects from our Walking and Cycling Network Plan to improve connectivity to more places and services that people need to get to.

Opportunities

- Provide connectivity to the AMETI Eastern Busway e.g. cycling / walking routes, bus feeder services.
- Community support for cycle lanes.
- Airport to Botany Rapid Transit Network will increase connectivity to Manukau and southern train line and offer an alternative route to the CBD.
- Prioritise Howick's Local Board Transport Capital Fund for local projects over the next three years.

Challenges

- New suburbs in the south of our area have limited access to public transport and related infrastructure.
- The prohibitive cost of upgrading rural roads and narrow bridges to urban standards as rural areas become urbanised or experience increased traffic flows.
- The reduction in the allocation of funding via the Local Board Transport Capital Fund, as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic will limit the ability to plan and deliver projects.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.

Outcome 6 : Effective and accessible transport choices

Objective	Key initiatives
Public transport services that people can easily access	Advocate to Auckland Transport for feeder bus services or other innovative on demand services that will enable the community to access the existing bus / ferry networks
	Advocate to Auckland Transport for more bus services to serve the areas of Flat Bush, Mission Heights and the Murphys Road area, Cockle Bay, Farm Cove and Bucklands Beach
	Continue to represent community interests in the delivery of the AMETI Eastern Busway project
	Advocate to Auckland Transport for the airport to Botany Rapid Transit Network, and for the route to connect with Barry Curtis Park
	Review and improve bus shelter provision, particularly for new areas such as Ormiston / Flat Bush
Active transport infrastructure enables connection with schools, key community facilities and transport hubs	Implement projects from the Howick Walking and Cycling Network Plan that increase connectivity to schools, places of sport and recreation, AMETI Eastern Busway, Half Moon Bay Ferry, and Highbrook



Te Uho Nikau Bridge, Flat Bush.



Outcome 6 : Effective and accessible transport choices

Objective	Key initiatives
Our road network is safe, well maintained and fit for purpose	<p>Deliver pedestrian safety improvements around schools</p> <p>Advocate to the Governing Body for funding to upgrade rural roads to urban standards, including widening narrow bridges in response to growth of the urban area (e.g. Chapel Road and Murphys Road)</p>
Our road network enables local economic prosperity	<p>Advocate to Auckland Transport to maintain funding and commence construction for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• widening of Smales Road / Allens Road intersection• Stancombe Road connector in Flat Bush• the Mill Road upgrade <p>Advocate to the Governing Body for continued planning for an east-west connection between Onehunga, Ōtāhuhu, Sylvia Park and Panmure and through to East Tāmaki</p>
Local boards have transport infrastructure funding available for local area improvements that don't meet regional priorities.	Advocate to the Governing Body for local board transport funding to be re-instated to the pre-COVID-19 level of \$21m per annum and, for previously allocated funding of \$38m lost through the COVID-19 pandemic emergency budget to be fully restored.



Barry Curtis Park, Flat Bush.





He kōrero take pūtea

Funding information

The local board funding policy sets out how local boards are funded to meet the costs of providing local activities and administration support.

Local board funding is approved through the council's budget-setting process. This involves the council's Governing Body adopting a 10-year budget (long-term plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements, in which the local board and the governing body agree the local board budget for each year, make up part of the annual budget.

The council's budget-setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

The financial and levels of service statements in this plan are based on the information included in the Long-term Plan 2018-28 and updated through subsequent annual plans (including the Emergency Budget 2020/2021). Updated financial information and levels of service will be adopted as part of the long-term plan which is due to be adopted in June 2021. The Long-term Plan 2021-2031 will be informed by the local board plans and may impact the initiatives in this local board plan.



Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Local activities and levels of service

The budget-setting process sets levels of service for local activities and corresponding performance targets. The table below describes the local activities and default level of service statements set out in the Long-term Plan 2018-28. These level of service statements may change when they are reviewed as part of the Long-term Plan 2021-2031.

More information on local board budgets can be found in the Howick Local Board Agreement and Auckland Council's local board funding policy, which are available on the council website.

Local activities

Levels of service statements

Local community services

This is a broad activity area, which includes:

- supporting local arts, culture, events, sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.

We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life.

We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people.

We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people.

Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities.

Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.

We provide community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection.

We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often.

We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches.

We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture.





Local activities**Levels of service statements**

Local planning and development

This group of activities covers improvements to town centres, the local street environment as well as local environment and heritage protection. These activities also include working with business and community associations to improve local economic development and employment initiatives.

We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland.

Local environmental management

Local boards work in partnership with local communities and iwi to deliver projects and programmes to improve local environments. Our focus is on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living.

We manage Auckland's natural environment.

These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.

Local governance

Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing the local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making.

There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2020/2021.

Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Financial overview

Revenue, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Howick Local Board for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Annual Budget Financials	2020/2021 (\$000)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	4,527
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total operating revenue	4,527
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	25,287
Local planning and development	670
Local environmental services	354
Local governance	1,154
Total operating expenditure	27,465
Net operating expenditure	22,938
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	1,529
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total capital expenditure	1,529



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