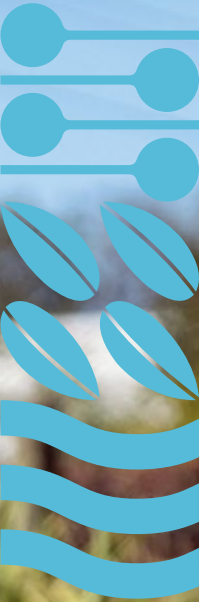


TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O PAPA KURA 2020

Papakura 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 o Hoturoa

ki te kūrae o Te Kūiti o Āwhitu.

I konā, ka rere taku haere mā te ākau

ki te pūaha o Waikato, te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna, Waikato Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.

Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo

mā Maioro ki Waiuku ki Matukutūreia

kei konā, ko ngā Pā o Tahuna 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 Kaiāua

te whākana atu rā o 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 mā te taha whakarunga

ki te Puke o Taramainuku, kei kona ko Ōtara.

Kātahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore, kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga ki runga o Pukekiwiriki

kei raro ko Papakura ki ko nā au, ka whakatau.

Let this vessel that carries my greetings

travel by way of the Tāmaki River

to the landing place of Tainui canoe at Ōtāhuhu.

There, let my salutations be borne

across the isthmus to the Pūkaki lagoon

and the community of Māngere.

Paddling the Manukau Harbour

we follow the Āwhitu Peninsula to the headland.

From there we fly down 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 Matukutūreia,

there are the Pā – 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 Kaiāua

who gazes 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 which lies Papakura and there I shall rest.



Ngā upoko kōrero

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On the cover: Children are having a swinging time thanks to renewed playgrounds, shaped by what locals want in their parks, like the one at Cliff Road.



From the Chair

It is my great pleasure to present this local board plan describing our aspirations for the Papakura area.

Thoughts and views from our communities helped shape this strategy, which will guide the board's decision-making for the next three years. The plan has five areas of focus, drawn together from what you have told us is important to you.

You want a vibrant and prosperous local economy where successful local businesses create jobs for local people and thriving commercial centres where people enjoy shopping, socialising and relaxing. You also told us that recognising diversity was important.

You envisage a Papakura that provides opportunities for people to feel connected and lead active, healthy lives; a transport system that is convenient and well-connected, and roads and walking and cycling pathways that make it easy to move around.

You want our natural environment and heritage to be valued and protected for future generations. You also support strengthening our partnership with Māori to create a thriving identity in Papakura.

We recognise the role of mana whenua in helping to build a prosperous and secure future for Papakura and will partner with local Māori on matters important to them.

Resilience in a changing world

Through this plan, the local board will invest in key initiatives to help achieve objectives in the five focus areas for Papakura. These areas also align well with the Auckland Plan, which guides how the region as a whole responds to key challenges over the next 30 years.

However, while our local aspirations remain the same, the COVID-19 pandemic has pitched us into a different world. Its impacts will change the nature and timing of some of our initiatives.

Our budgets were already constrained, and the expected economic fallout from the pandemic is tightening them further. We are prioritising our spending carefully and being realistic about what we can achieve. We cannot do it alone. Over the next three years, we will seek to partner with other organisations to maximise opportunities.



By working together, we can stay the course towards making Papakura a desirable place to live, work and play.



The pandemic has deepened discussion on building community resilience. Our initiatives aim to help counter the effects of climate change, but we will also continue taking a wider look at how adaptable communities can prepare for and respond to a range of possible pressures or social change.

One thing we know we can count on is Papakura's spirit. Community organisations came together and showed their rolled-up sleeves in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Community support during lockdowns ranged from cooking meals, providing food parcels and getting shopping done, to providing places to stay and checking on the elderly and vulnerable. We were proud to see this leadership come to the fore – it will still be needed as efforts continue to help people get back on their feet.

This plan reflects that, for some things, people working together in their communities can get better results. That's why we will seek to empower and enable community groups to help shape the direction and work together with us as your local board.

By working together, we can stay the course towards making Papakura a desirable place to live, work and play.

Ngā manaakitanga

Brent Catchpole
Chair, Papakura Local Board



He kōrero nō te Heamana

Nōku te maringanui ki te whakatakoto i tēnei mahere poari ā-rohe e whakarārangi ana i ngā wawata mō te rohe o Papakura.

I whai wāhi atu ngā whakaaro me ngā tirohanga o ngā hapori ki tēnei rautaki, he rautaki e ārahi i ngā whakataunga o te poari mō ngā tau e toru kei mua i te aroaro. E rima ngā aronga o tēnei mahere i takea mai i ngā kaupapa i whakarārangihia ai e koutou.

E hiahia ana koutou i te ohaoha ā-rohe e hīkaka ana, e taurikura ana - he wāhi e taea ana e ngā pakihī te whakatū mahi mō ngā tāngata o konei, he wāhi e korikori ana ngā pokapū arumoni, he wāhi pai ki te hokohoko, ki te whakangahau, ki te whakatā. I kī mai koutou he mea nui te whakamana i ngā iwi me ngā kaupapa kanorau.

E hiahia ana koutou i te Papakura; e rongō ai te tangata i te whanaungatanga, e taea hoki e te tangata te takahi i te ara tinana ora; e kaha ana te pūnaha hāereere kia ngāwari te whakamahi; he rori, he ara eke paihikara e kaha tūhonotia ai.

E hiahia ana koutou kia whai mana nui, kia tino tiakina, te taiao me ngā kaupapa tuku iho hei painga mō ngā reanga e haere ake nei. E kaha tautokona ana e koutou te

whakamārōtanga o ngā herenga ki te iwi Māori kia hua mai te tuakiri taurikura i Papakura.

E whakaae ana mātou ki te wāhi nui o te mana whenua ki ngā whiringa ki te tarae i te āpōpō houkura mō Papakura, ā, ka mahi pokohiwi ki te pokohiwi mātou ko te iwi Māori o tēnei rohe ki ngā kaupapa e hāngai pū ana ki a rātou.

Te tū kaha i tēnei ao hurihuri

Mā te mahere nei, ka whakapaua e te poari ā-rohe ngā pūtea ki ngā kaupapa ki te whakaae i ngā whāinga o roto i ngā wawata matua e rima mō Papakura. E ngātahi ana te rere o ngā kaupapa nei ki ērā kaupapa o te Auckland Plan, he mahere e whakarautaki ana i te rohe whānui hei ngā 30 tau kei mua i te aroaro.

Heoi, ahakoa e rite ana ngā wawata ā-rohe, kua huri tō tātou ao i te urutā MATE-KORONA. Nāna i panoni ai ngā āhuatanga me ngā rā whakakōkiri mō ētahi o ngā kaupapa.

I te taumaha kē ngā tahua pūtea, ā, nā te hekenga iho o te moni e rere mai ana nā runga i te urutā, ka taumaha kē atu. Kei te āta whakarārangi i ngā kaupapa hei whakapau i ngā pūtea, heoi, me titi ngā waewae ki te whenua i te mea kāore ngā mea katoa e ea ai. Kāua

“

Mā tō rourou, mā tō mātou rourou, e ora ai a Papakura hei wāhi noho, hei wāhi mahi, hei wāhi ngahau.



mā te takitahi e ea ai. Hei ngā toru tau kei mua i te aroaro, ka ngana mātou ki te toro atu ki ētahi atu rōpū ki te whakatinana i ngā kaupapa e taea ai te whakatinana.

Nā te urutā i hōhonu ake ai ngā whakawhitinga kōrero mō te whakakaha i ngā hapori ki te kaupare i ngā taumahatanga. Ka aro ngā kaupapa ki te whakangāwari i ngā taumahatanga o ngā raru āhuarangi, heoi, ka whānui tonu te titiro ki ngā painga ka taka iho i ngā hapori urutau ki te kaupare i ngā taumahatanga me ngā aupēhi o te wā.

Kotahi te mea e kore rawa e memeha - ko te wairua kaha o Papakura. I whakakotahi atu ngā rōpū ringa raupā o te hapori i te pānga mai o te urutā MATE-KORONA. Te tao kai, te whakarite pouaka kai, te hoko kai i ngā toa hokomaha, te whakarite wāhi noho, te āta tiaki i ngā koeke me te hunga pānekeneke - he taurira katoa ēnei o te hapori e tiaki ana i a ia anō i te

motu e noho taratahi ana. I whakahihī mātou i ngā mahi rangatira i taua wā - e hiahia tonutia ana aua mahi rangatira ki te āwhina i ngā tāngata ki te tū kaha anō ai.

E kitea ana i tēnei mahere te whakapono, mō ētahi mea - mā te mahi takitini e ora ai te hapori. Koia i ngana ai mātou ki te whakamana, ki te akiaki i ngā rōpū hapori ki te tarae i te ara whakamua ka tahi, ki te mahi ngātahi mai ki a mātou, te poari ā-rohe, ka rua.

Mā tō rourou, mā tō mātou rourou, e ora ai a Papakura hei wāhi noho, hei wāhi mahi, hei wāhi ngahau.

Ngā manaakitanga

Brent Catchpole

Heamana, Poari ā-Rohe o Papakura



He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance

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



The Papakura town centre offers a range of retail and dining options.

Outcome 1: A vibrant and prosperous local economy

Our part of the world thrives, with successful local businesses creating jobs for local people. Our commercial centres are great places to work, shop, relax and enjoy the company of family and friends.



The Raki family enjoy time at their neighbourhood park, the Clarice Reserve.

Outcome 2: A community enriched by its diversity, where people feel connected and lead active, healthy lives

We have great parks and places to play and do the things we enjoy. We come together at lively events and activities that include people socially and draw on the strengths of our different cultures.



Buses connect with services out of Papakura station to form an easy transport network linking to Britomart in the central city.

Outcome 3: A well-connected area where it's easy to move around

Our roads are free from congestion, public transport is convenient and reliable, walkways and cycleways are linked together and safe.



The Pahurehure Inlet offers easy access to recreation opportunities on the Manukau Harbour.

Outcome 4: A treasured environment and heritage

We value our natural environment and heritage, protecting and nourishing them for future generations.



Papakura High School's kapa haka group is part of a proud tradition of recognition for the area's unique Māori heritage.

Outcome 5: A partnership with Māori that creates a Papakura where Māori identity, culture and aspirations are embraced

We recognise the importance of partnering with Māori to create enduring relationships, a thriving Māori identity, and outcomes that benefit Māori and all Papakura residents.



Te Rohe ā-Poari o Papakura

Papakura Local Board area



Papakura is nestled around the inlets and foreshores of the Manukau Harbour, stretching from the Papakura Stream north of Takanini to Drury village in the south. It is largely suburban, but there are also fertile plains and rolling hills leading out to the nearby Hunua Ranges.

The area around Takanini was once a huge wetland and peat bog, and many ancient kauri remain buried there. Red Hill was a key viewpoint for local Māori and Pukekiwiriki Paa gave them a wide outlook on the rohe (area). A long military history shaped the modern town and continues to do so to this day.

Papakura's population has grown much more quickly than wider Auckland. The 2018 Census statistics show 57,636 people living here – a 26 per cent increase from 2013.

The statistics also show:

- more than a quarter of Papakura's residents identified as Māori
- the Pacific population sits around 17 per cent
- the Asian population has grown significantly and is now about 23 per cent
- the number of people aged 65 years and over has grown to 11 per cent; it is estimated this figure will be 16 per cent by 2043
- almost a quarter of Papakura's population are children aged 15 years and under
- the median age in our area is 32.

Over recent years, Papakura has undergone significant residential development, and this is set to continue into the future.





Papakura has a population of

57,636

26.8%

Identify as Māori. 11 mana whenua iwi/hapū have an interest in Papakura.

49.1%

European

23.4%

Asian

16.9%

Pacific Island

A relatively young population with **23.6%** of the population under 15 years old.

The median age is **32 years**



Papakura had a total of

17,094

occupied private dwellings. This represents much faster growth compared to that of wider Auckland (5.7 per cent increase).

We are home to

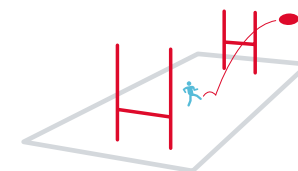


140 local parks



2 libraries

1 community hub and library



1 recreation centre



1 aquatic centre

9 community halls



3 train stations

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:

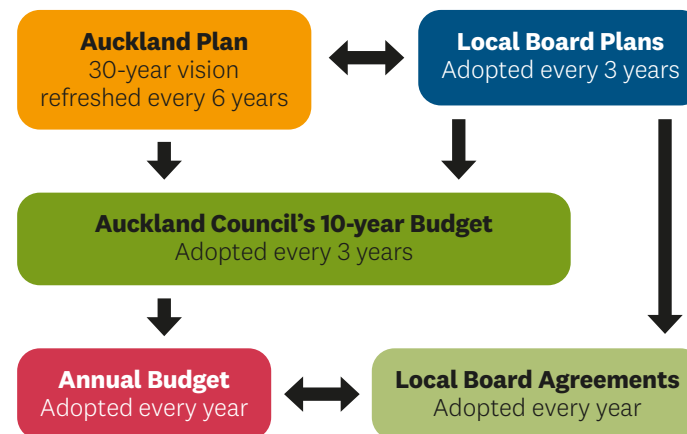
- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget (long-term plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards

- 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 Papakura 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 2020 local board plan.

The social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our communities mean some of our aspirations have been modified. Our

response is delivered via the annual budgeting process but 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: He ohaoha
ā-rohe ngangahau, taurikura hoki

Outcome one: A vibrant and prosperous local economy

Our part of the world thrives, with successful local businesses creating jobs for local people. Our commercial centres are great places to work, shop, relax and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Residential growth in our local board area has been significant in recent years, and that growth is expected to continue. We need to keep planning and providing infrastructure in a coordinated way. We want everyone to prosper from a strong local economy and thriving town centres.

The south of Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland will be home to 160,000 more people over the next 30 years. Most of our area's housing and job growth will be in the hubs of the emerging town and metropolitan centres of Takanini and Papakura, and the major residential, commercial and transport developments in Drury. We want our new centres to complement each other and support their communities.

The Government's \$2.4 billion infrastructure injection for Drury, including future-proofed roads and rail extensions, is welcome. Investment in any of our hubs will spark opportunities for business and employment throughout the local board area.

We recognise the potential challenges for individual hubs, which is why we'll be a voice for joined-up planning. We'll seek to review, as needed, the following plans the board helped to develop:

- the integrated area plan guiding development along Great South Road from Papakura through Takanini to Manurewa
- the structure plan covering Drury-Opāheke and surrounding areas.

“ We want everyone to prosper from a strong local economy and thriving town centres. ”



The Papakura town centre offers a range of retail and dining options.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “I would love nothing more than central Papakura to be a bustling community with prosperous businesses and a lively energy.”

Boost Papakura town centre

Papakura intends to make the most of its zoning as a metropolitan centre under the Auckland Unitary Plan. The Papakura Commercial Project Group we established continues its work to enrich the zoning’s potential for investment opportunities. It’s key to encouraging Papakura’s development into a larger centre of business and retail to support the additional development in the area.

Inspired by community input about what Papakura embodies, the group has created the #LivePapakura strapline for everyone to use widely throughout our area. Its supporting messages tie in the metropolitan centre, along with being youthful, culturally rich and whānau / family friendly.

The project group will continue planning for a town square, support activities to enliven the centre, and encourage developers to invest in Papakura.

We’re exploring ideas for tourism ventures to attract more business and visitors, with Auckland Unlimited and Māori partners. These ideas include cultural experiences and connecting cyclists from the Papakura rail station to the new Franklin leg of the Hunua Trail.

Upskill workers, spread prosperity

The local board needs to ensure that the economic benefits of continued population growth are captured, spread and enjoyed locally. We’ll prioritise resources towards structures and services that cater for this growth.

We’ll invest in projects aimed at upskilling the local workforce and helping residents find jobs in new employment areas close to home. We’ll also raise awareness about the range of quality, higher-paying jobs available.

It’s crucial our young people feel invested in Papakura, with a share of local economic prosperity alongside improved job prospects. We can work with local schools, training providers and employers to ensure young people are ready for work and can advance through apprenticeships, mentoring schemes and scholarships.

Community learning hubs, ‘innovation stations’ or co-working spaces can help people to gain new skills, share experiences and develop ideas. The Corner creative space is a great example of this in the arts.

To achieve the best outcomes for our area, we’ll continue to work closely with:

- our residents
- mana whenua
- our colleagues on the Manurewa and Franklin local boards
- Papakura Business Association and other local business groups
- Auckland Transport, Panuku Development Auckland and other Auckland Council groups
- central government agencies, non-government organisations and other external partners.



Papakura's Broadway main street

Outcome one: A vibrant and prosperous local economy

Objective – what we plan to achieve	Key initiatives – our work that will contribute
A well-planned metropolitan centre for Papakura	Work with the Papakura Commercial Project Group to plan and support continued development of the town centre and immediate surrounds
Regular local cultural and arts experiences in Papakura	Continue to carry out a programme of cultural, arts and other activities to enliven the town centre Partner with mana whenua and mataawaka to make our Māori heritage more visible and support local tourism with culturally appropriate experiences. (Mataawaka are Māori who live in Tāmaki Makaurau and are not affiliated to a local mana whenua group)
	Support Papakura to be creatively rich by helping to showcase local artists and encouraging people's participation in music, crafts and hobbies
Joined-up thinking and planning for Great South Road and its centres	Continue to carry out the integrated area plan, guiding development in Papakura and Takanini through to neighbouring Manurewa
Development of social enterprise, entrepreneurship and innovation that leads to gainful employment	Fund scholarships for young people Support organisations involved in providing job-ready programmes for young people to move into employment Support opportunities for older people to contribute their experience and be involved in social enterprise and innovation





A partnership with the Papakura Business Association keeps Broadway attractive and bustling

Outcome one: A vibrant and prosperous local economy

Objective – what we plan to achieve

Key initiatives – our work that will contribute

Thriving business in the local board area as local people buy from local businesses

Work closely with local business associations to promote the Papakura area as an ideal location for businesses to set up

Continue to advocate to the Governing Body and council-controlled organisations to use their buying power to create or support local employment and economic development

Maximise opportunities presented by the new development in Drury

Promote Papakura as a visitor destination

Increased numbers of visitors who contribute to our local economy

Develop visitor information packages, including exploring digital apps to map places of interest

Progress ideas with neighbouring local boards to increase tourism opportunities through connections to cycleways





The Raki family enjoy time at their neighbourhood park, the Clarice Reserve.

Whakaotinga rua: He hapori e whakahaumakotia ana e tōna kanorau, e rongō ana ngā tāngata i te honohono, he oi, he hauora te āhuatanga o te noho

Outcome two: A community enriched by its diversity, where people feel connected and lead active, healthy lives

We have great parks and places to play and do the things we enjoy. We come together at lively events and activities that include people socially and draw on the strengths of our different cultures.

As our population grows and becomes more diverse, our parks and community spaces need to keep pace with rising demand and changing tastes. These are important places where people connect with others and enjoy their favourite pastimes.

We want to encourage all age groups to be active and make healthy and safe choices.

“The board will look for opportunities to partner with the community to promote inclusivity and celebrate diversity”





WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “I like the idea of people being connected, living healthy lives and celebrating our diverse community.”

Community facilities need to be accessible for people of all abilities, including older or differently abled people. This benefits everyone, including those with accessibility requirements. It also opens up leisure and learning opportunities to people from all walks of life. We want to cater for young and old, different interests and diverse cultures.

A multi-purpose approach to these facilities also provides good value for money, which helps the local board prioritise investment.

We listened when you told us it's important to feel safe, whether at home or out and about. Our response included part-funding CCTV monitoring and upgrading lighting in Papakura town centre. We'll continue to invest in safe, well-designed facilities and events that bring people together and reduce social isolation. We'll also keep looking at ways to make our public spaces even safer.

The board will look for opportunities to partner with the community to promote inclusivity and celebrate diversity in culture, ethnicity, gender, age and people with a range of abilities. Opportunities could range from important events in the Pacific, Indian and other cultural calendars to enhance the inclusion of under-represented voices in local decision-making.

Support for sport and being active

Whether as a competitive or social player, or supporter of family and friends from the sidelines, many of us love being involved in sport. With increasing numbers of active people following in our footsteps, it's crucial our fields and facilities match the demand.

We plan to:

- work with Opāheke sports field users to progress the building of a multi-use clubroom
- advocate for funding to finish developing key parks in Papakura
- advocate to the council's Governing Body for funding from the 10-year budget to comprehensively renew the Massey Park swimming complex
- continue our support for developments at Bruce Pulman Park.

By maintaining high standards at sports facilities, we can help boost the local economy and showcase our sportspeople's talents. Quality venues mean local organisations can keep bringing many regional, national and international events and visitors to our area.

Being active includes embracing ways of getting around under your own steam, whether for recreation or travel. Under our greenways (local paths) plan, we will continue to create a linked-up network of safe walking, running and cycling pathways.

A key priority over the next three years is the shared path between Elliot Street and Pescara Point, which features a new overbridge connecting the State Highway 1 cycleway and reconnecting Papakura with the Karaka harbourside and reserves.

Given the population growth and development underway or coming our way, the board will support or advocate for continued investment in cycling and walking paths that help connect to other centres.





Keeping community connection

Healthy living goes beyond movement and physical health, so we support local programmes that contribute to various aspects of your wellbeing.

We want to encourage healthy food options being available in Auckland Council facilities. We also support the council's Smokefree Policy and will keep advocating for budget for local implementation.

Our board will continue to be a strong voice for reducing alcohol-related harm and having less alcohol signage and marketing.

We'll continue granting funds each year to groups and organisations who provide a range of activities in our community. We've also put budget in place to underpin initiatives

supporting the older community and encouraging them to contribute their experience. We'll support programmes that get children involved and nurture our rangatahi (youth) to develop as leaders.

The board wants to help build the capacity and capability of community networks. Assets such as the Hawkins Theatre, the Papakura library, art gallery and museum also play an important role in this. We'll support events, preferably free to attend, that bring our parks and open spaces to life and encourage people to have a go at different activities.





Members of the Sikh community enjoy a conversation in the town centre.

Outcome two: A community enriched by its diversity, where people feel connected and lead active, healthy lives

Objective - what we plan to achieve	Key initiatives - our work that will contribute
Papakura's parks, sports and recreation facilities are well used	Maintain support for developments at Bruce Pulman Park, including a destination play space for all age groups
	Advocate to the council's Governing Body for the development of a multi-use clubroom at Opāheke Sports Park
	Continue to carry out recommendations from the Papakura Sports Needs Assessment, which looked at the condition and suitability of fields and facilities at our sports parks
	Advocate to the Governing Body for funding from the 10-year budget for comprehensive renewal of the Massey Park swimming complex
	Advocate to the Governing Body for additional funding for minor upgrades of park facilities (e.g. playgrounds) where prior funding has left a shortfall in the Papakura area
	Progressively upgrade existing parks, sports and recreation facilities to improve the overall standard and meet the needs of all age groups





Croquet in Papakura

Outcome two: A community enriched by its diversity, where people feel connected and lead active, healthy lives

Objective – what we plan to achieve

Key initiatives – our work that will contribute

Services and facilities meet the community’s needs now and into the future

Ensure we can use new and existing facilities as multi-purpose community hubs

Continue to advocate for council and external funding to support the community-led project to jointly develop facilities at Smiths Avenue Reserve

Encourage library and community-led programmes to promote maximum use of the new Takaanini community hub and library

Communities are supported to achieve their goals and aspirations

Help our young people to contribute, prosper and thrive. We’ll support youth scholarships, showcases of local training and leadership opportunities, and programmes to get our young people work-ready

Support age-friendly and active-ageing initiatives introduced by the council and local board

Ensure community networks have capacity and capability to help our older people stay connected and contribute their skills, wisdom and experience

Invest in community-led arts, events and multi-generational activities which use and celebrate our parks and open spaces and promote health, movement and discovery for all age groups. We want to bring people together to meet and have fun at no cost



Whakaotinga toru: He wāhi pai te honohono, he ngāwari te neke haere

Outcome three: A well-connected area where it's easy to move around

Our roads are free from congestion, public transport is convenient and reliable, walkways and cycleways are linked together and safe.

We'll need all transport systems firing together to cope with increasing numbers of residents and the new developments being built to house them. The board will continue to advocate for initiatives to relieve congestion, reduce travel time and ease pressure on the transport network.

Papakura is fortunate to have easy access to the rail network and motorway, while more frequent trains have boosted convenience. We're pleased that completed road projects have increased the number of motorway lanes between Papakura and Manukau and improved the Takanini interchange.

On the buses, we'd like to see better local connections in services, and between buses and trains.

Park and ride improvements at Takaanini rail station have worked well, but lack of commuter parking remains an issue at Papakura. We'd like Auckland Transport (AT) to consider other measures to manage the demand, with a focus on making it easier for people to use the station and public transport.

“ We'll need all transport systems firing together to cope with increasing numbers of residents and the new developments being built to house them. ”



Buses connect with services out of Papakura station to form an easy transport network linking to Britomart in the central city.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “I really like the idea of having a well-connected area where it’s easy to move around.”

Big projects for better journeys

Although physical works are some way off, we’re excited about the Mill Road arterial route getting dedicated funding. There was also good news for the south in the Government’s funding announcement about major development at Drury. It includes:

- three new rail stations
- an electrified line through to Pukekohe
- the Mill Road interchange to the motorway.

These projects are funded and managed by AT, the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) and KiwiRail. The local board will continue to advocate to these agencies for changes that make your journeys quicker, easier and safer.

A top priority for us over the next three years will not only be ensuring our local roads and transport systems can cope with rising demand but providing other travel options too. A key guide for doing this is our greenways (local paths) plan.

Pathways for getting around

The local pathways / greenways plan will result in a network of shared walking and cycling paths for getting around. The linked paths will make it easier and more pleasant for you to move

between housing, employment areas, parks, shopping centres, recreation facilities, places of interest and transport hubs.

We also hope the greenways will prove a safer and better alternative to cycleways on roads. The board is working with council departments, AT, other agencies and local communities to carry out the plan.

Our most significant greenway is the shared path from Elliot Street to Pescara Point. This will make it much easier for people to get to and enjoy the coastal paths along Manukau Harbour and Pahurehure Inlet. A \$7 million pedestrian bridge has been built to connect communities divided by the southern motorway and link to a new 4.5km walking and cycling path between Papakura and Takanini.

We’ve taken up your safety concerns about the condition of some of our roads, footpaths and walkways. Uneven paths are a particular problem for older people, people with mobility issues, and those with pushchairs. We’ll continue advocating to AT to do surface repairs in stages.

The board will also continue discussing with AT and NZTA the proposal to separate the road and rail crossings at Walters Street and Taka Street in Takanini.





Passengers wait for a train at Papakura station

Outcome three: A well-connected area where it's easy to move around

Objective – what we plan to achieve

Papakura's cycleways and walkways provide safe, connected, alternative routes

Key initiatives – our work that will contribute

Continue to carry out the shared walking and cycling pathways plan (Papakura Greenways – Local Paths Plan), with an immediate focus on the Elliot Street to Pescara Point project. Develop an implementation strategy for delivering other greenways in the plan, taking into account:

- a bridge at Waiata Shores to Manurewa
- links for the residential development in Hingaia Peninsula, Takanini, Drury and into the Franklin Local Board area

Investigate and support opportunities to link Papakura town centre to Clevedon via the Hunua cycle trail

Establish safe and clear walking and cycling links between key facilities to encourage a shift away from using motor vehicles

Advocate to Auckland Transport (AT) for improved pathway safety, including lighting, accessibility and proactive maintenance to prevent problems





Karaka Lakes

Outcome three: A well-connected area where it's easy to move around

Objective – what we plan to achieve

Key initiatives – our work that will contribute

Public transport is safe, convenient, reliable and affordable

Advocate to AT and KiwiRail for a third line further south to future-proof the rail network and enable express trains

Advocate to AT to improve park and ride facilities at the Papakura rail station and provide alternative transport options to reduce demand for parking at the station

Advocate to AT for more local initiatives to contribute to decarbonisation by encouraging more use of public transport. Examples would be electric on-demand public transport options or better bike storage at transport hubs

(Decarbonisation leads to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from transport. It's achieved through a combination of measures, including new vehicle technology and changes in behaviour.)

Our urban roads are safe and free from congestion

Continue to advocate to AT for separating rail and road crossings in Takanini

Advocate to AT for safety measures for roads, footpaths and intersections to mitigate intensification and growth impacts on safety and traffic flow



Whakaotinga whā: He taiiao, he tukunga iho e kaingākaitia ana

Outcome four: A treasured environment and heritage

We value our natural environment and heritage, protecting and nourishing them for future generations.

We all share with Māori as kaitiaki (guardians) a responsibility for protecting our extraordinary natural environment.

The Manukau Harbour, its flowing streams and surrounding land sustained Māori for generations. Mana whenua's connection to the land is both spiritual and cultural and lays the foundation for their significant role in ensuring a sustainable future for this environment.

Papakura Local Board would like to further partner with Māori to champion practices and projects that strengthen our connections to the land and harbour.

Sustain our environment

We recognise the challenges presented by long-term growth and the environmental effects of climate change. We need to work towards reducing emissions and conserving our finite resources for the next generations.

“ Maintaining and improving the health of our environment continues to be a priority for the next three years. ”



The Pahurehure Inlet offers easy access to recreation opportunities on the Manukau Harbour.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “My passion is the environment, therefore I really agree with the treasured environment and heritage.”

Maintaining and improving the health of our environment continues to be a priority for the next three years. It’s important to find environmentally sustainable ways of doing things. Access to the great outdoors is also part of what makes Papakura an attractive lifestyle option.

We need to:

- address pollution and waste – reduce, better manage, or eliminate where possible
- continue advocating for monitoring and improvement of our air and water quality
- restore the natural environment and reduce the threat of pests to create flourishing and natural biodiversity.

Papakura will continue to support the Manukau Harbour Forum, working with eight other local boards to improve water quality and restore the coastal environment. We’ll also explore ways to improve the wetlands and waterways feeding into the harbour and seek to ensure the highest standards in wastewater and stormwater treatment.

The local board backs the council’s Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy to grow and protect the canopy cover. Tree planting provides long-term connections to nature in local parks and will help offset the loss of trees from development and changing land use across our area.

We’ll support local efforts to reduce the amount of solid waste going to landfills to help achieve

Tāmaki Makaurau’s target of zero waste by 2040.

We want to make it easy, convenient and affordable for you to reduce, reuse, compost or recycle unwanted goods, food scraps and garden waste. Minimising waste helps reduce pollution and harmful chemicals and greenhouse gasses that release from rubbish in landfills.

That’s why the board will continue to advocate for an easily accessible community recycling centre in the south as part of Tāmaki Makaurau’s wider Resource Recovery Network. The regional network will provide local business and employment opportunities, as well as maximise resource recovery.

Honour our heritage

Papakura has a rich cultural history. It’s important we keep capturing the stories of our past and the personal histories of our older people with tales to tell.

We’re keen to create a heritage trail and will continue partnering with mana whenua and the Papakura Museum to make our unique histories more visible and known.

Understanding how Papakura evolved helps us identify with the area and feel proud to live here. We need to identify, restore and protect sites of historic and cultural significance.





Karaka Lakes' waterways

Outcome four: A treasured environment and heritage

Objective - what we plan to achieve

Key initiatives - our work that will contribute

More people enjoy the environment in and around our local parks

Support the Pest Free Auckland 2050 programme and help empower the local community to restore, increase, protect, and connect native biodiversity

Advocate to reduce the pressures on native biodiversity on park land

Partner with local communities and neighbouring local boards to advocate to increase tree coverage and reduce noxious plants. Assess our tree cover and, where budget allows, plant new specimen trees in parks and local streets to support the regional Urban Ngahere project

More people enjoy the environment in and around our harbour and streams

Continue joint efforts with the Manukau Harbour Forum and mana whenua to see the harbour recognised as a significant cultural, ecological, social and economic taonga. This will support the development and implementation of a long-term programme of integrated harbour management

Maintain the appropriate and sustainable removal of mangroves, including the juvenile plants

Put in place initiatives to improve water quality in Manukau Harbour and our awa (streams), including:

- working with Manurewa and Franklin local boards to create a shared vision for restoring Papakura Stream
- supporting iwi, community, schools and businesses to reduce pollution of awa in our area





Awakeri Wetlands under construction

Outcome four: A treasured environment and heritage

Objective - what we plan to achieve

Key initiatives - our work that will contribute

The quality of our air and water is improved

Continue advocating for monitoring and improvement of our air and water quality

Papakura has successful programmes to help people reduce, reuse and recycle

Advocate at regional level for the establishment of a network of recycling centres in partnership with other agencies

Advocate for the promotion of environmental programmes that give residents, businesses and schools the opportunity to learn and carry out waste minimisation and more sustainable practices

Continue to advocate for national law change on waste minimisation, particularly relating to product stewardship (including packaging waste). Product stewardship means those involved in a product's lifespan accept responsibility for reducing its environmental impact

Papakura's history and heritage are highlighted and celebrated

Develop a heritage trail featuring sites of significance in Māori and European history

Continue working with Pukekiwiriki Paa Joint Management Committee to enhance the paa site in the cultural context. Ensure the sacred site is respected while developing better site access





More needs to be done to address climate change or water shortages will become even more common.

Outcome four: A treasured environment and heritage

Objective - what we plan to achieve

Champion climate change initiatives

Key initiatives - our work that will contribute

Work with our communities to support them in developing skills, knowledge and capacity to reduce emissions and respond to climate change impacts

Advocate for appropriate management responses through reserve management, infrastructure and local plans

Advocate to ensure that development decisions involving our coastlines take into account the impacts of climate change

Advocate to identify local coastal hazards due to climate change and the communities most affected. Where possible, advocate to reduce the impacts from these hazards

Continue advocacy to ensure town planning regulations consider sustainable practices and reduce risks related to coastal inundation

Advocate to the Governing Body for funding to address climate change impacts and coastal erosion hazards, including sea level rise, when planning upgrades of parks, walkways and other assets in coastal areas. The location of these assets should be appropriately set back to mitigate effects and ensure future-proofing





Papakura High School's kapa haka group is part of a proud tradition of recognition for the the area's unique Māori heritage.

Whakaotinga rima: He rangapū ki te Māori e hanga ana i te Papakura i reira te tuakiri, te ahurea me ngā tūmanako Māori e kauawhitia ana

Outcome five: A partnership with Māori that creates a Papakura where Māori identity, culture and aspirations are embraced

We recognise the importance of partnering with Māori to create enduring relationships, a thriving Māori identity, and outcomes that benefit Māori and all Papakura residents.

Māori make up almost 27 per cent of the local board area's population, which is the highest in Tāmaki Makaurau per capita. Papakura has a rich Māori cultural history, several mana whenua groups with interests in the area, and a much-treasured community and cultural hub in the Papakura Marae.

“Papakura Local Board supports this direction and seeks to partner with Māori to achieve what they have told us is important to them”



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “I really want the partnership with our Māori that creates a Papakura where our Māori identity, culture and aspirations are embraced.”

In 2018, the council prioritised advancing Māori identity and wellbeing through the Auckland Plan 2050 and provided funding to enhance Māori outcomes through the 10-year budget 2018-2028. Papakura Local Board supports this direction and seeks to partner with Māori to achieve what they have told us is important to them, such as:

- strong partnerships between Māori and our board that support Māori aspirations in local board decision-making
- promotion of Papakura’s Māori identity in council services, events and public spaces
- kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of the environment – land, water, sea and air – for future generations
- economic development that supports Māori enterprises and benefits all of Papakura.

Leadership and language

We’ll continue the work with other southern local boards and mana whenua to investigate and develop ways to improve Māori input and influence in local board decision-making. We’ll also support the work of The Southern Initiative in helping our rangatahi to fulfil their potential and participate in leadership, education and employment opportunities.

Our local board will support telling and celebrating Papakura’s Māori history in street names, dual naming of parks through the Te Kete Rukuruku programme, and the proposed Papakura heritage trail. We’ll ensure our services delivered through events, the libraries, the museum and the arts centre support Papakura’s Māori history and communities. We’ll also seek to incorporate te māra hūpara (Māori play area) principles in playground development. This will give local children natural and sustainable play spaces that tell Māori stories and reduce the use of plastics.

Guardians for generations

We’ll continue to partner with Māori to achieve environmental outcomes for current and future generations by supporting effective kaitiakitanga of our streams, waterways and the Manukau Harbour. We plan to increase the urban tree coverage in Papakura to counter the effects of increased intensive development and support climate-change resilience. The local board will continue to work with mana whenua on co-governance, restoration and preservation of Pukekiwiriki Paa for current and future Papakura residents and visitors.

We acknowledge that most of Papakura’s Māori population are mataawaka (without ancestral ties to the area), so the services and connection provided by important facilities such as the Papakura Marae are key to Māori wellbeing. We were privileged to be the first Papakura Local Board to be inaugurated at this marae and we’ll continue to explore ways of strengthening our relationship. We want to support the marae’s aspirations and its services to the people of Papakura.

The board will also work with the marae on its plans to provide visitor experiences at the marae and investigate a project with Franklin Local Board to develop a cycleway link from the Papakura rail station. This would link to the Hunua Trail, showcasing Māori history along the way.



Papakura Marae

Outcome five: A partnership with Māori that creates a Papakura where Māori identity, culture and aspirations are embraced

Objective - what we plan to achieve

Key initiatives - our work that will contribute

Build strong governance-level partnerships between Papakura Local Board and mana whenua

Hold regular engagement between the local board and mana whenua to discuss areas of mutual interest and aspiration. This would be through individual mana whenua entities and collective groups such as the Southern Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum

Work with the other southern local boards and mana whenua to investigate ways to improve mana whenua involvement and influence in local board decisions. This would be through the Māori Input into Local Board Decision-making project

Celebrate Papakura's Māori identity and culture

Partner with mana whenua to identify, protect and promote wāhi tapu (sacred places) and other taonga (treasures) as part of the heritage trail project

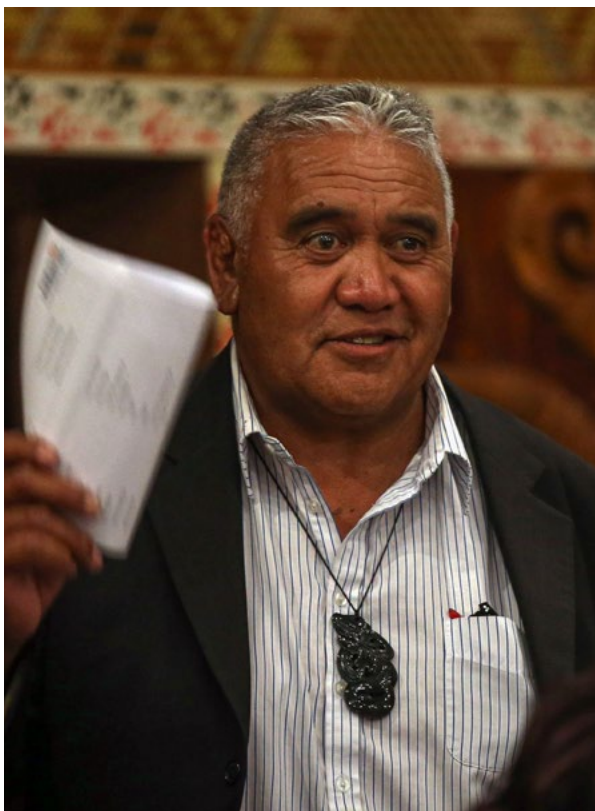
Continue to carry out the Te Kete Rukuruku (dual naming of parks) programme to celebrate Māori stories and history in Papakura

Partner with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to design and deliver playgrounds that use te māra hūpara (Māori play area) design principles and tell mana whenua stories

Encourage events and services funded by the local board and delivered through facilities such as the libraries, art centre and museum to celebrate and promote Papakura's Māori history and talent

Work in partnership with Māori to develop an annual Waitangi Day event in Papakura, as well as opportunities for Matariki and Māori Language Week / Te Wiki o te Reo Māori celebrations and activities





Kaumatua Ted Ngataki shares his wisdom at Papakura Marae.

Outcome five: A partnership with Māori that creates a Papakura where Māori identity, culture and aspirations are embraced

Objective - what we plan to achieve	Key initiatives - our work that will contribute
<p>Support Māori aspirations for kaitiakitanga over our natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations</p>	<p>Partner with mana whenua and neighbouring local boards to rehabilitate, rejuvenate and protect the Papakura Stream</p> <hr/> <p>Partner with mana whenua to increase tree coverage in Papakura through the Urban Ngahere project, including investigating opportunities for mana whenua to provide, maintain and preserve trees in our public spaces</p> <hr/> <p>Support the continued co-governance of Pukekiwiriki Paa and the Manukau Harbour to restore, preserve and protect these taonga</p>
<p>Support Māori to deliver community and economic benefits to the people of Papakura</p>	<p>Continue to support the marae as a key community hub for the delivery of community, health and welfare services</p> <hr/> <p>Partner with the marae to enable the local board to engage more effectively with the Māori community, including through business meetings, consultation, events and community hui</p> <hr/> <p>Support Māori aspirations to deliver enhanced visitor and tourism experiences that will provide economic benefits to Māori and the wider community</p> <hr/> <p>Partner with the marae and mana whenua to develop a cycleway link from the Papakura rail station to Clevedon to connect with the Hunua Trail. This project includes identifying tourism opportunities and telling the Māori stories along the way</p>





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 2018-2028. 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 Papakura 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	
<p>This is a broad activity area, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life.</p> <p>We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people.</p> <p>We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people.</p> <p>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities.</p> <p>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.</p> <p>We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection.</p> <p>We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often.</p> <p>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches.</p> <p>We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture.</p>



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 Papakura Local Board for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Annual Budget Financials	2020/2021 (\$000)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	364
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total operating revenue	364
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	10,506
Local planning and development	403
Local environmental services	72
Local governance	969
Total operating expenditure	11,950
Net operating expenditure	11,586
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	3,870
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total capital expenditure	3,870



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Āpiti hanga A – Kaupapa Auaha

Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the board may not have decision-making responsibilities or funding for in this local board plan but recognises the value they will add to the local community.

Key advocacy areas for Papakura Local Board include:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Development of additional park-and-ride capacity, expanded bus interchange and other actions to manage carpark demand at the Papakura train station	We would like to see alternative transport options introduced to free up our local roads from congestion. This is why we advocate the Governing Body funds an upgraded park-and-ride facility with more capacity at the station. This project has wide community support and will encourage more people to use public transport. We also reiterate the importance of an expanded bus interchange and the need for providing off-street bus layovers. With Papakura train station, the sixth busiest in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland, it is important that Auckland Transport takes action to manage car park demand.	Auckland Transport Waka Kotahi / NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) Auckland Council's Governing Body
Regional fund for inundation and erosion control	With its 3702km of coastline, Tāmaki Makaurau has waterways in all directions. Despite its beauty, this geography means Auckland is also prone to erosion. With climate change happening and more severe weather events and sea level rise expected, the response to inundation and erosion control becomes increasingly important. The local board believes a regional fund to address this issue is required.	Governing Body
Resource recovery centre for Auckland's south	To protect our environment for future generations, we must reduce our waste and recycle. Papakura Local Board supports the establishment of a network of community resource recovery centres that will make it easy, affordable and convenient for people to reuse and recycle unwanted goods. The board would like to see one established and providing services in the south.	Governing Body



Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Prevention of illegal dumping, reduction of industrial waste, and packaging stewardship	<p>Illegal dumping is on the rise in the south. The local board would like to introduce a trial alongside the existing inorganic collection. As a way of minimising illegal dumping, this trial would allow residents to dispose of unwanted items for free at the dump once or twice a year. This provides the community with more opportunities to dispose of unwanted items when it suits them.</p> <p>We advocate for legislative change to encourage developers to minimise the amount of industrial waste going to landfill and to make it easier for councils to deal with illegal dumping.</p> <p>The board continues to advocate for product stewardship to reduce the amount of plastic and polystyrene being used for packaging (see New Zealand Packaging Accord 2004).</p>	Governing Body
Investing equally in water quality improvement initiatives	<p>As a member of the Manukau Harbour Forum, Papakura Local Board believes all harbours in the Auckland region need to be recognised equally when addressing water quality issues, and this should be reflected in the distribution of funding. The board supports using this funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carry out work further up and along the catchment to make the water quality better for the receiving environment (particularly working with our surrounding boards to address the quality of Papakura Stream) • look at ways of treatment where waterways are alongside industrial areas • reduce litter through our stormwater network to protect our streams and harbour. 	Governing Body
Infrastructure to be in place before development happens	<p>Papakura faces significant levels of growth due to a number of large new developments in and around the local board area. This will continue to increase the pressure on our current infrastructure.</p> <p>Without a coordinated approach among all the infrastructure providers, council-controlled organisations, the government and developers, there is a risk that development will occur in an ad hoc manner.</p> <p>The board encourages better planning of our new roads to ensure appropriate road widths. This would enable more vehicles to be parked outside housing without obstructing the roadway.</p>	Governing Body Auckland Transport Panuku Development Auckland Watercare/Veolia Developers Central government



Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<p>Increased funding for developing playgrounds that support people from diverse cultures, ages and abilities</p>	<p>The impact of growth on infrastructure such as parks, sports and recreation facilities has been immense in recent years. It has put significant pressure on our play spaces, which have historically been underfunded. This means the number of pieces of play equipment has not met community need in several of our playgrounds. The local board seeks increased funding for developing playgrounds, so provision can keep pace with growth.</p> <p>Access to development contributions and the timing of access to funds to deliver playgrounds also need to be improved. Where there is a large development, the board would support the developers being required to put in the playground at that location first.</p> <p>We're also aware the community seeks a greater range of recreational equipment to reflect the greater range of age and ability of users.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
<p>Alleviation of traffic congestion</p>	<p>Several major transport works are being planned, with some projects already underway such as the Takanini interchange upgrade. Government funding for Mill Road has also been announced. However, the population is growing at a faster pace than the key infrastructure networks are being delivered.</p> <p>The local community identifies traffic congestion as one of its major concerns. We know this from various community consultations the board and the wider organisation have undertaken.</p> <p>Papakura Local Board has identified the following projects to address the issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upgrading park-and-ride with increased capacity at the Papakura train station. Alongside this, the board will continue to advocate for alternative solutions to address the station's parking situation • separating the rail from the roading network (so that rail goes above or below as it crosses the road) on Takanini east-west routes • completing Mill Road (government funding announced) • building a third rail line further south • electrifying the train line from Papakura to Hamilton 	<p>Governing Body</p>



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Alleviation of traffic congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • having integrated transport routes with different modes of travel, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • linking the new developments in Drury to provide access to jobs and shopping in Papakura • Weymouth Bridge • Manukau Spur • Botany to airport • Hamilton to Papakura train line, including the designated transport corridor 	Governing Body
Measures to control tree diseases in Papakura	The local board supports working with the council to ensure appropriate work is carried out to control tree diseases such as kauri dieback and myrtle rust.	Governing Body
Acknowledgement of Papakura town centre's metropolitan status and the Integrated Area Plan (Manurewa/Takanini/Papakura) area	<p>The Auckland Unitary Plan identifies Papakura as a future metropolitan centre, which means it will develop over time into a larger commercial and retail centre to support residential growth in the surrounding area.</p> <p>The board is keen for that transition to happen and continues to support the Papakura Commercial Project Group it established to achieve the transition.</p> <p>We are also looking for investors to develop Papakura as a metropolitan centre in line with the Papakura Local Board Metropolitan Centre Framework for Action.</p> <p>Working with others, we have completed development of the Manurewa Takanini Papakura Integrated Area Plan. This plan looks at various centres alongside Great South Road and how they can complement each other rather than compete. Considerable progress has been made on carrying out its recommendations.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p> <p>Panuku Development Auckland</p>
Promotion of implementing the Southern Structure Plan in a way that ensures the centres along Great South Road are developed in a holistic manner	Papakura Local Board supports the Southern Structure Plan. However, implementation of the plan will need to take into account the impact of any proposed centres on the already established centres along Great South Road (Papakura and Takanini). We want to ensure the vitality of these economic centres is safeguarded.	Governing Body



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Increased funding for the construction of shared pathways	As traffic congestion continues to be an issue, people are seeking alternative ways of moving around. This is bringing the need for more shared walking and cycling pathways. The board has a number of shared pathways that have been proposed, consulted on and designed, and continues to advocate for funding to build them.	Governing Body NZTA Auckland Transport
Reinstatement of the Local Board Capital Transport Fund	Advocate for the reinstatement of the Local Board Capital Transport Fund to pre-Covid levels or more.	Governing Body Auckland Transport
Localised design standards for road and footpath design	Advocate for changes to the unitary plan, and for the development of localised design standards so that road and footpath design in rural and greenfield development areas accommodates local need i.e. so that neighbourhood roads provide adequately for car-dependant households and appropriate pathways can be created to enable rural communities to walk and cycle.	Governing Body Auckland Transport
Planning for good community outcomes as intensification occurs	<p>Advocate for changes to the Unitary Plan that require planning for good community outcomes to mitigate the cumulative effects of intensification of development, eg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of greenspace within or nearby intensive developments • A reduction in the threshold criteria for walking distances to local parks or reserves • Provision of onsite parking • Provision of visitor on street parking • Road widths that allow access for public transport, utility and emergency vehicles • Provision of shared pedestrian / cycleways 	Governing Body Auckland Transport





