

Te Rīpoata ā-Tau 2017/2018
Te Poari ā-Rohe o Rodney

Rodney Local Board Annual Report 2017/2018



Mihi

Tēnā, ngā mihi te tukuna atu nei ki a koutou e nga manawhenua e kapekape tonu nei i ngā ahikā roa e horapa mai nā ki te taha whakararo o te tipua tāone nei o Tāmaki Makaurau. Kia pāorooro tēnei karere mā runga i ō maunga whakahī. Kia tīmata ake au i te Kumeū, ka rere whakawaho ki te one tapu o Muriwai. Kia hoki ake ki uta, ko Tauwhare ki te rāwhiti, a Tarawera ki te raki, ki te taha whakaroto ko Tuhirangi rāua ko Te Atuanui Kia kauhoe ngā mihi mā te moana ki te Araparera ko koe tēnā e Taranaki, ka kapi ngā pou tauawhi i a te Kaipara i hua ai te kōrero, “E tupu i wīwī, i wāwā, tūria i te wera, piri ki te rito o te rengarenga, waiho me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki.”	Our greetings and salutations to you the mana whenua who continue to tend the historical fires that encompass this great city of Auckland. May this message echo across your noble mountains. Let me begin at Kumeū then turn outwards to the sacred sands of Muriwai. I hook inward again where eastward, is Tauwhare, to the north is Tarawera, and inland stands Tuhirangi and Atuanui. Let this greeting travel the inland sea to Araparera where Taranaki completes the guardians of the Kaipara, who inspired the proclamation, “People will grow here and there, upright in the heat, hiding like the shoots of the rengarenga, and maturing like the fruit of the kawariki.”
Ināianeī me māwhiti aku kupu ki Kaiwaka, ki Pukekaroro ki te raraunga o te tini i mate, te aroha tonutia i muri nei. Kia tahuri iho rā ia ki Matakana, ko Tamahunga tērā e tū mai rā i te pae. Ka hīkoi aku mihi mā ngā kāhiwi kia heke iho ki te awa o Pūhoi kia rere aku mihi ki te tuawhenua i nohoa e te iti me te rahi. Kia ū mai anō taku haere ki Huapai, ā-tangata, ā-whenua. Nō rātou te whiwhi, nō mātou te whiwhi, kia kī ake ai tātou katoa, “He rohenga tangata, he iwi tōpuni, mōwai tonu te whenua e takoto nei e.”	Now let my words cross to Kaiwaka and Pukekaroro, the scene of past losses that are still mourned today. Turning then to Matakana, where stands Tamahunga on the horizon. Let this greeting follow the ridgeline down to the Pūhoi River where it can return inland to the valleys where the original settlers came. Our journey ends at Huapai, of people, and land. Their good fortune is our shared providence, so, the axiom, “The community are people in communion, and a calm lies over the land.”



Taylor Wilcox and Hunter Martin at Māori Bay

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On the cover: Highfield Reserve at Algies Bay

Ngā kawekawenga

About this report

This annual report tells the story of how Auckland Council has performed in delivering services in the Rodney Local Board area from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

You can read about our progress, expenditure, service performance and challenges faced in 2017/2018. It's part of the wider annual reporting package for the Auckland Council Group and fulfills the council's obligations to report performance under the Local Government Act 2002. It reports against the 2015-2025 Long-term Plan, Annual Plan 2017/2018 and Rodney Local Board Agreement 2017/2018.

The report goes beyond this requirement. It also reflects the local flavour of your area. It does this by profiling the make-up of your area – population, people and council facilities. It also features a story about something that council has done with the community that adds special value to the area and demonstrates how

together we're Auckland.



Shoppers at Matakana Market

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the chairperson



I am delighted to present our annual report for the year 2017/2018.

I am pleased to reflect on the achievements of the Rodney Local Board for 2017/2018. We're proud of what we've accomplished for our community this year which wouldn't be possible without your support.

A major highlight was the adoption of our local board plan which sets our direction over the next three years. We appreciate all the feedback we received and hope you can see yourself and your community reflected in the plan.

Renewing and maintaining ageing assets in our vast area continues to be difficult with the financial pressures faced by Auckland Council. Our need for present and future services, facilities and amenities is under pressure from continuing population growth.

We made a significant investment at Rautawhiri Park in Helensville with a new perimeter path and renewal of the tennis and netball courts. We continued to invest in active zones for children and youth with an overhaul and expansion of the Wellsford skate park and new play equipment in Omaha and Muriwai. In November, I was proud to open the revitalised Kowhai Park at Warkworth with improved car parking, public access and toilets.

The board leads the way in empowering our communities. We allocated funding for the Kumeu-Huapai community to begin building the Huapai Hub, a community focal point designed by the community. We continued working on the design for the expansion of the Kumeu Arts Centre next door. In Warkworth, we supported the community to work with council staff to create the Warkworth Community Aspirations Plan and look forward to providing funding to start delivering a project in that plan in 2018/2019.

Thank you to the many community groups, local businesses, council staff and my fellow local board members – particularly my Deputy Chair, Phelan Pirrie – who work tirelessly to achieve these outcomes. We look forward to this continuing as in 2018/2019.

Beth Houlbrooke

Chairperson, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

Te Rohe ā-Poari o Rodney Rodney Local Board area





Rodney Local Board area makes up

46%

of the Auckland region's land mass

A population of nearly

65,000

(4 per cent of the region's population)



This is expected to grow to 85,900 by 2033

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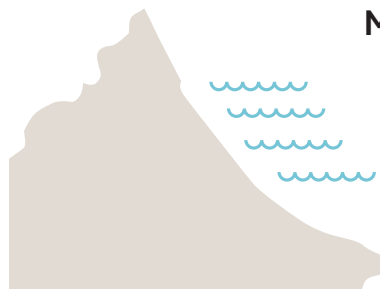
towns and villages



More than

1500

km of coastline

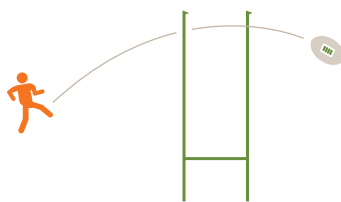


We are home to:

More than

200

local parks



5

libraries



23

council-owned community halls



Te mahere ā-rohe O Rodney Local Board

Rodney Local Board



Your board (L to R): Phelan Pirrie (Deputy Chairperson), Louise Johnston, Beth Houlbrooke (Chairperson), Brent Bailey, Tessa Berger, Cameron Brewer, Colin Smith, Brenda Steele, Allison Roe

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Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour



Point Wells Hall is managed by a sub-committee of the Point Wells Community and Ratepayers Association.

Rodney halls are back in community hands

Coatesville and Point Wells communities are first to operate under a new community-led incorporation model that has been developed for halls in Rodney.

Coatesville Settlers Hall Committee Chairman Alan Curtis says their hall has always been a vital part of the community and all credit to the council for allowing them to continue to make it so.

“We really feel that the new management structure gives the community a sense of belonging.”

Point Wells Hall Committee Chair Laurence Eyres says this is a significant event in the hall’s history.

“It has taken time to decide on the best way to manage the hall but this option looks to the future as we continue the partnerships already established within our community.

“New people are moving into the village all the time and the demand for community activities, especially for toddlers and young people, will continue to grow. Our hall is ideally placed to meet that need.”

Hall committees are responsible for public liability insurance, all bookings, setting hire fees, minor maintenance and cleaning while retaining hall revenue to offset operating costs.

The council is responsible for all capital expenditure and major maintenance. This option gives a community the opportunity to govern, manage and operate the hall.

The local board received feedback from the community that locals wanted different options for managing halls and in response three different options were set up.

‘We are keen to support communities that want to manage and operate their halls themselves. It’s an ideal situation when a community decides what is best for its hall.’

Rodney Local Board Chair Beth Houlbrooke says the new structure builds community’s connections with halls.

In Rodney, there are 23 council-owned community halls available for regular use or to hire.

Te pūrongo mō ngā mahi whakahaere

Performance report

Local parks, sport and recreation

Highlights include:

- extensive court renewals and a new path at Rautawhiri Park
- renewal of toilets and carpark at Kowhai Park
- completion of sports field works at Warkworth Showgrounds, Riverhead War Memorial, Wellsford Centennial Park and Huapai Domain.

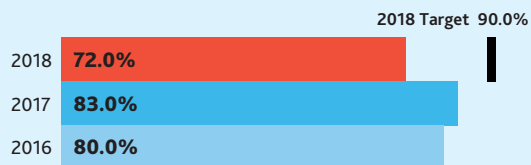
Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches

Percentage of residents satisfied with the provision (quality, location and distribution) of local parks and reserves



Rodney is experiencing large growth in its townships, particularly Riverhead, Kumeu, Huapai and Warkworth. The development and delivery of new reserves does not always match the growth in housing and could be a timing issue.

Percentage of residents who visited a local park or reserve in the last 12 months



We'll promote our parks and facilities to help increase residents visits.

Provide sports fields that are fit-for-purpose and cater for community need

Percentage of residents satisfied with the provision (quality, location and distribution) of sports fields



The winter supply and needs modelling completed in late 2017 used new population figures. With new population figures there was a change in the needs of some local board areas. There is no shortfall in field capacity and therefore no sports field projects are planned except for the flood lighting of the existing fields to meet the lighting shortfall.

Local community services

Highlights include:

- local libraries continue as thriving community hubs providing free Wi-Fi, programmes and space for people to connect and upskill
- community-led place-making at town centres in Huapai/Kumeu, Helensville, Warkworth and Wellsford
- funding community development and capacity building initiatives across our area.

LEGEND



Achieved



Substantially achieved



Not achieved



Target value indication

Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities

Use of libraries as digital community hubs:
Number of internet sessions per capita (PC & Wi-Fi)

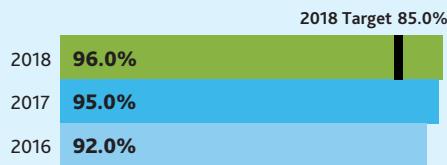


Number of visits to library facilities per capita



Visitor numbers have declined as more people access library collections and services online. Although the target for library visits wasn't achieved, customer satisfaction has remained above target.

Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery



The target has not be updated to take account of the consistent high level of service provided.

Percentage of customers satisfied with the library environment



Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer-centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting

Percentage of funding/grant applicants satisfied with information, assistance and advice provided



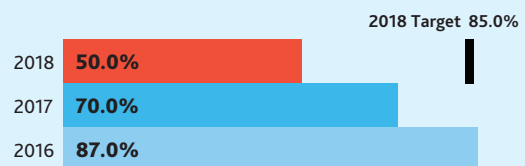
This measure is not applicable as the board did not have any funding tagged specifically to local community grants.

Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities

Percentage of Aucklanders that feel connected to their neighbourhood and local community



Percentage of attendees satisfied with council-delivered and funded local event



This measure aims to survey two events annually. One event this year achieved a result of 74% (Warkworth Christmas Parade), which is good for a Christmas event. The other event (Wellsford Santa Parade) achieved a score of 21% reflecting a range of issues – the low number of floats, entertainment options and the overall organisation of the event.

Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to place-making and thriving communities

Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – day time

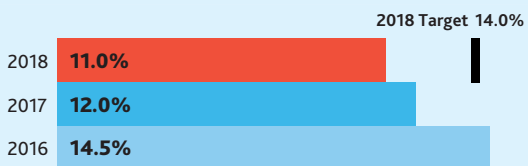


Elements such as crime rates, the built environment, and socioeconomic and other similar factors influence how people feel in their town centre. The council undertakes projects and initiatives to improve perceptions of safety. The council is supporting the Huapai Hub in the community input process for the town centre improvements in Kumeu/Huapai. Funding has been allocated for investigation and design work for a village green project in Warkworth, and the Streetscape and Creek Lane projects in Helensville. These projects and the Wellsford Aspirations initiative will attract more people to the town centres and provide more community activities.

Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – night time



Facility utilisation: utilisation at peak times for council-managed community centres and venues for hire



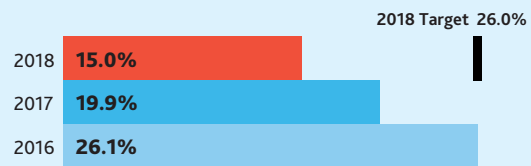
Kaukapakapa School is no longer booking the Kaukapakapa Memorial Hall.

Facility utilisation: utilisation at off-peak times for council-managed community centres and venues for hire



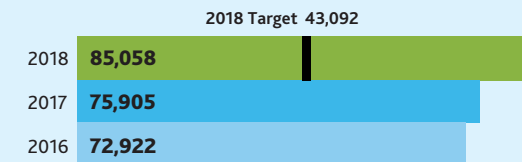
A regular hirer is no longer booking five days a week at Kaukapakapa Memorial Hall.

Percentage of community facilities bookings used for health and wellbeing related activity



We didn't reach target because the Warkworth town hall has a low proportion of health and wellbeing activities. Use of the Warkworth Masonic hall dropped dramatically and two community managed facilities were added to this measure.

Number of visitors to community centres and venues for hire



Local planning and development

Highlights include:

- all BIDs in our area met their obligations.

Develop local business precincts and town centres as great places to do business

Percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) Partnership Programme obligations



Local environmental management

Highlights include:

- grants for riparian restoration throughout the board area and initial planning for dredging the Mahurangi River.

Provide leadership and support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage

Proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes



We delivered two successful environmental projects.



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Te tahua pūtea

Funding impact statement

For the year ended 30 June 2018

\$000's	NOTES	ACTUAL 2018	ANNUAL PLAN 2017/2018	ANNUAL PLAN 2016/2017
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties		13,487	13,532	15,091
Targeted rates		178	178	180
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		4	12	12
Fees and charges		161	199	158
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		26	25	25
Total operating funding		13,856	13,946	15,466
Applications of operating funding:				
Payment to staff and suppliers		10,487	10,396	11,823
Finance costs		1,409	1,409	1,632
Internal charges and overheads applied		2,174	2,174	2,152
Other operating funding applications		-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding		14,070	13,979	15,607
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		(214)	(32)	(141)
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		50	-	-
Development and financial contributions		-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in debt	1	7,342	6,411	7,601
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		-	-	-
Lump sum contributions		-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding		-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding		7,392	6,411	7,601
Applications of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		1,722	371	2,609
- to improve the level of service		90	624	950
- to replace existing assets		5,366	5,384	3,901
Increase (decrease) in reserves		-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in investments		-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding	2	7,178	6,379	7,460
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		214	32	141
Funding balance		-	-	-

Variance explanation Actual 2018 to Annual Plan 2018:

- Increase in debt is higher than anticipated due to capital expenditure being above budget, which resulted in an additional capital funding requirement.
- Overspend was mainly due to works completed in 2017/2018 at Huapai Domain which was originally planned for the 2016/2017 financial year.

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