

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O ALBERT-EDEN 2020

# Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2020



## Mihi

Titiro ki te Pane-o-Horoīwi,  
ka whakapukepuke, ka whakatiketike ki waho rā.  
He kawau, he kawau, he kawau!  
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna tōrea.  
He kawau tikitiki ka eke ki te tāhuna ki Waitematā.  
Ko koutou ēna e ngā mataawaka i rite ai te kōrero,  
Ngā waka o Taikehu me he kāhui kātaha kapi-tai, ka eke!  
Kua eke, hui e, tāiki e!  
Te noho nei au i te kūrae i Takaparawhā,  
ka titiro whakawaho ki a koe Aotea  
e tū hihīwa mai rā i te pae o te moana o Hauraki.  
Ka hoki whakaroto ake aku mihi ki a Waiheke,  
ki a Rangitoto te pueanga mutunga a te moana.  
Kia ū mai anō au ki te one i Ōkahu,  
kia takahia e au te rārangi maunga i uta.  
Ki te tonga ko Maungarei, kei raro ko te Kōpua Kai a Hiku.  
Ka rere mā roto ki Puketāpapa,  
kia piki au ki Maungakiekie, Tūpo-o-te-tini.  
Ka whakamau taku haere ma te Ahikāroa a Rakataura  
kia taka atu au ki te Ara Whakapekapeka o Ruarangi.  
I kona ka aro tika atu au ki a koe e Maungawhau  
te tū whakahira tonu mai nā i te pū o te wheke,  
kua werohia nei e te Tūkoi o te Rangī,  
kia pokanoa au ki te pepeha a Tītahi,  
“Koia te pou whakairo ka tū ki Waitematā i ōku wairangitanga”,  
kia whakaotihia noa ai ki te kōrero rā,  
“te pai me te whai rawa o Tāmaki.”

Look to the sandbanks at Achilles Point,  
rising majestically out there.  
It is the visiting cormorant!  
It has alighted onto the beach of the Oyster-catcher.  
A distinguished visitor has come to the Waitematā.  
It is you the descendants of the ancient voyagers, those who embody  
the axiom, Like shoals of herrings on the tide are the canoes of  
Taikehu, you have arrived!  
The connections are made!  
So here I sit on the headland at Bastion Point,  
and I look out to Great Barrier Island  
shimmering on the Hauraki Harbour.  
Returning my gaze to Waiheke  
and then to Rangitoto, the last gift from the sea.  
Once more I stand on the shore at Ōkahu,  
from where I can traverse the ancient peaks.  
To the south is Maungarei below which lies the Panmure Basin.  
Flying inland I come to Puketāpapa  
from where I scale Maungakiekie, resting place of many who have  
passed on.  
I follow then the pathway to Mount Albert down into Point Chevalier.  
From there I return to Mount Eden, shining gem at the heart of the  
great city, lanced by the sky tower  
so that I might appropriate the prophecy of Tītahi who said.  
“It is a tower that will stand in the Waitematā that I saw in my feverish  
dream” and to end it with the maxim, “and so flow the goodness and  
the riches that is Tāmaki”.



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On the cover: Signage at the start of the 2km shared path in Waterview tells the story of Māori occupation, ecology and geology.



## From the Chair

Greetings all. I am really happy to be able to present the Albert-Eden Local Board Plan 2020 to you, on behalf of the Albert-Eden Local Board.

The plan sets out our direction and priorities for the next three years as your elected members at Auckland Council. The actions we take will have a direct effect on the everyday lives of our Albert-Eden people, communities, and our landscape and future.

For us, it was crucial that communities had opportunities to work with us and help shape our plan from the very beginning. And that is what we did. We talked with many of you before we wrote a draft. From December 2019 through until March 2020 over 840 people gave us feedback on what was important to them. We met and heard from you at stalls, local events, workshops, in writing and through our online portal. We focused on working with everyone but also ensured there were specific opportunities to hear from those we often hear from the least, including our youth and minority groups. We especially enjoyed hearing directly from children; our decisions need to positively impact their futures.

We used the information we learnt to draft our plan and then formally consult from July to August 2020. I thank the many community groups

that ran events to help us collect further information. Given the challenges of Covid-19 we also moved online into our first ever online webinar. I thank everyone who gave us feedback or made a submission; your contributions have influenced the plan and priorities we have set for the area.

Our plan sets out six main goals and broad ideas on how we can work towards them. We can't achieve it all in three years, but we want to make big changes to how we move forward. We've also considered the need to strike the right balance between affordability and the aspirations we have for the community we represent.

Our main focus is responding to 'change'. As we learnt from Covid-19, some change can occur with little warning however, in general, we do know most of what is expected in our local area over the coming years: housing intensification, population growth, increasingly diverse communities, environmental pressure, the need to become more sustainable and to respond to the climate change emergency we are experiencing. These are the big changes occurring in our community. In addition, we also have the ongoing impacts of Covid-19 on people, business and our city.

We have set the direction for how we can respond to some of those

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changes. This includes welcoming new neighbours and supporting those with less access to services, providing multi-purpose and flexible spaces and parks to meet the different needs of the growing population, protecting heritage and the environment, supporting local economic development and providing more options for travelling around the area.

We heard that many of you would like to see more detail about our projects, budgets and timelines. These will be contained in the annual work programmes we set each June and the progress on them is reported back to the Board quarterly. We also summarise our progress and achievements in a report every 18 months, and through communications such as our regular electronic newsletter and Facebook page. Please reach out to us if you would like to sign up to our newsletter.

Some of the initiatives we are proposing are dependent on finance or resource. To make these happen, we will need to secure

funding from Council's Long-term Plan which is the 10-year funding plan for Auckland.

So if you have a passion for parks and open spaces, heritage, walking and cycling, playing sport, using a library, environmental projects, support to run a project, being part of a community or volunteering to make a difference – this plan is for you.

The Albert-Eden Local Board looks forward to working with you over the next three years to move forward and achieve great things for Albert-Eden.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Margi Watson**  
Chair, Albert-Eden Local Board



# He kōrero nō te Heamana

Tēnā koutou katoa. Hei waha kōrero mō te Poari ā-Rohe o Albert-Eden - taku harikoa hoki ki te whakatakoto i te Mahere Poari ā-Rohe o Albert-Eden 2020 ki mua i te aroaro.

Ka whakatakoto te mahere i te ara whakamaui me ngā kaupapa hei pīkau mā mātou, ngā māngai i pōtingia e koutou ki te Kaunihera o Tāmaki-Makaurau, i ngā toru tau kei mua i te aroaro. Ka pā atu ō mātou whakataunga me ā mātou mahi ki ngā tāngata o Albert-Eden, ngā hapori, ngā whenua me te āpōpō, ia rā, ia rā.

He mea whakaharahara ki a mātou kia mahi tahi mātou ki ngā hapori ki te tarae i te mahere - mai i te tīmatanga tonu. Nā whai anō, koia tā mātou i kōkiri ai. I whakawhiti kōrero ki te marea i mua i te tuhinga tuatahi. Mai i te Hakihea 2019 ki te Poutū-te-Rangi 2020, neke atu i te 840 tāngata i whakahoki kōrero mai mō ngā kaupapa e tino whakahirahira ana ki a rātou. I tūtaki mātou ki ētahi o koutou, i rongo kōrero mātou i ngā wharau hoko, ngā hui ā-rohe, ngā wānanga, mā runga pepa, mā runga puka ipurangi. I ngana mātou ki te wherawhera i ngā whakaaro o te katoa, heoi, i tino hiahia mātou kia whai wāhi atu te hunga e kore e tino rangona ana ki te whakatakoto whakaaro, ko te hunga rangatahi me ngā kāhui tangata o te tokoiti. I tino pai ki a mātou te rongo i ngā kōrero nō ngā waha o ngā tamariki; me whai hua te āpōpō o ngā tamariki rā i ō mātou whakataunga.

I whakamahia ngā kōrero i kohia

ki te waihanga i te mahere, kātahi ka whakarewaina (ōkawa nei) hei kimi whakahokinga kōrero mai i te Hōngongoi ki te Hereturikōkā 2020. Nei rā te mihi ki ngā rōpū hapori huhua i whakatū hui kia taea e mātou te kohi whakaaro. Nā runga i ngā taumahatanga o te Mate-Korona, i whakatūria te wānanga ipurangi tuatahi tonu. Kei te mihi atu ki te hunga i whakahoki kōrero mai; kua whai wāhi atu ō whakaaro ki te mahere me ngā kaupapa matua mō tēnei rohe pōtae.

E ono ngā whāinga matua o te mahere, ā, kua whakairihia ētahi whakaaro whānui hei whakatutuki i ngā whāinga. E kore e tutuki katoa i ngā tau e toru, heoi, ko ngā panonitanga nui kei te mātāmua o ngā whakaaro i a tātou e anga whakamua ana. Kua āta whakaarohia me pēhea te whakataurite i te utu ki tētahi ringa me te whakatinana wawata ki tērā atu ringa, hei painga mō tō tātou hapori.

Ko te tino aronga ko te whakautu ki te 'panonitanga'. Ko tētahi o ngā akonga nui o te Mate-Korona - ko ētahi panonitanga he mea ohore, heoi, kei te mārāma mātou ki ngā kaupapa ka haere ake nei i tō tātou rohe pōtae i ngā tau tata kei mua i te aroaro: ka nui noa atu ngā whare e hangaia, ka piki haere te taupori, ka nui noa atu ngā iwi rerekē o te hapori, ka taumaha te taiao. Me aro hoki tātou ki ngā mahi o ia rā ki te whakangāwari i ngā taumahatanga ki te taiao - me mea kaupare i ngā raru o te ohotata āhuarangi e pā ana ki te

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katoa. He panonitanga nui e haere ake ana i ō tātou hapori. Waihoki, kei te pāngia tonutia ngā tāngata, ngā pakihi me te tāone i ngā raru o te Mate-Korona.

Kua tau te ara whakamua ki te whakangāwari i ngā taumahatanga o ēnei panonitanga. Ka tūwhera ngā ringaringa ki ngā kiritata hōu, ā, ka tautokona te hunga e raru ana ki te whiwhi i ngā ratonga e tika ana. Ka whakarite i ngā papa tūmatanui me ngā pāka kia ea ai ngā wawata o te taupori e piki haere ana. Ka tiakina ngā taonga tuku iho, te taiao, ā, ka akiakina ngā kaupapa whakahihiko i te ohaoha ā-rohe. Ka nui noa atu ngā aratau hāereere ki te toro atu i ngā tōpitopito o te rohe.

Kua rongo mātou e hiahia ana e ētahi te whānuitanga o ngā kōrero mō ngā hinonga, ngā tahua pūtea me te wātaka. Kei ngā rārangi mahi ā-tau te roanga atu o ngā kōrero. Ka whakamārohia te rārangi mahi ia Pipiri, ā, ka whiwhi te poari i ngā rīpoata mō te whakatinanatanga o ngā kaupapa ia toru marama. Waihoki, ka whakarāpopotohia ngā mahi kua pīkautia ki te rīpoata ia 18 marama. Ka

whakairia hoki ngā kōrero ki ngā pūrongo pēnei i te whārangi Pukamata me te kawerongo ipurangi. Tēnā, whakapā mai mēnā e hiahia ana koe ki te whiwhi i tō mātou kawerongo.

Mā te nui o te pūtea e tū ai, e hinga ai rānei ētahi o ngā kaupapa i whakatakotohia. Ki te whakatinana i ēnei kaupapa, me whai pūtea mātou i te Mahere Pae-tawhiti o te Kaunihera - te mahere tahua pūtea mō Tāmaki-Makaurau mō ngā 10 tau kei mua i te aroaro.

Nō reira, mēnā e ngākaunui ana koe ki ngā pāka, ngā papa mārakerake, ngā taonga tuku iho, te hīkoi, te eke paihikara, te tākaro hākinakina, te noho ki te whare mātauranga, ngā kaupapa whakaora taiao, te whai pūtea ki te whakatinana i te kaupapa, te whai wāhi atu ki te hapori, ngā mahi tūao e whai hua nui ai te hapori - ko tēnei te mahere tika mōu.

E hīkaka ana te Poari ā-Rohe o Albert-Eden ki ngā mahi nunui ka pīkautia e tātou i ngā toru tau kei mua i te aroaro, he mahi whai hua nunui mō te rohe pōtae o Albert-Eden.

**Margi Watson**  
Heamana, Albert-Eden



He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

## Our plan at a glance

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



Albert-Eden Schools Cultural Festival, Mt Albert

### **Outcome 1: Resilient, connected and empowered communities who value diversity**

Our community is changing. It is more important than ever that people feel connected, support each other and are resilient. We want to celebrate our diversity and find opportunities through change. We want to support everyone to participate in democratic processes, so that a range of voices are heard and are part of the planning for their community's future.



The heritage inspired bridge in Waterview, adjacent to the original basalt wheel cut from the 1850s mill.

### **Outcome 2: Neighbourhoods that reflect & value our heritage & unique identity now and into the future**

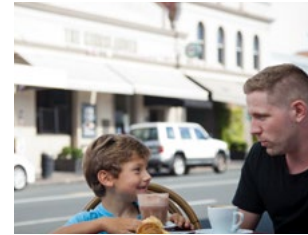
Our neighbourhoods are changing. It is more important than ever to embrace our rich heritage and celebrate our iconic natural features and suburbs. Understanding our past and having a strong sense of identity will support us to move into the future and embrace the opportunities change brings.



Community garden at Epsom Community Centre

### **Outcome 3: High-quality natural environments and sustainable lifestyles**

Our environment is changing. It is more important than ever to protect and restore our natural environment and transition to low carbon, sustainable lifestyles. We will support volunteers in their environmental work, and help households, neighbours, businesses and communities adopt climate-friendly practices.



A café in Kingsland

### **Outcome 4: A strong local economy with thriving town centres**

We have economic sectors in our area that provide the opportunity for highly skilled, well-paid local jobs. Growth sectors such as professional services, health care, food service and education provide the opportunity for more employment options in the future. Our small local businesses and town centres are important economic and community hubs, and their success is vital to our community.



Tennis courts at Windmill Park, Epsom

### **Outcome 5: Parks and community facilities meet a wide range of needs**

Our parks and community facilities provide the opportunity to be active and healthy, be outside, play, connect with others and learn. We will plan how our parks and buildings can be used to their greatest potential, with space for a range of activities.



Waterview Shared Path

### **Outcome 6: Safe, easy and sustainable options for moving around**

We want a range of options for people to choose from when moving around and through our area. We will fund projects which focus on walking and cycling, increasing safety and making places pedestrian friendly. We will advocate for a convenient and affordable public transport system which caters to our different needs.



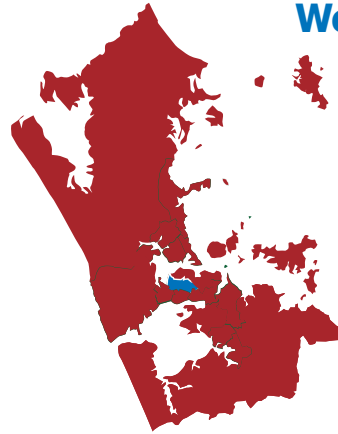
Te Rohe ā-Poari o Albert-Eden

## Albert-Eden Local Board area



1. Waititiko / Meola Creek
2. Pt Chevalier town centre
3. Chamberlain Park
4. Rocket Park
5. Mt Albert town centre
6. Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek
7. Ōwairaka / Te Ahikā Roa o Raka / Mt Albert

8. Sandringham Village
9. Potters Park
10. Maungawhau / Mt Eden
11. Mt Eden village
12. Te Kōpuke / Titikōpuke/ Mt St John
13. Greenwoods Corner



We have a population of just under

**100,000**

that is projected to reach

**127,000**

by 2033.

**41%**

of our population were born overseas and

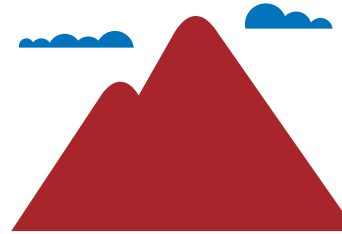
**30%**

identify as being of an Asian ethnicity.

**581** 

New dwellings were consented in 2019/2020. The number of apartments and town houses is increasing. Our area is experiencing significant change.

**Three maunga in the area**



**Maungawhau / Mount Eden, Ōwairaka / Te Ahikā Roa o Raka / Mount Albert and Te Kōpuke / Titikōpuke / Mount St John, and Two awa run through it, Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek and Waititiko / Meola Creek.**

**13 iwi**

have ties to our area

We are home to



105 local parks



3 libraries



17 Sports parks

13 community centres and halls





# 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:

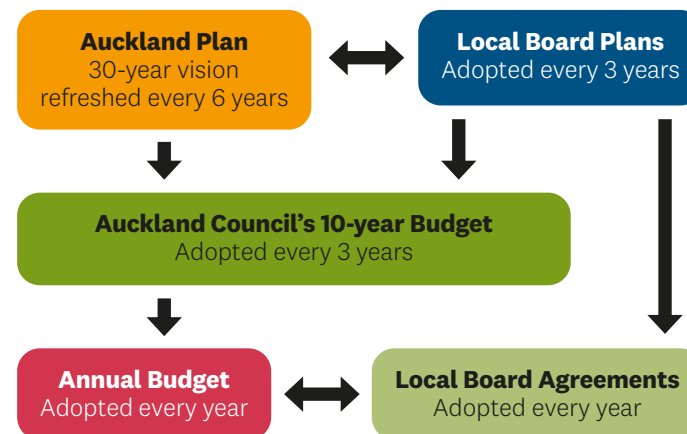
- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget (long-term plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards

- 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 we engaged with our community at a range of events and activities across the local 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.

We are also thankful for the support of local volunteer groups and key community stakeholders who led their own consultations, organised engagement events or

contributed valuable insights:

- Albert-Eden Youth Board, Waterview Primary School, Mt Albert Primary School, Maungawhau School
- Ethnic Community Leaders' Forum, The Asian Network Inc., Auckland Central Chinese Community Coalition, Balmoral Chinese Association, Balmoral Chinese Business Association, Kāhui Tū Kaha
- Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Maungarongo, Hāpai Te Hauora

- Sandringham Project in Community Empowerment (SPICE) and Epsom Community Network.

The social and economic impacts of COVID-19 on our communities 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: Ngā hapori aumangea, honohono, kua whakamanatia e kaingākaunui ana i te kanorau

## **Outcome one: Resilient, connected and empowered communities who value diversity**

**Our community is changing. It is more important than ever that people feel connected, support each other and are resilient. We want to celebrate our diversity and find opportunities through change. We want to support everyone to participate in democratic processes, so that a range of voices are heard and are part of the planning for their community's future.**

### **Community empowerment**

Over the last three years we have supported local people and groups to lead projects that meet shared community and local board outcomes. We will continue to develop this approach by investing in our local people and groups to design and deliver activities that build community, celebrate diversity, foster unity and drive change. We can help groups with practical support, grant funding and partnership opportunities. We appreciate the large network of volunteers or volunteer organisations who provide services and activities that help meet this outcome.

“ We want our community to feel empowered to act on issues that you care about, support each other in times of emergency and adversity and contribute to making Albert-Eden a better place to live for everyone. ”



Albert-Eden Schools Cultural Festival, Mt Albert



### WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “I like that the plan addresses resilience and connected communities, local community hubs will be key.”

### Resilience and belonging

Our community is going through unprecedented change and events. We want to be prepared for the future and work on what makes us feel connected and able to get through emergencies and disruption together: resilience.

A resilient community looks after its vulnerable members and promotes good mental health by fostering a sense of belonging, creating stronger social networks and supporting people to know and help their neighbours. During the challenging time of the COVID-19 lockdowns, our community has shown that we do support each other. We want our community to feel empowered to act on issues that you care about, support each other in times of emergency and adversity and contribute to making Albert-Eden a better place to live for everyone.

Part of being resilient is feeling safe and secure in your community. We acknowledge that there are people in our community who don't feel that way for financial or social reasons.

Our focus on creating a resilient and adaptive community is to increase awareness of risks and issues, build capacity and encourage social connectedness. We will prioritise working with those who may be more vulnerable, enabling them to better cope in times of emergency or disruption. We will also work together to foster strong partnerships that encourage resilience to become part of everyday life.

Arts, culture and events bring vibrancy, creativity and fun to our local spaces. They also create a sense of identity and belonging and help bring people together. We will continue to support arts and events and support the community to run their own.

### Increasing inclusion and celebrating diversity

We have a diverse mix of people in our area, made up of increasing numbers of young people, elders, migrants, refugees and people with all levels of ability. Our community's ethnic makeup is changing, with over a third of our residents identifying as Asian and 41 per cent born overseas<sup>1</sup>. Celebrating this diversity highlights the richness it brings to our community and increases connection, involvement, and belonging. We will continue working to increase:

- opportunities for diverse communities to connect with each other
- awareness of volunteering and opportunities to share skills and knowledge between generations
- opportunities for emerging social enterprises and small businesses to connect and learn from each other
- opportunities for differently abled communities to be included in events, projects and initiatives, by reducing isolation and marginalisation experienced due to inaccessibility, stigma, language and cultural barriers.

<sup>1</sup> Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2018)

### Participation and engagement

We acknowledge the importance of everyone participating and engaging in local government, so their voices are heard. We want to encourage this by making the work of the local board more visible to the wider community. To address this, we have adopted the [Albert-Eden Local Board Engagement Strategy 2019-2022](#) and are committed to achieving its objectives:

1. We lead and partner with communities to build and strengthen relationships.
2. Our communities are well informed about local board activities and opportunities to engage.
3. Our engagement efforts are strategic, purposeful and continuously improve based on evidence, local knowledge and innovation.
4. We value our diverse communities and reach out to our community members, so their views are considered in our decision-making processes.
5. Mana whenua and mataawaka are provided with meaningful opportunities to contribute and participate in our decision-making processes.
6. We foster life-long civic participation among our youth and children.

### Opportunities

- Dedicated volunteers and the increasing collaboration between community groups. We can support community leaders so they can in turn support their communities through change.
- Changes are affecting us now, and new ones are coming. This means there are more opportunities to get people involved and talking to council.

### Challenges

- Population growth and demographic change means our community is changing rapidly and individuals are having to adapt.
- Increasing isolation and vulnerability of parts of the community are complex issues and require a collective effort from a number of agencies to address them.
- The high cost of housing, low quality of homes, high number of renters and increasing homelessness means people don't feel safe with stable places to live and our community is more transient than it used to be. The 2018 census showed 46 per cent of households did not own their own home, and that has been increasing over time.
- Low levels of engagement with and understanding of the role of local boards and council processes. Shared governance between the Governing Body and local boards is complex. People are busy and it is difficult to see Auckland Council as relevant and effective.
- COVID-19 and the ongoing effects it will have on our community.

### 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.





Kuaka Park, Waterview

**Outcome one: Resilient, connected and empowered communities who value diversity**

**Objective**

**Key initiatives**

People are resilient and can adapt to change

Take a neighbourhood approach to projects which bring people together to help them cope with difficult circumstances by supporting local community networks and community hubs, such as Epsom Community Network and Gribblehirst Hub in Sandringham

Identify and address gaps in resilience and not feeling safe through joint initiatives with community groups, government agencies, local police and business associations, including community safety forums and public education programmes

Support the community to recover from COVID-19 by enabling communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing. Encourage community building and recovery through projects, programmes and services in community centres, libraries and recreational facilities

Invest in our community by increasing the capability and skills of our community groups and their members, connecting them to resources, networks, mentoring and funding opportunities

People are included, interconnected and celebrate our diversity

Deliver programmes which prioritise reducing barriers to migrants and refugees, rainbow communities, youth, children, older people and people of all abilities, to enable widespread participation, e.g. supporting the Albert-Eden Youth Board and increasing engagement with children

Support mana whenua in sharing Māori cultural knowledge and practices through storytelling projects, celebrating Te Reo Māori and responding to Māori aspirations

Support arts and events that promote and celebrate the unique spaces and places in the board area, share practises of different cultures, bring people together to meet each other and have fun at no cost, such as funding neighbourhood activities and events in parks

People are engaged and participate in local board processes

Implement the [Albert-Eden Engagement Strategy 2019-2022](#)





The heritage inspired bridge in Waterview, adjacent to the original basalt wheel cut from the 1850s mill.

Whakaotinga rua: He takiwā kāinga ā-noho e whakaata ana, e uara ana hoki i tō tātou tuku ihotanga me te tuakiri ahurei, ināiane ki anamata

## Outcome two: Neighbourhoods that reflect and value our heritage and unique identity now and into the future

**Our neighbourhoods are changing. It is more important than ever to embrace our rich heritage and celebrate our iconic natural features and suburbs. Understanding our past and having a strong sense of identity will support us to move into the future and embrace the opportunities change brings.**

“ We want to support our community in the process of change, and we can do that by: helping people learn about what is happening locally, how to participate effectively in council processes, have their voice heard and influence the outcome. ”



#### WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Our population is changing and growing and we need to think about the different needs of the community.”

#### Natural and cultural heritage

Our area has iconic natural features which are uniquely Albert-Eden:

- Waititiko / Meola Creek and Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek, which features Auckland’s only urban waterfall.
- Lava rock forests, which are some of the last remaining naturally forested areas in central Auckland and are rare ecological gems.
- Maungawhau / Mt Eden, Ōwairaka / Te Ahikā Roa o Raka / Mt Albert and Te Kōpuke / Titikōpuke / Mt St John. Catching glimpses of the cones around our area gives a sense of place, and the volcanic viewshafts have been protected under the [Auckland Unitary Plan](#).

We would like to increase knowledge about our special natural heritage areas and involve the community in looking after them.

We have Māori cultural heritage sites of significance, and natural features and landscapes. We acknowledge the importance of the maunga in our area and the special and significant relationship mana whenua have with them. We support the Tūpuna Maunga Authority’s aspiration to have the maunga recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site. We want to be able to learn about and share Māori knowledge, stories and history and encourage intercultural exchange.

Our heritage is broad and includes historic heritage, special character and amenity. The architecture and rock walls from the 19th century give our suburbs historical charm. You have told us you are concerned that heritage features such as these are not being preserved appropriately. We will work with private landowners to encourage restoration and maintenance and continue to advocate for protection of relevant sites through heritage provision through town planning and development activity.

Understanding our special places better and sharing their stories means that everyone can appreciate them, and sometimes see them in a different way. It grounds us to our place and makes us proud of our home.

#### Neighbourhood change

We are proud of having a strong sense of identity and connection to place. Our way of life is moving fast towards higher density living and intensification is encouraged in much of our area. Our community will need to adapt, at pace, to these changes occurring in their neighbourhood, some of which can be confronting and upsetting.

We want to support our community in the process of change, and we can do that by:

- helping people learn about what is happening locally, how to participate effectively in council processes, have their voice heard and influence the outcome.
- taking a neighbourhood approach through building resilience in our communities, connecting people, preparing for and embracing the opportunities that change brings.
- welcoming our new neighbours with activities and events for the whole community to join, as well as running programmes targeted for groups who might have barriers to accessing information or services.

We will also provide feedback on resource consents applications, supporting Auckland Council’s Auckland Design Manual, good design principles and development potential as set out in the [Auckland Unitary Plan](#). We are mindful of the National Policy Statement for Urban Development and possible changes to the Resource Management Act 1991, and what they might mean for increased development potential, intensification and good urban design opportunities in our area.





### Opportunities

- The importance of mana whenua and mataawaka in our area, and the knowledge they are able to share.
- Active historical societies: Mt Albert Historical Society, Avondale-Waterview Historical Society, Point Chevalier Historical Society Inc and Epsom Eden District Historical Society Inc, and existing events such as the Auckland Heritage Festival.
- Libraries provide opportunities for people to learn about the local area in which they live, the history, families, diverse stories and connections which make up the heritage of these areas.

### Challenges

- Historic heritage features are costly to maintain and repair and are often on private land.
- Large housing developments, increased density, the changing look and feel of neighbourhoods.

### 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.



Coyle Park, looking across to Maungawhau/Mt Eden and Ōwairaka / Te Ahikā Roa o Raka / Mt Albert



Footpath in Burnley Terrace, Mt. Eden.

**Outcome two: Neighbourhoods that reflect and value our heritage and unique identity now and into the future**

Objective	Key initiatives
Māori cultural heritage is valued and protected	<p>Share Māori knowledge, history and stories so Māori identity can be recognised, appreciated and seen on the landscape, e.g. incorporating Te Ao Māori into playground design or interpretative signage in parks</p> <p>Dual naming - work with mana whenua to complete Māori naming and associated storytelling for identified parks to value and promote Auckland's Māori identity and the use of Te Reo Māori</p>
Neighbourhoods have a strong sense of identity and create a connection to place	<p>Protect and celebrate our historic heritage by being good stewards of the assets we own and supporting others to care for theirs, e.g. by running workshops for private landowners to learn how to maintain their heritage buildings</p> <p>Support commemorative and historical events such as ANZAC Day</p>
We respond to high density living, intensification and changing suburban form	<p>Supporting people through neighbourhood change by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• helping people to learn about council processes and how to participate effectively to get their views heard</li> <li>• identifying and sharing the benefits and opportunities it can bring to communities</li> <li>• funding projects that welcome new residents to the neighbourhood so they feel at home</li> </ul>



Whakaotinga toru: He taiao kounga,  
ā, he āhuahanga noho toitū

## Outcome three: High-quality natural environments and sustainable lifestyles

**Our environment is changing. It is more important than ever to protect and restore our natural environment and transition to low carbon, sustainable lifestyles. We will support volunteers in their environmental work, and help households, neighbours, businesses and communities adopt climate-friendly practices.**

### Natural environment

Protecting our natural environment is important. We acknowledge the unique and significant role of mana whenua as kaitiaki (guardian). We will support a community-led approach for environmental protection and restoration and Pest Free Auckland initiatives.

We will continue to support community groups and schools who care for our awa (streams) and coasts. Important regional infrastructure projects, such as the Central Interceptor and stormwater upgrades, are underway which will go some way towards improving water quality in our awa and harbour and addressing the underinvestment Auckland has experienced in the past. We will undertake awa restoration and support and advocate for daylighting projects, which diverts awa from pipes back to the surface to flow naturally, whenever we can.

“ It is important that our communities live more sustainable, low carbon lifestyles and take climate and environmental action at a local level. ”



Community garden at Epsom Community Centre

### WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “A collaborative approach that embraces Te Ao Māori and concepts of kaitiakitanga is the best way to go with regards to the environment.”

We support increasing our biodiversity, including retaining and planting suitable trees in sensible locations, and we will advocate for increased tree protection. We will share information and provide funding for community-led pest eradication initiatives that increase the removal and limit the spread of pest plants and animals.

There are unique environments in our area which we need to protect, and we can improve the connections between them. These ecological corridors are a way to strengthen the natural environment in our highly suburbanised area.

### Sustainable lifestyles

Climate change will impact us locally through more frequent and severe storm events, high intensity rainfall, drought, sea level rise and increased pest plants. We will respond to the climate emergency by supporting activities which reduce emissions and build our resilience. It is important that our communities live more sustainable, low carbon lifestyles and take climate and environmental action at a local level. We will focus on supporting our community in the following areas:

- Waste: advocate for zero waste through supporting and piloting local community-based recovery, reuse and recycling programmes.
- Behaviour change: build awareness and support programmes that foster sustainable lifestyles.
- Planting trees and the environment: grow urban ngahere (forest) within our area; incorporate a nature-based lens in planning and regeneration, play our part in protecting and enhancing indigenous land, freshwater and coastal ecosystems.

- Water: advocate for water conservation and reuse, and the investigation of alternate water supply options such as tanks at home.
- Infrastructure, planning and development: support infrastructure planning to be climate proof and resilient and advocate for urban growth and regeneration that supports Auckland’s climate goals.
- Transport options to support sustainable, low carbon lifestyles (see Outcome 6).
- Building resilient communities and economies (see Outcome 1 and 4).

The opening of the Central Community Recycling Centre in Western Springs will provide multiple benefits to the community including a local waste recovery location, environmental education and opportunities for community-led programmes.

We will also consider emissions and climate change impacts in all our decisions and projects, and support education, awareness raising and action.

### What young people say

Children and young people have said a clean and healthy environment is very important to them. Planting trees, providing habitats for animals, birds and bees, joining in with pest control activities and learning about composting, waste reduction and recycling were their top priorities.





### **Opportunities**

- Even though behaviour change is difficult, our community is expecting to see climate action at a local level, and people want to know what they can do.
- Growing our existing relationship with mana whenua through awa restoration and community resilience projects.
- The Government may provide investment aimed at protecting and restoring our natural environment. We can work together with community groups to maximise those benefits.

### **Challenges**

- Reducing carbon emissions as individuals and a community is difficult and behaviour change can be confronting and slow.
- Increased housing development and density where design results in increased impervious surfaces and increases flood risks.

### **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.





Tree planting, Te Auauanga

### Outcome three: High-quality natural environments and sustainable lifestyles

#### Objective

#### Key initiatives

Our environment is protected and restored

Work with mana whenua on restoration initiatives to implement mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) and design into projects, for example implementing the Tohu, a symbol representing the awa (stream), into signage throughout Te Auauanga / Oakley creek area

Implement the Albert-Eden Local Board Urban Ngahere (Forest) project, which aims to protect existing trees and increase the plantings of new trees through an annual programme

Take a joint approach with neighbouring local boards for restoring and maintaining shared waterways: Puketāpapa and Whau Local Boards for Te Auauanga / Oakley Creek and Waitematā for Waititiko / Meola Creek

Our community has sustainable lifestyles and takes climate action

Support educational opportunities and waste recovery functions of the Central Community Recycling Centre in Western Springs

Support the development and delivery of waste minimisation initiatives in the community and advocate for safe, local disposal options for hazardous waste

Increase support for individuals, neighbours and businesses to adopt low carbon lifestyles and form climate action networks through projects like Eco-Neighbourhoods



Whakaotinga whā: He ōhanga  
ā-rohe kaha whai pokapū  
tāone taurikura

## Outcome four: A strong local economy with thriving town centres

**We have economic sectors in our area that provide the opportunity for highly skilled, well-paid local jobs. Growth sectors such as professional services, health care, food service and education provide the opportunity for more employment options in the future. Our small local businesses and town centres are important economic and community hubs, and their success is vital to our community.**

### **Local employment.**

Albert-Eden is a prosperous local board area with high levels of employment in skilled occupations. Household incomes are higher and unemployment tends to be lower than the regional average. However, this prosperity is not evenly shared and there are areas with concentrations of significant poverty.

Healthcare, education and professional services are the main employment sectors. Construction, retail, accommodation and food are also significant employers, although accommodation and food tend to be a much lower earning sector of the economy.

“ We want to recognise and celebrate these local businesses in our town centres as they create jobs and are invested in their local community and its future. ”



A café in Kingsland

#### WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “More sense of belonging and bolstering local economy helps create a strong resilient community.”

While many people commute into the city centre, the area itself has a good level of skilled local employment opportunities in growth sectors such as professional services. Employment in Albert-Eden is concentrated in a number of town centres and along key road corridors such as Greenlane and Dominion Road. These include hospitality, retail, professional services, education, and the health sector. Morningside and New North Road mixed use zones are significant employment zones in light manufacturing, wholesale, retail, construction and professional services.

#### Moving to the future

Auckland has been undergoing a period of rapid growth and intensification. Any future light rail development between the city centre and Mangere would have a significant impact on the local board area. The completion of the city rail link between Britomart and Mt Eden, its station and the associated urban development is a key project within our area. We want to support Uptown Business Association to achieve their vision for this area: A thriving, accessible, neighbourhood that embraces its heritage and diverse creative solutions for its community.

We will continue to identify our area’s strengths, opportunities and challenges. COVID-19 and the lockdown are having significant effects on the national and global economy and we will need to support our local economic resilience, which could include capacity building and upskilling. We heard from you that we can help the community and local businesses recover from the impact of COVID-19 by encouraging people to shop locally and support local business.

We will also promote sustainable business practices in key areas such as waste minimisation and carbon reduction. We will help businesses to access sustainable business information, coaching and sustainability seminars.

#### Town centres: the shops

Our area is a collection of villages. Each town centre has a history, its locals, and its own unique identity. They are our strength and we will support these town centres into the future. They should be places where people want to visit, meet friends, take a break, eat, shop and spend time: they are destinations in their own right.

Our driving local economic force is our small to medium-sized businesses. In 2018, Albert-Eden businesses employed an average of 3.5 people each, with 91 per cent having five employees or less, highlighting the importance of small enterprises in the local economy<sup>2</sup>. The Auckland average is 4.5 employees.

We want to recognise and celebrate these local businesses in our town centres as they create jobs and are invested in their local community and its future. We will continue to support them to grow their skills and projects through our relationships with, and support for, business associations and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). This is especially important as businesses and the economy recover from COVID-19.

We are able to invest in upgrading our town centres and will work with other agencies like the Government and Auckland Transport whenever there are projects which will affect our area. We want to have accessible, people-friendly and vibrant town centres, and there are also opportunities for biodiversity and environmental improvements during upgrades. We want people to be able to access our town centres by foot, bike, bus, train, scooter or car. We understand the importance of convenient short-term parking for customers of local businesses.

We acknowledge there can be significant disruption to businesses and customers with large scale development projects.

<sup>2</sup> Albert-Eden Local Board Economic Overview 2019







Our work with businesses, business associations and BIDs aims to create resilient town centres that will reap the benefits of these projects once they are complete. The combination of the places, businesses and people we have make our town centres dynamic with their own culture and identity. These bustling, central places remind us of the community we are part of and create a sense of belonging. We will support arts and events which make our town centres vibrant and busy destinations to visit.

### **Opportunities**

- We have a well-qualified labour force with a high proportion of residents educated to degree level or higher. This provides access to high skilled, well-paying jobs. A skilled workforce drives a strong and resilient local economy and is critical for future competitiveness.
- During the COVID-19 lockdown many people worked from home and continue to do so. This is an opportunity to reduce traffic and improve work-life balance.
- Growing social enterprise and migrant business opportunities in our area allow a variety of innovative business models and people to participate in our social economy.
- Dedicated business owners who see the value in working together in business associations, to strengthen and promote businesses and their town centre.
- Increased density and more local residents provide a larger customer base to support our town centres.

### **Challenges**

- Employment and gross domestic product growth in the area is lower than elsewhere in the region, and some places within our area benefit more than others. We need to ensure everyone can benefit from the growth of the economy.
- Disruption during construction from large scale projects has an adverse economic impact on local shops in the short term.
- COVID-19 will have ongoing effects on our economy and local jobs

### **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.





Mt Eden Village

**Outcome four: A strong local economy with thriving town centres**

**Objective**

**Key initiatives**

Our local economy is growing and provides stable employment options

Support our business associations and Business Improvement Districts to build new skills and deliver projects which benefit businesses and town centres, especially while recovering from COVID-19, and help maximise benefits from any government investment aimed at stimulating the wider economy

Town centres are attractive destinations

Design and complete town centre upgrades in Sandringham and Greenwoods Corner, in partnership with the community and Auckland Transport. Continue to plan for a civic square in Mt Albert by the entrance to the train station. Plan for upgrades in Pt Chevalier town centre in response to future population growth and housing developments in the area

Work with business associations, Business Improvement Districts, community groups and Auckland Transport to ensure town centres are attractive and easy to access so that local residents enjoy visiting the local shops





Tennis courts at Windmill Park, Epsom

Whakaotinga rima: He papa rēhia,  
he ratonga hapori e hāngai ana ki te  
whānuitanga o ngā hiahia

## Outcome five: Parks and community facilities meet a wide range of needs

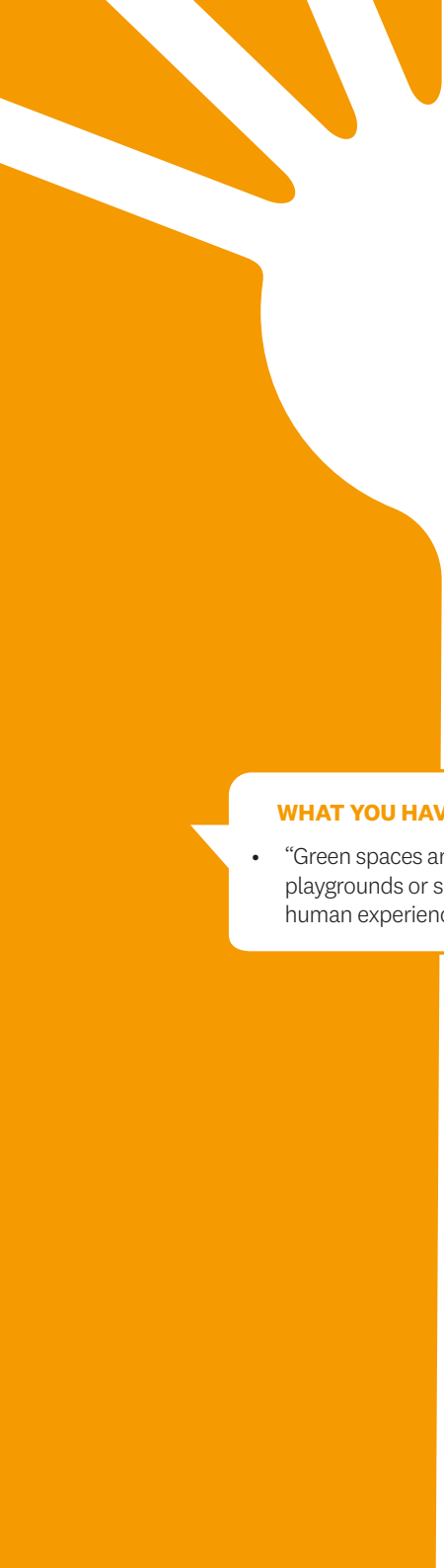
**Our parks and community facilities provide the opportunity to be active and healthy, be outside, play, connect with others and learn. We will plan how our parks and buildings can be used to their greatest potential, with space for a range of activities.**

Our aquatic and recreation centres are cornerstone assets which provide spaces and activities for the community so they can lead healthy, active lifestyles. We will continue to maintain and upgrade these facilities, and advocate for aquatic facilities to remain in our area in the future.

We will explore new ways to provide for a diverse range of sport and recreation activities, such as programming for emerging sports and catering for informal recreation and activity. We will consider multi-use and flexible spaces when upgrading facilities.

“ We are continuing to plan for a wide range of uses from informal recreation through to play and structured sports. ”





**WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US**

- “Green spaces are more than parks, playgrounds or sports. They are essential to human experience.”

**Sports capacity**

Our sports fields are another important sport asset we hold, with 17 sports parks in Albert-Eden. We have upgraded fields to hybrid turf or sand carpet at five parks. Even after these improvements we still have a projected shortfall of both competition (weekend) and training (weekday) hours .

We will advocate to the Governing Body for funding to address the sports capacity shortfall by investing in a programme of sports fields development. This project is the top priority for the local board.

To complement this opportunity, we will work with sports clubs and groups that wish to invest in sports facilities in our area, with a focus on upgrading buildings to become multi-purpose community hubs.

**Parks and open space**

We have approximately 105 parks and open spaces and they are more important than ever to our community. We have invested significantly in upgrading our parks over the past 10 years as we know they are increasingly extensions of, or substitutes for, backyards. We aim to maximise the opportunities in our parks and take a whole-of-park approach when planning an upgrade or a park development.

Intensification means there will be more pressure put on the open space we have and how it is used in the future. We are continuing to plan for a wide range of uses from informal recreation through to play and structured sports. This means different spaces need to be well

planned, clearly delineated, and easily used for a variety of purposes.

Our focus will be on how best to achieve this through:

- optimising usage and space
- achieving strategic connections, including safe and easy access to parks by foot, bus or bike
- good site selection and design for projects in parks
- prioritising planning and budgets to do fewer things well.

Intensification is also resulting in tree loss on private land, increasing the need for more tree cover in public spaces. We support planting the right trees in the right places in the design of new parks, playgrounds and seating areas, and planting large growing specimen trees where the opportunity arises. We also want to use trees to help connect the local parks network. See Outcome 3 for more work we are doing on urban ngahere (forest).

We will include opportunities for learning about the environment through signage, enjoying the environment by providing seating, and improving the environment through appropriate planting, weeding and predator control. This is also relevant for walking and cycling paths. See Outcome 6 for work we are doing on local paths (greenways) and Outcome 3 for environmental restoration work.

We will also advocate for more parks, open space and linkages in large scale developments.



### **Community buildings and their activities**

Our community buildings include libraries, community centres, venues for hire and access to space through community leases. We also have the Citizens Advice Bureau in St Lukes. We will continue to ensure our buildings are in good condition and accessible to people of all abilities. They provide spaces for people to connect, learn and participate through services, structured activities and informal spaces to meet friends. The programmes and activities we run from council operated sites have improved and been more tailored to our community over time, and we often get positive feedback from visitors.

We will continue to work with our community lease groups to adapt the spaces and processes we have to enable more sharing of spaces and the creation of hubs for informal get-togethers and formal groups.

### **What young people say**

Children and young people have said that our parks, playgrounds, bike and skate tracks, libraries and the pool are some of their favourite places to visit, play and spend time with friends and family.

### **Areas experiencing significant change**

There are sites and suburbs within our area that will experience significant change in the future.

We will advocate for adequate open space and community services where there will be large-scale developments at the ex-Unitec Institute of Technology site in Mt Albert and the University of Auckland Epsom Campus once it is vacated, and intensification in Waterview, Pt Chevalier, Owairaka and Mt Albert.

We will also consider intensification in our area and plan for the future when making decisions on our assets and the services we provide.

### **Opportunities**

- Implementing our planning for parks and open spaces network, urban ngahere, paths, sports and recreation facilities and provision of play, shade, shelter and seating.
- Pooling investment by partnering with others to optimise council owned spaces.

### **Challenges**

- Population growth and change could mean increased demand for services, facilities and space, changing user expectations, conflicting uses, and unequal awareness and access to those services and facilities.
- There are a limited number of parks under our governance in our most eastern suburbs of our area, and we are unlikely to acquire more. This means we have to make the most of what we have, while also being alert to opportunities for acquiring more open space, and flexible in how we might achieve that.

### **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.



Fowlds Park

**Outcome five: Parks and community facilities meet a wide range of needs**

Objective	Key initiatives
Our people can live healthy active lifestyles	<p>Advocate to the Governing Body for funding to address our sports capacity shortfall, by investing in a programme of sports fields development</p> <hr/> <p>Create a range of opportunities for people to have healthy lifestyles, such as paths for walking and cycling, parks as open-air gyms, structured sports, spaces for emerging sports and programming in our facilities to meet our communities' diverse needs</p> <hr/> <p>Continue to advocate to the Governing Body through the council's 10-year Budget process for a replacement pool in Mt Albert or another appropriate Albert-Eden site</p>
Our parks and open space meet the needs of growing populations and diverse communities	<p>Continue to deliver high quality parks that provide a diverse range of opportunities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• play</li> <li>• pathways and connections</li> <li>• shade and shelter</li> <li>• sport and active recreation</li> <li>• informal recreation</li> <li>• connecting with nature</li> </ul>
	<p>Advocate to the Governing Body for funding to partially re-align the golf course at Chamberlain Park. This will allow for the creation of a local/suburb park on the western side of the awa (stream), the restoration of Waititiko / Meola Creek and wetland area and improved walking and cycling connections, while retaining an 18-hole golf course</p>





Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, Mt Albert War Memorial Reserve

**Outcome five: Parks and community facilities meet a wide range of needs**

**Objective**

Our community services and buildings provide diverse and inclusive spaces that meet the changing needs of our community

**Key initiatives**

Maintain and upgrade our halls for hire, four community centres, three libraries and community lease buildings so they are fit for purpose and accessible

Support diverse use of community spaces, including the sharing of spaces with community lease holders and the creation of hubs

Ensure our community has access to relevant programmes for new migrants, people with mixed abilities, youth and older people



Whakaotinga ono: He kōwhiringa mō te neke haere e haumaru ana, e ngāwari ana, e toitū ana

## Outcome six: Safe, easy and sustainable options for moving around

**We want a range of options for people to choose from when moving around and through our area. We will fund projects which focus on walking and cycling, increasing safety and making places pedestrian friendly. We will advocate for a convenient and affordable public transport system which caters to our different needs.**

### **Project funding and advocacy**

As a local board we work closely with Auckland Transport to deliver positive transport outcomes for the area. We can directly fund transport projects for the community through our dedicated transport capital fund.

We also have an important role in advocating for the local community in Auckland Transport and government funded local and regional transport infrastructure projects. Making places safe and easy for people to move around as part of the design is vital to their success and we will continue to advocate for our community's specific interests and concerns.

Over the past three years we have prioritised projects which focus on walking and cycling, pedestrian access and safety.

“ We will prioritise safety around schools and shops, safe road crossing points and slower, safer speeds on our local roads. ”



Waterview Shared Path



#### WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Greater focus is needed on traffic calming and safety in local streets. This should be a priority as this is where community flows from...”

We have heard that you want safety to be the top priority on our roads. We aim to create balanced streets which work well for all users by providing better public transport and active modes choices. This is challenging when there is a limited amount of space in the road corridor to share. We currently have a high dependency on cars which degrades our environment, liveability and adds to congestion. Our goal is to reduce overall car usage, improving the travel experience for those who rely on driving for work and personal use.

#### More options for moving around

All arterial routes in Albert-Eden are regionally important, major public transport routes. We have both western and southern rail lines running through our area. When linked with the road network and bus services, this means we are well served by public transport. But at peak times our roads are congested. We will continue to work with Auckland Transport to deliver both Auckland-wide and local solutions.

When people travel they should have choices. Enabling people to get around by bus, train, foot, bike or scooter fosters sustainable, low carbon transport alternatives and offers the greatest potential to reduce personal carbon emissions. These choices also reduce air pollution, improve health and well-being and contribute to a safer transport system with fewer deaths and injuries on our roads.

During the COVID-19 lockdown there was a change in peoples’ transport movement, with fewer cars on the road and a large increase in walking and cycling. While getting people moving more freely will be a key part of our economic

recovery, we also see an opportunity to encourage people to make some of the changes made during lockdown permanent: more use of active modes, shopping locally and supporting local businesses.

We will continue to support the shift towards public transportation, electric vehicles and active transport (walking and cycling). We will expand our network of walking and cycling connections to make it a realistic and easy option for people to choose active modes of transport. We have planned how to do this in the [Albert-Eden Local Paths \(Greenways\) Plan 2018](#).

We acknowledge that, for now, many people will continue to travel by car until we have a frequent and affordable public transport system that makes travelling around Auckland much easier.

Parking is an integral part of the transport network and lack of parking is a particular problem around town centres and in many residential streets. We will advocate to extend Auckland Transport’s residential parking scheme to make it easier for residents to park by houses in streets currently used by commuters. We will also work with Auckland Transport when decisions are made about introducing paid parking in high demand areas.

#### Safer options for moving around

We support the Vision Zero principles of designing roads with people’s needs and safety as the highest priorities. We will prioritise safety around schools and shops, safe road crossing points and slower, safer speeds on our local roads. We will also focus on ways to make walking and cycling paths safe.





### **What young people say**

Children and young people have said they would like well-maintained footpaths, safe crossing points and affordable or free public transport. Children want to be able to travel to school or around their area safely, and like the walking and cycling pathways and pedestrian friendly spaces in our area.

### **Opportunities**

- A well-used and expanding cycle network, to encourage more cycling.
- Large scale projects in our area such as light rail and arterial road corridor development will make it easier to travel and reduce traffic on the roads.
- Tree planting in local streets as a way to reduce speed, provide for a sense of place for local communities and provide shade for pedestrians.
- Working with Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency to support activation of streets for local communities, for example Play Streets.

### **Challenges**

- Balancing the needs of people moving through Albert-Eden with the needs of local residents - traffic and congestion versus liveable streets.
- Conflict between different road users and a lack of space in the road corridor.
- The high cost of transport-related projects.
- Large-scale transformational projects will take a long time and will be disruptive during construction.

### **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.





Waterview Reserve

**Outcome six: Safe, easy and sustainable options for moving around**

**Objective**

**Key initiatives**

Our community has more transport options and we see a shift in transport modes used by the community

Implement over time the network of paths and connections prioritised in the [Albert-Eden Local Paths \(Greenways\) Plan 2018](#), including working with other agencies and advocating for routes outside the limits of our funding, such as the Motu Manāwa Marine Boardwalk and the Western Springs to Greenlane express cycle connection

Advocate for faster, frequent and convenient public transport, including the central government development of light rail along Dominion Road, with associated spatial planning for the areas alongside the route

Advocate to Auckland Transport to fund programmes and to invest in infrastructure that promotes both using multiple modes of transport and supports the community to shift towards active modes of transport

Our transport options increase safety and minimise harm

Continue to investigate options to reduce speed in residential streets, such as in Pt Chevalier and Mt Albert. Advocate to Auckland Transport to accelerate further traffic calming projects in our area

Prioritise pedestrian and cycling safety improvements, especially around schools and in town centres. Look at ways to provide more bicycle and scooter parking to avoid footpath clutter





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 Albert-Eden Local Board Agreement and Auckland Council's local board funding policy, which are available on the council website.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
<b>Local community services</b>	
This is a broad activity area, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• supporting local arts, culture, events, sport and recreation</li><li>• providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services</li><li>• maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.</li></ul>	<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.

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

We manage Auckland's natural environment.

### 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 Albert-Eden Local Board for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

<b>Annual Budget Financials</b>	<b>2020/2021 (\$000)</b>
<b>Operating revenue</b>	
Local community services	575
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>575</b>
<b>Operating expenditure</b>	
Local community services	20,486
Local planning and development	619
Local environmental services	173
Local governance	1,202
<b>Total operating expenditure</b>	<b>22,480</b>
<b>Net operating expenditure</b>	<b>21,905</b>
<b>Capital expenditure</b>	
Local community services	2,113
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
<b>Total capital expenditure</b>	<b>2,113</b>



Ngā Mema o tō Poari ā-Rohe o Albert-Eden

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Unidentified building foundations, the mill boiler in the background and the beginning of the heritage bridge in Waterview.

