



## **Achievements report for 2020/2021 & 2021/2022**

# Te Rohe ā-Poari o Franklin

## Franklin Local Board area



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Mana whenua in the Franklin Local Board area are:

- Ngāti Whātua
- Waiohau-Tāmaki - Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Ākitai Waiohau, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohau
- Marutūāhu - Ngāti Paoa, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaterā, Te Patukirikiri
- Waikato - Waikato-Tainui.

The area features:

- three townships - Beachlands, Pukekohe and Waiuku
- 16 villages<sup>1</sup> - Bombay, Clarks Beach, Clevedon, Drury<sup>2</sup>, Hūnua, Karaka, Kawakawa Bay, Kingseat, Maraetai, Matakawau, Orere Point, Pollok, Paerata, Patumahoe, Waiau Pa, Whitford
- 13 settlements<sup>3</sup> - Alfriston, Ararimu, Ardmore, Big Bay, Brookby, Buckland, Glenbrook Beach, Grahams Beach, Mauku, Paparimu, Ramarama, Runciman, Te Hihī
- 951km rural and 297km urban roads, making up 16% of the Auckland roading network.

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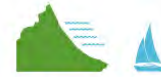
The area is a centre of environmental conservation and regeneration, with significant programmes underway to enhance water quality, regenerate bird and bat populations and protect kauri in the currently kauri die-back free Hūnua Ranges.

With 10 regional parks, 60 per cent of Auckland's water supply, and as the southern gateway between Auckland and New Zealand to the south and east, the Franklin Local Board area is home to resources that are significant at a regional and national level.

<sup>1</sup> Place with a small cluster of homes and businesses and that is serviced by a hall or school, a shop and often by a local sports club.  
<sup>2</sup> Drury Village is within the Papakura Local Board area, however much of the community that identifies as Drury is represented by the Franklin Local Board.  
<sup>3</sup> Place that is serviced by a hall or school but without a business centre.



Population is **75,387**  
 Increasing to **160,671** by 2051  
**23%** of Auckland's total land area



**15%** of Auckland's coastline along the Manukau Harbour in the west and Hauraki Gulf in the east



**15%** of residents identify as Māori, Auckland's 6th highest Māori population

**11** mana whenua iwi have interests in our area



**16%** of Auckland's total road network including 951km of rural roads and 297km of urban roads



- We have 1 existing and 3 proposed new train stations
- 2 state highways
- 1 ferry terminal at Pine Harbour

In 30 years Pukekohe-Paerata will be home to **33,800** new people, another **60,000** more will call Drury-Opapeke home

There will be approximately



**1842** new dwellings at Kingseat  
**1041** at Clevedon  
**1050** at Glenbrook Beach  
**1351** at Clarks Beach

- We have:**
- 190 local parks and sports fields
  - 2 public and 7 community/volunteer-run libraries
  - 1 arts centre
  - 1 recreation centre and 3 pools
  - 32 halls
  - 2 business improvement districts.

and just under **20,000 hectares** of parkland, including 10 regional parks



Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2018) and Population Projections (2013-base), Auckland Plan 2050: Development Strategy - Monitoring Report 2019.

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# Franklin Local Board Achievement Report 2020/2021 and 2021/2022

## Purpose

To provide an overview of key Franklin Local Board achievements between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 (2021 financial year), and 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 (2022 financial year).

## Context

This report considers achievements in the context of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2017 and 2020. Plans are developed by boards after an election year in consultation with the community, set out the delivery and advocacy priorities for the board over a three-year term, and inform delivery for the following financial year. Achievements relating to the Franklin Local Board Plan 2017 are measured through activities in financial years 2019, 2020 and 2021 (ending June).

This report also considers the final year of the Local Board Plan 2017 three-year plan, and complements the 2019 and 2020 achievement reports



In November **2019** the Franklin Local Board Plan 2020 was adopted. It will inform achievement reports in the 2022, 2023 and 2024 financial years.

The report also considers the board's COVID-19 pandemic recovery response and Auckland's water shortage in the wake of drought as additional unanticipated challenges in the Local Board Plan 2017, which can be seen below.

## Coronavirus pandemic 2019 (COVID-19)

The 2019/2020 financial year will be remembered for the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), with a four-tier alert level system introduced to manage the outbreak within New Zealand. All borders and entry ports were closed to non-residents, with returning citizens and residents required to self-isolate and stay in managed isolation before rejoining the community.



Auckland experienced three further level 3 border lockdowns, the first commencing on 12 August 2020, and replaced on 30 August by a level 2.5 that remained until 24 September. Auckland gradually moved down the levels and on 7 October all New Zealand moved to alert level 1.

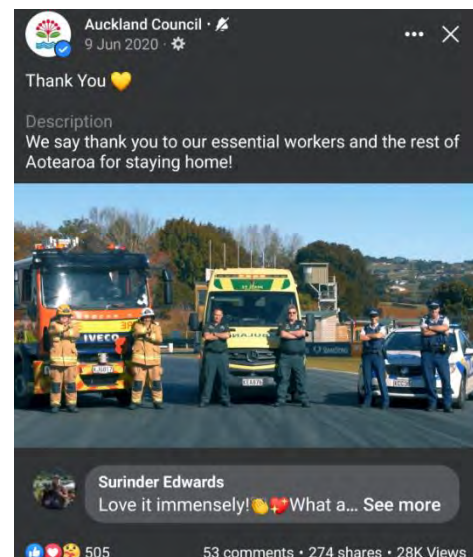


The second lockdown was short, starting on 14 February 2021, working its way down to join the rest of the country at alert level 1 on 22 February. The third lockdown started on 28 February and worked down to alert level 1 on 12 March.

## Acknowledgement of essential workers

The Board supported two post-Covid recovery “Thank You” videos dedicated to essential workers for their contributions during lockdown. A Support Local video encouraged Franklin to buy and shop locally. It was made by volunteers and featured Franklin residents, reaching more than 60,000 views across multiple media platforms.

Franklin Local Board played a strong role in advocacy up to Cabinet level in the COVID-19 response, alongside Police. Issues included advocacy on checkpoint locations when regional land borders were in place, and the location of testing sites to best benefit the community during large testing surges. In line with the Government’s recommendations, Auckland Council closed all community pools, libraries, art centres, community centres, playgrounds, and only limited public transport was available for essential workers, with staff tasked to work remotely where possible.



## Emergency Budget

The response had a significant impact on Council revenue streams usually relied on to help pay for services and investment across Auckland. Council consulted on the Emergency Budget and the board supported the 3.5 per cent average general rates increase, minimising cuts to the board's discretionary funding, not reducing library opening hours, reinstating \$40 million of transport capital expenditure, including safety funding, maintaining a capital investment programme of more than \$2.5 billion in 2020/2021, and maintaining investment in initiatives to reduce climate emissions

The business of governance did not stop during the pandemic. The Board continued meeting and holding workshops via video to remain aware of community concerns, make decisions and provide direction. It also responded to the pandemic by supporting the community through safety messaging, advice on staying home and saving lives, social distancing, face coverings on public transport, using the Tracer app, and by directing families to support services and Auckland Council's emergency food parcels.



It funded several projects in response to the pandemic, including movies in halls, creating the Franklin economic broker role to support businesses to identify opportunities to grow local prosperity and employment, worked with community groups to develop social and economic responses through community-led placemaking, and by creating a safety budget line discussed elsewhere.

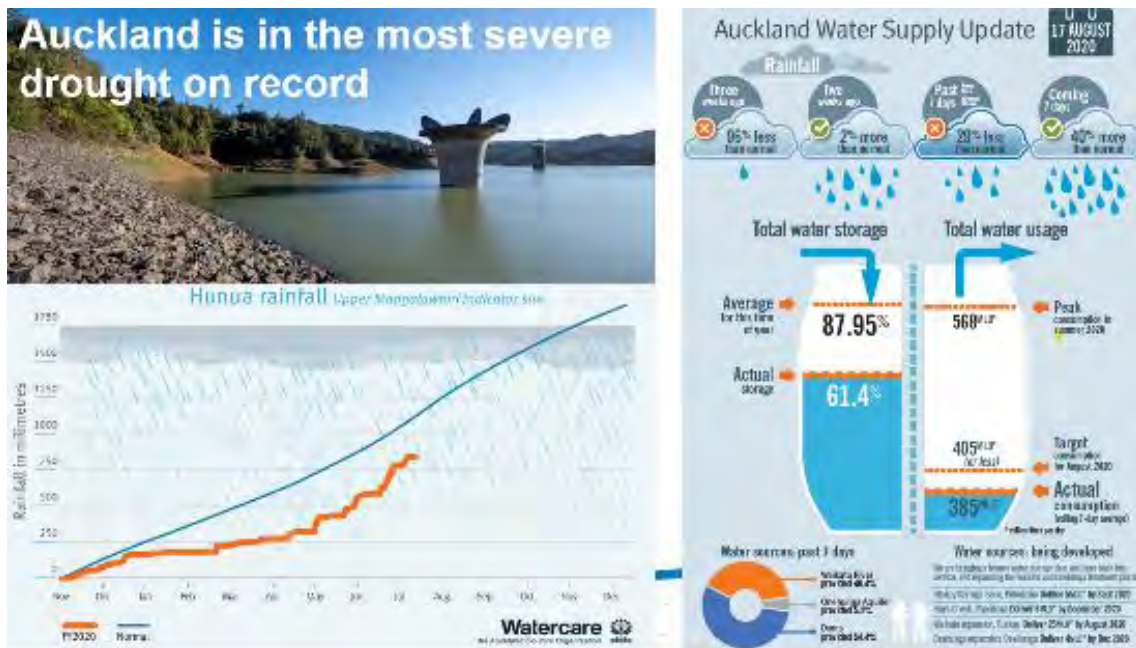
After the move to alert level 1, the Board made the resumption of services and opening community hubs such as Franklin: The Centre, Waiuku Library and Franklin Pool and Leisure, a priority. In an effort to encourage and enable the community to resume pre-pandemic activities, it sought the re-opening of community halls, parks and public toilets as soon as it was safe and practicable.



The Board also acknowledged the outstanding work of New Zealand Police Inspector Dianne Lane and that of Counties Manukau Police's Jono Chappell, at a business meeting held during border lockdowns.

Their hard work during a time of emergency meant some of the border problems experienced in the August lockdown did not recur in subsequent lockdowns, and they were both acknowledged for going above and beyond to serve the community.

## Water restrictions



A large portion of Auckland’s drinking water comes from Hūnua dams and the region had significantly less rainfall than normal. In April 2020 the total volume of water stored in dams dropped below 50 per cent, causing water restrictions to be applied across the network.

In October 2020 Hickeys bore in Pukekohe and Hays Creek Dam in Papakura were brought online to support recovery. In the wake of restrictions the Board supported conservation through community messaging, and encouraged contractors to make efforts to conserve water. In some areas contractors were capturing rainwater and using it for their daily maintenance needs. The Board also provided feedback to Auckland Council’s submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment’s Building for Climate Change.



# Achievements report 2020/2021

## Outcome 1: A well-cared for natural environment

*Enhance, protect and maintain our diverse natural environment and make sure it's able to be enjoyed.*

CREST (Clarks Beach, Rangiriri, Ellet's Beach, Seagrove and Taihiki)

The Franklin Local Board CREST annual event saw more than 50 people listening to talks from pest control experts and conservationists.

Pest control tools were distributed and more than 1000 pest animals have now been trapped.

The co-ordinator worked to get 226 members involved and registered with TrapNZ, and expanded the catchment area to include the Waiiau Pa and greater Franklin Local Board area.



## Te Ara Hikoi

Te Ara Hikoi continue to send out newsletters promoting conservation events including working bees, public talks and hub days.

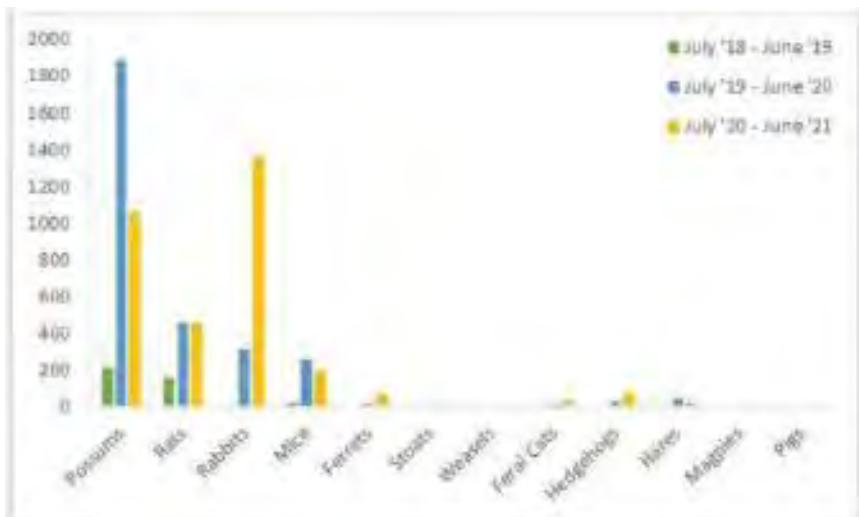
The group held several bait and trap days across the Board area to support communities and to start new predator free groups in Drury, Maraetai and Bombay. The group handed out all its bait and traps and will wait until 2021/2022 funding has been received before continuing community events.



## Friends of Te Wairoa

Friends of Te Wairoa attended an advisory training programme sponsored by Environmental Services to help increase capacity and refine operations. However, the co-ordinator for the project has recently left, creating project delivery delays. Staff have worked with the group to identify which activities could be delivered by the end of the financial year.

A budget underspend was recorded and Friends of Te Wairoa bought a branded trailer cover, continued their communications updates and undertook a digital media refresh. The group has also purchased traps for the programmed trapline and held a riparian planting workshop on 12 June 2021 with the local community.



Due to a range of circumstances, Friends of Te Wairoa was unable to deliver the original programme of works. A final revised programme was supplied, and the revised programme was approved by the Board in April 2021 (FR/2021/35). That resulted in \$4,350 being reallocated from this work programme to the Franklin Waterways Protection Fund.

## Waterways protection fund.

The fund allowed the continuation of a grant programme supporting landowners in the Mauku and Whangamarie stream catchment area to fence and plant areas around streams. Additional funding was extended to the Whanagapouri and Wairoa catchments area and \$61,731 in funding was distributed to those communities.



## Papakura stream restoration

This project is shared between three local boards - Manurewa, Papakura and Franklin. On 26 May a planting event was held at the Brookby Wildlife Habitat, volunteers planted 2000 native trees and wetland grasses in a 100-year-old kahikatea strand wetland. A second planting day was held on 23 June at the Papakura Esplanade Reserve and although that planting was planned to be delivered by a

contractor, a high level of community interest in the event saw it become a volunteer only day.



## Waitangi Falls contamination

During mid-January the Waitangi Falls stream suffered a significant pollution event, with the issue initially being reported to Council's Compliance team by neighbouring residents.

Tests confirmed the presence of E. coli bacteria in excess of Safe Swim thresholds.

Warning signage was erected immediately, with fencing subsequently added as an additional safety measure.

The falls remained closed until after two consecutive clear results were received by the environmental health team on 21 February.

Both the signs at the Falls and the Safe Swim website warning were removed that day.



## Annual garden beds

Twice a year the full facility contractor undertakes annual garden bed changeovers to ensure these high-profile assets look fresh and healthy. The changeovers usually take place in early spring and autumn, with enough growth and establishment time to be looking their best ahead of key dates such as ANZAC and Armistice Day.



## Hunua triangle management changes

The area had previously been maintained by the Hunua, Ararimu, Papanui Valley Residents Association under a lease to Auckland Transport. Community Facilities has taken on maintenance responsibilities for a roadside garden area on Hunua Road known as the 'Hunua Triangle'. The streetscape asset has been added to

Council's asset database and will be maintained as a street garden under the Full Facility Contract. Community Facilities and HAPVRA will work together to facilitate community planting events at the site.



### Lady Jane Reserve

There was a slight delay to delivery of this project by contractors and volunteers but it has now been completed, and the long-awaited coastal erosion planting adjacent to the Tamakae Reserve in Waiuku is well-established.

### Seddon Park Judas tree

Experts were engaged to devise the best methods of care for the aging heritage Judas tree (*Ceris siliquastrum*). Careful hand weeding of the perennial weeds forming under the tree and an application of aged mulch was applied to the base of the tree to support its health.



### Advocacy positions

- Joined Council in submission on He Pou a Rangi – the Climate Change Commission's draft advice to Government
- feedback for inclusion in Council's submission on Natural and Built Environments Act
- Ministry for the Environment's document Reducing the impact of plastic on our environment: Moving away from hard-to-recycle and single-use items
- feedback on draft Council submission to Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Building for Climate Change
- advocated for investigation into screen and digital production infrastructure in southern Auckland to encourage benefits to the local economy.

## Outcome 2: A thriving local economy

*Franklin has a strong economy and attracts people to live, work locally and visit its attractions.*

### Franklin Tourism Promotion

The Board supported ATEED (Auckland Unlimited) to encourage events within the area, such as the Battle of Jacks Ridge in Whitford. It was staged at a purpose-built rally track on private property and was built for a stage in the 2020 WRC Rally NZ. Racing took place in front of 5,000 people, with live cover on Sky Sport and international on WRC.com.



### Te Ara Rangatahi

This project supported, retained and built on local community-led youth employment solutions, saw the group presenting to the Board that despite COVID-19 challenges it had been able to place 10 rangatahi into trades and construction industries, provided rangatahi with post placement care, and had provided the Mahi Gains programme to 20 rangatahi via path plans, CVs and cover letters.



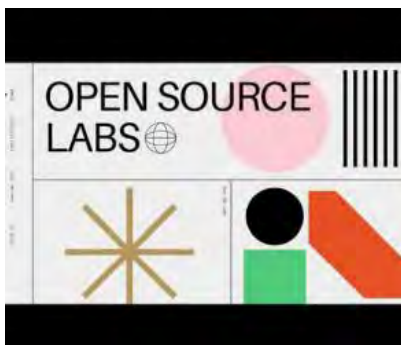
## Franklin Economic Broker

The primary purpose of the role is to champion Franklin businesses and facilitate them in identifying and taking advantage of economic opportunities to grow local prosperity and economic sustainability.

Among the projects supported was the inaugural Veggie Basket Festival in Pukekohe.



The broker worked on developing a Film Prospectus and built relationships, the Franklin brand and awareness in the film industry by including photos on the Film Commission website.



A “Skills Academy” with partners in industry and education is being developed.

Located within Franklin, the Skills Lab is a new, forward-thinking educational facility and a place to learn practical, industry-specific skills that will shape the future of the local region’s workforce. It will also work collaboratively with other sector groups to try and find ways of attracting private training organisations complementing industries in Franklin, to the area.

## Movies in Halls

Efforts to enable communities to deliver multiple indoor movie screenings at rural halls across the Board area were made in response to significant isolation caused by COVID-19, and drought-related stress. That involved engaging with hall committees and community groups to support them in putting on events that enabled renewed connections within communities. Those efforts were well-received and supported.



## Waiuku Zero Waste

Funding supported the development of greater Zero Waste capability for local businesses, residents and community organisations. The group ran a variety of activities, including a junky monkey pop-up playground, tool library, three repair cafes and its ReCreator school holiday programmes. Eight local groups were also supported to minimise waste, including Waiuku Primary, Eco Warriors, Clevedon Farmers Market, the Auranga development, and Waiuku community gardens.



## Advocacy positions

- feedback alongside Council's submission on refresh of Resource Recovery Network Strategy
- advocated for funding, as set out in Council's detailed business case, through the 10-year Budget for the development of Karaka Sports Park and community hub.

## Outcome 3: An improved transport system

*Continue to work towards better public transport and safer roads in Frankli*

### Intersection upgrade

Helvetia Road and Princes Street was completed in August and included the construction of a central mountable roundabout island along the outer perimeter, as well as construction of pedestrian refuge islands on all legs, and the installation of tactile pavers.



### Ramarama School safety improvements

The improvements included the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing, a new footpath, kerb and channelling, parking spaces and a realignment of the school carpark to improve safety by removing all angled parking. The result was a net increase of 18 new designated parking spaces.



### Waiuku rubber roundabout

A roundabout made from recycled rubber is being trialled at the intersection of Queen Street, Victoria Ave and Court Street. It is the first of its type for Auckland Transport and is cost-effective, environmentally-friendly and quick to install.

## Community Transport Programme.

The Board supported both the Travelwise School Programme and Walking School Buses. The Travelwise programme encourages active modes of travel - walking, cycling or scootering, and using public transport or school buses. Thirty-three schools in the area successfully participated in the programme. Walking School Buses provide children a safe way to walk to school using a structured, adult-supervised walking group that takes them from near their homes to their school. Seven schools participated.

## Auckland Metro Rail Programme - Papakura to Pukekohe electrification

The Board advocated for a project that aims to provide electrification to train services to Pukekohe, improved commuter services and which will enable capacity for growth. It will upgrade existing tracks, signalling and level crossings, and redevelop Pukekohe Station. The work will be completed over three stages and could provide 38,000 jobs.



## Station Road, Pukekohe

This project aimed to improve footpath and parking infrastructure by installing and upgrading uneven footpaths, offering better connectivity to the train station and improving pedestrian safety.

It added new car parking to Station Road, clearly marked out parking and optimised available spaces, and added broken lines to certain areas to improve intersection visibility and safety. It also saw a new traffic island installed at Birch Road.



## Prospect Terrace pathway connection

The Prospect Terrace project, funded from Local Board LDI, forming part of the Pukekohe Paths Plan, connects two existing paths (seen below). This project was completed in April and supports the local community to connect to the stadium.



## Te Ara Haepapa

This project was developed in 2017 to address Treaty of Waitangi partnership obligations and the Māori over-representation in deaths and serious injury road crashes in Tāmaki Makaurau. Historically, there have been a large number of rangatahi without formal driving licenses, leading to high numbers of driving-related offences. The team delivered learner license, restricted licensing, full licensing, restraints and alcohol and drugs programmes to Pukekohe High school, Huakina Trust, Wesley College and Te Ara Rangatahi.



## Matakawau hall carpark seal repairs

The ongoing issue of a large pothole outside the Matakawau Hall has been resolved. The hole was reportedly caused by the removal of an old telephone box many years ago. The pothole was within the road corridor, so an agreement was reached with Auckland Transport that its contractors would reinstate the area and correct the hazard.





## Waiuku trails

Year two is going ahead with 1.4km of aggregate path being built along the Esplanade Reserve from Rangiwhea Road to McCall Drive. The work is part of the Board's aspirational plan and is delivered through an alternative method, with the local community providing leadership, decision-making and resourcing for construction of the trails. The goal is to provide 16 kilometres of trail connections forming a network of paths around the Waiuku township.



## Hedge removal Clevedon- Kawakawa Road

Vegetation removal in the area behind the vehicle barrier on the corner of McNichol Road in Clevedon is complete and staff are working with Auckland Transport on the possibility of the community laying metal along the bare area to further facilitate pedestrian access.



## Glenbrook roundabout

The roundabout replaces a 'Give Way' controlled intersection that has a high volume of turning traffic.



Up to 25,000 vehicles use SH22 to connect to SH1 daily, and vehicle numbers are increasing as the local population grows. About 10,000 vehicles each day enter or leave SH22 at Glenbrook Road.

Improving the intersection is a priority because of the current risk of head and side-on collisions. There were 21 recorded crashes within 400 metres of the intersection between January 2015 and December 2019.

The roundabout features high-quality structural pavement to cope with the large volume of heavy vehicles using the route, and requires around 13,000 cubic metres of fill.

The project also upgrades about 300 metres of the roads leading to the new roundabout, which has four routes giving access to the new Paerata Primary School and the Paerata Rise development, where 4,500 new homes are being built. The Board had previously advocated strongly for the roundabout and supported the sod-turning event in March 2021.

## Advocacy positions

- Pine Harbour needs to be developed to accommodate increased ferry services, integrated public transport connections and park and ride facilities
- for Board transport funding to be re-instated to pre-COVID levels of \$21m a year, and for previously allocated funding of \$38m, lost through the Emergency Budget, to be restored
- increased funding renewal, rehabilitation and maintenance financing for Auckland Transport to renew at least 12 per cent of Auckland's sealed roads and bridges in any given year (currently 9 per cent)
- Called for routes and roads of strategic importance to Auckland, including Whitford-Maraetai, Papakura-Clevedon, Alfriston-Brookby, Glenbrook, Hūnua and Pukekohe's ring road, to be prioritised
- Feedback to Transport and Infrastructure Committee on congestion charging.

## Outcome 4: Growth is dealt with effectively

*Make full use of existing outdoor space and community facilities before developing new*

### Innovating streets Pukekohe

A programme aimed at creating more people-friendly spaces in towns and cities, to make it faster and easier to transition to safer and more useable spaces. The idea behind Innovating Streets is co-design by trial, a new concept where the community has a greater say in redesigning their neighbourhoods. Co-design events were held with local businesses, drop-in sessions for the community, and an event with youth.



Temporary trials were rolled out in stages over King Street and Devon Lane, focussed on making it safer for people to walk around the town, as well as creating space for outdoor dining.

The start of the trial in April saw the community asked to provide feedback through the [akhaveyoursay](#) site, which closed in June. The trial received a large volume of feedback, much of it critical, with Eke Panuku reacting to feedback on the one-way street along King Street by reinstating the original flows on 8 June.



### Beautification of Waiuku town centre

Replacement titoki trees were planted in the Waiuku central business district and staff are organising stump grinding on another damaged titoki before a replacement can be planted.

### Unlock Pukekohe

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Unitec students worked with Eke Panuku on a real-world design challenge as part of the high-level project plan Unlock Pukekohe, undertaking a simulation master-planning exercise.



The plan captures Council's desire to deliver urban future-proofing in Pukekohe, an area forecast to experience a 50,000 population increase in the next 20 years. The Board had supported the students work to be showcased at Franklin: The Centre, but that could not happen because of COVID-19 restrictions.

### Clevedon Scenic Reserve track

Maintenance on the eastern track was completed in August, with new stairs, boardwalks and handrails installed to help the public enjoy the birdlife and views of large kauri, kahikatea, puriri and puka trees.



## Beachlands War Memorial Hall roof replacement

The project was completed in August. The primary purpose was to replace the roof but other renewals were necessary. Removing external cladding revealed rotten timbers, which were replaced, alongside the external cladding, which was painted for structural soundness.



## Sunkist Bay retaining wall

The wall was completed in August and the area is now open to the public.

The new retaining walls line the sides of the walk from First View Ave through the centre of the reserve and down to the waterfront playground at Sunkist Bay.



## Beachlands Domain toilet block renewal

This project was completed in June 2021 and includes the renewal of the toilet and Future Posts - made

locally from recycled plastics - as replacements for fencing along the outside of the park.



## Waitangi Falls

Another project where Future Posts were used as a sustainable alternative to timber bollards, this time to fence off an area around the Waitangi Falls to keep vehicles from driving on to the grass.

### Puni recreation reserve

A joint project with Community Facilities and Auckland Transport to action remedial work to the shoulder of the road at the reserve.



### Waiau Pa Recreation Domain Reserve

Completed in May 2021 the project was approved after two design consultant quotes were compared to establish competitive pricing.

### Te Toro boat ramp

The contractor was able to complete a refit of the final pontoon after damage caused by rough weather.

The contractor identified and remedied other pontoon fittings that also needed replacement.



### Clevedon Scenic Reserve

The carpark and entranceway were upgraded in October to keep the area looking attractive and inviting for visitors.



### Samuel Millar Park

Maintenance to the slide happened in October, ensuring its readiness for the busy summer period.

Surrounding gardens were also tidied and cushion fall was laid around playground structures to prevent injuries associated with falls, assisting with child safety.

### Franklin full facilities maintenance contracts

The Hunua Falls toilet won a Keep New Zealand Beautiful Award for best loo. The submission not only focused on the pristine condition the toilets are maintained in, but also the care provided by Citycare's Kathleen Clemens.



## Summer coastal site preparations

The Board advocated for better behaviour in coastal areas during summer. A multi-team approach was required, with Community Facilities and the Franklin Strategic Broker working with Police units. The project saw alcohol-free zones and illegal camping signs erected to assist police with their enforcement efforts.



### Colin Lawrie Park

Overhanging foliage was trimmed at Colin Lawrie Park's softball diamond. Safety nets were replaced and extended at the same time, to prevent flyballs – balls that fly off the bat and have the potential to injure spectators.

## Lease renewals

Auckland Manukau Dressage Group at Monument Road had its lease renewed, as did the Maraetai Bowling Club at Maraetai Drive, the Morris Register of NZ at Morris Road, the Waiuku Silver Band at Belgium Street, the Counties Manukau Kindergarten Association at Monument Road, and Te Whānau Tup Ngātahi O Aotearoa (Manukau Peninsula). All leases were for 10 years with one right of renewal for a further 10.

## Grahams Beach playground renewal

This renewal featured a dual slide, swing set, seesaw and sand play area. The play space was also partially fenced to enhance child safety.



## Christmas town centre clean-ups

Community Facilities staff coordinated various clean-ups and improvements to town and village centres ahead of the Christmas season. Footpath cleaning, gardening and mulching, painting and furniture repairs were all actioned to present centres in their best light. The image below shows one event undertaken with both volunteers and contractors celebrating a village clean-up in Clevedon ahead of the Christmas parade.



## Heat pump improvements at Franklin Pool

Heat pump improvements at Franklin Pool and Leisure have been completed and the system is running without issue.

The improvements were put in place to address the difficulties in maintaining pool and air temperatures throughout the cooler winter months.



## Jubilee pool filter replacement

The original sand filters from Jubilee Pool - about 60 years old - were at the end of their lives, and the plant room foundations and floor were upgraded to take new filters.



## Karaka Sports Park wicket renovations

The top layer was removed and replaced with fresh topsoil, with the remaining profile then laser levelled to achieve a fall away from the cricket pitch.

Two different perennial rye grass cultivar seeds were applied, as well as a quality starter fertiliser, before a growth blanket was applied to establish the



seed over a 12-day germination period. The finished product is now being regularly monitored and mowed to ensure that dense turf establishes on the wicket block.



## Kawakawa Bay boat ramp dredging and pontoon remedial work

Dredging was undertaken to remove sediment causing issues for vessels, and the eastern most pontoon to settle awkwardly at low tide. Dredging caused minimal disruption.



## Directional signage for public toilets at Bledisloe Park

Now installed, the signage was needed to direct users to the available facilities under the sports complex building, which are less visible than the old Exeloo block, which has been removed.

Two new directional signs were installed, one beside the sports complex carpark and the other adjacent to the playground.



## Cape Hill accessway improvements

The modified entrance to Cape Hill summit at the main access point on Cape Hill Road has been improved. The previous timber gateway was preventing access to the summit walkway for users with pushchairs and wheelchairs, and needed to have a wider path to enable access for all users. The aggregate pathway on either side of the summit has also been scoped for remedial works to further aid access across steep stretches of the path.



**Franklin: The Centre clean-up.** A clean-up of Franklin: The Centre, and surrounding areas in preparation for a photoshoot to showcase the facility for customers online was undertaken. The work included cleaning, gardening, minor repairs and carpark sweeping.



## Kawakawa Hall

Repainted over the Christmas break, works were completed early in January. Staff worked with the hall committee and adjacent early childhood centre to ensure minimal disruption. The hall received a chemical wash to its roof, along with a full paint of all exterior surfaces. A programme of cladding and window frame repairs was also carried out..



## Advocacy positions

- for the development of a Franklin Community Facilities and Outdoor Spaces network plan to inform future work and investment, and to ensure the growing population has equitable access to public arts, culture, play and recreational facilities - including pools
- for greater domestic and international promotion of south and south-east Auckland tourism attractions such as the Glenbrook Vintage Railway.

## Outcome 5: Communities feel ownership and connection to their area

*Support community participation in helping to shape people's quality of life, creativity, health and wellbeing.*

### Franklin Leisure Centre flooring renewal

New natural timber sprung flooring has been installed in the main hall at Franklin Leisure Centre as a jointly-funded project between Council, Franklin Basketball Association Inc, National Basketball League and Belgravia Leisure. The flooring is a great improvement on the concrete floor it replaces, which had been a factor in many injuries. The change should encourage more community use of the space.



### Ngati Tamaoho Wananga

Puketāpapa, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Ōtara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa, Papakura and Franklin local boards, alongside Councillors Angela Dalton and Christine Fletcher, attended a hui with mana whenua. The kaupapa of the hui was to learn about the history, journey, vision and aspirations Ngati Tamaoho has for its people and whenua.



## Tuia programme

This project is supported by funding from Franklin Local Board's Māori Responsiveness initiatives.

The aim of the Tuia programme is to encourage rangatahi Māori to participate in local government by being mentored by elected members.

The Board had been fortunate member Logan Soole offered to mentor local rangatahi Atea Kahukoka, who brought her own insights to the programme.



## Activation of parks, places and open spaces FY21

Supporting a mix of local and regional providers to deliver free events that enable the community to be more active in our parks, paths, trails and marine environment. There were 12 activations with more than 760 attendees at eight locations.





## Rural halls

The Board supports rural halls in the Franklin area to provide a space for the community to come together and provide services to local people. One such rural hall is the Pukeoware Hall, which won a national award for Resene Best Professional Mural of the Year. It depicts the area's history and was completed in 3 months by local artist Mandie Hildreth.





## 60s Up

The board provided 100 per cent discounts for community groups to use council venues. One such group was 60s Up, which uses the Pukekohe Town Hall and Concert Chamber. The group provides opportunities for seniors to come together for a range of activities. The group donated a defibrillator, which was installed outside at the Town hall doors.



## Pukekohe War Memorial Hall

A much-needed interior renewal paint job to the kitchen in the hall replaced a badly flaking ceiling. The issues were caused by roof leaks that were also corrected as part of the refresh.



## Beachlands Maraetai Trolley Derby

Another successful event with more than 60 racers aged from eight to adult, some driving sophisticated trolleys and others vehicles built with 'Number 8 Wire' initiative. Prizes for the fastest in each of four categories culminated in the King of the Hill race, the two fastest trolleys going head to head on a course with breath-taking views of the Hauraki Gulf.







## Franklin Arts Broker

Continued support for an Arts Broker to enable members of the creative arts community to deliver projects raising the profile of local social and environmental issues, and that enhance a sense of local identity. Projects included:

**Franklin Community Choir:** 'For the Beauty Of' concert' delivered by 35 participants to an audience of more than 100. Entry by koha allowed families to attend.



**Clevedon Arts Trail:** Now in its fifth year, a collection of artists held 15 events over three days across a distance of about 10 kilometres, attracting more than 1500 people.



**Te Taki Tu Charitable Trust:** A Waiuku cultural experience that allowed people from the community to learn and engage in Māori culture through tikanga Māori, toi Māori and performing arts. The cultural engagement at Waiuku College's whare mataoro reached out to more than 30 people.



**Anglican Parish of Clevedon:** The Sanctuary of Saint James concert series was an opportunity for the community to attend four one-hour concerts over four weekends. The concerts were presented by professional musicians, each concert presenting a different genre. There were more than 250 participants and 22 providers.



#### Advocacy positions

- for Clevedon, Clarks Beach-Waiiau Pa, Glenbrook and Beachlands to be supported by Council to develop and/or deliver plans that inform both future private and public transformation projects in communities in a way that protects local character.

# Achievements report for the 2021/2022

## Outcome 1: Our strengths generate local opportunity and prosperity

*Our goal is to support our people to create and access new job opportunities, advocate for regional, national and third-party investment in infrastructure and invest in initiatives that develop, leverage from and promote our local strengths as we anticipate changes to our economy, environment and population.*

### Economic broker- Kai Franklin

This programme is funded to champion Franklin local businesses and facilitate them in identifying and taking advantage of economic opportunities to grow local prosperity and employment. The broker has been working on the Kai Franklin initiative in conjunction with Homeland and chef Peter Gordon. Homeland has been established as a restaurant, cooking school and to act as a food ambassador for products and producers from New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. The platform, and Gordon's global reputation, created an opportunity to showcase some of the products produced and grown in the Franklin Local Board area.



### Economic broker - film prospectus

In 2021, photographer and film scout Stephen Piper was engaged to photograph potential film sights around the Franklin area. These are now being uploaded to the new Screen film gallery and will draw attention to more than 50 available Franklin sites.



## Economic broker - Circular Economy and Xlabs

The Board supported businesses to participate in the Xlabs circular economy programme, designed to help businesses to solve key sustainability challenges. The course was created by real practitioners and explores how the circular economy can be applied to business and environmental challenges. Two teams of six were funded to complete an online learning segment of 24 hours. That was followed by two workshops to build ideas for individual projects. Then the teams came together for a five-day Auckland-based workshop. The last phase of the programme is 6 months of coaching to complete the identified projects.



## Culinary Workshops Accelerator

The Board has a long-standing interest in leveraging the area's reputation as a leading horticulture region to attract visitors to the area. It allocated funds to host a food and beverage tourism capability-building workshop with international culinary tourism expert Eric Pateman. "From the Ground Up", in collaboration with Tataki Auckland Unlimited, focuses on developing high-value, long-term activations in the food and beverage sector, particularly around innovation and research.

## Franklin Tourism Development Fund

The Board identified development of the visitor economy as an opportunity to leverage the area's strengths to generate opportunity and prosperity, noting the opportunities the area's natural resources provide, and the many talented people living in the area. The Board created a contestable fund of \$30,000 in the 2022 financial year, with seven organisations submitting proposals, and \$25,000 allocated across three initiatives - the Clevedon Community and Business Association, Manukau Heads Lighthouse Trust and Te Kopu.

## Hūnua Traverse

A world-class 45-kilometre walking and cycling experience through the Hūnua Ranges links Clevedon to Kaiaua. It will promote the ranges as a recreational destination to domestic and international visitors. The Clevedon Community and Business Association will promote the Hūnua Traverse as a tourism product and deliver a business leverage programme to ensure local benefits.



## Young Enterprise Scheme

In February the Young Enterprise kick-start day was hosted at the Vodafone Events Centre with a good turnout of more than 130 students from four high schools in the board area.

## Unlock Pukekohe - Small T projects

This project package is funded as part of the wider Unlock Pukekohe programme and is designed to deliver quick wins that enhance amenity of Council assets. It is intended to add vibrancy to the town centre to encourage more people to visit the area and shop locally. This year projects approved included the parklet on Edinburgh Street, a mural on Edinburgh Street, a pop-up pump track and Garden bed refresh on King Street.

## Advocacy positions

- Provided feedback for inclusion in Auckland Councils submission on the Natural and Built Environment Act exposure draft
- Provided feedback on proposals to amend the Animal Management Bylaw 2015
- Provided feedback on the Nga Hapori Momoho Thriving Communities Strategy 2022-2032.

## Outcome 2: Improved transport options and fit for purpose roads

*We will advocate for transport improvements and services that enable our communities to be less car dependant and for design of and investment in the roading network so that it can safely accommodate current and future use.*

### Corner of Edinburgh Street and Stadium Drive

This area is known as a problem area for sparrow excrement and constant maintenance is required to maintain a level of safety for the community to utilise these areas.



### Pine Harbour weekend ferry trial services – 19 March-25 April

The trail allowed Beachlands residents and visitors to the area to make a weekend trip without traffic problems. Success measurements were based on several factors, including patronage – both actual and as a percentage of midweek totals, the ability to continue to run reliable weekday services, customer satisfaction feedback and being able to manage operational impacts alongside other weekend marina activity.

Promotion included 6,000 flyers delivered to letterboxes in Beach Haven, Pine Harbour and Maraetai, posters on ferries and at ferry terminals, AT ferry operator communication channels, Pohutukawa Coast Times - before and during the promotion, and digital advertising targeting wider Whitford, Beach Haven, Pine Harbour and Maraetai (estimated 200,000 impressions), and on the Auckland Transport website.



Total passenger trips = **5867**

Pine Harbour to Downtown = **2921**

Downtown to Pine Harbour = **2946**

Left-behinds = 75



## Clevedon Showgrounds Reserve – Warren Shaw connector path

A dawn blessing and sod-turning as been held to prepare the way for building the Warren Shaw Path in Clevedon’s A & P Showgrounds. The pathway creates a seamless link between the village, the sports field section of the showgrounds, and the equestrian area - also home to the celebrated Clevedon Farmers Market.



## Otau Mountain Road

The Board worked with Auckland Transport to facilitate community safety concerns around harvesting rights to the Greenridge Block in Hūnua. Some of the measures included installing signage and convex mirrors on corners, a voluntary 30km/h speed limit along the entire road, and limiting extraction to a 6.30am start, rather than 4.30am.

## Parking controls on Adams Drive and Lisle Farm Drive

At the August 2021 business meeting Auckland Transport was formally requested to undertake consultation to install parking controls on Adams and Lisle Farm drives. The two sites had been investigated by Auckland Transport, which determined “No Stopping at all times” designation was not required. The Board advocated for a review of that decision.

## Vision Zero

Auckland Transport’s goal is eliminating road transport-related death and serious injuries on the city’s road network by 2050. The Board provided feedback on the second tranche of AT’s safe speeds programme, affecting at-risk urban and rural roads. Feedback from consultation around the proposal was provided, underlining support for the goal and other safety measures. Further feedback was provided on speed changes, advocacy for engineering solutions such as centre lines ahead of speed limits, and calling for limits to be based around feeder roads.

## Pukekohe Subdivision paths plan - Clarks Beach, Waiau Beach, Waiau Pa

The Board acknowledged the participation of Ngaati Te Ata, Ngaati Tamaoho, and the Clarks Beach and Waiau Pa communities in the plan’s development. It adopted the Pukekohe Subdivision Paths Plan, noting there was no budget to deliver it. It asked that the

Clarks Beach and Waiau Pa trails projects be considered for inclusion in the development of the draft work programme over the next 10 year, and requested the projects be considered for Auckland Regional Growth Funding because Clarks Beach was classified as a Special Housing Area. The Board further requested the plan be shared with Auckland Transport to enable it to contribute to path delivery.

### Unlock Pukekohe - Innovating Streets Trial

The initiative was part of Small T Pukekohe - Unlock Pukekohe, to trial alternative street and traffic circulation plans for several areas in Pukekohe, prioritising pedestrians and enhancing Town Centre vibrancy by making it safer for people to move around. Devon Lane became a one-way network entering from Edinburgh Street and exiting at Queen Street, with road art installed to help create a defined shared space. Speed humps and planter boxes were installed to encourage vehicles passing through to slow down and be more aware of the shared space. The Board continues to work with Eke Panuku and Auckland Transport to plan for the future of Pukekohe.

### Advocacy to Waka Kotahi and AT for safety intervention at Bombay

The Board facilitated conversations between Waka Kotahi, Auckland Transport, local businesses and the community to find solutions to issues surrounding congestion and potential dangers at the Bombay services area. It advocated for the purchase of land at Mill Roa near the Bombay Service Centre intersection entrance to the BP service station to enable third-party-funded construction of a roundabout. The location is a key horticulture heavy transport route that also delivers access and connectivity for local businesses and wider communities accessing those businesses.

### Pukekohe to Papakura electrification

Electrification is being extended beyond Papakura to Pukekohe. Ultimately commuters will not have to change trains. Work to date has included clearing vegetation, improving access to work sites, underground testing and track improvements. Planning approvals for the major works were considered under new fast-track legislation, with consents being approved in August 2021. Significant consultation with the local community, stakeholders and mana whenua is expected to continue throughout the phases of work.

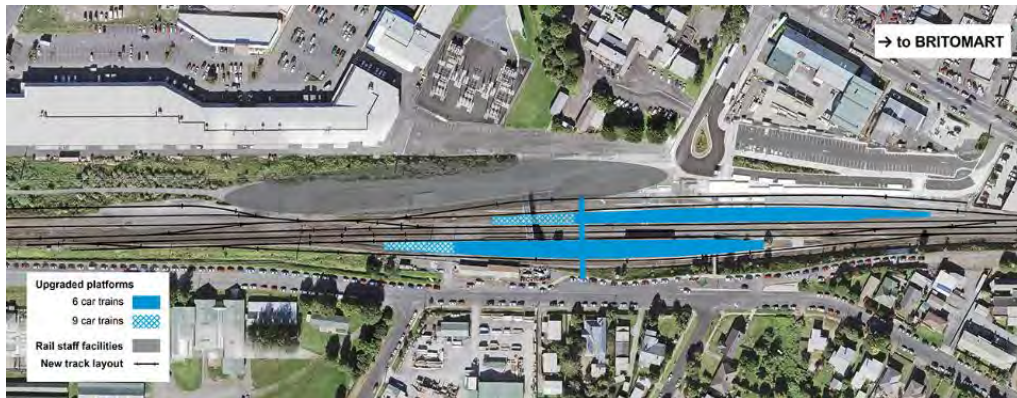


### Pukekohe train station

Bringing electric trains to Pukekohe will mean more services and longer trains, requiring replacing their existing station building with more modern passenger facilities to complement



the bus interchange. The board supported conversations with the community, KiwiRail and Auckland Transport regarding the old station, to be moved into the Waikato.



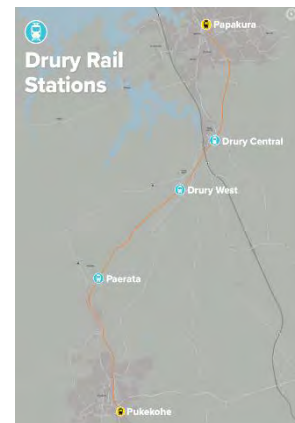
### Pukekohe line three new stations

Names were gifted by mana whenua to KiwiRail’s proposed new stations at a ceremony Board members were able to attend online. The ceremony included discussion by mana whenua on the reasons behind the names and what influenced their decision. Names were suggested based on significant historical and geographical features around the stations. Mana whenua also preferred KiwiRail use the double vowel convention rather than macrons. The names will encourage and support the integration of te reo Māori into everyday use.

**Maketuu station for Drury Central:** A tribute to the traditional name for the Maketuu Stream, which flows past the station, and the historic ancient Te Maketuu Pā.

**Ngaakooroa for Drury West:** A tribute to the Ngaakooroa stream, which connects to the Manukau Harbour and is known for its extensive natural resources, including waterways, fertile land, low-lying cultivation areas, and proximity to the harbour.

**Paeraataa:** Named as a conflation of the Māori words “pae” meaning “a ridge or resting place” and “raataa”, named for a large tree that grew on the Burt Road ridge.



### Local Board Capital Transport Fund - Jutland Road bridge

In May the Board asked Auckland Transport to investigate five projects - Beachlands kerb and channel improvements, Jutland Road bridge, Pukekohe Paths Plan delivery support, Clarks Beach to Waiiau pathway, and Racecourse Road in Waiuku intersection improvements. The Board allocated and approved funding to the Jutland Road bridge, with the remaining budget for path plan delivery support.

### Freedom camping bylaw

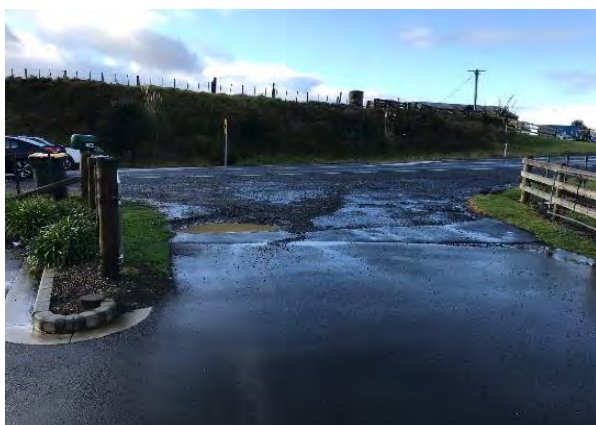
The Board gave its views, and those raised in public consultation, on the Freedom Camping in Vehicles bylaw 2022. It was generally supportive of the four proposals, with suggestions requesting a balanced approach be taken because isolated areas of Auckland welcomed responsible freedom camping as an important part to the local economy, and that the regulatory framework should not see that sacrificed to urban sensitivities.

## SH22/ Glenbrook Road roundabout

The roundabout was completed in June 2022, with a celebration held with Minister of Transport Michael Woods, representation from Waka Kotahi, Auckland Systems Management, HEB Construction and the Board. The project aligns with New Zealand's road safety strategy, Road to Zero 2020-2030, with the work outside of the golf course and Caltex also completed. The community has adjusted well to the new roundabout.



## Glenbrook Recreation Reserve carpark



The renewal of the Glenbrook Recreation Reserve carpark entrance apron was completed to address several large potholes in the area. The size of the potholes made it challenging to cross the area, and to exit the carpark safely on to the busy Glenbrook-Waiuku Road.

## Year three Waiuku Trails

Investigations and analysis planning work are taking place on the Awaroa portage and Waiuku Cemetery sites, including the View Road-Waimanawa Lane, Tui Place section south of Racecourse Road. The next steps are to put together construction costs for each section.

## Advocacy positions

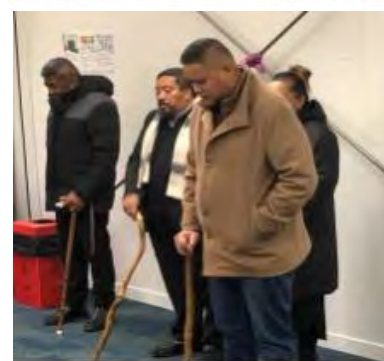
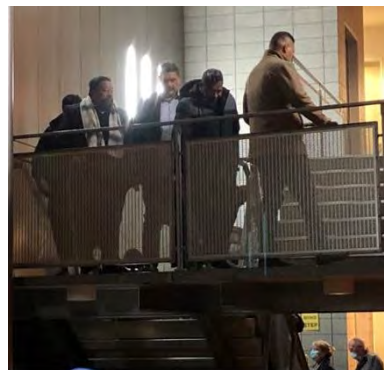
- feedback on Auckland Transport Parking Strategy Review
- feedback on Activities in the Road Corridor Bylaw 2022
- feedback on Transport Emission Reduction plan
- feedback on AT's interim speed management plan
- feedback on congestion charges.

## Outcome 3: Fit for purpose places and facilities

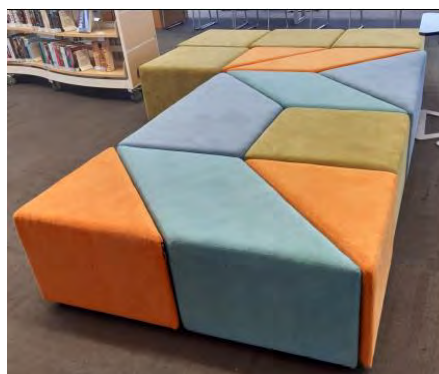
*We will plan for and respond to future growth and the impacts of climate change whilst protecting and celebrating what is special and unique about our communities.*

### Opening new offices

The new Franklin Local Board offices were opened at a dawn blessing with the support of mana whenua. The offices provide new space for staff to work, small meeting spaces and a dedicated meeting room for business and workshop meetings.



### Pukekohe Library renewal



Completed in June, updated furniture makes the library more welcoming and comfortable.

## Heights Park Cemetery

Maintenance of established exotic trees was completed, with all trees along the entrance road and the large gum trees over the carpark area having deadwood removed. The crowns of pin oaks around the carpark were raised in preparation for new tar seal, and the small totara trees were given a formative prune.



## Whiteside Pool Waiuku

Two dead trees in the pool complex were removed when the pool was closed for winter.



## Unlock Pukekohe - parklet

This initiative falls out of the Unlock Pukekohe programme, known as a small T project. Located on the main street in the town centre outside local shops, it set out to extend the footpath to enable outdoor dining and increase patronage. It was well-received.





### Arboriculture maintenance



Pruning of roadside pohutukawa trees and crown raising took place at **Beachlands**, allowing contractors using ride-on mowers better access.

At Elsie Drive in **Waiuku** dead fronds were removed from a tall palm.

At **Lisle Fram Drive** climbing crews removed deadwood from two taraire trees bordering residential properties.



Nearby development appears to be stressing that stand of trees, changes in the water table and root disturbance have been identified as the likely causes.

### Infill garden planting programme

The winter garden infill planting programme in priority sites continued, with Clevedon Scenic reserve entranceway, Anselmi Ridge, Searle Drive stormwater reserve, Franklin: The Centre, the area's three aquatic sites, and the town centre.



## Renewal of sports assets

This project consisted of goalpost renewals across key Franklin sites for both the rugby and football codes. The works were identified



as needed out of the annual inspection reports undertaken by the Board's full facility

contractors, ensuring assets remain fit for purpose. Without maintenance and replacement, the large structures can quickly become dangerous. It is critical the Board maintains a regular inspection, maintenance and renewal programme to support the safe management of these well-used assets. Sites where works have taken place include Whitford Domain, Puni Recreation Reserve, Clevedon Showgrounds, Rosa Birch Park and Colin Lawrie Fields



## East coast litter bin renewal programme



Last summer a programme of works was undertaken to renew and upgrade the style of bins along the busy east coast. The first works, the replacement of 19 bins from Maraetai through to Waiomanu Bay, was a success, with the consistency of bin appearance improved. Several bins were shifted to better locations for users and litter crews. The new bins are bigger, so are less likely to be overloaded during peak times. Work is underway that will see bins being renewed from Waiomanu Bay through to Umupuia, with bins at Kawakawa Bay also being addressed. More work is planned for later this year, to focus on the bins along the Kawakawa Bay coastline.

## Franklin Pool and Leisure – Learn to Swim Pool improvements

Lockdowns posed challenges for teams delivering Council services, but that provided opportunities to undertake maintenance on several small pool projects. One addressed an ongoing issue with the rough concrete floor in the Franklin Pool and Leisure Learn To Swim Pool. Work involved draining the pool, grinding all surfaces smooth, plaster repairs and a new lining. The pool has now been refilled and is in use again



## Hamilton Recreation Reserve bollard renewals



Renewals work was completed at Hamilton Recreation Reserve, replacing roadside frontage bollards. Many of the existing timber bollards were rotten and beginning to fail. That detracted from the presentation of the site and was also leading to unwanted vehicle access. The new line follows the same footprint as the previous line, but the obstacles have been upgraded to recycled plastic Future Post bollards. They improve the look of the area and should have a greater lifespan than their timber equivalents.

## Karioitahi Reserve Update

Updated Safe Swim signage has now been installed at Karioitahi Reserve at the entrances to the beach. The signs carry messaging about the hazards of swimming at West Coast surf beaches.

Templated designs from council's signage manual, they have been co-designed by Auckland Council and Surf Life Saving NZ.



## Puni Recreation Reserve Update

Works to improve the amenity of Puni Pa are underway and include a clean-up around the summit in the middle of the vehicle turn-around.

Advice and guidance was sought from Ngaati Te Ata to ensure maintenance practices are in line with the cultural values of the area. The granite tohu placed at the summit was cleared and a grass path formed to lead park users to the point.

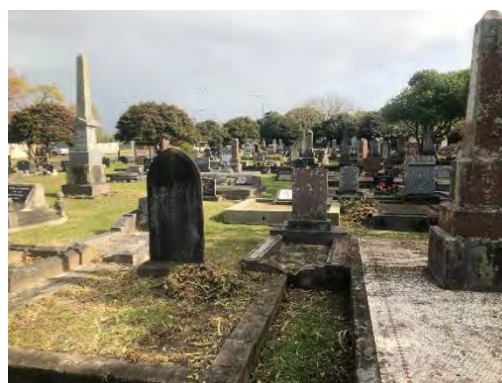
## Waiuku Cemetery New Burial Berms

Work at Waiuku Cemetery to install new ash and full body burial berms should be completed in the 2022 calendar year. Most of the required earthworks were completed in winter, favourable weather conditions allowing for unhindered work, the able to complete the berms before upgrading rose gardens and reinstating and handing over the site.



## Wellington Street Cemetery clean-up

Significant clean-up of weeds from the grave tops at Wellington Street Cemetery in Pukekohe was required, and careful removal techniques were used to ensure there was no damage to headstone structures.



## Play Equipment Replacement – Maraetai Park

After the annual playground condition rating assessment a spinner item at Maraetai Park's senior playground was identified as faulty, unable to spin freely. A new spinner was installed.



## Angiangi Crescent, Beachlands neighbourhood park

The Board has approved the design direction for the park as providing safe an environment where residents and their families can enjoy accessible amenities that support walking, cycling, and the commuter experience, while providing for exercise and passive recreation. The park amenities should include seating, tables and bins, with planting and landscaping considering the park's elevated site and maintaining rural views. The board invited mana whenua to co-design and name the park, and has requested a line item be added into the work programme for the Kahawairahi playground to address incomplete items.

## Waiuku parks – Kevan Lawrence

The first stage of the renewal was completed in July and the site is open to the public. The next stage substitutes wet pour surfacing with 'play matta' tiles, and changes the location of some play objects. Material price increases may require budget review.



### Centennial

A playground renewal was completed in September with small alterations since the concept plan. Concerns were raised about the water table, with swings shifted further up the hill.

## Massey

Renewed play spaces were completed, with the community invited to come and enjoy a variety of activities. However, some changes have been necessary to the fencing because of issues with basketball and playground clashes.





## Matakawau Reserve

The Board has agreed the service outcomes to be achieved through the future development of the reserve. They include restoring an indigenous ecosystem providing for walking, cycling in a natural setting, and recognise the cultural significance to mana whenua.



## Pukekohe Hill Reserve

The outcomes to be achieved through future development of Pukekohe Hill Reserve, 6.7 hectares at the summit of the highest point in Pukekohe include integrating Māori outcomes, increased accessibility, crime prevention through environmental design, and supporting amenities that enrich visitation.

## Whitford point playground

This project was to renew the Whitford Point Reserve playground and carpark. Some reusable play items have gone to the local playcentre and weedy acmena trees near the road have been removed to improve driver sightlines.



## Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment fund 2022

A regionally contestable fund allocated through the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031, it supports the development of community sport and recreation facilities, with \$15.3 million available. The Board has endorsed three applications - Counties Tennis Association, Waiuku Netball Centre and Auckland Rugby Union.

## Advocacy positions

- Kerbside Refuse Charging Mechanism Policy
- proposal to amend the Animal Management Bylaw 2015
- draft Business Improvement District Policy
- Government policy on Housing and Urban Development
- plan changes for Medium Density Residential Standards
- National Policy Statement on Urban Development
- Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply) Amendment Act 2021.

## Outcome 4: Kaitiakitanga and protection of our environment

*We will work with mana whenua, local communities and others to lead and inform environmental conservation, restoration and regeneration projects and to recover and regenerate waste.*

### Beautification Trust

Six southern local boards provide ongoing support to the Trust, which helps to keep community environments safe and healthy by running clean-ups, environmental projects, graffiti removal, and by painting murals. The Trust worked alongside Pukekohe North School educating students to consider what happens to waste as well as running a clean-up day.



### Summer programme for coastal sites

During summer the increased use of coastal reserves creates a greater demand on public facilities.

That demand saw the Community Facilities team organise staff to increase toilet block cleaning, bin emptying and litter pick ups. Staff also monitored freedom campers, supported trespass notices issued by council's security team to quickly address anti-social behaviour. The image shows electrical signage used for community messaging

### Rabbit control at Roosevelt Park

Rabbit control was undertaken at Roosevelt Park to protect an area of community planting. The supplier undertook night shooting and burrow fumigation. A limited number of rabbits were controlled by shooting.

Silenced rifles were used to avoid disturbing neighbours. Letters were dropped where neighbours overlooked the park, signage was in place and security patrolled to detect anyone entering the area. The operation took place under police supervision. The supplier worked free because he needed rabbits for bait for another project.

Burrow fumigation took place the next day. The site adjoins rural farmland and high reinfestation rates make control to low numbers difficult.



## Te Ara Hikoi

Te Ara Hikoi delivered 15 separate newsletters across Franklin in support of tree planting events, a mustelid talk by stoat expert Dr Andrew Veale, a citizen science project, information about grants for environmental projects, and effective predator control during lockdown. Membership reached 839, up 16 per cent. Only one Farrell's hub day could be held during the pandemic, but television coverage drew large numbers and demand for traps and baits outstripped supply. Once restrictions end, community trap hub days will resume. Te Ara Hikoi has secured funding from Jobs For Nature to employ people for pest control work on Biodiversity Focus Areas within Franklin over the next three years



## Franklin goes bat hunting to give tiny creature a better chance of survival

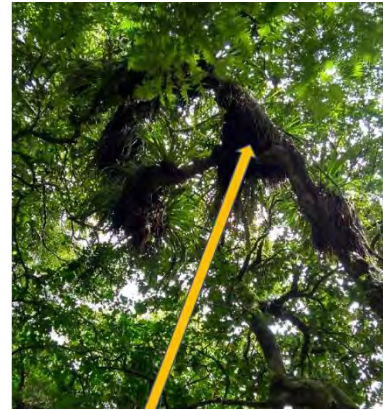
EcoQuest has been working with Te Ara Hīkoi, Ngaati Paoa and Predator Free Franklin on a strategy to monitor long-tailed bats. The project has an education and skills training focus, with active involvement from the community. The objective is to find roosts so they can be protected from predators.



In October 2021 an online presentation was given to the group outlining a proposed project plan. Regular contact with key group members has identified priority areas for an initial survey. Funding from Franklin Local Board has supported EcoQuest for the time



spent planning the work and communicating the logistical and scientific aspects to members. COVID-19 delayed the ability to carry out preparatory site visits but an initial pilot survey remained on track. EcoQuest has undertaken four surveys in quick succession through quarter three, with the help of volunteers from Te Ara Hikoi, who also operate at a more local level within smaller community groups. Surveys have included the Manukau lowlands (two surveys) and the Friends of Te Wairoa catchment encompassing sites from Hūnua to north of Clevedon, and the Āwhitu Peninsula. EcoQuest has also designed and delivered workshops in all those areas to teach participants survey techniques and present data.



### Waiuku Zero Waste

Currently employing 16 staff in the Franklin area, including two students working part-time from the local high school, more than 11,800 volunteer hours have been contributed. That has diverted 70 per cent by volume of the material that comes to the site and 61 per cent by weight, from landfill. The group now runs a tool library, hosts the Waiuku Community Workshop, repairs items from the landfill yard to sell in its Junktion Shop, and helps with community projects including Waiuku Lions and Franklin Predator Free.



### Franklin - refurbish toilet/amenity blocks

There are 27 amenity block sites identified and bundled for refurbishment as part of the \$1.1million toilet block refurbishment project being funded through local renewal, with sites at Seddon Park, Samuel Miller Reserve and Waiiau Pa boat ramp being progressed separately and investigated for full renewal.



## Clarks Beach Recreation Reserve

The Board has formally approved the concept design for Clarks Beach Recreation Reserve. The reserve features a playground, skatepark, basketball court and public toilets dispersed over a large area, resulting in poor connection between assets. That leads to problems with accessibility and poor use.

## Auckland Water Strategy

In December the Board provided feedback on a water strategy that provides strategic direction into the future. The vision of the strategy is that the life-sustaining capacity of Auckland's water is protected and enhanced.

## Franklin Waterways Protection Fund

This funding provides grants for community water quality improvements in critical locations across Franklin and has a set budget of \$60,000 for the 2021/2022 financial year. There were 10 applications requesting of \$218,018, and a total of \$67,444.60 was allocated, thanks to budget underspend in other areas being reallocated.

## Kawakawa Bay planning and protection

In October 2021 a project to alleviate community concerns regarding excessive sand movement from Nimons Bridge area was completed.

The community was regularly updated through letter drops and feedback from locals has been generally positive and supportive of the work undertaken.



## Advocacy positions

- feedback on the Government's Managing our Wetlands amendment proposal
- feedback on Auckland Council's submission to National Emissions Reduction plan
- feedback on Climate Change Commission draft
- feedback on Three Waters – including entity bill.

## Outcome 5: Cultural heritage and Māori identity is expressed in our communities

*We will support the capture, recording and promotion of local cultural narratives so that new residents, visitor and future generations can experience, understand and enjoy our stories and perspectives*

### Local Māori responsiveness

The Franklin Māori Responsiveness Plan was adopted in June 2019. It includes key aspirations and priorities for Māori in building stronger relationships and sharing information. Ara Kotui and the Tuia programme have arisen from the plan.

### Ara Kōtui

Established in 2015 as a joint mana whenua and southern local boards initiative, Ara Kōtui aims to explore and support opportunities for mana whenua involvement in Board decision-making through a co-design process. Ara Kōtui came out of earlier work to improve Māori input into decision-making, and sees staff attending governance hui.

### Tuia programme

Like many other programmes, Tuia project was impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns in August/ September.

However a rangatahi Miami Taiaroa was selected to be mentored by Board member Logan Soole – himself one of the youngest elected local government members in New Zealand – and now undertaking his second year as a mentor.



They attended the M9 event sponsored by Tataki Auckland Unlimited and centred around nine wahine toa and Te Ao Māori perspectives, all detailed through presentations, performances and conversation. There were also Matariki events Tuia mentors and rangatahi were active in across Tamaki Makaurau.

An Auckland Council leaders and Council Controlled Organisation tour saw Tuia rangatahi meet and learn about Watercare, Tataki Auckland Unlimited, Eke Panuku Development and Auckland Transport. Miami, who is already supporting his community by taking on a frontline role during the COVID-19 pandemic, is joined on the programme by representatives from Papakura, Manurewa, Ōtara-Papatoe and Mangere-Ōtāhuhu.

## Youth Economy - Te Ara Rangatahi

This programme has grown, with more rangatahi disengaging from secondary education before attaining NCEA level 1 and now has a waitlist of 50 young people wanting to engage. The programme provides rangatahi with opportunities to find work, education and create a better connection to their culture and had led to positive outcomes, with 12 rangatahi gaining employment, seven moving into further education, while 21 have been supported to be job ready by completing forklift licenses and seven safe site training.



## Te Korowai o Papatuānuku

Aimed at restoring Ngaati Te Ata ancestral awa and cultural sites on the Awhitu Peninsula by building fences to exclude stock, controlling weeds and planting native trees, the work has won a Mayoral Conservation Award. Ngaati Te Ata whanau are contracted to deliver the work and a video to highlight the environmental and social benefits of the mahi is being prepared.

## Whakatipu I te reo Māori – we grow te reo and celebrate te ao Māori

This initiative champions and embeds te reo Māori in everyday communication by Franklin Library staff, and celebrates regionally planned events and programmes including Te Tiriti O Waitangi, Matariki and Te wiki o te reo.

## Taonga tuku iho – we preserve our past and ensure our future

We gather, protect and share stories, old and new, of our people to increase understanding of Auckland's history and diversity. The book *No Maori Allowed* by Robert Bartholomew raised significant public interest in the history of Pukekohe, which saw the library host a public event with the author. A second engagement fell out of that, after a groundswell of interest from the community, with the Local Board supporting a further well-attended public discussion at the Pukekohe Town Hall. The Board was also approached by members of the community wanting to discuss events raised in the book and the Board sought support from the Mayor's Office to work and meet with the group. The Mayor's Office assigned a senior staff member to work with the community, with other actions stemming from the meetings, including a mural, delivered under the Franklin Arts Broker programme of activities.



## Wai o Manu Reserve development

An initiative to develop a plan with the co-management committee to provide a long-term vision for Wai o Manu Reserve.

## Umupuia coastal reserve - park asset upgrades

This initiative has a concept plan to upgrade park assets awaiting mana whenua feedback on a concept design. The aim is to deliver a community park that incorporates Te Ao Māori perspectives into the design.

## Te Kete Rukuruku

A culture and identity programme that collects and tells the Māori stories of Tamaki Makaurau / Auckland, sees Auckland Council partnering with all 19 mana whenua groups with interests across the region. The Board adopted 61 te reo Māori names, including narratives that tell the story behind each one, for inclusion as dual names alongside existing ones. The Board also approved the installation of bilingual signage at Taahuna Kaitoto / Sandspit Reserve, featuring mana whenua preference for double vowels ahead of macrons.



## Advocacy positons

- feedback to Independent Māori Statutory Board - Issues of Significance for Māori in Tamaki Makaurau



## Outcome 6: A sense of belonging and strong community participation

*We will support and enable community organisations to deliver local community activities and cultural programmes to encourage local participation and to respond to local change*

### ANZAC Day Preparations

This year ANZAC Day events were largely unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with many gatherings taking place across the region. Staff did a fabulous job ensuring sites were at their best. After a full round of inspections, a programme of cleaning, painting, weeding, planting and lighting checks was implemented. Sites were also audited by Community Facilities to ensure all work was completed to a high standard. Feedback was positive, with attendees grateful to again be attending remembrance services.



### Franklin Arts Centre

The facility delivered many programmes throughout the year, with a combined 2455 participants and attendees happening in just one quarter of the year. Highlights included hosting the Franklin Arts Festival, for the first time arranged in themed rooms. In the Community Gallery, viewers were able to visit three different exhibitions: Panaginip, In and Out of View and Awash with Colour. Staff delivered an online felting workshop that was fully subscribed within 48 hours of opening for bookings.



## Community grants

Allocated grants to support community run programmes and events, Coastal Sea Rescue services and community access to swimming pools.

- FY 2017/18 - allocated \$385,785
- FY 2018/19 - allocated \$285,721
- FY 2019/20 - allocated \$204,859
- FY 2020/21 - allocated \$220,910
- FY 2021/22 - allocated \$133,689.

## Community partnership grants

The Board provided strategic partnership grants to support local community groups to build capacity, upskill staff and volunteers, and to become more sustainable to deliver on initiatives aligning to Board priorities. Fifteen applications were received under the Franklin Strategic Partnership Grant, with \$175,000 allocated.

## Franklin Junior Sports Awards

The Board partnered with Counties Manukau Sport for the annual junior sports awards, recognising the exceptional young talent in the community. A wonderful event featured Tokyo Olympic trampolining bronze medalist Dylan Schmidt as guest speaker.



## Legacy grants

Budget falling under the Board's discretion to allocate legacy rates remission grants that have continued since amalgamation, saw \$44,354.54 allocated to 28 organisations.

## Rural halls

Nineteen rural halls share \$186,484 in annual funding. In August 2020 the Board resolved to base future funding on five-year operational plans. A phased approach was agreed. The first five halls were Waiau Pa, Waipipi, Karaka, Glenbrook and Te Toro. The Board has also approved plans for Āwhitu, Matakawau, Hūnua, Paparimu and Pukekohe East.

## School swimming pool

The Grants Programme sets a total school swimming pool budget of \$25,000. Thirteen applications were received and \$24,000 allocated.

## Hire fee subsidies

**Off-peak hours:** A subsidy of hire fees over and above the fee framework for specific groups at off-peak times. The full \$13,000 was allocated. **Specific groups:** An initiative providing community groups full discount over and above the fee framework allocated \$24,134 to community groups including Community Networks Franklin, Pukekohe Senior Citizens, Heritage Forum, Clevedon Community and Business Association and Franklin Youth Advisory Board.

## Arts Broker programme

An initiative to fund diverse art activities that support community-led placemaking projects across the Board area. Delivery included a Pukekohe mural project led by a high school teacher who worked with nationally



acclaimed artist Jimmy Kouratoras to integrate local stories into the creative process. Other arts projects included Auranga Late Night Tales with singer Ruta Ueta and Sewing with Miss Gracie workshops in Clevedon.



## New community leases

**Franklin Retuned & Services Association** at Pukekohe War Memorial Hall for 10 years with two 10-year rights of renewal, expiry 2051. **Beachlands Log Cabin**, a five-year lease to Takutai Charitable Trust with a five-year right of renewal, expiry 2031. The Trust aims to support the community, taking a particular interest in vulnerable, disenfranchised groups, youth and new residents. The youth component comes out of a 2019 Board-funded survey looking at how best to connect young people. The Trust also works on environmental issues.

## Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund 2022

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund is regionally contestable and allocated through the Long Term Plan 2021-2031. The fund supports the development of community sport and recreation facilities across Auckland, and looks to address gaps and allow Council to respond to changing trends in sport and recreation. The Board endorsed three applications, Counties Tennis Association, Waiuku Netball Centre and Auckland Rugby.

## Park activations

Free to attend events enabled the community to be more active with 36 activations delivered, some under COVID protection frameworks.

Activities included: **Ako Kemu Māori**, An opportunity to learn Māori games using basic te reo. Participants also learned whakapapa (genealogy) and tikanga (cultural customs).

**Ako Hoe Waka**, a chance to learn basic te reo and paddling drills before hitting the moana. The day also covered water safety and working as a team. Delivered at Maraetai and along with **Kayaking** at multiple sites, was well-attended. **Junctioneer - Junk pop-up** saw tamariki playing with materials chucked out by others but rescued before going to landfill by Waiuku Zero Waste, and **Loose parts / Messy play / Junk Play** saw a range of large loose parts, again otherwise destined for landfill, become playthings for participants building their own play spaces.












## Auckland golf investment plan

Supported in principle the draft's aim of creating a strategy to assist Council, golf clubs and communities to maximise the use of Council-owned land used as golf courses. But did not support the Governing Body being included in decision-making frameworks. Boards are the decision-makers when it comes to local provision of sporting activities and open spaces. Specific feedback for the Āwhitu, Waiuku and Clarks Beach courses was also provided.

## Advocacy positions

- feedback to make a new Public Trading Events and Filming Bylaw 2022
- feedback on draft Tāmaki Tauawhi Kaumātua - Age Friendly Auckland Action Plan
- feedback on proposal to make new Signs Bylaw 2022
- feedback on the draft 2021 Regional Parks Management Plan
- feedback on refresh to Council's Significance and Engagement Policy

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