

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O AOTEA / GREAT BARRIER 2020

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2020



Mihi

Ko Aotea te taonga motuhake o te moana nui a Toi. Ko Aotea toku turangawaewae.

Ko Aotea te moutere rongonui

Ko HiraKimata te maunga tapu

Ko te moana nui a Toi te moana

Ko te Tuatara, te Mauri, rātou ko te Tukaiaia ngā kaitiaki

Ko Motairehe rāua ko Kawa nga marae

Ko Aotea te kāinga o ngā uri o Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea

Anei te whenua e manaakitia tātou. E whakapiritia tātou. E whakaoratia tātou.

Te waahi o ngā taonga maha, ngā taonga tapu, ngā taonga matahīapo.

Na ngā whetū e kanapu ki te rangi ki ngā aitenga a punga e kōhimuhimu ana ki ngā ngahere.

Ko Aotea te taonga motuhake o te moana nui a Toi.

Ko Aotea toku tūrangawaewae.

Aotea is the renowned island. HiraKimata is the sacred mountain.

The Moana of Toi is the ocean that embraces our island.

The Tuatara, Mauri, and the Tukaiaia are the guardians.

Motairehe and Kawa are our marae.

Aotea is the home for the descendants of Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea.

Here is the land that protects us, brings us together, keeps us alive.

A place of many treasures, sacred treasures, precious treasures.

From the stars shining bright in the sky to the insects that whisper in the forest.

Aotea is the prize of the moana of Toi.

Aotea is my standing place.

Ko Te Ringa o te Uira te kaituhi.



Ngā upoko kōrero

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Cover: Sarah Matthew at Glenfern Sanctuary admires some old-growth native forest.



He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair

As we were developing this local board plan, the world was struck by the COVID-19 pandemic and our nation went into lockdown. Here on Aotea, we cancelled our final public events and stakeholder meetings around the plan. Within our island bubble, everyone moved into household bubbles.

The way we operated fundamentally shifted. Our community Emergency Response Team kicked into gear. We closed our airfields, protected the welfare of our people, secured our freight, and pulled together across agencies and as a community.

Our island's strengths were highlighted: our ability to respond quickly and collaborate; the resilience of our core agencies and our strong mainland connections. But our weaknesses were also exposed: our freight vulnerabilities, lack of connectivity, exposed marine border and heavy reliance on the tourism economy.

The post-pandemic world is expected to operate quite

differently, with a predicted recession, impacts to the tourism markets, virtual working, online retail and focus on keeping things local.

Belts will be tightened, and our budgets will be reduced. We will be focussing on essential business only for the coming years.

We are in a climate change emergency. We need to urgently address the concerns of our environment by lowering our carbon emissions, becoming zero waste, ensuring food and water security, and future-proofing against coastal erosion.

Our Hauraki Gulf is incredibly important; it surrounds us and sustains us. We need to protect it, restore it and stop dumping into it.

We wrote our local board plan to specifically meet the challenges of the coming years, stripping the plan back to one focused outcome of 'island resilience'. We need to be fiscally responsible while not losing sight of community aspirations pre COVID-19.

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Thanks to everyone who took the time to speak with us and send in your thoughts. Your input was essential in shaping our island's three-year plan.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Izzy Fordham'.

Izzy Fordham

Chair,
Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board



He kōrero nō te Heamana

I a mātou e waihanga ana i tēnei mahere poari ā-rohe, i turakina te ao e te urutā MATE-KORONA, kātahi ka noho taratahi ai te motu. Ki konei, ki Aotea, i whakakorehia ngā kaupapa hui tūmatanui me ngā hui e pā ana ki te mahere nei. Ki tēnei motu, i noho ngā tāngata katoa ki ō rātou miru taratahi.

I huri ai ngā tukanga whakahaere. Ka oho ake te Rōpū Whakautu Ohotata o te hapori. I katia ngā papa rererangi, i manaakihia ngā tāngata, i whakaritehia ngā utanga, i whakakotahi mai tātou - ā-umanga nei, ā-hapori nei.

I kitea ngā pūkenga o te motu: tō tātou tere ki te whakarite me te mahi tahi; te kaha o ngā umanga me te kaha o ngā herenga ki te tuawhenua. Heoi, i kitea hoki ngā ngoikoretanga: ngā raru utanga, te ngoikore o ngā herenga ipurangi, te rohenga moana me te whakahirahira o ngā tūruhi ki te ohaoha ā-rohe.

Te āhua nei ka rerekē te whakahaere i ngā kaupapa whai muri i te urutā, he paheketanga

ohaoha e matapaehia ana, he torutoru ngā tūruhi, te mahi ā-ipurangi, te hoko ā-ipurangi me te arotahi ki ngā kaupapa ā-rohe.

Ka iti ake te pūtea ka whiwhia, ka iti ake te pūtea ka whakapaua. Ka aro pū mātou ki ngā mahi whakahirahira noa iho mō ngā tau kei mua i te aroaro.

He raru āhuarangi ohotata kua tau mai. Me whāwhai tātou ki te whakangāwari i ngā taumahatanga ki te taiao - me whakaheke i te hauhā e puhaina e tēnā, e tēnā, me huri ki te hapori para-kore, me rokiroki kai me te wai, ā, me aukati i te ngahoro whenua tai.

He whakahirahira rawa atu te Tikapa Moana o Hauraki; koia tō tātou taiao, koia hoki e manapou ana i a tātou. Me manaaki tātou, me whakaora tātou, me mutu tō tātou tuku para ki a ia.

I tuhia tēnei paori ā-rohe hei rautaki e aro pū ana ki ngā taumahatanga e haere ake nei i ngā tau kei mua i te aroaro. I ruia te taitea kia tū te whāinga kotahi - 'whakakahatia te motu' Me āta whakapau moni, heoi,

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Ka aro pū mātou ki ngā mahi whakahirahira noa iho mō ngā tau kei mua i te aroaro.



kia kua tātou e wareware ki ngā wawata o te hapori i mua i te MATE-KORONA.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa i whai wā ki kōrero mai, ki te tuku kōrero mai hoki. I whai wāhi nunui ai ō kōrero ki te mahere whakahaere mō te moutere i ngā toru tau kei mua i te aroaro.

Ngā mihi,

Izzy Fordham

Heamana,
Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board



Te Rohe ā-Poari o Aotea / Great Barrier Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area



Te Rohe ā-Poari o Aotea / Great Barrier

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area

Aotea / Great Barrier Island is a remote and beautiful island with a resilient and independent community located approximately 100km northeast of Auckland's Central Business District. It is approximately 285 square kilometres in size and has several small village communities.

Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea are tāngata whenua of Aotea, Hauturu (Little Barrier Island), the Pokohinu Islands (Mokohinau Islands), and other outlying islands and rocky outcrops.

The island is characterised by its rugged natural landscape and treasured for its abundant native bush and wildlife. Over 60 percent of the island is Department of Conservation (DoC) estate; 43 per cent of which is the Aotea Conservation Park. It is one of only 11 places in the world to be designated as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

Aotea / Great Barrier was first populated by Māori over 800 years ago, and many Māori living on the island today can trace their association back many centuries. European settlers arrived in the 1840s and were involved in a series of industries based on the island's natural resources such as shipbuilding, mining, timber, and whaling.

Today, the permanent population of Aotea / Great Barrier is 936 (2018 census) plus part-time residents with second homes. There are approximately 192 Māori living on the motu. The island's population is older than the region average with a median age of 52 years of age and 24 per cent of people over 65 years of age.

The people of Aotea / Great Barrier have the lowest household incomes in the Auckland region. There are limited job opportunities on the island, with only 56 per cent

employed in full or part-time work (this compares with 66 per cent for Auckland region, 2018 Census).

The top economic sectors for the island are accommodation, food, healthcare, education, retail, construction and professional services. A high number of people are self-employed or own their own businesses (27 per cent).

There is no reticulated water, power or public transport. People live off-the-grid; running their own power, water, septic and drainage systems. Many facilities are community-owned and operated with community-run health and welfare organisations.

There are three primary schools. Secondary school children either move to the city for boarding school or enrol in Te Kura and are supported by the Aotea Learning Hub programme.



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:

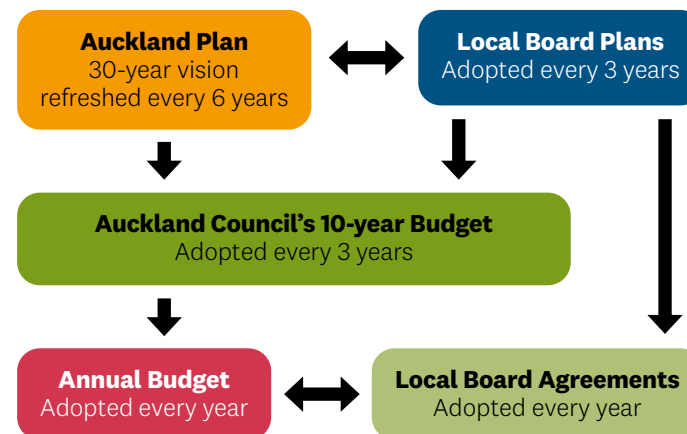
- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget (long-term plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards

- 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 of a focused aspirational outcome for our island, 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 to April 2020. We held events such as barbeques at local parks, hui at the marae, and meetings with community groups. 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 over the years.

The COVID-19 pandemic arrived in our country as we were developing our draft plan. Accordingly, we dramatically reshaped our local board plan, focussing on one outcome: self-resilience for our island over the next three years.

During July and August 2020, we consulted on the draft plan. To

hear your feedback and ensure we reflected your needs and desires for Aotea / Great Barrier local board area, we engaged with our community safely across a range of mediums. We had online and paper feedback forms, phone-call feedback, one Have Your Say event, and in-person meetings by appointment.

The issues and priorities you raised with us through these interactions helped us finalise our 2020 local board plan.

The social and economic impacts of 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: Ko te tino hia hia ki
a manawaroa to tatou motu

Outcome: Our island is resilient

**He aha te mea nui o te motu o Aotea? He moana, he whenua,
he rangi, he tāngata. What is the essence of Great Barrier Island?
It is the sea, it is the land, it is the sky and it is the people.**

Our community

We see a future where Aotea mana whenua, Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea, aspirations are realised and relationships are respected and well communicated; where our community is resilient and prepared for climate change and emergencies such as pandemics; a place where our community groups are empowered, sustainable and independent; where our local businesses and social enterprises retain employment by being flexible and nimble; an island that is a great place to live and a sustainable place to visit.

Our land

We see a future where our community deals with pests collaboratively; where our food and water supply are safe and secure, and we are climate change resilient; a place that protects and celebrates its night sky; where we showcase zero waste and low carbon practices; an island where our streams run clean and free, and marine waters are protected and full of life.

Our infrastructure

We see a future where our wharves and airfields are well used and meet our needs; where our connectivity is fast and reliable; a place where our roads are sealed, well maintained and shared safely; where our access ways and tracks link up our village spaces and our culverts allow fish migration; an island that has affordable and sustainable housing for everyone.

“ We are resilient by nature and this is a chance to
strengthen our local sustainability practices ”



Locally grown shallots for sale.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Love has no boundaries”
- “Mana whenua has weathered time”
- “Don’t lose island’s uniqueness”
- “Our trusts are the fabric of our community”
- “Youth into work and not MSD”
- “Struggle to find somewhere to live”
- “Freight links are critical obviously but the less we have to freight the better”
- “Collaboration is key in conservation”

WHAT THE LEARNING HUB AND SCHOOLS TOLD US

- “Hitchhiking makes me nervous”
- “Poor connectivity. The speed, access and dropping out”
- “Like the bush and outdoors and hunting”
- “I think we should save the sea life because it is the good thing to do”
- “A few more people living here but not too many”

Opportunities

- There are significant changes to the way we live due to COVID-19. Being remote and living off the grid, we are resilient by nature and this is a chance to strengthen our local sustainability practices by building our social support networks and working together to ensure our island self-sufficiency.
- We are in a climate change emergency. Council and central government will be reviewing everything including key infrastructure through a climate change lens. This is an opportunity to strengthen our island’s food and water security. We can also look to future-proof our wharves, airfields, roads and access ways and community facilities with alternative and low carbon options.
- The COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have a significant impact on the national and global economy. We will need to build our local economic resilience through capacity building, upskilling, diversifying and integrated planning across the four well-beings. In particular, the benefits that nature provides for community and economic well-being. For example, we can advance environmental and marine work through the aspirations of our environmental groups, our island sanctuaries, Glenfern Sanctuary Regional Park and the Aotea Conservation Park.
- Our landfill will close in the near future. We will need to be innovative in our approach to reducing and recycling waste. These approaches could create job opportunities and strengthen our island economy. This also includes dealing with septic sludge waste and organic waste. We will need to make it as seamless as possible for locals and visitors by continuing to refine the current waste system

through improved signage and communications.

- The Aotea Learning Hub is well established and supported by the community and the Ministry of Education. We can take heart at this success and use it to explore more areas of the life-long learning strategy: early childhood education, mentoring and apprenticeships.
- Tourism will look different in the near future. International travel is likely to reduce but local tourism may boom. Our island has always been a popular choice for local tourism so visitor numbers could rise. We will need to manage future growth in the post- pandemic environment through our Visitor Strategy

Challenges

- COVID-19 exposed a few of our weaknesses including freight which we will need to address. We are a remote island dependent on freight for essential goods such as fuel and food. We need to secure our freight pathways, especially our sea and air freight in the north, and support more local food production to increase our self-sufficiency and reduce what needs to be shipped in.
- Our connectivity is slow, patchy, and temperamental. Our geographic terrain and distance plus population size make this a difficult problem to solve. Viable virtual infrastructure is essential for resilience so we are doing all we can in this arena.
- The pandemic, recent drought and 2014 storm exposed our island’s vulnerability to potable water supplies. This is the time to nail down our water security. We are establishing an emergency potable water supply, developing a water plan and reviewing the state of our water bores and aquifers.





“Our connectivity is slow, patchy, and temperamental.”

- Housing affordability and rental availability is getting harder to find. We need to look at land use, smarter housing options and work together to find the solutions. The Area Plan will assist in the integration of the Hauraki Gulf Islands into the Unitary Plan. This will provide us an opportunity to develop planning provisions which meet future needs for subdivision, construction and growth.
 - The COVID-19 pandemic may place pressures on existing social disparities and exert further financial and social pressures. The wellbeing of our island is important to us and in the past, we have sought and gained exemptions from fuel and tourism taxes. We will continue to collaborate with mana whenua, local trusts, and groups and businesses to seek external funding and subsidies that might make life a bit easier.
 - Biosecurity threats from pests hitching a ride in freighted goods, in luggage and on boat hulls will need to be tackled with a variety of methods, including education and quarantining.
 - The Ecology Vision provided great recommendations but no clear consensus on how best to deal to the island's pests. We will continue to engage and collaborate with the community, mana whenua and DOC on pest control methodologies.
- The Hauraki Gulf is under threat from overfishing and sludge dumping. We need marine protection for our coastal waters. Mana whenua and community groups have been actively fighting marine pollution and succeeding. We need to use Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari to tackle the reality of establishing marine protected areas. We'll start the process with further community engagement on a community-led Ahu Moana approach.

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.

“Mana whenua and community groups have been actively fighting marine pollution and succeeding.”





Youth from Okiwi school performing kapa haka.



Water tanks located near community garden in Medlands.

Outcome: Ko te tino hia hia ki a manawaroa to tatou motu / Our island is resilient

Objective	Key initiatives
<p>Mana whenua will prosper</p>	<p>Support mana whenua’s use and application of mātauranga and tikanga Māori within the moana and whenua</p> <hr/> <p>Develop and improve council and mana whenua relationship networks across governance, organisation and community levels</p> <hr/> <p>Support mana whenua, Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea, aspirations with collaborative projects</p> <hr/> <p>Support mana whenua to develop a rangatahi leadership programme and educational initiatives</p> <hr/> <p>Support mana whenua and mana whenua enterprises to build capacity to engage in consents and compliance issues</p> <hr/> <p>Support mana whenua to protect coastal infrastructure, accessways, sites of significance, urupa and waahi tapu</p> <hr/> <p>Support mana whenua to investigate housing solutions including papakainga and kaumatua housing</p> <hr/> <p>Acknowledge that the Waitangi Tribunal has stated that the Treaty of Waitangi provides for Māori proprietary interest in water bodies, as well as the exercise of tino rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga over water, and work alongside mana whenua to ensure safe and clean drinking water for everyone</p>
<p>Our community is resilient to the impacts of climate change</p>	<p>Support AoteaOra to deliver an ‘Aotea Ecological Footprint’ project to inform local understanding and innovation and to reduce carbon emissions across the island</p> <hr/> <p>Complete an action plan for on-island food security that investigates seed banking, abattoir, island fish and farmers’ markets that align with AoteaOra’s Ecological Footprint project</p> <hr/> <p>Investigate fire risks for the island in collaboration with FENZ, DOC, mana whenua and the wider community</p> <hr/> <p>Establish a water security plan that starts with an understanding of our aquifers</p>





Electric vehicle charging station outside the Aotea / Great Barrier Island Service Centre.



Whangaparapara.

Objective

Our community is resilient to the impacts of climate change

Key initiatives

Support AoteaOra to establish a drinking water refill programme

Expand our council facilities renewable energy micro-grid and provide public electric vehicle charging facilities

Support the community in moving to low carbon, resilient and sustainable practices by funding projects, events and research

Mitigate the effects of climate change by restoring freshwater ecosystems to provide ecological services such as flood mitigation, habitat for native biodiversity, sedimentation reduction, and carbon sequestration through riparian planting

Seek secure, affordable and efficient freight delivery for the island

Recommend that the majority of new council debt be acquired through green bonds

We have marine protection and conservation around our coastline

Engagement with the community on an Ahu Moana approach for marine protection

Investigate and implement marine protection, using tools such as, Ahu Moana, rāhui, and marine reserves with mana whenua, the community, and DOC, with Sea Change - Tai Timu Tai Pari as a guide

Seek a policy change to prohibit all marine dumping

Establish a haul-out facility

Support and enhance marine biodiversity and biosecurity by funding locally based education and enforcement

Advocate reform for commercial fisheries to enable sustainable fishing

Preservation of our island identity

Protect our unique way of life by championing options that fit our place and our ethos

Our community groups are resilient

Build local resilience by supporting community groups, mana whenua and businesses with emergency preparedness projects





Aotea Learning Hub.



Solar panels outside Aotea Brewing Company

Objective

Our community groups are resilient

Key initiatives

Encourage social connectedness for the wellbeing of our elderly and vulnerable community members through funding mana whenua, community health and welfare groups

Annual grant funding for our local marae, health, welfare, arts, environment, education, sustainability and tourism organisations

Capital grants funding for our community, environment and marae groups to support their goals and maintain their assets

Build capacity within our community trusts by providing education and funding for governance, administration and succession planning

Support collaboration forums between mana whenua, community groups, businesses and agencies

Support Aotea Education Trust to deliver the Life-long Learning Strategy, Aotea Learning Hub and Early Childhood Education

Support local communication channels such as radio, print and online

Our local economy is strong, stable and sustainable

Support local enterprises to become sustainable by investigating ways to alleviate costs for compliance, freight, biosecurity and off the grid systems

Seek local jobs for local people by having council contracts procured locally

Build local capacity by supporting the upskilling of local businesses, social enterprises and entrepreneurs to create more jobs, goods and local promotion

Support local artists, craftspeople, writers, performers and musicians to create and teach

Encourage mentorship and apprenticeship programmes to promote island self-sufficiency

We have sustainable tourism

Implement sustainable destination management with DGBl, guided by our Visitor Strategy

Support mana whenua, DOC and local business to improve visitor experiences sustainably





Oruawhoro Medlands Ecology Vision Group at Medlands Beach



International Aotea / Great Barrier Island Dark Sky Sanctuary

Objective	Key initiatives
Our environment is protected and enhanced	<p data-bbox="1388 231 1982 359">Support the biodiversity of our flora and fauna by funding our community-led Ecology Vision, our sanctuaries, environmental trusts, and community environment projects</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 375 1982 406">Part-fund a conservation advisor role</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 422 1982 486">Implement biosecurity projects focusing on education, weeds, ants, skinks, rabbits, rats and feral cat control</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 502 1982 598">Engage with the community, mana whenua and DOC on pest control methodologies to achieve an Aotea predator-free future</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 614 1982 678">Investigate ways to reduce the chemical footprint on Aotea</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 694 1982 758">Investigate stronger quarantine options for passengers and freight</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 774 1982 821">Deliver a local freshwater stream quality programme to identify and mitigate pollution sources</p>
We reduce, reuse and recycle to achieve zero waste	<p data-bbox="1388 845 1982 941">Support our Community Recycling Centre and other initiatives for reducing, reusing, composting and recycling waste</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 957 1982 1021">Advocate to central government for product stewardship schemes to reduce waste</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 1037 1982 1157">Work with council staff, mana whenua, and the community to find suitable future alternatives for island waste in anticipation of the Claris Landfill closure, and address risk management concerns</p>
Our Dark Sky Sanctuary is protected and maintained	<p data-bbox="1388 1173 1982 1236">Preservation of the environmental, spiritual and economic benefit of our International Dark Sky Sanctuary</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="1388 1252 1982 1313">Continue meeting our International Dark Sky Sanctuary governance, planning and lighting requirements</p>





Aotea / Great Barrier Claris airport



Port Fitzroy.

Objective

We have safe roads and walkways

Key initiatives

Keep our shared roads safe by installing traffic calming solutions and walkways where required

Strive for improvements to our roads, including sealing where appropriate, to achieve safe and healthy roads for our people and environment

Advocate for more priority to the increasing issue of dust on unsealed roads, caused by climate change and record levels of drought

Modify our road culverts so fish migration is unhindered in our streams

Work with community, mana whenua and DOC to identify accessways and linkages across the island

Investigate a bus or shuttle transport service which connects most of the island's main villages and key entry points and explore funding mechanisms

Smarter housing opportunities will be explored

Support community groups to investigate social and aged housing opportunities

Seek planning rule changes through the Area Plan and district plan review including land use, subdivision, lot sizes, and small homes

Advocate for ways to simplify the consents and compliance process and encourage green housing technologies

Our island infrastructure is future-proofed

Respond to the predicted impacts of climate change and sea level rise by reviewing our key infrastructure including the road network, wharves, airfields, community buildings, visitor centre, sports fields, bridges and all boat ramps to ensure they are fit for the future

Continue to investigate cemetery options for the centre of the island

Seek faster, reliable and wider connectivity for broadband, cell phone and landlines to enable island resilience for health, education, economy and wellbeing





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 were adopted as part of the Emergency Budget 2020/2021 in July 2020.



Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

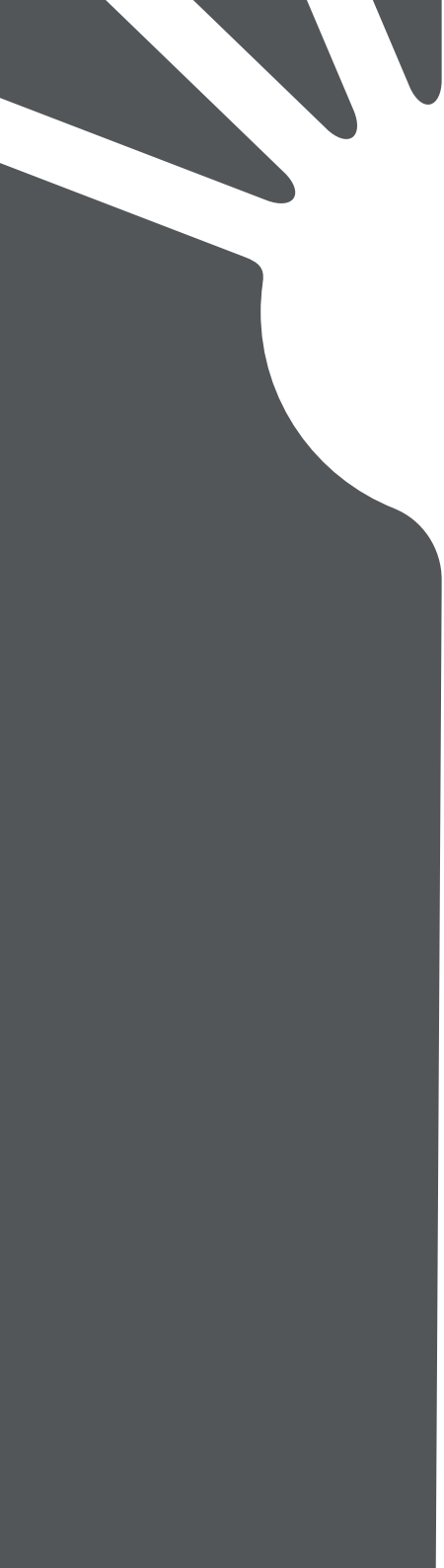
Local activities and levels of service

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 Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Agreement and Auckland Council's local board funding policy, which are available on the council website.

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





Local activities	Levels of service statements
Local planning and development <p>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.</p>	We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland.
Local environmental management <p>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.</p> <p>These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.</p>	We manage Auckland’s natural environment.
Local governance <p>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.</p>	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. <p>There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2020/2021.</p>

Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Financial overview

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

Annual Budget Financials	2020/2021 (\$000)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	5
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total operating revenue	5
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	2,094
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	200
Local governance	1,185
Total operating expenditure	3,479
Net operating expenditure	3,474
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	351
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total capital expenditure	351



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