

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O ŌRĀKEI 2020

Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2020





Mihi

E ngā kainoho, e ngā hapori

Anei te reo matakui ki ka hora ki ngā iwi kua whakakāinga nei i a Ōrākei

Tēnā koutou katoa.

E noho nei au i te maunga o Ōhinerau
ka titiro ki te raki, ki a Maungarei.

Ko aku karu ka whai i te awa o Tāmaki e tere rā
ka rewa ake ki runga i a Taurere ki te Pane-o-Horoīwi.

I konei ka huri whakawaho taku kaikanohi ki Tikapa Moana,
ka matika ake he moutere, ko tōna rite he tōtōeka,
e patī mai ki runga i ō tātou tāhuna.

Mai i konei ka rere tonu rā ki te Waitematā, ka paratī mai
ōna tai kārohirohi ki runga i ōna takutai.

Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e.

Tirohia tō mātou tirohanga whānui kei ngā whārangi nei.

Nōu hoki te tirohanga? Whāki mai!

Residents and communities

This is a warm welcome to all who have made
Ōrākei home.

Greetings to you all.

Here I sit on Mt Hobson
and look to the east as I gaze towards Mt Wellington.

My eyes follow the flowing Tāmaki River
then pass over Mt Taylor to Achilles Point.

From here I look out and see the waters of the Hauraki Gulf,
where islands rise like greenstone,
as they lap onto our beaches.

From here it's on to the Waitematā whose shimmering
waters touch our coast.

The connections are made.

Look to our vision shared in these pages.

Is it yours too? Tell us!



Ngā upoko kōrero

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On the cover:
Views over Pourewa Valley which is the focus for many environmental projects and will become a new jewel in Tāmaki Makaurau's crown.



From the Chair

This local board plan will be the blueprint of the aspirations, activities and physical works for the Ōrākei Local Board over the next three years. It also feeds into Auckland Council's Long-term plan and influences the Governing Body's decisions on budgets and regional projects. We have taken into account all the feedback we received on the draft plan and so this document is very important as it reflects our communities' priorities.

COVID-19 has changed the way we must think and plan; business-as-usual is not an option. However, COVID-19 has not stopped us envisioning, planning and managing a positive way forward. We know this is a time of great opportunity, even in the face of unprecedented economic and social challenge.

While the council's funding has been seriously reduced, and we are keenly aware that businesses and residents are feeling financially pressured, the board is rising to this unprecedented challenge by balancing aspiration with pragmatism and common sense. More than ever we need to find innovative ways to deliver projects and initiatives with and for our communities.

What we plan to do

People will always be our first priority and our dedicated community groups are what make our area unique. While we are fortunate to have high levels of community engagement, we can no longer ignore the attention that our local environment needs now. Any further delay will require even more future investment that simply will never be available, even in good times. This plan shows how we will sharpen our focus on further enhancing the natural environment by involving more groups and individuals in many of our projects and programmes, in particular, the restoration and enhancement of the Pourewa Valley.

The local board will continue to support existing community and interest groups and encourage the start-up of more "friends of" groups. Our volunteers are important contributors to the amenity and ecology of our area with their work eradicating pests and weeds, restoring streamside banks, and enhancing our natural areas. As kaitiaki, or guardians of the environment, we want to continue this work for our existing and future communities.



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Scott Milne
Chair, Ōrākei Local Board.

We are also mindful of the need to improve infrastructure and facilities in our area. We will ensure the completion of some major projects, such as the Meadowbank Community Centre, section two of the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path and extending the cycling and walking network throughout our area.

Your part

We hope you share our vision for the Ōrākei Local Board area.

Respectfully, we thank you for your feedback and look forward to working with you to implement this plan. There is an old African proverb that says:

"Tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today".

He kōrero nō te Heamana

Ko tēnei mahere poari ā-rohe te rautaki o ngā wawata me ngā mahi a te Poari ā-rohe o Ōrākei i ngā toru tau kei mua i te aroaro. Ka whai wāhi hoki ki te mahere pae-tawhiti o te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau me ngā whakataunga mō te tahuha pūtea me ngā kaupapa ā-rohe o te Governing Body. Kua whai wāhi mai ai ngā whakahokinga kōrero katoa o te tuhinga tuatahi o te mahere, ā, nā runga i tōna takenga mai i ngā wawata o ngā hapori, he puka whakahirahira tēnei.

Nā te MATE-KORONA me panoni ngā whakahaeretanga me ngā whakamaheretanga; kāore e taea te koke poka noa nei. Heoi, kāore te MATE-KORONA i aukati i te wawata, te whakamahere me te anga whakamua i raro i te korowai manahau. Matua mōhio ana mātou e taea ana ngā mahi nunui, ahakoa ngā taumahatanga ōhanga me ngā taumahatanga pāpori.

Nā, ahakoa i kutia te pūtea i whiwhia ai e te kaunihera, e mārāma pū ana mātou - e aupēhitia ana ngā pūkoru o ngā tāngata me ngā pakihī o tēnei rohe. Nā runga i tēnei āhuatanga, ka hīkina e te poari te mānuka mā te whakataurite i ngā wawata me ngā mahi hei pūkau. Ko tēnei

te wā ki te takahi i ngā ara auaha ki te whakatinana i ngā kaupapa mā te hapori, mō te hapori.

Tō mātou rautaki

Ahakoa te aha, ko ngā tāngata te mātāmua o ngā whakaaro, ā, ko ngā rōpū hapori te ngākau o tō tātou rohe. Ahakoa tō tātou waimarie i te wāhi nui o tēnā, o tēnā ki ngā whiringa hapori, e kore e taea te karo i tērā e matea ana e te taiao i tēnei wā tonu. Ki te whakatārewahia, ka nui noa atu te pūtea ka whakapaua āpōpō, ā, he pūtea e pērā rawa te nui e kore rawa pea e taea, ahakoa te pai o te ao. Ka kitea i tēnei mahere ngā kaupapa ki te whakarauora i te taiao - ka maha noa atu ngā rōpū me ngā tāngata e whai wāhi atu ki ngā kaupapa me ngā hinonga, ko te whakaora me te whakapaipai i a Pourewa Valley tētahi o ngā kaupapa matua.

Ka tautokona, ka ākina e te poari ā-rohe ngā rōpū o nāianei me ngā rōpū kaupapa-motuhake ki te whakatū i ngā rōpū “hoa tata”. He wāhi nui tō ngā tūao ki te whanaketanga o te hauropi ā-rohe me te whakaataahua i tō tātou rohe - mā ā rātou mahi whakakore riha, huti taru, whakapakari paretai manga e ora ai te taiao. Hei kaitiaki, ko tā mātou e wawata ai - kia kawea

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Ko tēnei te wā ki te takahi i ngā ara auaha ki te whakatinana i ngā kaupapa mā te hapori, mō te hapori.



tēnei momo mahi mō ngā hapori o nāianei, o āpōpō hoki.

E mōhio pai ana mātou me whakapaipai i ngā whare me ngā hanganga o tō tātou rohe. Ka whakatinanahia e mātou ētahi kaupapa nunui, pēnei i te Meadowbank Community Centre, te wāhanga tuarua o te Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path me te whakawhānui i ngā ara paihikara me ngā ara hīkoi huri noa i te rohe.

Te wāhi ki a koe

Ko te tūmanako e rite ana o tātou wawata mō te rohe pōtae o te Poari ā-Rohe o Ōrākei.

I runga i te whakaaro nunui, tēnā koe i tō whakahoki kōrero mai ai, ā, e hīkaka ana mātou ki te mahi ngātahi ki te whakakiko i tēnei mahere. He whakataukī nō Āwherika e kī ana:

“Ka riro te āpōpō ki te hunga e whai whakaaro ana i tēnei rā”.

Scott Milne
Heamana, Poari ā-Rohe o Ōrākei.

He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance

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



Opera in the Park, Glover Park

Outcome 1: Our communities are connected, engaged and resilient

Our local board area is growing and our communities are becoming more diverse. COVID-19 showed how keen our residents are, young and old, to get involved to support their fellow community members and enhance the place they live in.



Shore Road Reserve

Outcome 2: Our land, forests, waterways and marine environment are protected, restored and enhanced

Our area is a great place to live because of its natural features. These need to be treasured, especially as the area intensifies, so we will do even more to enhance our environment, restore its wairua and recognise its importance to the well-being of our people.



Bastion Point garden in full flower

Outcome 3: All parks and open space areas are attractive and well-used places for both active and passive recreation

More than ever, since COVID-19, our residents have enjoyed and appreciated our parks, reserves and open spaces. Providing recreational space for more people, more of the time, will continue to be our focus.



A variety of safe transport modes on Tāmaki Drive

Outcome 4: Our transport infrastructure is efficient and connected, enabling people to move around safely and effectively using a range of options

Providing alternative modes of transport through our area will become more important as our communities change and intensify. However, efficiency and safety will always be paramount to our residents in the transport choices they make.



Night markets have helped extend the economic and social offering at Meadowbank Mall

Outcome 5: Our town centres and local businesses are increasingly vibrant and prosperous

Our communities want to see our town centres and local businesses thrive, so we will embrace the “love local, shop local” approach to support our economy.



Te Rohe ā-Poari o Ōrākei

Ōrākei Local Board area

The Ōrākei Local Board area lies just east of Auckland's central business district and is bounded to the north by the Waitematā Harbour. The local board area is largely residential, made up of the suburbs of Ōrākei, Mission Bay, Kohimarama, St Heliers, Glendowie, St Johns, Stonefields, Meadowbank, Ellerslie and Remuera. Business activity is concentrated in the centres of Mission Bay, St Heliers, Stonefields, Ellerslie and Remuera.



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| 1. Ōrākei Domain | 7. Shared Path/Pourewa Valley | 13. Ngāhue Reserve / Colin Maiden Park |
| 2. Tāmaki Drive | 8. Tāhuna Tōrea Reserve | 14. Liston Park |
| 3. Madills Farm Reserve | 9. Shore Road Reserve | 15. Michaels Avenue Reserve |
| 4. Dingle Dell | 10. Ōrākei Basin | |
| 5. Churchill Park | 11. Meadowbank Community Centre | |
| 6. Kepa Bush | 12. Waiatarua Reserve | |

This map provides an overview of the Ōrākei Local Board area, as of June 2020.



A population of
93,000

with estimated population reach of

109,100

by 2033 (93,000 is from 2018 stats)

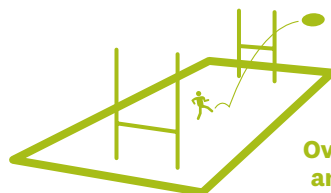


The median age of residents in Ōrākei is

40 years

compared to 35 years for Auckland.

We are home to:



Over 112 parks
and reserves



2 libraries



6 volcanic features



Over 20 kms of
coastal walks



Over 8 swimming beaches



and
7 community
centres and halls

He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

About local boards

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 councillors) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local matters, activities and services and provide input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

Local boards make decisions on local matters such as:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans that are developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area that reflects community aspirations and priorities. The plans guide the local boards in:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans are inclusive and connected; they don't operate in isolation. They support the following:

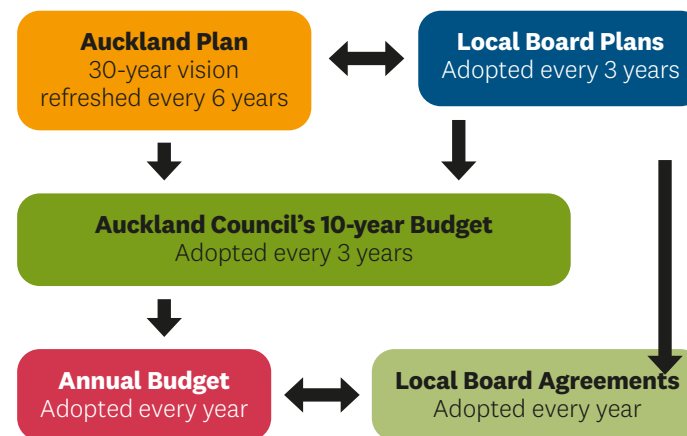
- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget (long-term plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards

- the council's annual budget (annual plan) – funding for the coming financial year of the 10-year budget, including local boards.

Local Board Agreements form the basis for each local board to develop its annual work programme and set out local funding priorities and budgets,

levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year.

Detail of our projects, budgets and timelines are outlined in our annual work programmes. Progress is reported quarterly and communicated to our communities.



Working with Māori

Māori culture and identity is celebrated by Aucklanders and is our point of difference in the world.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi recognises the rangatiratanga of Auckland's hapū and iwi, and the inseparable bond between Tāmaki Makaurau the people and Tāmaki Makaurau the place.

Local boards play a vital role in representing the interests of all Aucklanders. We are committed to our Treaty-based obligations and to Māori participation and development.

We have worked with Māori to develop initiatives that respond to Māori aspirations.

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

Developing our plan

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them.

A draft plan was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2019 and April 2020. The draft was also developed by

considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you and heard your views on a wide range of topics.

During July and August 2020 we consulted on the draft plan to hear your thoughts. To hear your feedback and ensure we reflected your needs and aspirations we engaged with our

community at a range of events and activities across the local board area to hear your feedback.

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

The social and economic impacts of COVID-19 on our communities mean some of our aspirations have been modified. Our response is delivered via the annual budgeting process but the decisions we make will focus on ensuring the benefits for our community.

Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

Carrying out our plan

Turning plans into reality takes many people working together – the community, the local board and the wider council family such as Auckland Transport.

To deliver against the outcomes in the local board plans, we will:

- prioritise budget to focus on the initiatives in the plans
- make the best use of local assets such as community centres and parks
- set direction for the council staff who deliver the projects and services

- work with various community groups and partners to deliver projects and services.

Sometimes important projects in local areas are beyond the funding available to local boards or our authority to make decisions. In those cases, the role

of the local board is to advocate to decision-makers to ensure they are aware of community views and the board's support for them.



Whakaotinga tahi: Kei te honohonoa, kei te tūhonotia, kei te aumangea ō tātou hapori

Outcome one: Our communities are connected, engaged and resilient

Our local board area is growing and our communities are becoming more diverse. COVID-19 showed how keen our residents are, young and old, to get involved to support their fellow community members and enhance the place they live in.

People thrive on connection and communication with others in their homes, neighbourhoods and wider community groups. Since the spread of COVID-19, we have heard how residents have realised, more than ever, how much they value these social opportunities. This plan outcome is at the very heart of why local boards were set up.

The Ōrākei Local Board's role is to understand and act on the priorities and preferences of its many communities and reflect them in this plan. We must also take into account wider outcomes in the Auckland Plan, the relevant ones being:

- Belonging and Participation
- Māori Identity and Wellbeing
- Homes and Places
- Environment and Cultural Heritage.

These and local priorities, expressed by our residents and representative groups in recent consultation, have shaped this draft local board plan.

“ Our rich cultural history and changing population mean we have a strong cultural identity to express in our local environment. ”



Opera in the Park, Glover Park

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “The community needs to bond more and be more generous and giving to each other. This would improve the support we give each other.” – Youth of Ōrākei.
- “More engagement with mana whenua.” – Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Ngāti Paoa
- “Provide more opportunities for the community to meet with the local board to understand the role of the board and how it can advocate for them.”
- “Support or provide a wider range of events for a more diverse community.”
- “Provide more support and funding for public art, arts centre, local and cultural storytelling.”
- “Celebrating local arts and culture brings the community together and has well known positive impacts on wellbeing and inclusion for all. During COVID-19 our sense of place and sense of local became incredibly important to us.”

Ōrākei Local Board wants to focus on the following priorities to support our communities and neighbourhoods:

1. Reconnecting communities, building community resilience and increasing well-being across the local board area in the wake of COVID-19. This is likely to involve working with communities on events and local projects, funding contestable grants and supporting community art.
2. Strengthening relationships with all mana whenua, in particular partnering with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei which has its whenua and a substantial number of its community members within the local board area. We'll assist Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to realise its strategic goals within our area. For example, we're already working together towards joint visions for the Pourewa Valley and Ōkahu Bay.
3. Recognising that the local board can do more to engage with harder-to-reach communities, such as young people, isolated older people, and our growing Chinese and other ethnic populations. Making places more accessible so that those who are less physically able can interact and feel part of the community.
4. Improving amenity and safety in centres that are either facing challenges, such as Remuera, or experiencing more after-hours anti-social behaviour, such as Mission Bay and St Heliers.
5. Continuing to embrace the growth of our suburbs, ensuring the underlying principles of the Auckland Unitary Plan are followed.
6. Promoting and supporting the use of our community centres for diverse activities. We'll continue to provide the necessary governance to ensure the Meadowbank Community Centre is developed for our residents.

As Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland grows, so the Ōrākei Local Board area is becoming increasingly

intensified. However, there is less opportunity for residents and communities to comment on and influence resource consent applications for major new developments in their neighbourhoods. The local board will continue to advocate for communities to be able to have their say through greater notification whenever possible. We'll also provide feedback on applications on the community's behalf to ensure new developments are well designed and appropriately integrated into their environment.

Our rich cultural history and changing population mean we have a strong cultural identity to express in our local environment. The local board will continue to protect this historic heritage, tell local stories and ensure that any art features, local cultural and historic heritage sites are understood and kept in good order.

We're fortunate to have a massive resource in our area which comes from all the dedicated, energetic volunteers involved in almost every aspect of community life – sport, education, care services, and protecting and restoring our local environment and heritage. We hope to harness this even more through the initiatives in this plan.

Opportunities

- The area's rich cultural heritage.
- Manu Aute Kite Day is delivered annually as part of the Matariki Festival at the Whenua Rangitira on Bastion Point and is one way for Māori arts and culture to be celebrated by all parts of our community.
- Committed volunteer groups and strong community participation in civic activities and community action.
- The prospect of improving communication with our community through more localised newsletters, installing electronic noticeboards and new communication technologies





Challenges

- The COVID-19 pandemic and its ongoing social and economic effects on our communities, especially our more vulnerable residents.
- Capturing the area's changing diversity in designing inclusive, empowering community programmes.
- The advocacy required for involving community in resource consents and other Auckland Unitary Plan proposals so that new developments are better integrated within local neighbourhoods.
- Anti-social behaviour in our popular public spaces.
- Ensuring adherence to maintenance contracts so that our public places, playgrounds, changing rooms and other facilities are clean and available for use by local residents and visitors.

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.





Youth of Ōrākei have a voice in their community

Outcome one: Our communities are connected, engaged and resilient

Objective	Key initiatives
All groups in the community feel informed and included	<p>Engage communities in placemaking and investigate a space for more elderly and less physically able residents</p> <hr/> <p>Embrace our diverse communities and ensure that their voices are heard</p> <hr/> <p>Finalise planning for age-friendly communities, where people of all ages, including kuia and kaumatua, can live healthy and active later lives, participate in activities they value and contribute to their communities</p> <hr/> <p>Support youth initiatives and the Youth of Ōrākei to have a voice in local decision-making with opportunities to contribute to their communities</p> <hr/> <p>Support the establishment of community well-being networks, like the Eastern Bays Network Group, where residents, community groups and centres share information, resources and support, and partner in action for the common good</p>
Arts, local heritage and culture are reflected in our public facilities and places	<p>Continue to protect, restore and maintain existing art and heritage items and sites, such as the Remuera Railway Station building, and provide interpretation to strengthen our communities' understanding of, and pride in, their areas</p> <hr/> <p>Partner with mana whenua, arts and cultural groups, and Ōrākei schools to blend arts and culture into people's everyday lives and create a culturally rich and creative local area</p> <hr/> <p>Finalise the Ōrākei Arts Plan and, in conjunction with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, develop a Pou Trail Plan for Tāmaki Drive. Advocate for further public art along the coastal edge and Ōrākei Basin, and for incorporation of art into new structures</p> <hr/> <p>Ensure our libraries and community centres, including Leicester Hall and the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall and its adjacent public square, are attractive and fit-for-purpose</p>





Outcome one: Our communities are connected, engaged and resilient

Objective	Key initiatives
Neighbourhoods and public places are safe, sustainable and attractive	Work with community groups to enhance safety and perception of safety in our town centres, open spaces, reserves and playgrounds
	Support community groups and patrols to put in place measures (lighting, CCTV etc) to improve the safety of our public places
	Engage the community in progressing a conceptual shared streetscape design for St Vincent Avenue in Remuera
	Work with business and residents' associations and the wider community, using placemaking, to enhance Ellerslie and the Kupe-Kepa precinct in Ōrākei





Shore Road Reserve is home to a variety of activities

Whakaotinga rua: Kei te tiakina, kei te haumanutia, kei te whakahaumakotia ō tātou whenua, ngahere, ara wai, taiao moana hoki

Outcome two: Our land, forests, waterways and marine environment are protected, restored and enhanced

Our area is a great place to live because of its natural features. These need to be treasured, especially as the area intensifies, so we will do even more to enhance our environment, restore its wairua and recognise its importance to the well-being of our people.

The Ōrākei Local Board area has a diverse range of bush areas, beaches, waterways and wetlands. Some of these, for example Kēpa Bush, are of high ecological value. Waitatarua Reserve is the largest urban wetland in New Zealand. Involving more people in projects and programmes in their local natural environment can help foster their sense of connection to place and community.

“By combining forces, we can achieve very significant advancements in the environment and the living standards of Ōrākei. – Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.”



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “By combining forces, we can achieve very significant advancements in the environment and the living standards of Ōrākei.” – Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.
- Engage mana whenua in the design and delivery of environmental protection programmes.”
- “Fund bird sanctuaries and a coordinator for the Eastern Bays Songbird Project and other environmental groups.”
- “Provide workshops on caring for the environment – local climate change solutions, recycling, rainwater storage, community gardens, business practices.”
- “Youth are very environmentally conscious and would like to see more events going on. Some suggestions for both concerns include beach cleanups, music, movies, markets, and tree planting events.” – Youth of Ōrākei

We’re also fortunate to have highly engaged and active groups who look after these areas. But our communities say we need to do better. Some of our waterways are degraded and the water quality in our bays and beaches is poor. We want to increase water quality monitoring, especially in Ōrākei Basin, the wetland in Waiatarua Reserve and the Hobson Bay catchment.

The local board is determined to improve the state of these natural systems and will seek more involvement from local communities to enhance them. We support the stormwater / wastewater separation project in the Ōrākei / Ōkahu Bay catchment and believe the next area for this type of work should be in the Remuera catchment that flows into Hobson Bay.

A new, major project will enhance the whole of the Pourewa Valley from St Johns Road to Ōrākei Basin and around to Tāmaki Drive. It encompasses section two of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path, currently under construction. The project has high community support and now that the Pourewa Valley Integrated Plan has been endorsed, we have begun working with all landowners and environmental care groups to bring the vision to life.

The Urban Forest (Te Ngahere) Strategy will help raise awareness about how to improve tree cover across our area. We’ll continue to work with the Eastern Bays Songbird Project, Tahuna Torea Rangers, Hapua Thrive, Friends of Churchill Park and all the “friends of” groups on their local activities to improve the environment. We’d also like to encourage the formation of more of these kinds of environmental care groups.

We’ll work closely with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on restoring water quality in Ōkahu Bay and other environmental enhancement projects. We also look forward to developing relationships and working with other mana whenua groups. These relationships and joint efforts are important to help realise three Auckland Plan outcomes:

- Environment and Cultural Heritage
- Māori Identity and Wellbeing
- Belonging and Participation.

Climate change, together with reducing environmental degradation, are challenges identified in the Auckland Plan 2050. We must be mindful of the effects that climate change will have on our area, particularly in low-lying parts and on the Tāmaki Drive coastal edge, and support projects that help reduce carbon emissions. We will need to adapt and develop new ways of building resilience into our infrastructure, while minimising flooding and storm effects on people’s homes and public facilities.

We also heard during recent consultation that our communities are interested in learning and carrying out practices to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill, and that we need to do more to reduce our carbon footprint and make neighbourhoods and homes more sustainable. To complement this, we will continue to advocate for the reduction of waste at source, especially single-use plastics, encourage waste separation in homes and promote the installation of solar panels on any new buildings we construct.





Opportunities

- Realising the potential of the Pourewa Valley to become the largest urban forest in the country. It will be a stunning area for recreation, education and enjoyment of our land and aquatic environment, so close to the CBD.
- Delivering the recently-prepared plans for Kapa Bush Reserve and Waitarua Reserve, which provide guidance for council and community group restoration projects.
- Supporting and leveraging the huge interest, participation and energy of our local communities and volunteer groups to enhance our natural environment and provide more sustainable practices.
- Acting on the high public concern about pollution in our waterways and bays, especially Hobson Bay and Ōkahu Bay.

Challenges

- The ongoing economic impact of COVID-19 on our budgets for environmental restoration and community participation in these activities.
- The effects of climate change continue to influence how we plan and develop our coastal assets, reduce emissions and respond to a changing climate.
- Continuing to resource the restoration of key environmental areas while also improving waterways and the marine environment.
- Weed and pest control requires substantial, ongoing and combined resources, and we

need to tackle it now if we are to get the best return on our future maintenance investments.

- Higher-density urban development can have a negative effect on our environment if not designed and managed appropriately.
- Inadequate tree controls under current regulations leading to the loss of large trees which contribute to the area's tree cover.

Our commitment

We're committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





The Ōrākei Local Board area is home to stunning and much loved beaches

Outcome two: Our land, forests, waterways and marine environment are protected, restored and enhanced

Objective	Key initiatives
<p>Pourewa Valley is the focus for environmental projects and becomes the new jewel in Tāmaki Makaurau’s crown</p>	<p>Develop a programme of short and long-term actions to deliver the Pourewa Valley Integrated Plan</p> <hr/> <p>Work with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and the local community to restore the valley’s mauri (life force) by improving land and aquatic habitats, and explaining the natural and cultural heritage</p>
<p>Council-community partnerships are strengthened for the betterment of the environment</p>	<p>Harness and build on the efforts of local environmental groups to provide a volunteer workforce to tackle weeds and pests and restore the valley’s natural ecosystems</p> <hr/> <p>Work with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, eastern bays coastal recreation groups and the wider community to refresh the Tāmaki Drive Masterplan, acknowledge The Landing concept plan, and develop a new plan for Hakumau Reserve and the reserve next to Tāmaki Yacht Club</p> <hr/> <p>Support wildlink networks, working together to improve our area’s ecology and creating healthy places for people</p>
<p></p>	<p>Work with landowners to extend and enhance native bush on private properties, especially those in Significant Ecological Areas</p>





Water sources are protected and enhanced

Outcome two: Our land, forests, waterways and marine environment are protected, restored and enhanced

Objective	Key initiatives
Our forest and bush habitats continue to be enhanced for future generations	Continue to restore forests and bush areas, remove pests, and support community planting days. Areas include Pourewa Valley, Kepa Bush, Dingle Dell and St Johns Bush
	Where practicable and ecologically appropriate, build new paths and tracks to give people access to valued natural environments
	Minimise the spread of diseases, such as kauri dieback and myrtle rust while providing educational information to the public
	Practice kaitiakitanga (guardianship), working with mana whenua, Watercare, Healthy Waters, schools and local communities to improve the quality of marine, coastal and freshwater environments and provide education opportunities
	Advocate for more water testing stations in all major streams and encourage local communities to help with regular monitoring, with the results available publicly
	Work with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and groups, such as the Hauraki Gulf Forum, University of Auckland, Tahuna Torea Rangers and the Tamaki Estuary Environment Forum, to clean up Ōkahu Bay, Hobson Bay, the Tāmaki Estuary and all the eastern bays and their inland catchments
	Continue to enhance waterways and wetland areas, such as Ōrākei Basin, the Waiatarua Reserve wetland, Stonefields / Maungarei Springs and all streams across the local board area





There are a number of important waterways that feed into our harbours, including Pourewa Creek

Outcome two: Our land, forests, waterways and marine environment are protected, restored and enhanced

Objective	Key initiatives
More sustainable waste management options and support for community climate action, including community education programmes	<p>Deliver workshops, including an annual Environment Forum, on caring for the local environment, and sustainable home and business practices</p> <p>Support regional and community-led initiatives that promote zero waste, recycling and composting</p>
	<p>Work with communities to develop future-proofed solutions for areas and structures at risk of sea-level rise, coastal inundation and storm damage</p>



Whakaotinga toru: Ko te katoa o ngā papa rēhia, o ngā takiwā māraakerake hoki he rerehua, he wāhi kaha te whakamahi mō ngā mahi rēhia oī, hāngū anō hoki

Outcome three: All parks and open space areas are attractive and well-used places for both active and passive recreation

More than ever, since COVID-19, our residents have enjoyed and appreciated our parks, reserves and open spaces. Providing recreational space for more people, more of the time, will continue to be our focus.

Residents and sportspeople from wider Tāmaki Makaurau enjoy top-quality playing fields and facilities in the Ōrākei Local Board area, thanks to upgrades over the years to many of our sports parks.

Under the upgrade programme, we'll continue developing parks and provide more sand-carpeted surfaces and associated facilities, while supporting clubs with their projects. We're also progressing our Local Paths Plan in stages and more recently prepared improvement plans.

“ The local board is committed to retaining all its open spaces. We'll make better use of some parks and keep others free for passive enjoyment, tailoring use to each park's character and context. ”



Bastion Point garden in full flower

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Keeping kids of all ages active is important, and all weather facilities will keep people out in the community, and strengthen family ties.”
- Provide more “have-a-go” days.”
- “More facilities in parks – paths, fitness equipment, youth facilities, upgrade play areas for all ages, seats in shade, drinking fountains, skate and bike parks...”
- “Keep some parks for quiet reflection.”
- “Behaviours during lockdown indicated a strong desire for people to recreate and play sport. Our submission underlines the necessity for partnership and support of all those organisations providing opportunity in this space.” – Tennis Auckland.

It’s clear that recreation needs are changing as the population grows, becomes more diverse and people’s time commitments vary. Recent analysis¹ has identified a need for more indoor courts across the local board area, particularly for basketball, and future need for more fields for football, rugby and cricket.

At the same time, more people are requesting alternative opportunities for informal recreation, such as fitness classes in parks, have-a-go days and walking, cycling and fitness trails. Among requests for a variety of new facilities, such as drinking fountains, fitness equipment and seats, young people have asked for a basketball court and skate and bike parks. Other residents want quiet spaces for less organised activity. There is increasing appreciation of natural bush areas, wetlands and streams. Parks and open space provide an opportunity to contribute to the restoration of the natural environment.

As the region’s population grows, our parks will come under increasing pressure. During the COVID-19 lockdown, local residents used our parks, reserves and open spaces more than ever and expressed their appreciation of these public places in recent feedback on this plan. The local board is committed to retaining all its open spaces. We’ll make better use of some parks and keep others free for passive enjoyment, tailoring use to each park’s character and context. We aim to get the balance right and have started work on a comprehensive plan to manage the 125-plus parks across our area.

The coast is another important space for water sports and recreation on land. It’s under increasing pressure as groups compete for space along our highly-valued coastline. We’re doing some analysis to help plan parks at the harbour’s edge and in other coastal spaces. We’re keen to retain public access so that everyone can use and enjoy the marine environment.

Opportunities

- Getting more people more active, more of the time.
- The distribution of quality open space across the local board area – sports and neighbourhood parks, nature reserves, beaches and marine areas.
- Relationships with mana whenua which enable enhancement of parks, maunga, volcanic features and the environment for everyone’s benefit.
- Using our open spaces more for community networking, education, workshops and enjoying art.
- Promoting our parks and recreation facilities to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents.

Challenges

- Long-standing groups feeling entitled to public space.
- Providing appropriate open space as the population grows and residential areas intensify.
- Maintaining and upgrading our parks and recreational areas to meet the increasing demands and changing needs of all our residents.
- Funding major park and community facilities, such as Liston Park and the Shared Path feeder links, within limited budgets. This may mean partnering with private organisations to deliver some public amenities.

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.

¹ Ōrākei Sport and Active Recreation Facility Plan, January 2020





Kupe South Reserve playground

Outcome three: All parks and open space areas are attractive and well-used places for both active and passive recreation

Objective	Key initiatives
The network of open spaces meets the needs of the growing population	<p>Assess how the population will grow and change to ensure appropriate land, coastal and marine recreation areas are provided and managed across the local board area</p> <p>Retain valued open space to enhance local residents' physical health and mental well-being. This includes working to resume governance over Merton Reserve and Tagalad Reserve</p> <p>Continue delivering the Local Paths Plan to make parks and open spaces more accessible to more people. This includes work on the Stonefields Heritage Trail and the walkway between Wilson's Beach and Shore Road Reserve</p>
Sports parks are upgraded to provide for more use as the local population changes and residential areas intensify	<p>Investigate and plan for extended facilities to support additional activities on existing sports parks, such as Thomas Bloodworth Park and Ōrākei Domain</p> <p>Support and facilitate programmes to meet a greater variety of recreation needs for youth, the elderly and our changing ethnic communities</p> <p>Secure regional funding to develop Liston Park, Shore Road Reserve and Colin Maiden Park as major sports parks with a sub-regional role</p> <p>Work with sports clubs to develop new or upgrade existing clubrooms and changing facilities at Michaels Avenue Reserve and Madills Farm Reserve, ensuring that the appropriate balance between sporting and community use is achieved</p>





Waiatarua Reserve is popular for its range of recreational opportunities in a high amenity environment.

Outcome three: All parks and open space areas are attractive and well-used places for both active and passive recreation

Objective	Key initiatives
Marine and coastal activities are a strong part of the recreational opportunities our area has to offer	<p>Assess coastal and maritime activity from Hobson Bay to the Tāmaki Estuary to better understand how the community accesses and uses the area</p> <p>Investigate the viability of recreating the beach in Biddick’s Bay</p> <p>Work with all coastal clubs and the wider community to ensure our public spaces and beaches are appropriately planned and equipped for their enjoyment</p> <p>Plan for future recreational needs and better water access, including at Hakumau Reserve, The Landing and the reserve next to Tāmaki Yacht Club</p>
The value of passive and indoor recreation spaces and cultural heritage sites is recognised and provided for	<p>Ensure there are parks and informal spaces for passive recreation and quiet enjoyment</p> <p>Recognise and protect the cultural and geological values of our maunga - Ōhinerau / Mt Hobson and Te Taurere / Mt Taylor and other volcanic features, such as Te Tauoma / Purchas Hill and the Ōrākei Basin</p> <p>Investigate whether an additional indoor court and other recreation space can be provided, given the budget cutbacks resulting from COVID-19</p>



Whakaotinga wha: Ko ō tātou hanganga ikiiki he pai te mahi, he honohono, mā konei e whakaahei ana i te tangata kia neke haere i runga i te haumarū me te pai mā te whakamahi i te whānuitanga o ngā kōwhiringa

Outcome four: Our transport infrastructure is efficient and connected, enabling people to move around safely and effectively using a range of options

Providing alternative modes of transport through our area will become more important as our communities change and intensify. However, efficiency and safety will always be paramount to our residents in the transport choices they make.



Tāmaki Drive shares walking, cycling, parking and driving along the water's edge.

“We’re equally committed to ensuring Ōrākei Local Board communities are given the best chance to advocate for and deliver on transport and movement solutions which are efficient, integrated and safe.”

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “It’s great to see the Local Board’s continued support for the One Local Initiative and Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path to help encourage more people to walk and cycle.”
- “Public transport and pedestrian safety have been identified by youth as standout issues... as these are predominantly the methods we use to get around our communities. Therefore, the focus on these modes of transport and an increase in focus on safety is very positive.”
- “Need more crossing points, pedestrian crossings, refuges, roundabouts in a variety of streets/locations.”
- “More explicit cycle provision across the local board area / more cycle paths and bike parking / better (wider) cycleway along Tāmaki Drive.”
- “I believe the OLB has an important role in encouraging safe, active transport as a crucial local environmental measure that has positive community well-being and economic outcomes.”

Safe, effective and easy movement within and across our area is a priority for the Ōrākei Local Board. Movement is critical to our mental, physical and emotional well-being. However, we need genuinely viable options for commuting, staying connected or being involved in recreation. We want a well-thought out, holistic transport network that is safe, efficient and effective. We will collaborate with wider council departments and our transport partners and continue to advocate on behalf of our community, with safety as a top priority.

The local board’s role is to understand the priorities and preferences of its many communities and reflect them in this plan. We must also consider wider influences identified in the Auckland Plan 2050, including the following relevant outcomes:

- Transport and Access
- Belonging and Participation
- Homes and Places
- Environment and Cultural Heritage.

These and other local priorities expressed to us in recent consultation have shaped this draft local board plan.

You’ve identified public transport, as needing more attention. This is tied to Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan goal of halving net emissions by 2030 and reaching zero net emissions by 2050.


While we don’t have the final decision or delegation over where and how Auckland Transport (AT) provides major transport infrastructure, we do our utmost to advocate on your behalf and strive for an effective partnership with AT.

The local board can fund and provide local pathways and connections in our area to improve the transport network. We’ll also continue to advocate for better services provided by our other transport partners, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

Ōrākei Local Board wants to focus on issues identified in consultation, along with initiatives already underway to improve the area. These include:

- supporting and advocating, for improvements to the Ōrākei train station, including more parking, public transport access and pedestrian safety. We also want improvements to the link between the station and the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path near Ōrākei Road / Kepa Road and Ngapipi Road / Ngaiwi Street
- encouraging and promoting the walking to schools (Travelwise) programme and working with the community, schools and transport agencies to continue uptake
- advocating to AT for pedestrian-priority footpaths and, as new cycleways are built, reclaiming adjacent footpaths for pedestrian use.





The earlier consultation phase was immediately followed by the COVID-19 Alert Level 4 lockdown. During this time there were fewer cars on the road and a big uptake in walking and cycling. Since returning to ALERT Level 1, it appears vehicle use has returned to pre-COVID-19 levels, but the lockdown has given residents pause for thought. As people move about more freely again, there may now be greater awareness of alternative modes of transport for commuting and in shopping locally to support local businesses.

We're proud to represent diverse and passionate communities who are genuinely committed to using alternative methods of transport for the betterment of health, safety, infrastructure and the environment. We're equally committed to ensuring Ōrākei Local Board communities are given the best chance to advocate for and deliver on transport and movement solutions which are efficient, integrated and safe.

Opportunities

- Sections 1 and 3 of the Shared Path are open, with section 2 to be built in 2020/2021. Construction of Section 4, funded by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and AT, is expected to follow in 2022. As a critical link between the eastern suburbs and city centre, this Shared Path will enable more integrated walking and cycling across our local board area as part of a wider network of pathways and connections.
- We continue to prioritise the development of the north-south links to the Shared Path, linking the Meadowbank community via Gowing Drive to schools and facilities in Kohimarama Road. This is our One Local Initiative.
- When available, funding will bring further

opportunities for linkages and pathways. We want the Ōrākei Local Board area to continue leading the way across Tāmaki Makaurau in connections that encourage alternative and active transport.

- Residential growth, particularly in Ōrākei and Remuera, means the Ōrākei train station park-and-ride facility needs expanding.
- Promoting our parks and recreation facilities to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents.

Challenges

- Responsible road use and road safety will become more necessary as vehicles share the road with scooters, cyclists and walkers. Intensification of our area means we must find ways to co-exist and move around safely and efficiently, such as reclaiming footpaths for pedestrians or widening them to better cater for various means of transport.
- Growth and intensification, particularly along Kepa Road, Kohimarama Road and through St Johns, will continue to pose a challenge as population density increases.
- More heavy container trucks from the port using residential roads pose a rising safety risk to pedestrians, especially children walking, cycling and scootering to and from schools in Kohimarama and Ōrākei, and other road users.

Our commitment

We're committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





Section 3 of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path across Ōrākei Basin.

Outcome four: Our transport infrastructure is efficient and connected, enabling people to move around safely and effectively using a range of options.

Objective	Key initiatives
<p>The One Local Initiative and Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path remain a focus for advocacy and work</p>	<p>Continue advocating for AT and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to complete the Gowing Drive to Kohimarama Road Link (One Local Initiative) connection to the Shared Path. This will reduce car movements in the network by encouraging walking, cycling and scootering</p> <p>Support the construction of Section 2 of the Shared Path in 2020/2021 and Section 4 in 2022</p>
<p>Safety initiatives, upgrades and improvements around our schools and town centres continue to be a priority</p>	<p>Advocate for safety improvements and transport connections in our town centres, such as Ellerslie, St Heliers and Remuera. Ensure all network improvements are safe, accessible and easy to use.</p> <p>Advocate to AT and partner with its Community Safety Team to collaborate with schools to reduce traffic congestion and improve network flow during peak drop-off and pick-up times</p> <p>Prioritise and develop safety improvements in Ellerslie town centre for pedestrians and cyclists at the Robert Street / Main Highway intersection</p>





A safe and efficient public transport network is essential

Outcome four: Our transport infrastructure is efficient and connected, enabling people to move around safely and effectively using a range of options.

Objective	Key initiatives
Continued improvements to roads and shared paths contribute to a safer and free-flowing transport network of roads, connections and pathways, and reduce congestion	Support AT to deliver multi-modal transport infrastructure which contributes to the Vision Zero objective of no deaths or serious injuries on the transport system by 2050
	Continue advocating to AT for safety initiatives and improved infrastructure around the Kapa Road and Ngapipi Road area, particularly for the Ōrākei train station and surrounding connections
	Advocate to AT and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for integrated, efficient and accessible transport options across the Eastern Bays, including critical links, such as Tāmaki Drive
	Advocate to AT for the continued investigation into the feasibility of an east-bound cycleway from Ngapipi Road
	Continue to implement our Ōrākei Local Paths Plan, ensuring greenways and linkages are connected, safe and usable, such as the Wilson’s Beach to Hobson Bay walkway and the Stonefields Heritage Trail
	Advocate to AT and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to restrict heavy container trucks from using residential roads, to minimise safety risks to pedestrians and other road users
	Advocate to AT for wider footpaths and, as new cycleways are built, ensure adjoining footpaths are safe for pedestrians, including children and less able people
	Partner with AT, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail to scope the design for a future walkway from Ōrākei train station to Judges Bay across the south side of the railway line across Hobson Bay
	Advocate to AT to relocate the Ladies Mile cycleway to improve safety for cyclists and walkers





Our residents want safe travel to school and more opportunities for walking, cycling, scootering and public transport use.

Outcome four: Our transport infrastructure is efficient and connected, enabling people to move around safely and effectively using a range of options.

Objective	Key initiatives
Continued improvements to roads and shared paths contribute to a safer and free-flowing transport network of roads, connections and pathways, and reduce congestion	<p>Continue advocating to AT and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for wider delivery of cycleways and walkways to be funded from regional and national funding streams</p> <p>Advocate to AT for more frequent, accessible and convenient bus services, routes and schedules based, where possible, on community input and assessment of needs</p> <p>Complete walking links through Colin Maiden Park ahead of the wider park and facility upgrades to connect Stonefields and St Johns/Glen Innes</p>
Alternative modes of transport are enabled and encouraged to ease congestion across our area and to reduce our carbon footprint	<p>Encourage the Auckland Transport Travelwise and Walking School Bus programmes to promote alternative transport options to and from school to ease congestion and improve network flow</p> <p>Advocate to AT for alternative modes of transport such as walking, cycling, scootering and public transport, and promote community understanding of their benefits with the aim of increasing uptake</p> <p>Refresh the Tāmaki Drive Masterplan to incorporate community visions shared by the Mission Bay-Kohimarama Residents' Association, Bike Tāmaki, business associations, interest groups, stakeholders and the wider public</p> <p>Investigate opportunities for marine transport across the Eastern Bays</p> <p>Complete the programmed works to reduce flooding in the Portland Road / Shore Road area and low-lying areas of Tāmaki Drive</p>






Outcome four: Our transport infrastructure is efficient and connected, enabling people to move around safely and effectively using a range of options.

Objective	Key initiatives
Transport infrastructure is resilient and free from flooding and other natural hazards	Ensure all infrastructure is maintained and replaced efficiently to minimise disruption due to infrastructure failure
	Traffic planning in our area is resilient and adapts to change in a timely manner as communities grow
	Design and construct infrastructure to be resilient and future-proofed against climate hazards and risks
	Advocate to AT and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for the wider use of transport technology to improve safety and monitor route use





The Meadowbank Night Market helps invigorate and connect the community and economy

Whakaotinga rima: Kei te piki haere te ngangahau me te taurikura o ō tātou pokapū tāone, pakihi ā-rohe hoki

Outcome five: Our town centres and local businesses are increasingly vibrant and prosperous

Our communities want to see our town centres and local businesses thrive, so we will embrace the “love local, shop local” approach to support our economy.

The Ōrākei Local Board area has several local and town centres, each with its unique characteristics and identity. Economic well-being is closely tied to community well-being and this will be especially critical in the current economic climate. The Auckland Plan has highlighted Opportunity and Prosperity as one of six key outcomes, while sharing prosperity with all Aucklanders is identified as a challenge.

Recent analysis by Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED)², now known as Auckland Unlimited, shows our local board area is home to a higher than average educated population. This tends to result in a more highly skilled workforce with a higher household income than the wider Auckland population.

“ Ōrākei Local Board wants to see all local centres enhanced, greater activation of the waterfront for locals and visitors, and expanded event programmes ”

² Ōrākei Local Board Economic Overview, March 2020



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “We continue to strive to bring community and business together for mutual benefit and we appreciate the Board is supporting activities such as these.” – Ellerslie Business Association.
- “Support placemaking initiatives in town centres.”
- “Empower local businesses by improving access and making each town centre a destination.”
- “Culture etc enriches and brings different communities together, it also supports local economy.”

The local board’s workforce is employed mainly in health care and social assistance, education and training, accommodation and food services, and professional and scientific/technical services.

Options to work locally are limited by the lack of a major employment centre, aside from the Felton Mathew business zone and the bigger retail centres, such as Lunn Avenue, Remuera and Ellerslie. A large proportion of our working population travels out of the board area for work. Residents might also tend to drive to and shop at larger complexes outside our area.

These two characteristics potentially compromise the ability of smaller local centres to thrive. While Remuera, Ellerslie and Ōrākei are expected to see the greatest residential growth over the coming years, it is unlikely the growth in local jobs will match the growth in our population.

Remuera, in particular, is facing challenges, largely attributed to changing consumer habits and loss of car parking in recent years. The local board would like to show support for Remuera and other local centres; we reflect this in the table of proposed local initiatives.

Across the area, Ōrākei Local Board wants to see all local centres enhanced, greater activation of the waterfront for locals and visitors, and expanded event programmes in conjunction with the business associations and business improvement districts (BIDs). This will encourage more time and a greater spend in retail and commercial areas. Enhanced main streets and placemaking activities will also draw people into the centres where they can connect, relax and support their local businesses. (Placemaking involves local people working in collaboration to shape their local places).

However, the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have a significant effect on the national and global economy. We will need to build capacity, upskill and diversify the workforce. Local households and businesses felt the effects of Level 4 Lockdown, meaning that more than ever, we will need to build local economic resilience.

Supporting local businesses will assist in keeping them afloat. This includes encouraging residents to spend locally, increasing attractions and events, and ensuring our town centres are vibrant places where people want to be. Where possible, we will work together with business leaders to help them maximise benefits from some of the Government’s anticipated investment aimed at stimulating the wider economy.

Opportunities

- The waterfront is an attractive destination and should be enlivened by a full programme of activities during Auckland events, such as the America’s Cup.
- Residential growth in Ellerslie, Remuera and Ōrākei may generate more local business and employment opportunities.
- Levels of education and income that are higher than the Auckland average mean the Ōrākei Local Board area should be providing employment and business development opportunities.

Challenges

- A disproportionate number of residents continue to travel out of the area for work, so they need to be encouraged to shop locally and reduce traffic congestion by using public transport.
- COVID-19 will have an ongoing financial effect on residents’ employment and income and on the ability for local businesses and town centres to thrive.
- Our local and town centres have to be more competitive and have a strong point of difference to attract local customers, due to the impact of new large-scale shopping complexes.

Our commitment

We’re committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





Mission Bay is a busy, vibrant community hub

Outcome five: Our town centres and local businesses are increasingly vibrant and prosperous

Objective	Key initiatives
All our town centres are attractive and bustling	Work with local business associations to increase the range of activities, events, goods and services their centres offer, such as night markets
	Work with business associations and Auckland Transport to ensure street design and traffic management make local centres more accessible
	Work with the community to improve and support town centres through good design and placemaking, focusing on enhancing the streetscape, making it easier to get around and improving amenity.
Local businesses are thriving and business excellence is recognised	Support local businesses by providing networking opportunities, such as the biennial Ōrākei Business Awards, and encouraging residents to work and shop locally
	Continue to work with BIDs and business associations to ensure they are aligned with local businesses in making local and town centres vibrant and attractive
	Work with the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board to support extending the Glen Innes BID into the Felton Mathew Avenue business precinct
Local and overseas visitors are attracted to our area	Maximise the development of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path and its connections to attract local and overseas visitors
	Build collaborative relationships with business associations, Auckland Unlimited and other local and regional partners to deliver activities that enhance the local economy
	Support the organising of collaborative and enjoyable community events to benefit the local economy and help make our area a destination of choice
	Identify opportunities to bring visitors to our area, such as telling stories through pou installations on the waterfront and reinstating the Nehu Triangle Reserve as a gateway





He kōrero take pūtea

Funding information

The local board funding policy sets out how local boards are funded to meet the costs of providing local activities and administration support.

Local board funding is approved through the council's budget-setting process. This involves the council's Governing Body adopting a 10-year budget (long-term plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements, in which the local board and the governing body agree the local board budget for each year, make up part of the annual budget.

The council's budget-setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

The financial and levels of service statements in this plan are based on the information included in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 and updated through subsequent annual plans (including the Emergency Budget 2020/2021). Updated financial information and levels of service will be adopted as part of the long-term plan which is due to be adopted in June 2021. The Long-term Plan 2021-2031 will be informed by the local board plans and may impact the initiatives in this local board plan.



Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Local activities and levels of service

The budget-setting process sets levels of service for local activities and corresponding performance targets. The table below describes the local activities and default level of service statements set out in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028. These level of service statements may change when they are reviewed as part of the Long-term Plan 2021-2031.

More information on local board budgets can be found in the Ōrākei Local Board Agreement and Auckland Council's local board funding policy, which are available on the council website.

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





Local activities

Levels of service statements

Local planning and development

This group of activities covers improvements to town centres, the local street environment as well as local environment and heritage protection. These activities also include working with business and community associations to improve local economic development and employment initiatives.

We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland.

Local environmental management

Local boards work in partnership with local communities and iwi to deliver projects and programmes to improve local environments. Our focus is on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living.

We manage Auckland's natural environment.

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

Local governance

Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing the local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making.

Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Financial overview

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

Annual Budget Financials	2020/2021 (\$000)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	1,452
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total operating revenue	1,452
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	11,621
Local planning and development	545
Local environmental services	397
Local governance	889
Total operating expenditure	13,452
Net operating expenditure	12,000
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	2,116
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total capital expenditure	2,116



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Āpiti hanga A: Kaupapa Auaha

Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

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

Key advocacy areas for Ōrākei Local Board include:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Pourewa Valley enhancement project	This new initiative is to achieve a long-term vision to restore and enhance the whole of the Pourewa Valley from St Johns Road to Hobson Bay. It will be driven by the Local Board, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and the many environmental and community groups associated with the valley.	Governing Body
Northern and southern links to section two of the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path	To maximise the investment in section two of the shared path we want to connect our communities to it, so that they have alternative transport means to and from the city and through our local board area. Of these, the OLI will not only connect Meadowbank-St Johns residents to the shared path, but also across it to Kohimarama-Mission Bay communities and the schools that the Meadowbank-St Johns residents are zoned for.	Governing Body Auckland Transport/Waka Kotahi NZTA
Meadowbank Community Centre completion	We continue to push for the completion of this project which is being managed by Panuku Development Auckland and due for completion by the end of 2022. Completing it under current proposals will mean a new community centre for Meadowbank-St Johns at no cost to Auckland ratepayers.	Panuku Development Auckland





