

Ōrākei Local Board Progress and Achievements Report

1 January 2021 – 30 June 2022



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Te Rohe ā-Poari o Ōrākei Ōrākei Local Board area

Ōrākei is
home to over
8 swimming
beaches

112 parks and
reserves, **2** libraries



7 community centres and
halls and **6** volcanic features



A population of **87,500**
with estimated population
reach of 110,200 by 2041



Ōrākei boasts over **20km**
of coastal walks



LEGEND

- Local board office
- Public open space (unitary PBO)
- Motorway
- Major road
- A-terral road
- Medium road
- Minor road
- Railway

Data source: Council Growth Model (15th August 2020)
Map data: New Zealand 2018 Census

Ōrākei Local Board members

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the governing body (that includes the mayor and 20 ward councillors) and 21 local boards. The governing body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards represent the communities in their area and make decisions on local issues, activities, and facilities.

The local boards' role includes:

- supporting local arts, cultural events, and organisations involved in sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- representing the views of their communities on issues of local importance
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries, and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.



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Ōrākei Local Board Plan

The Ōrākei Local Board consulted with their communities on the fourth Local Board Plan in 2020. The Achievements Report reflects the outcomes of work undertaken by the Ōrākei Local Board from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2022 and highlights the accomplishments achieved against the visions set out in the local board plan. The Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2020-2023 can be viewed on the Auckland Council website [here](#), or at your local library or service centre.



Outcome 1:
Our communities are
connected, engaged and
resilient

Outcome 2:
Our land, forests,
waterways and marine
environment are
protected, restored and
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Outcome 3:
All parks and open space
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Outcome 4:
Our transport
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using a range of options

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

Achievements

The Ōrākei Local Board continues to set the direction and priorities for the board area identified in the 2020 Ōrākei Local Board Plan.

The board's five priorities aim to better the community and make Ōrākei a great place to live.

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

To deliver against the outcomes in the local board plan, the local board is required to:

- 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.

Ōrākei has an extensive group of dedicated, energetic volunteers involved in almost every aspect of community life – sport, education, care services, and protecting and restoring the local environment and heritage.

This Achievements Report reflects the outcomes of work undertaken by the Ōrākei Local Board from January 2021 to 30 June 2022 and simply could not have happened without the work and support of the numerous community groups working tirelessly in Ōrākei making it the greatest place to live.



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.

People have continued to be the local board's first priority. The board has focussed on the following priorities to support their communities and neighbourhoods:

- Reconnecting communities, building community resilience and increasing well-being across the local board area in the wake of COVID-19. This has involved working with communities on events and local projects, funding contestable grants and supporting community art.
- Strengthening relationships with all mana whenua, in particular partnering with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to realise its strategic goals within our area.
- Engaged with harder-to-reach communities, such as young people, isolated older people, and our growing Chinese and other ethnic populations.
- Improving amenity and safety in centres.
- Continuing to embrace the growth of our suburbs whilst ensuring the underlying principles of planning are recognised.
- Supported the use of our community centres for diverse activities.

Community Empowerment

The local board supports community groups in many ways including networking, capacity building and grants.

Various community networks have grown and achieved their respective goals in this period, despite COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns. Eastern Bays Community Network, Tamaki Estuary Environment Forum, Youth of Ōrākei and other groups supported by the local board stayed connected and were resilient to the challenges presented by COVID-19.

The local board supported several community-led planning and placemaking projects including:

- the beautification of the Kupe Street / Kapa Road precinct
- helping Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association to facilitate ongoing discussions and to progress a community-led design and business case for Tagalad
- working with Ellerslie business association to deliver a number of activations in the Town Centre



Community Grants

The local board allocates grants to groups and organisations delivering projects, activities and services that benefit Aucklanders and contribute to the vision of becoming a world class city.

Over the 18-month period, the board approved 110 grant applications totalling \$397,165. Ōrākei Local Board grants enable the community to deliver projects such as the St Thomas school pump track, Kohi Swim series, Remuera Business Association – Magical Christmas event and Dance Therapy NZ.

The Ōrākei Local Board recognises trees are significant contributors to the amenity and character of local neighbourhoods and town centres. \$5,200 has been approved in grants to multiple owners of notable trees, within the local board area, for work that supports the long-term health of trees and their retention within the community.



Local Events

The local board funded the following key events:

- Movies in the Park
- Ōrākei Christmas event co-delivered/ designed with the Youth of Orakei group at Vellenoweth Green
- St Heliers Anzac services
- Ōrākei Enviro Forum
- Business awards Ōrākei

The Ōrākei Local Board changed their approach to Anzac in 2022 to ensure the veterans could still be honoured on this day regardless of the changing COVID-19 levels. Instead of holding a large service, the board produced a video that featured pictures and letters from local veterans read by students and youth.

Art and culture

The board has continued to support arts, heritage, and culture. The Board funded \$10,000 towards a site scoping exercise for local public art opportunities and delivered two new place-based arts projects making connections between creative placemaking and local economic development.

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei is an important partnership and together with the Board have delivered a number of initiatives including the local Matariki celebrations. The local board has allocated budget to host activations in the local area to support Te Matatini 2023.



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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.

The local board's key focus for this period has been to:

- Improve the water quality in our streams, waterways and harbour
- Deliver on the Pourewa Valley Integrated Plan; improve the land and water, and explain the natural and cultural heritage
- Restore our forest and bush habitats
- Strengthen the council-community partnerships, empower our highly engaged and active groups and volunteer networks.

Water quality improvements

The local board has continued to support stream restoration and water quality improvements throughout the area.



The Ōkahu Bay Stormwater network separation project was completed in 2021 which included extending and upgrading existing ageing stormwater pipes and has resulted in better water quality in the Ōkahu Bay catchment. The project was a partnership between Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Watercare and Auckland Council's Healthy Waters, it cost around \$16 million and was partly funded by the Water Quality Targeted Rate.

The Newmarket-Middleton stream restoration programme is a From the Deck community-led project funded by both the Ōrākei Local Board and Waitemātā Local Board to restore a significant waterway within the Ōrākei board area impacted by contamination, erosion and sedimentation. The programme continued pest control, riparian planting and improving the biodiversity of the area and to provide a green corridor for native species.



In addition, Safe Networks investigations into the source of poor water quality in Hobson Bay and Newmarket streams funded by the water quality targeted rate have continued. Since 2020, 30 public issues and 44 private issues have been identified and resolved.

Work was undertaken to reduce flooding events in the area by removing silt and vegetation from the Portland Stream. The project also enhanced the Waitaramoa and Portland Reserves planting over 16,000 native trees and shrubs and upgrades to walking tracks and footbridges.

In 2021, council and community worked on pest control and infill planting at Madills Farm and Waiata Reserve to protect and enhance a significant waterway, improve biodiversity and provide a green corridor for native species.



The local board secured regional budget and resource consent for mangrove removal at Tāhuna Tōrea which is expected to take place over the next few months. The local board is also working closely with the community to restore the shorebird bird roosting areas to ensure birds have safe access to roosting sites.

Pourewa Valley

The Pourewa Valley Integrated Plan was adopted by the local board in September 2020. Progress was made in the implementation of the Pourewa Valley Integrated Plan with the establishment of the Nga Kaitiaki Hapori o Pourewa – The Community Guardians of Pourewa group of regular volunteers and community leaders, and mana whenua.



The local board has continued to provide funding towards the implementation of the plan. Pourewa Valley was successful in securing Natural Environmental Targeted Rate funding towards the restoration plan development and eco-contractor support for pest plant control, as well as Community Coordination and Facilitation (CCF) funding to support a field officer position.

A pilot programme was initiated in the Selwyn Bush area to capture a wide range of data related to pest plant control which will inform the approach to be taken in the wider valley. A series of eight pest control events were held in 2022 that targeted the removal of climbing asparagus in Selwyn Park and Selwyn Bush, attended by 130 volunteers with close to 300 volunteer hours.

A planting event to align with the opening of the Waka Kotahi shared pathway involved Meadowbank School students planting 100 plants to support the restoration of inanga whitebait habitat in the Pourewa Stream. A further 500 plants will be planted by Churchill Park school students in July. A regular wai-care water quality monitoring programme of the Pourewa Stream and its tributaries is being established by citizen scientists from Meadowbank School and Selwyn College.

The Pourewa Valley Facebook Page was launched in March 2022, and the Pourewa Valley website will launch in June 2022.

Community networks and volunteers

The local board Enviro Forum was held in May 2022 with a theme of water. 110 people attended from community groups, leaders, and environmental groups from the board area.

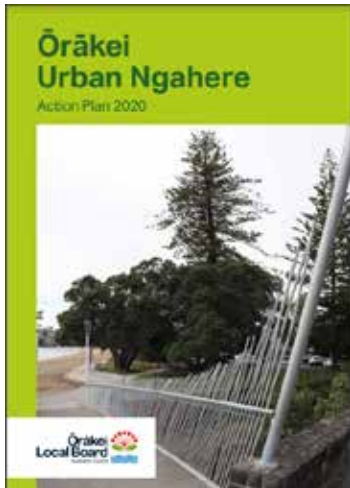
The Ōrākei-Eastern Bays Wildlink Network strategically connects kaitiakitanga activities coordinated by existing and new groups across Ōrākei, delivering local action that contributes to regionally significant biodiversity and water quality outcomes. In 2021, the network allocated \$40,000 to seven community-led projects including restorative planting in Kohimarama Valley Forest, an open day for Churchill Park, restoration and

enhancement of old landfill sites near Shore Road Reserve, enhancement of bird corridors in Hapua Valley, nature photography workshops, Kupe Street and Kepa Road shops replanting and development of a website and communication platform. In 2022, the network allocated \$75,000 towards eight community-led projects which included inanga monitoring by schools in Pourewa Stream, predator monitoring and pest plant control at Glendowie College, a communications campaign to raise awareness of the gift to garden movement and funding for some planter boxes, and to print a book describing the history and development of the Pourewa Valley.

The local board Ecological Volunteers and Environmental Programme supported nearly 2,000 community volunteer hours towards pest control, restoration work, rubbish clean-ups and community planting days at Waiatarua Reserve, Tahuna Torea Nature Reserve, Michaels Ave Reserve wetlands, Sonia Reserve, Churchill Park, Kepa Bush, Wharua Reserve and Anderson's Beach Reserve, Churchill Park, Sonia Reserve and Anderson's Beach Reserve. A collective total of over 3,500 plants were removed over this period.

The Moth Plant Pod Competition was held in March 2022. This Ōrākei Local Board funded project in association with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Auckland Council Sustainable Schools, invited local community students to get on top of controlling this pest plant.

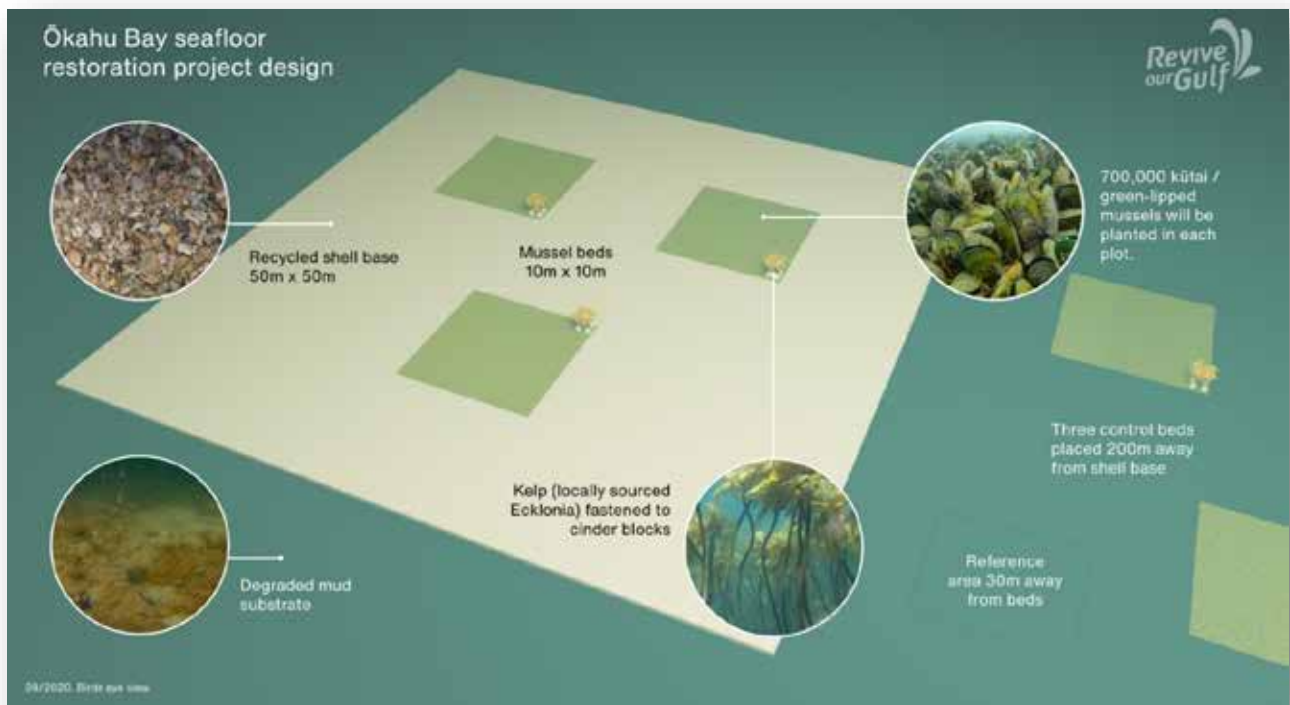




The Ōrākei Urban Ngahere (Forest) Analysis Report was adopted in September 2021 and although the planting season was delayed due to dry soil conditions in 2021, new trees were planted in Kupe Reserve, Crossfield Reserve and Roberta Reserve using partnerships, including community groups, schools and the Million Trees Program. The board 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.



The board provided \$20,000 to the initial Ōkahu Bay mussel reef restoration trial. In partnership with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, the Revive Our Gulf project is working to establish kūtai beds and improve the health and mauri / life essence of Ōkahu Bay. In the current phase of the project six, 10 tonne kūtai beds (approx 700,000 kūtai per bed) will be established in Ōkahu Bay out by the breakwater pylons and all going well, the plan is to expand the site to include four additional 10 tonnes beds in 2022.



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, Ōrākei residents have enjoyed and appreciated our parks, reserves, and open spaces. Providing recreational space for more people, more of the time, has continued to be our focus.

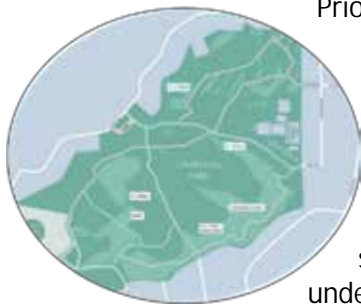
Residents and sportspeople from wider Tāmaki Makaurau enjoy top-quality playing fields and facilities in the Ōrākei Local Board area, thanks to upgrades to many of the sports parks. The local board is committed to retaining all open spaces, having ensured that these meet the needs of the growing population, and that sports parks are upgraded to provide for more use as the local population changes and residential areas intensify.

Park upgrades and ongoing maintenance

Maintenance has been carried out at Stonefields, with progress being made towards further open space development with the completion of a walking trail along the edge of the former Stonefields quarry.

Weed eradication using abseiling methodology was carried out along the western cliff face with twenty-one drops being completed. This covered approximately 270 metres and targeted gorse, pampas, and tuber ladder fern.

Further development will continue with stage two of the plan including the planting of large specimen trees, and planting preparation has begun to make space for the planting of up to 2,000 plants.



Priority renewal actions have been delivered from the Churchill Park Concept Plan. The lookout area saw a substantial upgrade; it was reformed and reshaped with a furniture upgrade. The existing tracks are being renewed in stages and drain repairs will be undertaken at the same time.



The opening of the upgraded Selwyn Reserve play space will be celebrated in July providing school holiday fun with bubbles, face painting and a treasure hunt. The playground was upgraded to a modern, suburban playground which will cater for ages 2 - 14 years and introduced shade and all-inclusive playground equipment.

Restoration work has been undertaken in Macpherson Reserve, with exotic climbers including jasmine, moth plant and madeira vine have been manually released from native vegetation and then foliar sprayed in Macpherson



Both the Little Rangitoto Reserve skatepark and the main skate facility at Crossfield Reserve were renewed this year, and Waiatarua Reserve half pipe was replaced.

The macrocarpa fence at Selwyn Reserve has been repaired following damage from a tree branch; the contractor worked with an arborist using an air evacuation technique to avoid damaging any of the tree roots.



Waiatarua Wetland Reserve saw a renewal of pathways and its bridge in April 2022.

The board invested in upgrading and maintaining the lighting and signage in various areas such as lighting at Michaels Ave, St. Heliers beachfront boardwalk, and signage at The Landing. Selwyn Reserve saw 42 light poles at 4.5m high being retained and re-painted as well as retrofitted with new double arms and LED light fittings. A further 2, 9m high flood lights had LED fittings installed. Seven poles

were renewed at fields number one and two at Colin Maiden Park, which was a total of 44 energy efficient LED light fittings Furniture was also upgraded, the old bus shelter removed, and the kiosk was repainted; a mural has been approved to further upgrade the kiosk.

Multiple play space equipment renewal works were completed:

- ¾ See saw replacement at St Heliers Reserve
- ¾ Rotor spinners replaced at Glover Park and Swainston Reserve
- ¾ Digger and water play at Playtime Park in Stonefields
- ¾ Safety surfacing replacements at Bonnie Brae Reserve, Celtic Crescent, Bluestone Park, Roberta Reserve, Madills Farm, Little Rangitoto and Ellerslie Domain



Park activations

Through the Out and About programme, the board delivered over 30 local activation events in Orakei parks and green spaces attracting over 1400 participants.

Accessibility

Accessibility improvements have been made at the Selwyn Reserve playground to include all-inclusive equipment. A wheelchair accessible picnic table has been approved to be installed at Selwyn Reserve, placed in a position to provide the wheelchair user with views towards the beach and Rangitoto Island. The existing picnic benches that are also wheelchair accessible were refurbished, and two barbeque tables were retrofitted to allow a wheelchair or pram fit under.

A new wheelchair accessible beach mat has been funded by the board and will be installed at Mission Bay in time for summer.



Fountains

The water fountains at Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park, Ellerslie Streetscape and Selwyn Reserve Mission Bay, have had renewal work, including pipe work and tiling. All fountains are fully functional and now serviced weekly. Work was completed on the Ellerslie Village splash pad to upgrade the drainage system. All tiles were lifted, the area relevelled, and waterproofed, new tiles were installed alongside stainless steel grates.



Sportsfields

The board secured \$2.7 million growth funding to maximise the sub-regional potential and opportunities for Colin Maiden Park, upgrade lighting and fields.

To ensure sportsfields such as Michaels Ave Reserve meet growing needs, a grant has been given for the design and installation of 4 toilets and 4 changing rooms. The Ellerslie Sports Club continues to raise funds towards the construction of the two-level Michaels Ave Community Centre.

Existing toilets and changing rooms have had renewal work completed, such as the changing rooms and toilets at Madills Farm and Crossfield Reserve. Madills Farm had work done on the changing rooms, with the showers being re-tiled, the toilet partitions painted, the bar, office and storeroom repaired and painted, and the public toilets painted. A new handrail and concrete footpath were installed. The Liston Park clubrooms have now been demolished, with 90% of material removed from the site.



Planning

The Landing is an intensively used park seeing a growing demand from a range of users. The board sought feedback from the community and its users to refresh the 2013 Landing concept plan (Pathways to the Sea) receiving over 800 pieces of feedback. The Board will be considering the feedback received before a final concept plan is developed for adoption.



Nehu Triangle is an important and highly valued green open space for the local community and the Ōrākei Local Board. The local board received funding from Healthy Waters to develop Nehu Triangle and seeks to enhance accessibility and open space recreation in active and passive modes. A concept plan reflecting the community's preference for improved landscape features including plantings, connections and social gathering will be progressed into detailed design and delivered in phases.

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.

The local board works closely with Auckland Transport to deliver transport outcomes for the local board. Through its Local Board Transport Capital Fund, the board is also able to deliver small projects that provide safety and connection outcomes.

Transport upgrades

The construction was completed of the northern link and Section 2 of the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path and opened for the public on 25 May 2022.

The official opening of the Tamaki Drive cycleway was held on the 9 May 2022. It was a collaborative project involving AT, Waka Kotahi and Auckland Council.

The Orakei Local Board and Councillor Simpson have championed for links into this pathway from both Kohimarama and Meadowbank communities which will increase connectivity across the valley and provide extra links into the main shared path.

The John Rymer Link has been built during the Section 2 construction and will also open in May 2022. The Gowing Drive link construction is more challenging in terms of gradient and AT is working on designs for this link as well as safety measures on Gowing Drive to deal with an expected number of cyclists.

The Links to Glen Innes Cycleways along Merton Road undertook public consultation, and the design is now in the final stages.



Safety

The local board has continually advocated for road safety, including requesting Auckland Transport to investigate the volume of freight movements in its eastern area and in particular truck movements on Kapa Road and Tamaki Drive. With the expected increase in commuter cyclists, new dedicated cycleways will provide a safer link for cyclists to and from the Glen Innes train station and the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive shared path from surrounding suburbs. The new cycleways will provide greater freedom of movement for all cyclists and open new opportunities for getting around. Raised crossings and pathways, built as part of this project, will provide a safer route for pedestrians and cyclists.



Several links are planned in the Orakei Local Board area – these are Merton Rd, Morrin Rd and Stonefields Ave. These links will provide safe cycling links for the community to Glen Innes Train Station, the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive cycleway as well as better connections to shopping, schools and recreational facilities like Colin Maiden Park. Consultation on these routes has now taken place.

Raised speed humps on Tahora Avenue to prompt speed calming measures has recently been approved for funding.

A CCTV programme has been funded in Achilles point and St Heliers to monitor safety, and a project manager has been appointed who will liaise with Safer Cities.

The Orakei Local Board has been working with Auckland Transport and the Mission Bay Business Association and residents to deliver safety improvements in Mission Bay. This work is now in progress and include a separated on-road cycleway along Tāmaki Drive, improved shared space around the clock tower area, speed tables and crossings, new bus shelters and bike facilities expected to be delivered by October 2022.



Auckland Transport with the Orakei Local Board and the St Heliers Business Association has delivered safety improvements in St Heliers Village area including a shared pathway, boardwalk, new pedestrian crossings and other measures have been introduced to improve safety for pedestrians and people on bikes. The work included a new pathway on Vellenoweth Green.

Auckland Transport are also delivering a series of pedestrian improvements around the local board area – most notably on Tamaki Drive, Shore Road, Main Highway and Remuera/St Johns Roads.

Pedestrian crossing and bus shelters

The following school crossings have been funded through the Local Board Transport Capital Fund:

- Roberta Reserve Playground Crossing to support Kohimarama School
- Coates Avenue to support Ōrākei School
- 274 Victoria Avenue the crossing was raised to support Victoria Avenue School
- The board also contributed to St Kentigern's College to put in a raised pedestrian crossing on Shore Road
- Raised zebra crossing at Merton Road

Work continues on the Ōrākei Basin Boardwalk to Pourewa Bridge connection, which includes widening the footpaths, constructing a new pathway beside 236 Ōrākei Road, and installing further traffic lights, pedestrian crossing and turning bays at the Ōrākei Train Station intersection.

Bus shelters have been funded for St Johns Road and Stonefields.



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.

Over this period, the local board has prioritised:

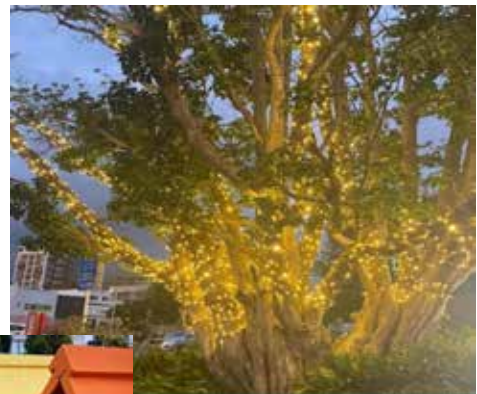
- Supporting and recognising BIDs (Business Improvement District) and local businesses
- Supporting activations and good design in our town centres
- Attracting local and overseas visitors to our area

Local businesses

The local board supports local business associations to operate BID programmes to improve their business environment, encourage resilience and attract new businesses and customers.

In addition, the local board set up a business activations budget to support the four Ōrākei Business Associations; Remuera, Ellerslie, Mission Bay and St Heliers Village. This enabled further activations in their town centres, market local businesses and events to support the local economy to recover from the challenging economic circumstances. This additional funding has enabled the business associations to host night markets, community days, and live music, continue to develop their brand and lead street beautification projects that encourage locals to “love local, shop local”.

- Ellerslie Business Association supported its local businesses creating Ellerslie Village maps (including a food map), hosted food drawings exhibition and planning an Ellerslie Farmers Market
- St Heliers Business Association promoted local businesses and town centre vibrancy through street banners, pole flags and branding “Love St Heliers, Shop, Eat & Drink Local”
- Mission Bay Business Association delivered the Mission Bay clean-up family event
- Remuera Business Association hosted the Remuera Market Day in May 2021 and the 2021 Santa’s cabin



The Ōrākei Local Business Awards was, held in 2021 and 2022. In 2021, over 400 nominations were received, and 71 finalists awarded. Adapting to COVID-19 restrictions, a hybrid delivery of awards was delivered in 2022 with board members delivering trophies to the award winners at their businesses. This was followed by a cocktail celebration event in May 2022.

Town centres

In Orakei's neighbourhoods and town centres, the Board has continued to improve safety and perception of safety. Together with the Police and Mission Bay Business Association, the Board supported the Akarana Māori Wardens patrolling in Selwyn Reserve. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design assessments were undertaken for Mission Bay Town Centre, which recommended reserve lighting, signage and activations aimed to enhance Mission Bay as a family/community friendly welcoming place and reduce incidences of antisocial behaviour. New CCTV will be added to the network at Achilles Point and St Heliers funded through the Local Board Transport Capital Fund. These improvements will be implemented over the next year.



Local businesses, residents and community groups engaged in the beautification of Kupe Street/Kepa road intersection's carpark. The work was blessed by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei kaumatua. A community clean-up day was organized in partnership with the Ōrākei Baptist Church Youth group, to complete the project.

In February 2022, the board officially opened the new Paul Walsh mural for the underpass in Ellerslie town centre.



Advocacy and local input

Local boards are charged with decision-making on local issues, activities, and services, and identifying and communicating the views of local people on regional strategies, policies, plans and bylaws to the Governing Body. The board enable democratic decision making on behalf of communities within the local board area.

Key advocacy initiatives:

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that it may not have decision-making responsibilities or funding for in the Annual Budget but recognise the value it will add to the local community. The key advocacy achievements in the local area are:

Growth funding for Colin Maiden precinct - The Colin Maiden precinct is experiencing substantial growth pressures from the development in Stonefields, and the Tamaki Regeneration area, as well as major multi-storey development proposals near Colin Maiden Park. The local board advocated through the 10-year budget and were successful in achieving \$2.7 million growth funding to implement the Colin Maiden Precinct Masterplan. Lighting and field upgrades are planned to be delivered in stages over the next year.

Enhance Pourewa Valley - Pourewa Valley has the potential to become a significant ecological asset to Auckland being one of the largest urban forests in the country. The local board advocated for and successfully secured funding from the Natural Environment Targeted Rate for its restoration and enhancement. These funds would supplement the substantial investment already being made from the board's own Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) budget.

Complete construction of both the north and south links to the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path - The north-south links Section 2 of the Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path will improve the safety for users of the shared path and reduce road network congestion by providing off-road access to schools and commuters. The project was the local board's One Local Initiative (OLI) in the 10-year budget 2018-2028 and is now included in Auckland Transport's Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031 (RLTP). The northern link is now completed, and the board continues to champion the southern link from Gowing Drive.

Expedite the Hobson Bay catchment wastewater/stormwater separation - Hobson Bay has a deteriorating, ageing stormwater/wastewater network which cannot support on-going infill resulting from increasing growth pressures. The local board advocated to prioritise water quality improvements in Hobson Bay and the separation works for the Remuera catchment. There were high levels of community support for this initiative with a petition from 1,072 signatories. This initiative is now programmed for delivery, funded through the Water Quality Targeted Rate.

Local board feedback on key regional strategies, policies, plans and bylaws

The board has an increasingly important role in advocacy and providing the local views to regional and national strategies and direction. The key strategies and direction the local board have provided input over the last 18 months are:

- Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development
- National Policy Statement – Urban Development
- Freedom Camping in Vehicles bylaw 2022
- Changes to the Auckland Council Stormwater Bylaw
- Auckland Transport Speed Limit Changes
- Transforming Aotearoa New Zealand's resource management system: Our future resource management system
- Transport Emissions Reduction Plan
- Public Trading and Events Bylaw
- Natural and Built Environment Bill
- Auckland Golf Investment Plan



Board member appointments

Elected members participate as representatives of the local board on a number of external community and national organisations. The Ōrākei Local Board member representative and alternate for the key external community groups and organisations are listed below:

External organisation	Lead	Alternate
Ellerslie Business Association Incorporated	Sarah Powrie	Troy Elliott
Remuera Business Association	Sarah Powrie	Margaret Voyce
St Heliers Bay Village Association	Sarah Powrie	Colin Davis
Mission Bay Business Association	Sarah Powrie	Colin Davis
Ellerslie Residents Association Inc	Troy Elliott	David Wong
Meadowbank and St Johns Residents Society Inc.	Troy Elliott	Troy Churton
Mission Bay - Kohimarama Residents Association	David Wong	Scott Milne
Ōrākei Community Association Inc.	Sarah Powrie	Scott Milne
Remuera Residents Association Inc.	Margaret Voyce	David Wong
St Heliers/Glendowie Residents Association	Colin Davis	Margaret Voyce
Stonefields Residents Association	Colin Davis	Margaret Voyce

To effectively support the governance work of the Ōrākei Local Board, board members have been identified to act as champions on specific topic areas. They focus on work programme activities and projects within their topic areas and understand relevant community needs and preferences.

Topic Area	Lead	Alternate
Parks & Reserves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Parks Work Programme • Sports Parks Work Programme • Sport and Recreation Work Programme • Leisure Work Programme • Community facilities: Parks renewals Work Programme 	Troy Elliott	Troy Churton Colin Davis
Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure and Environmental Services Work Programme • Watercare • Civil Defence & Emergency Management 	Margaret Voyce	Sarah Powrie
Arts and Libraries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Culture line items in the Arts, Community and Events Work Programme • Libraries Work Programme • Library renewal line items in the Community Facilities Renewals Work Programme 	Colin Davis	Troy Churton
Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local economic development (Auckland Unlimited) Work Programme • Business Associations (Ellerslie, Remuera, St Heliers, (BIDs); Mission Bay) 	Sarah Powrie	Troy Elliott

Resource Consenting and Regulatory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on resource consent notification, notified resource consents, and attendance at hearings • Bylaws and regulatory (incl. compliance and liquor licensing) 	Troy Churton	David Wong Colin Davis
Events, Landowner Approvals & Leases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local event permit feedback • Events line items in the Arts, Community and Events Work Programme • Landowner consent feedback (including film and events) • Community facilities: Leases Work Programme 	David Wong	Colin Davis
Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland Transport Capital Fund Work Programme • Auckland Transport Community Safety Fund • Gowing Drive Linkage to Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive shared path OLI 	Scott Milne	Sarah Powrie
Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Places line items in the Arts, Community and Events Work Programme • Community facility renewals line items in the Community Facilities Renewals Work Programme • Community Empowerment line items in the Arts, Community and Events Work Programme • Council-owned community places and halls (Ōrākei Community Centre, Glendowie Community Hall, Meadowbank Community Centre, Ellerslie War Memorial Hall, Leicester Hall, Tāmaki Ex- Services Association Hall (TESA), Tahapa Crescent Hall) 	Sarah Powrie	David Wong
Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage (incl. heritage signage) 	Colin Davis	Troy Churton
Communications and Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Engagement strategy and planning 	Scott Milne	Margaret Voyce

