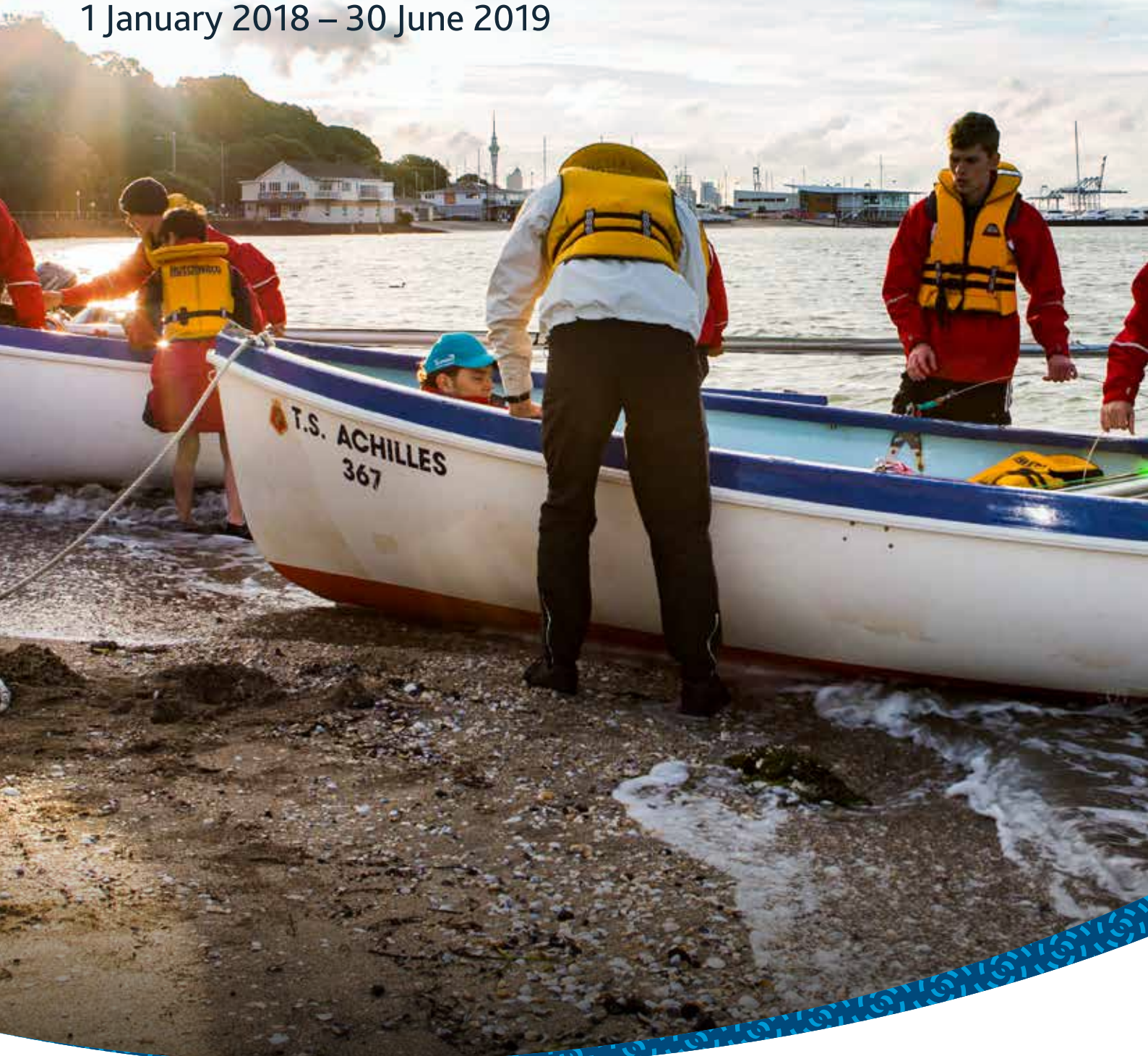


Ōrākei Local Board Progress and Achievements Report

1 January 2018 – 30 June 2019





St Heliers ANZAC Parade 2018

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1. Chair's Message

I am incredibly proud of what the Ōrākei Local Board has achieved in the last 18 months. We have had to make some hard decisions, but I believe they are what is needed to help our communities thrive.

The decision to redevelop the Meadowbank Community Centre through the optimisation process was one we did not take lightly. The centre has been in need of redevelopment for a number of years and through optimisation we will be saving ratepayers millions of dollars whilst creating a built for purpose facility.

We have been successful, in advocating for the Gowing Drive linkage to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path. The link was a missing piece in the overall project and will be key in getting St Johns residents safely onto the shared path.

What I am most proud of is the work we have progressed in the environmental space. You have consistently told us that it is an area that is important to you and we have listened. We have increased funding in ecological restoration and pest management throughout our parks and open spaces.

All of it would not have been possible without the community groups who go out and make the communities vision a reality. Long established groups such as the Tahuna Torea Rangers and the Friends of Kepa Bush and Waitatarua Reserve have led the way.

We are proud to provide funding to the Eastern Bays Songbird Project. With a dedicated co-ordinator they have been able to make a huge difference to our natural environment and are beginning to expand throughout our area even further. They have been key in bringing other environment focused groups together such as Ellerslie Songbird Project.

From the Deck work closely with the council biodiversity team across both Remuera in Ōrākei and Newmarket in Waitemata. The 'younger' Hapua Thrive have been doing great work with neighbours, and it is inspiring to see more groups forming around our local board area.

Businesses have also been taking a lead throughout our town centres. It was great to see The SEA LIFE Trust working with our local Tāmaki Drive businesses on Plastic-Free Ōrākei.

I am also proud of the work that we have started with Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei. Our shared aspirations of clean water in our harbour and streams, returning native bush and improving the ecology of Pourewa Valley can only grow.

What we do now is for the future generations, and I hope that our children's, children's children will be the beneficiaries of the work we do now.

Nāku noa, nā,



Kit Parkinson
Chair, Ōrākei Local Board



2. Ōrākei Local Board major milestones 2010 to 2019

2010

Ōrākei Basin walkway – stage 1 and 2
New Shore Road Reserve playground



Shore Road Reserve playground

2011

Funding and lease for sports facility at Shore Road Reserve
Ellerslie toilet and town centre upgrades
Establishment of the Ōrākei Basin Advisory group

2012

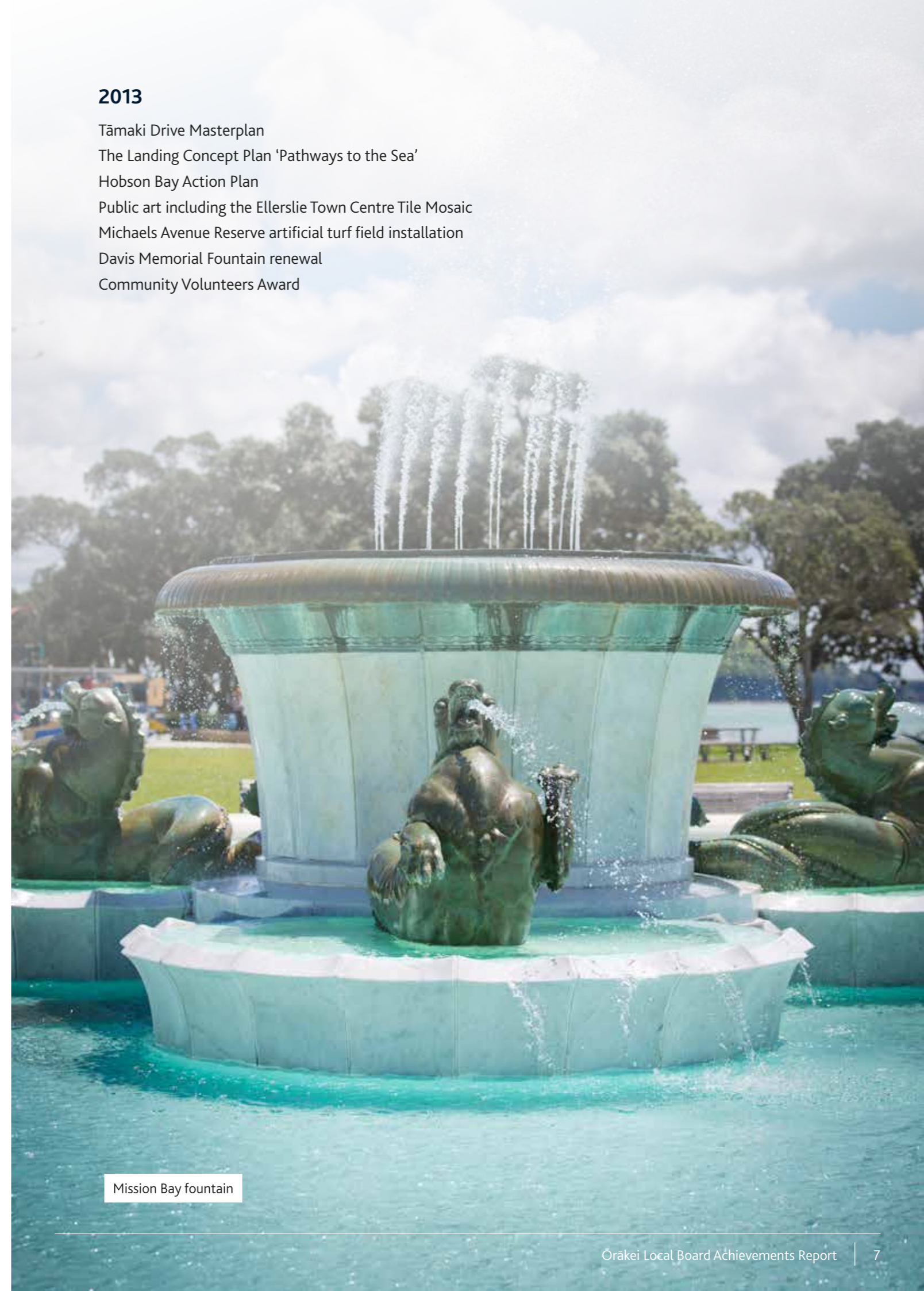
Crossfield Reserve, Glover Park and Madills Farm Masterplan
Ōrākei Local Board Local Economic Development Plan
Wilson's Beach upgrade
Ōrākei Road railway walking/cycling overbridge
Sculptures at Ōrākei Basin (*Strata*) and Stonefields (*Genoa*)



Strata sculpture by Peter Nicholls at Ōrākei Basin

2013

Tāmaki Drive Masterplan
The Landing Concept Plan 'Pathways to the Sea'
Hobson Bay Action Plan
Public art including the Ellerslie Town Centre Tile Mosaic
Michaels Avenue Reserve artificial turf field installation
Davis Memorial Fountain renewal
Community Volunteers Award



Mission Bay fountain

2014

Ōrākei Visitor Strategy

Successful advocacy for purchase of Colin Maiden Park

Successful advocacy for the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path

Bastion Point steps upgrade

Hobson Bay walkway – Orakei Point to Shore Road



Hobson Bay walkway

2015

Glover Park sports-field and pathways upgrade

Canon Park walkway

Ōrākei Basin – new pontoon, replacement jetty and Ōrākei basin road access project

Ōrākei Be Accessible Plan

Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre – Anzac Verse and Poppy Mural

Sundial at Selwyn Reserve



Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre – Anzac verse and poppy mural

2016

- Mission Bay streetscape upgrade
- Bastion Point artwork
- Colin Maiden Precinct Masterplan
- Ōrākei Local Paths Plan
- Opening of Section 1 of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path
- Madills Farm upgrades – playground and pathways



Opening of Section 1 of the Glenn Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path

2017

- Stonefields Heritage Trail
- Ōrākei Domain sand carpet and irrigation of sports-fields
- Ōrākei Basin carpark
- Madills Farm toilet upgrade
- Crossfield Reserve lighting and entrance and carpark upgrade



Opening of Stonefields Heritage Trail

2018

Meadowbank Community Centre redevelopment approval
Tāmaki Drive / Ngapipi Road intersection safety upgrade
Tāmaki Link bus launch
Successful advocacy for funding for Gowing Drive link to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path
Michaels Avenue Reserve lighting and sound wall
Ōrākei Impact of Events report
Inaugural Ōrākei Local Board Business Awards
Shore Road Reserve and Waiatarua Reserve carparks
Ōrākei Basin: State of the Basin monitoring report
Kepa Bush Reserve Integrated Plan



Waiatarua Reserve carpark upgrade

2019

Ōrākei Basin walkway
Tahapa Reserve Concept Plan
Tāmaki Drive Searchlight emplacements
Kupe South Reserve development
Wairua Reserve playground renewal



Ōrākei Basin walkway

3. Ōrākei Local Board Plan

The Ōrākei Local Board consulted with its communities on its third Local Board Plan in 2017.

The Achievements Report reflects the outcomes of work undertaken by the Ōrākei Local Board from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019 and keeps us accountable to the visions set out in the local board plan.

The Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2017-2020 can be viewed on the Auckland Council website here, or at your local library or service centre.



4. Ōrākei Local Board Achievements 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019

Outcome 1: a) Our local parks and open space areas are valued and enjoyed

Whakatakataka Bay

In 2018, 5 Ngapipi Road, also known as Whakatakataka Bay Reserve was purchased by Auckland Council. The 2,327 square-metre area is in addition to the existing Ngapipi Cliff Reserve and provides more public green space for local residents.

The local board will be creating a concept plan for the site to ensure it can be well used by the community. Auckland Transport is also planning the route for section four of the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path which is likely to pass through the reserve.

The new reserve sits on the site of the old Hobson Bay wastewater pipeline, opened in 1910 and decommissioned in 2010. A small section of the pipeline remains in the reserve as a reminder of the engineering structures that once served the city.

The Landing

The Hyundai Marine Sports Centre has opened at The Landing with significant financial support from Auckland Council. The multi-purpose centre caters to a range of marine-based sports and hosts a number of international events such as the 49er 49erFX NACRA 17 World Sailing Championships 2019.

The centre is home to Royal Akarana Yacht Club, Waka Ama NZ, Sailability Auckland, Royal Akarana Paddlers, Auckland City Triathlon Club, University of Auckland and Ocean Blue Water Sports. It is also accessible to the public and equipped with training areas and meeting rooms that offer the latest audio-visual and learning aides. The local board has funded the undergrounding of water pipes at The Landing, which will stop leaks which waste ratepayer money.

The Ōrākei Local Board is also investigating easier dinghy ramp access at The Landing on the western side. This would provide safe access for boat owners who need to move their boats out of Ōkahu Bay by July 2019.



Young sailor at The Landing

Hakumau Reserve

Hakumau Reserve was gifted its name by Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei. Hakumau translates as 'the place where haku (kingfish) were caught'.

The reserve is at 3-5 Tāmaki Drive and before becoming reclaimed land, the area where the reserve is located was part of the open bay mouth of Waitaramoa/Hobson Bay. It was a renowned fishing spot for kingfish.

The reserve is currently licenced and leased in two sections. Lilliput Mini Golf holds a lease over the western end of the reserve including the carpark area where The Coffee Guy kiosk operates. The Outboard Boating Club holds a licence over the grassed area and carpark on the reserve but provides two-public boat ramps.

The local board plans to open up the green space to improve public use and to continue to provide access to the public boat ramps.

Playground upgrades

Kupe South Reserve

The local board approved the Kupe South Reserve development plan in February 2018. The plan was consulted on with the public and reflects feedback by enhancing recreational facilities, connectivity and access.

Construction has now begun on upgrading the playground and paths in the reserve. In the future there will be a pathway loop around the reserve with improved entrances on Kupe Street and Kepa Road.

The playground has been relocated to the southern side of the reserve so there is more visibility. The playground is also larger and caters to a wider age range of children with slides and a climbing wall. Fitness equipment has also been included as a new feature for users of all ages.

Tahapa Reserve

The Tahapa Reserve Concept Plan was approved by the local board in February 2019. The plan was publicly consulted on during the consultation on the links to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path.

Implementation of the concept plan which includes an upgraded playground has begun and should be completed later this year.

Wairua Reserve

Wairua Reserve on the corner of Remuera Road and Wairua Road in Remuera has recently received an upgraded playground with an official celebration in April 2019.

Students from St Kentigern Girls' School helped to design and paint archways for the project.



St Kentigern Girls' students at the opening of Wairua Reserve playground

Park paths and amenities

Paths

Our parks and reserves are some of the best in Auckland and keeping them to a high standard is a priority for the local board. Recently we have upgraded a number of paths, tracks, stairways and bridges. Some have been simple renewals such as at Dingle Dell, Little Rangitoto Reserve, Tahuna Torea, Watene Crescent, Ngapuhi Reserve and Melanesia Reserve.

Others have required more engineering works due to their complexity. This has included Ladies Bay Steps which were replaced due to a landslip and changed location as the previous ones were found to be on a midden. Slips have also meant we have renewed paths and infrastructure at Andersons Beach and removed steps at Gentlemen's Bay. At Karaka Bay we have renewed the stairs, pathway and gabion basket infrastructure, so they are safe for residents and other users.

Signage

We have renewed and installed a significant amount of signage in our reserves. From historical interpretation signs at Churchill Park and the Stonefields Heritage Trail to simple wayfinding and naming at Waiata Reserve, Hakumau Reserve and The Landing.

Waiatarua Reserve carpark and paths

In November 2018, the Waiatarua Reserve carpark on Abbotts Way was opened after a comprehensive upgrade. Paths and structures such as bridges to access the reserve have also been upgraded.

The refurbished carpark was tar-sealed to provide better access for all users, along with additional footpaths, kerbs and dog washing facilities. The local board also hopes it will minimise any conflicts between dogs off-leash and children at the playground and skate park at the Grand Drive entrance.

Ōrākei Basin

Ōrākei Basin is a popular walk for locals and visitors. The lagoon is also home to a number of watersport clubs.

The local board has implemented and is planning a number of upgrades. In the past 18 months the retaining wall behind the Auckland Water Ski Club has been strengthened and the access stairs have been upgraded.

Engagement with stakeholders continues as part of the planning for the automated sluice gates. This is necessary for health and safety reasons but also to ensure the Basin is flushed to improve the water quality.

We have also completed an upgrade and widening of the Eastern and Southern tracks including drainage improvements which will keep the tracks dry and result in cleaner water. New planting will also enhance the walkway, and additional planting will soften the retaining wall by the carpark. Access has also been improved by the upgrade of the steps by Lucerne Road and the path to Upland Road.



Ōrākei Basin

Kepa Bush

Kepa Bush is a hidden gem in our area, full of native bush and quiet but for the bird call. It is the largest area of indigenous forest on the Auckland Isthmus. In 2018 we adopted the Kepa Bush Integrated Plan. The plan aims to highlight the ecological significance of the reserve and sets out future action points for the local board.

We have upgraded a number of footpaths and installed new signage including on street wayfinding signage to make it easier for people. When funding allows we will construct a path connecting to Pourewa Reserve and to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive Shared Path.

Churchill Park

We have begun planning and engagement on development of the former Churchill Park golf clubhouse site at the upper eastern-end of the park. We aim to open up this area for passive recreation and enjoyment in what is one of Auckland's premier parks.

Plans for new paths through the park are completed and construction has begun. This will allow easier access to the clubhouse site as well as complement the existing greenways network, some of which were recently upgraded in the park. More renewals are planned for the coming year.

Searchlight emplacements

The three searchlight emplacements on Tāmaki Drive have been restored to preserve heritage.

The emplacements were built in 1942 and 1943 as part of the defence system protecting Auckland during the Second World War.

Signage explaining the historical significance of the searchlights has also been installed.

Sports Parks

Infrastructure

The local board has funded a number of field and lighting upgrades in our sports parks, including Madills Farm and Crossfield Reserve.

This year saw the construction of the eastern side carpark at Shore Road Reserve. The project includes a pedestrian bridge and gates. We will start design for the sand carpeting and lights in the coming financial year.

Work has also been completed on upgrading the fences at Michaels Avenue Reserve around the artificial turfs, and the final stage of the acoustic wall and lighting of the sports fields.

A swing gate at Ellerslie Domain was installed to stop late night partying at the reserve.

Colin Maiden Precinct

The local board has funded a traffic analysis of the precinct which will help to plan appropriate access and routing through both Colin Maiden Park and Ngahue Reserve.

Implementation of the Colin Maiden Precinct Masterplan continues with a number of sports codes lodging resource consent and land owner approval applications for their developments. Auckland University Cricket has started work on its facility in Colin Maiden Park, as has Oceania Football Confederation at its site on Ngahue Reserve. It is pleasing to also see that Auckland University Hockey has lodged resource consent for developing its pitches and facilities.

Outcome 2: b) Our residents are proud of their community facilities and public spaces

Meadowbank Community Centre redevelopment

In July 2018 the local board approved the development of Meadowbank Community Centre. The new building will provide a new high quality, better-used, fit-for-purpose community facility to meet the needs of the communities of Meadowbank, Remuera, St Johns and surrounding suburbs.

Once developed the centre is proposed to be a mixed-use development with community space on the ground floor and housing above. The centre's design will accommodate a mix of new and existing community services. The project is being led by Panuku Development Auckland, the councils redevelopment agency, which sought expressions of interest from potential development partners in early 2019.

The sale of 22 Tahapa Crescent, Meadowbank and 4 Victoria Avenue in Remuera were also approved by the local board, and the services will be integrated in the redevelopment and proceeds reinvested into projects in the Ōrākei Local Board area.

Assessments of both buildings showed they are in poor condition and under-utilised by communities. The configuration of 22 Tahapa Crescent limits the use of the building to only one group at a time while 4 Victoria Avenue is in poor condition and lacks parking.

Community centres

A number of our community halls have been upgraded or had safety repairs including Glendowie Community Centre, Tahapa Crescent Hall in Meadowbank and Leicester Hall in Ellerslie. The local board will continue to ensure that local facilities are accessible to all and maintained to an appropriate standard.

Ōrākei Local Board office opening

The local board has an office back in the heart of the community with the opening of our new office at 25 St Johns Road.

The new office received a dawn blessing by kaumatua from Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei with an opening celebration with the public later.

Since opening, the local board office has hosted the Eastern Bays Network, Meadowbank Community Centre users meeting and others.

Community food stand

Local students from Remuera Intermediate have set up a community food-sharing stand outside of the local board office.

Hannah Thorpe, Stella Cook and Leila Daniels installed the stand themselves on a rainy Saturday morning with produce kindly donated from Sunhill Fresh Market.

The students aim to reduce food waste and to provide a facility where community will share their own fruit and vegetables.



Ōrākei Local Board members view refurbishments at Glendowie Community Centre, 2019



Local students install the community food stand in St Johns

Ōrākei Local Board Community Volunteer Awards

The Ōrākei Local Board celebrated local volunteers at its triennial awards in June 2019 at St Chads Church and Community Centre in Meadowbank. The event highlighted how our passionate and dedicated volunteers go above and beyond in contributing to making our local board area such a great place to live.

The five categories – Environmental Enhancement and Sustainability; Community and Social Wellbeing; Arts, Culture and Heritage; Local Centre and Business Area Enhancements; and Sports, Fitness and Leisure, received over 50 nominations from the community for individuals and groups.

The awards ceremony recognised the hard work of all our volunteers and highlighted the outstanding effort from the category winners and those highly commended.



2019 Community Volunteer Awards

Events

Carols on the Green

The lead up to Christmas wouldn't be complete without our annual Carols on the Green, at Vellenoweth Green in St Heliers. The event is smoke-free, zero-waste and alcohol free, making it an ideal free family-friendly celebration

Movies in the Parks

In 2018, the local board brought Ocean's 8 to Glover Park as part of the Movies in Parks series. The movie started once the sun had gone down, but there was plenty of fun beforehand with great pre-movie entertainment.

Music in the Parks

The local board also supports the regional series, Music in Parks, with the annual Opera in the Park held at Dingle Dell. The location provides an enchanting atmosphere to experience lively and entertaining opera.

ANZAC parades and services

The Ōrākei Local Board is always privileged to support the three ANZAC services in our local board area – Ōrākei, St Heliers and College Rifles.

The parade and services in the Ōrākei Local Board area are well attended by all generations.

The first annual ANZAC Day youth speech competition provides a great opportunity for students to be involved. This year the winner, Coco Lance from Selwyn College, spoke at the Glover Road war memorial trees rededication in memory of local men who fell in the two Great Wars.

Libraries

Our two local libraries remain hubs for the communities they serve providing tailored programming.

The Win with Words competitions were successful with students from 17 schools in total participating. The writing competition has seen students' writing develop each year.

The Kia Māia te Whau programme is focused at children aged five to 13 years old to improve their language and literacy. The theme this year was 'Haerenga Voyages' and had over 360 children participating in St Heliers and Remuera libraries.

Upgrades to the two library buildings continue while working in with their heritage assets

Ellerslie Recreation Centre

Numerous upgrades continue at the Ellerslie Recreation Centre in Michaels Avenue Reserve. These include renewing the ground floor changing rooms and replacing the air conditioning system in the fitness area.

The centre is managed by YMCA on behalf of the council and provides great fitness options for adults and children, as well as, before and after school care and holiday programmes for children.

Mens Shed

We are pleased to have granted a lease to the Mens Shed Auckland East for space in the sheds at Waitatarua Reserve. The Mens Shed has been working with other community groups, such as the Eastern Bays Songbird Project, the Ellerslie Theatrical Society and with local schools.

The group provides a place for men and women to meet, creating a new community hub where people can share skills and work on practical tasks individually and as a group, such as rat traps to reduce pests in our environment.



Mens Shed East Auckland, 2018

Outcome 3: c) People can move around our area easily and safely

Bus network

Tāmaki Drive link bus

The local board has advocated for a number of years for a loop bus to better connect its local communities. As part of the new central bus network, the Tāmaki Link was launched. The new service is a great way to get to and from the beaches, shops and cafes along the waterfront in the eastern bays. The frequent service runs every 15 minutes between 7am and midnight. The Tāmaki Link travels from Britomart along Tāmaki Drive, passing Ōkahu Bay, Mission Bay, Kohimarama and onto the St Heliers shops before heading to Glen Innes train station. The service also provides better access for residents wanting to take the train to Sylvia Park and Middlemore.



Passengers riding the new Tāmaki Link

Central Bus network changes

The rollout of the new central bus network has taken time to embed, but we have seen improved frequent services with better weekend and evening services for our area such as the number 75. We have also seen the introduction of the 782 route which now links Mission Bay to Sylvia Park via Meadowbank train station.

The rollout has meant the Auckland Transport has finally seen why our Meadowbank community requires a bus stop at the train station. The local board has been successful in working with the local community in advocating for the sheltered stop at the station as well as refiguring the layout to retain carparks, whilst improving the green environment in the surrounding area.

Te Ara Ki Uta Ki Tai / Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path

Gowing Drive

The link from Gowing Drive to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path was included in the Regional Land Transport Plan which sets out Auckland's transport long-term plan. The local board has successfully secured funding from Auckland Transport, as well as investing \$2 million of the board's funding to design and implement the project over the next three years.

The linkage will provide a direct route for people to access the shared path and also connect the suburbs of Meadowbank and St Johns. It will also help to ease congestion as the link will be a safe option over the rail-line for students to local schools.

Tahapa Reserve links

The linkages to the shared path from Tahapa Reserve were approved by the local board following consultation with the public. The development provides access both into Tahapa Reserve and to the Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path for the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Construction works have begun on the paths and are estimated to be complete by the end of October 2019.

Section 2 – St Johns Road to Ōrākei Basin

Section 2 was consulted on with nearly 300 submissions with most people in support of the proposal. Feedback also highlighted the need for improved connectivity from north to south which the Tahapa and Gowing Drive linkages should provide from the south.

A final design has not been completed at the time of writing.

Section 3 – Ōrākei Basin boardwalk

Following two rounds of public consultation during 2018, NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) and Auckland Transport (AT) confirmed the design of the path.

The local board was able to successfully advocate for a lower handrail height of 1.2 metres. The second round of consultation led to a replacement balustrade being selected which comprises a mix of metal and timber. The design will better complement the environment.

Section 4 – Ōrākei Basin to Tāmaki Drive

The local board is working with NZTA and AT on the alignment of the final section of the route with planning well underway. It is hoped that consenting and detailed design will be completed by the end of 2019 and NZTA estimate that the full path will be open in 2021.

Tāmaki Drive

Ngapipi intersection safety upgrades

In July 2018, the Tāmaki Drive / Ngapipi Road intersection safety upgrades were completed. The intersection was rated as the tenth worst intersection for crashes prior to the upgrade.

The new improvements were to improve safety for all road users and included controlled pedestrian crossings, new cycle lanes, traffic signals and reconfigured traffic lanes. The project also came in under cost and two months ahead of schedule. The design also preserved the coastal character of the surrounding bay and harbour and addressed environmental concerns. There are now three new stormwater treatment devices, as well as a rain garden that will help absorb and filter contaminants.

The seawalls were extended to provide a sense of open space with wider shared paths. Wave reflection walls at the edge of the seawall will reduce waves coming over on to the road which will help reduce flooding.

Ngapipi to The Strand cycleway

The cycleway extension along Tāmaki Drive from the city to Ngapipi Road is expected to start construction later this year. The project will not only provide a two-way separated cycle route on the sea-ward side of Tāmaki Drive but will include raising the road up to half a metre between Hakumau Reserve and Ngapipi Bridge. This will assist with flooding and the general resilience of Tāmaki Drive in the short and long term.

Resilience

The resilience of Tāmaki Drive is being investigated to determine how best to address the impacts of sea level rising. Auckland Transport has committed \$5.2 million through its Regional Land Transport Plan for this work, however, it is not due to start until 2023.

St Johns wayfinding

Ōrākei Local Board has funded new wayfinding signs for St Johns Park. The park has a network of pathways connecting neighbouring streets in the suburb.

The new signage makes it easier for people to navigate their way around the neighbourhood when on foot or by bike or scooter.



Meadowbank and St Johns Residents Association member Anna Jackson and Ōrākei Local Board Deputy Chair Carmel Claridge, St Johns

Walkways and greenways

The Ōrākei Local Board often funds upgrades and improvements to our greenways network through the Local Board Transport Capital Fund. This has included a footpath extension to the Selwyn Reserve Walkway at the western-end in Mission Bay. The extension now provides safe access for pedestrians and closes a gap in the Selwyn Reserve path.

The local board has also used its funding for a safe access route into Michaels Avenue Reserve from Elwood Place in Ellerslie. The new pathway links to existing paths and provides a direct route for pedestrians through to Michaels Avenue.

Hobson Bay walkway

Planning for the continuation of the Hobson Bay walkway from Shore Road to Wilson's Beach in Remuera is in progress. Detailed design of the route is currently being drafted for consultation with the public. This section will deliver the last link within our local board area to the walkway. It will provide safe access for students around the bay, particularly St Kentigern School which will increase in student population.

Findlay Street / Hewson Street walkway

The local board has funded a significant upgrade of the Findlay Street / Hewson Street walkway that connects to the Ellerslie train station via the underpass.

The improvements will include relocating the path away from existing vegetation to provide a three-metre shared path and new lighting to improve safety along the walkway, especially at night.

Gowing Drive safety

Following the tragic accident on Gowing Drive in January 2019, the local board has funded driver feedback signs on Gowing Drive in Meadowbank and asked for further investigation into the safety of this road.

This type of sign has been found to be the most successful in reducing peoples speed. The signs provide real-time feedback and alert drivers if they are breaking the speed limit.

Transport advocacy

In May 2018, the local board advocated to the Auckland Transport Board to stop heavy trucks travelling on local roads throughout the local board area.

Throughout consultations the local board has heard this is a growing safety concern for residents. Discussions are continuing with Auckland Transport on how this can be achieved.

The board has strongly advocated for the redevelopment of the Clonbern Road carpark on behalf of the Remuera Business and Residents Associations. This has included retaining public carparks on the site. This was successfully approved by the Auckland Transport Board in June 2019.

Community Safety Fund

From July 2019 all local boards will receive budget under the Community Safety Fund from Auckland Transport. The money is to be spent on projects that are focused on road safety, particularly around schools.

The local board has been engaging with local school principals and in May 2019, began work on prioritising a list of projects to deliver over the next two years.

Mission Bay and St Heliers town centre changes

Following Auckland Transport's initial consultation on town centre changes in Mission Bay and St Heliers, two advisory groups have been set up for each town centre respectively. One of our local board members sits on each of the groups to provide a voice for all our community.

It is pleasing to see Auckland Transport listening to the concern of residents and businesses, and we hope that a resolution can be found that works for both Mission Bay and St Heliers.

Outcome 4: d) The natural environment is valued, protected and enhanced by our communities



Local setting a rat trap

Community groups

The Ōrākei Local Board is pleased to be able to support local community environment groups through funding and resources. Several new groups are being created such as in Stonefields, the Ellerslie Songbird Project and Hapua Thrive in the valleys of Remuera to focus on weed control and pest management. Longer established groups, including Tahuna Torea Rangers, Eastern Bays Songbird Project, From the Deck, Friends of Kepa Bush and Waiatarua Reserve and Ōrākei Basin Advisory Group, continue their great work around our community. We are also pleased to be using native plants from the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei nursery, meaning our transportation carbon footprint is further reduced.

Eastern Bays Songbird Initiative

The Ōrākei Local Board is co-funding the Eastern Bays Songbird Project which encourages residents to plant natives and help with pest control and trapping. By focusing on New Zealand native birdlife, the project is increasing the overall ecological health of our area.

The project covers Glendowie, St Heliers, Kohimarama, Mission Bay and Ōrākei, with plans for further expansion, as well as working with schools.

In 18 months, over 900 community-made rat traps have been given away at various local events. The Men's Shed has been working with the initiative to produce the rat traps and are now providing weta hotels to support outcome monitoring.

From the Deck

From the Deck is now in its second year of the project and has had great success connecting with more neighbours and building resilience for the environment of the Newmarket and Remuera Streams. It has completed a five-year management plan and continues with volunteer planting days with a focus on increased planting in the riparian environment. The group has also conducted rat pulses and is working on how to improve trapping.



Community planting day volunteers

Community-led planting days

The local board has funded significant new plantings in addition to existing ecological contracts. There have been approximately 3,000 new plants in our reserves thanks to our local volunteers. We have been proud to support and participate in community planting days around our area, including:

- Churchill Park planting
- Tahuna Torea planting and mangrove removal
- Remuera and Newmarket Stream planting
- Kepa Bush planting
- Waiatarua planting
- Waiata Reserve
- Pourewa restoration clean-up
- Madills Farm.

Local Environment Enhancement Plan

The local board has developed a local environment enhancement plan to highlight the great work of our volunteers and groups.

The plan allows us to see what still needs to be achieved, and how we can better support our volunteers to enable their environmental aspirations.

Waiatarua Reserve Enhancement Plan

The local board has been working with stakeholders and iwi to oversee the completion of an enhancement plan for Waiatarua Reserve.

The plan will inform the local board of future work that could be sustainably done within the reserve to improve recreational and environmental opportunities. The local board wants to ensure that the natural values of the reserve is protected and prevent ad-hoc development from cluttering the well-loved reserve.

Ecological restoration

In the last 18 months we have invested significantly in ecological restoration in our local reserves and open spaces such as along the cliffs in St Heliers through to Anderson's Beach. The work has ranged from new planting, weed eradication and pest management in places such as Lawry Reserve in Ellerslie, along the Stonefields Heritage Trail and Martyn Wilson Field in Remuera. We have also been working with neighbours of reserves with high ecological importance such as Dingle Dell.

Ngahere Strategy

The local board is funding a Ngahere Strategy over three years which will identify, increase and protect our local urban forest. This is the first year which is the 'knowing' phase, which is mapping our existing tree canopy cover on public and private land. Once this is complete we will be able to plan where is best to plant new trees using partnerships including community groups and schools. Lastly, we will use direct and indirect methods for the community to nominate and protect existing trees.

Tahuna Torea fish dams

The local board has investigated how the removal of mangroves at Tahuna Torea Reserve would affect the fish dams in the lagoon.

The study has shown that the removal of mangroves to improve the establishment of native vegetation has not been successful and the fish dam is increasingly exposed to high tides, storm damage and king tides which are eroding the spit and breaching the fish dams.

It is now understood that coastal processes are expected to be the key factors in changing the fish dam environment and continued mangrove removal will only exacerbate this.

The local board will investigate what else can be done to enhance the lagoon area.

Tāmaki Estuary Environment Forum

The local board is proud to co-fund and participate in the Tāmaki Estuary Environment Forum (TEEF). The Forum operates as a collaboration between five local boards that border Te Wai o Taiki / The Tāmaki Estuary, as well as several community organisations to advocate for improvements to the Tāmaki catchment.

The forum has held several clean-ups with Conservation Volunteers New Zealand where 850 kilograms of rubbish were collected. In March 2019, students investigated microplastics around the estuary through a nurdle (microplastics) hunt.

Ōkahu Bay

Auckland Council is funding several stormwater separation projects which will improve the health of our waters. One such project is for Ōkahu Bay which has long been known to have aging infrastructure contributing to poor water quality in Ōkahu Bay. The project has wider benefits such as potential partial daylighting through Ōrākei Domain.

The local board's shared aim with Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei, is for Ōkahu Bay to be safe for swimming and collecting kaimoana. The Landing hardstand has already started towards making this happen. They are the first hardstand in the world to hold the International Blue Flag accreditation. To qualify, the hardstand had to demonstrate a series of stringent environmental, educational, safety and access-related criteria which must be met and continue to be maintained. We are proud that they provide this service on behalf of council in one of our local reserves.

Ōrākei Basin

Under the management plan for Ōrākei Basin, the local board is undertaking significant works to maintain and enhance the area's ecology.

The local board has initiated water testing of the Basin, which is reported in the Monitoring and Implementation Action Plan. The plan provides a programme of regular monitoring, analysis and research into the environment at Ōrākei Basin and is a requirement of the Management Plan.

This sampling provides a benchmark for the Basin's water quality for ongoing monitoring and is also used to inform the Safeswim programme which measures suitability for swimming.

Outcome 5: e) A thriving economy which supports local businesses and town centres

Ōrākei Local Board Business Awards

The Ōrākei Local Board celebrated and highlighted local businesses at our first Business Awards, held in 2018.

Almost 300 businesses were nominated for the awards by the public, with 53 finalists selected over six categories. The winners in each category were chosen based on the results of a visit from a mystery shopper, votes from the public and an assessment of their written entries by local business identities.

The evening provided an excellent networking opportunity and the local board is proposing to hold the awards on a biennial basis due to the positive feedback from businesses.



Supreme winners at the Ōrākei Local Board Business Awards, 2018

Plastic Free Ōrākei

Plastic-Free Ōrākei was launched during conservation week in September 2018. The project is run by SEA LIFE Trust and supported by the local board. SEA LIFE Trust representatives work with local businesses to cut their use of plastic to help reduce the amount of plastics in their local environment. Businesses have also started community beach clean-ups at their local beaches.

Report on impacts of events on town centre

The Ōrākei Local Board commissioned a report to understand the impact events have on businesses in the four local town centres – Ellerslie, Mission Bay, Remuera and St Heliers.

The impact of events on spending varies considerably across town centres, by event and year. Although the findings should be considered indicative, they did generally show that events have a positive impact on spend.

AKL Paths

The local board has supported the launch of Council's AKL Paths webpage to encourage people to explore Auckland on foot, bike or scooter.

The webpage highlights several local walks in the Ōrākei Local Board area to get people active. The Remuera Loop Path, Ellerslie Town Centre Path and St Heliers to Mission Bay Path also promote our local town centres by encouraging people to explore what they have to offer.

Business associations

Our Business Associations and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) work hard on the behalf of the local business community to keep our local centres thriving. We are proud to support our business associations with contestable grants and funding.

In addition to increasing our local economy, the Associations have hosted a wide number of well-loved events for our wider communities including the Arterslie and the Ellerslie Santa Parade, Bastille Day and Chinese New Year in Remuera, Mission Bay Art and Crafts Market and the Easter Hunt in St Heliers.

Young Enterprise Scheme

The local board is a co-funder of the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) which is delivered by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce. The scheme is a year-long practical programme for year 12 and 13 students to develop creative ideas into actual businesses. The businesses are complete with real products and services with the participants experiencing real profit and losses

f) Governance and Representation

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei marae visit

On a beautiful autumn morning, the Ōrākei Local Board was welcomed by Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei onto their Marae at Takaparawhau (Bastion Point).

The local board was proud to be formally received through a powhiri and later discussed shared aspirations and projects at a hui with kaumatua and kuia.

The formal meeting was the first in nine years for the local board since the formation of Auckland Council.



Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei whare nui

Consultation

The local board consulted on and participated in the following items:

Annual Budget and Local Board Agreement	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan consultation
Long-term Plan 2018-2028	Our Water Future
Regional Pest Management Plan	Freedom Camping
Regional Fuel Tax consultation	Auckland Plan 2050 consultation
Waiatarua Reserve Enhancement Plan	Churchill Park old golf club house site
Dog Management Policy and Bylaw Review	Speed and Safety Limit Bylaw
Proposed lease extension at 176-182 Shore Road	Hobson Bay walkway - Wilson's Beach to Shore Road
Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path (sections two and three) consultations	St Heliers town centre safety improvements consultation
Mission Bay town centre safety improvements consultation	

Submissions

The board has submitted on the following plans, strategies and bylaws on behalf of its communities:

Regional Land Transport Plan	Auckland Plan 2050
Regional Public Transport Plan	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
Regional Pest Management Plan	Sites of Significance to Mana Whenua Unitary Plan Change
Alcohol Control Bylaw review	Online Voting Trial
Development Contribution Policy	Our Water Future (Auckland Waters Strategy)
Freedom Camping Bylaw	Sport Facilities Investment Plan
Community Facilities Partnership Policy	Draft Golf Facilities Investment Plan
Animal Management Bylaw review	City Centre Masterplan
DOC proposal to revoke Reserves Act delegations	Trade Waste Bylaw
St Heliers town centre safety improvements	Mission Bay town centre safety improvements
Speed Limits Bylaw 2019	Multiple Auckland Transport consultations

Consent feedback

The local board has provided feedback and advocated on behalf of its communities. There are typically two notified and non-notified consents per week that require comment, as well as multiple event and land owner approval applications requiring feedback. A number are listed below:

Summerset retirement village	Ōrākei Point development private plan change
Mission Bay commercial development	Todd Property Stonefields development
49er, 49erFX, NACRA 17 World Sailing Championships 2019	

Delegations and legislation

Revised Ōrākei Local Board Standing Orders
Ōrākei Local Board Park and Memorials Policy and Guidelines
Tāmaki Drive Precinct Event Guidelines.

Grants

Local grants are contestable funds which support various groups and individuals that will be a benefit to our whole community.

The Ōrākei Local Board has three types of grants which people and organisations can apply for. Details of the recipients for the last 18 months can be found below.

Ōrākei Local Board Tree Protection Grants

Applicant	Project	Allocated
Kirstine Jancys	Towards Oak tree trimming	\$750
Tian Zheng Xu	Towards the pruning of a Totara tree	\$250
Carol Elizabeth Jones	Towards the costs to reshape a Pin Oak (Swamp Spanish Oak)	\$1,380
Gabby Aves	Towards the tree works for a Pohutukawa tree	\$850
Kirstine Jancys	Towards the tree works of an American Tulip Tree	\$891

Local Community Grants

Applicant	Project	Allocated
The Auckland King Tides Initiative under the umbrella of The Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand Incorporated	Towards the costs to deliver a tidal gauge project including costs of water level gauges, water level reporting and the public launch	\$2,500
Ellerslie Business Association	Towards the overall costs for the Ellerslie Fairy Festival on 30 September 2019, Ellerslie Santa Parade on 1 December 2019 and ARTerslie on 31 May 2020	\$20,000
Kids Safe With Dogs	Towards printing of activity booklets for schools in Ōrākei	\$2,000
Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust	Towards venue hire	\$2,000
Men's Shed Auckland East Incorporated	Towards the costs to renovate the facility to include a meeting room and kitchen	\$10,000
Eastern Bays Toy Library Incorporated	Towards the annual rental costs of Glendowie Community Centre	\$1,300
Dance Therapy NZ	Towards programme facilitation, supervision for the art therapist, administration and equipment for the "Arts 4 Us" workshops	\$1,000
Action Education Incorporated	Towards the facilitator fees, administration and resources to deliver 15 spoken word poetry workshops at schools in the local board area	\$2,000
YMCA North	Towards entertainment and activities	\$4,000

Applicant	Project	Allocated
Youthline Auckland Charitable Trust	Towards costs for training volunteer counsellors and telecommunications	\$2,000
Mission Bay Business Association	Towards the supply and installation of lighting on the clock tower and safer cities monitoring	\$9,834
Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association	Towards annual operating costs	\$2,000
Meadowbank and St Johns Residents Association	Towards the purchase of 100 rat traps, marketing materials and a website upgrade	\$4,000
Ellerslie Residents Association Incorporated	Towards the purchase of 300 rat traps for the community	\$5,000
The Remuera Business Association Incorporated	Towards the costs of hosting Chinese New Year 2019/2020 event	\$10,000
Training Ship Achilles Unit Branch under the umbrella of Sea Cadet Association of New Zealand	Towards very high frequency radios and safety helmets	\$2,000
St Heliers Village Association Incorporated	Towards children's entertainment activities	\$2,500
Auckland Kids Achievement Trust	Towards wages for the "Kiwi Can" leaders in schools from 1 June to 31 December 2019	\$5,000
East City Community Trust	Towards the purchase of 125 trestle tables and four trolleys	\$4,000
St Heliers Bowling Club Incorporated	Towards the purchase and installation of four aluminium awnings	\$10,000
Ellerslie Theatrical Society Incorporated	Towards the venue hire of Ellerslie War Memorial Hall	\$10,000
Stonefields Residents Association	Towards the landscaping materials and plants needed to refurbish berms in the local area	\$4,650
The UpsideDowns Education Trust	Towards the costs to deliver speech language therapy to nine children with Down Syndrome identified as living in the Ōrākei Local Board area	\$3,500
Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust	Towards the costs to deliver a marine education programme to students at Ōrākei School	\$2,500
Youthline Auckland Charitable Trust	Towards a contribution of triage clinical staff salaries	\$1,500
Environmental Education for Resource Sustainability Trust	Towards the purchase and delivery of 720 native trees and 75 recycling bins to Ōrākei schools and preschools participating in the Paper4trees programme	\$2,500
FutureDreams Swimming Limited	Towards the purchase of a new engine for the water safety boat that operates during the summer swim series	\$2,000
Ōrākei Tennis Club Incorporated	Towards the costs to uplift, dispose of and install new synthetic turf on one Ōrākei Tennis Club court	\$5,000
East City BMX Club	Towards the costs to host the New Zealand BMX Nationals event, including security, marquee hire and high visibility vests	\$8,545
The City Surf Series Limited	Towards the costs for 50 local youth to participate in twelve weeks of stand-up paddle board training sessions	\$4,000

Applicant	Project	Allocated
Ellerslie Theatrical Society	Towards the venue hire of Ellerslie War Memorial Hall for rehearsals and performances	\$10,000
Remuera Chinese Association Incorporated	Towards venue hire at the Somervell Presbyterian Church for twice weekly meetings for retired Chinese immigrants	\$2,000
Mission Bay Business Association Incorporated	Towards maintenance costs of the Selwyn Reserve tree lights and security cameras	\$20,000
Eastern Bays Toy Library	Towards venue hire of Glendowie Community Centre	\$1,300
Dance Therapy NZ	Towards programme facilitation, supervision for the art therapists, administration and equipment for the "Arts 4 Us" workshops	\$1,200
Kids Safe With Dogs Charitable Trust	Towards the printing of activity booklets. Invitation to be extended to all schools in the Ōrākei Local Board area	\$2,300
Eastern Bays Songbird Project Incorporated	Towards the programme manager fee for coordinating the 'Bringing back songbirds to the Eastern Bays through community action' project	\$7,000
Ellerslie Business Association	Towards costs for the Ellerslie Fairy Festival, Ellerslie Santa Parade and ARTerslie 2019 events	\$20,000
The Remuera Business Association Incorporated	Towards the promotion, entertainment and production costs of the Paws and Santa, Chinese New Year and Bastille Day events	\$20,000
Parish of Ellerslie	For the full grant application amount of the secondary glazing installation and 50 per cent of the grant application amount for the belfry repairs of the church	\$10,000
The Auckland Table Tennis Association Incorporated	Towards the cost of the development coach, who will teach table tennis to students in Ōrākei schools	\$1,500
Meadowbank Pony Club Incorporated	Towards the installation of a watering system in the arena	\$10,000

Quick Response Grants

Applicant	Project	Allocated
Bach Musica NZ Incorporated	Towards the Somervell Church venue hire to deliver two musical education workshops	\$770
YMCA North Incorporated	Towards the purchase of equipment and resources needed to paint community murals	\$2,000
Stonefields School	Towards the bus transport costs for Glen Taylor and Kohimarama schools to a Matariki event on 4 July 2019	\$500
Vicky Tamariki	Towards the venue hire, materials and tools for a maker space in Ōrākei	\$750
Ellerslie Combined Probus Club	Towards the venue hire, microphone hire and speaker fees for monthly meetings	\$690
Remuera Chinese Association Incorporated	Towards venue hire at Somervell Presbyterian Church for twice weekly meetings	\$500
Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust	Towards the purchase of wooden toys and resources for the Meadowbank and Remuera playgroups	\$2,000
Katherine Winstone under the umbrella of Maungarei Community Christian Trust	Towards the venue hire of Ōrākei Community Centre to hold weekly drama, dance and song education classes for pre-schoolers	\$2,000

Applicant	Project	Allocated
Parenting Place Charitable Trust	Towards the presenter wages to deliver mental health and life skills presentations to schools in the Ōrākei local board area	\$3,000
Kohimarama Bowling Club Incorporated	Towards the materials and labour to replace the fluorescent lights	\$1,000
Meadowbank and St Johns Residents Association	Towards the costs of a bouncy castle hire and supplies for a Christmas party and community picnic, along with the purchase of 30 rat traps	\$1,500
Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association	Towards the venue hire and printing of flyers for the public forum for local residents	\$2,700
St Heliers Village Association Incorporated	Towards the arts event at St Heliers library	\$1,500
The Community of St Luke	Towards the costs of purchasing and installing a new bike rack and hardstand	\$3,000
St Heliers and Community Support Trust	Towards the costs of the shade structure	\$2,737
Remuera Chinese Association	Towards venue hire at the Somervell Presbyterian Church for twice weekly meetings	\$1,000
East Auckland Combined Probus	Towards the purchase of a defibrillator	\$3,000
Remuera West Scout Group under the umbrella of The Scout Association of New Zealand	Towards the purchase of solar panels and crystal batteries for the ongoing activities of the scout group	\$2,491
New Zealand Association for Environmental Education Incorporated	Towards the fees of two staff to deliver the Tread Lightly Drain Game programme at Kelly Tarltons	\$3,000
Communicare Auckland Incorporated	Towards the costs of weekly venue hire for the friendship centre for one year	\$1,148
Te Puawaitanga O Atareta Playcentre	Towards the purchase of a terralock system and soil to construct a retaining wall as part of a playground remodel	\$1,000
Stonefields Residents Association Incorporated	Towards the expansion of an initial trapping operation including the purchase of traps, bait and safety vests	\$2,500
Plastic Bag Free St Heliers	Towards the costs of printing labels and promotional materials to eliminate single use plastic bags	\$715
Zionist Federation of New Zealand	Towards the marquee hire for the "Hanukah in the Bays" event	\$800
College Rifles Rugby Union Football and Sports Club Incorporated	Towards the costs of project management, graphic design and the printing of brochures for an Australian and New Zealand Army Corps memorial event	\$3,000
Remuera Bowling Club Incorporated	Towards the purchase of a "Junior Jack Attack" kit for youth lawn bowls	\$1,200
New Zealand Kung Fu Wushu Federation Incorporated	Towards the cost of venue hire	\$650
Remuera Chinese Association Incorporated	Towards subsidy of venue hire fees	\$1,037
Ellerslie Combined Probus Club	Towards venue hire and microphone hire fees	\$425
Saint Heliers and Community Support Trust	Towards the purchase of one laptop	\$1,500
Eastern Bays Toy Library	Towards venue hire	\$1,300

Applicant	Project	Allocated
The Parenting Place	Towards the costs of delivering 50 mental health presentations to six schools in the local board area	\$3,000
Sophie Stanhope	Towards the hire of tables, chairs, music and gazebo plus the event permit for the Ocean Festival	\$1,000
Men's Shed Auckland East Inc	Towards first aid training and fire extinguishers	\$1,515
Sarah Bowman	Towards the purchase of 20 fruit trees, compost and fertiliser for a school garden	\$994
Ellerslie Theatrical Society Incorporated	Towards the cost of printing publicity materials	\$500
Youthline Auckland Charitable Trust	Towards the costs of operating the helpline	\$1,300

Multiboard Grants

Applicant	Project	Allocated
Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind	Towards the costs to purchase digital talking books for the Blind Foundation library	\$4,000
Auckland Central Riding for the Disabled Association	Towards the purchase of new riding helmets to meet updated safety requirements	\$1,128
Bike Auckland	Towards the overall costs to run the Bike Burb programme, including venue hire, development fees, workshop costs and communications	\$3,000
Auckland Kids Achievement Trust	Towards wages for fourteen Kiwi Can leaders who deliver the Kiwi Can programme across seven schools in seven local board areas	\$5,000
Age Concern Auckland Incorporated	Towards the provision of health promotion, accredited visitor service and field social support services across West and Central Auckland	\$5,000



L to R: Troy Churton, Carmel Claridge, Colin Davis, Toni Millar, Kit Parkinson, Rosalind Rundle and David Wong.

5. The future

As a local board we plan to continue to increase our environmental work through funding ecological restoration in our parks and open spaces, improving water quality and supporting the many environmental community groups in our area.

There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to improve our local transport networks. We will continue to work closely with Auckland Transport and advocate strongly for our residents and communities.

We have a number of large projects planned for the coming year and look forward to working with you and all our communities.



Stonefields Heritage Trail



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