

# Achievements Report

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local  
Board 2017-2019







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## Message from the Chair

Malo lava le soifua maua ma le lagi e mamā (Good Life, good health and may your skies be clear)

This report outlines achievements in our local board area over the past two years; in particular, the work undertaken towards the priorities set out in our Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Plan 2017.

We are proud to say that 92 percent of the key initiatives set out in the plan have either been completed or are in progress.

We were pleased to see major refurbishment works to Te Puke Ō Tara Community Centre completed, bringing back the centre's vibrant atmosphere. Stage one of the destination playground in Hayman Park is complete and physical works on the long-awaited Ngāti Ōtara Multisport and Cultural centre will start later this year.

We are also proud of the transformation of Old Papatoetoe following major upgrades to the town centre, which is breathing new life to the business area and the wider community. We have actively and purposefully engaged with and celebrated our diverse community in a variety of ways, including establishing a local diversity forum, collaborating with community to deliver festivals and significant culturally celebrations such as Diwali, Chinese New Year and the cultural language weeks.

There are still a lot of great things to look forward to, that this local board has and will continue to advocate for on behalf of its community:

- Light rail from the Airport to Botany
- Equitable budget to ensure our local facilities and fields are fit for purpose
- Projects/ programmes that promote community safety through empowering communities.

Ngā mihi



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Chairperson,  
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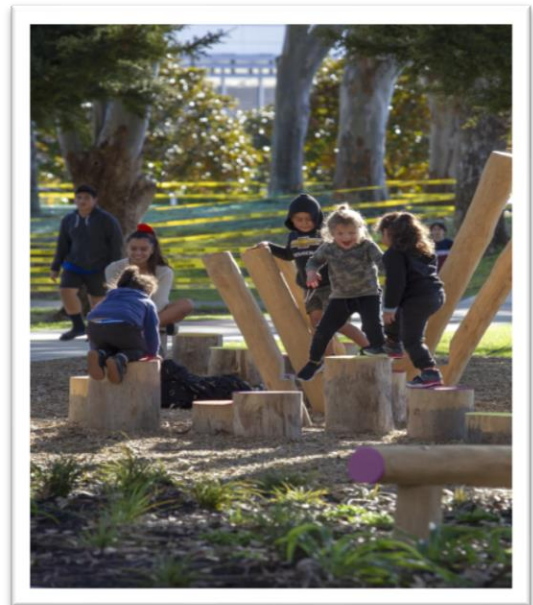




# 1 Manukau Transformation

## 1.1 Hayman Park destination playground

The Hayman Park destination playground is being completed in two stages. Stage one has been completed and includes a shelter, kiosk and accessible toilets, plaza, play spaces for 0-4-year-olds, a half-court basketball area and pathways. Stage two, which could include play spaces for older children, a pump track and flying fox and is budget dependant.



## 1.2 Manukau Bus Station

The Manukau Bus Station was a \$49 million investment into Manukau, adjacent to the train station, provides a transport hub for public transport users, especially in the south. More than just a building, the local board gave strong direction around the design of the station ensuring it honoured Māori and reflected the community it serves.

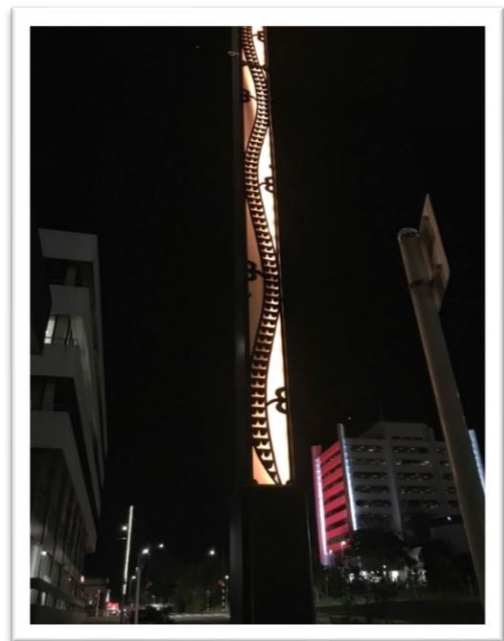
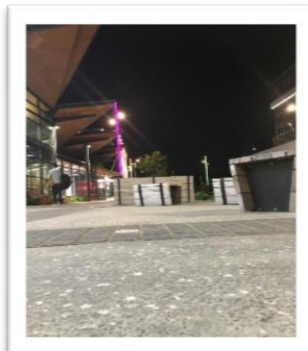
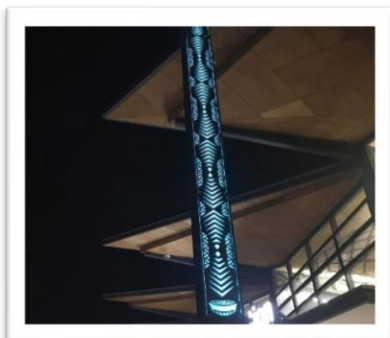


Through its strong advocacy, social procurement and local jobs for local people was a feature of the project. This saw contractors taking on local youth as a part of the construction process. The local board continues to advocate to council departments to prioritise local business and local people to deliver council projects.

When the station was complete, it was shortlisted for an award at the World Architecture Festival to be held in Amsterdam.

## 1.3 Development of Putney Way

Through the upgrade of the Manukau transport hub, Putney Way was identified as a focal point of the city centre. As a result, it has undergone a series of landscaping improvements to make it more pedestrian-friendly and to ensure it can better serve as a main street in the heart of Manukau.







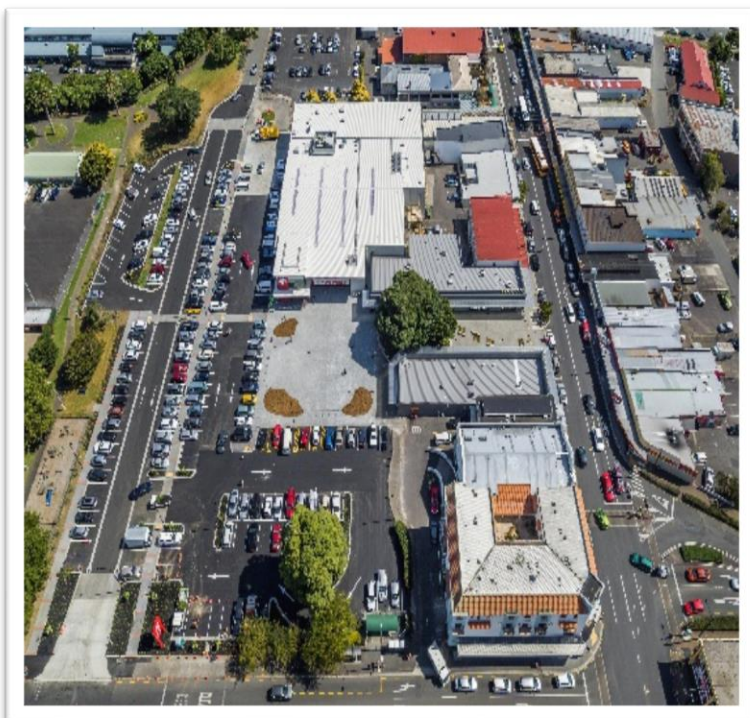


## 2 Revitalising Town Centres

### 2.1 Unlock Papatoetoe

Over the past term there have been major improvements regarding the Unlock Papatoetoe project. The revitalisation of the heart of Old Papatoetoe represents a huge step in the right direction of shaping the area into a vibrant and busy hub, which is a key priority. Progress to date has seen:

- Major upgrade of Old Papatoetoe Mall
- New space for retail
- New carpark and improvement to Stadium Lane



Work is still ongoing regarding new housing in the area. Increased housing is being proposed for the following areas-

- Tavern Lane
- The Depot - 91 Cambridge Terrace (note Panuku and Auckland Council are working with each of the groups within The Depot to facilitate their successful relocation before any next steps in the site's development are made)

## 2.2 Supporting our Business Associations

The board has continued to support local town centres (Ōtara, Hunters Corner & Old Papatoetoe) through annual grants to support safety in town centres, encourage economic development and strengthen its role as a community hub. The board has funded signature events and programmes in the town centres, these include:

- Papatoetoe Santa Parade
- Ōtara Christmas Concert
- Easter Celebrations
- Matariki Celebrations
- Language Weeks
- Wardens programme



## 2.3 Little India promotion

The Little India project for Hunters Corner, which was funded by the board has made significant progress from the start of the term. Since then community and stakeholder surveys have been complete and the data analysed.



As a result, a steering group of shop owners and community leaders has been established and several online/social media promotional videos have been produced.



### 3 Parks and Facilities that meet people's needs

#### 3.1 Ngāti Ōtara Multi-Sport and Cultural Centre

After years of advocating the Ngāti Ōtara Multi Sport and Cultural Centre is set to start construction by the end of 2019. The board's persistent advocacy over several years has culminated in additional funding to complete the project. In May 2019, the council's Governing Body agreed to the extra funding to get the project underway.



The new facility will boost pride and provide the opportunity to foster young local talent to reach their full potential. The new complex will include a new clubroom, first-aid centre, kitchen, laundry and changing rooms.

The project has been split into two stages with stage one being Multi-Sport Centre and the Marae/ Cultural Centre stage two. The local board has secured funding for design and consents for stage two. The board and council staff are continuing to work with the Ngāti Ōtara Marae to secure external funding for construction.

### 3.2 Colin Dale Park

Through the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 process the local board successfully advocated for Governing Body to forgive the debt taken on by the board for earthworks at Colin Dale Park. This resulted in \$280,000 per annum going back into the local board's budget to invest in programmes that would benefit the local community.



### 3.3 Playground renewals



The local board has made significant upgrades to its playground network, notably Allenby, Otamariki and Hayman Park. There have been renewals of local neighbourhood parks such as Milton and Sunnyside Park.

The local board has indicated that they will continue to look for opportunities through playground renewals to enhance play experience within the local area.





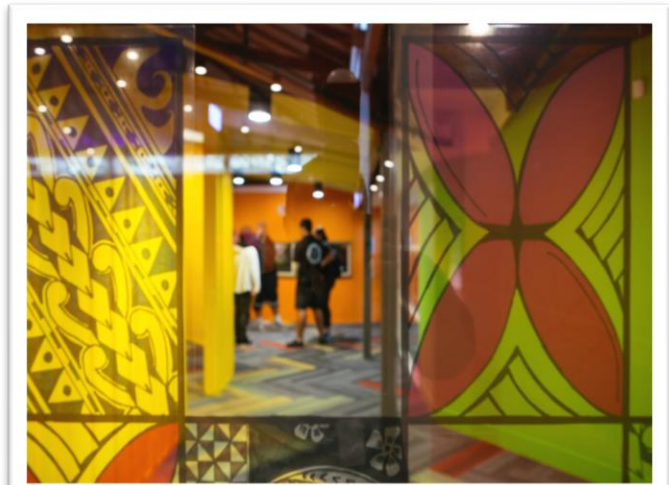
### 3.4 Te Puke Ō Tara Community Centre

Te Puke Ō Tara Community Centre has brought new life into the community. The centre was long overdue for renewal.



The board secured \$3.1 million for renewal of the centre. The renewal has modernised the facility by:

- reconfiguring rooms to create more useful spaces.
- new lighting,
- new heating,
- new ventilation
- new kitchen facilities

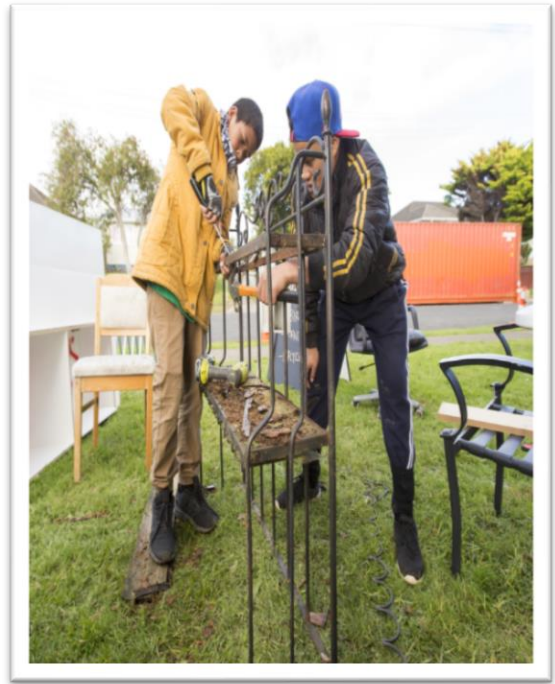




## 4 Healthy Natural Environment

### 4.1 Supporting environmental community groups

The board has continued to fund community lead groups such as the Ōtara Lakes and Waterways Trust, the Manukau Harbour Forum and Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum. The board has been major sponsors in events such as Neat Streets and Adopt a Spot. In this term the board has invested over \$400,000 into local environmental initiatives and programmes.





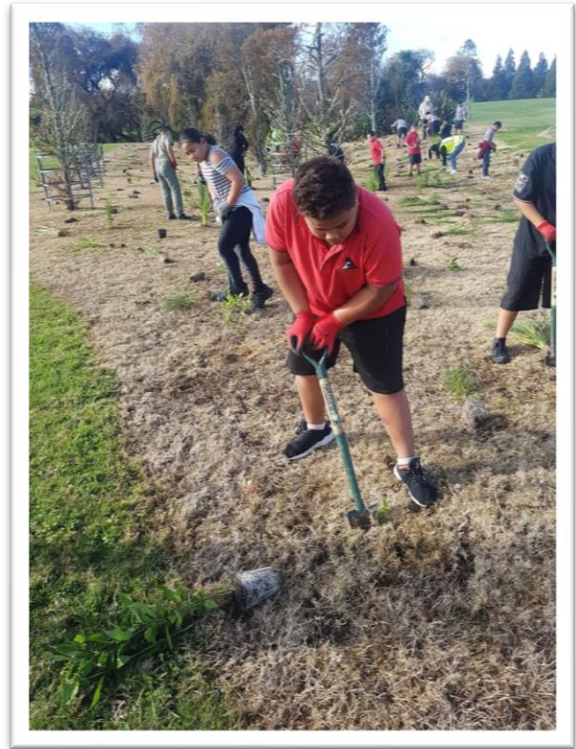
## 4.2 Enviroschools and planting programmes

The board continues to fund many planting programmes as a part of community engagement and park maintenance. The board has funded the following programmes

- Riparian planting
- Community planting days
- Native trees and shrub planting
- Plant and pest eradication

The board had funded an increased level of service for the Enviroschools programme to be delivered in schools in the local board area. In principle the board has committed to a three-year increased level of service which includes:

- Engaging with 8-10 schools over a three-year period
- Deliver a community action day
- Fund a sustainability coordinator (20 weeks annually)

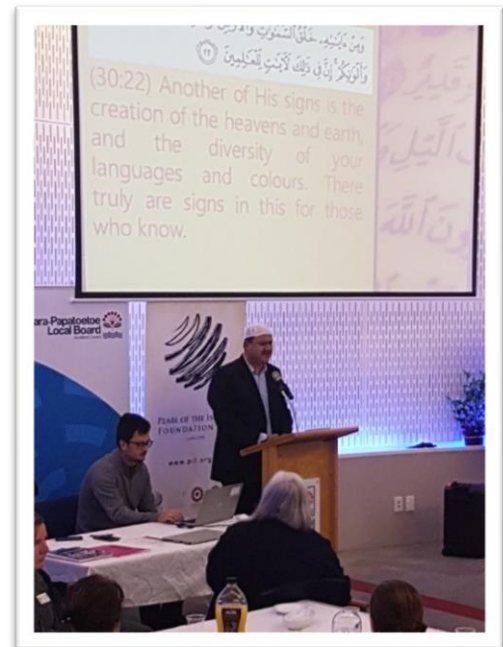


We are proud to support schools like East Tamaki Primary School who are one of the six schools in the southern region (excluding Howick) that is recognised as a Green Gold school. The boards intent is that more schools in the local area will be able to do the same.

## 5 Empowering inclusive and prosperous communities

### 5.1 Diversity forum

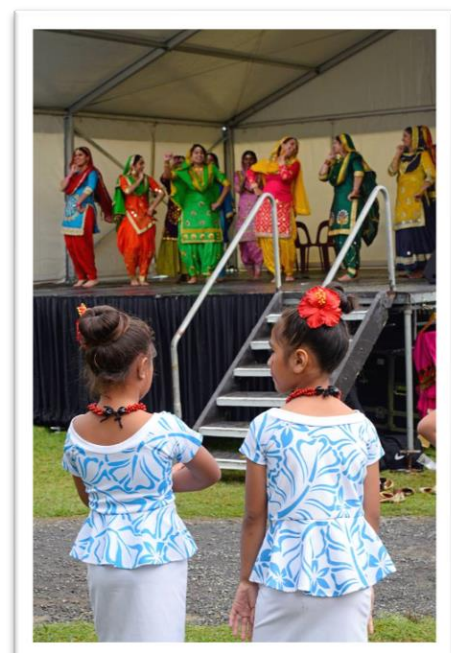
The board has established a triannual Diversity Forum to seek the views of our ethnically diverse community. The event has brought together different faiths and community leaders to speak emerging topics they are facing in the community. Local community leaders from the Islamic, Sikh, Hindu, Tzu Chi, Maori, Pacific and many others attend regularly. Because of the success of the forum, other local boards are looking to duplicate the forum in their respective local areas.



### 5.2 Signature Diversity Festival

In this term, the board have worked with the World Council of Sikh Affairs to establish a signature diversity event. The event sought to showcase the flavour of our local area's diverse community. The event also encouraged local businesses to promote their goods and services. In accordance with the board's policy, this event was a smoke free event and guided by the Healthy Environments Principles adopted in 2018. The event included:

- Cultural dances
- Fashion shows
- Cultural performances
- Cultural foods







### 5.3 Māori responsiveness

It has been a busy term in this space, starting with the board signing a relationship agreement with Ngāti Tamaoho. The agreement outlines each party's aspirations and intention to work together respectfully and positively to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. The local board continues to meet with Mana Whenua of a regular basis to maintain their relationship and hear their views on local matters.

Over the term the board continued to support Māori events and initiatives such as:

- Hikoi for Te Wiki o te reo Māori
- Tuia Mentoring Programme
- Te Kete Rukuruku- Māori naming of Parks and Reserves
- Māori programming in local Libraries
- Matariki Celebrations
- Governance Support for local Marae

### 5.4 Events and programmes

As governors of local parks, the board has continued to provide access to events such as:

- PolyFest
- Waitangi Day event
- Mai Summer Jam



The board has also funded events for the local community such as Movies in the Park, citizenship ceremonies and Anzac services. It also funds programmes that cater to the local community such as:

- Stand up Stand Out
- ELEI- Empower, Leadership, Excellence & integrity- Samoan Siva for young girls
- Soup kitchens
- Art exhibitions
- SISTEMA Aotearoa

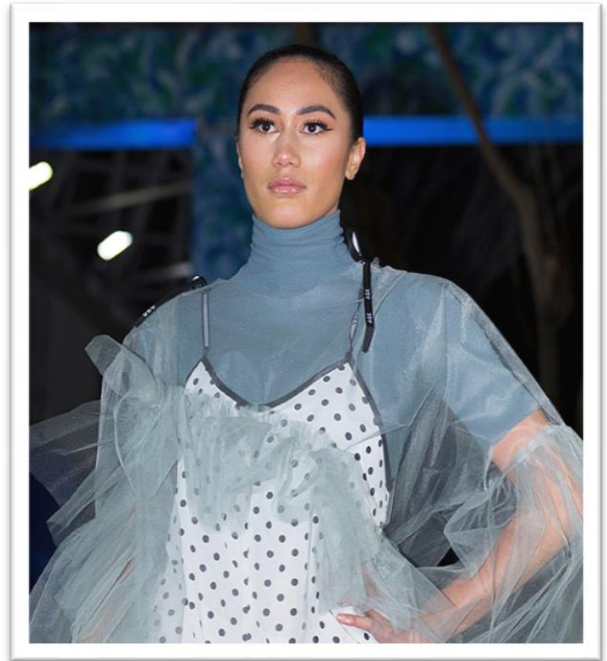




## 5.5 Community grants

The board has committed to empowering the community by enabling them to deliver initiatives in the local board area through the community grants. The board has invested close to \$800,000 over the past term into the community groups. Over the term, the board has funded events and programmes such as:

- Papatoetoe Sports Awards
- Inaugural Ōtara Sports Awards
- Pasefika Fusion Fashion Show
- Diwali Events
- Christmas Events
- MYRIVR
- Senior Christmas Dinners



The board has also established the pursuit of excellence awards, which recognises members of the community who have achieved honours in their chosen field. The grant supports people who need financial assistance to either compete or attend conferences that they have qualified for or invited too. Past recipients have represented the local area at either a regional, national or international stage.



## 6 Honouring Youth and Seniors

### 6.1 TUIA mentoring programme

For the past three years, the board has taken part in the TUIA rangatahi mentoring programme. Each year, the board selects a Māori rangatahi from the local area to participate in the programme. The chair then takes on the role of developing a mutually beneficial mentoring relationship with the young person, with an outcome to enhance their ability to contribute well in their local community.

### 6.2 The Ōtara-Papatoetoe Squad (TOPS)

The Ōtara-Papatoetoe Squad (TOPS) are the board's youth council. They consist of young leaders from the high schools within the local board area. TOPS continue to be the youth voice for the local area.

The board funds TOPS specifically to deliver youth events within the area, like the civic leadership awards dinner and annual prefects' event.





### 6.3 Seniors programmes

The board continues to support their senior community specifically through the community grants programme, events funded includes:

- Annual Senior Christmas Dinner
- Cultural Bus Tours
- Targeted population event and initiatives (Chinese Seniors events and The Walking Samoans)

The board has also invested into the refurbishment of the Ōtara Seniors Hall, this will allow our senior community to have easy access to a space to run programmes, have meetings and socialise.



### 6.4 Libraries

The board is proud to fund the amazing programming and services being run out of the libraries in the local board area.



Programmes that cater to the needs of the local communities they serve, such as:

- Wiggle and Rhyme
- Afterschool programmes
- CV writing
- Work experience
- Kirimete Storytime
- Korero Corner
- Language weeks



## 7 It's easy to get around

### 7.1 Investment in the local board area

The board have continually advocated for more transport investment in the area. Major projects such as the Manukau Bus Station and Putney Way have been delivered in the local area. The board have been heavily involved in future investments by the government and Auckland Transport coming into the area, these include:

- Rapid transit from the Airport to Manukau through SH20B (approx. \$260M)
- Puhinui Train Station upgrade (approx. \$60M)
- Gating of Middlemore Station
- Bairds Road Safety Project.
- Station/ Portage Road/ Gray Ave intersection upgrade
- Pedestrian Safety upgrades on East Tamaki Road








## 7.2 Local Transport Capital Fund

The local board's successful advocacy to the Governing Body and Auckland Transport saw an increase to the Local Board Transport Capital Fund. As a result, the board have the following projects:

- Upgrade of Hunters Corner Streetscape (approx. \$1M)
- Footpath link from Belinda Ave to Rongomai Park footpath
- Completion of Rongomai Walkway
- Canopy for Ōtara Town Centre
- Welcome to Ōtara signage
- Footpath upgrade at Ōtara Town Centre
- A path through Milton Park to Papatoetoe North School
- All-weather footpath upgrade from East Tamaki Road to Lovegrove Crescent



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